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1st Marine Division (-)(Rein), FMF
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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (-)(Rein) FMF
Subj: Command Chronology for the period of 1-30 November 1970

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8B
(c) DivO 5750.2

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

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November to 30 November 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

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

Lt.Col. B.E. TRAINOR
1-19 November 1970
Lt.Col. F.A. HART JR
20-30 November 1970

H&S Company

1st Lt. J.P. BESSEY
1-15 November 1970
Capt. K.E. PITCHER
16-30 November 1970

Company A

1st Lt. D.L. HUGHES
1-30 November 1970

Company B

Capt. A. GARCIA
1-20 November 1970
1st Lt. W.D. BERRY
21-30 November 1970

Company C

1st Lt. R.W. MEARES
1-4 November 1970
Capt. J.L. HICKMAN
5-30 November 1970

Company D

Capt. R.B. ROBINSON
1-30 November 1970

2. LOCATIONS. From 1-14 November 1970 Company B was OPCON to 5th Marines for operations in the Que Son Mountains. On 14 November 1970 Company B moved to Division Ridge (Hill 244) for security of division rear. Company D was located at Hill 34 with one platoon in Rumor Valley and one platoon at F.L.C. until 14 November 1970. On 24 November 1970 Company D moved to the Que Son Mountains until 30 November 1970. Company A was located in the Que Son Mountains from 1-15 November 1970. On 15 November 1970 Company A moved to Hill 34. From 15 November 1970 one Company A platoon provided security for Hill 34, while one platoon was located in Rumor Valley and one platoon at F.L.C. From 1-15 November 1970 Company C was located at Hill 244 (Division Ridge). 15-22 November 1970 Company C was located at Hill 34, on 23 November 1970 Company C moved into the Que Son Mountains OPCON to 5th Marines remaining there until 30 November 1970.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major F.M. KAUFFMAN
1-30 November 1970

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S-1 Officer

1st Lt. R.B. TEDRICK II
1-30 November 1970

S-2 Officer

1st Lt. P.T. METZGER
1-30 November 1970

S-3 Officer

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Major W.M. ANDERSON
1-30 November 1970

S-3A Officer

Capt. J.A. KELLY
1-30 November 1970

S-3B Officer

1st Lt. B.E. DENES
1-30 November 1970

S-4 Officer

1st Lt. J.N. WILLS
1-30 November 1970

S-5 Officer

1st Lt. M.J. HART
1-30 November 1970

Communication Officer

Capt. K.E. PITCHER
1-30 November 1970

Battalion Surgeon

Lt. C.W. COUCH (USNR)
1-30 November 1970

Assistant Battalion Surgeon

Lt. E.E. PALMER (USNR)
1-30 November 1970

Supply Officer

GySgt. A.F. FAUMUINA
1-30 November 1970

Motor Transport Officer

1st Lt. A.J. ANDREWS
1-30 November 1970

Chaplain

Lt. Cmdr. D.I. OLSON
1-30 November 19704. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
Chargeable	34	1075	3	48
Effective	33	1036	2	47

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of November, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines had companies involved periodically in Operation Imperial Lake, OPCON to the 5th Marines. Besides these commitments, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to function in its AO providing and coordinating security for the 1st Marine Division Rear.

Between 3 November and 16 November, A and B Companies were very successful while operating in the Que Son Mountains OPCON to the 5th Marines. Their particular operations at this time uncovered a series of base camps. Within these camps were discovered several large rice caches (53,000 lbs), ammo, weapons, and other miscellaneous supplies. In addition to this were various finds of supplies with significant intelligence value: photos, personnel records, documents, and manuals. The success of this operation is obvious in both terms of intelligence and disruption of enemy rear support. B Company was extracted from the Que Son on 14 November and A Company came out on the 16th. During this period in the Que Sons these two companies suffered combined casualties of 2 KIA's and 9 WIA's.

On 15 November B Company moved to Division Ridge to relieve C Company which had been on the ridge since 1 November. Then C Company returned to Hill 34. B Company remained on Division Ridge during the remainder of the month.

On 17 November A Company sent 1 platoon to FLC and 1 platoon to Rumor Valley to relieve D Company's platoons which had been providing security for these areas during the first part of the month. A Company platoons remained in these areas for the reporting period.

C Company remained at Hill 34 until they were helolifted to the Que Son Mountains on 23 November. D Company stayed at Hill 34 until 24 November when they were helolifted to the Que Sons. Both companies remained in the Que Sons OPCON to 5th Marines in Operation Imperial Lake through the remainder of the month.

