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Encl: (1) 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology

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



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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines    LtCol H. E. ATKINSON

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company H&S	1stLt H. B. OVERTON
Company India	Capt R. A. BEELER
Company Kilo	Capt K. L. HOCK
Company Lima	Capt J. F. PALCHAK To 25MAY69 Capt A. H. GOMEZ Fr 26MAY69
Company Mike	Capt T. P. BURNS

2. LOCATION. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines conducted Search and Clear operations within the 3/5 AO in the southern portion of the 5th Marines AO.

They are now located in the northern portion of the Go Noi Island area of the Quang Nam Province.

Company L continues to provide security for strong points A, B, and C along the Liberty Bridge Road.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ExecO	Major F. W. SAUCIER
S-1	1stLt R. J. PLEIS To 29APR69 CWO J. N. CLOW Fr 30APR69
S-2	1stLt K. J. SALAMON
S-3	Major R. L. VOGT
S-4	1stLt A. B. BENZ
S-5	1stLt W. R. PHILIPS
SupplyO	1stLt G. C. FERREE
CommO	1stLt D. W. RODDY
MTO	1stLt W. R. PHILIPS
Chaplain	Lt R. N. LOCKARD
MedicalO's	Lt B. A. KROPSKY Lt H. A. BENLER

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Capt J. E. SOWERS ALO

Capt M. J. NOESON FAC To 9MAY69

Capt R. E. HOLBEIN FAC Fr 10MAY69

4. Average Monthly Strength

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32

1,121

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The Battalion's Officer shortages are one Capt 0302 and five Lt's 0302. The Battalion's Enlisted shortages are two GySgt's 0369, six SSgt's 0369 and 46 Sgt's 03. The Battalion has 84% of it's M/L strength in Lt's 03, 80% of it's M/L strength in Capt's 03, 75% of it's M/L strength in GySgt's 03, 68% of it's M/L strength in SSgt's 03 and 45% of it's M/L strength in Sgt's 03.

2. The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines conducted Search and Clear operations in the 3/5 portion of the 5th Marines AO. They provided security for the Liberty Bridge Road and the An Hoa Combat Base.

They are now participating in Operation PIPESTONE CANYON in the northwestern part of the Go Noi Island area. One Company remains at the 3/5 forward CP to provide security for the Liberty Bridge Road and run local patrols.

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

A. Personnel and Administration

1. Strength. The Battalion began the month with an on board strength of 36 Marine Officers, 1,138 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers and 56 Navy Enlisted. The current on board strength of the Battalion is 32 Marine Officers, 1,131 Marine Enlisted, 2 Navy Officers and 49 Navy Enlisted.

2. Discipline, Law and Legal. During the reporting period of May, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines held five Special Courts Martial and four investigations.

3. Morale. Morale and fighting spirit continues to be excellent.

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

5. Awards. There were 14 Navy Achievement Metals, two Bronze Stars, one Silver Star, one Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and 160 Purple Hearts awarded to personnel of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines this month.

6. Interior Management. Administration procedures and proficiency continued to be excellent.

B. Logistics

1. General. The overall status of the Battalion is satisfactory at the present time. The Battalion S-4 resupplied the Battalion in the field on a daily basis.

C. Supporting Arms

1. Air. During the reporting period the First Marine Air Wing provided air support for the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines as follows:

A. Helicopters flew approximately 48 Medivac missions to evacuate 30 Emergency, 40 Priority and 38 Routine Casualties.

B. Helicopter support was used in one troop lift on 29 May.

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C. Fixed wing support was used in 30 tactical air strikes of which 29 were AO controlled and one FAC controlled.

D. 37 aerial observation missions were flown during the month.

E. Fixed wing support was also utilized through the use of three Flareships and two Spooky Gunships.

## 2. Artillery

A. 1-25 May 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines received fire support from centralized 2/11 FDC at An Hoa. 26-31 May they received support from D 2/11 in direct support of 3/5 during Phase II of Operation PIPESTONE CANYON. 31 May they received support from 1/11 centralized FDC during Phase II. Support was poor at best. Of the three missions fired, the average response time was 50 minutes. It took two hours to pass in on calls and H&I's because of the great volume of traffic and lack of net discipline. 31 May D 2/11 was again in direct support of 3/5.

