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(2) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar Combat After Action Report, Operation INTON

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure, (1) and (2) are submitted herewith.

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

3rd Bn, 5th Mar

COMMANDER

LtCol D. E. ESSLINGER (1-27 May 1967)
 LtCol C. B. WEBSTER (28-31 May 1967)

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

2ndLt G. E. OMSLEY (1 May 1967)

I Company

Capt H. W. STACKPOLE (1 April 1967)

K Company

Capt R. O. TILLEY (1-24 May 1967)
 Capt J. R. TENNEY (25-31 May 1967)

L Company

1stLt J. D. MURRAY (1-18 May 1967)
 Capt H. D. PETTINGILL (19-27 May 1967)
 Capt P. R. GOTTIEB (28-31 May 1967)

M Company

Capt J. R. McFARCY (16 December 1966)

2. LOCATION

1-31 May at BT 533089 Chu Lai Installation, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ExecO

Maj B. R. CUMMINS (22 April 1967)

S-1

2ndLt W. M. GORTZ (6 March 1967)

S-2

1stLt S. E. LINDBLOM (7 January 1967)

S-3

Maj E. S. PIPER, Jr. (16 November 1967)

S-4

Capt S. S. GLAIZE (1-18 May 1967)
 2nd Lt W. W. KING (19 May 1967)

S-5

Lt J. E. LOUIS (MC) USNR (5 April 1967)

Supply Officer

1stLt S. C. THOMPSON, Jr. (1 April 1967)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

OFF
 33

USMC

ENL
 1120

OFF
 3

USN

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 44

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

This Battalion has experienced no major problems in the area of personnel administration. Shortages exist in certain MOS's and there is an acute need for Sergeants in all MOS's.

The Battalion scouts have been engaged continuously in the Battalion operations. The Battalion Kit Carson Scout has been extremely effective in the operations and is one of the most valuable of all the Vietnamese personnel attached to this Command. The enemy activity has been heavy.

The Battalion completed one highly successful operation, Operation UNION I (19 April-17 May) and is presently engaged in Operation UNION II (26 May-Current).

At the present time there are no major logistical problems in the Battalion.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration

(1) The Battalion began the month of May with an on-rolls strength of 30 Marine Officers and 1130 Enlisted Marines. Our current on-board strength is 36 Marine Officers and 1117 Enlisted Marines.

(2) Rotating during the month of June 1967 are 75 Enlisted Marines. Critical shortages exist in MOS's 0202, 0302, 0402 in the Officers ranks and in MOS's 0369, 2822 in the Enlisted ranks. Also this organization is short of Sergeants in all MOS's.

(5) The regular monthly promotion cycle to Corporal helps to alleviate the shortages in the junior NCO ranks.

(4) This organization has experienced no major problems during the month in the area of personnel administration.

b. Intelligence

(1) Personnel changes for the month of May included the loss of the chief scout and the addition of two new scouts. There was an addition of one man with an 02 MOS.

(2) For the past month the S-2 Scouts have been used by the companies to handle all the intelligence materials and information gained on Operations UNION I and UNION II. Between the operations the scouts took part in classes on map and compass work, med-evac procedure, and radio procedure.

(3) Enemy activity for the past month has been heavy especially during May 13, 14, 15, 26 and 27. Throughout the whole month we have received sporadic sniper fire but have encountered few mines and booby traps principally due to the fact the battalion has been conducting fast moving operations deep in enemy controlled areas wherein the enemy has had little opportunity to plan and employ harassing devices.

(4) Use of the Battalion Kit Carson Scout has been very successful. During the operations he located enemy staging areas and captured 5 VC who were hiding in the underbrush. He was also used to talk to the people of the Cheu Hoi program and their movement as refugees to the New Life Hamlet.

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c. Training

(1) During the month of May, 5 troop indoctrination courses of 3 day duration each, were conducted for newly joined personnel of this Command. A total of 61 Marines and Navy Corpsmen were instructed on ambush techniques, principles of patrolling, introduction and history of Vietnam, UCMJ, Code of Conduct, NBC and field sanitation. Classroom instruction and familiarization firing of the M-16E1 rifle was conducted for all hands.

(2) A six day M422A1 (Mite) drivers school was conducted for 12 personnel.

