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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
010001H TO 302400H SEPTEMBER 1969

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

COMMANDER

LTCol J. M. TERRY JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

COMPANY H&S

1stLt A. B. BENZ to
15Sep69
1stLt R. L. CARTER fr
16Sep69

COMPANY I

Capt W. M. KAY

COMPANY Z

1stLt M. E. NEWMAN

COMPANY X

Capt A. H. GOMEZ to
23Sep69
Capt T. E. WILLIAMS fr
24Sep69

COMPANY M

1stLt J. J. CLAIR III

2. LOCATION. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines conducted search and clear operations in the Arizona Area for the first 15 days of the reporting period. Presently the Battalion is operating at Phu Loc 6.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ExecO

Major F. W. SAUCIER to
28Sep69
Major D. T. DALE III fr
29Sep69

S-1

2ndLt J. P. PULLIN

S-2

2ndLt E. J. HOFFMAN

S-3

Major M. J. DAHLQUIST to
16Sep69
Major R. E. MONETTE fr
17Sep69

S-3A

1stLt T. J. MAHLUM

S-4

Capt K. L. HOCK to
18Sep69
Capt R. A. BECKER fr
18Sep69 to 26Sep69
Capt A. H. GOMEZ fr
27Sep69

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SupplyO

CommO

MTO

Chaplain

MedicalO's

AirLiaisonO's

1stLt W. R. PHILLIPS

2ndLt W. A. BUTLER

2ndLt P. D. WILDER

1stLt W. R. PHILLIPS

LtCdr W. F. MAGOR

Lt R. L. CRUMLEY

Lt S. T. MELSON

Capt J. A. GARVEY

1stLt B. K. YORKOFF

5. Average Monthly Strength

USMC

NAVY

OFF
33ENL
1041OFF
3ENL
53PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of September, the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines conducted offensive operations in the I Corps Tactical Zone (ICPZ), specifically from 1 September to 13 September conducting search and clear operations in the Southern Arizona Area. The Battalion accounted for 31 NVA/VC killed and various amounts of captured munitions and supplies. The Battalion received an inordinate amount of enemy fire to include small arms, mortars (60, 82, and 120mm), and rocket fire (B-40 and 122mm). Most of the enemy kills were inflicted while in a night defensive position. One head-on clash between India Co. and the enemy on 11 September resulted in 12 NVA KIA and 16 weapons captured. Also, on 11 September 1967, the Battalion S-3, Major M. J. DAHLQUIST, tripped a booby trap resulting in the loss of his right leg. From 1 September through 6 September the Battalion conducted independent search and clear operations. On 6 September 3/5 established a blocking position in the Central Arizona in cooperation and coordination with the ARVN Rangers. On 11 September the Battalion moved to the Southeastern Arizona near the Song Thu Bong River and set up another blocking position. In conjunction with this, the 39th and 21st Battalions of the ARVN Rangers moved on 11 September from the Northern Arizona to the Southern Arizona to conduct a sweep operation. During the first

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half of the month one company from 3/5 had the mission of An Hoa Base Defense. On 13 September 3/5 was relieved by 1/5 with Kilo Co. OpCon to 1/5 for a 24 hour period. Miko Co., Battalion CP, and H&S Co. were helolifted to Phu Lac (6) where assumption of responsibility for the security of Liberty Bridge and Liberty Road was effected. Lima Co. departed An Hoa and set up in the Phu Nhuans for road security. On 14 September Kilo Co. was helolifted from the Arizona to An Hoa and returned OpCon to 3/5. On 15 September Kilo Co. was trucked overland to Phu Lac (6). From 12 September until 30 September 3/5 remained at Liberty Bridge with one Company as the Regimental Reserve.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topics

A. Strength. The Battalion began the month with a total strength of 33 Marine Off, 1,041 Enl, 3 USN Off, and 53 USN Enl. 3/5 now has a total on board strength of 33 Marine Off, 1,136 Enl, 3 USN Off, and 53 USN Enl.

B. Morale. Moral and fighting spirit continued to be excellent.

C. Postal. Postal Service continued at the same degree of excellence.

D. Discipline. During the reporting period, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines held 1 General Court Martial and 1 Special Court Martial.

E. Awards. There was 1 Silver Star Medal, 6 Bronze Star Medals, 7 Navy Commendation Medals, 9 Navy Achievement Medals, and 114 Purple Heart Medals awarded to the Battalion during the month of September.