These two companies were severely hampered by weather during this phase of Operation Imperial Lake. The first several days were clear weather, and it was during this time that the companies were most active. C Company had only one contact with the enemy in which they received RPG and small arms fire. This resulted in 5 Marines WIA's with enemy casualties unknown. D Company had one contact during the operation with 10 to 15 enemy. It resulted in 4 Marines WIA's. Two enemy fell remaining motionless, but the company was unable to reach the bodies before dark. The bodies were not found the next day. Later in the operation D Company had 4 WIA's from an explosion of undetermined origin.

The weather limited the companies to their positions for the last several days. On the 30th they began to move to lower ground in preparation for extraction.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Strength. The Battalion strength at the beginning of the month was 36 officers and 1107 enlisted. On the 15th of the month the strength was 35 officers and 1090 enlisted. By the end of the month the strength was 32 officers and 1102 enlisted. On the last day of the month there were 19 enlisted hospitalized.

b. Discipline, Law and Legal. During November, 1 Special Court-Martial convened. There were 12 Battalion and 20 Company Officer Hours. There were 3 investigations completed and 5 are still pending.

c. POW/Detainees. See Narrative Summary.

d. Morale. Morale and fighting spirit continued to be excellent.

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

f. Awards. During November, 11 Navy Achievement, 5 Navy Commendation, and 4 Bronze Star were submitted for heroism and meritorious service.

2. ENEMY, WEATHER and TERRAIN

a. This Command participated in two (2) major Pacifier Operations. There was an increase in ordnance turned in by Vietnamese with 20 pieces of ordnance and 2,240 \$VN expended, compared to 16 pieces of ordnance and 3,500 \$VN expended during September.

b. Enemy. Operations were conducted mainly in the Que Son area. Throughout the month there were 40 incidents in which 23 were friendly initiated and 17 enemy initiated. Of the 17 enemy initiated 7 were harassing small arms and 4 mining and booby traps (3 booby traps were found and 1 detonated). There were 6 attacks by fire on this command. There were 8 sightings throughout our area with one (1) of over 5 enemy.

On 051610H "B" Company found a Base Camp that consisted of 3 large and 2 smaller caves. The cache found in this Base Camp proved to be one of the most significant intelligence caches along with the foodstuff discovered.

On 241200H a squad patrol from D-1 made contact with 12-15 enemy wearing black uniforms with black berets. Enemy returned fire with small arms and unknown number of RPG rounds.

NVA KIA
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VC KIA
01

POW's
00

CHIEU HOI's
00

DETAINÉES
00

WEAPONS
7 Individual
Weapons
0 Crew Served
Weapons

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3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization. The organization of the Battalion remained the same with three Companies located at Hill 34 and two companies located in the Que Son Mountains, Operation Imperial Lake.

b. The Battalion conducted 2 Quick Reaction Force Operation during the month as well as day and night activities throughout the Battalion AO.

4. SUPPORTING ARMS

a. Air. Tactical helolifts to and from Operation Imperial Lake accounted for 80% of all air fragged by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during the month of November. Air support for forward units OPCON to 5th Marines on Operation Imperial Lake was fragged through 5th Marines.

<u>Type of Aircraft</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
UH-1E	3
CH-46D	37
CH-53D	19

b. Artillery. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to be directly supported by "F" Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines during the month of November. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was also supported by elements of 11th Marines in a general support capacity. Due to the concentration of friendlies in the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines TAOR, this support was largely restricted to illumination missions. Units of 11th Marines were used in support of Quick Reaction Force Operations controlled by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines throughout the Division AO.

c. Engineer. Engineers personnel provided extensive demolition support on each Quick Reaction Force Operations and road sweeps in the AO.

d. Shore Party (HST). HST personnel were provided by Company "C" 1st Shore Party Battalion and were primarily employed during the Quick Reaction Force Operations. Coordinating operation of LZ-469 (Hill 34).

e. Scout Snipers. None attached.

5. TRAINING

a. The following training was conducted during the month of November:

- (1) Weapons Safety
- (2) Weapons Inspection, Care and Cleaning
- (3) Mapping and compass

