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3rd Battalion, 5th Marines  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY  
010001H TO 302400H JUNE 1969

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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 I	Capt R. A. BEELER
Company K	Capt K. L. HOCK
Company L	Capt A. H. GOMEZ
Company M	Capt T. P. BURNS

2. EDUCATION. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines conducted search and clear operations in the Co Noi Island area until 20 June when they moved into the Alligator Lake area just outside the eastern edge of the 3/5 AO. One company remained along the Liberty Bridge Road to provide security for strong points A, B, and C. At present L Company mans the OP's along the Liberty Bridge Road. M Company provides security for the 3/5 portion of the An Hoa Defense Sector. K Company is acting as the Reactionary Company for the An Hoa Combat Base. I Company will relieve L Company along the Liberty Bridge Road in order that one company may start the Regimental Retraining Course.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ExecO	Major F. W. SAUCIER
S-1	CWO J. N. CLOW
S-2	1stLt K. L. SALAMON To 21JUN 1stLt G. W. FARMER Fr 22JUN
S-3	Major R. L. VOGT
S-4	2ndLt T. W. SUMMERS
S-5	1stLt W. R. PHILLIPS
SupplyO	1stLt G. C. FERREE To 8JUN 2ndLt W. R. BUTLER Fr 9JUN
CommO	1stLt D. W. RODDY

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Chaplain

Medical O's

Air Liaison O's

1st Lt. W. R. PHILIPS

Lt R. N. LOCKARD

Lt B. A. KROPSKY  
Lt H. A. BENLERCapt J. E. SOWER ALO  
Capt R. E. HOLBEIN FAC4. Average Monthly Strength

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PART III  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation PIPESTONE CANYON from 26 May through 15 June 1969. From 1 June to 15 June the Battalion acted as a blocking force along the Thu Son river in Northwestern Co Noi and the railroad berm in central Co Noi.

Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was attached to the Battalion for this Operation and the following unnamed Operation. Company G, 1st Battalion, 26th Marines was attached to the Battalion until 8 June 1969 at which time they returned to their parent Battalion to go aboard ship.

On 15 June 1969 the Battalion commenced a movement to the Phu Loc Valley south of Alligator Lake to conduct search and clear operations. Two companies moved overland on 15 June and two companies and the Command Group moved by helicopter on 16 June. This unnamed operation continued until 28 June when the Battalion returned to An Hoa.

During Operation PIPESTONE CANYON and until the Battalion returned to An Hoa, Company L was OPCON to 5th Marines providing security for Liberty Bridge Road and running local patrols.

On 30 June 1969 Lieutenant Colonel J. M. TERRY Jr. assumed command of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines vice Lieutenant Colonel H. E. ATKINSON.

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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 32 Marine Officers, 1,131 Marine Enlisted, 2 Navy Officers and 49 Navy Enlisted. The current on board strength of the Battalion is 39 Marine Officers, 1,141 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers and 48 Navy Enlisted.

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

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

4. Discipline, Law and Legal. During the reporting period of June, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines held two Special Courts Martial.

5. Awards. There were seven Bronze Star Medals, four Navy Commendation Medals, 10 Navy Achievement Medals, one Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and 163 Purple Heart Medals awarded to personnel of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines during the month of June 1969.

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

B. Logistics

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

C. Training

1. Regimental Indoctrination School. During the reporting period all new personnel reporting to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines attended Troop Indoctrination School held by the 5th Marine Regiment for a five day period.

2. Division Schools. Personnel attended the following schools during June:

NCO Leadership School  
 Officer Leadership School  
 Staff NCO Leadership School

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KCS Orientation Course  
 Career Planning School  
 Basic Organic Supply Accounting School  
 Land Mine Warfare, Demolitions and Booby Trap School

#### D. Operations

1. PIPESTONE CANYON. Operation PIPESTONE CANYON started on 260600H May 1969. 3/5 was OPCON to 5th Marines until 31 May 1969 when they went OPCON to the 1st Marines. The Operation was held in the Go Noi Island area of the Quang Nam Province. The Operation ended for 3/5 on 151000H June 1969. They now continue to conduct smaller scale search and clear Operations in their portion of the 5th Marines AO.