(3) During the month of May, selected personnel of the command attended the following formal schools in Japan, Okinawa and Da Nang:

Vietnamese Language	3
Ammo Tech	1
Field Radio Operator	2
NCO Leadership	2
Mumms	1

d. Operations

(1) On 17 May the battalion returned after participating in Operation UNION I. (See Combat After Action Report, enclosure (2)).

(2) From 20-24 May, Company L provided security for 9th Engineer Bn elements repairing the Tam Ky-Tien Phuoc Road, just west of Tam Ky (BT 295235).

(3) On 25 May the Alpha Command Group and Companies I, L and M were helolifted to the vicinity of La Nga (BT 075301).

e. Artillery Support

(1) See Combat After Action Report (enclosure (2)).

f. Air Support

(1) See Combat After Action Report (enclosure (2)).

g. Logistics

(1) General. The logistic status of the Battalion is satisfactory. At the present time there are no logistical problem areas. (See Combat After Action Report (enclosure (2))).

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(2) Supply. Appropriate supply action has been taken on the TSAO Inspection Team's recommendation from the inspection conducted on 26 April.

- (a) Cash collection.
- (b) Lost weapons reports.
- (c) Inventory.
- (d) Updating orders.

Many excesses have been determined and proper disposition has been made. The Battalion Supply area is presently divided between Operation's stock and bulk storage. Milstrip reconciliations have been received and are presently being processed.

(3) Motor Transport. There are no major problems.

(4) Construction. No construction was accomplished and none is contemplated until such time as the Battalion is relocated.

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2. Entries

- 1 May Capt W. DYKE, Commanding Officer, H&S Company detached.
- 13 May Capt E. O. KELLEY, Commanding Officer, Company K, WIA med-evac.
- 15 May 2ndLt G. E. RICHARDS, WIA med-evac to USAFH, Clark AFB.
- 17 May 2ndLt W. Q. HENDERSON, WIA med-evac to USAFH, Clark AFB.
Command Group, Company I, Company K, Company M returned from
Operation UNION I.
- 20 May Company L departed to provide security for 9th Engineers.
- 21 May Capt S. S. GLAIZE, Battalion S-4 detached.
- 24 May Company L returned to Bn field CP (Tam Ky BT 295235).
- 25 May Command Group, Company I, Company L, Company M departed on
Operation UNION II.
- 26 May LtCol D. E. ESSLINGER, Battalion Commanding Officer, WIA med-
evac to USNH Sanctuary.
Maj E. S. PIPER Bn S-3 WIA med-evac.
Capt J. W. AYERS Battalion Communications Officer KIA.
Maj L. E. JOHNSON joined Bn as Acting Bn S-3.
- 27 May Maj B. R. CUMMINS, Bn, XO to acting Bn Commander on Operation
UNION II.
- 28 May LtCol C. B. WEBSTER, assumed command of 3rd Battalion, 5th
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individual corpsmen helping with medical aid to the handing out of soap, candy, etc. to the villagers as the Marines passed through. Through these efforts there were incidents of people volunteering information of local VC forces in the area. Psychological warfare was effected by the evacuation of many civilians from the VC areas; many refugees came from the Hiep Duc area. Total refugees flown to Newlife Hamlets was in excess of 280.

8. Mission. During the conduct of Operation UNION, the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines was assigned the following missions:

a. Heli lift to LZ, (BT 101299) and move by foot to reinforce Company "F", 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines.

b. To conduct S & D Operations in assigned zones of action.

9. Concept of Operations. At 1500, 21 April 1967, two companies, Kilo and Mike, and the Alpha Command Group were heli lifted from the hill #69 area, (BT 463076) to LZ (BT 101299) to reinforce Company F, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines. Escort and LZ preparation was provided by UH-1E and A-4E aircraft.

10. Execution

a. 21 April 1967.

(1) At approximately 211200H the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines received the order, to assemble two rifle companies and an Alpha Command Group for immediate deployment in support of the 1st Marines.

(2) At 211300H the alert was cancelled.

(3) At 211400H the alert was renewed.

(4) At 211500H Company M lifted off from hill #35 (BT 437077) to the designated LZ (BT 101299) and the command group with Company K lifted off from hills #69 (BT 463073) and #49 (BT 501037) respectively, at 211600H.

