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## HEADQUARTERS

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

Subj: Command Chronology for period of 1-31 May 1969

Ref: (a) MOO 5750.2A  
 (b) FMF PacO 5750.8  
 (c) DivO 5750.20

Enclos: (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.  
 Lieutenant Colonel  
 Commanding

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 May to 31 May 1969

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PART IORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein)	Lt. Col. W. E. RILEY JR. 1-31 May 1969
H&S Company	1st Lt. R. E. PRUIETT 1-31 May 1969
Company A	Capt. P. H. TORREY III 1-31 May 1969
Company B	Capt. G. E. CASTAGNETTI 1-31 May 1969
Company C	1st Lt. F. G. SATTERFIELD 1-31 May 1969
Company D	Capt. M. D. WYLY 1-31 May 1969

2. LOCATIONS

1-21 May 1969 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued aggressive operations in the Liberty Bridge (Phu Lac) Area, all operations were located in the Duy Xuyen District and the eastern part of the Duc Duc District in the Quang Nam Province. On 22 May 1969 1st Battalion, 5th Marines moved into the "Arizona" Area located in northeastern Duc Duc District and southern Dai Loc District, Quang Nam Province.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. P. E. O'TOOLE 1-31 May 1969
S-1 Officer/Adjutant	1st Lt. E. W. HAUKAAS 1-31 May 1969
S-2 Officer	1st Lt. R. E. PRUIETT 1-31 May 1969

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S-3 Officer

Maj. M. L. BRANDTNER  
1-20 May 1969  
Maj. R. L. KERZIG  
21-31 May 1969

S-4 Officer

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

S-5 Officer

2nd Maj. R. B. PROJETT  
1-31 May 1969

Communications Officer

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

Medical Officer

1st Lt. C. C. MICHELL (USN)  
1-31 May 1969

Supply Officer

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

Motor Transport Officer

1st Lt. R. M. McDOWELL  
1-10 May 1969  
1st Lt. K. J. PETSAS  
11-31 May 1969

Assistant Adj/Legal Officer

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

Chaplains

1st Lt. C. B. COLEMAN (USN)  
1-31 May 1969

Adj/Legal Officer

1st Lt. M. D. WILLIAMS  
1-31 May 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	
36	1136	

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

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 1 May to 21 May 1969 the First Battalion, Fifth Marines conducted offensive operations in the area adjacent to the Liberty Bridge cantonment. These operations were generally company size search and clear missions. In addition during this period the Battalion provided security for Liberty Bridge and conducted defensive operations of the cantonment at Phu Lao (6) and provided security for movement of friendly convoys. On 22 May 1969 the First Battalion was assigned the Arizona Area as their new Area of Operations. During a three day period, the Battalion moved by motor and foot march into the new AO and spent the remainder of the month in offensive operations to seek and destroy or capture all enemy personnel and material located within the AO.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. TOPICS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Strength. The Battalion's strength at the beginning of the month was 37 officers and 1142 enlisted. On the 15th of May, the strength had changed to 36 officers and 1132 enlisted. By the end of May, the strength was 35 officers and 1126 enlisted. At this time, there are 72 enlisted hospitalized. Joinings during the month were 1 officer and 149 enlisted.

b. Discipline, Law and Legal. 1 Special Court-Martial was convened during May. There is 1 CID investigation pending.

c. POW/Detainees. There were 81 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 the month there were 4 Silver Stars, 11 Bronze Stars, 4 Navy Commendations, 1 Legion of Merit Medal and 18 Navy Achievements submitted for heroism and meritorious service.

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

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 2315, on 12 May 1969, in which he conducted a sapper assault supported by flames and rockets upon the Battalion CP/fire base at Phu Lac (6). This action resulted in 15 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.

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b. Weather. During this period the weather was warm to hot during daylight hours and mild to cool at night.

c. Terrain. No change.