F. Internal Management. Administrative procedures and proficiency continued to be excellent. A CMMI was held on 21-23 September and the Battalion was reported to be satisfactory with minor discrepancies. Attention to the unsatisfactory areas is being given with improving results.

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G. Logistics. The overall status of the Battalion is satisfactory at the present time. The S-4 resupplied the Battalion in the field on a daily basis, and tracked vehicles resupplied the units operating in the Phu Nhuan on a day to day basis.

H. Training.

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

2. Division Schools. Personnel attended the following schools during September.

NCO Leadership School--7
Officer Leadership School--2
Staff NCO Leadership School--3
Land Mine Warfare School--56
Cable Splicing School--1
I Corps Generator School--4
HST School--2
Embarkation School--1

I. Operations.

1. There were no named operations during the reporting period. However, the Battalion conducted search and clear operations in the Southern Arizona from 1 September through 13 September.

2. On 13 September 3/5 assumed responsibility for security of Liberty Bridge and Liberty Road. One Company (Blair) conducted outposts and ambushes along Liberty Road during the day and night. In addition to normal counter booby-trap measures from 15 September through 30 September 3/5 conducted extensive operations to eliminate casualties from Surprise Firing Devices (SFD's). These consisted of extensive use of LVTG-1's with line charges. This, coupled with application of SFD counter measures, resulted in the discovery and destruction of over 50 SFD's this month.

3. From 27 through 29 September the Battalion was involved in election security operations in which screening activities of local indigenous personnel were conducted north of An Hoa.

4. On 29 through 30 September the Battalion conducted rice denial and rice destruction within the A.O. resulting in over 27,000 square meters of rice destroyed.

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J. 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 rockets and mortars, continued use of SFD's, and recruitment and indoctrination of the local populace.

2. Weather.

a. Rainfall: Medium to heavy
 b. Temperature: Avg High 95
 Avg Low 78
 Avg Sunrise 0615
 Avg Sunset 1930

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

K. Significant Casualties Inflicted/Sustained.Friendly

KIA 11
 WIAE 67
 WIANE 41
 DOW 1
 NBC 59
 NBCD 0

Enemy

27 NVA/KIA (Conf)
 2 NVA/KBA
 2 VC/KIA
 6 PROBABLES
 0 POW's
 21 DETAINEE's
 6 VCI

L. Significant Enemy Munitions Captured/Destroyed.

1. 11x60mm rounds
 11x81mm rounds
 20 Batchel Charges
 3x50mm rounds
 100x17.52 rounds
 85 Caliber grenades
 1 Box 60mm fuses

2. SFD'sROCKETS

11-25 14
 105mm 1
 155mm 1
 81 MILUM CAN 10
 60 MILUM CAN 1
 60mm (HE) 1
 82mm 1

6-RAT CAN 14
 MISC 2
 UNKNOWN 14
 Total 59

Detonated 10
 Destroyed 49

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Results: USMC KIA 3
 WIA(E) 12
 WIA(NE) 12

M. Significant Enemy Fortifications and Buildings
Destroyed.

11 Bunkers

N. Significant Ordnance Captured.

10 AK47's	2 B-40's
1 SKS	1 B-41

O. Significant Enemy Equipment/Food Captured.

1 Pair Russian Binoculars
 1 Chicom Field Telephone
 1 Tripod & Wheeled Carriage for 7.62mm Machine Gun
 1000 lbs of Salt
 300 lbs of Rice

P. Supporting Units.

1. Engineers. Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion supported 3/5 during the month of September 1969.

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

3. Interpreters. Five interpreters were employed by 3/5 during the month of September, but one of the five was a KIA.

4. Amtracks. We had four Amtracks from 4th Plt, Alpha Co. 1st Bn, support 3/5 during the month of September.

5. Tanks. 3/5 had two tanks supporting it during the month from 1st Plt, Company B, 1st Tank Battalion.

6. Kit Carson Scouts. The Battalion is now employing nine Kit Carson Scouts.

7. Snipers. The Battalion is now employing eight snipers.

8. Dog Teams. The Battalion is supported by five dog teams.

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1. Med Caps. There were 380 people treated during the reporting period, 63 were treated dentally.