(5) At 211845H Company K opened fire on 6 VC with weapons running across an open field. Two VC were hit and carried off. Results were 2 VC KIA (probable).

(6) At 211910H Company M found a pack containing a ChiCom grenade, poncho, homemade knife and approximately 81 lbs of medical gear.

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(7) At 211930H the last elements of Company K landed to complete the heli lift. The Alpha Command Group, Company M and Company K left the LZ to locate Company F, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines.

(8) At 212100H received word from 1st Marines that there were 200 VC with a 57mm, two 60mm mortars and one 82mm mortar at BT 055321 and BT 057330.

(9) At 212300H 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) arrived at BT 081297 to redeploy and continue movement to Company F by night.

b. 22 April 1967.

(1) At 220100H two Marines from Company M were medevaced after being wounded by a grenade at BT 081297. It was not determined whether the grenade was booby trapped or thrown by the enemy.

(2) At 220145H Company K observed 15-20 figures, BT 081299, moving from them at a range of 25-50 meters. Company K opened fire running the enemy into a tree line where they returned fire. 4 VC were seen falling from gun shots and two secondary explosions were witnessed as a heavy volume of fire followed the enemy into the tree line. Results were 1 USMC WIA, 3 USMC WIAE and 3 VC KIA (probable).

(3) At 220400H all units left BT 081297 for an objective at BT 064292.

(4) At 220730H all units arrived at BT 064292.

(5) At 220900H Company K received three incoming S/A rds, BT 063304, wounding a Marine. A squad was sent to search the area and picked up one male VCS.

(6) At 220927H the 1st elements of 1/5 arrived at 3/5 CP by helicopter.

(7) At 221000H Company M found 3 USMC KIA, 5 USMC WIA, 1 USMC in good condition, 6 VC bodies and seven VC packs at BT 059299. The Marines belonged to Company F of 2/1.

(8) At 221130H Company M received 10 sniper rounds resulting in 1 USMC WIA. A squad was sent to search area where sniper fire was received finding 1 VC wearing a pack who had been wounded by an earlier air strike, BT 062302.

(9) At 221330H the last elements of 1/5 arrived at the 3/5 CP. 3/5 now had operational control of A and C Companies 1/5.

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(10) At 221510H Company M sighted helmets in a trench line at BT 074311. Called in 175mm Artillery on the trench line and the area was assaulted by Company M and Company A with negative results. Enemy had withdrawn taking their dead and wounded.

(11) At 221700H Company K captured a VCC at BT 069288.

(12) At 221740H Company A apprehended 2 VCS. After initial interrogation the VCS stated that an estimated 200 VC with 82mm mortars and 57mm RR moved up on hill 407, BT 077276, on the night of 21 April.

(13) At nightfall on 22 April units were located as follows:

(a) Command Group-BT 064292

(b) Company A- BT 063298

(c) Company K- BT 064292

(d) Company M- BT 060297

c. 23 April 1967.

(1) At 230630H the Command Group and Company C left for objective 6, (BT 064305).

(2) At 230730H the rear of Company C BT 063303, received a heavy volume of sniper fire resulting in no friendly casualties. A heavy volume of fire was returned and the column kept moving.

(3) At 230830H Company C and the Command Group reached objective and moved on to Objective 8, BT 109320.

(4) At 230945H Company K received 2 rds sniper fire and saw two men run off. Company returned fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (confirmed) and one wounded VC who Company K was unable to capture.

(5) At 231530H Company C captured 1 VCS at BT 083317.

(6) At 231715H Company K spotted a VN running away from them. The Marines shouted for the VN to halt. When he did not the Marines fired on him. Results were 1 VC KIA (confirmed).

(7) At 231720H a resupply helicopter received 3 rds sniper fire at BT 083326. Company C returned suppressive fire with unknown results.

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(8) At 231810H Company C apprehended 4 VCS at BT 083319 but after initial interrogation released them as innocent civilians.

(9) At 232115H Company K fired on one VN, age approximately 26 when he ran from a patrol and would not stop when instructed to do so. Marines first fired warning shouts before taking aim. Results were 1 VC KIA (confirmed).