### 3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization. The organization of the Battalion consisted of the following units being detached from and other units under the operational control of the 1st Battalion during the following periods:

- (1) Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 5th Marines from April through 081600H May 1969.
- (2) Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from 211600H to 221800H May 1969.
- (3) Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from 221800H to 251300H May 1969.
- (4) Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from 221800H to 231300H May 1969.
- (5) Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines from 251300H May 1969 into the month of June 1969.
- (6) Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 021000H to 061530H May 1969.
- (7) Company K, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 091715H to 121700H May 1969.
- (8) Companies F and G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 221800H to 231600H May 1969.

b. Operations. Unnamed operations were run from 010001H - 221200H May 1969 in the eastern part of Duc Duc and Duy Xuyen District, Quang Nam Province of RVN. They were routine search and clear operations. From 221200H - 312400H May 1969, the Battalion was on search and destroy operations in the Arizona Territory. These operations in Arizona Territory continued into the month of June.

### c. Supporting Arms

(1) Air. The Battalion continued to receive outstanding air support from both 1st MAW and USAF Squadrons. Although fixed wing support was slightly diminished toward the end of the month due to move from a fixed base to the field and a subsequent breakdown of the A-6 radar beacon, the overall level of support remained high and is expected to return to its normal level upon receipt of a functioning beacon. A detailed breakdown of air support rendered during the month follows:

(a) Fixed Wing. A total of 136 flights of fixed wing were flown in support of this Battalion. 32 TACAF aircraft provided 43.2 hours of direct support. The Battalion received 15.0 hours of illumination from nine "Basketball" flareships and five

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"Spooky" gunships provided 7.3 hours of target coverage. The remainder of the fixed wing support consisted of; ground MAC controlled F-4's, A-4's and A-6's; A-6 beacon flights; and USAF F-4 "Night Owls". BDA was available for all but 21 of these flights, and a breakdown follows:

Structures Destroyed	38
Structures Damaged	9
Bunkers Destroyed	17
Bunkers Damaged	2
Secondary Fires	57
Secondary Explosions	34
Killed by Air	9
Total Ordnance Dropped	407.24 tons

(a) Rotary Wing. Helicopter operations consisted of daily resupply missions and medevacs (See table below).

METRICS

Type	Energy	Priority	Rounds	Routine (KIA)
USMC	33	16	22	20
Detained	1	4	2	0
Civilian	9	2	2	1

(2) Artillery: During the period 1 May to 31 May accurate, timely, and massive fire support was provided by D Battery 2/11, F Battery 2/11, E Battery 2/11 and K Battery 4/13. During this period a total of 5,735 rounds were fired in a total of 226 missions in support of 1/5. Surveillance is as follows:

Confirmed Enemy KIA	25
Probable Enemy KIA	21
Hooches Destroyed	7
Boats Destroyed	3
Secondary Explosions	5

D Battery 2/11 was in direct support of 1/5 from 1 May until 23 May when the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines relocated to a new AO. From 23 May until 31 May the Battalion received fires from the remaining batteries. The low correlation between surveillance and number of missions fired/rounds expended is due to the fact that 53 of the above missions were fired on S-2 targets with negative surveillance and the artillery fires were used extensively on preparation fires and surprise-firing device clearing missions.

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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 AF. 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 (LVT).** LVT's were provided by Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion. These teams provided satisfactory support in coordinating and effecting helicopter resupply and Medevacs.

(5) **Autacs.** A light section of the 4th Platoon, Company A, 3rd Autac 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 Battalions, which resulted in 26 enemy kills during the month.

#### 4. TRAINING

a. The following training was conducted by the Battalion during the months

Weapons	(1) Weapons Safety
	(2) Weapons Inspection, Care & Cleaning
	(3) Familiarization firing of Individual & Crew Served
	(4) PPS-6 Radar
	(5) Black Jack Pole Training (Wireman)
	(6) Embarkation

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(7) Vehicle safety and Driver's Maintenance of M151A1 (Jeep) and M274A2 (Mule)

(8) Licensing Session for M151A1 (Jeep) and M274A2 (Mule)

(9) Field Fortifications

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 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 assisted the people of My Loc (2) (915515) and the people of the Phu Da's (1 & 2) (868491 & 871481).

Personal sanitation was the primary objective in the My Loc (2) hamlet with emphasis on drinking and cooking water, bathing, and care of the water in wells. A total of 17 civilians were treated by corpsmen for illnesses. In the Phu Da (1 & 2) area three CARE tool kits and two boxes of toys were distributed to refugees. A total of 14 refugees from Loc Son hamlets were resettled in New Life Hamlet Tan My (874478). A serious incident occurred on 230700 May 1969 when 4 81mm mortar rounds exploded in Phu Da (1) hamlet (868491). The cause of the accident was a sight deflection error. One PF was killed; one child was killed; one Vietnamese woman was slightly injured and 2 Vietnamese children were slightly injured. There was also some injuries to live stock.