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- (4) Leadership
- (5) Viet Cong Mines and Booby Traps
- (6) Drub Abuse
- (7) Familiarization firing of the M-16 and M-60
- (8) XM-174 Automatic Grenade Launcher
- (9) Forward Observer Procedures
- (10) Venereal Diseases
- (11) 60mm Mortar, M-79 (live firing)
- (12) Uniform Appearance
- (13) Military Customs and Courtesy
- (14) Individual and Group Hygiene in the field
- (15) Handling of POW's
- (16) Troop Leading Steps
- (17) Conduct of Marines in and out of the field
- (18) Anti-Personnel Mine M18A1
- (19) AN/PRC-25 Radio
- (20) M-26 Hand Grenade
- (21) Training of 81mm Mortar Crews
- (22) 81mm Mortar (live firing)
- (23) Physical Training
- (24) Care and Cleaning of the 106mm Recoilless Rifle
- (25) Crew Training of the 106mm Recoilless Rifle
- (26) Preventive Maintenance of AN/PRC-25 Radio
- (27) Preventive First Aid
- (28) Combat Intelligence
- (29) KY-38 Operation
- (30) Driver Training for Testing and Licensing
- (31) Weekly Preventive Maintenance
- (32) Vehicle Safety
- (33) Shop Safety
- (34) Battle Sights (live firing)
- (35) Scouting and Patrolling
- (36) Techniques of Fire
- (37) Camouflage
- (38) Enemy Tactics
- (39) Armory (Operational Procedures)
- (40) Safety (Hand Grenade)
- (41) M-72 LAAW
- (42) XM-191 Multi-Shot Flame Thrower

b. The Battalion continued to utilize schools provided by Higher Headquarters in the DaNang area and Okinawa.

6. LOGISTICS

a. During the month of November 1970 the extension on the Battalion messhall was completed. This new extension enables the Battalion messhall to accommodate 150 additional Marines per hour.

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b. On 12 and 13 November this Battalion underwent the Command Material Management Inspection. The Battalion received satisfactory ratings with minor discrepancies in the following areas: Messhall, Embarkation, Motor Transport, and Ordnance. The mares Forestat received a satisfactory with no discrepancies. Engineering received an unsatisfactory rating and will undergo another inspection on 13 December.

c. In early November this Battalion opened an Logistic Support Unit at LZ Baldy in order to support our operational commitment in the Que Sons.

d. On 25 November this Battalion began to tighten the defensive perimeter around the Hill 34 Cantonment. A new defensive burm in the northwest sector is scheduled for completion by 12 December. To strengthen the defensive positions of the cantonment two towers from the northwest sector were moved to new positions by a CH-53 in order to serve as daytime observation posts.

7. CIVIC ACTION

a. In our continuous Civic Action Program much progress was made in the three hamlets of Cam-Hoa, Phu-Hoa and Phong-Bac.

b. Spare ammo boxes and some tin was given to Cam-Hoa for a much needed expansion of their school. We also distributed school supplies to approximately 100 school children. On two occasions apples and oranges were also given to the children.

c. Several truck loads of lumber and tin were given to Phu-Hoa to help this hamlet repair their school, which was partially destroyed in the typhoon, and also to build a hamlet market place. An equal number of school children were also given school supplies in this hamlet.

d. A truck load of tin was given to the hamlet of Phong-Bac to repair the roof of their school which was destroyed by the typhoon.

e. In addition the this, 7 employees of this Command were aided with spare wood in order to repair their homes.

f. Four Med-Caps were run this month treating approximately 350 people. Soap, tooth brushes, and toothpaste were distributed at these, along with health and sanitation pamphlets and demonstrations in the use of proper hygiene.

g. In the field of PsyOps, several leaflet drops were made in the Battalion AO along with several taped messages on such themes as "Rice Denial" "Chieu-Hoi" "The ARVN is strong enough to replace U.S. Troops" and "Health and Sanitation."

h. Also, use was made of a Culture Drama Team which performed in our area for a period of three days. This GVN propaganda team was very well received.

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i. There were no significant IRO problems during the month of November.

8. MEDICAL

a. Medical Services. A total of seven hundred and sixteen outpatients were seen during this report period. Of this total, thirty three were referred to other medical facilities for admission. Twenty two Complete Separation Physicals were done and one hundred and eighteen Limited Services were performed including PPD readings, mess physicals, brig physicals and sobriety exams. Twenty three pairs of single vision spectacles were ordered. Two hundred and ninety three prescriptions were filled and thirty five Vietnamese Nationals were treated. In addition, ~~four~~ Medcaps were held in Vietnamese hamlets.

b. Preventive Medicine. During this report period two hundred and six records were checked for immunizations and eight hundred and ninety seven immunizations were administered. Daily sanitation inspections were held and a formal inspection was held weekly with a written report submitted to the Commanding Officer. Effective rodent control measures are currently in operation. A program to control the number of dogs on the cantonment was brought to completion during this report period. Overall sanitation is considered to be satisfactory. A total of fourteen cases of Gonorrhea and four cases of Non-specific Urethritis were recorded during this report period. Sixteen of these cases cited contact in the DaNang area. These figures represent an increase of three cases from the last report period. Continued guidance at the platoon and company levels is suggested as a guide in decreasing the incidence of Venereal Disease in the Battalion. Overall health of the Battalion is considered to be good.

c. TRAINING. Due to tactical commitments, a total of only five medical training sessions were presented to troop personnel. These included such topics as Venereal Disease, Malaria, Field Sanitation and Self and Buddy Aid. A total of six lectures were given to Corpsman this report period including the following topics: Emergency Situations in the BAS, Sorting of Casualties, and Diagnosis and Treatment of Common Sick Call Complaints. Overall training is considered to be good.