### B. Fire Missions

Observed Missions (non-contact)	104
Observed Missions (contact)	22
Unobserved Missions	47
	total 173 missions

### C. Rounds Expended

HE	1770
WP	108
ILLUM	118

total 1996 rounds

### D. Communications

1. 3/5 Communications platoon supported the Battalion operations primarily through the use of FM radio communications (AN/PRC-25, AN/PRS-88, AN/PRC-77, KY-38). The AN/PRC-41 and AN/PRC-47 were also used.

2. AN/PRS-6's and AN/PSR-1's were employed for security of the Battalion Command Post.

### E. Supporting Units

1. Engineers. Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion supported 3/5 during the month of May.

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2. Interpreters. The Battalion is presently employing five interpreters.

3. Kit Carson Scouts. The Battalion is presently employing seven KCS's who have participated in 85 patrols held by this Battalion.

4. Shore Party (HST). HST's were provided by Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion.

5. Snipers. 11 Snipers were employed by this Battalion during May. They are attached to 3/5 from HQ Company, 5th Marines. One was killed and one was wounded while operating with 3/5.

#### F. Civil Affairs

1. Med Caps. 709 people were treated and 57 Cholera shots given during the month.

2. Contributions. 3,500 pounds of wood was given to the villagers at a cost of 8,000 VN P's. 10 pounds of soap was also distributed.

3. Classes. There were seven hygiene classes given during the month with an average attendance of 110 people per class.

#### G. Training

1. Regimental Indoctrination School. During the reporting period all new personnel reporting to the 3rd Battalion 5th Marines attended Troop Indoctrination School held by the 5th Marine Regiment. There were six schools held during the month.

2. Division Schools. Personnel attended the following Division Schools during the month of May:

NGO Leadership School  
 SNCO Leadership School  
 Officer Leadership School  
 Basic Ammo Tech School  
 KCS Orientation Course  
 Career Planning School  
 Land Mine Warfare, Demolitions and Booby Trap Training

3. Regimental Refresher Training Course. Lima Company 3/5 attended this school during the month of May.

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~~SECRET~~H. Enemy Weather and Terrain

1. Enemy. During the reporting period, enemy activity consisted of small scale attacks against friendly units, harassment of friendly units by use of rockets and mortars, an increased use of surprise firing devices and recruitment and indoctrination of the local populace.

2. Weather.

- a. Rainfall: Light
- b. Temperature:
  - (1) Avg high: 98
  - (2) Avg low: 79
- c. Light:
  - (1) Avg sunrise: 0630
  - (2) Avg sunset: 1915

3. Terrain. During the reporting period the predominant terrain features were flat lowlands.

I. Significant Enemy Ordnance Captured

- 2 RPD's
- 6 AK-47's
- 3 RPG-2's
- 4 SKS rifles
- 1 LAAW

J. Significant Munitions Captured/Found and Destroyed

- 1 81mm Russian mortar round
- 3 Rocket rounds
- 1 Russian Pineapple grenade
- 5 M-26 grenades
- 29 ChiCom grenades
- 53 Surprise firing devices

K. Significant Enemy Equipment/Food Stores Captured

- 8 pounds assorted documents (Note: one notebook contained thrust points, call signs and frequencies used by this Battalion)
- 6 pounds assorted medical gear
- 1,145 pounds rice
- 590 pounds tobacco
- 100 pounds corn
- Misc VC/NVA 782 gear

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~~SECRET~~L. Significant Enemy Tunnels/Fortifications Destroyed

13 Bunkers  
 1 Tunnel  
 8 Fighting Holes  
 8 Hootches

M. Significant Casualties Inflicted or Sustained1. Friendly

KIA 33  
 WIAE 105  
 WIANE 82  
 DOW 2  
 NBC 31  
 NHD 1  
 MIA 0

2. Enemy

42 NVA KIA  
 17 VC KIA

2. Entries

A. See Tab 'A' to enclosure (1) (Staff Journal for the period of 010001H through 312400H May 1969).

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- ✓ 1. Tab 'A' to enclosure (1), (Staff Journal for the period of 010001H through 302400H May 1969).