2. Contributions. 1200 pounds of wood was contributed to the villagers of Duc Due for building purposes.

R. Communications.

1. Supported Battalion operations with primary use of FM radio connections (AN/PRC-25, AN/PRC-77, AN/PRC-88, and KY-38) AN/PRC-41 and AN/PRC-93's also were employed as communications.

2. Installed, operated, and maintained simplex covered teletype circuit from GOC Via Radio Relay at Phu Lac (6).

3. AN/PRC 11's were employed for security of Battalion Command Post.

4. Completed test and evaluation of new numerical and authentication code on 14 September 1969. Final Report Submitted.

S. Supporting Arms.

1. Agg. During the reporting period, the 1st MAW provided air support for the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines as follows:

a. Helicopters flew 60 medevac missions, to medevac 21 emergency, 32 priority, and 32 routine casualties.

b. Helicopter support was used in two troop lifts. The first on 12 September 1969, and the second on 13 September 1969.

c. Thirty-five aerial observation missions were flown during the reporting period.

d. Fixed wing air support was used in 60 tactical air strikes, which were T/CN and ground FAS controlled.

e. Fixed wing air support was also utilized through the use of 12 attack ships and 7 "Spooky" gun ships.

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1.2. Artillery. Artillery support for the month of September was provided by the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. The total rounds fired for the month are as follows:
1,249 HE, 167 WP, and 596 Illumination rounds

i. Sixty-eight observed missions were conducted, three unobserved, and eight contact missions.

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PLACE

AN HOA, RVN

FROM

010001H Sep69

TO

012400H Sep69

DTG	No.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
1200H	1	Co M, at AT820502, interrogated civilians in area. Civilians said that 6-10 VC/NVA were seen a few days ago heading WtoNW. S-2 Scout told villagers to leave the area and to go to a refugee camp. Villagers later returned and reported that 2 VC w/rifles were spotted.	
1400H	2	Co K, at AT808473, found 2 500 lb. bombs completely gutted, 7 gutted 105mm rounds, 1 dud 105, and 2 dud M-79 rounds. All rounds were destroyed by swinger.	
2030H	3	Co I, at 800481, while in night position, spotted 10 NVA. 3 grenades were thrown at the enemy. They received 1 incoming Chicom. Company I then fired approx. 200 small arms rounds. The LP then returned to perimeter and the enemy followed. 100 more rounds of small arms fire was employed. observed 1 enemy fall and a thorough search of the area was conducted with neg. results	

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FROM 0201001H Sep 69 TO 022400H Sep 69

DTG	No.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
020830H	1	Co I, at AT800481, found a rest area . It consisted of 7 1 man bunkers that had not been occupied in the last 10 days. Search of the area resulted in Neg. results.	

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DTG	No.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
1100H	1	Co M, at AT849506, while moving to objective, observed 3 NVA running out of bunkers in a NE direction. Took under s/a fire and called in Cowpoke, who adjusted arty. 1 NVA KIA (conf) approx. 30 yrs old wearing green utilities. 2 POW'S 1 wounded in lip wearing white shirts over black PJ's. 1 had pack w/paper and rice, 2 Chicoms. S-2 and KCS interrogated. Both said that they are villagers working for the NVA. Said 50 NVA/VC were in ville this morning but fled when the area was prep-fired. Sent swinger back to search the area w/neg. results.	
1300H	2	Co M, at AT845498, found a 33 yr old male who had been wounded during arty prep -fire. Was treated and interrogated and said that he hadn't seen any NVA today, but 8 days ago he saw approx. 50 NVA w/packs and rifles carrying rice towards the foothills. Also said that VC had booby trapped all hills where no villagers lived.	
1740H	3	Co M at AT857494, surprised a male in a hut. about 30 yrs old wearing new kacki shirt and kaki shorts. Took into custody and S-2 interrogated. Says he saw 30 NVA w/packs and rifles heading NE about 2 days ago. He stays here because VC won't let him cross the river.	
2130H	4	Co I at AT843491, while in night position received 1 Chicom resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Returned fire w/M-26's, M-79's, and claymores.	

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AN HOA, RVN

FROM

040001H Sep69

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042400H Sep69

DTG	No.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0930H	1	Co M, at AT854509, swinger interrogated villagers. People said that 3 VC w/weapons spent the night there and moved at early dawn to East. Believed they were looking for rice to take back to mountains. Havn't seen any others for a few days but a few days ago a big group w/rice and weapons passed through to west.	