9. COMMUNICATIONS. The Communication Platoon continued normal operation in support of the Battalion's missions during the month of November 1970.

10. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY EQUIPMENT, FOODSTUFF and ORDNANCE CAPTURED

16	Chicom Grenades	1	Helmets
1100	AK rds.	3	packs
53,110	lbs. rice	2	cameras
800	lbs. salt	1	Tape recorder
50	lbs. tobacco	16	Radio crystals
25	caves	1	Pair binoculars
10	huts	2	German made typewriters
05	Base camps	1	Compass

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02 Messhalls
02 Canteens

19 Rolls film
15 Gallons motor oil

12. ENTRIES. See Tab "A" to Enclosure (1) (Staff Journal for the period of 010001H to 302400H November 1970).

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓Tab "A" Staff Journal for period of 1 November through 30 November 1970.

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UNIT OR SECTION S-3, S-2 1st Bn., 5th Mar.

Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam
PLACE

010001H 012400H November 1970
FROM TO

TIME IN OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS JOURNAL OPENED	ACTION TAKEN
0725	1		Sent Cau Do river status report.	Div
1140	2		S-3D at FLC reports five full boxes of 81mm HE and one loose round were recovered from the beach and taken to ASP-2 by EOD personnel.	S
1335	3	011335H	Forecast of events for 2 November submitted.	Div, F
1458	4		Hoa Cam advisors requested emergency medevac for a man in a mine field.	S-3
1505	5		Requested emergency medevac from DASC. S-3 and FAC went to Hoa Cam.	DASC, S-3
1555	6		Medevac completed.	
1730	7		Instructed "D" company to secure from Sparrowhawk.	D
1833	8		Granted clearance for C Company to fire 60mm at (AT959737), (946737), (951736) and 81mm illum at (AT957735), and (950735).	C, FSOC
1850	9		Main gate reports a vehicle accident involving USMC truck.	S
1905	10	011905H	Received report of AA incidents from Div G-2.	S-2, F
2000	11		Submitted Cau Do River Status report.	Div

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022400H November 1970

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TIME IN OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS JOURNAL OPENED	ACTION TAKEN
0615	1		Reported results of 1 November beach patrol to Div COC.	S, Div
0725	2		Submitted Can Do River status report.	Div
1025	3		Reported to Div Engineers that RT 587 is open to Cobb Bridge.	Div
1225	4	021225H	Sent forecast of Events to Div COC.	Div, F
1430	5		OP Condor reports a sighting in upper Rumor Valley.	S
1450	6		An Army CH-54 landed at LZ-469 and requested instructions for picking up a 3rd 8" truck. 3rd 8" has no truck needing pickup so CH-54 was secured.	S, 3rd 8" HOW.
1500	7		Received OP Condor spot report of sighting.	Div, F
1520	8		D-3 is moving to check Op Condor sighting.	S
1615	9		Sparrowhawk standby secured by DASC.	D
1652	10		D-3 reports finding M-1 rifle in hut at (AT989732). Took M-1 to PFB.	S, Div
1653	11		Sent spot report to Div.	Div, F
1730	12		Called Hoa Vang to ask if the rifle belong to a PF.	HOA VANG
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TIME IN OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
			(cont.)	
1830	13	021830H	Received spot report from C Company. "Rifle" was an M-1 carbine ser # 574787. Sent correct ser# and description to Div COC and Hoa Vang.	S, F, Div, Hoa Vang
1945	14		Phoned Cau Do River report to Div Engineers.	Div
2106	15	022106H	Sent unit location sitrep to Div.	Div, F
0315	16	022315H	Received Recon Haven extension request.	S, F
			Summary: The Battalion continued to conduct patrols and ambushes throughout the assigned TAOR and to maintain forces ready for Quick Reaction Operations. A platoon from D Company was on standby for Sparrowhawk operations during most of the day.	
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TIME IN OUT	SER NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS JOURNAL OPENED	ACTION TAKEN
0007	1		S-3B reports ARVN's firing M-79's near 118th engineer compound North of FLC.	
0520	2		Div COC inquired if the planned operation is on schedule. Reply: yes.	
0600	3		Resorted to Div COC that no ordnance was found on the beach patrol yesterday.	
0655	4		LZ reports UH1E on the LZ.	
0700	5		Received Cau Do River survey report and sent same to Div Engineers.	Div
0810	6		LZ reports last passenger left the LZ for Baldy. Div COC informed.	Div
0900	7		Received overlay of an operation already underway from Hoa Cam.	
0945	8		Informed C Company of operation by Hoa Cam.	
1050	9		Queried Hoa Vang again re: ownership of M-1 carbine picked up yesterday. No definite reply. C Company was directed to return the rifle to the senior PF in the area.	Hoa Vang, C, S
1115	10		S-3B reports that investigation of 0007 incident indicates the firing was by PF's outside TACR.	
			(to be continued)	

