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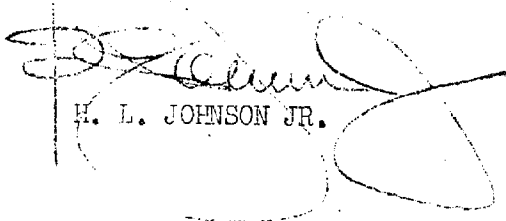
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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein)

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SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company
 Company I
 Company K
 Company L
 Company M

Company M 3/1 (CUPP Company)
 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines CUPP Plt.

COMMANDER

LtCol J. S. GESTSON
 to 17Aug70
 LtCol H. L. JOHNSON JR.
 fm 17Aug70

Capt R. H. MULLEN
 1stLt E. D. MCKINNEY
 1stLt D. C. WADDILL
 Capt D. L. WALKER
 1stLt R. J. PELT JR.
 to 1Aug70
 Capt S. P. HILL
 fm 2Aug70
 Capt R. A. KINCADE
 1stLt D. D. FRISBIE

2. LOCATION. The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein) operated throughout the month of August with the Rear CP located at HILL 37 (AT 913582). The Forward CP remained at HILL 65 (AT 873586).

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ExecO
 S-1
 S-2

S-3
 S-4
 S-5

Supply Officer

Communications Officer
 Air Liaison Officers

Artillery Liaison Officer
 Chaplain

Major J. K. MILLER
 WO G. E. COPE
 1stLt J. P. CROMIN
 to 19Aug70
 SSgt L. G. GRAY
 fm 20Aug70
 Major T. Y. BARTON JR.
 Capt J. T. MACNAMEE
 GySgt R. D. FARMER
 to 19Aug70
 2ndLt R. C. LIESEGANG
 fm 20Aug70
 1stLt T. J. BARRETT
 to 13Aug70
 1stLt D. J. GANNON
 fm 19Aug70
 Capt J. J. MARSHALL
 1stLt T. N. LITTON
 1stLt R. D. CULLEDGE
 1stLt R. A. JACOBS
 LtCol H. L. JOHNSON JR.
 to 12Aug70
 Lt J. R. FLETCHER
 fm 13Aug70

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Medical Officers

Lt J. T. MAHONEY
to 11Aug70
Lt S. S. KROLL
fm 12Aug70
Lt R. A. CARLISH
to 11Aug70
Lt R. L. STENNES
fm 12Aug70

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC

Officers
39

Enlisted
1321

USN

Officers
3

Enlisted
65

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines reinforced with Company M (CUPP Company), 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines conducted Category II preemptive operations with primary emphasis on securing and pacification operations in a combined AO with the 51st ARVN Regiment in Quang Nam Province, Military Region I throughout the month of August 1970. The combined AO encompasses a portion of the territorial Districts of Dai Loc, Dien Ban, and Hoa Vang. The AO extension west of HILL 52, renewed on a monthly basis, was occupied by CIDG forces as well as Reconnaissance Teams from the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion during the period.

The 51st ARVN Regiment maintained their CP at HILL 55 (AT 970621) with subordinate units conducting operations in 1st Marines, 5th Marines, and ROKMC TAORs. The 4th Battalion rotated with the 2nd Battalion and continued security operations along Routes #1D and #4 to the south and east of HILL 55 in support of MCB-62 road upgrading operations. Platoon size elements of Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines were assigned operational control to the Battalion throughout the month and combined with elements of 4th Battalion, 51st ARVN to prevent enemy interdiction of this LOC.

Intelligence was gathered and disseminated early in August indicating that elements of the 38th NVA Regimental Headquarters were located within Base Area 112. Planning was initiated at Regimental level for a two battalion size operation. 3rd Battalion was designated to participate and planning commenced for a Battalion minus size operation named "Catawba Falls". Planning and preparation continued during the month, however, the operation was postponed indefinitely due to nonavailability of supporting assets and scheduled realignment of forces within the Division TAOR in September. FSB Dagger vicinity (ZC 143412) was occupied on 26 August by 3rd Platoon, Company I and "D" Battery Forward (HQ and two pieces of artillery) in anticipation of echeloning artillery to support "Catawba Falls." This security mission will continue into the next reporting period.

