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

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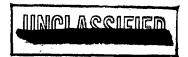
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY, 2ND BATTALIOM, 5TH MARINES, MAY 1968

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATA.

- A. Location: 1-16 May 1968, Cao Doi, RVN 17-31 May 1968, Phu Gia, RVN
- B. Commanding Officer, Staff Officers and Company Commanders:

	· ·			
• •	Commanding Officer	LtCol E. C. CHEATHAM JR.	1-31	May68
	Executive Officer	Maj O. K. STEELE Capt R. E. STONER	1-31	May68
	Adjutant		1-31	May68
	S-1	lstLt W. I. SHICK	1-31	May68
	S-2	lstLt E. T. ALTON	1-31	May68
	S-3	Maj E. G. DYER	1-31	May68
	S-3A	lstLt T. D. MARTIN		May68
		lstLt T. A. KEENE	8-31	May68
	S-3B	latLt S. R. BROWN		May68
	S-4	lstLt G. R. HOFMANN JR.	1-31	May68
	CommO	Capt D. J. POWERS	1-31	May68
	Supply0	2ndLt D. T. WELSH	1-31	May68
	MTO	2ndLt D. T. WEISH 1stLt G. A. ZURENDA Capt H. F. PYLE JR.	1-31	May68
	LLO	Capt H. F. PYLE JR.	1-31	May68
	FAC		1-10	May68
		Capt R. L. THACKER	23-31	
	CO H&S Co	lstLt A. A. DORNBACH	1-6	May68
	••	lstLt T. D. MARTIN	6-31	May68
	CO Co E		1-10	
		2ndLt P. R. McCONNELL	10-18	Мау68
	· .	Capt J. J. NORTON	18-31	May68
	CO Co F		1-7	May68
	•	lstLt C. W. FULFORD	8-31	May68
	₹20 Co G	lstLt D. A. DOVE	1-31	May68
	CO Co H	Capt G. D. HENDRICKSON	1-31	May68

C. Average Monthly Strength.

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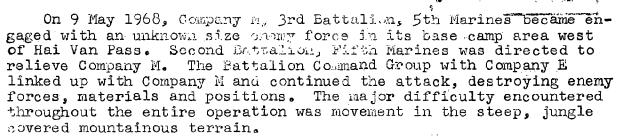
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II. NARRATIVE SUIMARY.

During May the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines continued its mission of protecting the Division MSR. By employing numerous company and platoon size patrols into known and suspected enemy assembly areas, and conducting squad and smaller size ambushes along enemy routes of approach to the MSR, this task was successfully accomplished.







On May 17th, the Battalion Command Post displaced from Cao Doi, ZD054023, to its new site at Phu Gia Pass, AT833999.

EXI. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

- A. Fersonnel and Administration.
 - l. Casualties.

	BAT	TLE		:		E	
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2. Joined during May.

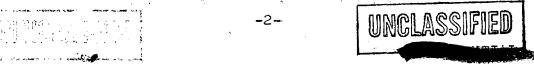
3. Transferred during May.

- li. Marrative Summary: Chargeable strength remained above 90% of the maxning level for the complete month of May.
 - 5. Problem Areas.

e. Administrative supplies continue to be unavailable; Fitness Reports, VA Insurance forms for SQLI, Pages 9, 11, 5, 13, PAR:s; Holisted Contracts CDD4, DD214, UDB's and DD114 Military Orders.

b. Addressograph machines are in poor condition and ribbons are unavailable.

B. Discipline, Law and Order.





- 1. Courts-Martial; Tried 7 diding 3
 2. Non-Judicial Punishment 24
 - a. By Battalian Commander 8
 b. By Company Commanders 14
- C. Morale, PX and Chaplain's Activities.
 - 1. Morale is considered excellent.
- 2. Non-availability of PX facilities has not been deterimental to morale or performance. Necessary items were made available through SP Packs and consolidated runs to exchange facilities in Phu Bai.
- 3. Chaplain's Activities: The Battalion Chaplain conducted 32 Catholic services in May with 875 Marines in attendance. These services were held in each of the company areas to facilitate attendance. Protestant services were also held in the company areas by chaplains from Phu Bai and the Chaplain from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. There were 9 services which were attended by 230 Marines. For Protestant coverage to be more universal and more regular in the Battalion, the Chaplain from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines has assumed the responsibility for Protestant services. This month the Chaplain received a vehicle to be used solely for Chaplain's matters. Previously the Chaplain had to share a vehicle with other sections. Having a vehicle greatly facilitates the conduct of divine services as well as pastoral visits to the Marines. For 8 days of this month, the Chaplain accompanied the Battalion Command Group to the field. No services were held at the time because of the tactical situation. However, prayers were said for the dead and the wounded were visited. Memorial services were conducted 3 times this month at company formations where all took part. Other religious services were held in two village churches at the request of the local religious leaders. These were attended by Marines as well as many of the people in the villages. A visit was made to the orphanage at Nuoc Ngot and excess food was given to them. Visits were made to the CAP units within our TAOR and to Battery A, 1st LAAM Battalion. The Chaplain conducted hospital visits in both Phu Bai and DaNang. A total of 18 wounded and sick were visited. There were 23 counselling sessions with the Marines at both the CP and the company offices.

D. <u>Intelligence</u>.

1. General. Intelligence information during the month of May was collected from various sources including: G-2, Task Force X-Ray; S-2, 5th Marines; 1st CI; 15th ITT: CAP-H-Hq's; Phu Loc District Headquarters; Force and Division Reconnaissance units; and

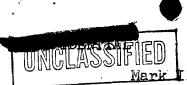
the local populace of Phu Lee Distric significant addition to the intelligence sources was the March Chief of Lang Co. With, the re-emphasis of the rewards program, villagers of Lang Co have led Marine units to surprise explosive devices, and of particular importance, a downed helicopter. In addition a civilian from Tho Son (H) voluntarily assisted Marines in combat patrols in the Phu Gia area.

- a. A study of all incidents and intelligence reports helped to determine the pattern of action taken by the enemy. The enemy's activity revolved around the interdiction and harrassment of friendly units along and inclusive of Highway #1. Although the enemy did not renew the anticipated offensive to the predicted intensity, there were several sharp contacts which coincided with the enemy's mission to collect and transport rice.
- 2. Each company commander had at his disposal an S-2 Scout, a Kit Carson Scout, and in the cases of Companies E and H, a Vietnamese Interpreter. It has been found that the Kit Carson Secuts take an aggressive role and play an intergal part in operations smaller than company size. In addition a sub-team of the 13th lift was assigned to the Battalion, providing a rapid report of information gained from detaineds and documentary sources.
- 3. Due to the flat rice paddy area characteristic of a portion of the AO, the FPS-6 Radar sets were utilized by Companies E, F and H. Fach company has at least five Marines who have been trained as operators. Of particular significance was the radar's ability to find and fix suspected night targets to be fired upon by 81mm mortars. The S-2 section also conducted classes for each company on the proper handling and tagging of FOW's/detainees, captured gear and equipment.

ha Statistics of Casualties and Equipment:

B-40 Rocket Launchers	3	CAPTURED
AK-47	2	CAPTURED
К44	· 1	CAPTURED
3KS	٠٦	CAPTURED
MAS-36	1	CAPTURED
PPS SMG	1	CAPTURED
M-1 Carbines	2	CAPTURED
ChiCom Grenades	6	1 CAPTUREI

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II Grenades

TNT

Gunpowder (Russiam)

Satchel Charges

Blasting Caps

Plastic Explosives

- Pull Fuzes

Claymore Miner

B -10 Rocket hounds

40mm FE Rounds

AK-47 Rounds

RPD MG Rounds

RPD MC Ammo Drums

As-147 Magazines

N-1 Carbine Magazines 3 CAPTURED

9mm Wagazines

. 181mm Monter Bipod

82mm Mortar Base dap & Ball

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Packs :

Carrying Seeks

Cartridge Belts

lith Helmet

Green Uniforms

Sweat Shirts.