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 Battalion S-2 and counter-intelligence. The S-5 section has obtained a series of airdrop leaflets, hand bills and aerial broadcast tapes which are at the disposal of this Battalion.

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

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3. COMMUNICATIONS. During the month of May, communications were maintained in a satisfactory manner. No significant problems were encountered. In mid-May, the Battalion CP went into the field in the area of Football Island; communications were satisfactory. The entire Battalion moved from Phu Lac 6 area into the Arizona area. This was accomplished smoothly and excellent communications have been maintained throughout.

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

a. Friendly Casualties

1st Bn. 5th Mar. Units	USMC		USN	
	KIA	WIAE	WIAE	WIAE
14	82	3	11	0
40	1	2	0	0
26	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0

Friendly Casualties

Opcn Units to 1st Bn.	USMC	USN
KIA	8	0
WIAE	11	0
WIAE	0	0
DOW	0	0
NBC	0	0
NBD	0	0

b. Enemy Casualties

KIA	97 NVA	98 VC	TOTAL 195
POW's	0 NVA	16 VC	TOTAL 16
Chieu Hoi	0 NVA	2 VC	TOTAL 2
Civil Defendants			45
Innocent Civilians			18

10. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ORDNANCE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH

1 Machine Gun	6 M-16 Rifles
1 RPG	1 M-14 Rifle
1 Flame Thrower	1 M-1 Carbine
2 B-40 Rocket Launcher	3 M-1 Rifles
2 Chinese Assault MG	7 SKS Rifles
16 AK-47 Rifles	1 9 mm Pistol
3 AK-50 Rifles	

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

1	1000 lb. Bomb	1	M-39 Grenade
6	500 lb. Bombs	118	Chi-Com Grenades
2	250 lb. Bombs	25	M-79 Rounds
4	Bangalore Torpedoes	334	AK-47 Rounds
1	155mm Round	496	7.62mm Rounds
1	120mm Round	305	50mm Rounds
1	105mm HE Round	389	M-1 Rounds
6	M-40 Rockets	1 Case	SKS Rounds
3	82mm HE Rounds	12	AK Magazines
32	82mm HE Rounds	5	M-14 Magazines
1	81mm Illum. Round	16	M-16 Magazines
1	60mm HE Round	3	Time Fuses
1	60mm Fuse	2	Pencil Flares
12	M-26 Grenades		

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

- Miscellaneous 782 Gear
- Miscellaneous Weapons
- Miscellaneous Medical Gear
- 10,900 lbs. Rice
- 1 Sampan (destroyed)
- 5 Wire Cutters
- 1 Watch

13. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY CAVES, TUNNELS, BUILDINGS, AND FORTIFICATIONS DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH. See paragraph 3.C. (7) (a) above.

**B. INJURIES:** See Tab "M" to Enclosure (1) (Staff Journal for period of 010001H through 312400H May 1969

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

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TIME		SER NR	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			Journal Opened	
0615	1	030615H		Co B (Sweep) at (AT944514) observed 25-40 enemy at (AT940511). Fired 600x7.62mm; 100xM-79 and 500x5.56mm. Results: 2 USMC WIAE; 15 VC KIA; 89 det; 2xAK-47 (#10062333, 10052440); 1xM-14 (#426286); 1xM-16 (#548139); 7xUSMC cartridge belts; 6xAK-mag.; 6xM-16 mag.; 3xM-14 mag.; 95x7.62mm; 15xM-14 pouches; 1xM-26 grenades; 2xChiComs and documents captured.	S.F.
0645	2	030645H		Co B & Co M (Sweep) at (AT943516 & 937509) rec'd enemy S/A fire from enemy at (AT944504). Fired 300x5.56mm. Cowpoke on station. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
0940	3	030940H		1st Engr. Bn. (Mine Sweep) at (AT911501) found booby trapped M-33 grenade w/trip wire. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
1030	4	031030H		Co M (Sweep) at (AT936505) rec'd S/A fire from enemy at (AT936506). Fired 700x5.56mm; and had Cowpoke on station. Results: 1 USMC WIAE; 8 VC KIA; 35. det; 2xAK-47 (#10069987 & 10128131); 2xM-16 (#852554 & 642519); 1xCarbine (#7201258); 3xM-26 grenades; 5xM-16 mag; 4xAK mag; 4xM-16 mag pouches; 4xUSMC cartridge belts; 5xAK mag pouches; 1 watch and various documents captured.	S.F.

