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Via: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines

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1. Name of Operation: Operation MAMELUKE THRUST
2. Dates of Operation: 261800H July to 231200H Oct 1968.
3. Location: Duy Xuyen, Kieu Doc and Duc Duc Districts,  
Quang Nam Province.
4. Control of Command Headquarters: 5th and 7th Marine  
Regiment.
5. Reporting Officer: LtCol. R. A. SEYMOUR 19Jul68 to 15Oct68  
LtCol. H. E. ATKINSON fr 16Oct68

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6. Task Organization: 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines  
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## 7. Supporting Forces

### a. Artillery

(1) The following batteries provided direct support to 3/5 during Operation MAMELUKE THRUST: 1-6 Aug I 3/11, H 3/11, 8-16 Aug G 3/11, I 3/11, Y 1/11, and Snubnose Papa, 17-21 Aug F 2/11, D 2/11, H 3/11 and W 2/11, 21 to 29 Aug C 3/11 and G 3/11, 9 Sept to 6 Oct F 2/11.

(2) General support provided by 11th Marines.

(3) A total of 14,675 rounds were expended as follows:

Observed Fire 8274(7092HE, 925 Illum and 257 WP)  
 Unobserved Fire 6401 HE

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(4) Preparation fires were used extensively. In order to better coordinate with air support, artillery prep fires were scheduled between 0500 and 0600 whenever possible.

(5) Nine TOT missions were fired on sites of previous enemy contact, intelligence targets and enemy sightings.

b. Air

(1) During Operation MAMELUKE THRUST weather had little effect on the use of aircraft.

(2) A total of 346 fixed wing missions were flown, 249 were TAC (A) controlled and 97 were FAC controlled. In addition 6 Spooky gunship and 17 flare ship missions were flown.

(3) Helicopters were utilized extensively throughout the operation. 84 separate medevacs, 17 Huey gunship strikes and 3 troop airlifts.

(4) During MAMELUKE THRUST 90 aerial observers were utilized to control fixed wing strikes and reconnaissance missions.

8. Intelligence

(1) During Operation MAMELUKE THRUST, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines conducted extensive rice denial operations in Central QUANG NAM PROVINCE. These operations successfully denied the enemy access to the food supplies of this area. Under the protection of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, Vietnamese farmers were able to harvest their own rice without fear of large scale enemy interference.

b. The following enemy units were identified as being disposed throughout QUANG NAM PROVINCE:

1. 21st Regt/2nd NVA Div
2. 3rd Sapper Bn/38th Regt
3. Elements of 141st Regt

c. Collection and Dissemination

(1) During the reporting period, 3/5 had six NVA POW'S, ten VC POW'S, four CHieu Hoi's and thirty-eight detainees.

(2) During the reporting period 90 aerial observers were utilized to control fixed wing strikes and reconnaissance missions.

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(2) Captured documents included: Maps, orders, tax records, personal letters and propaganda. All documents were forwarded to 13 TPT.

(3) Captured weapons included:

30 AK-47 Rifles, 8 SKS Rifles, 3 M-1 Carbines, 1 M-14 Rifle, 4 RPD Light Machine Guns, 2 RPG Rocket Launchers, 2 AK-44 Rifles, 3 Chi-Com Pistols, 1 60mm Mortar.

(4) Other captured equipment included the following:

a. Ordnance - (66) Chi-Com Grenades, (5) M-26 Grenades, (18) 82mm Rounds, (53,210) AK-47 Rounds, (20) 75 RR Rounds, (267) B-40 Rocket Rounds, (1) home made Bang-  
elot, and (40) Shape Charges.

b. Captured gear - (47) NVA Uniforms, (1) EE-8 Field Phone, (2) Short Wave Radios, (1) Chi-Com Radio, (20,000) SVN Piasters, and (50) lbs. of documents.

c. Food caches - (3,600) lbs. corn, (39,415) lbs. rice, (850) lbs. tobacco, (100) lbs. potatoes.

(5) Total enemy losses were 102 VC/NVA confirmed.

#### 9. Mission

Locate, fix and destroy enemy forces, installations and equipment/supplies within assigned Area of Operations.

#### 10. Concept of Operations

Maneuver Battalion attacking force against enemy through assigned objectives, supplemented by the conduct of night ambushes.

#### 11. Exécution

##### a. 1 Aug 1968

(1) At 012110H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT910549 spotted approximately 8 enemy 100 meters from defensive position moving S.E. Took enemy under fire with small arms, 2 NVA KIA conf. 1 AK-47, 1 magazine, 1 NVA pack, assorted documents, NVA currency.

(2) At 011720H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT945555. While moving to objective, received 30 rounds of small arms fire from long range. Returned small arms fire. Called arty and enemy ceased fire. Continued movement to objective.

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(3) At 012010H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT910549. While on lines heard movement and voices in distance. Spotted two enemy 500 meters away, moving S.W. Opened up with small arms fire. Enemy returned approximately 10 rds small arms fire then fled. Due to hearing other voices in distance, it's believed they were leading elements for a larger unit. Called in artillery fire in surrounding area. Searching area at this time. Spotted 8 enemy moving southeast AT911551. Opened fire with small arms. Checked out area found 2 confirmed enemy dead. 2 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 AK-47

b. 2 Aug 1968

(1) At 021810H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT957559. While moving on daylight activity, point element received sniper fire from front. Fire then shifted to right and left flanks. Estimated 7-10 enemy. Returned fire with organic weapons. Approximately 550 rds 7.62, 500 rds 5.56, 18 rds M-79, 48 HE/2 WP arty, 20 HE/4 WP 81mm. Enemy fire ceased. Running med-evac, searching and continuing mission. 2 USMC WIA.

(2) At 020830H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT908551. Spotted (2) enemy moving south. Fired 50 rounds M-16, 24 rds 105 HE. Sent patrol to search area, negative results.

(3) At 020830H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT911551. Searched area of contact. Additional weapons and equipment found. 1 P-38 pistol, 1 SKS, 1 M-2 carbine, 3 ChiCom grenades, 1 NVA frag grenade, 1 M-26 grenade, 1 wallet with I.D., 1 cartridge belt and 1 USMC haversack.

(4) At 021645H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT956560. While on patrol received small arms sniper fire from two positions at above grid. Engaged enemy with organic weapons and supporting arms. Enemy held positions. Estimate (2) platoon size, well positioned, with (1) machine gun, AK-47's, semi-automatic weapons, .50 cal. Reinforced A-3 position. A-1 and Mike command group now moving to point of contact. M-2 in reserve at Mike CP. Fixed wing presently engaging target. Enemy fire has ceased. Note: Suspect 3 WIA and 1 KIA result of friendly 81mm fire, investigation underway. Contact continues. 4 USMC KIA friendly fire, 4 USMC WIA friendly fire.

(5) At 022030H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT956560. Enemy continues to hold position. Repeated attempts to assault after heavy artillery and air fire support are met with enemy automatic weapons fire. Lima at 022015H departed 3/5 CP to establish clocking position. Gunship to be on station throughout night. Artillery blocking and H&I fires to continue. At first light, after heavy prep fires, Mike 3/5 will close with enemy, attacking to southwest. 2 KIA friendly fire, 3 KIA enemy fire, 3 WIA friendly fire, 3 WIA enemy fire, 1 VC KIA confirmed.

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c. 3 Aug 1968

(1) At 030410H Lima at Coord. AT948552. Enemy, while trying to pass through left flank of lines, was detected by the line and killed. Enemy made attempt to recover body, lines also shot at him but he fled. Recovered body and gear. 1 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 USMC cartridge belt, 2 Chi-Com grenades, 1 wallet with I.D. Enemy was wearing green NVA type utilities.

(2) At 031230H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT935543. While in route 3/5 CP two men stepped in enemy pungipit (l'xl'xl') left men at 3/5 CP. 2 USMC WIA NE.

(3) At 031415H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT9555. Thorough search of contact area completed. Negative enemy contact. Detailed results of search included in intelligence report to follow. 1 NVA KIA confirmed, 10 Chi-Com grenades.

d. 4 Aug 1968

(1) At 040530H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT912554. Took one Chi-Com grenade, slightly injured one man. Threw out two M-33. Checked area out with negative results. 1 USMC WIA NE.

(2) At 041045H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT943565. Observed civilians to the west, went to check out civilians while on patrol. While moving to area civilians fled. S-2 scout apprehended one man burying one VC dead, approximately one day old, killed by Mike Co. 2 August. Returned detainee to CP, 1 VC suspect approx. 38 years old.

(3) At 041545H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT944563. While prep firing PB camp with 81's and arty, received sniper fire from tree line, received about 5 to 7 rounds sniper fire. Immediately returned fire with organic weapons, called 81 and arty missions on target, also used gunships to strafe area. Enemy fire ceased. Area searched with negative results.

(4) At 041920H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT905547. While moving to ambush site took automatic weapons fire by unknown enemy force. Pulling back approx. 100 meters, calling in arty.

(5) At 041930H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT904548. While moving towards ambush site, unit received approx. 20 rounds AK-47 fire from positions 30 meters apart. Called arty mission, will search area after first light.

e. 5 Aug 1968

(1) At 050300H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT911553. Received 3 incoming grenades in CP perimeter. Two men received minor shrapnel wounds. Returned 4 to 5 M-33. Enemy fled. Estimated enemy size 1 to 2. Checked area at first light with negative results. 2 USMC WIA minor.

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g. 10 Aug 1968

(1) At 090030H Delta 1/7 at Coord. AT881652.  
Found 2 140mm rocket launchers and 3 140mm rounds. Captured gear was taken to a new site and hidden until friendly elements can extract at a later date. 2 140mm rocket launchers, 3 140mm rocket rounds.