On 2 August a combined operation took place in cooperation with Dai Loc District Territorial Forces. Company L established a cordon while Company I supported by 1st Platoon (-), Company C, 1st Tank Battalion combined forces with RF Company 117 to search the Wishbone Lake area vicinity (AT 8959). This operation resulted in finding a small cache of weapons, ammunition, and medical supplies. The most significant find was a M-60 machine gun.

Company L passed to operational control of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines on 18 August for a period of five days to participate in a search and destroy operation in the southern An Bangs vicinity (AT 7946). One significant base camp area was destroyed and several individual weapons were captured during this operation.

Several operations oriented at exploiting intelligence were conducted by the Battalion during the period. On 11 August, Company L (-) conducted a helo assault into the Arizona to exploit information that 11 Provincial level VCI were harboring vicinity (AT 836489) and that a significant cache of B-40 rounds was located vicinity (AT 836503). This one day operation resulted in four detainee suspects and eight B-40 rounds destroyed. Company I conducted a helo assault on 22 August to exploit information that an unknown VC force located in Le Nam Hamlet vicinity (AT 9551) had committed atrocities against the local populace. Three NVA were KIA and two individual weapons, three packs, and assorted military equipment were policed from the battlefield. Subsequent inquiry of the local populace revealed no information regarding the alleged atrocities within the objective area.

Company M passed operational control from 2nd Battalion to 3rd Battalion on 25 August and conducted a helo assault on 26 August into an operational area vicinity (AT 9656) to destroy enemy forces staging in preparation for their "Winter Offensive." This operation resulted in the destruction of several large living bunkers within the operational area.

On 29 August, Company L conducted a company size helo assault to preempt enemy LF and MF unit attempts to disrupt securing and pacification operations in the northeastern Battalion AO. This operation resulted in five NVA KIA and two NVA detainees.

During the period 29-30 August, the Battalion provided election security for RVN Senate elections by conducting extensive patrolling and ambushes on the periphery of Territorial Forces who provided close in security for polling areas and election booths. There were no enemy initiated incidents during the election period.

The Battalion continued to perform security missions for 3rd Platoon, 1st Engineers mine sweep along Route #540 north to 5th Marines boundary and south to Liberty Bridge Combat Outpost. On varying days, security was provided for 1st Engineers mine sweep operations along Route #4 west of HILL 65 to HILL 52. Daily security was provided for 1st Engineers mine sweep between HILL 65 and HILL 37.

"B" Platoon, 3rd 8 inch HOW (SP) Battery, Force Artillery displaced from HILL 65 to An Hoa Combat Base on 30 August to support operations within 7th Marines TAOR.

Two "Blackboard" exercises were conducted by the Battalion during periods of high enemy threat in August. This preemptive employment of mortar, artillery, helo, and fixed wing ordnance against significant intelligence targets denied the enemy any capability of moving freely through the AO during the hours of darkness.

Security and pacification operations conducted by 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines CUPP Platoon and Company M (CUPP Company), 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines continued during the period with increased awareness on the part of Territorial Forces of the importance of aggressive security patrolling and ambushing to

deny the enemy any access to friendly GVN populace. There were numerous occasions during the period where villagers willfully gave information of their own free will to members of GUPP.

PART III1. TOPICSa. Personnel and Administration

(1) Strength. The Battalion began the month with a total strength of 38 Marine Officers, 1325 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers and 66 Navy Enlisted. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein) now has a total on board strength of 41 Marine Officers, 1310 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers and 65 Navy Enlisted.