(10) At 232240H two VC were spotted listening at the window where the battalion commander was having a conference. Company C tried to apprehend them but both ran. Company C fired at them downing one. Results were 1 VC KIA (confirmed).

(11) During the day the units moved in the following manner:

Company K moved independently from their last night's position sweeping and clearing to their present position; Company A and Company M moved together sweeping and clearing from last night's position to their present location; The Command Group and Company C moved in column with flankers to their present position.

(12) At nightfall the units were in the following locations:

- (a) Command Group and Company C - BT 091320.
- (b) Company A - BT 095331
- (c) Company M - BT 103338
- (d) Company K - BT 107343

(13) At 232230H Company C moved to cross the river.

(14) At 232300H Company M moved to cross the river.

d. 24 April 1967

(1) At 240330H Company A started for the river.

(2) At 240410H the Command Group and Company K started for the river.

(3) At 240900H Company K found 2 VCS, 1 male, 1 female in a cave near the river. Initial interrogation revealed that one or both were lying. With them in the cave were found 2 VC gas masks, North Vietnamese money and tax receipts. Both were evaced to ITT.

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(4) At 241200H Company K found 14 VCS in a cave at BT 085354. Gear in the cave with them included the following items; North Vietnamese money, 1 megaphone, 8 ponchos, prison documents, economic cadre documents naming people in the area, rice rolls, black PJ's and medical gear.

(5) At 241210H Company A found a wounded VCC and 2 VCS near a cave at BT 091344. In the cave was found a K-44 rifle serial No. E 8861, a Sony transistor radio, 5lbs of documents, a small first aid kit and an NVA blue sweat shirt.

(6) At 241240H Company K found 2 more VCS, BT 085354, one male, one female, with typewritten documents.

(7) At 241400H Company M spotted 3 VC wearing white and carrying one weapon fleeing from the lead elements. A warning was shouted and 5 rds SA were fired. A squad was sent to pursue with negative results.

(8) At 241500H Company C's interpreter talked with the village chief, BT 075366, and the national police chief in the area of Phuoc Ninh, BT 067347. They stated that the VC have an outpost in the area of hill #131 (BT 062398) and have been in area for long period of time. Also report strongly held VC villages around BT 075396 and BT 098403. Both areas reported strongly fortified and they think we will begin to run into VC when we cross river just south of the areas described above.

(9) At 241620H 3/5 received a message stating that a Battalion of RF/PF were operating in the area of BT 074378, some wearing civilian clothes and carrying weapons.

(10) During the day's activities the Battalion moved with two companies up and two to the rear in trace. Disposed in this manner the Battalion could shift in any direction quickly with a two company front.

(11) At nightfall the units were located as follows:

(a) Command Group and Company K - BT 080369.

(b) Company M - BT 072078

(c) Company C - BT 070374

(d) Company A - BT 074366

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(1) 25 AM - All units remain in their night positions to patrol and thoroughly search their respective areas.

(2) At 250945H a National Police Chief reported to Company C, BT 077368, that a VC Battalion was located in grid square 0840 and was moving in a SW direction.

(3) At 251055H Company K had a squad patrol, BT 086370, receive 10 rds sniper fire from BT 086374. The Marines fired 20 rds SA fire and 5 rds 81mm mortars. They saw one man being carried off. Results were 1 VC KIA (probable).

(4) At 251300H 3rd Bn, 5th Marines returned to operational control of 5th Marines.

(5) At 251700 all units moved to their night positions in column making extensive use of flank security.

(6) At nightfall all units were located as follows:

(a) Command Group and Company M - BT 090355

(b) Company C - BT 082339

(c) Company A - BT 087329

(d) Company K - BT 097334

f. 26 April 1967

(1) At 260610H a Company K ambush fired upon a VN and received 4 rds in return. Searched out the area with negative results.

(2) At 260710H Company M's perimeter received 3 rds small arms. Company M observed 3 VC in a hedgerow and fired an M-60 into it. 1 VC dropped and the other two fled dragging the downed man behind them. Results were 1 VC KIA (probable).

(3) At 260856H Company M received 12 rds automatic carbine fire, BT 099344, fire was returned and a squad was sent to search the area, with negative results.

(4) At 260930H Company C picked up a VN male, age 58, at BT 083338, who had some VC documents, a training pistol and 3 maps of the Da Nang area in his house.