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		An Hoa, RVN	
		FROM	TO
		010001H	012400H May 69
DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
010730H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT881505) Found one Russian made 81mm round. Results: Destroyed in place	S-F
010900H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT887496) Found one 500 pound bomb and one 105mm round. Results: Destroyed in place	S-F
010905H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT877505) Tripped one 60mm booby trap. Results: 4 USMC WIAE	S-F
011130H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT877505) Found three bunkers and one grave containing one Vietnamese male killed by small arms fire. Results: Bunkers destroyed and 1 NVA/VC KIA confirmed	S-F
011045H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT891495) Found one VN male killed by VC and two wounded females. Results: Neg	S-F
011130H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT891491) Amtracks hit a 30 pound box mine. Results: 4 USMC WIANE	S-F
011220H	7	Co M (S&D) at (AT944476) Found miscellaneous gear and documents. Results: Neg	S-F
011610H	8	Co I (S&D) at (AT891492) Found one 105mm booby trap. Results: Blown in place	S-F
011615H	9	Co I (S&D) at (AT889506) Found miscellaneous gear and ammo. Results: Destroyed in place	S-F
011715H	10	Co M (S&D) at (AT918478) Tripped one M-26 booby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
011920H	11	Co Y (Howard CP) at (AT895466) Received 30-40 rounds of 60mm mortar fire and small arms. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 5 USMC WIAE, 3 USMC WIANE, 1 USN WIAE	S-F
012345H	12	Co I (Night Positions) at (AT897496) Received small arms fire. Results: Neg	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
020900H	1	Co L (OP) at (AT904474) Tripped one 82mm booby trap. Results: 3 USMC WIAE	S-F
020915H	2	Co L (OP) at (AT904474) Apprehended two VC. While bringing yhem in one elpolded a device. Results: 3 USMC WIAE, 2 NVA/VC KIA confirmed	S-F
021205H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT874505) Found one bunker. Results: Destroyed in place	S-F
021230H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT872503) Found food and soap. Results: Destroyed all gear	S-F
021300H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT897490) Received sniper fire. Results: Neg	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
030830H	1	Co M (S&D) at (AT936505) Received small arms fire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
030910H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT885496) Found booby trap. Results: Destroyed in place	S-F
031106H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT889402) Found one M-26 type booby trap. Results: Destroyed in place	S-F
031600H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT875492) Apprehended three male detainees. Results: Three detainees	S-F
032000H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT882508) Opened fire on five VC Results: 1 NVA/VC conformed, 1 VCC	S-F

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031300H	1	Co M (S&D) at (AT930530) Found a notebook containing thrust points, frequencies and call signs. Results: Neg	S-F
040915H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT889499) Found one 105mm booby trap. Results: Blown in place	S-F
041445H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT905495) Found one 250 pound bomb hidden in a hay stack. Results: Destroyed in place	S-F
040955H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT901497) Apprehended one VN. Results: 1 VCS	S-F
041545H	5	Co L (S&D) at (AT906495) Tripped one M-26 booby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
041630H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT904496) Apprehended three VN suspects. Results: 3 VCS	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
050710H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT888513) Spotted 15 VC crossing river. Opened fire with small arms. Results: 3 VC KIA confirmed, 1 VC POW	S-F
050920H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT882511) Spotted one VC crossing river. Fired with small arms. Results: Neg	S-F
051210H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT880503) Found one 50 foot tunnel. Results: Destroyed tunnel	S-F
051430H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT879495) Apprehended one VCS. Results: Forwarded to S-2	S-F
051540H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT881498) Found one 60mm booby trap and ammo. Results: Blown in place	S-F
051930H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT894484) Received M-79 and small arms fire. Returned fire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE, 2 USMC WIANE	S-F

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061015H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT891499) Apprehended one VCS. Forwarded to S-2 rear. Results: Neg	S-F
061000H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT896499) Apprehended one VN female Results: Forwarded to S-2	S-F
060930H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT887513) Received three incoming M-79 rounds. Results: Neg	S-F
061115H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT888510) Destroyed two fighting holes. Results: Neg	S-F