(2) Morale. Morale and fighting spirit was and continues to be excellent. One hundred and five personnel participated in the out of country and eight personnel participated in the in-country R&R program at China Beach during the month. The weekly worship schedule for Protestant services was as follows:

SUNDAY	
0800	- - - - - Company M
1000	- - - - - HILL 65 Chapel
1600	- - - - - Company M (CUPP Company)
TUESDAY	- - - - - Company I
WEDNESDAY	- - - - - CUPP Platoon
THURSDAY	- - - - - Company L
FRIDAY	- - - - - Company K

Catholic services were conducted by Chaplains from the 4th Battalion, 11th Marines each Sunday at HILL 65 and each Tuesday at HILL 37. Services were also held during the month at HILLS 52, and for the CUPP units in Loc Quang (V) on an intermittent basis. The Battalion Chaplain also conducted memorial services for four Marines killed in action.

(3) Postal Services. Postal service during the month continued with efficiency especially considering the disposition of subordinate units within the Battalion TAOR. Mail delivery continues to be accomplished by a regularly assigned courier on a daily basis. First Marine Division Post Office provides a money order and package team every Wednesday from 1100 to 1430 at HILL 37.

(4) Discipline. During the month there were 29 office hours and 1 courts martial.

(5) Awards. There were 3 Bronze Star Medals, 22 Navy Commendation Medals, 11 Navy Achievement Medals, 39 Purple Heart Medals and 4 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry Medals awarded to members of the Battalion during the reporting period.

(6) Promotions. There were a total of 267 promotions during the month of August. The breakdown by rank is as follows:

REGULAR PROMOTIONS

Cpl - - - - - 139
LCpl - - - - - 121

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MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS

Cpl - - - - - 7

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(7) Internal Management

(a) Administrative procedures continued with proficiency throughout the month. A total of 140 Marines were processed and returned to CONUS during August. Emphasis continued to be placed on administrative discharge of personnel who do not conform to retention standards. Three Marines were recommended for administrative discharges with one being returned approved during the month.

(b) Casualties sustained by the Battalion during August were as follows:

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

KIA - - - - -	6	WIA - - - - -	2
WIA - - - - -	29	NBC - - - - -	0
DOW - - - - -	0	MIA - - - - -	0
NBC - - - - -	26		

b. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain

(1) Enemy. During the past month an increase has been noted in the amount of booby trapping around HILL 52. Of the total number of incidents almost half were found within 1,000 meters of HILL 52. Typical pre-election activities were carried out by the enemy and were characterized by small standoff fire fights and Lob Bombing attempts on the night of the 29th.

(2) Weather

1. Rainfall: Medium
2. Temperature:
 - (a) Avg. High: 97
 - (b) Avg. Low: 75
3. Light:
 - (a) Avg. Sunrise: 0631
 - (b) Avg. Sunset: 1921

(3) Terrain. The predominant terrain features for the reporting period were the flat lowlands of the Arizona Territory, the food growing and populated areas of Dai Loc and Dien Ban Districts, the foothills of Charlie Ridge, and the mountainous terrain and double canopy of Charlie Ridge.

(4) Enemy Casualties Inflicted

VC/NVA KIA	10
VC/NVA KBair	7
VC/NVA KBarty	1
POW	2
Detainees	30

(5) Enemy Weapons Captured

M-60 MG	1
AK-47	1
30 Cal Rifle	1
60mm Mortar Tube	1
Homemade	

(6) Enemy Munitions Found/Captured

B-40 Rockets	8
50 Cal rounds	150
M-60 rounds	100
M-16 rounds	200
AK-47 rounds	308
82mm Mortar rounds	2

(7) Enemy Equipment/Foodstuffs Captured

Rice	150 pounds
Corn	75 pounds
Salt	20 pounds
Sugar	10 pounds
Sardines	10 cans
Yams	25 pounds
Whiskey	1 bottle
Clothing	3 green uniforms
Assorted Cooking Gear	

(8) Enemy Bunkers, Caves and Tunnels

Bunkers	7
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(9) Mines and Booby Traps Found/Detonated. A total of 42 mines and booby traps were encountered in August. 20 were detonated and 22 found.