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052400H Sep69

DTG	No.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0230H	1	Co's YandK at AT824494, while in night position received s/a fire from SE followed by 60mm's 3 82's. Returned fire w/60mm mission and s/a fire. Will search area at first light. 9 USMC WIA.	
0700H	2	Co's K and Y, while conducting search at last night's position found 1 NVA KIA (conf), 2 AK-47's and assorted explosive gear. Trails revealed dragged bodies.	
1200H	3	Co I at AT839480, while on swinger found 2 rocket pods w/4 rockets. Also found 60mm position believed used against Y last night. 3 60mm mortar rounds (Chinese type) and 13 shipping plugs off of rounds. All gear was destroyed.	
1800H	4	Co K, AT864507, while checking out ville found 1 male approx. 13 yrs old. Interpreter says male is mentally retarded, but could possibly be used as a ammo humper. Also fragged 1 bunker and injured 2 vietnamese who refused to move. 1 male approx. 50 yrs old received schrapnel to buttocks, 1 female received schrapnel to R leg.	

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An Hoa, RVN

060001H

To 062400 Sep69

Date

DATE/TIME/GROUP	NO.	INCIDENT
0805H	1	CoK at 0230H (Night pos): Enemy maneuvered around perimeter at range of 200 meters. Recvd approx 50 rds 60mm, 3-B-40 rockets, and numerous SAF. Returned fire with SAF, 60mm, 81mm in 3 minute engagement. Arty msn in 9 minutes, and called in Spooky. 5 USMC WIA, 1 (P), 2 (R), 2 (NE).
1105H	2	CoK at 0930H (873516 : Same): While searching area found 1 NVA confirmed, 1 B-40 rocket, 1 chicom, 1 NVA poncho, 1 NVA hammock (believed to have been used to carry off bodies), 2 NVA packs and canteens, 2 NVA bush covers, and blood trails. Destroyed all ordinance and gear. 1 NVA confirmed.
1530H	3	CoI at 1300H (Day pos): I1 dug up the body of 1 dead NVA soldier. Man had been dead approx 1 week and was dressed in green utilities he was believed killed by arty. Body was reburied. 1 NVA confirmed.
1535H	4	CoK at 1420H (858508 : Neg): While reconing by fire 1 Vietnamese 45 yrs old was wounded by SAF to the neck. Woman was brought to K pos and evacted.
1935H	5	CoI at 1500H (Nite pos:854452): I obsvd 2 VC moving in E. direction, enemy were dressed in black and 1 was carrying rifle. Fired 81mm mission on enemy. Will sweep area at first light.
2151H	6	BnCP at 1855H (854518:2046): While in N.P. recvd 10 122mm incoming rockets. Returned fire w/81mm and arty msn. Neg troops were dispatched.
1901H	7	CoM at 1900H (N.P. : 200460): CoM spotted rocket or mortar muzzle flash at above grid. Called arty on grid w/excellent coverage.

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3d Battalion, 5th Marines

An Hoa, RVN

070001H

To 072400H Sep 69

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DATE/TIME/GROUP	NO.	INCIDENT
0830H	1	<p>CoM at 0330H (N.P.:837522): While on N.P. Mike took 20 rds RPG/B-40 rockets, 30 rds 60mm, 30-40 chicoms, 100-150 A.K. rds.</p> <p>Returned SAF 3 60mm, called 81mm and arty. 2 NV crawled close to line w/2 AK 47's and 2 packs of chicoms, 2 NVA killed by SAF; each bag had 20 chicoms, a sweep of area at dawn found 20-25 chicoms, 15 satchel charges, TNT, 4 RPG rocket rds which had not been fired, 4 NVA confirmed (all around 20 yrs old wearing green shirts and shorts) 3 AK 47's, 10 mag. Sweep found some blood, but no significant trails due to rain during attack.</p> <p>2 USMC KIA 15 USMC WIA (3 Emer, 5 Prior, 4 Rout, 2 N.E.) 4 NVA KIA 3 AK 47, 4 RPG rds, 10 AK mag, 60 chicoms, TNT</p>
0905H	2	<p>CoM at 0815H (Same): Finished sweep of area, Found 1 pr binoculars 8/30 Russian made. Also 1 large pool of blood w/human brain in it, small pools of blood but no definite trails, found 13 more TNT charges, found 2 AK47's ammo pouches, 1 NVA belt, 5 NVA battle dressings unused.</p> <p>1 NVA KIA</p>
1600H	3	<p>CoI at 1515H (858520): 13 found container for VC shape charge.</p> <p>Will send container to rear.</p> <p>Journal Closed</p>