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071250H	1	Co L (S&D) at (AT901469) Destroyed one 60mm Illum round. Results: Neg	S-F
070245H	2	Co I (Ambush) at (AT903497) Spotted two VN males. Opened fire. Results: 1 VCC	S-F
070745H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT897488) Found two 60mm mortar booby traps. Results: Destroyed in place	S-F
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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
080730H	1	Co K (S&D) at (AT881501) Tripped one 105mm booby trap. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
080745H	2	Co K (S&D) at (AT881501) Found one 105mm booby trap. Results: Destroyed in place	S-F
081120H	3	Co K (S&D) at (AT877507) Tripped one M-26 type booby trap. Results: 3 USMC WIAE	S-F
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		No significant events	S-F

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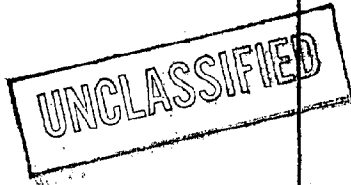
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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
100955H	1	Co M (OP) at (AT905473) Tripped one 155mm booby trap. Results: 2 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
101815H	2	Co Y ( Forward CP) at (AT895466) VN children tripped a booby trap. Results: 2 VN children wounded	S-F



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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
111150H	1	Co M (Security) at (Strong Point D) Ammo bunker exploded on three Marines. Results: 3 USMC NBCE	S-F
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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
120100H	1	Co Y&M (Security) at (Strong Points A,B,C) Received small arms fire and mortars (10 rounds). Returned 81's and small arms. Results: 1 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIANE	S-F
120635H	2	Co Y (Security) at (Forward CP) Spotted muzzle flashes, called in 81's. Results: Neg	S-F
121030H	3	Co I (Security) at (Delta Sector, An Hoa) While sweeping area after attack found two enemy bodies, weapons, and 782 gear. Results: 2 NVA/VC KIA confirmed, 1 B-40 rocket launcher and rocket, 4 ChiCom grenades, 2 Frag grenades, medical supplies, 2 NVA cartridge belts with knives, one satchel charge, one AK magazine with rounds, and 1 unidentified cylinder	S-F
121530H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT880476) Found one NVA body. Results: 1 NVA KIA confirmed	S-F
121545H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT882475) Found six ChiCom grenades and a medical chest. Results: Gear sent to S-2	S-F
121547H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT881473) Apprehended one male detainee. Results: 1 Detainee	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
131153H	1	Co K (Security) at (An Hoa) Took two incoming rocket rounds. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
131742H	2	Co Y (Security) at (Forward CP) Received 4 incoming 82mm rounds. Results: Neg	S-F
131809H	3	Co Y (Security) at (Forward CP) Two 82mm rounds fell short and hit the vill. Results: Neg	S-F
132345H	4	Co L (Night Positions) Received one 82mm round. Results: 2 USMC WIA (1E and 1NE)	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
150835H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT851445) Spotted three VC in a boat crossing river. Called in artillery. Results: Negative	S-F
150810H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT851445) Spotted eight boats crossing river with about four VN per boat. Results: Negative	S-F
151225H	3	Co K (S&D) at (AT899470) Spotted civilian bus with wounded VN aboard. Results: Sent VN to German hospital	S-F
151240H	4	Co M (S&D) at (AT895475) Apprehended 140 suspects. Forwarded to District HQ. Results: Negative	S-F
152045H	5	Co K (S&D) at (AT875488) Ambush received 12-15 M-16 rounds. Results: Negative	S-F
152110H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT850447) Opened fire on two VC. Results: Negative	S-F
152380H	7	Co M (S&D) at (AT874461) Received six incommong 82mm rounds. Results: Negative	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
160630H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT850447) Two children reported that VC had killed their parents. Results: Sent children to S-2	S-F
161045H	2	Co K (S&D) at (AT875504) Found one LAAW. Blew in place. Results: Negative	S-F
161645H	3	Co L (Security) at (An Hoa) Received one incoming rocket. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIANE, 5 USMC WIAE	S-F
161755H	4	Co M (S&D) at (AT910490) Received sniper fire from unknown position. Results: Negative	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
171235H	1	Co Y (Security) at (Forward CP) Received five incoming 82mm rounds. Results: Negative	S-F
171715H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT891495) Found one IV bottle with German label. Results: Negative	S-F
171725H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT888488) Found one anti-personnel mine. Results: Blown in place	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
180145H	1	Co K (Night Positions) at (AT899469) Received 8-10 incoming 60mm mortar rounds. Results: Negative	S-F
180315H	2	Co I (Night Positions) at (AT878486) Received 10-15 incoming mortar rounds and approximately 25 rounds of small arms. Results: 1 USMC WIANE	S-F
181155H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT874452) Tripped one M-26 type booby trap. Results: 2 USMC WIAE	S-F
181530H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT880470) Opened fire on one VC on opposite side of river. Results: 1 VC KIA BNR	S-F
181655H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT873493) Opened fire on four VN males on opposite side of river. Results: 1 VC KIA BNR	S-F
181800H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT905473) Opened fire on four VC carrying weapons. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed, 1 VCC	S-F