(a) Casualties

USMC KIA	3
USMC WIA	27
USN KIA	1
USN WIA	2
RF KIA	1
RF WIA	2
VN KIA	1
VN WIA	24
ARVN WIA	10

(b) Types and Numbers of Devices

105mm rounds	3
81mm rounds	4
60mm rounds	8

Box mines	5
M-26 grenades	5
Shape Charges	2
Chicom grenades	5
Cans of C-4	4
Toe Popper	2
LAAW	1
Basketball Illum	2
cannister with C-4	
Unknown Type anti-per-	1
sonnel mine	

c. Operations. Extensive combat patrols were conducted throughout the month to interdict enemy movement into the AO. Emphasis continued to be placed on screening operations on the periphery of secure or pacified areas in order to deny ingress and egress routes to the enemy.

d. Supporting Units/Agencies

(1) Engineers. 1st and 3rd Platoons, Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion supported 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines during the reporting period. The primary mission continued to be the accomplishment of mine sweeps along LOC's within the AO. Also, fortification construction and improvement continued at a high priority of work.

(2) Shore Party. HST support was provided by Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion with teams located at HILLS 65, 55, 52, 37, and 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines CUPP Platoon.

(3) Mine/Booby Trap Detection Teams. Seven (7) Mine/Booby Trap Detection Teams were employed by subordinate units of the Battalion contributing significantly to the reduction of casualties during the period.

(4) Interpreters. Six (6) interpreters were employed by the Battalion and its subordinate elements during the period.

(5) Snipers. Ten (10) snipers from 5th Marines Scout/Sniper Platoon supported subordinate elements of the Battalion during the period.

(6) Ground Surveillance. Fifteen (15) strings of a combination of Mini-SIDs and MAGID-SIDs remained operational throughout the period and were monitored by a detachment of personnel from the G-2 Scamp Platoon.

e. Supporting Arms

(1) Air

(a) Support of the Battalion by the First Marine Air Wing was excellent during August 1970. Marine Air Group 16 medically evacuated a total of 146 personnel on 74 missions. These missions were broken down as follows:

	<u>EMERGENCY</u>	<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>ROUTINE</u>
USMC	47	27	23
VN Military	12	2	0
VN Civilians	2	23	10

(b) Helicopter gunships flew 23 missions including 7 troop lifts, and 2 surveillance missions. Ordnance was expended on 16 missions. Transport helicopters completed 10 troop lifts transporting 1145 personnel. In addition, a daily visual reconnaissance helicopter and a daily shuttle run was provided.

(c) OV-10 aircraft were utilized on 45 missions including 19 controlled air strikes, 15 covering troop movements and 7 visual reconnaissance missions.

(d) Fixed wing support flew 24 BEACON missions and 20 tactical air strikes giving excellent coverage.

(e) One Basketball Flareship was used to provide approximately one hour of illumination.

(2) Artillery. During the month of August, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, for the third consecutive month increased its utilization of Artillery fire support. The acquisition of areas bordering Go Noi Island, a long time enemy operating area, led to a substantial increase in the planning and firing of interdiction and intelligence missions directed against enemy infiltration routes. During the month 1,176 such targets were fired upon with an expenditure of 5755 rounds. The intensity of these fires contributed significantly toward reducing the level of enemy activity throughout the area of operation. During the same period forward observers attached to maneuver elements and the Battalions Artillery Liaison Team controlled 59 observed missions, expending 701 rounds of artillery fire. In mid-August the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines FSCC was tasked with maintaining close liaison with the 51st ARVN Regiment. All requests for fire within the 5th Marines area of operation were coordinated and cleared with the ARVN through the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines FSCC channels. This innovation proved mutually beneficial to both Marine and ARVN units by insuring faster coordinated clearance of requests for fire.

f. Training

(1) Division School. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines personnel attended the following schools during August 1970.

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Basic Ammo Tech	4 weeks	2	2
Embarkation	4 weeks	1	1
Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	4 weeks	1	1
CAP School	2 weeks	5	5
Ground/Aviation Officers	2 days	3	3
Orientation Program	3-5		

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(2) Regimental Training. During the period 1 - 12 August 1970, all newly arrived persons attended Regimental Indoctrination School.