#### E. 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 the use of mortars and rockets, continued use of mines and booby traps and recruitment and indoctrination of local populace.

#### 2. Weather

- a. Rainfall: Heavy
- b. Temperature:
  - (1) Avg high: 85
  - (2) Avg low: 75
- c. Light:
  - (1) Avg sunrise: 0616
  - (2) Avg sunset: 1920

3. Terrain. During the first of the month the predominant terrain feature was flat lowlands and during the latter part of the month steep mountainous terrain was prevalent.

#### F. Significant Casualties Inflicted/Sustained

##### 1. Friendly

KIA 13  
 WIAE 72  
 WIANE 50  
 DOW 5  
 NBC 54

##### 2. Enemy

25 NVA KIA confirmed  
 19 VC KIA confirmed  
 12 VC/NVA KBA

#### G. Significant Enemy Fortifications and Buildings Destroyed

89 Bunkers, 2 Tunnels, 22 Fighting holes, 60 Hatches

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H. Significant Ordnance Captured

- 11 AK-47 Rifles
- 12 SKS Rifles
- 2 9mm Russian assault weapons
- 1 RPD machinegun
- 7 K44 Rifles
- 3 K50 Rifles
- 1 US M-1 Carbine
- 1 US .45 caliber pistol

I. Significant Enemy Munitions Captured/Destroyed

- 15 Surprise firing devices
- 8 B-40 Rocket rounds
- 73 ChiCom grenades
- 5 82mm mortar rounds
- 8 60mm mortar rounds
- 4 75mm recoilless rifle rounds

J. Significant Enemy Equipment/Food Captured

- 3700 pounds rice
- 135 pounds assorted clothing
- 25 pounds assorted documents
- 1 Sewing machine
- 1 Russian microscope
- 3 Chinese radios
- 1 Hand generator

K. Supporting Units

1. Engineers. Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion supported 3/5 during the month of June.
2. Shore Party (HST). HST's were provided by Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion.
3. Interpreters. The Battalion is presently employing four interpreters.
4. Kit Carson Scouts. The Battalion began the month with seven KCS's. One was killed while on patrol. It gained two more and is now employing eight KCS's.
5. Snipers. The Battalion employed four sniper teams during the month.
6. Dog Teams. The Battalion used three scout dog teams in the field during the month. A sentry dog was used on Delta Sector of the An Hoa Defense during the month.

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L. Civil Affairs

1. Med Caps. There were 738 people treated during the seven Medcaps held. 23 people received dental care during the period.
2. Projects. One American pig was given to the Villagers for breeding purposes.
3. Contributions. 14,800 pounds of wood was distributed to the Villagers for building purposes.
4. Solatium payments. 24,400 \$VN was paid to 32 people of the My Son Hamlet, Xuyen Phu Village, Duc Duc District of Quang Nam Province of RVN in accordance with the SIR previously submitted.

M. Communications

1. The Communications platoon supported the Battalion with primary use of FM radio communications (AN/PRC-25, AN/PRC-38, AN/PRC-77 and KY-38). AN/PRC-41's and AN/PRC-93's were also employed.
2. AN/PGC-1 with a three man team was attached to 3/5 from the 1st Marines with negative results: They did not have operational frequencies to work on.
3. A relay site was set up on hill 425 during operations near Alligator Lake area. AN/PRC-25's with modified K-3 relays and AN/PRC-77's were used with retransmission cable kit MK-456/GRC. Retransmission was used effectively whenever retransmission cables and modified K-3 relays were operational. A manual cipher relay was also used.
4. A Huskie was used successfully as a mobile communications station on several occasions with positive results. It was also used to haul a pay load of extra batteries, antennas, etc., which was a valuable asset to the communications of the Battalion.

N. 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 59 Medevac missions to evacuate 31 Emergency, 56 Priority and 50 routine casualties.