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		190001H	192400H May 69
DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
190700H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT883467) Apprehended two VC suspects. Woman in villiage pointed them out. Results: 2 VCS sent to rear	S-F
190930H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT891500) KCS spotted two booby traps. Blown in place. Results: Negative	S-F
191200H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT896499) While searching vill learned that five VC had passed through heading north. Results: Negative	S-F
192020H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT885512) Sniper shot at one NVA across the river. Results: 1 NVA KIA BNR	S-F
191250H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT890500) Found miscelleaneous NVA 782 gear and ammo. Results: Ammo destroyed and some gear will be sent to rear	S-F
191600H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT890500) Found one pressure detonated anti-personnel mine. Results: Blown in place	S-F
191924H	7	Co Y (Security) at (AT895466) Received eight incoming 82mm mortar rounds. Returned fire with 106's, 81's and artillery. Results: Negative	S-F
192230H	8	Co K (Night Positions) at (AT895466) While firing H&I's observed a large secondary explosion. Results: Negative	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
200445H	1	Co I (Night Positions) at (AT889510) Received two incoming ChiCom grenades. Results: Negative	S-F
200640H	2	Co Y&K (Security) at (AT895466) Received 10 incoming 82mm mortar rounds. Returned fire with 81's and 106's. Results: 3 USMC WIANE	S-F
200745H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT893892) Spotted 10 VC carrying weapons. Called in 81's and pursued enemy. Results: Negative	S-F
201030H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT910515) Spotted seven VC Heading north towards river. Opened fire with small arms and called in AO. Results: Negative	S-F
201145H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT892512) Spotted one VC running and opened fire with small arms. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed	S-F
201145H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT887502) Spotted 10 VC running. Opened fire with small arms. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed	S-F
201150H	7	Co I (S&D) at (AT887503) Tripped one 81's booby trap. Results: 2 USMC WIAE	S-F
201515H	8	Co M (S&D) at (AT889510) Apprehended one VN female about 35 years old. Results: Detainee sent to rear	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
210630H	1	Co I (Night Positions) at (AT884498) Received six M-79 rounds and small arms from an estimated 3-4 enemy. Results: Negative	S-F
210700H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT864444) Apprehended one male detainee with no ID card. Results: Negative	S-F
210700H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT888489) Received approximately six M-79 rounds and 100 rounds of AK fire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
210815H	4	Co M (S&D) at (AT886497) Started treeline on fire resulting in secondary explosion of one 105mm round. Results: Negative	S-F
210930H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT902506) Tripped one 105mm booby trap. Results: 2 USMC WIAE	S-F
211030H	6	Co M (S&D) at (AT864444) Apprehended one male VCS. Results: 1 Detainee	S-F
211145H	7	Co M (S&D) at (AT893498) Found one SKS rifle in treeline. Results: 1 SKS captured	S-F
211315H	8	Co I (S&D) at (AT893482) Found one 81mm booby trap. Results: Blown in place	S-F
211445H	9	Co I (S&D) at (AT893498) Found 400 rounds of M-14 ammo. Results: Ammo sent to TM rear	S-F
211635H	10	Co I (S&D) at (AT891499) Tripped one ChiCom booby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIANE	S-F
211800H	11	Co I (S&D) at (AT893293) Apprehended one female detainee. Results: Negative	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
220715H	1	Co I (Night Positions) at (AT883493) Received three rounds M-79 fire and 50 rounds of small arms fire. Results: Negative	S-F
221030H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT890495) Spotted two VN running into treeline. Opened fire killing one. Found 1,200 P's on person. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed	S-F
221400H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT900497) Detained one VN female. Results: 1 VCS	S-F
221800H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AR900503) Apprehended one VN female who was wounded while running from I Co. Results: 1 VN evaced	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