(3) Battalion Training. On 12 August 1970 a Battalion Indoctrination School was organized to provide all newly arrived replacements with certain essential combat techniques unique to Vietnam and to inform them of those administrative rules and regulations which govern the action of individuals and the unusual conditions under which they must serve. Accordingly, a five day training syllabus was established for indoctrination training of replacement personnel. Eighty eight Marines attended the Battalion Indoctrination School during the month of August. Also, the following courses of instruction were scheduled and completed at Battalion level by this command during August 1970.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>INSTRUCTION TEAM</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Mine/Booby Trap Countermeasures	1st Engineers Battalion Contact Team	4 hours
Sapper Techniques	Division G-2	6 hours

(4) Company Training. The following is a report of instruction carried out by this command on the company level during the month of August 1970.

H&S COMPANY

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Field Fortifications	60 hours
81mm Gun Drill	60 hours
Care & Cleaning	70 hours
M-2 Aiming Circles	68 hours
Sanitation & Hygiene	11 hours
FO Procedures	10 hours
Radio Procedures	10 hours
Laying the Mortar	24 hours
Communications Security	1 hour
60mm Mortar	2 hours
106mm Recoilless Rifle	12 hours
Scouting & Patrolling	45 hours
XM-174	12 hours
Map & Compass	2 hours
50 Cal.	3 hours
45 Pistol	6 hours
Mines & Booby Traps	2½ hours

COMPANY I

60mm Mortars	1 hour
Map Reading	1½ hours
First Aid	1 hour
Communications Security	½ hour
Patrol & Ambush Tips	1 hour

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Medevac Procedures	1 hour
Small Unit Leadership	1½ hours

COMPANY K

Call for Fire & Adjustment	6 hours
Compass & Map Reading	3 hours
Ambush & Use of KT	3 hours
First Aid	1½ hours
Radio Procedures	2 hours
Patrolling	3 hours
Close Air & Medevac	1 hour
M-60/Care & Cleaning	1 hour
60mm - Nomenclature	1 hour
Proper Use of Claymores	1 hour
Care & Cleaning: M-16 & .45	1 hour
Detection of Mines	1 hour
Use of Mine Detector Dogs	1 hour
Methods of Waterproofing Gear	1 hour

COMPANY L

First Aid	2 hours
Field Sanitation	½ hour
Radio Procedures	17½ hours
Medevac Procedures	1 hour
Patrols & Ambushes	2 hours
Map & Compass	2½ hours
Weapons Safety	2 hours
Night Movement	1 hour

COMPANY M

Gas Mask Drill w/CS	4 hours
Weapons Safety	2 hours
Leadership Council	1 hour
Linear Ambush	1 hour
Bunker Construction	1 hour
FAM Firing M-16	5 hours
Explosives	2 hours
Medevac/LZ Procedures	1 hour
Supporting Arms	2 hours
Radio Procedures	2 hours
Road Sweep Procedures	1 hour
Guard & Sentinel Procedures	2 hours

COMPANY M 3/1

Medicine	5 hours
Radio Procedures	4 hours

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Medevac Procedures	4 hours
Radio Preventative Maintenance	4 hours
FAM Firing/Zero	6 hours
81mm Call for Fire	6 hours
Drivers Safety	1 hour
Defensive Positions	3 hours
Patrol Procedures	3 hours
Ambush Techniques	3 hours

g. Logistics

(1) General. The movement of the rear CP from An Hoa to HILL 37 was completed at the beginning of August. Although the Battalion continued to operate with a split CP, the rear is now much closer and more accessible to both the Battalion Forward CP and 1st Marine Division Rear.