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c. 82 aerial observation missions were flown during the reporting period.

d. Fixed wing support was used in 83 tactical air strikes which were all TACA controlled, two Flaership missions, one Spooky gunship mission and 10 TPQ-10 controlled air strikes.

a. 1-15 June. During this time 3/5 was OPCON to 1st Marines and received support from the 1/11 centralized FDC pool which included D 2/11 (OPCON to 1/11) during Operation PP PIPESTONE CANYON.

b. 16-28 June. D 2/11 was in direct support of 3/5 during Operations under 5th Marines control in the Alligator Lake area. E 2/11 (8") and K 4/13 fired a 1,200 round prep fire prior to moving into the area. K 4/13 also provided reinforcing fire on three missions.

c. 29-30 June. 2/11 centralized FDC supported 3/5 during Operations in the immediate An Hoa Combat Base Area.

	<u>Observed</u>	<u>Unobserved</u>	<u>Contact</u>
1-15 June	42	14	10
15-28 June	45	4	9
29-30 June	0	0	0
Totals:	<u>87</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>

	HE	WP	ILL
1-15 June	3,255	208	372
15-28 June	2,680	119	112
29-30 June	0	0	0
Totals:	5,935	327	484

A. See Tab 'A' to enclosure (1) (Staff Journal for the period of 010001H through 302400H June 1969).

On 10-28 Aug. B 2/11 was in direct support of 1/5 during operations under JBL Harries control in the Alligator Lake area. B 2/11 3-5; 04 1 4/10. Enclosure (1)  
 would pump fire prior to moving into the lake  
 provided reloading fire on target aircraft.

25-30 June 2/13 0000-0100 SW 0000-0100

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PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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012400H Jun 69

DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
010830H	1	Co I (S&D) at (BT038524) Found numerous mines and a diary. Results: Mines blown and diary sent to rear	S-F
011130H	2	Co I (S&D) at (BT028533) Called in arty on bunker complex. Results: Negative	S-F
011224H	3	Co I (S&D) at (BT032531) Destroyed two bunkers and two hootches. Results: Negative	S-F
011300H	4	Co I (S&D) at (BT024525) Spotted one enemy. Called in 81's. Results: Negative	S-F
011400H	5	Co I (S&D) at (BT036529) Found three sunken boats. Results: Destroyed same	S-F
011815H	6	Co M (S&D) at (AT945552) Received incoming RPG fire. Returned small arms and rockets. Results Negative	S-F
012020H	7	Co I (Ambush) at (BT036524) Received one incoming ChiCom grenade and automatic fire. Returned small arms. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F

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022100H Jun 69

DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
020835H	1	Co I (S&D) at (BT020835) Found 11 boats and two bunkers containing gear. Results: Destroyed all gear	S-F
021250H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT976552) Tripped one M-33 bobby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIA	S-F
021330H	3	Co I (S&D) at (BT036523) Found 11 bodies in graves. Results: 11 VC KIA confirmed	S-F