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An Hoa, RVN

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080001H Sep 69

082400H Sep 69

DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
1215H	1	Co M, at AT832518, interrogated villagers. Said that they had tried to leave area before as told to but were not allowed to cross river. S-2 believes that the VC sent them back but the people said it was the ARVNS. People said that there were no VC or NVA in the area for at least 4-5 days, but 4-5 days ago several VC came through w/packs filled w/rice heading for mountains.	
1500H	2	Co I at AT850520, while on swinger found 1 bunker and tunnel. Bunker was about 3'x8' timber reinforced. The tunnel was approx. 10' long and big enough for 1 man. Also found was 1000 lbs of salt in a small bunker next to a flooded paddy dike.	

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090001H Sep 69

092400H Sep 69

DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
1230H	1	Co I at AT851525, found suitcase containing misc. documents including a training diagram for assemblment of a 90mm French assualt rifle. Also in case was 1 foot of time fuse.	
1345H	2	Co M at AT839528, uncovered 300 lbs of rice.	
1415H	3	Co M at AT843531, found 1 VN male approx. 35 yrs old in a ville where lights and yelling came from the previous night. Will send to rear.	
1745H	4	Co K, at AT856506, while searching pos. found 2 VN males approx. 50 yrs old. Both say they work for Duc-Duc but could give no reason for being on this side of the river. Sent to rear.	
1900H	5	Co K, at AT856506, spotted personnel behind dike burrying something believed person to be VC and fired. Search revealed 1 VN female shot in abdomen. Called in medevac.	

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102400H Sep

DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
1100H	1	Co K, at AT864502, while sweeping through village detained 3 VN males. Youngest was found hiding in bunker wearing green shorts and shirt. The older were preparing to leave area. Youngest man states because of illness neither VC or ARVNS will except him. Appears to be in good health with close hair cut. States that the last time An Hoa was attacked 10 NVA were KIA and 3 were wounded. All 3 men were sent to rear.	
1230H	2	Co M at AT840516, checked out area and found 1 NVA body in bushes. Had been dead approx. 3 days.	

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112400H S

DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0945H	1	Co M, at AT855519, while in day position took 50-60 rnds of AK-47 fire which was ineffective. Returned s/a fire and 81's with nsg. results.	
1000H	2	H&S CP, at AT850498, while moving to new position Marine set off an SFD of unknown type. 3 USMC KIA.	
1230H	3	Co M, at AT855519, after arty mission 40-50 VN people conversed on lines to scavenge. Fired over thier heads but to no avail. Received permission to fire at thier feet. A ricochet hit one VN youth about 12 yrs old in the left hand. All people left the area.	
1335H	4	Co I, at AT842478, while moving across. an open rice paddy toward tree line was taken under fire from heavy automatic weapons fire, RPG's, and mortar fire. Fire was returned and Cowpoke was run on enemy positions. An envelopement was then utilized while another platoon assaulted from the front. Enemy estimated at approx. 30 men. Positions being thoroughly search. arty mission is being run on avenue of approach. Results: 18 USMC KIA, 7 NVA KIA (Conf). 1 B-40, 1 SKS w/bipods and a carriage w/wheels Soviet made heavy machine gun, 4 82mm mortar rnds, 7 60 mortar rnds, 1000 linked 7.62 rnds, and 2 packs w/personal gear.	
1500H	5	Co I, at AT841479, while moving to secure night position came under heavy automatic weapons fire, RPG fire. Enemy force approx. 15 men. A Cowpoke was called and 81's were used. A search of the area conducted. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 11 USMC WIA, 1 POW to send to the rear.	
1800H	6	Co M, at AT850485, found 200 lbs. of dried rice burried in a bunker.	
2100H	7	While searching tree lines, bunkers and spider holes discovered enemy hiding.	