230915H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT884513) Spotted two VC crossing river. Opened fire with small arms. Results: 2 VC KIA confirmed	S-F
231000H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT884510) Woman told Marines she spotted 10 VC carrying packs, rifles and rocket launcher. Results: Negative	S-F
231130H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT889513) Spotted 4-6 VC at the river bank. Opened fire with negative results. Results: Negative	S-F
231600H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT902501) Apprehended one VCS . Results: 1 VCS	S-F
231735H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT891496) Tripped one M-26 booby trap. Results: 2 USMC WIAE	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
240930H	1	Ce K (S&D) at (AT910500) Mine sweep tripped one M-26 type booby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
		No significant events	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
260600H	1	Co M (S&D) at (AT959538) Received small arms fire and returned same. Results: Negative	S-F
260830H	2	Co Y (S&D) at (AT976528) Found one 105mm booby trap. Results: Blown in place	S-F
260855H	3	Co K (S&D) at (AT955529) Received one incoming M-79 round. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
260900H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT808519) Spotted 10 NVA with packs and rifles. Opened fire with small arms. Results: Negative	S-F
261130H	5	Co I (S&D) at (BT013513) Tripped one M-26 booby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
261200H	6	Co I (S&D) at (BT007511) Burned several hootches causing three secondary explosions. Results: Negative	S-F
261300H	7	Co I (S&D) at (BT007510) Found ammo can containing miscellaneous USMC medical gear. Results: Gear destroyed	S-F
261400H	8	Co I (S&D) at (BT008519) Found the wreckage of one small plane. Plane was in a area where there were bunkers and trenches. Results: Destroyed gear and bunkers	S-F
261545H	9	Co M (S&D) at (AT984533) Opened fire in three NVA who returned fire. Results: Negative	S-F
261555H	10	Co I (S&D) at (BT007511) Found assorted ammo and gear. Results: Blown in place	S-F
261700H	11	Co M (S&D) at (AT968541) One USMC MIA as of 261700H. Engineer left to blow ammo and never returned. Search is being held. Results: Neg	S-F
261800H	12	Co Y (S&D) at (AT974526) Found one M-26 and one 105mm booby trap. Results: Blown in place	S-F
261830H	13	Co M (S&D) at (AT984533) Received small arms fire and returned same. Results: Negative	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
270700H	1	Co M (Night Positions) at (AT976565) While searching perimeter found one NVA KIA and one AK-47 with four magazines and three ChiCom grenades. Results 1 NVA KIA confirmed	S-F
270800H	2	Co I (S&D) at (BT012519) Received approximately 100 rounds of small arms fire. Spotted three enemy, one had a 60mm mortar tube and possibly a M-60 machinegun. Returned fire with small arms and 60mm mortars. Results: Negative	S-F
270930H	3	Co K (S&D) at (AT987524) Tripped one M-26 type booby trap. Results: 2 USMC WIAE	S-F
270945H	4	Co M (S&D) at (AT975546) Tripped one 155mm booby trap. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIAE	S-F
270950H	5	Co M (S&D) at (AT975546) Tripped one M-26 booby trap. Results: 2 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIANE	S-F
FollowUp 261500H 271100H	6	Found 14 booby traps. Five were 105's and nine were M-26's Co M (S&D) at (AT965548) Found one illum canister booby trap filled with explosives. Results: Blown in place	S-F
271150H	7	Co I (S&D) at (BT001518) Found one grave containing one NVA and pack and 24 volt battery found in immediate area. Results: 1 NVA KIA confirmed	S-F
271355H	8	Co M (S&D) at (AT967557) Apprehended six male detainees and one wounded female. Results: Detainees sent to TM2 reab and civilian medivaced	S-F
271410H	9	Co K (S&D) at (AT987525) Tripped one M-26 booby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIANE	S-F
271445H	10	Co K (S&D) at (AT987525) Found one M-26 booby trap, 200 pounds rice and 60 pounds of tobacco. Results: Destroyed same	S-F
271500H	11	Co M (S&D) at (AT962554) Found area where gooks had written "Marines are coming leave the island" Apprehended seven detainees in this area. Results: Detainees sent to S-2	S-F
271835H	12	Co M (S&D) at (AT968540) Tripped one M-26 booby trap and received two sniper rounds. Results: 1 USMC WIANE, 2 USMC WIAE	S-F
272030H	13	Co M (Night Positions) Received fire from small arms and M-79. Returned 81's, 60's and Arty. (AT974536) Results: Negative	S-F