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032400H Jun 69

DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
031115H	1	Co K (S&D) at (AT011518) Found <del>two</del> NVA sun helmets, one NVA soft cover and five rice receipts. Results: Gear destroyed and receipts sent to S-2	S-F
031800H	2	Co I (S&D) at (BT016516) Found one body in a bunker. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed	S-F
031804H	3	Co Y (S&D) at (AT998528) Found two bunkers and one grave. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed	S-F
031830H	4	Co I (S&D) at (BT021526) Found one C-ration can filled with C-4 and trip wired. Results: Blown in place	S-F
032105H	5	Co M (Night Positions) at (AT973563) Received small arms fire from across the blue line. Returned same. Results: Negative	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
040800H	1	Co F (Night Positions) at (BT002526) Spotted 20-30 VN moving Northeast. Results: Negative	S-F
041900H	2	Co I (Night Positions) at (BT035529) While firing night defensive fire an air burst occurred. Results: 1 USMC NBCE, 1 USMC NBCNE	S-F
042320H	3	Co Y (Night Positions) at (AT001534) Received 4-5 incoming RPG rounds and small arms. Results: 2 USMC WIANE, 1 NVA KIA confirmed	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
050020H	1	Co Y (Night Positions) at (AT002526) Received incoming RPG's, ChiCom grenades and 40 rounds AK fire. Returned fire with 60 and 81mm mortars and small arms and Huey gunship. Results: 2 USMC WIAE, 3 USMC WIANE	S-F
050600H	2	Co K (Night Positions) at (BT004525) Found one AK-47 rifle. Results: Negative	S-F
050945H	3	Co I (S&D) at (BT037526) Received small arms fire from two enemy. Results: Negative	S-F
051100H	4	Co M (S&D) at (AT965551) Received sniper fire from tree line. Returned same. Searched area and found bunker. Fraggd bunker. Results: 2 VC KIA confirmed	S-F
051500H	5	Co Y (S&D) at (BT002526) Found 15 pounds of NVA type C-4. Results: Blown in place	S-F
051615H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT976523) Spotted five enemy. Persued enemy until they entered ROK AO. Results: one NVA helmet, one AK magazine and 50 rounds captured	S-F
052030H	7	Co M (Night Positions) at (AT970563) Received small arms fire. Results: 1 USMC WIANE	S-F
052020H	8	Co I (Night Positions) at (BT027523) Received five incoming 60mm rounds. Results: 2 USMC WIAE	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
060530H	1	Co M (Night Positions) at (AT977560) Received small arms fire and ChiCom grenade grenade. Results: 2 USMC WIAE	S-F
061030H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT973550) Found one small internal combustion engine. Results: Blown in place	S-F
061150H	3	Co K (S&D) at (BT008519) Apprehended 18 VN females. Results: Will be interrogated by S-2	S-F
061600H	4	Co I (S&D) at (BT030521) Set off one unknown type booby trap. Results: Negative	S-F
061900H	5	Co M (Night Positions) at (BT007547) Spotted three NVA moving towards Indias position. Called Arty and 60mm mortars. Results: Negative	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
070130H	1	Co Y (Night Positions) at (BT002536) Received 100 rounds of small arms fire. Results: Neg	S-F
070130H Follow Up		Unit was attacked by approximately 15-20 NVA.	
070440H	2	3 USMC WIAE, 4 USMC WIANE Co M (Night Positions) at (AT986537) Received incoming RPG's, small arms and ChiCom grenades. Returned 60mm mortars, small arms and M-79. Results: 2 USMC WIAE	S-F
070610H	3	Co I (Night Positions) at (BT020546) Spotted six enemy in tree line. Results: Will call in Arty	S-F
070625H	4	Co M (S&D) at (AT998544) Spotted five NVA. Opened fire with M-60 and small arms. Results: 3 USMC KIA, 2 NVA KIA confirmed	S-F
070645H	5	Co Y (S&D) at (BT020536) Found three freshly dug bunkers. Results: Destroyed bunkers	S-F
070700H	6	Co M (S&D) at (BT002536) Found two AK-47 rifles, four AK magazines. Results: Negative	S-F
070815H	7	Co I (S&D) at (BT002546) Found one SKS rifle. Results: Negative	S-F
070930H	8	Co Y (Night Positions) at (BT002534) Found one large tunnel with helmet. Results: Tunnel destroyed	S-F
