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 (c) MSG 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.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 June to 30 June 1969

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

Lt. Col. W. E. RILEY JR

1-30 June 1969

H&amp;S Company

1st Lt. R. E. PRUITT

1-30 June 1969

Company A

Capt. P. H. TOPPY III

1-30 June 1969

Company B

Capt. G. E. CASTAGNETTI

1-30 June 1969

Company C

1st Lt. F. G. SATTERFIELD

1-30 June 1969

Company D

Capt. M. D. WILLY

1-30 June 1969

2. LOCATIONS

1-30 June 1969 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued on an unnamed operation in the Arizona Area. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines operated in the Northwestern Duc Duc District, which is known as Western Arizona, Quang Nam Province.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj. P. E. O'TOOLE

1-30 June 1969

S-1 Officer

1st Lt. E. W. HAUKEAS

1-30 June 1969

S-2 Officer

1st Lt. R. E. PRUITT

1-30 June 1969

S-3 Officer	Maj. R. L. KERZIG 1-30 June 1969
S-4 Officer	Capt. G. C. LAWRY 1-30 June 1969
S-5 Officer	1st Lt. R. E. PRUITT 1-30 June 1969
Communications Officer	1st Lt. F. L. KLINGERY 1-30 June 1969
Medical Officer	Lt. W. C. MITCHELL (USN) 1-30 June 1969
Supply Officer	1st Lt. E. R. MCCASTT 1-30 June 1969
Motor Transport Officer	1st Lt. K. L. METSAS 1-30 June 1969
Assistant Adj/Legal Officer	1st Lt. J. N. BYERS 1-30 June 1969
Chaplain	Lt. C. B. OGLEMAN (USN) 1-30 June 1969
Air Liaison Officers	Capt. M. D. WILLIAMS 1-30 June 1969 Capt. J. E. FLUET JR. 1-30 June 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
37	1116	3	54

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 1 June to 30 June 1969 the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducted offensive operations in the "Arizona Area" located West and Northwest of the An Hoa Complex. The month began with only sporadic small unit contact. However, intelligence gathered by the Battalion indicated that the 98th NVA Regiment, thought to be located in Southwestern "Arizona Area", was given the mission of driving all Marines out of the "Arizona Area". This was believed to be in support of a large scale attack on An Hoa by the 141st NVA Regiment located in the mountains to the North and Northwest. At about this time the Battalion began to receive reports of rather large sightings of NVA.

The first significant event took place on 7 June 1969 with the CP and Company A. An unknown size enemy force conducted a three prong attack on the Battalion CP and Company A. A search of the battle area at first light revealed 11 NVA KIA and 3 NVA POW's plus several individual weapons. The action continued throughout the day as the Battalion CP received sporadic fire from both two (2) recoilless rifle and mortars. That afternoon Company B executed a hasty ambush on 25 NVA, which resulted in 19 NVA KIA. There were no friendly casualties sustained in that ambush.

Again the enemy persisted in it's mission. During the early morning of 8 June the Battalion CP with Company A received the brunt of aggressive enemy attack. All organic and supporting arms were employed in an effort to break up the momentum of the attack and deny the enemy his avenues of escape. Ten NVA bodies were recovered that morning with numerous heavy blood trails found.

Later that day while the Battalion CP was being relocated, the lead elements of Company A, acting as security for the move, came under extremely heavy automatic weapons fire including 30 caliber and 50 caliber weapons. While setting up a hasty perimeter for the Battalion CP, Company A prepped the area with artillery fire and fixed wing aircraft. With this completed, Company A commenced the attack, but immediately the heavy fire began again, which included 60mm mortar fire. In spite of this resistance a platoon was successful in establishing a toehold on the southern flank of the enemy's perimeter. This platoon, actually setting on the enemy's lines, battered them with fire from small arms, machine guns, and laaws for approximately ninety minutes. Due to continued resistance and impending darkness the unit was withdrawn and contact broken. The objective area was pounded throughout the night by artillery and air. The attack was resummed at 1100, more air/arty/81 prepped the objective. Company C had closed on the Battalion CP the previous afternoon and one platoon from Company C was attached to Company A for this final attack. Moderate resistance was

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still encountered. Company A seized and secured the objective. After a detailed search a total of 80 NVA bodies were discovered. The objective was believed to be the site of an NVA Battalion CP defended by an estimated two well entrenched infantry companies supported by one or more mortar/machine gun companies.