(2) Helicopter Resupply. Although air operational commitments on a few occasions necessitated postponing helicopter resupply one day, the move and transition period did not interfere with the resupply schedule. At no time were any serious supply problems reported by units in the field. HILLS 55 and 52 continued to be resupplied once every 4 days. The H&S CUPP Platoon operating between HILLS 52 and 25, a platoon of Company K operating along the road between HILLS 52 and 25, and a M 3/1 CUPP Squad in the Chau Son area (AT 955603) continued to be resupplied once every two (2) days. Elements of Company I operating from HILL 37 and the last week of the month, Company M operating from HILL 37 were resupplied daily by vehicle along Route #540. Helicopter resupply totals for the month were 141,210 pounds delivered in 89 lifts averaging 1580 pounds each. Items that were unavailable or available in severely limited quantities included: incendiary grenades, candles, pens, 5 gallon plastic water containers, padlocks, office supplies, lime, air mattresses, light bulbs, BA 1090 batteries for MK-15 Ordnance Detector, brooms, spray paint (particularly blue, yellow, and white) and fire buckets. HILL 65 and HILL 37 were resupplied daily from Force Logistic Command and a 1,000 gallon water tanker from FLO was utilized approximately three (3) times a week to supply HILL 52 and H&S CUPP Platoon with water.

(3) Supply

(a) During the month of August, Battalion Supply was relocated twice. During relocations a number of bulk storage boxes were damaged. Repair or replacement of all damaged boxes, which includes painting, tactical marking, and numbering is planned.

(b) Large quantities of excess and unserviceable 782 gear has been processed during the month.

(c) Over fifty (50) Personal Effects cases have been processed this month. This includes messages and medevac cases. The files for personal

effects have been completely reorganized, insuring that each individual case has a personal file. This has been initiated in order that future cases can be processed more rapidly for turn-in.

(d) During the month this unit received over 500 status cards, which have been screened and filed. Also 185 requisitions have been re-searched, screened and submitted to date. Approximately 200 documents were completed during the month.

(e) The 1st Quarter Financial Management Technical Inspection held by 1st Marine Division resulted in a Satisfactory Evaluation.

(4) Ordnance. There were no major problems encountered in ordnance operations during the month.

(5) Motor Transport

(a) During the month of August, drivers training school was conducted on the M151A1 Jeep and the M274A2 Mule. Twelve (12) Marines were licensed upon completion of the M151A1 course and three (3) were licensed for the M274A2 Mule.

(b) Upon moving from An Hoa, motor pool assets within the Battalion were centralized on HILL 37, with the exception of six (6) M151A1 Jeeps, one (1) M-37B1 Personnel Carrier and one (1) M-718 Jeep Ambulance which are located on HILL 65 to support the Forward Command Post. Five (5) M151A1 Jeeps were turned in to Maintenance Battalion FLC and were Coded H. One (1) M151A1 was Coded H as a result of enemy action (combat loss). Two (2) M151A1 Jeeps were received from FLC Maintenance Float for vehicles deadlined due to the non-availability of 3rd Echelon parts.

(6) Engineers Assistance

Water pumped for HILL 65 - 390,000 gallons

Other buildings and improvements: 3 gun pads graveled
300 yds of road graveled

(7) Cantonment Improvement. The physical appearance of HILL 65 was improved in several ways during the month of August. These improvements were as follows:

All interior roads were graded and oiled.

Seventy percent of route #4 east between HILL 65 and HILL 37 was graded.

One thousand feet of road was graded.

A ramp for the Army searchlight Vehicle was built.

The HST bunker was rebuilt.

The Commanding Officer quarters received interior plumbing.

The COC was waterproofed.

A 100 KW generator was replaced twice.

The following improvements were made on HILL 37:

A 60' x 140' LZ was built.

Ten SEA-Huts were rewired and refurbished.

(8) Battalion Aid Station

(a) Personnel. At present there are 60 enlisted and 2 medical officers with distribution of corpsmen as follows:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CORPSMEN</u>
HILL 37	13
HILL 65	6
(TAD)	1
Company I	6
Company K	7
Company L	7
Company M	7
H&S CUPP Platoon	4
Company M 3/1 CUPP Company	9

At present two (2) are on emergency leave, and one (1) is TAD to MCAS El Toro California. One (1) corpsmen was killed in action and two (2) were wounded in action and medevaced out of country during August. One corpsmen is hospitalized for Vivax Malaria.