071000H	9	Co M (S&D) at (BT004535) Found 782 gear and three fresh spider holes. Results: Gear and holes destroyed	S-F
071100H	10	Co I (S&D) at (BT002536) Spotted 10 enemy in tree line. Air strike dropped 4 500 pound bombs on enemy position. Results: Unknown	S-F
072030H	11	Co K (Night Positions) at (BT011519) Spotted one enemy 250 meters from lines. Opened fire with small arms and M-79. Results: Negative	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
081400H	1	Co I (S&D) at (BT015516) Spotted five enemy. Opened fire and physically persued. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed	S-F
081600H	2	Co I (S&D) at (BT020521) Found miscellaneous small arms ammo and blasting caps. Results: Destroyed ammo	S-F
081731H	3	Co M (S&D) at (BT011542) Found one SKS rifle, one M-16 magazine and two M-33 grenades. Results: Ammo blown and gear sent to Mike's pos	S-F
082045H	4	Co I (S&D) at (BT019531) Received three incoming 60mm mortar rounds. Results: Negative	S-F
082330H	5	Co I (Night Positions) at (BT019531) One Marine heard movement in bushes and opened fire. Results: 2 USMC NBCE	S-F
082355H	6	Co I (Night Positions) at (BT019520) Spotted estimated NVA Company carrying mortars, RPG'S, and machine guns. Opened fire and enemy returned fire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S&F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
090225H	1	Co Y (Night Positions) at (BT002536) Received two sniper founds. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
090300H	2	Co I (Night Positions) at (BT019520) Received two incoming 82mm rounds. Results: Negative	S-F
090450H	3	Co I (Night Positions) at (BT019520) Received nine incoming ChiCom grenades. Returned small arms and grenades. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
090900H	4	Co I (S&D) at (BT028531) Fraggd one bunker containing one NVA. Results: 1 NVA KIA confirmed, miscellaneous 782 gear and ammo captured	S-F
091340H	5	Co Y (S&D) at (BT002525) Stepped on one SFD. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
091840H	6	Co I (S&D) at (BT016526) Spotted one enemy near river. Fired twice at enemy. Results: Negative	S-F
092224H	7	Co M (Night Positions) at (AT995544) Received one incoming 60mm mortar round. Results: Neg	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
100850H	1	Co I (Night Positions) at (BT006510) Spotted five NVA. Results: Negative	S-F
101030H	2	Co I (S&D) at (B&007512) Found two ChiCom grenades, one AK magazine and two battale dressing along trail. Results: Gear destroyed	S-F
101950H	3	Co K (Night Positions) at (BT003526) Marine threw grenade where he heard movement and was hit by his own shrapnel. Results: 1 USMC NBCE	S-F
102215H	4	Co M (Night Positions) at (AT996543) Spotted two NVA with starlight scope. Received six incoming 60mm rounds. Returned 60's, 81's and Arty. Results: Negative	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
110100H	1	Co I (S&D) at (BT002533) Marine stepped on a co-fram round. Results: 1 USMC NBCE, 1 USMC NBCNE	S-F
111030H	2	Co M (S&D) at (BT993543) Found foot bridge across river. Blew with C-4. Results: Negative	S-F
111140H	3	Co M (S&D) at (AT996543) Found one body near bridge of previous spot report. Results: 1 NVA/VC KBA	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
120000H	1	Co K (Night Positions) at (BT002527) LP spotted two enemy. Opened fire with small arms and grenades. Results: 2 VC KIA BNR	S-F
120210H	2	Co I (Night Positions) at (BT001530) Received one incoming grenade. Results: Negative	S-F
120855H	3	Co K (Night Positions) at (BT012519) Received several incoming small arms rounds. Returned same. Results: Negative	S-F
122220H	4	Co I (Night Positions) at (BT004541) Had one trip flare go off then received one incoming ChiCom grenade. Returned small arms. Results: Neg	S-F
122230H	5	Co Y (Night Positions) at (BT004534) LP received small arms fire and four incoming ChiCom grenades. Results: 2 USMC WIA NE	S-F
122335H	6	Co I (Night Positions) at (BT004531) Received one incoming ChiCom grenade. Results: Neg	S-F

