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

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(b) MMFPac0 5750.8B  
(c) Div0 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)

H&amp;S Company

Company A

Company B

Company C

Company D

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

S-2 Officer

S-3 Officer

S-3A Officer

S-3B Officer

S-4 Officer

S-5 Officer

Communication Officer

Battalion Surgeon

Assistant Battalion Surgeon

Supply Officer

Motor Transport Officer

Chaplain

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC	
	OFF	ENL
Chargeable	34	1075
Effective	33	1036

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USN	
OFF	ENL
3	48
2	47

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## PART II

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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.

<u>NVA KIA</u>	<u>VC KIA</u>	<u>POW's</u>	<u>CHIEU HOI's</u>	<u>DETAINES</u>	<u>WEAPONS</u>
00	01	00	00	00	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 fraged by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during the month of November. Air support for forward units OPCON to 5th Marines on Operation Imperial Lake was fraged 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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Leadership  
 Viet Cong Mines and Booby Traps  
 Drug Abuse  
 Familiarization firing of the M-16 and M-60  
 XM-174 Automatic Grenade Launcher  
 Forward Observer Procedures  
 Venereal Diseases  
 60mm Mortar, M-79 (live firing)  
 Uniform Appearance  
 Military Customs and Courtesy  
 Individual and Group Hygiene in the field  
 Handling of POW's  
 Troop Leading Steps  
 Conduct of Marines in and out of the field  
 Anti-Personnel Mine M18A1  
 AN/PRC-25 Radio  
 M-26 Hand Grenade  
 Training of 81mm Mortar Crews  
 81mm Mortar (live firing)  
 Physical Training  
 Care and Cleaning of the 106mm Recoilless Rifle  
 Crew Training of the 106mm Recoilless Rifle  
 Preventive Maintenance of AN/PRC-25 Radio  
 Preventive First Aid  
 Combat Intelligence  
 KY-38 Operation  
 Driver Training for Testing and Licensing  
 Weekly Preventive Maintenance  
 Vehicle Safety  
 Shop Safety  
 Battle Sights (live firing)  
 Scouting and Patrolling  
 Techniques of Fire  
 Camouflage  
 Enemy Tactics  
 Armory (Operational Procedures)  
 Safety (Hand Grenade)  
 M-72 LAW  
 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: Meshall, Embarkation, Motor Transport, and Ordnance. The mares Forestat received a satisfactory with no descrepancies. 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 burn 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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PLACE010001H 012400H November 1970  
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TIME IN/OUT	SER NO	DATETIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS		ACTION TAKEN
			JOURNAL OPENED		
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), (916-737), (951736) and 81mm illum at (AT957735) and (950735).		C, FSCC
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
			(to be continued)		

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2115	12	012115H	Submitted unit location Sitrep to Div COC.	Div. F
2225	13	012212H	Received G-2 agent report of rocket activity vic Hoa Cam.	S.F.
2300	14	012300H	Received day and night acts from C Company.	S.F.
Summary: The Battalion continued to conduct patrols and ambushes throughout the assigned TACR, 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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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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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		Reported 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 TAOR.	
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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 FSAC 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 TAOR. The one platoon Sparrowhawk standby terminated at 0810H.	
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			JOURNAL OPENED	
0155	1		FLC COC relaved 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 CP (forward) OPCON to 5th Marines. Patrols and ambushes were conducted throughout the TAOR.	
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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 VN child with pneumonia vicinity (ATO43729) 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 OOD.	F, OOD, 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 (ATO9943). 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	5	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 per- manent 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 explos- ion 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 COG.	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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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, X0,
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 Dieu.	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 pre- vented by weather and the use of helicopters in higher prior- ity missions, including resupply and downed helicopter recovery.	
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0025	1		S.A. Haa Cam 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 tactical helolist report.	Div, F
			Summary: Defense of the Battalion TACR continued throughout 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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1020	1		221635Z	Went to flood condition 1. secured from typhon 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	231100H	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		FAC 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, O'CON 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 TAOR continued through day and night patrols and ambushes. D Company reinsured ready for deployment to the Que Son Mountains.	
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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 set off the freq and check in on D-177. MASS-3	
1755	7		Received intelligence report Re: rocket attack on Hoa Cam and Danang. S.Ho, 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 Baldy 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 Hue Son Mountains. CINCOW 5th Marines. The defense of the AOR continued through day and night patrols and ambushes.	JOURNAL CLOSED

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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 Cam 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 hawan.	S-3, M
			Summary: The Battalion (-) operation continued in the Que Son Mountains. CMCOM 5th Marines. Defense of the FABR continued through day and night patrols and ambushes.	
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0345	1		Passed on info re: Hoa Cam sightings at 2115 to Div COC.	
0950	2	270950	Submitted forecast of events for 26 November 1970.	F.Div
2120	3	272120H	Submitted unit location report.	Div, F
			Summary: The Battalion (-) operation continued in the Cu Son Mountains. CP/COL 5th Marines. Defense of the IACR continued through day and night patrols and ambushes.	
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0900	1		Requested a CH-54 to lift towers on Hill-54 from Div Air.	Div
1000	2	281000H	Submitted forecast of events for 29 November 1970.	F, Div
2105	3	282105H	Submitted unit location report.	F, Div
			Summary: The Battalion (-) operation continued in the Line Son Mountains. OPCOM 5th Marines. Defense of the TACO continued through day and night patrols and ambushes. S-3A effected liaison with 51st Armor Group, AHV1 regarding their planned move to ASP and Camp Nonahan. The 366th MBS (USA) was contacted regarding security in their dump next to Camp Nonahan.	
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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 On 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 Quercd 5th Marines CCC re: plan to insert A & B Companies in Que Sons 1 December. Directed CDC 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 CFCOM 5th Marines. Defense of the FAUC 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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