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TIME		SER NR	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1230	5	031230H	Co B (Sweep) at (AT944515) had 1 USMC S.E. WIA by enemy in bunker. Fired 2x M-26 grenades. Results: 1 USMC WIA; 2 VC KIA; also 1xM-16 (#834592); 1 USMC cartridge belt; 4xfull M-16 mag; 1xBattle dressing; 3xmag pouches; 1xM-26 grenade; 2 pencil flares and various documents captured.	S.F.	
1400	6	031400H	Co M (Sweep) at (AT930506) found bunker complex. Fired 50x5.56mm and 5xM-26 grenades. Results: 4 VC KIA; 1 det; 1xSKS captured.	S.F.	
1530	7	031530H	Co M plt (Search) at (AT938509) rec'd 1xM-26 grenade. Fired 10x5.56mm. Results: 1 VC KIA; 5 det also 1xAK-47 (#1966ST1670); 2xChiComs and 2xM-26 grenades captured.	S.F.	
1840	8	031840H	Co B (Search) at (AT940511). Found 1 dead enemy. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.	
1910	9	031910H	Co C (CP) at (AT 925537) observed 3 boats crossing river at (AT894517) Fired 16x155mmHE. Results: 1 boat destroyed.		
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IN	OUT	NR	GROUP	
			Journal Opened	
0850	1	040850H	Co B sqd (Patrol) at (AT940511) found various items hidden in dike. Results: 2xAK-47 mag; 2xcartridge belts; 2xM-14 mag pouches; 2xAK-47 mag pouches and 1 ChiCom captured.	S.F.
0915	2	040915H	Co C sqd (Patrol) at (AT922534) observed 6 enemy at (AT934534). Fired 3x7.62mm and 75x81mmHE. Results: 5 VC KIA (1 by Scout Sniper)	S.F.
1000	3	041000H	Co B sqd (Patrol) at (AT942513) found 2x105mmHE rds. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
1030	4	041030H	Co M (Search) at (AT938508) and 941505) found 2xM-16 (#952849 and 8452165); 1xAK-47 (#1005422); 1xM-1 (#5677210); Chinese assault weapon (#501387); 1xSKS (#11311955); 30x 81mmHE; 1x60mmHE and 4xChiComs. Results: Tagged and sent to Regt.	S.F.
1030	5	041030H	Co A sqd (Patrol) at (AT895515) observed 20-30 enemy at (AT887515). Fired 35x105mmHE; 60x81mmHE and had Convoy on station. Results: 3 VC KIA.	S.F.
1530	6	041530H	Co M (Search) at (AT933507) found 5 dead enemy and various equipment. Results: 5 VC KIA; 1xSKS (#1132689) and documents captured; 50 gal. dmum of rice and blasting caps captured and destroyed in place.	S.F.