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130830H	1	Co I (S&D) at (BT002531) Point man spotted three VC digging in tree line. Opened fire and searched area. Results: Found one AK-47 magazine and one cartridge belt	S-F
131100H	2	Co I (Night Positions) at (BT006520) Spotted four NVA and opened fire on them. Results: Negative	S-F
131130H	3	Co I (S&D) at (BT015515) Found miscellaneous NVA gear and ammo. Results: Gear destroyed	S-F
131200H	4	Co I (S&D) at (BT007518) Found two fresh spider holes and one US canteen. Results: Holes destroyed	S-F
131245H	5	Co M (S&D) at (AT977528) While escorting tank Marine tripped one 250 pound bomb booby trap. Results: 2 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIAE	S-F
131320H	5	Co Y (S&D) at (BT004531) While having a fire in the hole a Marine was hit with shrapnel. Results: 1 USMC NBCE (R)	S-F
131340H	6	Co M (S&D) at (AT967530) Tank hit one 250 pound bomb. Results: 5 USMC WIAE (R)	S-F
131455H	7	Co I (S&D) at (BT017517) Tripped one 81mm booby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIAE (R)	S-F
131855H	8	Co I (S&D) at (BT017512) Received incoming small arms rounds. Results: Negative	S-F
131700H	9	Co I (Night Positions) at (BT017512) Received two sniper rounds. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
132025H	10	Co M (Night Positions) at (AT001531) Threw two grenades where movement was heard. Received one incoming ChiCom grenade. Results: Neg	S-F
132225H	11	Co K (Night Positions) at (BT003525) Lines opened fire on movement they heard in bushes. Man was a Marine checking lines. Results: Neg	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
140245H	1	Co K (Night Positions) at (AT968524) Received three incoming rounds believed to be 81mm. Results: Negative	S-F
140800H	2	Co K (S&D) at (AT933528) Tripped one 105mm booby trap. Results: 2 USMC WIANE, 1 USMC WIAE (R)	S-F
141035H	3	Co K (S&D) at (AT951528) Tripped a total of five M-26 booby traps. Results: 9 USMC WIAE	S-F
141330H	4	Co K (S&D) at (AT973504) Found one 105mm booby trap. Results: Blown in place	S-F
141430H	5	Co M (S&D) at (BT002534) Found one sewing machine in a spider hole. Results: 1 sewing machine sent to S-2 rear	S-F
141700H	6	Co M (S&D) at (BT002525) Found one good 82mm base plate. Results: Sent to rear	S-F
142130H	7	Co K (Night Positions) at (BT001524) Received three incoming ChiCom grenades. Returned fire with small arms and M-26 grenades. Results: 2 USMC WIAE	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
151430H	1	Co Y (Day Position) at (BT007531) Back blast from 106 set off one 60mm booby trap. Results: Negative	S-F
152320H	2	Co K (S&D) at (AT981480) Spotted seven enemy running. Opened fire with small arms and grenades. Results: No bodies but found seven bags of rice each 25 pounds	S-F
152335H	3	Co M (S&D) at (AT976504) Spotted one VC/NVA following column. Opened fire. Results: 1 VC/NVA KIA confirmed	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
160800H	1	Co M (Night Positions) at (AT977528) Found 15 valves of malaria injection, 1 NVA lab case, 2 personnel letters in pack of previous spot report dated 152335H. Results: Negative	S-F
161050H	2	Co Y (Night Position) at (993518AT) Found one 25 pound bag of rice. Results: Rice sent to rear	S-F
161300H	3	Co M (S&D) at (BT000482) Found one RPG with explosive head, RPG booster, one ChiCom grenade, pistol holster and cartridge belt, wallet and pictures. Results: Will send all gear to S-2 rear	S-F
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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
170045H	1	Co Y (Night Positions) at (BT004456) Spotted four VC/NVA. Opened fire. Results: Will search at first light	S-F
170730H	2	Co I (Night Positions) at (BT004444) Spotted two VC. Results: Negative	S-F
170800H	3	Co I (Night Positions) at (BT004444) Observed one secondary explosion while firing arty. Results: Negative	S-F
171200H	4	Co K (S&D) at (AT965474) Found four bunkers and miscellaneous gear and ammo. Results: Blown in place	S-F
171245H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT966483) Found assorted ammo. Results: Blown in place	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
180730H	1	Co M (S&D) at (AT996434) Found one NVA pack in good condition. Results: Negative	S-F
180745H	2	Co K (S&D) at (AT988445) Found miscellaneous bombs and rice. Results: Blown in place	S-F
180915H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT988433) Spotted three NVA. Results: Negative	S-F
180945H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT983456) Received fire from two enemy. Results: 1 KCS KIA, 2 USMC WIAE	S-F
181300H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT983454) Found one harbor site with one SKS and E tool and clothing. Results: Gear destroyed and rifle sent to rear	S-F
181420H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT980451) Received fire from a 30 calibre machinegun. Results: Negative	S-F
181600H	7	Co I (S&D) at (AT984453) Found cloths, rice and documents. Results: Negative	S-F
181915H	8	Co I (S&D) at (AT978455) Spotted one VC in hole. Fragged hole. Results: 1 VC KIA confirmed	S-F
182000H	9	Co I (S&D) at (AT983461) Spotted three NVA in bushes. Fired small arms. Results: 1 NVA KIA confirmed	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