2 CAPTURED

9 lbs CAPTURED

200 lbs CAPTURED

12 CAPTURED

2885 CAPTURED

100 lbs CAPTURED

1 CAPTURED

2 GAPTURED

156 CAPTURED

9 CAPTURED

4500 CAPTURED

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130 sets CAPTURED

25 CAPTURED







Ponchos

Hammocks

ChiCom Grenade Poushes

M-16 Magazine Pouches

K-Bar

Binoculars

Gas Mask (U.S.)

Flash Light Batteries

Sleeping Bag

MVA Flag

Rice

Salt

Beans

Moddles

Fish Sauce (5 gal cans)

Flasma Bottles

Pendefillin Botoles

Intravolucio Tubes

Asserted Modical Supplies

Assorted Clothing

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Living Shelvers

Mess Halls

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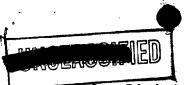
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E. Training.

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2. Division and higher level formal schools training was as follows:

a.	Division Leadership Schools	13
b.	Vietnamese Language School (III MAF)	1
C.	Vietnames: Language School (Okinawa)	1
đ.	Embarkation School (Okinava)	l
e a	Division Embarkation School	1
ſ.	Basic Organic Supply Accounting School	LL
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F. Special Operations.

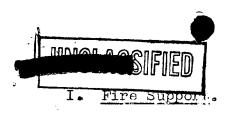
- 1. Throughout May, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines provided security for its assigned sector of the Division MSR.
- 2. Commany H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines assumed operational control of 3rd Platoon, Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines from 9-16 May 1968.
- 3. Second Battalion, Fifth Marines assumed operational control of Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines for participation in ground operations against enemy forces 11-16 May 1968.
 - 4. From 9-16 May 1968, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines divided its forces to conduct ground operations against enemy forces in the mountainous terrain in the vicinity of AT869907.
 - 5. On 16 May 1968, Octopany G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines returned to the operational control of its parent battalion.
 - 6. On 17 May 1968, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines shifted its AO to encompass the AO voided by the displacement of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. The new AO extends from the vicinity of Claymore Pass, ZD100010, to the south side of Hai Van Pass, AT940878, with the new command post located at Phu Gia Pass, AT833999.
- 7. Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines assumed operational control of the 2nd Platoon, Company H. 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from 28-29 May 1968.

H. Close Combat.

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1. The 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines continued its participation in Operation HOUSTON with the primary mission of providing security for the Division MSR. The majority of the contact was by platoon or squad size ambushes engaging enemy resupply columns. See Part IV (#2).







- 1. Battery F. 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery B, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines were in direct support of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines and supported unit operations in the Battalion AO.
- 2. Battery W, 2nd Battalion, 13th Marines; Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines; Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines; Battalion, 11th Marines; and the USS North Bay all provided fire support for the Battalion.
- 3. Battery E fired 82 missions expending 1010 rounds of ME, 79 rounds of WP, 45 rounds of illumination; 5 rounds of HC smoke and 1 round of Bos Hive and 18 CORFRAM rounds.
- 4. Bettery B fired 14 missions expending 107 rounds of HE, 26 rounds of WP and 3 rounds of illumination.

5. Significant Fire Support Events.

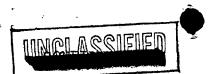
a. Battery E displaced from Phu Loc Fire Base to the area of ZDC55018 and provided close and continuous fire support for the eastern sector of the Battalion's AO.

b. Battery B displaced to the area of AT870997 to provide direct support for the committee of the Battalian's AO,

J. Fir Support.

- 2. Tactical six Support. A total of 281 tactical air support missions were flown in support of the Battalion consisting of 372 sorties.
- a. Deep Air Support. The Battalion's FSCC requested 235 TPQ-10 missions from the Regimental MSCC.
- controlled 20 missions consisting of 40 conties. Of these, 4 missions (8 conties) were recovided by armed helicopters and 16 missions (32 sorbies) by fixed wing. Of these missions, 15 were controlled by TACA/FAC (Airborne) and 5 missions controlled by ALO/FAC (Ground).
- Assault Heliappter Operations. The Battalion requested and executed 2 heliappter assaults which consisted of 66 sorties. These assaults were planned and accomplished as a part of Operation Heliappter.





- d. Aerial Observation and Visus Beconnaissance. The Battalian utilized 15 aerial observation missions consisting of 15 sorties and 7 visual reconnaissance missions. Both were provided by Regimental Command and Control aircraft.
- e. Flare-Ships. The Battalion requested and received 2 missions which consisted of 2 sorties.
- 2. Administrative and Logistics Support. 42 administrative and logistics support missions were flown in support of the Battalion accusisting of 160 sorties.
- a. Resupply, The Battalion utilized 10 missions (26 sorties) for resupply; of these, 5 missions (16 sorties) were provided by the Regimental Command and Convrol aircraft.
- p. Administrative Troop Lifts. The Battalion utilized A adminstrative troop lists consisting of 54 sorties.
- c. Medical Evacuations. The Battalion requested and received 28 missions (80 sorties) of which 21 missions (40 sorties) were provided by Regimental Command and Control aircraft. There were 15 emergency, 23 priority and 29 routine medical evacuations.

A. Legisties.

d Decreases the sections

- Regimental LSA to dependent units and the poor prafficability of the MSR caused by the heavy engineer roadwork created an increase in logistical problems for this Battalian. Many of the problems encountered were subsecuently solved by such measures as; relocating an engineer's water point closer to the Command Post, assignment of additional non-organic motor transportation, establishing larger dumps for all classes of supply at Battalian and Company Jevel and greater use of helicopters for transportation of personnel and supplies.
- 2. A detachment of the 1st Motor Transportation Battalion, consisting of five 6x6 % ton trucks, were attached to support the Battalion's increased logistical requirements.
 - located and now occupies a full Butler-type warehouse. A complete inventory of all Class II and IV supply items was conducted in conjunction with the move. A complete inventory and reconcilation as all combat losses from Operation HUE CITY was completed on May 1968. A greater postion of the Battalion supply assets have been displaced to the forward Command Post to assist in the mangagement and distribution of the larger quantities of supplies now being handled.

received 20 new MIDE at ton tracks, replanting the Mh22Al as the Battalion's prime organic motor transport vehicle. Driver maintenance classes were conducted for all drivers prior to issue.

c. Mess. In order to provide troops in the field with the maximum number of hot meals, two field kitchens have been established; one company size located on the summit of Hail Van Pass and the other at the Battalion Command Post at Phu Gia Pass. At least one meal a day is of "A" ration variety. Fresh atores are drawn from FLC, Dallang, and delivered daily to field mosses.