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0700	1	050700H	Co B sqd (Patrol) at (AT954510) had 1 USMC wounded by fragments from close air support. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
0850	2	050850H	Co B sqd (Patrol) at (AT950514) found various munitions and other gear in bomb crater. Results: 112x 7.62mm; 1xM-16 mag; 1 set of tools and miscellaneous clothing were captured.	S.F.
0900	3	050900H	Co M (Search) at (AT932510) continued search of area. Results: 1xAK-50; 1xM-1; 389xM-1 rds; 162x7.62mm; 182x AK rds and various documents captured; 1 ton rice destroyed.	S.F.
1030	4	051030H	Co M (Search) at (AT932510) had 1 USMC KIA; 1 KCS KIA and 1 det WIA by booby trapped 105mmHE rd with pressure type release. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 1 KCS KIA; and 1 det WIAE.	S.F.
1120	5	051120H	Co C sqd (Patrol) at (AT898530, 888529, and 892520) found 1x81mmHE; 1xChiCom; 1x20mm rd and 3 det. Results: Destroyed ordnance in place and 3 det.	S.F.
1630	6	051630H	Co C sqd (Patrol) at (AT905504) found 1 Vietnamese male. Results: 1 det.	S.F.
1630	7	051630H	2nd Bn., 11th Mar. (CP) at (AT924527) had 3 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
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IN	OUT	NR	GROUP	Journal Opened	
0050	1	080050H	Co A plt (Ambush)	at (AT912512) rec'd 1 incoming grenade from enemy at (AT914514). Fired 20x5.56mm. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
0518	2	080518H	Co B plt (Sweep)	at (AT968518) had 5 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 5 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
0630	3	080630H	Co B plt (Block)	at (AT974514) observed 1 enemy moving towards block. Fired 10x5.56mm. Results: 1 VC KIA; also various med gear captured.	S.F.
0900	4	080900H	Co B (Search)	at (AT962510) found numerous gear while searching objective. Results: 1 gas mask; documents; hammock; and med. gear captured.	S.F.
1000	5	081000H	Co C plt (Patrol)	at (AT903535) searched area of patrol. Results: Med. gear captured.	S.F.
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0700	1	090700H	Co C (Tower Watch) at (AT925534) observed 200-250 VC w/packs and rifles moving North at (AT882533). Called for and rec'd 216x105mmHE and 70x81mmHE. Enemy forces split, one group moving West, the other NW. Results: 9 NVA KIA.	S.F.	
0800	2	090800H	Co A (Search and Destroy) at (AT895545) made contact with approx. 100 NVA and numerous snipers at (AT891547) called for and rec'd 20x 500 lb bombs; 10xNapalm bombs; 90x 155mmHE; 196x105mmHE and 100x81mmHE. While sweeping area, rec'd heavy S/A fire. Returned 2,000x7.62mm; 1,000x5.56mm; 50x60mmHE; 23xM-79 and 25xM-26 grenades. Results: 4 USMC KIA; 6 USMC WIAE; 17 NVA KIA; 1x AK-47; 1xcase SKS rds; and 9xChiCom grenades captured.	S.F.	
1500	3	091500H	Co D plt (Search and Destroy) at (AT900532) apprehended 4 detainees. Results: 4 det.	S.F.	
1525	4	091525H	Co B sqd (Patrol) at (AT902502) observed 2 male VC suspects at (AT902503) trying to flee area. Fired 20x5.56mm and 2x7.62mm. Results: 2 VC KIA (1 by Scout Sniper).	S.F.	
1715	5	091715H	Co K 3/5 OPCON to 1/5		
1715	6	091715	Co K 3/5 (Search and Destroy) at (AT881541) observed 20 NVA moving SW at (AT887522) LVT fired 100x 50 cal. Results: 4 NVA KIA.	S.F.	

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0115	1	100115H	1st Bn, 5th Mar (CP) at (AT927528) observed 1 VC attempting to cut wire around perimeter. Fired 1x106mm BeeHive. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
0235	2	100235H	Co K 3/5 sqd (Patrol) at (AT885550) found 1 NVA body while searching area. Results: 1 NVA KIA; 1 AK-47; 3 magazines; 1 cartridge belt; 3 ChiCom grenades; 1 knife; 1 mess kit; 2 bags rice; 2 pr trousers and 1 shirt captured.	S.F.
0430	3	100430H	Co K 3/5 sqd (Patrol) at (AT885550) found 1 NVA body. Results: 1 NVA KIA.	S.F.
0700	4	100700H	Co D CP security (Search) at (AT885537) apprehended 2 Vietnamese males, 4 women and 4 children in area of previous contact. Results: 10 detainees.	S.F.
0730	5	100730H	Co K 3/5 (Search and Destroy) at (AT885554) captured 2 wounded NVA under initial interrogation, 1 NVA claims to be officer and unit commander of 15th Bn. Other NVA enlisted man claims to be member of D 24 unit. Results: Med-evac called and detainees forwarded to rear under guard.	S.F.
1200	6	101200H	Co A plt (Search and Destroy) at (AT895558) found 12 burned bodies in area of previous airstrike. Results: 12 NVA KIA; 1 M-1 carbine captured; 1x82mm mortar rd and 2xM-26 grenades destroyed in place.	S.F.