(2) At 091215H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT857663.  
While moving to objective B, point element received (1) 3 round burst machine gun fire and 1 Chi-Com grenade. Unable to return fire because could not locate enemy. 1 USMC WIA

(3) At 091300H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT858664.  
While moving to objective B received heavy automatic fire and small arms fire. Also had 15 incoming Chi-Com grenades from 1 NVA squad. Called artillery and air and 60mm, then assaulted position. Silenced position. 2 USMC WIA, 3 NVA KIA confirmed 1 NVA POW, 1 12.7mm machinegun fully equipped with A.A. sights and 500 rounds of 12.7mm, 1 AK-47, 20 Chi-Com grenades, 300 rounds of AK-47, 8 packs with miscellaneous gear, 50 pounds of rice destroyed and documents forwarded to S-2.

(4) At 091720H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT859664.  
Received 3 rounds 82mm while running medevac. Ran airstrike on suspected mortar site. 1 USN WIA, 3 USMC WIA

(5) At 091730H Delta 1/7 at Coord. AT855663.  
While moving to platoon outpost received 10 incoming rounds from the south and west approximately 50 meters away, estimated approximately 3-4 VC. One man hit in right leg. Opened fire with 50 5.56 rounds and 5 M-26 grenades. One man spotted 4 figures fleeing to the west. Called in an emergency medevac. Searching area at this time. 1 USMC WIA, emergency medevac.

(6) At 092200H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT858664.  
Received 10 incoming Chi-Com grenades from unknown number of enemy. Returned grenades, searched out area first light, found 2 NVA confirmed. 2 NVA KIA confirmed, 2 AK-47, 8 Chi-Com grenades, 4 AK-47 magazines, 200 rounds AK-47, documents forwarded to S-2.

g. 10 Aug 1968

(1) At 100900H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT860664.  
While probing objective B received automatic and small arms fire from objective B, from estimated 5-6 enemy. Returned organic fire and gunships. We had a secondary explosion from LAW'S fired at a bunker. 2 USMC WIA.

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(2) At 101000H Delta 1/7 at Coord. AT855663. Heard movement out in front of them. LF threw 1 grenade. Received 3 incoming grenades, results 2 USMC WIA'S. We threw 3 grenades back and brought the WIA'S back to our lines. 2 USMC WIA.

(3) At 101100H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT861669. Received a burst of automatic weapons and some incoming grenades. Some of the grenades are coming from this hill. We returned some small arms fire and 4 grenades.

(4) At 101205H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT863668. Man was hit in the leg by shrapnel, friendly airstrikes, minor wound. 1 USMC WIA friendly fire.

(5) At 101430H Bravo 1/7 at Coord. AT862665. One Marine was killed assaulting objective and body was not recovered. Marine in question was killed by enemy bullet in the chest. 2 Marine witnesses confirmed that this was PFC JEM 5518 and that he was definitely dead. The man fell near the top of the hill and was dragged back down approximately 15 meters. Intense fire forced those dragging the body to take cover. Another unit again attempted to recover body but due to intense sniper fire was unable to do so. Due to heat casualties and WIA'S, Bravo 1/7 was forced to abandon further attempts and withdrew from hill. Bravo 1/7 briefed Lima 3/5 and after consultation with Lima it was determined infeasible to attempt night extraction. Lima 3/5 directed to make attempt following morning at 111100H. Lima assaulted objective and attempted to retrieve body. Units advanced to within 30 meters of it, however, enemy fire from a position nearby prevented extraction. Due to enemy disposition, Lima determined that further attempts, day or night would prove unsuccessful.

(6) At 101510H Bravo 1/7 at Coord. AT862665. While on patrol found one Chi-Com grenade with shrapnel hole in it. Searched out area, found negative blood trails, brought Chi-Com back to CP.

(7) At 102000H Bravo 1/7 at Coord. AT863665. Assault of objective B, Bravo 1/7 selected an attack position 200 meters from objective B. At this position, one platoon was placed on line facing the objective, with one platoon in column to the rear. Friendly units were not receiving fire. During the first one hundred meters, assaulting units received light volume of enemy fire. The last one hundred meters were partially vegetated, partially bare. The last fifty meters were bare. The assaulting unit received heavy enemy automatic and semi-automatic fire from approximately thirty spider hole positions. In addition, the enemy from those positions began throwing grenades at very close range. At this point, assault platoon was on line in close proximity to enemy positions, totally exposed to heavy volume of enemy small arms, machinegun

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and hand grenade fire. Concurrently, assaulting units were receiving enfilade .50 cal. fire from enemy position located atop Hill 270. Enemy positions located on objective B are described as small openings with tunnels leading to large underground rooms. Unit leaders of assaulting units report observing a total of 14 enemy killed by friendly fire at close range. An additional 8 bodies have been sighted by Mike 3/5. Bravo 1/7 withdrew to attack position. Note: Present effective strength-61. 8 USMC KIA, 18 USMC WIA, 22 NVA KIA confirmed.

h. 11 Aug 1968

(1) At 110630H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT866666. Spotted 6 NVA running in open. Air delivered napalm landed on position, completely engulfing enemy in flame. 6 NVA KIA confirmed.

(2) At 111050H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT866665. While attacking objective B received sporadic small arms fire from 6 enemy positions. Consolidated positions, determined enemy previously encountered by Bravo still in position. On order withdrew for air strikes. 1 USMC WIA.

(3) At 111145H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT866666. Sniper observed one enemy wearing blue shorts. Sniper shot him through the back, observed enemy fall and lie still for approximately 5 minutes. Air strike then destroyed position. 1 NVA KIA confirmed.

(4) At 111700H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT867666. Man was hit by clump of dirt that was thrown over head by air strike. Treated and medevaced by resupply helicopter. 1 USMC WIA friendly air.

i. 12 Aug 1968

(1) At 120745H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT866666. Patrol from Lima went out to search the attack position of 11 August of objective B for an MIA. The patrol advanced slowly up the N.E. finger of objective B. The body was sited behind a tree vicinity attack position. The patrol went to it. The body was down the hill, accurate sniper fire drove the patrol to cover. Further attempts to recover the body were abandoned and the patrol returned. 1 USMC KIA, body not recovered.

(3) At 120815H Mike & Yankee 3/5 at Coord. AT859664. Received approximately 100 round small arms fire from objective B, from approximately 3 positions. Returned organic small arms, 60mm mortar and 105mm artillery fire. Enemy fire ceased.

(3) At 111145H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT866666. Sniper observed one enemy wearing blue shorts. Sniper shot him through the back, observed enemy fall and lie still for approximately 5 minutes. Air strike then destroyed position. 1 NVA KIA confirmed.

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(4) At 120900H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT867666. Sniper spotted one enemy with weapon. Sniper shot enemy in chest and observed the enemy fall. He then fired two more bullets into the body. 1 NVA KIA confirmed.

(5) At 120915H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT858664. While running airstrike, squad leader observed 2 NVA evading to north west on objective Bravo, fired automatic weapons and M-79, observed one NVA fall. Air strikes continued, afterwards, observed one body, possibly hit by air strikes. Also observed secondary explosion. 1 NVA KIA confirmed.

(6) At 120950H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT867666. Man was hit by a piece of shrapnel from friendly air strike. Treated and will be medevaced. 1 USMC WIA friendly air.

(7) At 121500H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT863666. Unit attacking objective Bravo commenced thorough search of area found trench line ringing hill and numerous tunnels caved in by air strikes. Found 2 bodies and parts of 3 others, and various weapons, equipment and supplies. 5 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 M-60 machine gun, 4 M-16's, 1 AK-47, 1 AK-44, 1 B-40 rocket launcher, 1 60mm mortar site and base plate Chinese type, 17 60mm fuses and shotgun charges all ChiCom type, 400 AK-47 rds, 1 Chinese type assault machine gun magazine and 55 ChiCom grenades.

(8) At 121715H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT863665. An enemy body was observed on objective Charlie with field glasses from objective Bravo prior to air strike on objective Charlie. 1 NVA KIA confirmed.

(9) At 122020H Delta 1/7 at Coord. AT855665. Received approximately 5-7 incoming ChiCom grenades approximately 50-75 meters from friendly positions, suspect enemy recon by fire. Returned 5 M-26 grenades at suspected enemy location. Incoming initially thought to be enemy 60mm. Therefore called for and received 18 rounds 105mm HE at suspected mortar site.

j. 13 Aug 1968

(1) At 130940H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT863669. While conducting probing attack on objective Charlie received approximately 100 rounds of AK-47 fire from 3 enemy positions. Based on observation by Lima-6 and 40, estimate 3 enemy spider hole positions south side, 4 north side. Returned organic small arms and 60mm fire. Called for and received 42 81mm HE, and 75 105mm HE. Have requested fixed wing napalm. 1 USMC WIA

(2) At 131400H Bravo 1/7 at Coord. AT863673. During Lima 3/5 probing attack of Objective C, received approximately 10 rounds enemy small arms fire. One Marine wounded. Called for and received emergency medevac. 1 USMC WIA

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(3) At 131400H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT863671. While attacking Objective C received grenades from an enemy bunker located on top. 3 USMC were wounded by shrapnel. Returned grenades and small arm fire, killing two NVA, then pulled back to allow suppressing fire to be brought on the bunker. 3 USMC WIA, 2 NVA KIA confirmed.

(4) At 131530H Apache (Army AO) at Coord. AT851658. Received automatic and small arms fire while searching objective K-Ray. One helicopter hit but not shot down. Spotted 30 enemy at above coordinates proceeded to Objective D. Made one pass, received no fire. Negative enemy movement. Parent command directed return at 1545. 3/5 processing artillery TOT on enemy troop concentration at 851658.

(5) At 131400H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT863666. During attack of Objective C, 1 NVA threw ChiCom grenade from bunker, then leaned forward to observe damage. Sniper took enemy under fire. 1 NVA KIA confirmed.