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TIME		SER NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
				(cont.)	
	1250	11	031250H	Submitted Cau Do River status report.	Div, F
	1915	12		B Company reports changing company TAC to 57.35.	S
	1955	13	031955H	Sent unit location sitrep.	Div, F
	2110	14	032110H	Sent Cau Do River status report to Div.	Div
	2230	15		G-3 ops called requesting information re: firing near LZ-11. COC has no knowledge of this.	
				Summary: The Battalion CP (forward), A, B, one mortar section, and a flamethrower squad left for the Imperial Lake AO to commence a Battalion (-) operation. OPCON was passed to 5th Marines for the duration of the operation. C, D, and H&S (-) continued the defense of the TAOR, continuing day and night patrols and ambushes. A platoon from D Company was on standby for a Sparrowhawk operation most of the day.	
				JOURNAL CLOSED	

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TIME	SER	DATE	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP		TAKEN
				JOURNAL OPENED	
0128	1			C Company reports 40mm from Hill 327 impacting close to their left flank. MASS-3 requested to move the fire South.	MASS-3
0850	2	040840H		Sent Cau Do River survey to Div.	Div, F
1100	3	041100H		Submitted forecast of Events to Div.	Div, F
1110	4			Received resupply request from 1/5 liaison at Baldy.	S-4, B, XO
1315	5			Comm reports all landlines to Div are down.	S
1350	6	041330H		Received D Company spot report regarding sighting in Rumor Valley. S, F, Div	
1507	7			Div FSCC requested clearance to fire on (AT948728). Target is 6 VC in open. Passed info to Hoa Vang. Negative clearance.	Div, Hoa Vang
1950	8			Submitted Cau Do River survey report to Div. Div says reports no longer required.	Div
2101	9	042100H		Sent unit location sitrep to Div COC.	F, Div
				Summary: The Battalion (-) operation in the Que Son Mountains continues. Day and night patrols and ambushes continued throughout the Battalion TACR. The one platoon Sparrowhawk standby terminated at 0810H.	
				JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0010	1		(AT920712) cleared for searchlight for 1st Marines.	FSCC
1125	2	040725Z	Received and acknowledged 5th Marines 040725Z. 5th Marines COO watch officer says Battalion CP (forward) has received this information already and no further action is required.	S-3
1155	3	051155H	Sent forecast of events for 6 November 1970.	Div, F
2110	4	052110H	Sent unit location sitrep to Div COO.	Div, F
2315	5	052245H	Received Div G-2 agent report re: NVA rocket attacks.	F, S-2
			Summary: The Battalion (-) op- eration in the Que Son Mountains continues. Day and night patrols and ambushes continued through- out the Battalion TAOR.	
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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP		TAKEN
				JOURNAL OPENED	
1030		1	061030H	Sent forecast of events for 7 November 1970.	Div, F
1845		2		Requested 2 CH-46's to lift 106RR's to Que Sons 7 November.	DASC
1850		3		Directed H&S Company to provide one 106RR section for movement and employment in Que Son Mountains.	
2105		4	062105H	Sent unit location sitrep.	Div, F
2340		5		Div FSCC ordered cease fire from BT0070 to AT9269 for a medevac.	
				Summary: The Battalion (-) operation in the Que Son Mountains continues. Day and night patrols and ambushes continued throughout the Battalion TAOR.	
				JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0415		1	070141H	Received spot report from Med Battalion. Queried Med Battalion on details. Received complete spot and sent same to Div COC by phone 0835.	F. Div
	1100	2	071100H	Sent forecast of events to Div COC.	Div, F
	2115	3	072115H	Submitted unit location sitrep.	Div, F
				Summary: The Battalion (-) operation in the Que Sons continues. A 106 RR section was deployed to the Que Sons. The Battalion continued to conduct day and night patrols and ambushes throughout the TAOR.	
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082400H November 1970