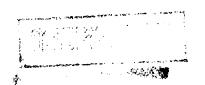
d. Communications Platoon.

- (1) Radio Section. As part of Operation HOUSTON, the Battalion conducted a search in the mountains in the vicinity of AT869307. The field expedient RC-292 Antenna was employed during this operation. To compensate for the high jungle canopy, communications wire and weighted ends were utilized to throw lines over high tree limbs thus enabling the AR-68 and one mast section to be pulled to the top. By employing this field expedient, good communications with all units were maintained. The Regimental tactical naw was maintained by virtue of a secies of re-transmission sites established by Regiment.
- (2) Wire Section. Wire construction at the Cao Dof command post was torn down and the new command post at Phu Gia was wired with a minimum of effort and delay. Phones were installed at the Lang Co Bridge to enable the company commander to commundate with his attached 105 receilless rifles.
- (3) Massage Genter. Talatype nets have been employed at the tab I-of Command Post and the Phu Gia Command Post to Degiment. Courter runs have been utilized when nets have been down due to equipment problems.
- (h) Electronics Repair Shop. The Repair Shop prepared the Communications Platoom for an embarkation inspection and the Division Communication Inspection. PRG-25's, telephones and RT-52h's wave turned into FISS-A for 3rd Echelon maintenance.

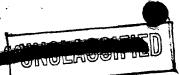
o. Battalion Aid Station.

(1) Significant Events.

(a) On a May 1968, an informal inspection of the DLS Capilities was made by Captain JONES, the Division Surgeon







who esconted Captain WITWER, Medical Limiter to Headquarters Marine Corps.

(b) On 10 May 1958, a quarterly Administrative Inspection was conducted by the Division Surgeon's Office. The inspection team headed by LCDR E. W. RISER, MSC, USN inspected Medical Records and Administrative procedure. Training and Medical Supply.

(c) On 16 May 1968, the forward BAS was moved from Cac Dei to the Phu Gia Pass with the Battalion Command Group.
Two Hospital Corpsmen accompanied the forward CP to Hai Van Pass for two days.

(2) New Developments.

(a) The BAS at Phu Bai has been assigned a third building for storage of IOL and Bulk supply.

(b) The Regimental surgeon has opened a ward of the Bas to serve the 5th Marines. With this ward available the present ward in the BAS has been converted to quarters for Hospital Jorosmen.

- (3) Average number of patients seen daily...35
 Number of military patients seen this month.744
 Number of referrals to outpatient clinics...65
- (4) Routinue Medical Complaints.

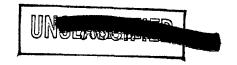
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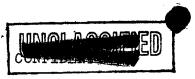
(ii) Permanology complaints continue to be the most eigenfileant.

L. Civic Action/Civil Affairs.

1. <u>Givin Action</u>. During this reporting period, the S-5 section has centered its effort on initating projects of self help for the Vistnamese people.

a. Sand bags and lumber were donated to the people of Loan by, A583975, for the purpose of building defensive shelters.







Also, 1,500 pounds of cement was given to the village to enable them to build a well.

- b. Two-hundred pounds of food was given to the needy rerestled families and the Catholic orphanage located in the village of Lang Co, AT884964. The hospital at Lang Co received two stretchers from the Battalion to be used as operating tables.
- c. A highly successful med-cap was held at the village of Lang Co during which 110 people were treated.
- d. Visits have been made to all the village and hamlet thiefs in the Battalion: AO. The purpose of the visits was to see what grievances and problems the S-5 section could render assistance in.
- e. During this reporting period many incidents occurred againing an investigation. In some cases a solatium payment was ache after a thorough investigation of the reported incident.
- 2. <u>Psychological Operations</u>. The Battalion has made various leaflet drops and aerial broadcasts with the NVA/VC being the police targets.

#FAR GREET	AUDIAS CE

THEME

WVA/76

These Planes Will Destroy You

Rally Instructions

You are Decembed by your Leaders

Defect or Dia

The War may last 10 Years

Are You Sick or Wounded

Civi ima

NVA Soldiers look down on You







2nd Bn, 5th Marines Cao Doi, RVN 091200H May 1968

Commanding Officer To: Companies E and H

FRAG ORDER 12-68

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1. SITUATION

- A reinforcing enemy unit of unknown size is presently engaging Co M. 3/5, vicinity AT868907.
- Second Battalion, Fifth Marines Command Group and Co E (Rein).
 - (1) Co M attached when command and control can be effected.
 - (2) Co E attach HST, engineers and lat Plat, Co H.

2. MISSION

Consititute a reaction force to join forces with Co M, 3/5 and continue the attack to destroy enemy personnel, positions and materials.

3. EXECUTION

- Second Bettalion, Fifth Marines and Co E (Rein) move to gamume the attack vicinity AT868907 via helolift on 091400H May 1968.
- Second Battalann, 5th Marines Command Group moves as directed by helicopter leading plan to LZ and direct attack to link up with Co M, 3/5, assume control of Co M when command and control is effected.
- c. Co E move as directed by helicopter landing plan to LZ and on order ecomence attack to effect link up with Co M.

d. Loading Plan.

- Loading Site Phu Los Fire Beas, 20078988
- Loading Plan Co E, followed by Command Group, followed by lat Plat, Co H. LZ - AT853950 TOD - 091400H May 1968





- h. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS
 - a. Pack rations for 3 days.
 - b. Resupply by helicopter.
 - c. Casualty evacuation by helicopter.
- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS
 - a. Co M, 3/5, call sign is Seaside Mike. Will some up on Sattalion TAC when command and control is effected by the commander.
 - b. Normal

E. C. CHEATHAM JR. Lieutenent Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps Commanding

OFFICIAL:

E. G. DYER Major, U. S. Harine Corps S-3



2nd Battalion, 5th mes S-3

Date 1 May 88

01000H

TO 012400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
		s-3	New Jornal pened
0456	2.	S - 3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
0717	3	Eng	Road sweep begins
0833	4	E	All night activities secured
0855	5	Eng	Road sweep in TAOR completed
0918	6	F	All night activities secured
1013	7	F	F3C at CKPT# 1 (ZC157997)
1031	8	F	F3A at ZC158999, F3B at ZC154995
1100	9	F	F3B at ZC143000
1105	10	F	F3A at ZC165981
1115	11	F	F3B at ZD134002
1115	12	S -3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
1225	13	F	F3B at ZC146993
1300	14	F	F3A at ZD190004
1350	1 5	E	Co. E (-) at ZC103957
1645	16	S-3	Planned Ops. Summary sent
1700	17	S - 3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
1939	18	E	Co. E (-) at ZC109949
2047	19	F	All night activitiy set in
21.08	20	H	All night activities set in
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0001	1	s - 3	New Journal opened	
0125	2	s-3	Phu Bai receiving 82mm mortar fire	
0637	3	F	All night activities secured	
0712	4	H	All night activities secured	
0720	5	Eng	Ro ad sweep began	·-
0825	6	Eng	Road sweep in TAOR completed	
0858	7	F	F3C at ZC147993	
0945	8	F	F3B at ZC154985	part 1000
1010	9	F	F3A at ZC137987	
1015	10	F	F3B at ZC158980	
1105	11	S - 3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent	
1200	12	S - 3	Posit report: F3A,F3B and F3CP at ZCll	.6993 ,
	*	*	F3C at ZD142007, E1 at ZC104975, and	
The second	*	*	H3 at ZC163996.	
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27	2300	S - 3	Planned Ops. summary and 6 Hour
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4	0555	S-3	6 Hr Sit Rep sent
5	0710	Engr	Road sweeps north and south departing
6	0755	E	Back at ZC067971
7	0834	Engr	Road sweeps in TAOR completed
8	0840	F	All night activities secured
9	0851	H .	at ZC067960
10	1010	Н	At objective at ZC068967
11 .	1049	S-3	6 Hr Sit Rep sent
12	1100	s - 3	Posit report: Co E at ZC068962 and F3A at ZD158022
13	1216	S-3	Posit Report: Co E and H at Obj at ZCO68967, F3A
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14	1234	F	F3A at ZD185021
15	1305	F	F3B leaving CP (ZD138023)
16	1325	S-3	Posit report: Co E and H no change; F3A at ZD187011
17	1353	F	F3B at ZC167997
18	1355	S-3	Co E ordered to return to Phu Loc
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11	1150	F	F1A at ZC132998##
12	1207	F	FIA at ZD162006, in CP
13	1330	F	F2C at ZC1146996
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16	1501	F	F2A at ZD180025
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20	2256	F	All Co. F night activitiesset in
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4	0713	Ŧ	All night activities secured
5	0730	Engr	Road sweeps in TAOR completed
6	1100	s-3	6 Hr Sit Rep sent
7	1102	F	F3B at CP (ZD152010)
8	1320	F	F3B at ZD159019
9	1337	F	F3C departing CP (ZD152010)
10	1352	F	F3B back in CP (ZD152010)
11	1427	F	F3C at ZD143029
12	1440	F	F3C at ZD135019
13	1647	s-3	6 Hr Sit Rep sent
14	2052	F	All night activities set in
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6.	0910	F	FIA leaving CP (ZD149010)
7	0930	F	FlA at ZC157996
8	0952	F	FlA at ZC164999
9	1055	S- 3	6 Hour situation report completed
10	1119	F	F1B at ZD169012
11	1156	F	FIB at ZD182024
12	1322	F	F1B at ZD156021
13	1359	F	F1B at CP (ZD149010)
14	1450	F	Flc at Zcluu985
15	1520	F	FlC at ZD140002
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17	1650	s- 3	6 Hour situation report completed
18	1845	81's	RockCrusher receiving mortar fire
19	1930	81's	RockCrusher receiving mortar fire
20	2011	F	All night activities set in
21	2200	S-3	Planned Ops. summary sent in
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3	0610	E	All night activities secured
4	0618	F	All Night activities secured
5	0643	Н	All night activities secured
6	0706	Engr	Road sweeps north and south departed
7	0805	H=	H2B at 2D969022
9	0810	Engr	Road sweeps in TAOR completed
9	0837	Н	H2B at YD985024
10	0910	Н	H2B at YD990030
11	0915	F	F2A departing CP (ZD151011)
12	1057	H	H2B at ZD010031
13	1058	S-3	6 Hr Sit Rep sent
14	1120	F	F2A at ZC168985
15	1203	F	F2C at CP (ZD151011)
16	1286	F	F2A at ZC158989
17	1403	F	F2C at 20145996
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20	2023	F	All night activities set in
21	2200	S-3	Planned Ops sent
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6	0830	Engr	Road sweeps in TAOR completed
7	1100	S-3	6 Hr Sit Rep sent
8 :	1125	s-3	BnCP put on 30 minute alert
9	1300	S-3	Command Group leaves for Phu Loc and
			CP in tunnel becomes X=Ray
19	1550	s-3	Co D's 3rd Plat, 1/5, placed under
			operational control of Co H
11	1656	\$-3	6 Hr Sit Rep sent
12	1950	Н	H2 under small arms fire
13	2005	F	F2C at ZC158980 observes VC at ZC165998
14 `	2021	F	Co F(-) sets in blocking posit at ZD
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15	2155	8-3	Planned Ops sent
16	2225	F	Swept area negative results
17	8245	S-3	6 Hr Sit Rep sent

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2	0020	F	Co. F captures 1 VC in vicinity 165000
3	0310	S-3	Troui River CAP receiving mortar fire
4	0313	s-3	RockCrusher receiving mortar fire
5	0546	S- 3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent in
6	0705	S-3	Wounded VC dies of wounds
7	0716	Eng.	Road sweep north and south departs
8	0855	Eng.	Road sweep in TAOR completed
9	0916	F	F3C at ZD140000
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11	1012	F	F2 finds a "Chieu Hoi" at 175996
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4	0847	S-3	C.G. moves out from above position
5	1200	S-3	C.G. and units continuing up Hill 110
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. 6	1530	S-3	C.G. and units continuing up Hill 100
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4	0845	Engr	Road sweeps in TAOR completed
5	0932	Engr	Working on destroying bridge at ZD0870
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7	1100	S-3	6 Hr Sit Rep sent
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2	0730	S-3	C.G. and units move out, continue
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3	1135	S-3.	C.G. reaches top of Hill 1100
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	1700.	S-3	C.G. and units continue movement to
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1	0001	S-3	New Journal opened
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5	0720	F	All night activities secured
6	0908		F3B at 148969
7	0910	Eng	Road sweep in TAOR completed
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9	1308	F	F3A at ZD120011
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11	1656	S-3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent im
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1	0700	S-3	C.G. moves to Co M8s CP area AT 869907
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3	0815	s-3	Co M and E sweeping to southeast to
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1	0700	S-3	Eng. began clearing of LZ area
22	0720	S-3	Co. E sweeps south, Co. M sweeps to
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33	e 815	8-3	Helocopters medevac remaining WIAs
4	0910	S-3	KIAs and additional gear lifted from area
5	1045	S - 3	All KIAs and gear removed
6	1057	S-3	Food and resupply arrives
7	1250	E	El in contact at AT886905, 1 KIA USMC
8	1450	SthMar	Regt sends Frag Order for QM units
	*	*	to sweep south and southeast on 14-15 May
9	1710	S-3	Night ambushes set in: Co. M's at AT865906
	*	*	and Co. E's at AT872904
10	1920	S-3	Helocopter picks up Co. E's KIA
11	2000	S - 3	Co. E and M set in night defenses
12	2145	Regt	New Frag order received from Begt to
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3	1210	S- 3	Units find various weapons at above po
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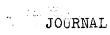




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1	0600	S-3	C.G. and units established LZ in
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2	0820	S-3	Co. M, 3/5, returned to operational
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4	0826	S-3	Co. M helolifted to posit
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1	0001	S-3	New Journal Opened
2	0500	S-3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep& sent in
3	0600	Eng	Road sweep north and south departed
4	0655	H	All night activities secured
5	0828	Eng	Road sweep in TAOR completed
6	1055	S-3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent in
7	1330	S - 3	Jump CP took over control of Bn from
	#	#	Cao Doi Tunnel CP.
8	1340	E	Co. E secured at new posit (AT886952)
9,	1400	G	Co. G established at new posit (AT939917)
10	1600	H	Co. H secured at new posit (AU810017)
11	1 630	S - 3	Night activities for 17 May from
	*	*	Co.s E.G and H sent in
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13	2005	Н	All night activities set in
14	2210	S-3	5th Marines notified that due to the
	*	*	new requirements placed on 2/5 by Regt.,
	*	*	Planned Ops. Summary would be late
15	2257	S-3	6 Hr. Sit. report sent in
16	2259	S-3	All 2/5 Co.s notified of new requirements
	*	*	for day/night activities.