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0630	1	110630H	Co D plt (Search) at (AT888540) searched out area of previous nights activity. Results: 1 det; 1 time fuse and 1 set of rifle cleaning gear was captured.	S.F.
0855	2	110855H	Co K 3/5 (Sweep) at (AT887527) rec'd heavy enemy S/A fire. Fired 500x 5.56mm; 100xM-79 rds; assaulted tree line with amtracs and troops. Results: 8 USMC KIA; 8 USMC WIAE; 4 VC KIA and 2 det.	S.F.
0930	3	110930H	Co D plt (Patrol) at (AT888542) observed 10 enemy at (AT888538). Fired 100x5.56mm; 75x50cal.; 5x 90mmHE and swept area. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S. F.
1000	4	111000H	Co A (Movement) at (AT898541). Found 5 enemy bodies. Results: 5 VC KIA.	S.F.
1030	5	111030H	Co D plt (Search) at (AT888539) while searching area of previous contact, had 3 enemy Chieu Hoi. Results: 3 det.	S.F.
1100	6	111100H	Co C (CP) at (AT923535) observed 1 enemy at (AT902525). Fired 3x106mmHE. Results: 1 NVA KIA.	S.F.
1200	7	111700H	Co B plt (Movement) at (AT900512) had 2 USMC WIA by booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC WIAE.	S.F.

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1730		8	111730H	CO K 3/5 (Sweep) at (AT836525) continued search and sweep of objective. Results: 6 NVA KIA found; 1 machine gun; 6 packs; 2 AK-47; 1 RPG; 2 SKS; 7 ChiComs and documents were captured.	S.F.
2300	9		112300H	1st Bn, 5th Mar (CP) (Wire Patrol) at (AT926528) encountered 2 enemy at edge of wire. Patrol killed one and pursued. second. Patrol withdrew to CP under heavy S/A fire and returned with tank to cut off enemy escape route. Fired 12x 106mm BeeHive; 10x90mm HE; 30x81mm HE; 200x50cal and 200x5.56mm. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 2 USMC WIAE; and 1 NVA KIA.	S.F.

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0100	to	1	120100H	(Summary of Action) 1st Bn, 5th Mar CP at (AT926528) rec'd numerous probes throughout the night by enemy units of 10-25 NVA fired: 40x106mmHE & BeeHive; 100x81mmHE; 20x90mmHE; 30xM-79; 20xM-26; 300x 50 cal; 200x7.62mm and 400x5.56mm. Results: 3 USMC WIA; 14 NVA KIA; 1 NVA POW; 2xB-40 rkt. launchers; 1 Flame thrower; 3 AK-50's; 1 AK-47; 8 B-40 rds; 4 bangalore torpedoes; 84 ChiCom grenades; 25 M-79 rds; 2 M-26 grenades; 13 AK magazines (full); 3 wire cutters and 100 rds MG ammo captured.	S.F.
0100		2	120100H	Co K 3/5 (CP) at (AT886525) observed 1 NVA moving in front of lines. Fired 10x5.56mm. Results: 1 NVA KIA.	S.F.
0130		3	120130H	Co K 3/5 plt (Search) at (AT888526) observed 1 Vietnamese male coming out of previously searched bunker. Man tried to flee when challenged. Fired 5x 5.56mm. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
0600		4	120600H	Co D (Search) at (AT889528) apprehended 1 Vietnamese female and 1 male with no ID cards. Results: 2 det.	S.F.
0630		5	120630H	Co K 3/5 (CP) at (AT886525) observed 1 NVA moving towards lines. Fired 10x5.56mm. Results: 1 NVA KIA.	S.F.