(6) At 131600H Delta 1/7 at Coord. AT863671. During attack of Objective C, received 3 incoming ChiCom grenades. Returned fire with 20 M-26 grenades, secured southern portion of Objective C and conducted search of battle area. 1 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 NVA POW (WIA), 2 AK-47, 18 ChiCom grenades, 100 rounds 7.62 linked, 500 rounds AK-47.

(7) At 131715H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT863666. Continuing search of Objective B, found 2 new tunnels containing parts of 2 bodies and various equipment. Search continuing. 2 NVA KIA confirmed, 14 ChiCom grenades, 40 rds AK-47.

(8) At 132050H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT863673. Unit took one incoming grenade on line. One man was wounded. Fired 1 M-79 rd. and 5 rds. 5.56. 1 USMC WIA.

k. 14 Aug. 1968

(1) At 140015H Delta 1/7 at Coord. AT863671. Perimeter received approximately 6 incoming ChiCom grenades and 3-8 to 10 round burst of small arms automatic fire. Returned 6 M-26 grenades, 20 rds. of 5.56 ammo and 20 rounds 7.62 linked. Will check out area at first light. 2 USMC WIA.

(2) At 140914H Apache (Army AO) at Coord. AT864684. While employed by 3/5 against Objective D. Air Cav. spotted 15 NVA in open. Fired rockets and machinegun. 4 NVA KIA confirmed.

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(1) At 150745H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT856664. Lead elements received 10 round burst AK-47 fire from unknown position vicinity above coordinates. Returned fire with organic small arms and M-26 grenades. Proceeded to and secured C.P.#1 found evidence of (1) or (2) enemy. Suspect enemy withdrew north or west. (1) ChiCom grenade.

(2) At 150920H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT852667. While proceeding to C.P.#2 spotted 3 NVA. Opened fire with organic weapons proceeded through point of contact. Located (12) 3-man fighting holes, recently built, with wood constructed overhead cover. NVA fled west. 1 NVA KIA confirmed. 1 Chinese light assault machinegun with 30 rounds, 1 cartridge belt with pencho, documents to be forwarded to S-2.

(3) At 151230H Delta 1/7 at Coord. AT863671. While on patrol found ten bunkers and one cave. Had not been used for at least two weeks. Searched bunkers with negative findings.

m. 16 Aug 1968

(1) At 160015H Delta 1/7 at Coord. AT862671. Received two incoming ChiCom grenades resulting in two men hit. Requested medevac for first light. (2) USMC WIA.

(2) At 161500H 3/5 C.P. at Coord. AT972622. While in defensive position received 15 rounds small arms fire. Spotted 1 VC in open. Fired organic weapons. Wounded VC, carried to C.P. for questioning and medevac. 1 VC POW, 1 ChiCom grenade, 1 M-26 grenade, 1 cartridge belt with assorted documents.

n. 17 Aug. 1968

(1) At 170900H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT943483. Received 25 rounds enemy sniper fire from 2 positions. Returned 100 rounds M-60, 25 rounds M-16, 2 LAWS. Enemy fled to east.

(2) At 171310H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT928492. While consolidating Objective A, Marine detonated 105 artillery round, rigged as a booby trap. Searched area and called medevac. 3 USMC WIA.

(3) At 171315H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT942492. Received small arms fire from about 3 to 4 enemy. Returned small arms fire. Negative results.

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(4) At 171330H Lima 2/7 at Coord. AT937486. While checking area found ammo and gear. Poncho with pack. 1 bag rice, 1 pair khaki shorts, 150 AK-47 rounds hidden in rice, 1 black shirt, 1 pair blue pants, 3 fresh graves.

(5) At 171525H Lima 2/7 at Coord. AT935488. Found 4 shallow graves less than one week old. 6 killed by napalm and shrapnel, 6 NVA uniforms.

(6) At 171630H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT930495. While moving to new objective, point element made contact with an estimated platoon of enemy. Enemy had automatic weapons and also RPG's which they fired and hit one of the tigers. Returned fire with organic weapons and supporting fire. Also used tigers to great advantage in getting close to enemy. Attack continued. 3 USMC WIA.

(7) At 171750H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT941496. Spotted one NVA crossing rice paddy. Sniper fired one round missing the enemy. The enemy hit the ground and then again arose crouching up on us while running. After firing one round, his weapon jammed, the NVA was chased physically and captured. 1 NVA POW, 1 SKS, 1 ChiCom grenade.

(8) At 171900H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT933493. Continued attack through enemy position. Conducted police of battle field. Continuing illumination throughout night to prevent escape. 5 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 VOS, 25 civilian detainees, 1 B-40 rocket launcher, 7 ChiCom grenades, 1 B-40 rocket round, 23 60mm rounds, 5 AK-47 magazines and assorted gear.

(9) At 171915H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT941496. Lines spotted movement in the rice paddies. Lines opened up with small arms fire forcing the enemy to hit the deck. Sent out a fire team to apprehend enemy. The enemy jumped to their feet firing at our units with automatic bursts. Our unit then opened up with small arms, 1 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 NVA POW WIA, 1 SKS, 1 light Chinese assault machinegun, 5 ChiCom grenades, 40 AK-47 rounds, 3 drums machinegun ammo, assorted medical gear, and assorted documents.

(10) At 172025H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT938498. Lines spotted 5 enemy with full gear including packs walking back towards Objective B. Lines took the enemy under fire with small arms. Will check out area during illumination. 1 AK-47

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(1) At 180010H Lima 2/7 at Coord. AT935495. While moving to ambush site was held by illumination. When the patrol moved out it noticed that last fire team had not departed. Had sent man back to link fire team with patrol which moved approximately 15 meters. Man called back and was taken for enemy by fire team. Fire team fired 3 M-16 rounds wounding man in head. Alleycat returned to friendly lines. 1 WIA USMC.

(2) At 180715H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT938498. Checked out area in front of lines where there was suspected night movement. Found one dead NVA. Recovered body and equipment. 1 NVA KIA confirmed, 3 ChiCom grenades.

(3) At 181845H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT932485. While searching village found two NVA held up in bunker. They were wounded, but were unable to determine if armed. They both had gun shot wounds. Refused to surrender. Threw 2 grenades into bunker and killed them. 2 NVA KIA confirmed.

(4) At 181030H Lima 2/7 at Coord. AT930494. Sweep of battle field by L-3. Rice discovered will be destroyed. Discovered 3 vats rice total 300 lbs.

(5) At 181215H Lima 2/7 at Coord. AT930495. Search of Objective B. resulting in collected gear and continued sweep. 2 ChiCom grenades, 1 cartridge belt, 1 hammock, 1 circular magazine for machinogun wrapped in burlap, 25 fighting holes.

(6) At 181300H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT941496. Lima patrol detained 78 civilians, 46 children, 1 old man. All held for interrogation. ITT was sent to this position to interrogate, 78 detainees.

(7) At 181300H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT935498. While searching and securing Objective B, found 2 bodies and parts of another NVA. Continued to search area with negative results in finding more bodies. 3 NVA KIA confirmed.

(8) At 181345H Lima 2/7 at Coord. AT935494. Lima discovered 1 NVA body in hocch. Had documents on it. Documents turned over to S-2. 1 NVA KIA confirmed.

(9) At 181500H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT935498. While continuing search of area found 1 NVA. NVA was wounded. Found inside bunker with rifle. Marine entered bunker shot & killed NVA with pistol. 1 NVA KIA, 1 SKS with 175 rounds, 1 rifle grenade, 2 gas masks, 2 magazines.

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At 192200H Lima 2/7 at Coord. AT925493. While in ambush position Lima received two incoming grenades. Returned fire with M-79.

q. 20 Aug. 1968

(1) At 201500H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT925497. While continuing to search Objective B Marine searching house found 1 mag for RPD and 100 rds of 7.62 short. Continuing to search area. 1 mag for RPD. 100 rds 7.62 short.

r. 24 Aug 1968

(1) At 242015H India 3/5 at Coord. AT883768. While moving through night ambush area, India heard noises on south side of trail. Sent out a element to check area. Elements set off suspected trip wire M-26 booby trap. Proceeded on prescribed route.

s. 25 Aug 1968

(1) At 252205H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT902753. Unit heard definite movement. Unit threw hand grenade at movement; then moments later received one incoming grenade slightly wounding two men. Unit heard someone moving away from their position and threw grenades. 2 USMC WIA.

t. 26 Aug. 1968

(1) At 261910H India at 3/5 at Coord. AT877789. Received 20 incoming 81 mm mortar rounds at Coord. 878789. Rounds were fired by 2/11 a friendly support unit, 1 USMC WIAE.

u. 9 Sept 1968

(1) At 091445H Mike at Coord. AT857486. While moving toward objective point element observed 3 VC running southwest and were taken under fire. Received two rounds SKS sniper fire. Returned 15 M-16 rounds, 4 M-79 rounds, apprehended 1 VC suspect. ITT interrogating. 1 VCS.

(2) At 091455H Mike at Coord. AT854483. While moving towards objective found approximately 13 civilians in house and area of newly constructed bunker. Destroyed bunker, detained civilians evacuated to S-2. Suspect area to be VC base camp.

v. 10 Sept 1968

(1) At 100930H India at Coord. AT849502. Upon entering Objective 2, spotted 1 NVA in tree line at above coordinate. As India enclosed upon enemy he fled to the northwest and joined approximately 10 to 15 additional NVA. Enemy fired automatic and semi-automatic small arms

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(10) At 181545H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT938489. Search of battle ground. 1 Chinese radio and 3 cylinder mag, 2 AK-47, 1 SKS rifle, 1 set of bipods for Chinese 60mm mortar, 3,000 7.62 short rds, 1 rifle grenade, 16 61mm mortar rds, 20 61mm mortar fuzes, 3 B-40 rocket rds and 3 fuzes, 10 AK-47 mags, 15 gas masks, 30 NVA packs, 20-30 lbs of documents and miscel. papers.