While Company B was moving towards the objective to act as a reactionary they also came under intensive fire from an estimated enemy Battalion. The battle which ensued lasted late into the afternoon. Enemy losses were 75 NVA KIA, 20xAK-47's, 15xAK-50's, 12xSKS's, 5/20mm pistols, and 1x12.7 antiaircraft gun. One NVA Battalion Commander was found with several documents among the dead.

On 9 June 1969 while Company C while setting in a Company Defensive Position-were attacked by an unknown force-returned all organic weapons resulting in 10 NVA KIA and 6 individual weapons and 1 crew served weapon captured.

On the mornings of 11-12 June, the enemy again launched large scale attacks upon the Battalion CP. These attacks were supported by a seemingly endless supply of ordinance, i.e., B-40 rockets, RPG-7's, 82 and 60mm mortars, recoilless rifles, and heavy machine guns. The enemy's sacrifice was great. These two actions resulted in 61 NVA KIA, 1x75mm recoilless rifle, and several individual and crew served weapons captured. One among the dead was one NVA Company Commander.

Enemy contact was light to moderate for the next few days. The enemy had taken a tremendous beating and suffered countless losses. Finally on the morning of 17 June, an attack was launched on the Battalion which at that time was in Battalion defensive posture. The attack was again initiated by a heavy prep of mortars, B-40's, and RPG-7's. This prep was then followed up by a ground assault of an estimated two companies. Repeated danger close artillery and 81 missions took a heavy toll of the NVA. The bitter fighting continued until 0630. Upon sweeping the battle field 32 NVA were recovered with numerous individual and crew served weapons.

The remainder of the month saw moderate contact. The 90th NVA Regiment and a local VC Battalion appeared to have been defeated and withdrew to the Ong Thu slopes to rehabilitate.

During the end of this reporting period there were three (3) sensor devices placed in the Northwestern part of Duc Duc District by Companies B and C. Readings were recorded at Regiment on the first night of installation.

First Battalion, Fifth Marines rear continued to provide security for Sector, An Hoa Combat Base making continuous improvements on defensive positions in that area. In addition on 30 June the Battalion rear assumed control of Tower #2, a part of the An Hoa Comb at Base Defense.

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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 35 officers and 1125 enlisted. On the 15th of June, the strength had changed to 35 officers and 1114 enlisted. By the end of June, the strength was 40 officers and 1108 enlisted. At this time, there are 48 enlisted hospitalized. Joinings during the month were 7 officers and 128 enlisted and 10 Corpsman for a total of 138 enlisted.

b. Discipline, Law and legal. 3 Summary Court-Martials and 1 Special Court-Martial were convened during June. There are 2 Special Court-Martials still to be processed. During June, 6 informal investigations were completed. There are no investigations to be processed.

c. POW/Detainees. There were 143 detainees processed during the month. They were classed as follows:

POW's	16 NVA	0 VC	16 TOTAL
CHIEU HOI	1 NVA	1 VC	2 TOTAL
CIVIL DEFENDANTS			17 TOTAL
INNOCENT CIVILIANS			108 TOTAL

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 as the tactical situation permitted.

f. Awards. During June, there were 20 Navy Achievement medals, 25 Navy Commendations, 11 Bronze Star medals, 1 Silver Star medal, and 2 Navy Cross medals submitted for heroism and meritorious service.

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

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~~SECRET~~2. ENEMY, WEATHER AND TERRAIN

a. Enemy. Enemy activity from 1 to 30 June 1969 in the Arizona Area was at a high level. This was a result of the NVA initiated Summer Offensive. A peak in enemy contact was during the period 7 to 17 June 1969.

Enemy activity was characterized by large scale ground attacks using all their supporting arms available upon our defensive positions.

b. Weather. During the month of June the weather was typified by both high temperature and high humidity. The average daytime temperature being 92 and the average evening temperature being 80. The average humidity was 73%.