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1100	6	121100H	Co D (Search) at (AT886542) found 4 NVA bodies wearing green utilities. no unit patches, weapons or documents. Results: 4 NVA KIA.		S.F.
1330	7	121330H	Co K 3/5 (Search and Destroy) at (AT887525) spotted 10-15 NVA at (AT879532) running from treeline. Sniper fired 2x7.62mm killing 1 NVA. AO and airstrike called. Results: 10 NVA KIA.		S.F.
1400	8	121400H	Co K 3/5 (Search & Destroy) at (AT887525) observed 3 NVA at (AT879532) moving North across open area. Sniper fired 7x7.62mm. Results: 3 NVA KIA by Scout Sniper.		S.F.
1720	9	121720H	Co B plt (Search) at (AT895512) found 1 SKS rifle while searching village. Results: 1 SKS captured.		S.F.
1800	10	121800H	Co K 3/5 terminates OPCON to 1/5		
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0815	1	130815H	Co B sqd (Patrol) at (AT932544) observed 4 enemy at (AT935555). Fired 50x5.56mm and 30xM-79 rds. Results: Neg.		S.F.
0915	2	130915H	Co C (CP) at (AT923538) had Vietnamese boy bring 1 M-26 grenade and 2xM-79 rds to USMC. Results: Ordnance destroyed and Vietnamese boy was rewarded 600 \$VN through VIP fund.		S.F.
1645	3	131645H	Co C sqd (Patrol) at (AT913527) observed 2 enemy at (AT913523). Fired 100x7.62mm. Results: Neg.		S.F.
1900	4	131900H	Co B (Snipers) at (AT934545) rec'd S/A fire from enemy at (AT933547). Fired 6x7.62mm and 86x81mmHE. Results: 2 VC KIA (by Scout Snipers) 1 USMC WIAE.		S.F.
1930	5	131930H	Co D (CP) at (AT948533) rec'd 40xAK rds. and 2xM-79 rds from enemy at (AT954533). Fired 180x5.56mm. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 1 USMC NBC.		S.F.
2115	6	132115H	Co D (CP) at (AT948533) rec'd 6xM-79 rds. Fired 60x81mmHE and fraged Spooky. Results: 1 USMC WIAE and 1 USMC KIA.		S.F.
2345	7	132345H	Co C sqd (Ambush) at (AT911527) rec'd S/A fire from enemy at (AT911528). Fired 50x5.56mm and 5xM-26 grenades. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.		S.F.
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0730	1	160730H	Co A sqd (Patrol) at (AT926503) found 1 boobytrapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: Destroyed in place.		S.F.
0800	2	160800H	Co B sqd (Patrol) at (AT934549) rec'd S/A fire from enemy at (AT943553). Fired 200x5.56mm and 60xM-79 rds. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.		S.F.
0830	3	160830H	Co C (CP) at (AT924536) observed 50-60 enemy moving West at (AT890521). Fired 108x155mmHE. Results: 10 VC KIA.		S.F.
1000	4	161000H	Co D sqd (Patrol) at (AT952535). Found 1x250lb bomb. Results: Destroyed in place.		S.F.
1400	5	161400H	Co A sqd (Patrol) at (AT912512). Found 1x105mmHE at (AT901507) booby- trap with trip wire. Results: Destroyed in place.		S.F.
1920	6	161920H	Co B sqd (Ambush) at (AT934543) observed 30 enemy at (AT922551) moving East. Neg. clearance on 81mm mission. Results: Neg.		S.F.
1620	7	161620H	Co D (CP) at (AT966514) rec'd 10x AK S/A fire. Fired 10x60mmHE and 100x5.56mm. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.		S.F.
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0920	1	200920H		1st Engineer Bn. at (AT909498) found 1 booby trapped 81mmHE with trip wire. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
0930	2	200930H		Co D (CP) at (AT962513) detained 1 male and 1 female for questioning. Results: 2 detainees.	S.F.
0930	3	200930H		Co C plt (Patrol) at (AT890523) had 4 USMC WIA by booby trapped 105mmHE with pressure type release. Results: 4 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
1100	4	201100H		Co D plt (Search) at (AT953517) found numerous munitions and gear. Results: 1xAK-47; 1xM-1 carbine; 2x82mmHE; 2xB-40 rockets; 2xM2 firing devices; 1xNVA poncho; 1x105mmHE; 1xUSMC poncho; 1xM-79 rd.; 1x60mmHE rd; 1xtube (60mm); 1x.45 cal holster and surveying gear captured.	S.F.
1340	5	201340H		1st Bn., 5th Mar. (CP) at (AT926527) rec'd 4 dud 60mmHE rds; 1 dud 81mm illum. rd and 1xM-26 grenade from 4 NN children. Results: Ordnance was destroyed and children were rewarded 3000 SVN through VIP fund.	S.F.
2000	6	202000H		Co D (CP) at (AT952505) rec'd 1000 rds S/A fire; 5xB-40 rockets; and 6x60mmHE mortars from estimated 50 enemy at (AT952508, 956505, 958500 & 952500). Fired 10x60mmHE; 30x155mmHE; had AO and Spooky on station. Results: 6 USMC WIAE and 2 VC KIA.	S.F.