(11) At 181520H Lima 2/7 at Coord. AT938398. Discovered rice and ammo storage site. Local rice to be destroyed. Bagged rice recovered.

(12) At 181700H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT935498. While continuing search found two more NVA. NVA were almost covered with dirt, outside bunker and spider hole. NVA were uncovered dead. 1 USMC NBC, 100 rds 7.62 short, 1 AK-47 mag. Found documents which will be forwarded to S-2, 4 NVA gas masks, 3 ChiCom grenades, 1 poncho.

(13) At 181710H Lima 2/7 at Coord. AT933495. Lima discovered bags and vats of rice. The bags are moveable, but the vats are going to be destroyed. 152 100 lb bags of rice and 15 vat of rice holding approximately 250 lbs each.

p. 19 Aug. 1968

(1) At 190800H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT940499. While continuing search of Objective B located four shallow graves. Found 4 NVA bodies, they were killed by air or arty. 4 NVA KIA confirmed.

(2) At 191100H India 3/5 at Coord. AT939494. While searching area uncovered a cache of rice. The rice was buried in hole and covered with logs and dirt. 200 lbs of rice.

(3) At 191200H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT935498. While continuing search uncovered four bags of rice. Continued to dig in surrounding area which led to a extremely large cache of rice. 182 bags of rice 100 lbs each.

(4) At 191400H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT941498. During search of battle area found 2 urns filled with rice and 3 five gallon cans of rice buried in ground. Destroyed in place 300 lbs of rice.

(5) At 191430H Lima 3/5 at Coord. AT941498. During search of battle area found three gallon drums of rice in bunker. Destroyed in place. 900 lbs of rice.

(6) At 191540H Mike 3/5 at Coord. AT935498. While continuing search of area spotted mg barrel. Marine entered bunker and discovered 1 spare mg barrel and M-60 mg.

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as well as ChiComms. Enemy were dressed in green utilities, boots, helmets, packs and carrying weapons. Took enemy under fire. Fired 200 rounds 5.56, 100 rounds 7.62, 30 M-79 and 15 frags. Will conduct thorough search of contact area following airstrikes. Evaced 3 WIA. 3 USMC WIA, 7 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 AK-47, 400 rounds AK-47, utilities for 6 NVA, 4 packs, 40 rounds M-1 carbine, 3 10 lb. bags rice, 1 drum for RPD machinegun, various documents and 1 B-40 rocket charge.

(2) At 101115H Mike at Coord. AT851499. While proceeding to objective marines were passing hedgerow. Two Marines passed through hedgerow and 3rd man stepped on homemade pressure type mine. There were two mines in the hedgerow. The one to the north was set off the other was 20 meters to the south. Both mines were in beaten trails. Searched area, blew non-detonated mine continued through objective and called medevac. 1 USMC WIA, 2 homemade pressure type mines.

(3) At 101300H India at Coord. AT845502. While moving to assigned objective was taken under fire by approximately 20 NVA firing from different positions. Enemy fired semi and automatic bursts. Returned approximately 300 rounds 5.56, 400 rounds 7.62 and ten grenades. Moved units back to Objective two and called in airstrikes. 3 USMC WIA, 7 NVA KIA confirmed, 5 AK-47's, 1 RPG rocket launcher, 2 RPD's, 2 ChiCom grenades, 1 map case, 2 B-40 sights, 4 rocket rounds, 20 60mm mortar rounds

(4) At 101530H India at Coord. AT849507. Sixty mortars were set in and firing on above enemy coordinates in preparation for attack. Two tubes had been firing when one of them had a round fire no more than 20 feet. Faulty ammo report being submitted. The lot has been suspended. Medevac called. 5 USMC WIA.

(5) At 101815H Lima at Coord. AT867505. Apprehended two elderly men and one girl. One man was changing his clothes while the other man and his daughter were seen coming from the area of the enemy position. The interpreter that was with Lima questioned them. The man changing his clothes lives in the village where he was found. He stated that in the past few days he had seen up to fifty NVA moving west. The other man lived in the area that was occupied by the NVA. The girl was his daughter. He stated there were around 100 NVA in the area where Mike had made contact, and that the NVA had plenty of rice and have built trenches and bunkers. The interpreter and KCS were convinced that they were civilians and were released.

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w. 11 Sept 1968

(1) At 111200H-111500H Mike at Coord. AT858508. After heavy artillery and fixed wing prop fires on AT859509 Mike moved in to search area and took heavy small arms and auto-weapons fire from well dug in enemy. Estimated 15 to 20 enemy occupying trench in tree line. Returned fire with small arms, auto-weapons, and 60mm mortars. Heavy volume of fire would not allow Marines to advance. Heavy base of fire allowed Mike to recover all casualties, but four bodies. Additional air and artillery was called. 3 USMC KIA, 4 USMC KIA non-retrievable, 10 USMC WIAE, 4 USMC WIANE, 7 USMC NBCE.

(2) At 111700H India at Coord. AT853515. While Mike continued attack, India was able to observe and take under fire approximately 20 to 30 NVA in tree line at coordinate AT862515, 700 to 800 meters from India's position. NVA were carrying packs, AK-47's and RPG rocket launchers. India brought enemy under fire with M-60, snipers, artillery, and 60mm and 81mm mortars. Snipers had two confirmed NVA. M-60's had one NVA confirmed.

(3) At 111730H Mike at Coord. AT858508. While re-entering their assigned objective, received light sniper fire. Marines spotted enemy fleeing to north and northeast. Marines returned fire with organic weapons and 60mm mortars. Marines maneuvered to and beyond trench lines and bunkers. In doing this Mike company was able to recover the four bodies left earlier in this action. 10 NVA confirmed. 3 AK-47's, 1 Russian made pistol, and miscellaneous 782 gear, 1 RPG, and 1 60mm tube and base plate.

(4) At 111930H Kilo at Coord. AT867514. As point entered tree line one NVA walked up to point man. Point man fired burst. One NVA KIA. Search of area 15 to 20 minutes later revealed 1 AK-47 with magazine, 1 pack, 2 drums for machine gun, and machine gun ammo.

x. 12 Sept 1968

(1) At 120425H Mike at Coord. AT859509. Observed movement in a bunker on their position. Estimated four enemy were still inside. Mike-1 and S-2 scouts, were finally able to coax 3 enemy from the bunker. Also found in bunker were 1 EE-8 type ChiCom phone. Search of area continues. One more NVA with weapon believed to be in bunker. 3 NVA captives, 1 NVA still in bunker and are trying to pull him out. The one in the bunker has a weapon. Secured men and gear from bunker, including 1 NVA who wouldn't come out of the bunker. 10 NVA KIA confirmed, 3 NVA pow's. 4 AK-47's, 1 Chi-Com 9mm pistol, 9 Chi-Com grenades, 1 B-40 rocket launcher, 9 AK-47 magazines, 300 rounds AK-47 ammo, 3 60mm mortar rounds, 1 Chi-Com radio no. K-63, 2 B-40 rocket sights, 21lbs documents, packs and gear and clothing totaling 50 lbs, 300 feet of comm wire.

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(2) 121430H Lima at coord AT873523. As Lima-1 entered village at AT872525 many auto-weapons opened fire to their front and from a treeline to their left. Estimated 35 enemy in well dug in position. Small arms fire and M-79 were ineffective against dug in position. L-2 and 60mm provided covering fire. L-1 retrieved their wounded and pulled back to L-6 position. Medevacs called. 1 USMC KIA not evaced yet. Air strikes were then called. 1 USMC KIA, 12 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIANE and 4 NVA KIA confirmed.

y. 13 Sept 1968

(1) At 131130H Lima at coord. AT872523. While sweeping north, captured 1 NVA in bunker. His left foot was broken and had slight head wounds. Called for ITT who confirmed him NVA. POW being returned to CP for interrogation and evac to An Hoa. 1 NVA POW.

(2) At 131330H India at coord. AT883537. While consolidating India, received approximately 20 to 30 rounds small arms fire. And one B-40 rocket causing 1 USMC evac. Returned approximately 50 rounds of 5.56, 50 rounds 7.62 and 3 M-79 rounds. 1 USMC WIAE.

(3) At 131530H India at coord. AT883538. While moving to assigned objective, India received semi and automatic fire and 60mm rounds. Returned small arms fire and called air and arty strikes. After support arms strike, 1 NVA came forward with Chu Hoi pass. Initial search of objective negative. Will continue search at first light. Medevac called. 2 USMC WIAE and 1 NVA Chu Hoi, 2 NVA KIA confirmed, 2 AK-47 folding stock type with 4 magazines.

(4) At 131730H Lima at coord. AT866541. Moved into objective and began setting up perimeter. Two automatic weapons opened fire from well concealed positions 20 meters away. Also took 5 incoming 60mm rounds from unknown enemy position. Sniper fire coming from the north and northwest. AO was called in on enemy mortar and snipers, returned fire with organic weapons on enemy position with unknown results. Area is cordoned and will be thoroughly searched at first light. 2 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA.

z. 14 Sept 1968

(1) At 141200H Mike at coord. AT855553. After consolidating objective began to search for enemy caches. In doing so located 2 SKS rifles in house. They were hidden in a coffin. Continue to search area. 2 SKS rifles.

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(2) At 141230H 3/5 CP at coord. AT895540. While moving into above coordinate and establishing defensive perimeter found 1 VC KIA confirmed and 1 VC WIA in critical condition from gunshot wounds. S-2 and ITT interrogated but the VC was too badly wounded to give information, medevac called. Documents turned over to S-2. 1 VC KIA confirmed, 1 VC POW and documents.

aa. 15 Sept 1968

(1) At 150015H Mike at coord. AT869535. While in night ambush position observed approximately 4 enemy approaching ambush position moving east along river. Claymore failed to detonate. Opened fire with small arms and grenades. Received small arms fire. Searched area with negative results. 1 USMC WIA.