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3	0621	F	All night activities secured
4	0625	E	All night activities secured
. 5	0647	Eng	Road sweep North and South departing
6	0703	E	E2C leaving perimeter, AT889953
7	0841	Eng	Road sweep in TAOR completed
8	0854	H .	H3A at AU810017
9	0 908	E	E26 at AT887440
10	1056	S-3	6 Hr. Sit. Kep. sent
11	1258	F	FlA at posit
12	1530	S=3	Jump CP returnes control of Bn to BnCF
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13	1647	S-3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
14	2005	H	All night activities set in
15	2116	F	All night activities set in
16	2156	S-3	Planned Ops. Summary sent in
17	2247	S-3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
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2	0500	8-3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
3	0710	Eng	Road sweep north and south began
4	0800	S-3	All Bn might activities secured
5	0854-	Eng	Road sweep in TAOR completed
6	0900	F	F1B at ZC130990
7	1100	S-3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
8	1121	F	FlB at ZC133972
9	1242	F	FlA at Zc157990
10	1330	F	F1C at ZC140990
11	1409	F	F1c at Zc134983
12	1427	E	Co. E patrol found hole in Route #1 at
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13	1645	S- 3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
14	1909	G & H	Company night activities leaving CPs
15	2148	s- 3	All Bn night activities set in
16	2201	S-3	Planned Ops. Summary sent
17	2258	S - 3	6 Hr. Sit. KRep. sent
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1	3	0531	F	Co. F ambushes in blocking position,
	10 to 10	*	*	F2 and F3 will start sweep in 30 minutes
	4	0614	F	F2 and F3 start sweep
	5	0645	Eng	Road sweep North and South began
	6 ***** **** ** *	0 720	H	All night activities secured
	7	0855	Eng	Road sweep in TAOR completed
	8	1100	S-3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
	9	1108	E	ElC at AT911945
	10	1700	S - 3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
	11	2008	H	Co. H CP (AU889015) receives mortar fire
	12	2022	F	All night activities set in
	13	2154	E	All night activities set in
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5	0855	Eng	Road sweep in TAOR completed
6	1057	S-3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
7	1657	S - 3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
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4	0623	Eng	Road sweep North and South began
5	0926	Eng	Road sweep in TACR completed
6.	1000	F	Completed sweep of ville (ZD206047)
	1056	S - 3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
8	1130	F	Co. CP at ZD2()8048
9	1655	S - 3	6 Hr. Sit. Idep. sent
10	2109	E and H	Night acti vities set in
11	2148	s-3	Planned Ops. Summary sent in
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1	0001	S-3	New Journal Opened
2	0500	S-3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
3	0910	Eng	Road sweep in TAOR completed
4	1039	Н	H2A at AU801016
5	10 58	S-3	Advised by Regt. that 2/5 will assume
	*	*	operational control of Co. D, 1/5, acting
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6	1100	S=3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
7	1200	S - 3	Co. D,1/5, dispatched to ZC137967
8	1225	S - 3	Co. D,1/5. placed under operational
	*	3£	control of 2/5
9	1545	S-3	Co. D,1/5, removed from above posit,
	*	*	return to operational control of 5th Marin
10	1700	S-3	6 Hr. Sit. "ep. sent
11	2115	F	All night activities set in
12	2157	s - 3	Planned Ops. Summary sent
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1655	6	S - 3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
2048	7	H	All night activities set in
2225	8	S=3	Planned Ops. Summary sent
2245	9	S - 3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent

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0655	3	H	H3B at ZC193987
0837	4	H	HIB following trail in hill north
	*	*	of Phu Gia Pass
0925	5	Eng	Road sweep in TAOR completed
1100	6	S-3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
12 30	7	H	H2C at AU822029
1310	8	Н	H2C at AU809021
1640	9	S-3	6 Hr. Sit. Rep. sent
1750	10	Н	H1C departing CP
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4	0600	Н	HlA reports negative contact
5	0700	S-3	Relieved of duties by Cpl Poole
6	1254	H	H2C at Ck Pt #1
7	1605	Н	H3 found possible 60mm mortar tube
8	1741	s - 3	6 Hr Sit Rep sent
9	1841	Н	HlA left AT832999 for outpost
10	1930	Н	HlC sees fires
11 _	2000	s - 3	Relieved of duties by Cpl Poole
12	2005	Н	H3 receiving small arms fire
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- 1. Code Namo: Operation HOUSTON
- 2. Dates: 010001H to 312400H May 1968
- 3. <u>Location</u>: Vietnam. Thu Loc District, Thua Thien Province, Republic of
- it. Control and Command Headquarters:

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Co H ₂ 2/5	010001H-3121100H May68	Capt G. D. HENDRICKSON
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5. Task Organizations

2nd Bn, 5th Marines

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Det, HST, 1st Shore Party Bn

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5. Supporting Arms:

a. Fire Support.

- (1) Direct support for the Battalion during Operation HOUSTON was provided by Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery B, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.
- (2) Additional fire support for the operation was received from Battery W. 2nd Pattalion, 13th Marines; Battery D. 2nd Eattalian, 13th Marines; Battery F. 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines; Battalion, 11th Marines; and the USS North Bay.

13) Significant Fire Support Events.

- (a) When the Battalion's AO was expanded to the east, Battery R , 1st Battalion, 11th Marines displaced to AT870997 to provide close and continuous fire support for the operation.
- (b) Also Battery E, 2nd Battallon, 11th Marines continued to furnish direct support for the western sector of the Battallon's AO.

b. Air Support.

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- (1) Operations in the jungle canopy re-emphasized the need for TACA/FAC (Airborns). The extreme limit of visibility was 50 meters but normally less than 20 meters making the control of strike aircraft difficults.
- (2) The need for a separate FM frequency for the Battalion and Companies to operate separate from the Regimental TACP Local with its high transient aircraft traffic was again demonstrated. Radio communications in the jungle canopy is extremely unreliable when using RC-292's and when strong airborne signals are present.