(b) Sick Call. 882 patients were seen during the month of August. Approximately 400 of these were Vietnamese civilians. The distribution of the major types of problems among the military were as follows:

- 1 Venereal Disease: 14 Cases, with one (1) confirmed case of syphilis, and 13 confirmed cases of Gonorrhea.
- 2 Superficial fungal infections - 7.
- 3 Superficial bacterial skin infections (cellulitis, abscesses, etc.) - 32.
- 4 Minor upper respiratory infection and influenza - 30
- 5 Diarrhea (Intestinal parasites, food poisoning, viruses etc.) - 38.

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- 6 Fever of unknown origin - 6.
- 7 Psychological and psychiatric counseling - 24.
- 8 Separation Physicals - 78.
- 9 Orthopedic complaints - 36.
- 10 Prescriptions for glasses - 16.

No heat casualty or immersion foot cases were seen. No cases of drug abuse were seen on a voluntary basis. There were approximately 42 prescriptions written.

(c) Medcaps. The Battalion Aid Station conducts 2 medcaps each week in local villages and treats approximately 50 patients each visit.

(d) Immunizations. Vigorous measures to keep health and immunizations up to date continued to be made. Two companies have been brought up to date on shots. In addition personnel reporting in to the Battalion, and personnel going on R&R have been brought up to date. Biologicals have been obtained and all necessary immunizations should be completed in the near future.

(e) Supply. In the last month there has been an improvement in the amount of time between requisitioning and delivery of medical supply items.

(f) Field Sanitation and Preventive Medicine. Field sanitation inspections are being held twice weekly at HILLS 37, 65, and 55. Improvements in facilities and within the messhall are being made to eliminate flies.

(g) Training. On the job training was conducted for Hospital Corpsmen by the Battalion Surgeon in accordance with BuMed directives.

(h) Dental. 2 Dentcaps each week are conducted in local villages and approximately 20 patients are treated each visit. An estimated 160 people were treated last month.

(i) Miscellaneous. Appropriate end of tour awards and citations were administered through the BAS Office. Evaluations on all enlisted men were given, and general servicing of record books completed with recommendations for advancements in pay being made.

h. Communications

(1) Battalion operations continued to be supported by the use of FM radio equipment AN/PRC-25, AN/PRC-77 and KY-38. AN/PRC-41's and AN/PRC-93's were used by the Battalion TACP. Wire communications equipment con-

tinued to be the primary means of communications in support of the Base Defense of HILL 65 and HILL 37.

(2) The high turn over of experienced radio operators hampered the handling and processing of radio traffic in the COC. An extensive training program and on the job training is rapidly alleviating this problem.

(3) The movement of the rear CP from An Hoa to HILL 37 was accomplished without any significant communication difficulties. Difficulties were encountered in maintaining radio relay communications with Regiment due to an unusually high rate of equipment failure with the AN/PRC-27 radio relay equipment.

i. Civic Action, Psychological Operation, and Industrial Relations

(1) Civic Action. The Civic Action Program continued to be oriented toward helping the Vietnamese help themselves. Supplies were very difficult to obtain through Marine sources but villages and hamlets were able to obtain supplies through their own GVN sources. The following programs are being monitored by the civil affairs officer:

<u>VILLAGE</u>	<u>CIVIC ACTION</u>
Loc My	Materials to build police station; materials to build desks and chairs, and black boards for Loc My Elementary School.
My Thuan	Materials to make foot bridge.
M 3/1 CUPP	Materials to make foot bridge.
Dai Loc	HILL 37 Messhall mixes 45 gallons of milk a week and distributes extra food to Dai Loc Catholic Church for further distribution to refugees.

(2) Psychological Operations

(a) 15 aerial leaflet drops were made in the Battalion. The messages included Chieu Hoi information, and rewards for mines and booby traps. Aerial broadcasts included messages about the GVN, and themes promoting GAP and CUPP.

(b) The armed propaganda team was used with limited success this month. They were used mainly in the hamlets where the VC were trying to coerce the people to go back to the Arizona Territory.

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(3) Industrial Relations Activities. Presently, there are 20 AIK workers on HILL 65 and 20 on HILL 37. Under the appropriated fund system 5 people work at the messhall on HILL 65, 5 people on HILL 37, and one fund worker for motor transport on HILL 37. This month all appropriated fund workers received physical exams, shots, and X-Rays to bring their medical records up to date.