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0810		1		Div COC reports "all units should prepare for possible flood conditions ahead of time to prevent serious incidents."	S
1140		2	081140H	Submitted forecast of events to Div COC.	Div, F
2055		3	082055H	Submitted unit location sitrep to Div COC.	Div, F
2215		4	082215H	Received 24th Corps report of rocket threat to Hoa Cam and Danang.	
				Summary: The Battalion (-) operation in the Que Son Mountains continues. Day and night patrols and ambushes continued throughout the Battalion TAOR.	
				JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0900		1		OP Condor reports a sighting in Rumor Valley. A patrol is moving to investigate.	C
0930		2	090928H	Spot report received Re: 0900 entry.	F, Div
1120		3	091120H	Sent forecast of events for 10 November 1970.	F, Div
2100		4	092100H	Submitted unit location sitrep.	F, Div
				Summary: The Battalion (-) operation in the Que Son Mountains continues. Day and night patrols and ambushes continued throughout the Battalion TAOR.	
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0850	1		8" HOW. patrol reports wire cut outside Hill 34 perimeter.	S
1025	2	101025H	Submitted forecast of events for 11 November 1970.	F, Div
2115	3	102115H	Submitted unit location sitrep.	Div, F
2220	4	102215H	Received C of S M.C. birthday message.	F
			Summary: The Battalion (-) operation in the Que Son Mountains continues. Day and night patrols and ambushes continued throughout the Battalion TAOR.	
			JOURNAL CLOSED	

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1010	1	111010H	Sent forecast of events for 12 November.	F
1935	2	111935H	Received 1st MarDiv GOC msg. 111920H concerning flood conditions.	XO, F
2105	3	112105H	Sent unit location sitrep to Div.	F, Div
			Summary: The Battalion (-) operation in the Que Son Mountains continues. Day and night patrols and ambushes continued throughout the Battalion TAOR.	
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1110	1	131110H	Submitted forecast of events for 14 November 1970.	F, Div
1330	2		Issued verbal order for continuation of the operation in the Que Son Mountains.	S
1500	3		Company D reports minor accident on Dai La range.	S
2100	4	132100H	Submitted unit location sitrep.	F, Div
2130	5	132130H	Received intelligence spot from Div G-2 re: suspected enemy activity at 917793.	S, F
			Summary: The Battalion (-) operation in the Que Son Mountains continues. Day and night patrols and ambushes continued throughout the Battalion TAOR.	
			JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0155	1		PLC COC relayed report of possible sighting at Camp Viking. B Company C.O. is investigating.	
1040	2	141040H	Submitted forecast of events for 15 November 1970.	F. Div
1330	3	141500H	Issued written Frag order 10-70.	All companies
1630	4	141630H	Received info copy of Quang Da request for extension of current AO extension.	M.F
1720	5		Received initial report of an incident in Hoa Khoung from HQ BN COC. Requested a spot report.	HQ BN
1740	6	141740H	Received spot from HQ BN on incident in Hoa Khoung. A Med Cap took one round from VC suspects. No casualties.	F. Div
1820	7	141820H	Received OSI report of expected rocket activity.	S-2, F
2120	8	142120H	Sent unit location sitrep to Div COC.	F. Div
			Summary: Company B returned from the 5th Marines TAOR and prepared to relieve company C on Hill 244. The operation in the Que Son Mountains continues with Company A and the Battalion CF (forward) OPCON to 5th Marines. Patrols and ambushes were conducted throughout the TAOR.	
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1000		1	151000H	Submitted forecast of events for 16 November 1970 to Div COC.	F, Div
1330		2	151330H	Received 1/5 (forward) forecast of events for 14, 15, 16 November.	F, XO
2110		3	152110H	Submitted forecast of events to Div COC.	F, Div
				Summary: B Company moved from Hill 34 to Hill 244 (Division Ridge and is providing security there and in Rumor Valley. D Company re- turned all units from FLC and Rumor Valley to Hill 34. FLC provided external security in the vicinity of their cantonment.	
				JOURNAL CLOSED	