190220H	1	Co I (Night Positions) at (AT983461) Received small arms and one ChiCom grenade. Returned small arms and grenades. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
191100H	2	Co K (S&D) at (AT988460) Spotted four VN running and sent out patrol to search area. Results: Negative	S-F
191115H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT984450) Received 30 caliber machinegun fire. Results: Negative	S-F
191145H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT984445) Received 30 caliber fire. Returned small arms and called AO. Results: Negative	S-F
191245H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT983444) Received small arms fire and 30 caliber. Returned fire with small arms and CS grenades. Results: 3 USMC WIAE, 2 USMC WIAE	S-F
191400H	6	Co M (S&D) at (AT993434) Found area that could hold 100-150 people. Found three 82mm rounds, cooking gear and part of a PRC/25 handset. Results: Negative	S-F
191445H	7	Co I (S&D) at (AT984450) While following two heavy blood trails came under heavy 30 caliber fire. Called in air on this suspected base camp. Results: Negative bodies found, 6 USMC WIAE. Follow up: 2 NVA KIA confirmed	S-F
191550H	8	Co Y (S&D) at (AT983471) Found on 250 pound bomb fin assembly rigged as booby trap. Results: Blown in place	S-F
191800H	9	Co K (S&D) at (AT005462) Searched trail leading to Kilo positions. Results: Negative	S-F
191920H	10	Co I (S&D) at (AT985445) Spotted one NVA looking through binoculars. Fired small arms. Enemy dropped. Results: 1 NVA KIA confirmed	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
200800H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT978449) While searching base camp received 100 rounds small arms fire. Returned same. Results: 1 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIANE	S-F
201000H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT983457) Found four RR rounds clothing and documents. Results: Negative	S-F
201000H	3	Co M (S&D) at (AT981455) Found base camp with eight hootches, two graves and captured three POW's. Results: Hootches destroyed and POW's sent to rear, also found one M-1 carbine	S-F
201130H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT980448) While searching base camp found 15 Hootches and 12 large caves. Found 6 SKS rifles, one 32 caliber MG, two 38 caliber assault MG, one 45 pistol, miscellaneous ammo, clothing and explosives. Results: Gear destroyed and weapons sent to rear	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
211430H	1	Co K (S&D) at (AT998445) Received small arms and 30 caliber fire from treeline. Results: Negative	S-F
211500H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT983457) Received 30 caliber fire killing point man. Returned small arms. Results: Negative enemy killed, 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIANE	S-F
211730H	3	Co K (Ambush) and (AT998455) While setting out ambush received small arms fire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
220715H	1	Co K (S&D) at (AT998454) Received incoming 60mm mortars and small arms. Returned 60mm and called arty. Results: 5 USMC WIA (4E-1NE)	S-F
221120H	2	Co K (S&D) at (AT998455) Received fire from a 30 caliber and small arms. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 5 USMC WIAE	S-F
221200H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT985434) Found one NVA pack saturated with blood containing miscellaneous gear and ammo. Results: Negative	S-F
221300H	4	Co M (S&D) at (AT979447) Found 16 hootches, one microscope, food, one SKS, 3 K-44's, ammo and magazines, clothing and documents. Results: Gear will be sent to An Hoa	S-F
221550H	5	Co K (S&D) at (AT971439) Found three caves and five hootches. Results: Buildings and caves destroyed	S-F
221630H	6	Co M (S&D) at (AT976446) Received small arms fire from two places. Returned same and called in arty and 81's. Results: 6 USMC WIAE, one M-16 rifle destroyed	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
231010H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT946454) Point man fired at two enemy. Enemy fled. Results: Negative	S-F
231100H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT982444) One resupply chopper was shot down by small arms. Birds and ground troops returned fire. Results: Negative	S-F
231135H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT952460) Spotted three enemy moving Northwest. Results: Negative	S-F
231245H	4	Co Y (S&D) at (AT965462) One Huskie while being chopped to An Hoa was dropped from 1500-2000 meters up. Security sent out to Huskie. Results: 1 USMC Huskie badly damaged	S-F
231330H	5	Co M (S&D) at (AT982443) Flanks received small arms fire. Results: 1 USMC WIANE	S-F
231345H	6	Co K (S&D) at (AT974436) Received two incoming 60mm rounds from 150 meters away. Returned fire with 81's, M-79 and small arms. Results: Negative	S-F
231445H	7	Co I (S&D) at (AT951450) Received five rounds automatic weapons fire. Results: Negative	S-F
231500H	8	Co K (S&D) at (AT974433) Received 14-15 AK rounds. Results: Negative	S-F
232030H	9	CoKK (Night Positions) at (AT974430) Man had accidental discharge with M-79. Results: 1 USMC WIAE (R) NBC	S-F
232125H	10	Co K (Night Positions) at (AT974430) LP spotted two enemy. Opened fire with small arms and M-79. Received one incoming ChiCom grenade. Results: 1 USMC WIAE (R)	S-F