7. <u>Intelligence:</u>

- a. Enemy units in the AO during lay as carried by S-2, 5th Marines and G-2, Task Force X-Ray included the 4th NVA Regimental Headquarters, the KAB Battalion and other unidentified units. Their primary mission was to interdict Highway #1 and to harass friendly movement and installations.
 - b. Two Chieu Hoi reports received along with several ARVN agent sources revealed the location of the K5 Battalion to be at ZC147937. Between 6 and 14 May the enemy (probable units of the 4th NVA Regiment) initiated mortar and RPG attacks on the Phu Loc Fire Base and Phu Loc District Headquarters. On 18 May, CI reported the location of the K6 and K9 Battalions at AU8004. Towards the end of May there was a noted increase in the number of home made box type mine incidents to the west of Phu Gia Pass. Company G's position along Highway #1 in Hai Van Pass, bore witness to increased overt military tactics used by the enemy. Chinese Communist claymore mines detonated from the banks of the road, harassment from small arms fire, and surprise explosive devices positioned along the enemy's routes of egress were indicitive of these tactics. In Company F's area of operations, much of the enemy's activities centered around the rice harvest and his attempts to collect and transport rice to his base areas.
 - c. The villagers of Lang Co (H) have provided information which has led Marines to the discovery of several surprise explosive devices, and of particular importance, a downed U. S. Army helicopter believed to have been lost during the enemy's lunar offensive.
 - d. From 9-16 May the Battalion conducted operations in the vicinity of AT8790, AT8789, AT8889 and AT8888. A search of the enemy base area by Companies E and M revealed 5 mess halls and 35 billeting facilities. The medical facilities found included two dispensaries and two wards capable of accommodating 80 persons. In addition large quantities of food, munitions and documents were uncovered. All documents and weapons were forwarded to Regimental S-2. All dwellings, munitions and quantities of food were destroyed. Consistant URS reports revealed that enemy units subsequently returned to the above area upon the departure of friendly units.
- e. The terrain in the AO offers the enemy excellent cover and concealment due to the thick secondary undergrowth and tall canopy. Avenues of approach are usually limited to well used trails or wood cutter's paths; otherwise, the rate of march is greatly reduced. The weather for May was generally hot and humid, with occasional afternoon thunder showers and nightly winds of 5-10 knots prevailed, from the east and southeast.



8. Mission: Provide security for the MSD by protecting Route #1 and supporting bridges, culver's and parsos; support and protect friendly installations, units, conveys, road repair parties and conduct offensive operations to destroy enemy forces, materials, positions and to deny the enemy access to the rice harvest of the local populace.

9. Concept of Operations:

a. Until 17 May, the Command Post of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines was located at Cao Doi tunnel (ZDO54026). The Battalion's primary mission was to protect the WSR and had a secondary mission of conducting rice denial operations. These missions were accomplished by combat patrols and aggressive small unit ambushes. The Companies were strategically located in the Battalion AO to afford maximum utilization of forces in defense of key terrain features. Companies were located as follows: Company E at Phu Loc Fire Base, Company F at Nuoc Ngot Bridge and Company H at Cao Doi tunnel and the MCB Rock Crusher. Company G was under the operational control of 7th Marines during the first half of the month. See Enclosure (1).

b. On 17 May 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines assumed control of a new Battalion AO (See Enclosure (2)). The relief in place of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines had Company H assuming the AO of Company I in the Thua Luu Bridge area, Company E assuming the AO of Company K at the Lang Co Bridge, Company G, returned on 15 May to operational control of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, assuming the AO of the 3rd Battalion's Command Post area in Hai Van Pass and Company F remaining in place. The Battalion Command Post was located atop Phu Gia Pass. With the mission of protecting the MSR, key bridges and culverts the Battalion employed aggressive small unit combat patrols, OP's and ambushes.

10. Execution:

On 1 May, Company E began a Search and Clear operation of 4 days duration to the southeast of Phu Loc Fire Base (vicinity ZC075986) as part of Operation HOUSTON. The Company operation resulted in 8 NVA/VC KLA(CONE) and the capture of weapons and equipment as well as the destruction of an enemy base camp.

At 031235H, a squad ambush from Company E, at ZC117953, observed 1 NVA moving to the northwest. The squad fired 20 rounds each of small arms and automatic weapons fire. Results: 1 NVA KIA(CONF) and the capture of 1 AK-47, 1 ChiCom grenade, 3 full magazines (AK-47), 1 medical kit, 1 ponchos 1 cartridge belt, 1 magazine pouch and a pair of sandles.

At 031510H, a squad ambush from Company E, at ZC115957, observed IP-15 enemy in the vicinity of ZC114956, the squad fired 200 rounds small arms fire and called an artillary mission on the enemy position. The enemy fled to the north while returning small arms fire and grenades. The squad physically pursued the enemy until contact was broken. Results: 6 USMC WIA(EVAC) and 3 NVA KIA(CONF). At 031540H, while in pursuit, the squad found a platoon base camp at ZC113959. A search of the area disclosed several bodies and a B-40 Rocket Launcher. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA(EVAC), 7 NVA/VC KIA(CONF) and the capture of a B-40 Rocket Launcher.

At 050525H, a squad from Company H acting as security for satislary at ZD016024, received 40 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from the vicinity of ZD009006 and ZD012006. Counter-mortar fire of 90 rounds 4.2" and 100 rounds 81mm mortars was called, and a patrol was sent to search the area. Results: 1 USMC WIA(EVAC).

At C71900H, a squad from Company H, in a defensive position at ZD016024, received 45-50 rounds of 82mm mortar five. Countermortar five consisting of 95 rounds 81mm mortar HE and 75 rounds 105mm artillery HE was returned on two suspected enemy sites at ZD005013 and ZD014012. At dawn, a search of the areas produced negative results.

On 9 May 1968, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines began a 7 day Search and Clear operation, in relief of Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. The Battalion Command Group with Company E moved through dense canopy for 3 days to reach Company M at AT869907. At 111400H Company M was placed under the operational control of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines. At 121215H, the 1st Platoon of Company E was placed under the operational control of Company M and for the next three days all units searched the vicinity of AT869907, destroying enemy shelters and capturing large quantities of arms, ammunition and supplies. After a two day walk out of the hills, Company M was returned to the operational control of its parent unit at 160820H. At the same time 1st Platoon of Company E returned to the operational control of its parent unit. To strengthen Battalion forces in the AO, at the start of the operation, the 3rd Platoon of Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was placed under the operational control of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines until 160930H when the Command Group with Company E returned.

At 092000H, a platoom ambush from Company F, at Z0156995, observed 100-150 VC moving south at Z0165998. The platoon manuevered to the south to set up a blocking position, while calling in artillery and 81mm mortar fire on enemy routes of egress to the north. After setting in an ambush at Z0160996, 3 VC were observed at Z0160980 and fired at. Return fire was received from a force of approximately 15 VC. With the aid of illumination, a search of



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the area was conducted. Results: 3 NVA-TO KTA (CONF) and the capture of 1 M-1 Carbine and miscellaneous equipment and rice bags.

At 101025H, a Company F platoon patrol was searching an area of the previous night's contact in the vicinity of ZC175996. A Vietnamese male came down a hill waving a white flag. After interrogation it was determined the man was a VC wishing to become a "Chieu Hoi". Results: 1 "Chieu Hoi".

During the morning of 11 May, on two occassions Battery E, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and a Company H security platoon, 1ccated at 20079984, received 60mm mortar fire. At 110130H, 15 rounds were received and at 110255H, another 22 rounds were received. Battery E fired direct and indirect counter-mortar fire on the following suspected enemy sites: 20093998, 20084982, 20063975, 20085976, 20090977, 20108006, 20094981, 20083997, 20090965 and 20083977. Results: 9 USMC WIA(EVAC) and 12 USMC WIA(NON-EVAC).

At 131.005H, a squad combat patrol from Company F was hit by a command detonated claymore-type mine at ZC171984. An LZ was secured and a search of the area conduct with negative results. Results: 4 USMC WIA(EVAC).

At 120625H, a Marine from H&S Company found a lean-to bunker at AT868905. The enemy bunker contained 76 B-40 rocket rounds, 3 cases of AK-47 rounds, 90 lbs of unknown type plastic explosive and assorted lesser munitions. All munitions were destroyed.