Intense showers for 2 hour periods on 11 evenings of the month signified the beginning of the summer monsoon season.

c. Terrain. The terrain features described in this reporting period are of the region called the "Arizona Area", since that was the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (AO) for the entire month of June.

Generally speaking the entire area is barren and dry due to the parched condition of the area; the brief but intense showers during the month did little to improve this condition. The majority of the paddies are dormant because of the low civilian population.

There are narrow tree-lines frequently bordering the paddies and an occasional active streams from which water can be obtained.

There are some scattered "high ground" in the area, however it is not deemed of major tactical significance. In the western portion of the "Arizona Area" there becomes a gradual incline of foot hills leading to the mountainous region which is a known harbor site for the enemy.

3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization. The organization of the Battalion consisted of the following units being detached from the 1st Battalion during the following periods:

(1) Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines from 250100H May 1969 to 261500H June 1969.

b. Operations. Unnamed operations were run from 01000H to 302400H June 1969 in the Northwestern Duc Duc District, which is known as Western Arizona, Quang Nam Province. The Battalion conducted search and destroy operations in the Arizona Area. These operations in Arizona Area continued into the month of July.

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~~SECRET~~o. Supporting Arms.

(1) Air. The Battalion continued to receive outstanding air support from the 1st Marine Air Wing. This included CAS (day and night) by all type fixed wing and one helicopter troop lift and med evac/resupply/VR helicopter support. In addition the Battalion utilized several CAS. Air operations were increased due to increased contact with the enemy. A detailed breakdown of air support rendered the Battalion is as follows:

(a) Fixed Wing. A total of 106 fixed wing flights were flown in support of this Battalion. 118 A0/TACA aircraft provided 139.5 hours of on station coverage, controlling 62 flights of fixed wing close air support and providing limited close air support with their own ordnance as well as flying protective cover, conducting visual reconnaissance and controlling some of the artillery fires. Additionally, 27 flights of fixed wing were controlled by Battalion FAC's and 17 A-6 Radar Beacons. Strikes were completed during this period. Further fixed wing support consisted of 9 "Spooky" AC-47 gunships providing 19.3 hours of target coverage and 11 Flareships providing 31 hours of illumination of the total number of flights completed. Bomb damage assessment is available for only 89 flights and is listed below:

Structures Destroyed	142
Bunkers Destroyed	65
Trenchline Destroyed	590 meters
Secondary Explosions	25
Secondary Fires (Non-Napalm)	28
Killed By Air	8 (Confirmed) (Numerous suspected)
Total Ordnance Dropped (106 Flights)	491.25 Tons

(b) Rotary Wing. Helicopter operations consisted of daily re-supply missions, and numerous instances of "Huey-Gunship" close air support and almost daily Visual Reconnaissance. The bulk of helicopter support was med-evac missions extracting 105 Marines (20 of whom were emergency category).

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**(c) Significant Development.** Although June's Beacon flights were low, these were a significant increase in our FAC controlled close air support. Of the 17 A-6 Beacon Strikes completed, 12 were flown during the hours of darkness under all weather conditions. "Spooky" gunships, artillery and organic supporting arms have been used during air strikes for anti-air craft fire suppression and blocking fires.

**(2) Artillery.** During the period from 1 June to 30 June 1969 massive, accurate and timely artillery fires were provided by F Battery 2/11, E Battery 2/11, W Battery 2/11, K Battery 4/11 and B Platoon 3rd 8" Howitzers. In this time 16,809 rounds were fired in a total of 767 missions.

Many of the missions fired were close in defensive fires as the Battalion was in heavy contact during a good part of this month. The artillery fires were extremely accurate and timely on these occasions.