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240700H	1	Co K (Night Positions) at (AT980433) Received four incomming 60mm mortar rounds. Results: Negative	S-F
240945H	2	Co M (Night Positions) at (AT977444) Chopper took AK fire. Returned fire with small arms Cowpoke and Gunship. Results: Negative	S-F
241200H	3	Co Y (S&D) at (AT997443) Destroyed damaged Huskie of spot report 231345H with the approval of 11th motors. Results: Negative	S-F
241240H	4	Co M (S&D) at (AT975445) Found a cave four feet in circumference. Searched as far as possible. Threw four CS grenades. Results: Negative	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
251630H	1	Co M (S&D) at (AT976456) Found a VC dwelling place under a rock. Saw two VC/NVA open fire on two other VC/NVA. Results: Negative	S-F
251955H	2	Co I (Night Positions) at (AT956443) Received six incoming 82mm rounds. Returned fire with 60 and 81 mortars. Results: 8 WIAE USMC	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
260800H	1	Co M (S&D) at (AT974441) Spotted one NVA and opened fire on him. Enemy returned fire. Called in 81's. Results: Negative	S-F
261445H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT988453) Found a transit area for VC. Results: Negative	S-F
261645H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT953429) While searching area of base camp found three bodies, 42 ChiCom grenades, one SKS rifle, one AK-44. Results: 3 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 SKS rifle, one AK-44 and miscellaneous ammo and magazines	S-F
261710H	4	Co Y (S&D) at (AT949449) Spotted three NVA/VC and opened fire on them. Results: Negative	S-F
261830H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT988453) Found six well camouflaged bunkers and grave. Results: 1 NVA KBA, 2 ROG and 4 ChiCom grenades captured	S-F
261955H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT957430) Spotted three NVA on trail. Opened fire with small arms. Results: 1 NVA POW, 1 AK-47 rifle, 2 AK magazines and 1 ChiCom grenade	S-F
261950H	7	Co I (S&D) at (AT957437) Spotted one NVA on trail opened fire with small arms. Results: 1 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 AK-47 rifle and two magazines	S-F
262135H	8	Co I (Night Positions) at (AT957437) Received small arms fire and returned same. Results: 4 USMC WIAE	S-F
262350H	9	Co I (S&D) at (AT957437) Received small arms and returned same. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F

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DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
271055H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT957431) Found base camp with two hootches and three bunkers, Results: Neg	S&D

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