At 120925H, a Company F platoon combat patrol was hit by a command detonated claymore-type mine at ZC151988. At the same moment, the patrol received 2 rounds of 82mm montar fire. The platoon called in 60 rounds HE 105mm artiliery on suspected enemy montar sites at ZC164975 and ZC166965. A search of the area uncovered a second claymore-type mine which was destroyed in place. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA(EVAC).

At 121030H, a plateon from Company E found 13 enemy shelters and 13 lean-to's, at Africa 8906, with bombshelters and 1 tunnel 30 meters in length. The attractures were searched then destroyed. Results: One ton of rice, 7 ChiCom grenades and various documents and ideas captured.

At 121.100H, Company H, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines was attacking to the south when it received sniper fire from the vicinity of AT669907. The Company returned fire with small arms and automatic wespons and searched the enemy position. The Company found h NVA/VC KIA, 300 rounds of AK-h7 ammunition, 20 assorted ChiCom grenades. 100 pounds of rice and assorted equipment plus a mess hall for 25-30 men. The mess area, equipment and munitions were destroyed.

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At 12Jund a arms cache at AT869904. The cache contained 800 Mariffing caps with fuzes, 700 non-electrical blasting caps and 100 Set of detonating cord. All were destroyed by engineers.

At 121340H, Company E found another munitions cache at AT867905 containing 36 B-40 rocket rounds, 2 U.S. Claymore mines and a bag of AK-47 rounds. All ordnance was destroyed in place.

At 121420H, a platoon from Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines found two shelters at AT867906. A search of the shelters uncovered 8 drum magazines of RPD ammunition, 300-400 rounds of AK-47 ammunition, 1 ton of rice, 100 pounds of noodles, miscellaneous documents and maps. The ordnance and food were destroyed.

At 121535H, a Company M platoon found an arms cache at AT869-105. The cache contained 1 82mm bipod, 1 K-44 and 2 B-40 Rocket Launchers. All weapons were sent to Regimental S-2.

At 121645H, a CH-46 was evacuating wounded at the CP LZ, AT869-907, when it crashed on take-off. No enemy fire was envolved. All 12 wounded, the 5 crewmen, classified equipment and armament were rescued or recovered.

At 120700H, a squad from Company E searching the vicinity of AT870905 found 1 PRC-25 radio, serial number #21054. The radio was turned into the Battalion CP and sent to 5th Marines.

At 131200H, Company M searching in the vicinity of AT870903 found a large NVA/VC harboring site. The site contained 13 shelters, 3 mess areas, 2 tens of rice, various munitions, uniforms, documents and the body of 1 enemy KIA. The structures, ordnance, rice and uniforms were destroyed while the documents were sent to Battalion S-2.

At 131230H, Company E was at AT878902 conducting a Search and Clear mission when it found 2 fresh graves containing 2 NVA/VC KIA's. Results: 2 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

At 131645H, Company E found an enemy storage area at AT870902. The storage area contained: 1 ton of rice, 350 pounds of salt, 100 pounds of beans, 100 pounds of noodles, medical supplies, uniforms, various ordnance and documents. All supplies were destroyed and the documents sent to Battalion S-2.

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At 131650H, Company M f and another supply area at AT869906. Supplies found included: 1000 rounds of EK-W ammunition, 20 ChiCom grenades, 2 tons of size, 9 strake of TNT, 2 dozen blasting caps and medical supplies. All supplies were destroyed.

At 141210H, Company M found 3 shelters with bomb shelters and assorted lean-to's in the vicinity of AT879893. A search of the area uncovered 1 SKS, 1 MAS-36, 39 B-40 rocket rounds, 300 pounds of unknown type of plastic explosive, 200 pounds of Russian gunpowder, 500 blasting caps, 800 AK-47 rounds, 4 ChiCom grenades and 30 gallons of fish oil. All shelters and ordnance were destroyed. The weapons were sent to Regimental S-2.

At 192030H, a Company G squad ambush at AT939914, observed 2 to 3 enemy at AT937912. The squad fired small arms and grenades. The enemy returned small arms fire but due to the thick vegetation a search of the area could not be made until first light. The search produced negative results.

On 22 May 1968, Company F began a 1 day Search and Clear operation in the northern part of the Battalion AO. Contact was light with 3 NVA/VC KIA(CONF) and the capture of 1 N-1 Carbine plus assorted military supplies and documents.

At 220525H, a squad combat patrol from Company H, at ZD197005, received 1 hand granade. The squad returned small arms fire and called in 12 rounds of 105mm HE artillery. Results: 3 USMC WIA (EVAC).

At 221430H, a squad combat patrol from Company F detonated a pressure release explosive device at AU805049. The area was searched for other explosive devices and enemy presence with negative results. Results: 2 USMC KIA.

At 222005H, a Company F platoon ambush at AU818046 observed 6 VC moving to their right flank at AU820047. The platoon fired small arms killing three of the enemy. The remainder of the VC returned fire and fled the area to the northeast. Results: 3 USMC WIA(EVAC), 3 VC KIA(CONF) and the capture of 1 M-1 Carbine plus various military equipment and assorted documents.

At 251.045H, a Vietnamese wood cutter discovered 2 B-40 rocket rounds rigged as booby traps with trip wire, in the vicinity of AT902944. The wood cutter proceeded to the Company E command rost, AT88595h, and advised the unit of the location of the explosive devices. A Company E platoon searched the area and found the original two rocket rounds plus a third rigged with a detonating cord and TNT detonating device. The rounds were destroyed in place and the wood cutter rewarded.

At 251910H, a Company F platoon decentive position, ZD153010, observed 5 VC wearing civilian clothing and carrying weapons move into a village at ZD154017. The platocal followed the enemy and made contact. In the ensuing action 1 VC was killed causing the other 4 to break contact and flee the area. Results: 1 VC KIA(CONF), 4 detaines and the capture of 1 AK-47.

At 252000H, a Company H platoon, vicinity ZC190990, was moving to an ambush site when the unit received 6 hand grenades and 50 rounds of small arms fire from an estimated 3-5 enemy located at ZC191991. The platoon returned fire causing the enemy to break contact. A search of the area revealed 1 enemy KIA(CONF).

At 281015H, an H&S Company fire team providing convoy security detonated a 50 pound box mine at ZD076009. The truck was towed to Tru Bai for repairs. Results: 2 USMC WIA(EVAC).

At 290700H, a squad from Company G was moving to high ground in support of a Company from the 35th Engineers, U. S. Army, and at the squad. A sweep of the area revealed the mines had least detenated in the vicinity of AT899957. Three undetonated Claymore mines were found at that position. Results: 2 USMC KIA, 2 DAMC WIA (EVAC) and the capture of 3 ChiCom Claymore mines.

At 301615H, a squad from Company G on a combat patrol at AT-903947, observed 4 enemy carrying demolition charges at AT902946. The squad fixed 100 rounds small arms fire and 1 LAAW, killing 1 of the enemy. The enemy fled to the east, dragging the dead body with them. A search of the area revealed drag marks and assorted equipment was found. Results: 1 NVA/VC KIA(CONF) and the capture of 1 OhiGom Glaymore mine, a pair of blasting caps and various articles of clothing.