Also during the month of June a concept before unused was employed by the Battalion with great success. This was the calling of continuous fire missions, 24 hours a day, on known enemy staging areas, routes of egress and withdrawal from the Arizona Area. From reports received from prisoners taken this was highly effective in lowering the morale of enemy forces, and causing heavy casualties and damage on enemy troops and equipment. Although not counted as confirmed, a total of 60 enemy troops were reported by villagers during sweeps as having been killed by planned H&I's. One mortar unit of 20 was reported as being put out of action by artillery by use of variable time fuse. Prep fire missions and surprise-firing devise clearing missions (VT) were used extensively. Surveillance is as follows:

Confirmed Enemy KIA	47
Probable Enemy KIA	73
Secondary Explosions	16
Structures Destroyed	54
Bunkers Destroyed	29

**(3) Engineers.** Excellent support was again provided by Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion. Engineers were employed primarily to destroyed duds, SDFs, captured enemy ammunition, enemy bunkers/fortifications. Loss of lives, wheel and tracked equipment was considerably reduced by the detailed searching efforts employed by the engineers.

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(4) Shore Party (HST). HST's were provided by Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion. These teams provided outstanding support in coordinating and effecting helicopter resupply and Med-Evac. The support received daily was commendatory. The Med-Evac support during the high combat periods was outstanding.

(5) Artracs. A light section and a Command Tractor of the 4th Platoon, Company A, 3rd Artrac Battalion was in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during 4-15 June 1969. On 15 June 1969 the artracs were returned to An Hoa. During the period of 4-15 June 1969 the INT's provided support of transporting cargo and providing security of the CP. The An Tracs provide excellent support over short moves but are unwieldy and tend to hinder mobility of ground movements during a displacement over 1000 meters. The terrain is not suitable for An Tracs or tanks. The paddy fields are normally 4-5 feet in height. The stream banks are steep in this area. The communications equipment in the command tractor was worn out and antiquated. The spirit of the crews was outstanding. In periods of extreme contact the crews were utilized on the front lines as machine gun squads and did a commendable job.

(6) Scout Snipers. Detachment Scout Sniper Platoon, Headquarters Company, 5th Marines continued to provide outstanding support for the Battalion, which resulted in 31 enemy kills during this month. The real importance of having sniper teams is realized by having the capability of knocking out enemy observers at great distances and the required sure, instant, kill at closer distances. Our experience is that they are fully justified regardless of the number of kills.

(7) Moving Transport. A light section of M114 (Marginal Terrain Vehicles) referred to as Huskies was assigned during this period. They were utilized on day and night movements over difficult terrain. They proved excellent. They were primarily used in support of the 2 sections of 81mm mortars used in the field by the Battalion by hauling ammo. In addition CP gear and 2 106mm recoilless rifles were also carried. Permanent assignment of 2 "Huskies" per 81mm platoon in lieu of the M74A2 (Mule) is recommended.

#### 4. TRAINING

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

- (1) Weapons Safety
- (2) Familiarization firing of Individual and Crew Served weapons

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- (3) Weapons Inspection Care and Cleaning
- (4) Comm Transmission Sec.
- (5) Preventative Maintenance
- (6) Safety Precautions
- (7) AN/PPS-6 Radar
- (8) KY-38 Repair FIC
- (9) PRG-25 Repair FAM
- (10) PR-4567 Battery Charger
- (11) BB-451 Battery Maintenance
- (12) PRG-88 Align Prod
- (13) Reg Comm/2542
- (14) KY-38/KY-28
- (15) Reading Prod RPS Mat
- (16) Black Jack Pole Training
- (17) Cable/Wire Inst.
- (18) Wire Splicing
- (19) Nomenclature/QS
- (20) Preventive Maintenance
- (21) Requisitioning and Status
- (22) Accounting for Non-Expendable Mat.
- (23) Expendable and Consumable Supplies
- (24) Use of Supply Publications
- (25) Locating of Material
- (26) Locator System
- (27) Embarkation
- (28) Storage
- (29) Supply Management
- (30) Supply Economy
- (31) Weapons
- (32) TM's, QRD Pub's
- (33) Storage of Weapons
- (34) Control Procedures
- (35) Vehicle Safety and Driver's Maintenance of M274A2 (Mule) and M151A1 (Jeep)
- (36) Licensing Session for M274A1 (Mule) and M151A1 (Jeep)

b. Replacement received five (5) days training at 5th Marines Headquarters prior to being committed to the field.

c. The Battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher headquarters in DaNang area and Okinawa. During the month, 95 members of the Battalion attended schools in the DaNang area and Okinawa. The value of the schools is recognized, however, this had an adverse effect on the rifle company in the field strength.