(2) At 151500H India at coord. AT896543. Found shortwave radio in hooch near India's CP. Radio on India's frequency. Also found 20,000 piasters. ITT and S-2 interrogated man and called medevac. 1 civilian detainee, 1 shortwave radio and 20,000 piasters.

(3) At 152345H India at coord. AT895542. Received approximately 12 rounds 60mm mortar fire from suspected enemy positions. Fired counter mortar fire of 20 rounds 81mm and 24 rounds Marine 105mm arty.

bb. 16 Sept 1968

(1) At 160715H India at coord. AT89522. While conducting search of objective found a large cache of rice, corn and tobacco. Findings were buried in large cement boxes in well concealed locations. Destroyed all cache by fire. 10 creaks of corn 3000 lbs, 6 creaks of rice 1800 lbs and 12 bags of tobacco 600 lbs.

(2) At 161230H Lima at coord. AT874524. While moving toward objective, the point sighted 8 enemy troops with packs and rifles. Also 15-20 sighted south at 886531. The point elements brought both groups under small arms fire and 60mm mortars. Air, arty and 81mm mortars were called in. Lima's sniper shot one enemy who was dragged away and wounded another in the leg who limped into brush. Mike and Lima will search areas as they move to objective. 1 NVA KIA confirmed, 10 82mm mortar rounds, 52,800 7.62 short rounds (AK-47), 20 75mm recoilless rifle rounds and 222 B-40 rocket rounds.

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(3) A6 161330H Lima at coord. AT874524. While moving through suspected living area he was questioned by interpreter. He admitted to carrying rice and supplies for NVA. Interpreter suspects he is local VC. Sending back to ITT at An Hoa.

(4) At 161500H 3/5 CP at coord. AT897543. Three female civil defendant detainee's were taken at above coordinate. As a result of an intelligence check of their ID cards. All three were evaded to ITT at An Hoa. 3 detainees.

(5) At 161515H Mike at coord. AT882540. While proceeding to assigned objective, made contact with 3 NVA. Point caught them by surprise. Point brought them under fire with organic weapons. After contact searched area. 2 AK-47 rifles, 3 M-26 grenades, 1 pineapple type grenade with homemade firing cap, 3 AK-47 magazines, 2 M-16 magazines and 1 wallet with documents.

(6) At 161700H Lima at coord. AT876516. Sniper spotted 2 NVA with packs and rifles sitting on the bank looking in our direction with field glasses. Sniper shot the one with field glasses and saw him fall backwards. A few moments later an AO and the sniper saw one man carrying another in the immediate area. 1 NVA KIA confirmed.

(7) At 161705H 3/5 CP at coord. AT902529. When setting up in defensive perimeter found extensive ammo cache. Will destroy all ammo except B-40 rounds, will send them to An Hoa.

cc. 17 Sept 1968

(1) At 170935H 3/5 CP at coord. AT900528. While conducting search of CP discovered enemy ammo cache along hedge row at above coord. Staging ammo for destruction. 2 ChiCom grenades and 33 B-40 rockets.

(2) At 171030H Lima at coord. AT889518. While sweeping island complex spotted 4 enemy running. Opened fire with M-16 wounding 1 VC. 1 VC evad, 1 ChiCom, and 2 documents.

(3) At 171700H Lima at coord. AT870517. While searching area found tunnel with trap door. Threw 1 grenade in hole and heard meaning. Threw another grenade in hole and searched tunnel. 4 VC confirmed, 1 SAS, 1 AK-44, 1 38 cal. pistol, 9 ChiCom grenades, 30 rounds 7.62 short, 782 gear, 20 lbs. documents and ID cards.

(4) At 172355H India at Coord. AT905332. While in night defensive perimeter received an explosive device believed

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to be 75 received rounds. Explosion inflicted 1 USMC WIA. No rounds returned as enemy position could not be pinpointed. Shifted from 17 position and are to be in alert positions. 1 USMC WIA.

cc. 18 Sept 1968

(1) At 180700H Lima at Coord. AT866526. Lima-1 while in outpost position received incoming rounds from tree line to their NW. Called in artillery and 81's. Lima-1 while observing artillery position observed 2 secondary explosions in tree line. 1 WIA.

(2) At 181130H Lima at Coord. AT876512, AT885516. At first coordinate found booby trapped rice, corn and potatoes cache. At second coordinate found rice and corn. Destroyed all supplies. 900 lbs. rice, 200 lbs. corn, 100 lbs. potatoes.

(3) At 181730H Lima At Coord. AT869516. While searching beeches young boy was found hiding behind wall. Boy said he was 11 years old. Interpreter believes boy is VC and is 16 years old. Interrogated and received no information. Will send out on first chopper. 1 Detainee.

cc. 19 Sept 1968

(1) At 190145H Mike at Coord. AT888506. M-3 lines were probed during night and received 1 incoming grenade and 3 separate incoming sniper rounds from the southeast. Returned 2 M-26 grenades which stopped probing. 2 USMC WIA.

(2) At 190745H Lima at Coord. AT867517. L-3 while sweeping through objective area tripped 2 booby trapped grenades which wounded 7 Marines, all minor. Also found 3 booby trapped 105mm rounds at AT871519, AT872519. Found tunnels and trenches indicating enemy having been in the area very recently. No enemy contact. 7 USMC WIA.

(3) At 191600H 3/5 CP at Coord. AT901529. While moving inside CP perimeter Marine stepped in spider hole and injured his leg. 1 USMC NDCE.

(4) At 192245H India at Coord. AT887538. While conducting night movement point received small arms and automatic fire from estimated 4 enemy force to right flank and approximately 10 grenades from 5 man force to left flank. Grenades caused 9 USMC WIA. Returned grenade and small arms fire, swept thru area with negative results. Enemy appears to have withdrawn to the west. Marine arty being fired on egress routes medevac being called. 1 USMC KIA, 9 USMC WIA.

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17. 20 Sept 1968

(1) At 200155H India at coord. AT866538. While continuing night search toward checkpoint 2, lead elements received heavy small arms and automatic fire from 2 platoons of enemy. Returned small arms, machine gun and mortar fire on enemy positions. Contact was too close for arty. Terrain not suited for envelopment, units withdrawn to south and east in order to utilize arty. Plan to continue arty until first light and then attempt probe to fix enemy position. Air will be on station approximately 0700.

(2) At 200245H India at coord. AT867526. After heavy prep fire India moved into area of early morning contact. Search of area showed enemy had withdrawn.

(3) At 200930H India at coord. AT857544. AO in support of India spotted 3 NVA with weapons and packs at the above coordinates. AO took them under fire with rockets. 4 NVA KIA.

(4) At 201030H India at Coord. AT862543. While searching Objective 2, two VC females fled to southwest from well concealed position. VC females were dressed in civilian clothes carrying cartridge belts and weapons. Fired 10 rounds SA. ITT interrogating POW. Will medevac. 1 Female VC KIA confirmed, 1 Female VC MIA POW, and 2 SKS rifles.

(5) At 201200H Mike at Coord. AT854526. After consolidating objective began to search area. The following was uncovered: 1 SKS, 3 B-41 rocket rounds, 1 82mm mortar round, 60 AK-47 rounds, 28 shot propellant for 82mm mortar, 63 1/2 lbs C-4 JS type, and 250 lbs of tobacco. Miscellaneous 782 gear and documents.

(6) At 201830H Mike at Coord. AT854528. While searching area, located two 50 pound mines, description as follows: Both are 12"X12"X16", one with pressure type detonator, the other one was pull friction type detonator. Engineer blew both rock mines. 2 rock mines destroyed in place.

25. 21 Sept 1968

(1) At 210800H Lima at Coord. AT857555. While searching objective 4 uncovered better listed items and destroyed in place: 400 lbs of corn, 150 lbs rice, 34 M-1 carbine rounds and 36 NVA uniforms.

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(2) At 211140H Lima at coord. AT82549. While passing through India's position found 8 82mm mortar rounds. rounds were tied to a stick found in grass. Destroyed all rounds.

(3) At 211530H 3/5 CP at coord. AT865525. While setting in defensive perimeter found 6 ChiCom grenades and destroyed in place.

(4) At 211730H Lima at coord. AT831544. While searching objective area, Marine found a small device shaped like a baseball cut in half - 3 inches in diameter. It had a small tip with a spring and thin piece of metal attached to base and tip. Device was given to engineer to have blown. As engineer walked away the device detonated in his hands. Casualties nonevaced, 1 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA.

(5) At 212030H Lima at coord. AT830543. Perimeter received 1 incoming grenade from undetermined enemy position, resulting in minor fragmentation wounds to 1 USMC. Perimeter placed on 100%. 1 USMC WIA.

hh. 22 Sept 1968

(1) At 221230H Lima at coord. AT832534. Point spotted 2 men run into tree line as point approached. Fired M-79 and threw grenades. Found 1 NVA KIA and a pack. 1 NVA KIA confirmed.

ii. 23 Sept 1968

(1) At 231545H India at coord. AT849524. Found 1 VC in bunker at above coordinates. S-2 interrogated VC then were sent to An Hoa. 1 VC detainee.

iii. 24 Sept 1968

(1) At 241140H Lima at coord. AT807476. While moving towards objective B3 point spotted 3 enemy with packs heading east. Point opened up with small arms fire killing 2 enemy immediately and then searched out area. 2 NVA confirmed KIA, 2 packs, NVA uniforms, hammocks, helmets and 1 note from doctor on a body stating the man had malaria in June, was released from hospital on 16 Sept 68 and told to report back to his unit.

(2) At 241200H 3/5 CP at coord. AT884532. While setting in defensive perimeter found four caches of rice. Will send to An Hoa. 800 lbs of rice.

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kk. 25 Sept 1968

(1) At 251145H Lima at coord. AT817467. While on patrol apprehended 3 suspects. Brought suspect back, will send in on resupply. Brought for ID at An Hoa. 5 VC, various papers and assorted documents.