At 311205H, a platoon patrol from Company G found a one to three day old grave at AT906904. The patrol dug up the grave and found the body of a 20-25 year old VC dressed in black utilities with a bullet wound in the stomach. Results: 1 NVA/VC KIA(CONF).

At 313415H, a Marine from Company H on a patrol detonated a booky trapped M-26 grenade at ZD208005. An LZ was secured and a search of the area conducted for other explosive devices. Results: 2 USMC WIA(HVAC).

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- 8 Detainees
- 1 POW
- 1 Chieu Hoi
- 3 B-40 Rocket Launchers Captured
- 2 AK-47 Captured
- 1 K.44 Captured
- 1 SKS Captured
- 1 MAS-36 Captured
- 2 M-1 Carbines Captured
- 61 ChiCom Grenades Captured
- 2 Mark II Grenades Captured
- 9 lbg TNT Captured
- 200 lbs Genpowder (Russian) Captured
- 12 Sauchel Charges Captured
- 2885 Blasting Caps Captured
- 400 lbs Plastic Explosive Captured
- 35 Full Fuzes Captured
- 3 Chaymore Mines Captured
- 156 B-10 Rocket Rounds Captured
- 9 LOmm HE Rounds Captured
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- 8 AK-47 Magazines Captured
- 3 M-1 Carbine Magazines Captured



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- 2 9mm Magazines Captured
- 1 81mm Mortar biped Captured
- 1 82mm Mortar Borecap and Ball Captured
- 25 ft Detonating Cord Captured
- 17 Packs Captured
- 6 Carrying Sacks Captured
- 4 Cartridge Belts Captured
- 1 Pith Helmet Captured
- 130 sets Green Uniforms Captured
- 25 Sweat Shirts Captured
- 9 Ponchos Captured
- 5 Harmocks Captured 📜
- 2 OhiCom Grenade Pouches Captured
- 2 4-16 Magazine Pouches Captured
- . I K-BAR Captured
- 1 pr Binoculars Captured
- I Gas Mask (U.S.) Captured
- 50 Flash Light Batteries Captured
- 1 NVA Flag Captured
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14 USMC NBC(EVAC)

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- The barding May. Operation HOUSTON continued with the Datussion Command Post located at Cao Doi, resupply of all companies was accomplished by truck. With the LSA close at hand no significant problems were encountered in obtaining needed supplies. The datuslion supply section in the forward continued to stock items that the LSA did not have. In general, these were items of 782 year and clothing. The Regimental TAD trucks carried the supplies of the companies in the field. A S-4 representative or a supply man accompanied the supplies on each resupply run.
- (2) When the Battalion Command Post moved to the Phu Gia Fass a new system of resupply was established. Company G, because of its distance from the Battalion Command Post, was given a 6x6 truck estimately for its own use. The mess hall was also given its own toward and a deally run was initiated to FLC in DaNang to bring "A" rections to the Battalion. The remaining three trucks assigned to the S-4 were employed fulfilling the rest of the Battalion's logistical requirements.
- b. Maintenance. Normal first echelon maintenance was performed on all of the Battalion's equipment during Operation HOUSTON. Ordnance, Communications and motor transport items requiring second

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echelon maintenance were often repaired in the field by the armorer, mechanic or communications technicians present. Those items that could not be repaired in the field were evacuated to the rear by the S-4. All equipment requiring third echelon maintenance was sent immediately to FLSG-A. Those items of critical importance were nominated for Red Ball.

c. Treatment of Casualties and Hospitalization.

- (1) During May, the Battalion Aid Station was split into two sections, one at the Battalion Rear and one at the Battalion Forward Command Post. The rear BAS was staffed by one medical officer and eight hospital corpsmen. The forward BAS was staffed by one medical officer, one chief hospital corpsmen and six hospital corpsmen.
- (2) The forward BAS treated a total of 351 patients during May. Of these, there were eight WIA's which were evacuated; there were now WIA's non-evacuated. There were 286 non-evacuated non-battle casualties and 57 evacuated non-battle casualties. The predominant cause of the WIA's was shrapnel wounds, while the predominant cause of the non-battle casualties was diarrhea. Patients evacuated were sent to either 1st Medical Battalion, Phu Bai, or to the rear BAS for further treatment. Those treated by BAS rear requiring in-patient care were kept at the new 5th Marine Regimental Ward.
- (3) The rear BAS acquired a third SEA HUT during the month. It is being utilized for the storage of bulk supplies and Medical IOL. All mount-out boxes were repaired and repainted during the month.
- (4) A quarterly Administration Inspection was conducted on 10 May by an Inspection Team from the Division Surgeon's office. The BAS received a satisfactory and commendable grade.
- (5) On 17 May the forward BAS moved with the Battalion Command Post from the Cao Doi railroad tunnel to the Phu Gia Pass. Two hospital corpsmen accompanied an advanced command post to Hai Van Pass on 17 May and joined the forward BAS at the Phu Gia Pass on 18 May. The BAS is temporarily occupying one general purpose tent with plans to move into two general purpose tents in an area presently being cleared and graded by bulldozer.

d. Transportation.

(1) Troops and supplies were moved primarily by truck during Operation HOUSTON. In addition to the Battalion's organic assets, two 6x6 trucks were made available by Regiment when the

Battalion Command Post was located at Jao Doi. This number was increased to five when the Battalion moved into its new AO. As has been indicated, one truck was assigned to Company G and enother one was assigned to the mess hall. The other three trucks were used by the logistics section to haul troops and supplies and to make the daily administration run to the Battalion Rear.

Company E moved from the Phu Loc Fire Base to the Lang Co Bridge area by helicopter; the remainder of the Battalion moved by truck. Company H was moved from Cao Doi to Hill 88 and Company G moved from the DaNang area to Hai Van Pass. Company F did not move as part of the old AO was incorporated into the new AO. The command post moved from Cao Doi to the Phu Gia Pass. Due to limited truck assets, the Battalion's equipment was moved over a period of four days.

e. Communications.

- (1) The Battalion's RT-524 capability was increased by the addition of a PP2953 power supply, enabling the Battalion to maintain a stationary RT-524.
- (2) No significant equipment losses occured during this reporting period. Communications from mountainous areas of operations was the only variance from normal activities. An automatic re-transmission site, operated by Regiment, relayed the majority of traffic and manual re-transmission was employed to various key communicating sites when necessary.
- (3) This Battalion employed numerous fire team activities in Company G for patrols and ambushes and the problem of communicating with these units was made evident. A possible solution to this problem would be the employement of the AN/PRC-93 on the fire team level back to the squad.
- (4) A frequency in addition to the TACP Local frequency is necessary for control of aircraft on battalion and company level. Artillery clearance for transient aircraft other than the aircraft the unit is attempting to control is the major problem.

13. Commander's Analysis:

During the second phase of Operation HOUSTON, the Battalion's primary mission was to provide security for the MSR in the southern half of the Regimental AO. The Battalion was able to accomplish its mission by the use of squad and fire team ambushes, combat patrols, and outposts along avenues of approach. Aggressive company size attacks into the canopy and suspected enemy base camps



were conducted. This action hindered the enemy's ability to resupply and mass his forces.

The heavy commitment to the physical occupancy of the MSR and key bridges greatly reduced the Battalian's ability to conduct offensive operations.

14. Recommendations.

Aggressive offensive operations, utilizing combat patrols and ambushes should be an intregal part of the defense of the Hai Van area.

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