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5. LOGISTICS. During the month of June 1969, logistical efforts of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines were almost entirely directed to the resupply of "A", "B", and "C" Companies and the Battalion Command Post as the Battalion operated in the "Arizona Area." Logistical support for "D" Company was provided by the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines with whom attached.

Resupply of all classifications has been accomplished in an exceptionally proficient and dependable manner and has contributed immeasurably to the morale and esprit de corps of this Battalion. The average total time required to resupply the Battalion has been one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes utilizing two (2) CH 46 helicopters. The average number of lifts per day has been nine (9). Normal resupply has been augmented by the addition of ice cream, fresh fruit, fruit juices, and fresh meat and vegetables.

The M274A2 (Mule) was utilized early in the month on a trial basis. Paddy fields four (4) to five feet high, flooded paddies, and limited trails proved to be insurmountable obstacles and the mules were returned to An Hie.

Normal "Reporting" requirements have been met in a timely and proficient manner.

6. CIVIC ACTION. During the reporting period the Battalion worked with the people of Phu Da (1) and Phu Da (2).

The Battalion assisted the people of both hamlets in furnishing a total of 7,296 pounds of wool, 2 tool (woodworking) kits for repairing the homes. A total of 15 refugees were resettled in the Duc Duc District by the Battalion. Assistance included rice (45 K) and clothing.

Two pigpen projects were completed with the arrival of two boars. Purpose is to crossbreed Vietnamese pigs to increase meat yields. 50 pounds of spoiled horning grits were given to supplement food.

7. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. A total of 1,235 leaflets (Anti-VC/NVA) and a total of 775 Vietnamese newspapers were distributed to the people of Phu Da (1&2) and also distributed to the hamlets in the Battalion AO.

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

Artillery and air drops in villages near the Battalion in the field were used with very limited favorable results.

8. COMMUNICATIONS. During this month the Battalion has operated in the Arizona Area. Basically the communications have been maintained in a satisfactory manner. However, due to the shortage of available frequencies we have had some difficulties. The frequencies assigned us are very close to those used by other units operating in the same area and even at

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times to units operating with the Battalion (e.g., the air section, Arty liaison). This causes a great deal of overlapping frequencies and results in two stations being unable to communicate, resulting in difficulties of tactical command and control. We had no spare frequencies.

When a frequency was needed it had to be requested from Regiment, who in turn requested it from Division. This is time consuming and unacceptable in exact situations.

The Battalion continues to utilize the KY.38/AN/PRC-77 voice cypher. This equipment is on temporary loan for test purposes from Regiment and at present provides a secure net between Battalion and Regiment but not to company level. Permanent allocation of these units is being forwarded from Division. We will have a allocation of sixteen of the AN/PRC-77 radios and twenty two KY.38 cypher units. When these are received we will utilize them down to the company level, thus enabling the Battalion Commanding Officer to have voice cypher capability with the rifle company commanding officers.

We have experienced some difficulty in using the KY-58/AN-FEC-77 units. When used in cypher and another unit still in the plain keys their set it entirely disrupts cypher communications. Also, when the cypher unit is operated in close proximity to the regular AN-FEC-25 radio, the cypher unit cuts the PRC 25 out. Wide separation of radios is necessary for proper communication.

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

2. Friendly Casualties

1st Battalion, 5th Marines

### **Section 10: Enemy Casualties**

KIA's 350 NVA. 13 VC TOTAL 363

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10. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ORDNANCE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH

64	AK-47 Rifles	1	M-60 Machine Gun
39	AK-50 Rifles	8	RPG
1	12 Gauge shot gun	3	RPD
14	SKS	1	12.7 Anti-Aircraft Gun
6	9mm Pistols	1	75mm Recoilless Rifle
1	M-16 Rifle	3	B-40 Rocket Launchers
1	M-79	1	7.65mm Pistol