(2) At 251620H Lima at coord. AT890452. While conducting patrol spotted 1 VC hiding behind a rock and one NVA running through underbrush. Unit seized 1 NVA and fired at the other two. Searched area with negative results. 1 VC confirmed, 1 M-1 carbine, 2 Shifon grenades, 1 pack, documents medical gear, and a small amount of NVA money.

(3) At 251725H Mike at coord. AT825485. Mike-3 while searching in Mike CP area located a rice cache. Located them in small scattered caches ranging from 10 to 15 lbs of rice in each cache. Rice totaled 350 lbs. Rice retrograded to An Hoa on resupply choppers. 350 lbs of rice.

(4) At 251800H 3/5 CP at coord. AT835489. CP units found 4 tons and 200 lbs of rice buried in bunkers and living areas of local people. Sending to An Hoa. 4,200 lbs. of rice.

ll. 26 Sept 1968

(1) At 261230H India at coord. AT837488. While on daylight patrol picked up 1 Vietnamese male of military age. Suspect had no ID and no weapon. Suspect worked for VC in 1966 but says he no longer works for VC. Brought suspect back to India CP and will evac on retrograde. 1 VC suspect.

(2) At 261635H Mike at coord. AT825485. Found approximately 125 lbs of rice in small cache at above coordinate. Also approximately 300 lbs ready to be threshed. Will chopper to An Hoa. 425 lbs rice.

mm. 27 Sept 1968

(1) At 271330H Lima at coord. AT816470. Lima-2 spotted 3 enemy running North. Opened fire on the enemy and received automatic rifle fire from the North side of a stream. Marines closed in on the enemy position and found 1 dead enemy, 1 VC confirmed, 1 home made anti-personnel mine, and 1 M-26 grenade found on body. Mine was blown in place.

(2) At 271400H India at coord. AT844476. India-2 while on daylight patrol picked up 1 Vietnamese male of military age. Suspect had no ID and no weapon. According to KCS's suspect lied about age. Brought suspect back to India CP and will evac on retrograde. 1 detainee.

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(3) At 271730H Mike at Coord. AT805448. Found 7 detainees in huts and bunkers at above coordinate. ITT interrogated and determined all to be sent to An Hoa. 7 detainees/civil defendants.

(4) At 271900H Mike at Coord. AT825405. Local civilians harvested and threshed rice yesterday totaling 1440 lbs. They filled 24 bags weighing approximately 60 lbs. each. Also we gave each family 15 lbs. of rice. All rice was sent out on retrograde to An Hoa. 1440 lbs. of rice harvested and threshed.

nn. 28 Sept 1968

(1) At 280800H Lima at Coord. AT823472. The mother of a VC came to our CP this morning and informed us that her son wanted to Chieu Hoi, but was afraid to come to our lines. Sent KCS and interpreter to mother's home and brought back 1 VC Chieu Hoi.

(2) At 280955H India at Coord. AT852490. Civilian harvesters took sniper fire from the following coordinates: 852497; 855497 and 857497. Called artillery on enemy which terminated sniper fire.

(3) At 281130H India at Coord. AT842484. Civilian rice harvesters received small arms sniper fire from following grid: 848496. Called artillery mission which checked sniper fire.

(4) At 281400H Lima at Coord. AT837475. While probing area discovered approximately 1100 lbs. of rice hidden around hooches. Some rice was contained in large bins. Other in small containers. Bagged rice and will retrograde to rear. 1100 lbs. of rice.

(5) At 281430H Lima at Coord. AT821471. 5 VC found in the area of 821471. Their names were found on a list of local VC taken from captured VC on Sept 25. Have also been identified as VC by a Chieu Hoi and one other local civilian. All 5 were sent out on today's resupply. 5 VC/POW.

(6) At 281430H India at Coord. AT853487. India-2 while on daylight patrol observed RF's burning civilian huts, killing pigs, chickens and chopping down trees at the above grid. Reported happenings to 3/5 CP.

(7) At 281700H Lima at Coord. AT801472. While on patrol Lima-2 detained 2 VC suspects. One is a 35 year old man and has no ID. He said he used to be a VC. An informer says he is a VC. Both suspects will be sent to rear on next resupply. 2 detainees/VCS.

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(1) At 302255H Mike at Coord. AT836491. While setting in night defensive perimeter spotted two enemy. Throw 1 grenade and received 1 enemy grenade back. Called for 81's illumination. Will check area at first light.

(2) At 301912H 3/5 CP at Coord. AT836468. 3/5 CP received incoming 82mm mortars from general vicinity of 850495. Stationary and 81's mission called. 1 USMC WIAE.

qq. 1 Oct 1968

(1) At 010230H India at Coord. AT839480. While maintaining night defensive positions India received probing attacks from estimated 20-30 enemy from vicinity above grid. Attacks were oriented from southeast, south, southwest and west. Enemy fired approximately 500 rounds small arms and automatic weapons 40-50 grenades and 20 60mm or rifle grenades. India returned fire with approximately 300 rounds 5.56, 200 rounds 7.62, 50 M-26, 18 60mm. Marine artillery HE and illumination was utilized. A thorough search of the battle area will be conducted at first light, medevac called and completed. Conducted detailed search of battle area. Found additional enemy kills, weapons, equipment and ammo. Also located numerous blood trails and drag marks. Which were followed 200 meters to SE. Medics were apparently picked up at this point and carried to Son, Thu Bon. 3 USMC KIA, 7 USMC WIAE, 1 USN WIAE, 4 USMC WIAE, 1 USN WIAE, 5 NVA KIA confirmed, 3 B-40 rounds, 1 Homomado Bangalore torpedo, 10 ChiCom grenades and miscellaneous 732 gear, 3 AK-47's, 1 SKS.

(2) At 010415H 3/5 CP at Coord. AT833489. Received grenade from within defensive perimeter. Returned 1 grenade and searched area. 1 VC woman confirmed.

(3) At 010730H Lima at Coord. AT826474. Suspect was found just outside our perimeter when apprehended. Stated how wanted to Chiou Hoi and had no weapon on him. Claims to be VC and led patrol back to his house to where they found a grenade hidden. Will properly tag and send this man to the rear. Blow grenade in place. 1 VC Chiou Hoi, 1 civilian radio and 1 pocket knife.

(4) At 010800H India at Coord. AT839478. During last night India became engaged with a large enemy force of 20-30 from the above coordinate. At the time of contact one of India's night activities was able to observe heavy automatic weapons fire from general location of 838476. On their return, the night activity swept through 838476 and picked up four detainees; 2 old men, 1 middle aged woman, and 1 young boy in that area. The people were apparently living together and had enemy shell casings in their family bunker.

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(8) At 281900H Mike at Coord. AT825485. Local civilians harvested and threshed rice yesterday totaling 450 lbs. They filled 6 bags weighing approximately 60 lbs. each. All rice was retrograded. 450 lbs. rice.

cc: 29 Sept 1968

(1) At 290115H 3/5 CP at Coord. AT890494. Defensive position took small arms and automatic weapon fire. Also took 20 incoming 60mm mortar rounds. Main attack came from east to northeast. Estimated 15-20 enemy. Returned small arms fire, called artillery illumination and 81mm mortar mission. 2 USMC KIA, 5 USMC WIAE, 1 NBCE, 2 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 civilian woman KIA, 1 AK-47 and 2 NVA uniforms.

(2) 291030H 3/5 CP at Coord. AT838494. McDevac gunship while supporting McDevac wounded civilian girl. Girl's father notified IFF of incident. Girl brought to CP and evacuated to An Hoa. 1 wounded civilian.

(3) At 291130H India at Coord. AT859489. While on daylight patrol found a young male's body lying on trail dead as a result of a trip wire frag beoby trap. Beoby trap was set along side of trail and believed to have been an M-26 grenade. Young male was apparently carrying rice when he tripped beoby trap, due to large amount of rice scattered around the area. Also found an M-26 grenade trip wire beoby trap, 35 meters further up the same trail. Reported to India CP and destroyed other beoby trap.

(4) At 291200H Mike at Coord. AT817477. While on scheduled patrol picked up detainee in hooch. This is the first time this man was observed in area of operation. S-2 scout inquired two villagers about this man, villagers do not know this man. S-2 team interrogated this man. Because of age (38) and because he was not known by villagers, this man was sent to IFF team for further interrogation. 1 VCS.

(5) At 291200H Lima at Coord. AT816468. Found 1 NVA wearing green utilities in a bunker. He had a Chieu Hoi pass and he said that he wanted to Chieu Hoi. He said that 15 NVA soldiers carrying AK-47's passed his position this morning heading southwest they took his weapon when they passed through. Brought to Lima CP for further interrogation. 1 NVA POW.

(6) At 291730H Lima at Coord. AT827475. Uncovered rice cache while searching area. Rice was bagged and retrograded on resupply chopper. Total weight 1100 lbs.

(7) At 291900H Mike at Coord. AT825485. Local civilians harvested and threshed rice today, totaling approximately 700 lbs. They filled 10 bags weighing approximately 70 lbs. each. Retrograded rice to An Hoa. 700 lbs. of rice.

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Also at first light, after India's contact a number size patrol was sent out to sweep and search general area of 841478. It was here that India picked up two detainees; 1 old woman, and 1 young boy, who seemed greatly concerned over an enemy body. India evacuated all detainees to An Hoa on the afternoon of 1 Oct. 3 male and 3 female detainees.

(5) At 012025H Lima at coord. AT837475. Received approximately 7 incoming 60mm mortar rounds. Called in arty HE on suspected enemy mortar site, called in 81mm illumination and modovac. 2 USMC KIA.