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1050	1	161050H	Submitted forecast of operations to Div for 17 November F. Div	
1150	2	161150H	B3-2 Reported finding VM child with pneumonia vicinity (AT943729) called medevac completed at 1210. F	
1650	3	161650H	"Petrified Troy" reported engineer stakes in front of post 13 were down, also fence. Notified S-4 and CDD. F, CDD, S-4	
2110	4	162110H	Submitted unit location sitrep and tactical helolift report. F. Div	
2230	5		Requested artillery mission on abandoned Marine position at (ATO22445).	
			Summary: Commencing at 0710 the Battalion CP (forward) C and D Companies moved by helicopter to Baldy Combat Base for insertion into an AO in the Que Sons, vicinity (AT9943). With difficulty due to weather, A Co was withdrawn from the Que Sons and returned to Hill 34. The Battalion CP in the Que Sons had to be withdrawn from a point about 5 hours from their position and was finally extracted late in the afternoon and returned to Hill 34. All units returned to Hill 34. FLC provided external security in the vicinity of Camp Books, and B Company secured Hill 244 and Rumor Valley.	
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0700	1		Mustered the Battalion CP (forward) and C Company for movement to Que Son Mountains, and placed same in stand-by status.	
0845	2		Secured the standby of above units.	C, D, H&S
1040	3		Submitted forecast of events for 18 November 1970.	F, Div
1835	4	170600Z	Received 5th Marines COC msg 170600Z requesting further info on the operation planned in the Que Son Mountains.	S-2
1935	5	171138Z	Sent reply to above msg.	F
2110	6	172110H	Submitted unit location sitrep and tactical helolift report.	F, Div
			Summary: Continued to conduct day and night patrols and ambushes throughout the assigned TAOR. The Battalion CP (forward) and C Company were mustered at 0700 for movement to the Que Son Mountains. Weather prevented the insertion and all units were secured from standby at 0845. Company A assumed the responsibility for external security in the FLC vicinity and Rumor Valley.	
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0125	1		Received 5th Marines msg re-garding minimum load of class I for operation in Imperial Lake	S,
0730	2		B Company requested a medevac for 1 routine, 2 emergency, 1 permanent routine.	S, DASC
0740	3		B Company reports the request above is for PF's.	S, Hoa Vang
0750	4		Medevac is completed.	S
0830	5	180830H	Received spot report from B Company.	
1030	6	181030H	Sent spot report to Div.	F, Div
1040	7	181040H	Submitted forecast of events for 19 November.	F, Div
1638	8		B Company reports the explosion reported this morning by PF's was caused by a claymore being taken down by PF's.	S-3
1700	9	181700H	Sent follow-up spot to Div re-garding Claymore explosion.	F, Div
2121	10	182121H	Submitted unit location sitrep to Div	F, Div
			Summary: Continued to conduct day and night patrols and ambushes throughout the TAOR. The Battalion CP (forward) and C and D Companies again were prepared for insertion into the Que Son Mountains early	

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TIME	SER	DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
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1055	1	191055H	Submitted Forecast of Events for 20 November 1970.	Div. F
1125	2		Div COC directed set typhoon condition 4 for typhoon Patsy. All companies notified.	S, XO,
1720	3	190631Z	Received CG 1st MarDiv 190631Z setting typhoon condition 4.	
1755	4		Div reports C Company operation scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled due to WX.	S, C
2105	5	192105H	Submitted unit locations and tactical helolift report.	F, Div
2110	6	191130Z	Msg from CG extends operation Hoang Dien.	S-3
2140	7	180130Z	Received weekly plans summary from Division.	S
			Summary: Continued the defense of the assigned TAOR by day and night patrols and ambushes. Continuation of the operation in Que Son Mountains was prevented by weather and the use of helicopters in higher priority missions, including resupply and downed helicopter recovery.	
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0025	1		S.A. Haas Can called regarding vehicle accident. 504th MP's are investigating.	
0955	2	200955H	Submitted forecast of events for 21 November 1970.	F.Div
1849	3		Received priority medevac request from A-Blue.	DASC
1850	4	201850H	Received intelligence report from Div G-2 re: rocket attack.	S-2
1913	5		Medevac completed.	
2100	6	202130H	Submitted unit location Sitrep and technical helolift report.	Div, F
			Summary: Defense of the Battalion TACN continued through day and night patrols and ambushes. Two quick reaction companies and forward CP remained ready for employment in the Que Son Mountains.	
			JOURNAL CLOSED	

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1050	1	211050H	Submitted forecast of events for 22 November 1970.	Div, F
1145	2		Hoa Cam advisor reports 44th ARVN plan to fire on several selected targets on 7, 14, 21, 26 December.	B-3
1212	3		Received and passed on A-3's re- supply request	F, A
1700	4		Secured Sparrowhawk standby as directed by G-3 operations.	LZ, C, S
2100	5	212100H	Sent unit location sitrep and tactical helolift report to Div.	Div, F
2205	6		Received word that the typhoon has been downgraded to a tropical storm.	S
			Summary: Defense of the Battalion TAOR continued through day and night patrols and ambushes. Two quick reaction companies and forward CP remained ready for employment in the Que Son Mountains.	
			JOURNAL CLOSED	