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(5) At 260940H Company C apprehended a 63 year old VN male at BT 084341 who stated that he had 2 sons and 3 daughters working actively for the VC.

(6) At 261110H Company C found a VN female age 22 who says she is a VC and knows the VC in the area. Her house contained VC literature and a list of names of people who have attended classes in communism.

(7) At 261400H Company K (BT 106331) spotted 12 VC with weapons across a wide rice paddy. Artillery was called in on them. Results were 2 VC KIA (probable).

(8) At 261430H Company K found 2 VCS in a cave complex at BT 102339.

(9) At 261445H Company M captured 1 VCS male near a tunnel (BT 105352) containing VC organizational charts.

(10) All Companies had remained stationary most of the day saturating their immediate areas with patrols to conduct thorough searches. At 1700 all companies moved to new positions.

(11) At nightfall units were located as follows:

(a) Command Group and Company M - BT 092337.

(b) Company A - BT 087322

(c) Company K - BT 098329

(d) Company C - BT 086331

g. 27 April 1967

(1) At 270605H all units moved out from last night's positions.

(2) At 270800H Company K reported finding a location, BT 096307, where possibly 50 people could have harbored. Also three MG positions were found in this same area.

(3) At 270900H all units stopped to receive resupply.

(4) At 271145H resupply was completed and all units moved again in the attack.

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(5) At 271215H Company A, BT 096294, saw 3 VC running through the brush, one carrying a weapon. A squad was sent out after them firing 10 small arms rounds. Results were 1 VC KIA (confirmed) and 1 VCC captured.

(6) At 272000H all units reached their objectives.

(7) At 272030H Company A called and said that they had discovered mines in the LZ. They did not detonate one.

(8) Today's movement was accomplished with three companies up and one company back with the Command Group.

(9) At nightfall units were in the following locations:

(a) Company A - BT 087263

(b) Company M - BT 103266

(c) Company C - BT 092269

(d) Command Group and Company K - BT 091263

h. 28 April 1967

(1) At 280015H a Marine stepped on a mine in the Command Group LZ, BT 091263, wounding him and eight others. Seven Marines were taken out in an emergency med-evac.

(2) At 280037H another Marine stepped on another mine. Ten more people were taken out on an emergency med-evac. Total casualties for both mines were as follows: 1 KIA, 34 MIA med-evac'd and 8 WIA. Both mines were M16Als, Bouncing Betty mines rigged in daisy-chain fashion. At first light the LZ was swept for mines and three more M16Als were located and later blown in place.

(3) At 281000H Company A and Company C left and proceeded to their respective blocking positions.

(4) At 281030H all Units received their first mail call of the Operation. It was warmly received by all hands.

(5) At 281300H Company K captured 5 VCC females each with a child. The women stated that their husbands were all VC and that they had gone to the hills two days before. All their husbands had weapons.

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(6) At 281320H The Command Group and Company K left the mined LZ for new positions on the adjacent hillside across the valley to the South.

(7) At 281730H Company K spotted and pursued 3 separate VN individuals at BT 095255. Each one was instructed to halt, none did, forcing the Marines to take them under fire killing all three. Results were 3 VC KIA (confirmed).

(8) All units moved independently after resupply from last night's positions to night positions.

(9) At nightfall the units were located as follows:

(a) Company A - BT 077252

(b) Company C - BT 089239

(c) Company M - BT 110250

(d) Command Group and Company K - BT 092252

i. 29 April 1967.

(1) At 290715H Company A spotted three VC, one with a weapon running up a hill (BT 080250). Marines took them under fire seeing one man fall and the other two drag him off. Results were 1 VC KIA (probable).

(2) At 290935H Company K had one man wounded in the wrist by a sniper (BT 079241). A squad was sent after the sniper with negative results.

(3) At 290945H Company C received 10 rds of small arms fire from 3 VC dressed in camouflage utilities. Company C assaulted enemy position and observed 10 VC similarly dressed fleeing to the NE. Another 25 rds small arms was received from the VC. The Marines returned a total of 250 rds small arms and 10 rds M-79 and searched out area. Results were 3 USMC WIA med-evaced and 2 VC KIA (probable).