(6) At 012030H 3/5 CP at coord. AT826487. Defensive perimeter received enemy grenades and mortars. A ground attack by 10-15 NVA with small arms and automatic rifles followed. Returned small arms, machinegun fire and grenades. 1 USMC WIA, 4 NVA KIA, 3 AK-47's, 2 ChiCom grenades, 320 AK-47 rounds. Total 8 NVA KIA.

rr. 2 Oct 1968

(1) At 020800H 3/5 CP at coord. AT826487. Local civilian was found to have started a fire approximately 15 minutes before enemy contact and in general vicinity of contact. Will send detainees to An Hoa on retrograde. 1 Detainee.

(2) At 021130H Mike at coord. AT837503. While Mike was entering checkpoint 1 on combat patrol saw 3 to 4 VC fleeing from above location. Mike had been prep firing checkpoint 1 with M-79's before entering. Mike took VC under fire with small arms. 1 VC KIA confirmed.

(3) At 021330H Mike at coord. AT814146. While on scheduled patrol found enemy mortar pit, estimated to have been dug last night or more recently. Found 3 empty ChiCom mortar cans and 3 82mm mortar fuse plugs. Destroyed mortar pit and turned the 3 82mm mortar fuse plugs over to S-2. 3 82mm mortar fuse plugs.

(4) At 021400H Lima at coord. AT837475. Patrol detained 2 suspects and brought them in for questioning. Suspect found at AT836476 said he used to go with the VC, he also knew where the mortars were firing from last night. The suspect found at AT834473 is a VC who has been sick, both will be sent to rear. Suspect said mortars were being fired from AT81479. 1 VC POW and 1 VCS/detainee.

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ss. 3 Oct 1968

(1) At 030200H 3/5 CP at coord. AT848523. While moving into objective, discovered 1 civil defendant (female) and 1 VC (male). Both were in bunker. The VC was trying to escape. Will search for weapon at first light. Will evac POW and detainee to An Hoa. 1 VC POW, 1 detainee/civil defendant, 1 VC gas mask and 1 civilian short wave radio.

(2) At 030630H 3/5 CP at coord. AT847495. Four enemy were spotted moving down trail away from perimeter. Taken under fire with M479 and M-60, documents given to S-2. 2 VC KIA confirmed, 2 AK-47, 3 ChiCom grenades, 1 cartridge belt, 2 AK-47 magazines and documents.

(3) At 030730H Lima at coord. AT843525. While in defensive position received small arms fire from above enemy coordinates. Spotted 4 or 5 enemy moving in a north west direction. Enemy was brought under small arms fire. Area was searched revealing one VC body and 1 blood trail leading to river and by a hooch. Search of hooch revealed 1 VCS, 1 NVA hammock. 1 VC KIA confirmed, 1 detainee (37 years old) and 1 NVA hammock.

(4) At 031100H Lima at coord. AT815527. Young boy received wound in back during firefight this morning. Corpsman applied first-aid. Boy will be sent to hospital at An Hoa.

(5) At 031300H Mike at coord. AT826510. While on combat patrol located an enemy .50 cal. AA position. AA position was in a cleared area with no natural foliage around. Position found appeared to be old, but to have been recently used. Position was partially camouflaged and partially destroyed. Destroyed AA position completely.

(6) At 031300H India at coord. AT844530. While on daylight patrol found approximately 5 tons of rice. Rice was buried in large crocks in well concealed location. Burned all rice in excess of 200 lbs per family.

(7) At 031400H Lima at coord. AT852545. While moving into position to begin sweep, came into light enemy contact. Continuing forward movement, came under heavy semiautomatic and automatic fire. Returned fire killing 3 enemy, called in air strike and will check that area. 5 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 M-14 rifle, 1 M-1 carbine, 10 ChiCom grenades, 2 M-14 magazines, 3 M-1 magazines, 5 packs, 2 tons of rice destroyed, 4 B-40 rocket rounds, 3 NVA helmets, 400 .30 cal. rounds and 490 M-14 rounds.

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(8) At 031400H India at coord. AT843532. While on daylight patrol picked up two young males of military age. Young males started running upon sight of Marines; when Marines first observed the detainees they appeared to be burying something. Due to tactical mission, was unable to search area of possible burying. Presently holding detainees until able to evac, will return to search area after ending current mission. 2 male detainees of military age.

(9) At 031545H Lima at coord. AT845547. AO in support of Lima spotted small group of enemy running, opened fire with M-60 and rockets, counted 4 KIA and 2 from fixed wing. 6 VC KIA confirmed.

(10) At 032030H Lima at coord. AT856548. Picked up 1 VCS while on patrol, interpreter remembers his name on documents captured 2 weeks ago by Lima, will send to rear for questioning. 1 VCS.

tt. 4 Oct 1968

(1) At 040100H 3/5 CP at coord. AT848547. While in night defensive position lines were hit by 15-20 enemy delivering small arms and automatic fire in a apparent line probe. During engagement, perimeter received grenades and sporadic incoming 60mm mortar. Returned small arms, grenades and delivered 60mm mortars and artillery on suspected enemy 60mm mortar positions. 1 USMC WIAE. Search of battlefield at first light, 7 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 AK-47, 2 Chic~~en~~ grenades, 1 M-26 grenade and miscellaneous 782 gear.

(2) At 041100H India at coord. AT849524. Local family came to India's position asking for medical aid for one of their family. Wounded man claims he was wounded last night. Detainee brought to battalion CP and inspected by battalion surgeon who says wounds are 3 days old. Man will be evacuated to An Hoa. 1 detainee.

un. 5 Oct 1968

(1) At 051100H Lima at coord. AT852515. Unit spotted 2 VC observing their position, 1 with a weapon. Sent team in pursuit of the enemy. Fired small arms killing 1. 1 VC confirmed.

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(1) Personnel. 102 VC/NVA (confirmed) KIA, 6 NVA  
pow's, 10 VC POW's, 4 Chiou Hoi's and 38 detainees.

(2) Material

(a) Rifles	30 AK-47's, 8 SKS's, 3 M-1's, 1 M-14, 2 AK-44's and 3 ChiCom pistols.
(b) Crew served weapons	1 60mm mortar, 4 RPD's, 2 RPG's
(c) Ammo	66 ChiCom grenades, 5 M-26 grenades, 18 82mm mortar rds, 20 75 RR rds, 53,210 AK-47 rds, 267 B-40 rds, 40 shape charges, 1 home made bangler.
(d) Equipment	1 EE-8 field phone, 2 short wave radios, 1 ChiCom radio, 47 Uniforms
(e) Other	3,600 lbs of corn, 39,415 lbs of rice, 850 lbs of tobacco, 100 lbs of potatoes, 20,000 SVN piasters, and 50 lbs of documents.

b. Friendly

(1) KIA	28
(2) DOW	2
(3) WIAE	123
(4) WIANE	62
(5) NBCE	28

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### 13. Administrative Matters

a. Resupply. An ISA was located at Hill 55 and at AN HOA to facilitate support of Operation MAMELUKE THRUST. Resupply was accomplished by helicopter.

b. Maintenance. There were no major maintenance problems.

c. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation and Hospitalization.

Casualty evacuation was accomplished with minimum loss of time.

d. Transportation. There were no major transportation problems.

e. Communication. The operation was supported by AN/PRC 25Ts.

f. Medical Evacuations

(1) KIA	28
(2) DOW	2
(3) WIAE	123
(4) NBCE	28
(5) Total Medevacs	181

14. Special Equipment and Techniques. There were no special equipment or special techniques used on Operation MAMELUKE THRUST.

### 15. Commander's Analysis

a. During Operation MAMELUKE THRUST two techniques proved successful in engaging NVA forces.

(1) Night movement to suspected enemy locations enabled the Battalion to surprise the enemy and engage him early in the day.

(2) Locate enemy by committing small units in limited probing actions. After size and dispositions of enemy force was determined air and artillery were used extensively prior to further ground engagement.

b. In the latter phase of the operation while operating in the rice paddies of the Arizona Area most Battalion contacts

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were fleeting engagements with squad or smaller size local force VC units. Night contacts of a probing nature by 6-12 enemy were common as were frequent mortar attacks. Movement at least every other day precluded the enemy from accurately fixing the Battalion's positions and thereby reduced the effectiveness of these attacks.

c. During the rice harvest the Battalion deployed on all sides of the harvesting area. Numerous OP's and extensive patrolling around the area kept enemy harassment and sniper fire to a minimum and proved successful in providing security for the rice harvesters.

16. Recommendation: None

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## APPENDIX A

## Parking Site/Check Point Locations and Designations.

K1	ZD	182010	M1	ZD	183010
K2	ZD	170010	M2	ZD	193009
K3	ZD	163010	M3	ZD	198011
K4	ZD	153010	M4	AU	807007
K5	ZD	140010	M5	AU	825007
K6	ZD	135010	M6	AU	834003
K7	ZD	128012	M7	AT	832997
K8	ZD	119015	M8	AT	843997
K9	ZD	113017	M9	AU	850002
K10	ZD	111018	M10	AT	861996
K11	ZD	105016			
K12	ZD	100006			
K13	ZD	090006			

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## ON CALL Fire Location and Target Designation.