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120001H Sep 69

122400H S

DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0315H	1	Co's I and M, at AT848484, was attacked from the east by a VC/NVA Company. Took 30 to 40 RPG rnds 20 to 25 60mm rnds and intense s/a fire. Direction of attack SW, W, N, and East fro 300-500 meters. Employed organic supporting arms and arty. Contact broke at 0430H. Results: 6 UMC WIA.	
0755H	2	Co M during search of last nights contact found 25 Chicoms, 1 Chicom belt w/pouch containing 2 Chicoms, 2 AK-47 mags w/ammo, blood trails and bloody battle dressing of USSR made.	
1300H	3	H&S CP at AT848485, received 2 122mm rockets. Neg. results.	
1636Z	4	Co K, at AT856508, entered ville. 1 VC attempted to run and was taken under fire. Search revealed 1 VN male 20-22 yrs old dressed in black shirt and trousers w/camouflaged shorts under trousers. Was carrying 1 green plastic bag containing 300 AK-47 rnds.	
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An Hoa, RVN

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130001H Sep69

132400H E

DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0200H	1	Co M, at AT night position, took 15-20 60mm rnds. None landed in perimeter all rnds walked through center of lines. 81's and arty called in on suspected enemy position.	
0210H	2	H&S CP, while in night position took 10 60mm rnds also s/a from about 2 reinforced squads. Returned w/s/a fire and 82mm. 1 USMC WIAE.	
0300H	3	H&S CP and Co M, at AT849485, took 15-20 mortar rnds from 855485 followed by VC/NVA platoon. Employed organic weapons fire and abty. 4 USMC WIAE.	
0345H	4	H&S CP at AT849483, VC from previous contact were spotted by Spooky. Took under fire w/excellent coverage. 81's spotted another sight at 855485 and brought counter-mortar fire. Employed blocking fires in area of mortar tubes. Encountered problem w/Cayenne refusing to clear grid at AT843476 because of closeness of friendlies. (800 meters)	
0930H	5	Co M at AT859489, found 2 males approx. 16 yrs old. They were the position that the fire was coming from last night, but they didn't know anything about it. Will send to rear.	

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DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
1200H	6	Co L, while moving to new position hit a SFD. SFD consisted of a M-26 w/trip wire. There was no markings to indicate a booby trap. 1 USMC WIA.	
1445H	7	Co L, man tripped booby trap consisting of an M-26. Other men went to assist and tripped another one. 10 USMC WIA.	

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DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
2015H	1	Co L, member of LP tripped SFD (M-26) while moving to LP site. 1 USMC WIA.	
2315H	2	Co L received 1 incoming rnd, possibly a RPG. 1 USMC WIA.	

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Co L, USMC on OP moved out of OP position and tripped a SFD. Checked area and could find no markings of a SFD. 2 USMC WIA.

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DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
1615H	1	Co M, at AT921512, found 1 SFD (M-26) while on local security, will mark and have engineers blow.	

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DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
1215H	1	Co L, O.P. Liberty Road upon leaving Marine detonated one defective CBU. Results- Neg.	

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DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
1845H	1	Co. L, at AT911512 L22 Stinger obs. Approx 15 VC/NVA running into tree line. Called Fire Mission. Results-Neg.	

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202400H Sep69

DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
1800H	1	Co. M, at AT915520-AT924506 Took some AK rounds from a distance. Believed to be 8 to 10 rounds near them. Called in 81mm mission and covered suspected treeline with fire.	
1800H	2	Co. L., at 907501 found 1 U.S. M-26 grenade rigged as booby trap. Trap was placed in a small hole and covered with a Playboy magazine so that the slightest movement would set off SFD. Was blown in place.	

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212400H Sep 69

DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
1020H	1	Co. L, L 2 Swinger detonated M-26 SFD set up with trip wire at AT909501. Results- 1 USMC WIAE.	

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192400 Sep 69

DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
2000H	1	Co. K, Found 1 VC Male approx 30 yrs of age and 1 NVA floating down stream at AT924533. Est. Killed 5 days ago by M/S/A wounds. Shore Lins captured. NVA approx 20 years of age.	