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272150H	14	Co K (Night Positions) at (AT983526) Tripped one M-26 booby trap. Results: 3 USMC WIAE	S-F

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280820H	1	Co K (S&D) at (AT988522) Found three fortified bunkers. Results: Destroyed same	S-F
280845H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT970540) Received small arms and M-79 fire. Found one dead child and two wounded women. Results: Negative	S-F
280915H	3	Co I (S&D) at (BT011518) Found one grame containing one dead NVA with miscellaneous gear. Results: 1 NVA KIA confirmed	S-F
281100H	4	Co K (S&D) at (AT987525) Found hootch and bunker with gear and documents. Results: Gear destroyed	S-F
281100H	5	Co Y (S&D) at (AT973534) Received 8-12 AK rounds from three to four enemy. Results: Negative	S-F
281215H	6	Co M (S&D) at (AT963543) Tripped one M-26 booby trap. Results: 2 USMC WIAE	S-F
281220H	7	Co I (S&D) at (BT005510) Set off a secondary explosion while firing 60mm mortars on a vill. Results: Negative	S-F
281225H	8	Co I (S&D) at (BT011516) Found four NVA buried in graves. Results: 4 NVA KIA confirmed	S-F
281225H	9	Co M (S&D) at (AT964544) Found one 81mm booby trap. Results: Blown in place	S-F
281230H	10	Co M (S&D) at (AT946547) Tripped two 81 and 82mm booby traps. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIAE	S-F
281330H	11	Co M (S&D) at (AT965547) Found one USMC buried in a bomb crater. Believed to be missing Engineer. Impossible to make positive identification. Results: 1 USMC KIA confirmed	S-F
281500H	12	Co Y (S&D) at (AT974500) Found a 250 pound bomb shell. Results: Blew in place	S-F
281530H	13	Co M (S&D) at (AT965574) Received M-79 and small arms fire from tree line. Returned same. Results: 2 VC KIA confirmed, 1 VCC WIA	S-F
281830H	14	Co K (S&D) at (AT987525) Found 500 pounds of rice and 500 pounds of tobacco in a bunker. Results: Destroyed same	S-F
281830H	15	Co I (S&D) at (BT010516) Found a dry well with foot prints on the bottom. Threw in a grenade causing secondary explosion. Results: Negative	S-F
281900H	16	Co K (S&D) at (AT987525) Received three incoming M-79 rounds and 100-150 rounds of AK fire. Results: Negative	S-F

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281930H	17	Co M (S&D) at (AT965547) Apprehended 10 VCS around bomb crater where dead Marine was found. Results: 10 Detainees	S-F
282150H	18	Co K (Night Positions) at (AT993526) Received two incoming grenades and 20-30 AK rounds. Returned small arms. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIAE, 4 VC/NVA KIA BNR	S-F
282300H	19	Co M (Night Positions) at (AT968553) Received small arms and automatic weapons fire. Returned small arms, 81's and 60's. Results: Negative	S-F