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0200	1	230200H		Co B (CP) at (AT841494) rec'd 20-30 ChiComs from 15 enemy at same grid. Fired 18xM-26 grenades. Results: 2 USMC WIA&NE.	S.F.
0830	2	230830H		Co B sqd (Patrol) at (AT854499) observed 2 enemy at (AT858495). Fired 15x5.56mm. Results: 1 VC KIA; also 1 bag rice; 1 battle dressing and 1 hamock captured.	S.F.
0930	3	230930H		Co G sqd (Patrol) at (AT842475) found 1x9mm pistol. Results: 1x9mm pistol (BM1655) captured.	S.F.
1315	4	231315H		Co B plt (Patrol) at (AT841494) found 11xChiComs in case. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.E.
1700	5	231700H		Co B plt (Patrol) at (AT841493) captured 1 POW hiding in ville at (AT841491). Questioned POW concerning air strike. Results: 7 NVA KIA and 1 POW captured.	S.F.
2200	6	232200H		Co B sqd (CP) at (AT841493) observed 4 enemy moving North at (AT846496). Fired 80x81mmHE; 30x60mm HE; 2 Claymores and fraged Spooky. Results: Neg.	S.F.
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0230	1	260230H	Co B sqd (Ambush) at (AT808472) observed 3 enemy walking into ambush. Fired 200x5.56mm, 5xM-26 grenades and 2xClaymores. Results: 2 VC KIA. S.F.	
0800	2	260800H	Co C (Sweep) at (AT808488). Found various gear. Results: 1xNVA Pack; 2xNVA cart. belts; 1xCanteen; 1 can rice and various clothes captured. S.F.	
1430	3	261430H	Co B sqd at (AT827488) rec'd S/A fire from 6 enemy at (AT827491). Returned 300x5.56mm, 200x7.62mm, 150x.30 cal. and 100x.50 cal. Results: 1 USMC WIAE. S.F.	
1030	4	261030H	Co C (OP) at (AT808488) observed one Vietnamese male running through bushes. Fired 10x5.56mm. Results: 1 Vietnamese civilian wounded and med-evacued. S.F.	
1530	5	261530H	1st Bn., 5th Mar. (CP) at (AT833491) rec'd heavy S/A fire from 20-30 enemy at (AT829497). Fired 200x.30 cal.; 250x.50xcal.; 150xM-79; 1500x5.56 mm; 1000x 7.62mm; 2 flights fixed wing; 5x106mm Beehive; 100x105mmHE and 100x81mmHE. Results: 1 USMC WIAE; 3 USMC WIAE; 8xNVA KIA and 1 POW (NVA WIA). S.F.	
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0300	1	280300H	1st Bn., 5th Mar. (CP) at (AT806476) rec'd 1 incoming ChiCom. Results: 1 USMC WIAE. S.F.
0745H	2	280745H	Co C plt (Patrol) at (AT820501) had 4 USMC WIA by booby trapped coufram with pressure release. Results: 4 USMC WIAE. S.F.
0900	3	280900H	Co C plt (Patrol) at (AT823508). Found various munitions. Results: 1x82mmHE & 150xAK rds. destroyed in place. S.F.
1500	4	281500H	Co B (CP) at (AT806476) rec'd 1 male Chieu Hoi and 8 refugees. Results: 9 det. (1 Chieu Hoi & 8 refugees). S.F.
2045	5	282045H	Co A plt (Ambush) at (AT829467) observed 20 enemy moving East at (AT829467) and took under fire, fired 300x5.56mm and 3 claymores. Results: 4 NVA KIA and 1xAK 47; 40 ChiComs; 782 gear; 20 NVA packs and 7 cartridge belts captured. S.F.
2220	6	282220H	Co B sqd (Ambush) at (AT791478) observed 4 enemy at (AT792479). Fired 100x5.56mm and 5xM-26 grenades. Results: Neg. S.F.
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