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DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0730H	1	Co. I, at O.P. 9 Liberty Road detonated 155 round, pressure detonated buried in sandy area concealed by shrubbery. Results- 3 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIAE.	
0930H	2	Co. M, at 922508 made ville sweep and all people fled ville except for one old woman. Rice will not be ready for harvest for approximately another week. All ditches are flooded.	
1015H	3	Co. I, at AT905494 while manning O.P. 6 Liberty Road recieved 6-10 rounds S/A fire from treeline 300-400 meters west of tree line. Returned fire with .50 Caliber machine guns and ran 60mm and 81mm fire mission. Will use LVT E-1 to clear and check out area.	
1015H	4	Co. I, at AT905494, LVT E-1 fired line charge into tree line from which they took sniper fire explosion set off four secondary explosions which are believed to have been SFD's. Line charge also uncovered two sniper holds.	
1145H	5	Co. I, at AT905494 scout and handler were walking point when they discovered 81mm canister packed with C-4 with slack trip wire 6 inches high on amtrack trail. SFD was blown in place.	
1830H	6	Co. I, while manning night positions along Liberty Road found 3 SFD's consisting of 81mm cannisters packed with explosive material, blasting cap and trip wire. The other SFD consisted of M-26 w/pressure device. Blown in place.	
2036H	7	Co. Y, at AT935525 recieved what is believed to have been 2-250 pound lob bombs. Incoming impacted approximately 200 meters from eastern most perimeter and is estimated 2-4 enemy used to launch attack. Will conduct thorough crater analysis and search at first light.	

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DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0715H	1	Co. I, While Manning O.P. Liberty Road found 1 M-26 SFD with tripwire. The SFD was between two land charge containers. The trip wire was connected to 1 land charge container and the M-26 to the other. Results-Negative blown by engineers.	
0830H	2	Co. I, at 909506 O.P. 9 found C-rat can filled with C4, elect/blastng cap & electric pressure device. Blown in place.	
1330H	3	Co. I, while manning O.P. Liberty Road detained 2 VN Males age 10-12 Years. Were trying to sell ice cream sticks and Marijuana to Marines. Detainees turned over to Duc Duc Headquarters.	
2515H	4	Co. I, at 909506 while manning O.P. 9 discovered 1 SFD Consisting of 2-5 cans with explosive composition and electrical blasting caps and electrical pressure device connected to PRC-25 battery. SFD's were pointed out by the detainees and were blown in place.	
1600H	5	I Co, at 909506 found M-26 w/trip wire was blown in place.	
1700H	6	Co. I, while improving Night Defensive Position on Liberty Road uncovered Chicom 82MM Mortar w/trip wire exposed after LVT-E1 had worked the area. Was blown in place.	
1735H	7	Co. I, while relocating night defensive positions uncovered 1 60MM Mortar round encased in expended LAW w/friction type blasting cap and trip wire. Blown in Place.	

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DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0730H	1	Co. Y, at AT938525 while running TAS fixed wing, dropped 1 500 pound dud bomb. Dud was located and blown in place	
0850H	2	Co. I, at day position #2 Liberty Road while retrieving claymores, located and found one soda can filled with composition B w/friction type blasting cap and trip wire. SFD was blown in place.	
1300H	3	Co. L, at AT926530 while conducting a search of shore lines found 2 ARVN bodies One dead 3-5 days caused by massive head wounds, and 2nd body was badly burned. No I.D. found on either body. Turned over to ARVN observers for burial.	
1530H	4	Co. I, at AT 904495 while blowing tree line had a secondary explosion. Crater analization revealed it to have been a 105MM round. Results-Negative.	
1730H	5	Co. I, at AT904495 while establishing Night Defensive positions tripped SFD consisting of 60MM illumination cannister filled w/explosives and pressure device. 5 USMC WIA 1 USMC WIAE.	
1700H	6	Co. I, at AT904495 found 1 SFD M-26 w/pressure release device. Blown in place.	
1815H	7	Co. I, while setting in Night Defensive Positions along Liberty Road observed 3 VC ages 18-26 setting in SFD's and 4 VC helpers, ages-12 screening for them by picking up c-ration cans. Unit observed VC&Helpers for 3-5 minutes. Reactionary force opened up w/.30 caliber machine gun fire. 1VC helper KIA. 3 POW's 2POW WIA.	
1815H	8	Co. I, at AT910495, observed 7 VC/WN setting in SFDs Reactionary dispatched. 4POWs- 2 WIA, 1 KIA.	