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290715H	1	Co M (Night Positions) at (AT966552) Found one body with no ID card. Killed by shrapnel. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed	S-F
290730H	2	Co K (Night Positions) at (AT993526) Found one body, 2 AK magazines, 2 ChiCom grenades, 1 AK-47 and personnel gear. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed	S-F
290800H	3	Co I (S&D) at (BT007511) Found miscellaneous NVA gear. Results: Destroyed gear	S-F
290950H	4	Co I (S&D) at (BT009516) Found miscellaneous NVA gear and documents. Results: Gear destroyed and documents sent to rear	S-F
291030H	5	Co K (S&D) at (AT993526) Found miscellaneous gear buried in ammo boxes. Results: Gear destroyed	S-F
291130H	6	Co Y (S&D) at (AT976538) Found explosives and ammo. Results: Destroyed same	S-F
291200H	7	Co K (S&D) at (AT975529) Found one NVA belt with AK magazines, 2 ChiCom grenades, 2 battle dressings. Results: Gear destroyed	S-F
291245H	8	Co M (S&D) at (AT972563) Found 2 NVA canteens, one belt of M-60 ammo, two M-16 magazines, one one destroyed AK-47. Results: Destroyed same	S-F
291355H	9	Co K (S&D) at (AT973528) Tripped one M-26 booby trap. Results: 5 USMC WIAE, 3 USMC WANE	S-F
291645H	10	Co M (S&D) at (AT987554) Sunk one sampan with M-79 fire. Results: Negative	S-F
291930H	11	Co K (S&D) at (AT973528) Found one M-26 booby trap. Results: Blown in place	S-F
292245H	12	Co Y (S&D) at (AT974538) Heard voices which sounded like a loud speaker. Results: Fired H&I on the area	S-F
292350H	13	Co K (Night Positions) at (AT951518) Ambush received one incoming ChiCom grenade. Results: Negative	S-F

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300935H	1	Co K (S&D) at (AT974538) Tripped one M-26 booby trap. Results: 2 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIANE	S-F
301115H	2	Co I (S&D) at (BT020520) Received 20 rounds of sniper fire. Results: Negative	S-F
301140H	3	Co K (S&D) at (AT999527) Spotted two VC burying gear. Yelled Chieu Hoi but enemy tried to flee. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed	S-F
301200H	4	Co Y (S&D) at (AT977538) Found miscellaneous ammo and ordnance. Results: Ordnance blown	S-F
301240H	5	Co I (S&D) at (BT020520) Found two graves with bodies killed by shrapnel. Results: 2 VC KIA confirmed	S-F
301400H	6	Co Y (S&D) at (AT996538) Found one 175mm and one 155mm booby trap. Results: Blown in place	S-F
301800H	7	Co M (S&D) at (AT978556) Found one ChiCom sub-machine. Results: Sent to S-2 rear	S-F
301830H	8	Co K (S&D) at (AT998528) Spotted two VC with weapons moving south. Results: Negative	S-F
302255H	9	Co Y (Night Positions) at (AT946538) Received 20 RPG rounds, 20 60mm mortar rounds, 100 AK rounds. Returned fire with 81's, 106's and Air. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 9 USMC WIAE,	S-F

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310615H	1	Co Y (Night Positions) at (AT946538) Found one body, 12 ChaCom grenades, 4 AK magazines and miscellaneous medical gear. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed	S-F
310800H	2	Co I (S&D) at (BT023523) Received one incoming B-40 rocket and 75 AK rounds. Results: Negative	S-F
311030H	3	Co I (S&D) at (BT029530) Spotted five NVA. Opened fire with small arms. Results: 1 NVA KIA confirmed	S-F
311030H	4	Co M (S&D) at (AT098554) Received sniper fire. Returned fire. Results: Negative	S-F
311300H	5	Co I (S&D) at (BT029530) While crossing river enemy opened fire on Marines. Results: 2 USMS WIAE	S-F
311330H	6	Co I (S&D) at (BT029530) Called in Air and Arty on bunker. Still received fire. Results: 3 USMC WIANE, 3 NVA KIA confirmed	S-F

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