K1S	ZD	177006		M1N	ZD	186013	VT only
K1N	ZD	173013		M2S	ZD	185008	VT only
K2S	ZD	165007		M3N	ZD	202013	VT only
K3S	ZD	156008		M3S	ZD	206008	VT only
K3N	ZD	153013	VT only	M3NA	AU	805014	VT only
K4S	ZD	150005	VT only	M4S	AU	810006	
K4N	ZD	146014		M4N	AU	819012	VT only
K5S	ZD	134007		M5S	AU	824001	
K6N	ZD	133013		M5N	AU	833013	
K7S	ZD	126008		M6S	AU	835997	
K7N	ZD	124019		M7N	AU	837003	
K8S	ZD	115009		M8S	AU	845995	
K10S	ZD	108009		M8N	AU	845003	
K11N	ZD	115020		M9N	AU	854003	VT only
				M10N	AU	865000	

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3rd Battalion, 5th Marines  
Quang Nam Province  
251200H Oct 1968

Frag Order # 1-69 Operation HENDERSON HILL

Ref: (a) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheet 6540 V

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy: See 5th Marines Message 170001H Oct 1968

b. Friendly:

- (1) 1st Battalion, 5th Marines
- (2) 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines in direct support
- (3) Vietnam National Field Police
- (4) First MAW provides helicopter support

2. MISSION

At H-Hour on D-Day, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines establishes offensive positions to cordon off villages of MY LOC (1) and MY LOC (2), while search is conducted and census taken of the villages by elements of 5th Marines S-2, CI, ITT and Vietnamese National Police.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. During afternoon of 26 Oct 1968 two rifle companies and H&S Company (-) move surreptitiously and in echelons by helicopter and vehicle to area vicinity of Liberty Bridge. After darkness move in westerly direction on road along south side of SONG THU BON river to establish north boundary of cordon. After darkness two rifle companies move from 893468 along Liberty Road and north along Route 537, link up with battalion at 903520 and establish west boundary of cordon. Cordon will be established by 270400H Oct on D-Day.

b. LIMA Co.

(1) Commencing at 261300H Oct 1968, helolift by echelon and at irregular intervals to area vicinity of Liberty Bridge.

(2) Be prepared, on order to move after darkness in a westerly direction along road on south side of SONG THU BON river.

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(3) Be prepared, on order, to employ a platoon to assist in conducting search and census within area of cordon.

c. H&S Co (-)

(1) Commencing at 261500H Oct 1968 hololift by echelon and at irregular intervals to area vicinity of Liberty Bridge.

(2) Established CP in vicinity of Liberty Bridge and provide security therefor.

d. KILO Co

(1) Commencing at 261300H Oct 1968 move by vehicle along Liberty Road at irregular intervals and surreptitiously to area vicinity Liberty Bridge.

(2) Be prepared, on order, to move after darkness in trace of LIMA company.

(3) Be prepared, on order, to employ a platoon to assist in conducting search and census within area of cordon.

e. MIKE Co

(1) Commencing at 261700H Oct 1968 move by vehicle from AN HOA combat base to area vicinity of C/1/1 CP (893468).

(2) Be prepared, on order, to move after darkness along Liberty Road and Route 537 to link up with LIMA company.

f. INDIA Co

(1) Commencing at 261700H Oct 1968 move by vehicle and in trace of MIKE company.

(2) Be prepared, on order, to move after darkness in trace of MIKE company.

g. Coordinating Instructions

(1) H-Hour 0700H

(2) D-Day 27 October 1968

(3) Report when lead elements reach check points.

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- (a) Check points along Liberty Road/Route 537.  
( MIKE and INDIA companies )

(1) 909480  
(2) 910485  
(3) 909491  
(4) 908505  
(5) 903520

- (b) Check points along road south of river.  
( LIMA and KILO companies)

1 916527  
2 910525  
3 903520

(4) LIMA, H&S (-) and KILO companies coordinate with 1/5 on arrival at Liberty Bridge.

(5) MIKE and INDIA companies coordinate with A/1/5 and C/1/5 as to ambush sites along Liberty Road.

(6) Load elements of MIKE company link up with load elements of LIMA company at 903520.

(7) Helolifts completed as follows: LIMA- 1500, H&S (-)-1700.

(8) KILO company vehicle lift to be completed by 1700.

(9) Ensure all personnel informed of password.

(10) Thrust Points

- (a) FURNITURE 9853  
(b) TV PROGRAM 9549  
(c) BIRD 9248  
(d) TOOTHPASTE 8653

#### 4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS

##### a. Resupply

(1) Routine requests will be submitted on HST net by 1200H the day prior to resupply.

(2) Resupply will be by helo.

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b. All MEDEVAC requests will be submitted to this headquarters on TACP local net.

c. Normal prescribed load.

d. All personnel will attach a piece of white adhesive tape 3X2" on back of helmet.

e. Helolift conducted from area behind SAS.

f. Five 6X6 vehicles available at 1300 for KILO company lift.

g. Twelve 6X6 vehicles available at 1700 for MIKE and INDIA companies.

h. Maximum dispersion consistent with tactical situation directed as positive anti mine/booby trap tactic.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Communications

(1) Procedures normal

(2) Nets, frequencies and call signs issued separately.

(3) Guard regimental TAC commencing 261300H Oct 1968.

(4) Authenticate as necessary.

b. CP location initially in vicinity of Liberty Bridge. Displacements to be announced.

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3rd Battalion, 5th Marines  
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030845H Nov 1968

Frag Order #7-69 Operation HENDERSON HILL

Ref: (a) Mao Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheet 6540 I  
and 6640 IV

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy: Enemy forces continue withdrawal from Chau Phong area

b. Friendly: No Change

2. MISSION

a. Continue offensive operations to find and destroy enemy forces

b. Protect An Hoa Combat Base from enemy infiltration and attack from South and Southeast.

3. EXECUTION

a. INDIA Co. Continue tasks assigned by reference (a).

b. MIKE Co.

(1) Continue tasks assigned by reference (a).

(2) Be prepared, commencing at first light on 05 Nov 1968 to relieve KILO Company and assume its mission.

c. KILO Co.

(1) Continued assigned mission until relieved by MIKE Company.

(2) Be prepared, when relieved by MIKE Company on 05 Nov to conduct offensive reconnaissance in Force Operations in AOR.

d. LIMA Co. Conduct recon in force in AOR UL at 9249 LR at 9644.

e. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Companies on move report positions every hour on the hour.

(2) Company located at CP coordinate 60mm fires through FSCC.

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(3) Report planned night activities prior to 1600 daily.

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS: No Change

5. COMM/COMM

(a) Comm procedures normal.

(b) CP location 894467. Displacements to be announced.

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Ref: (a) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheet 6540 I  
and 6640 IV1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy: No Change
- b. Friendly: No Change

2. MISSION: No Change3. EXECUTION

- a. INDIA Co. Continue tasks assigned by Ref. (a).
- b. LIMA Co. Continue mission assigned by Ref. (b).
- c. MIKE Co. Commencing at 050800H Nov 68 move to assigned AOR and assume mission KILO Company.
- d. KILO Co. Commencing at 050900H Nov 68 move to assigned AOR and conduct recon in force OPNS therein.
- e. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) MIKE AOR see overlay #1.
  - (2) KILO AOR see overlay #2.

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS: No Change5. COMM/COMM: No ChangeUNCLASSIFIED  
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Ref: (a) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheet 6540 I  
and 6640 IV1. SITUATIONa. Enemy: No Changeb. Friendly: No Change2. MISSION: No Change3. EXECUTIONa. LIMA Co. Commencing at 090800H Nov 68 relieve INDIA and assume mission assigned by reference (a)b. INDIA Co. Commencing at 090800H Nov 68 relieve MIKE and assume tasks and AOR assigned by reference (c)c. MIKE Co. Commencing at 090800H Nov 68 move to AOR and conduct offensive recon in force OPNS therein. See attached overlay for AOR.d. KILO Co. Continue mission as assigned by reference (c).e. H&S C-1. Continue mission of CP security.4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS: No change5. COMM/COMM: No change

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3rd Battalion, 5th Marines  
Quang Nam Province  
111430H Nov 1968

Frag Order #10-69 Operation HENDERSON HILL

Ref: (a) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheet 6540 I  
and 6640 IV

1. SITUATION: No Change

2. MISSION: Conduct offensive operations in assigned AO to seek and destroy or capture enemy forces, weapons, materials and positions.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. One company on a three day rotational basis at An Hoa prepared to deploy on order to any area designated in AO by helicopter, foot, or motor vehicle. One company on a three day rotational basis occupy strongpoints A, B, C, and D and provide security for daily mine sweeps, keep Liberty Road by constant surveillance, and nightly ambushes and establish a Patrol Base and provide security for An Hoa water point. Two companies on a six day rotational basis offensive operations in AO to destroy enemy forces.

b. KILO Co. At 120800H Nov 1968 move by foot to An Hoa. Be prepared to deploy on order within AO by foot, helicopter or motor vehicle.

c. LIMA Co. At 120630H Nov. 1968 move to and occupy strongpoints A, B, C, D. Conduct requisite activities therein to include providing security for minesweeps, flame tanks, AO and Liberty Road and nighttime activities.

d. INDIA Co. At 120900H Nov 1968 move by foot to designated AOR and conduct offensive operations therein. See overlay #1

e. MIKE Co. Continue offensive operations in present AOR.

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS: No Change

5. COMM/COMM: No Change

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1:150H Nov 1968

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Ref. (a) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheet 6540 I  
and 6640 IV

1. SITUATION: No Change

2. MISSION: No Change

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. One company at An Hoa for defensive of combat base and prepared to deploy on order to any designated area in AO by foot, helicopter or motor vehicle. One company occupy strongpoints A, B, C, D and provide security to keep Liberty Road open to traffic and security for waterpoint. Two companies establish strong combat base in assigned AOR and conduct offensive operations throughout AO.

b. INDIA Co. At 150800H Nov 68 move by foot to An Hoa and construct defense of sector D, be prepared to deploy on order within AO by foot, helicopter, or motor vehicle.

c. MIKE Co. At 150800H Nov 68 move to and occupy strongpoints A, B, C, and D. Conduct requisite activities from there to include minesweep security of, and ambush of Liberty Road and security of water point.

d. KILO Co. At 150800H Nov 68 move by foot to AOR and conduct offensive operations therein.

e. LIMA Co. At 150800H Nov 68 move by foot to AOR and conduct offensive operations therein.

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS

a. Resupply by vehicle or man pack when possible.

b. Three pair of socks, change of uniform and protective clothing per individual.

c. Take preventive measures against immersion foot.

5. COMM/COMM: No Change

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