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DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
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1900H	9	Co. I, Night Position Liberty Road #2, discovered 3 c-ration cans packed with composition 4 w/trip wires. two were wired together and 3rd approx. one foot away. Blown in place.	
1900H	10	Co. I, Night Position Liberry Road #2, detonated one SFD which consisted of 81MM cannister filled with Comp, and triggered by pressure release device. Results-Negative	
1945H	11	Co. I, Night Position Liberty Road #2, discovered SFD, c-ration can filled with explosive comp. Pressure detonated. Blown in place.	

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DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0645H	1	Co. I, at AT904495 found 4 SFDS. c-ration cans filled w/compositon. Tops of cans were open w/explosive pressure devices underneath can. Blown in place.	
1100H	2	Co. M, at AT895505 point spotted 5 VN running north 2 were carrying rifles. No packs were seen. Gave persuit, but results were negative.	
1230H	3	Co. M, while in day positions along Liberty Road spotted 5 male wearing Blue T-shirt & black shorts bathing along sandbar. Called in 81MM and used sniper. Results-Negative.	
1310H	4	Co. I, found 1 SFD while conducting surveillance of day positions. C-ration can filled with explosive comp w/pressure device. Blown in place.	
1830H	5	Co. K, at AT924531 while Marine was climbing observation tower a 5 gallon water can fell out striking him on head and causing said marine to fall 6 feet. Medevac was called in.	

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DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0730H	1	Co. I, while manning O.P. 5 Liberty Road found SFD consisting of c-ration can filled w/explosive composition w/pressure firing device. Blown in place.	
1130H	2	Co. I, manning O.P. 1 Liberty Road found 2 c-ration cans filled with exp. comp w/electrical blasting cap connected to PRC-25 Battery w/electrical contact detonater. Blown in place.	
1300H	3	Co. L, while manning O.P. Liberty Road had VN children turn in 100 rounds 45 caliber ammo & 1 60MM Mortar illumination round. All rounds destroyed, but payment was not made at the present time.	
1610H	4	Co. I, at AT900470 found 4 SFDs. 1 consisted of 81MM illum cannister w/friction type blasting cap/ xxx with trip wire. the other 3 were c-ration cans filled with explosive composition and utilizing an M-16 round as detonater. Blown in place.	
1755H	5	Co. K, O.P. Liberty Road. 1 USMC NBC suffering from Cellulitus (R) Finger Results-Negative	
2140H	6	Co. I, at AT907476 sighted 3 VC/NVA through starlight scope. Opened fire with M-79 under 60MM illumination checked out area finding blood trails. Will thoroughly checkout area at first light. Results-Negative	

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292400H Sep 69

DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0800H	1	Co. I in day position found one SFD consisting of one juice can filled with explosive composition and friction type fuze. Was blown in place.	
0830H	2	Co. I at AT914492, LVT-E1 fired line charge into treeline and had eight secondary explosions believed to be three M-26 SFD, two 81mm SFD's, two 105mm or 155mm SFD's, and one large explosion believed to be box mine or area bomb.	
0940H	3	Co. L at AT920517, While preping area around OP with M-79 had one secondary explosion injuring two Marines. Search of area revealed one M-26 SFD with trip wire. Results: 2 USMC NBC(M)	

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232400H Sep69

DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0630H	1	Co. K, at AT924533 observed 1 NVA floating down by south side of river. NVA was wearing green uniform and was approximately 25-30 years of age. Had been in water approximately one day.	
1230H	2	Co. I, While manning O.P. 3 Liberty Road tripped M-26 SFD with trip wire attached. Results- 2 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIAE.	

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DTG	NO	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
0950H	1	Co. I at AT911492, LVT-EL fired line charge into treeline with two secondary explosions believed to be 81mm illum. canisters filled with explosives.	
1245H	2	3/5 CP, at AT917542, Two A/C diverts were assigned a target which was spotted with one round 81mm WP impacting at AT905535. Lead A/C acknowledged seeing the WP so 14 instructed to hit the WP spot. Approach of lead A/C looked good and was cleared by FAC. This was followed by immediate release of four 500 pound bombs which impacted approximately 1500 meters short of target at AT917542. Mission was immediately terminated by 14. A/C was advised of error but made no comment or reason for short drop. Results: 1 KIA Civilian, 2 WIA Civilians	
1810H	3	Co I, at AT912491, LVT-EL fired line charge into treeline resulting in one secondary explosion believed to be 81mm illum canister filled with explosives.	

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