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

31	2.75 Rockets
15	60mm Rounds
91	B-40 Rounds
141	ChiCom Grenades
9	40 Boosters

Sizeable amounts of various types of small arms ammo

3	61mm Rounds
8	82mm Rounds
8	M-16 Magazines

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

1 PRC-25 Radio  
 Twenty Pounds of Various Documents  
 Eighteen Pounds of Various Medical Supplies  
 Various 782 Gear

13. ENTRIES. See Tab "A" to Enclosure (1) (Staff Journal for period of 010000H through 302400H June 1969.)

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ Tab "A" Staff Journal for period of 1 June through 30 June 1969

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TIME IN OUT	SER NR	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
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0300	1	070300	<p>1/5 CP &amp; A Co. (CP) at (AT 818467) received incoming S/A fire; chicom; B-40's; 60 mm rounds and heavy auto. weapons fire, from enemy at (AT 815468, 815465, 817466). Returned fire with S/A; Auto. weapons; 300x81mm HE; called in Arty mission; called spook on station; and swept area at first light.</p> <p>Results: 3 USMC KIA; 11 USMC WIAE; 20 USMC WIANE; 11 NVA KIA; 3 Det. (POW); also 4xAK-50's (220131, 4991, 0615, 4185); 3xAK-47's (12095663, A3865, BP7980P); 1x12 Gauge Shotgun (955624); 30xChicom and various 782 gear captured.</p>	S.F.
1200	2	071200	<p>1/5 CP &amp; A Co. (CP) at (AT 818467) Received 10-12 82mm HE and 3xB-40 Rockets, from enemy at (AT 811455, 805497). Called Arty Mission; Fixed Wing and counter mortar fire.</p> <p>Results: 1 USMC WIANE</p>	S.F.
1735	3	071735	<p>C Co. (CP) at (ZC 207486) had 2 USMC wounded by friendly Arty mission.</p> <p>Results: 2 USMC WIAE.</p>	S.F.
1745	4	071745	<p>B Co. Plat. (ambush) at (AT 789450) observed 25 enemy moving north. Set up hasty ambush. Fired 300x5.56 mm; 400x7.62 mm; and 60xM-79 rds.</p> <p>Results: 19 NVA KIA; also 1xSKS (654131); 1x AK-47 (221280); 10 NVA packs and 4 chicom captured.</p>	S.F.
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0015	1	090015H	Co B sqd (Ambush) at (AT809464) observed 6 enemy walking towards their position. Fired 50x5.56mm. Enemy returned fire with S/A and 7xChiComs. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 2 USMC WIAE; 4 NVA KIA; also 1x AK50; 2xChiComs and 2xAK/magazines captured.	S.F.
0200	2	090700H	(Including 082015H) - Co C (CP) at (AT803455) rec'd 3-4x60mm HE; 100 -150 auto. weapons fire and 2-3 B40 rds from enemy at (AT810491). Fired 750x5.56mm and 100x7.62mm. Called arty mission. Had Spooky on station. Scent area at first light. Results: 6 USMC WIAE; 3 USMC WIANE; 10 NVA KIA; also 6xAK/78s; 1xRPD mag.; 1 RPG launcher; 22xAK mag.; 3 RPD drums; 3xRPG boosters; 8xB40 rockets and 3xNVA E-tools captured.	S.F.
0710	3	090710H	Co B plt (Patrol) at (AT 803455) observed 2 enemy near trail. Fired 40x5.56mm. Results: 2 NVA KIA; also 1x7.65mm pistol (#K3479); 1xCompass (#1052126); 2xNVA canteens w/covers; 1x7.65mm mag. (#1765); full; 28x7.65mm loose rds.; adrenaline; documents; various med. gear & 782 gear captured.	S.F.