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1020	1	221635Z	Went to flood condition 1, secured from typhoon condition 3. All companies notified.	S-4,XO
1135	2	221135H	Sent forecast of events to Div for 23 November 1970.	F,Div
1855	3		Received AO from 5th Marines for Que Son Operations.	S-3,M
2118	4	222118H	Submitted unit location sitrep to Div CCC.	F,Div
			Summary: Defense of the Battalion TAOR continued through day and night patrols and ambushes. Two quick reaction companies and Forward CP remained ready for employment in the Que Son Mountains.	
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0745	1		UH1E arrived on LZ.	S-3
1020	2		UH1E with CO and S-3 returned.	S
1040	3		Tactical helolift of C Company began.	
1155	4	231155H	Submitted forecast of events.	F, Div
1255	5		Resubmitted forecast of events.	
1335	6		Div Air reports S-3 of 5th Marines intends to insert "D" Company tomorrow.	S-3, D
1350	7		TAC requested additional details from 5th Marines.	
1945	8		Received 5 Zulu reports from 5th Marines COC	S-1
1945	9		Received and passed to S-3 and C-6 list of items lost aboard CH-46 which crashed this A.M.	S-3, C
2025	10		5th Marines COC reports they will submit the tactical helolift report.	S-3A
2105	11	232105H	Submitted unit location sitrep.	F, Div
			Summary: The Battalion began an operation in the Que Son Mountains. OFCOH to 5th Marines. During the insert of Company C, A CH-46 slid off the LZ and rolled over, resulting in injuries to five Marines of the Battalion. The CH-46 was recovered during the afternoon. Defense of the TAC continued through day and night patrols and ambushes. D Company remained ready for deployment to the Que Son Mountains.	
			JOURNAL CLOSED	

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0222	1		MASS-3 reports taking fire in perimeter bunker.	S-3
0223	2		Div COC informed of 0222 entry.	
0745	3		S-3 queried MASS-3 re: 0222 entry.	
1023	4	241023H	Submitted forecast of events for 25 November 1970.	Div, F
1745	5		Received resupply request from Battalion (forward).	S-4
1745	6		MASS-3 called on quick reaction force freq. Directed them to get off the freq and check in on D-177.	MASS-3
1755	7		Received intelligence report re: rocket attack on Hoa Cam and Daheang.	S, Hoa Vang
1815	8		S-3A went to Hoa Cam with intelligence report as they did not respond to radio and phone calls.	Hoa Cam
1850	9	241012Z	Received info regarding Recon AO near forward CP location.	S-3, F
1930	10		Received 9 Zulu reports from Baldr COC.	S-1, C, D
1950	11		Received resupply request from Battalion (forward)	S-4, Comm
2110	12		Submitted unit location sitrep.	F, Div
2153	13		Denied clearance of 5 grids requested by Div FSCC.	Div, FSCC
Summary: Company D joined the Battalion (-) in the Que Son Mountains. CP CON 5th Marines. The defense of the LCU continued through day and night patrols and ambushes.				
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0600	1		Battalion radio call-sign changed to "Blue Spruce". Frequencies also changed.
1040	2	261040H	Submitted forecast of events for 27 November 1970. F, Div
1645	3		Received Zulu report from Baldy COC D, S-1
2020	4		Received intelligence report regarding a hospital near the forward CP. S-2
2100	5		Submitted unit location report. F, Div
2115	6		Hoa can reports sighting enemy near night ambushes near Can Hoa (2). S-3A directed Hoa Can to hold fire. Hoa Vang and 1st Marines queried for possible lost personnel in the area, all report negative. Hoa Can fired illum but never identified sighting. S-3, XO
2245	6		Received cancellation of recon haven. S-3, M
			Summary: The Battalion (-) operation continued in the Que Son Mountains ONCOM 5th Marines. Defense of the TAOR continued through day and night patrols and ambushes.
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0005	1	290005H	Received Zulu report from Company "B".	S-1, F
1040	2	291040H	Sent forecast of events to Div.	Div, F
2100	3	292100H	Submitted unit location report.	Div, F
			Summary: The Battalion (-) operation continued in the Que Son Mountains OPCCOM 5th Marines. Defense of the TACR continued through day and night patrols and ambushes.	
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0145	1	300145H	Received message from 3 forward that they were moving to lower ground and had one emergency and 3 priority medevacs. If choppers available would come back to 34.	
			XO, S, F	
0145	2	300145H	Received message from 1st Marine Division terminating Op Hoang Dieu. S, M	
1015	3	301015H	Submitted forecast of events for 1 December 1970.	
			F, Div	
2115	4	302115H	Submitted unit location report.	
			F, Div	
2350	5	300920Z	Received Plan Summary for 1 December Querred 5th Marines CCG re: plan to insert A & B Companies in Que Sons 1 December. Directed CCG watch officer to query S-3 actual and tell him this cannot be executed in one day.	
			S-3	
Summary: The Battalion (-) operation continued in the Que Son Mountains of COM 5th Marines. Defense of the TAOR continued through day and night patrols and ambushes. Comm was lost with CP forward during the afternoon. Thus we are not sure when Battalion will get out of Que Sons. Plans as to insertion of A & B are uncertain.				
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