(4) At 291025H Company A (BT 083234) received 35 rds from right flank from what sounded like 3 carbines. Company A returned 250 rds small arms, 10 M-79 rds, 1 LAW, 2 rds 60mm mortars and 1 rd 81mm mortar and sent a unit to search out the area with negative results.

(5) At 291145H Company M wounded a VN male (BT 095225) who failed to halt. First aid was applied and the VN was med-evaced.

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(6) At 291400H Command Group and Company K left last night's position to move to new positions.

(7) At 291610H Command Group and Company K arrived at night position (BT 082232).

(8) At 291800H Company A (BT 104234) found 41 butterfly mines; apparently an entire container fell from an aircraft without opening. The mines were destroyed.

(9) All units moved independently to their respective objectives today using mainly column formations with wide flankers.

(10) At nightfall units were located as follows:

- (a) Command Group and Company K(-) BT 078232
- (b) Company K(-) BT 076225
- (c) Company A BT 095223
- (d) Company C BT 105237
- (e) Company M BT 117243

j. 30 April 1967.

(1) At 300210H Company A (BT 094225) had one Marine slightly wounded by another Marine grenade on the perimeter. He was medevaced at first light. Results were 1 USMC WIA.

(2) At 300800H Command Group and Company K left last night's position.

(3) At 300900H Company K (BT 082232) saw 3 male VC wearing black pajamas approach the rear of the column. Company K fired 6 rds S/A fire. Results were 1 VC KIA (confirmed).

(4) At 301000H Company A (BT 101219) encountered a U-shaped ambush, but it was broken by an alert platoon leader. One Marine saw a tall (approximate 6'3") light skinned male wearing a pack and US cartridge belt. Results were 1 VC KIA (confirmed), 1 VC KIA (probable), captured 1 K-44 rifle serial No. 16621.

(5) At 301115H Company M (BT 110212) received 5 rds S/A fire from village. Returned 75 rds S/A fire and searched village. Found 2 males and 1 female in a cave who refused to come out. Cave was blown killing all occupants.

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In another cave, 3 male VC, 1 VCS female believed to be a VC nurse, were found. Results; 3 VC KIA (confirmed), 3 VCC, 1 VCS, 1 pack and medical gear, VC literature. No friendly casualties.

(6) At 301120H Company C (BT 090224) encountered 2 VC who ran when challenged. Marines opened fire and searched area. Results were 1 VC KIA (confirmed).

(7) At 301300H Company M (BT 108208) received 3 rds S/A fire from hamlet. Marines returned 20 rds S/A fire and searched hamlet. Results were 1 VCC, VC literature and medical gear.

(8) At 301400H Company K (BT 070205) received sniper fire from small village. FO called in 60mm mortars on village. FO made range error and one round fell short wounding one Marine; he was medevaced. Results were 1 friendly WIA.

(9) At 301430H Command Group and Company C arrived at tonight's location (BT 071213).

(10) At 301720H Company C received 4 rds sniper fire from 4 VC, 2 of which had weapons. Company C returned 80 rds S/A, 10 rds M-79 and 1 WP rifle grenade which was a dud. A squad was sent out to search the area with negative results. Results were 1 USMC WIA and 1 VC KIA (probable).

(11) At 301805H Company A (BT 013215) received 50 rds automatic and semi-automatic fire from BT 016214. Marines returned a heavy volume of small arms fire and assaulted the enemy position, VC broke contact. Killed 1 VC in cave. Captured 1 VCS in another cave. A Marine sniper team later killed another VC. Results; 1 USMC WIA med-evaced, 2 VC KIA (confirmed) and 1 VCS.

(12) At 301905H Company M (BT 068208) spotted 2 VC in rice paddy. Marines fired 45 rds SA and 4 rds M-79. Results; 1 VC KIA (probable), 1 VC WIA (confirmed) and 1 7.62mm carbine Serial No. A9718 model 1960, one cartridge belt, 1 poncho, 1 khaki uniform and 5 rds 7.62mm.

(13) The companies moved independently today with Companies C, A, and M supporting each other and Company K providing Command Group security until the middle of the afternoon when the responsibility was transferred to Company C.

(14) At nightfall the units were located as follows:

(a) Command Group and Company C - BT 071213

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