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0830	4	090830H	Co B (CP) at (AT806464) rec'd 5x75mm HE, from enemy at (ZC215479) called in arty mission & fragged. Results: 1 USMC WIA.	S.F.
1100	5	091100H	Co A & C (one plt) at (AT823468) while assaulting ridgeline took intense sniper fire and auto won fire from well intrenched enemy. Cowpoke, artillery, air & organic wms. assisted units in securing objective. Results: 2 USMC WIAE; 80 NVA KIA; also 1xRPG w/15 rds; 1 heavy MG; numerous ChiComs; 4x AK 47 and 1xAK 50 captured.	S.F.
1200	6	091200H	Co B (Movement) at (AT812466) rec'd heavy S/A fire which also downed 1xCH-46. Fired S/A. M-60 MG had Cowpoke on station; called in Arty and had Puff on station at nite. Results: 1 USMC KIA; 1 USMC WIAE; 7 USMC WIAE; 75 NVA KIA; also 20xAK 47; 15xAK 50; 12xSKS; 5x9mm pistols; and 1x1275mm AA gun captured.	S.F.
1245	7	091245H	1st Bn, 5th Mar (CP) at (AT824468) captured 1 female whose husband is enemy. Results: 1 det.	S.F.
1530	8	091530H	1st Bn, 5th Mar (CP) & A Co at (AT828470) rec'd enemy sniper fire from enemy at (AT825465). Returned fire routing enemy. Results: 1 USMC KIA.	S.F.

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1310	1	101310H	Co A (CP) at (AT827474) observed 2 enemy moving into treeline at (AT826476). Fired 5x5.56mm. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
1330	2	101330H	Co C plt (Search) at (AT815465) while searching area of previous day's contact found 2 dead enemy and various friendly and enemy gear. Results: 2 NVA KIA; also 2xM-72; 8x M-16; 2x50cal. MG; 1000x50cal rds; 3xAK-47; 15xAK mag.; 1x9mm pistol; 2xChiComs; 1x12.75mm AA gun; 3 Packs; 1 flack jacket; 2 helmets and 5 canteen captured.	S.F.
1530	3	101530H	Co A (CP) at (AT827475) observed 5 enemy at (AT822578). Snipers fired 8x7.62mm. Results: 1 VC KIA (by Scout Sniper).	S.F.
1715	4	101715H	Co A (CP) at (AT828475) observed 6 enemy walking in column at (AT829479) fired 6x7.62mm. Results: 1 VC KIA (by Scout Sniper).	S.F.
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0308	1	110308H	1st Bn, 5th Mar. at (AT827470) rec'd 5x incoming 60 mm mortars: 10xB-40's & 5xR.P.G. rds. and automatic s/a fire. Fired 81 mm mission: s/a and fragged spookie. Results: Neg.	S.F.
0800	2	110800H	1st Bn, 5th Mar. (Final Spot) at (AT827470) rec'd 20-30xB-40 rds.; 8-10xR.P.G.'s; 20-25x60mm mortar rds; 20x82mm mortar rds.; numerous ChiComs; and heavy S/A and automatic weapons fire. Fired Arty mission: 81mm missions; 106mm R.R.; S/A and had Spookie on station. Results: 2xUSMC KIA; 14xUSMC WIAE; 14x USMC WIAE; And 29x NVA KIA; also, 4xAK-47; 8xAK-47; 1xSKS; 1xR.P.G.; 2xB-40's; 7xB-40 rds.; 4xR.P.G. RDS. and 27x ChiComs captured.	S.F.
1100	3	111100H	Co. C (& follow-up) at (AT827470) found numerous dead bodies and ordinance. Results: 6xNVA KIA; 1x75mm R.R.; 14x B-40 rockets; 9xB-40 rocket boosters; 11xR.P.G. rds.; 3x61mm rds.; 2x82mm rds. S.F.	
1400	4	111400H	1st Bn., 5th Mar. (CP) at (AT827472) captured 1xsuspected enemy. Results: 1xdet.	S.F.
1500	5	111500H	Co. A Plat(Patrol) at (AT825473) observed 1xenemy at unknown coordinates Fired 50x5.56mm. Results: 1xNVA KIA; also, 1xB-40 rds. and 1xNVA pack captured.	S.F.
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0105	1	120105H	1st Bn. 5th Mar. (&follow-ups) at(AT827470) rec'd 50-60x60mmrds; 10-15x82mmrds.; 5-10x57mmR.R. fire; 500x.50 cal.; 30-40xB-40 rockets; s/a and automatic weapons fire; ChiComs and Grenades; Followed by a ground attack by two enemy co.'s. Fired arty and 81mm missions; 106mm R.R.; S/A and automatic weapons; M-26 grenades and had Spookie and Basketball on station. Results: 1xUSMC KIA; 1xUSMC WIAE; 3xUSMC WIANE 23xNVA KIA; 4xDET.; Also, 1xR.P.D.; W/2 belts ammo; 3xAK-47; 1xB-40 launcher; 40xB-40rds.; assorted 782 gear; and Documents captured.	S.F.
1215	2	121215H	Co. C Plat(Patrol) at(AT833471) swept through area of night's contact. Results: 10x60mmrds; 4xR.P.G. rds; 7xB-40 rds.; 7xChiComs; 5xE-tools; 1xpickaxe; 1xbair wire cutters; 1xR.P.D. ammo drum; 5xAK magazines; 12x R.P.G. boosters; 7xpacks; 1xdud 500# bomb & 250# bomb and various documents captured. Also, found 2x NVA KIA.	S.F.
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0715	1	140715H	1st Bn, 5th Mar. (1-4) at (AT827471) Cowpoker observed 1 enemy at (AT849501). Cowpoker fired on enemy. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S.F.
0835	2	140835H	Co B sqd (Search) at (AT835472) searched out area of previous activity. Results: 5 det.	S.F.
1340	3	141340H	Co B plt (Patrol) at (AT846475) had 1 USMC WIA by booby trapped M- 26 grenade. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
1530	4	141530H	Co C sqd (Patrol) at (AT828479) observed 1 enemy suspect at (AT831481). Apprehended suspect. Results: 1 det.	S.F.
1535	5	141535H	Co B plt (Patrol) at (AT846477) found 2xAK-47 mags. Results: 2 AK-47 mags. captured.	S.F.
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0210	1	190210H	Co C plt (CP) at (AT848485) rec'd 2x incoming ChiComs; light S/A fire from enemy at (AT848485). Fired grenades; claymores; S/A and fragged Spooky. Will search at first light. Results: Neg.	S.F.
0350	2	190350H & 190715H	Co C plt (Search) searched area of previous nite's activity. Results: 1xUSMC WIAE; 4xNVA KIA; also 1xAK-47; 1xAK-50; 1xM-16; 1xM-79; 8xM-16 mags.; 3xAK mags.; 9xChiComs; 2xB-40 rds; 1xNVA radio antenna and various documents captured.	S.F.
1930	3	191930H	Co C (Search) at (AT848485) rec'd 2 incoming M-26 grenades. Fired 200x5.56mm and 7xM-26 grenades. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
2200	4	192200H	Co C (CP) at (AT848485) rec'd 2 incoming M-26 grenades. Fired 200x5.56mm and 7xM-26 grenades. Results: 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.
2215	5	192215H	Co B (CP) at (AT848486) rec'd 20 incoming 60mm rds. Fired counter mortar fire. Results: Neg.	S.F.
2340	6	192340H	Co C (CP) at (AT848485) rec'd 2 incoming M-26 grenades. Results: 1 USMC WIAE & 1 USMC WIAE.	S.F.

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0730	1	300730H	Co D sqd (Patrol) at (AT850498) found homemade box mine w/pressure device on trail. Explosive was inside expended 90mm canister. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
1630	2	301630H	Co A sqd (Patrol) at (AT899509) found 12 rockets from Bronco. Results: Destroyed in place.	S.F.
1750	3	301750H	Co C plt (Patrol) at (AT836524) Found 1 dead NVA. Results: 1 NVA KIA (by arty); also 1 NVA cartridge belt & 1 NVA grenade pouch captured.	S.F.
1750	4	301750H	Co C sqd (Search) at (AT836524) found 1 dead enemy dressed in black shirt & shorts. Results: 1 VC KBA; also 1 NVA cartridge belt & grenade pouch captured.	S.F.
2200	5	302200H	Co B sqd (Patrol) at (AT849500) observed 10 rice humpers negotiated enemy with S/A & 81mm mission. Results: 3 NVA KIA.	S.F.
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