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PART IV

1. In accordance with reference (c), the below listed documents for the month of August are attached as enclosure (2).

- ✓a. Daily Journal of SPOT REPORTS and MESSAGES.
- ✓b. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Fragmentary Orders 26-70 through 32-70.

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5th Marines
An B.c., RVN
From: 010001H Aug70
To: 012400H Aug70

JOURNAL

TIME		SERIAL	DATE/TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, COMMENTS	ACTION
TO	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED	WAXIN
0001H	0001H	1	010001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0750H	0800H	2	010624H	3/5 CP Ground Surveillance at AT 878576 sensor detected approximately 9 persons moving east to west at AT 81825294. Called 105mm fire mission at 0631, first round 0641, end of mission at 0642. Requested AO to check area. Results unknown.	S-3/F
1140H	1150H	3	011050H	3/5 CUPP 2 at AT 803553 while on patrol found 1 60mm mortar rigged as booby trap with black string as trip wire. Booby trap blown in place.	S-3/F
2213H	2305H	4	012135H	3/5 Co K 11 at AT 842563 unit in ambush position observed 2 VC moving south. Unit initiated small arms fire, and swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:	
				3/5 had no casualties today. However, coordinated fire mission on sensor target detecting 9 enemy and found 1 60mm Booby Trap.	
2400H	2400H	5	012400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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5th Marines
An Bce, RVN
From: 020001H AUG70
To: 022400H Aug70

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE/TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, COMMENTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL CREDIT	TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	020001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0820H	0855H	2	020730H	3/5 K-1 at AT 835560 while attempting to blow dud fragmentation grenade, 1 Marine received minor shrapnel wounds routine med-evac requested at 0750H. Results: 1 USMC NBCE (R).	S-3/F
1310H	1340H	3	021155H	3/5 CP Ground Surveillance at AT 878576 monitored approximately 17 personnel moving in the area of at AT 816575. Called 105 fire mission at 1200, 1st round at 1210, end of mission at 1212, expended 36 rounds HE Quick.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:	
				3/5 had no casualties as result of contact today. However, 1 Marines was a routine NBC as a result of shrapnel while destroying 1 dud fragmentation grenade.	
2400H	2400H	4	022400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

3rd Battalion
5th Marines
AA Box, RVN
From: 030001H Aug70
To: 032400H Aug70

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE/TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, COMMENTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED	TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	030001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0725H	0745H	2	030710H	3/1 M 23A unit moving to new position detonated booby trap at AT 995635, requested emergency medevac. 2 USMC WIA emergency medevac.	S-3/F
0820H	0910H	3	030710H	Follow up spot report for above, 3/1 M 23A two persons moved ahead to check out area for day position. Booby trap was USMC M-16 Bouncing Betty. Marines had 15 meter dispersion. Called emergency medevac at 0718 and completed it at 0738. One USMC killed in action, one USMC wounded in action emergency.	S-3/F
1130H	1135H	4	030945H	Co I (-) at AT 896593, unit searching treeline found assorted enemy equipment. Equipment found to this time: 1 M-60 MG serial number 5183R slightly rusted but in good condition, 100 rounds 7.62mm linked ammo, 5 AK-47 magazines, 4 M-16 magazines, 300 rounds 5.56mm ammo, 200 rounds 7.62mm ammo (AK-47), 4 shot gun shell type mortar primers and increments, 4 pressure release mine detonators and 1 B-40 rocket tail fin assemblies.	S-3/F
1255H	1322H	5	031200H	3/5 Co L 13 at AT 908602 detained 3 VN wishbone lake area, persons had crossed the water on foot. VN turned over to CIT for interrogation. Results: 3 detainees, two males age 54 and 63, and one female age 68.	S-3/F
1315H	1335H	6	031220H	3/5 Co I at AT 899592, RF soldier tripped suspected 81mm mortar booby trap suspended in tree. RF's and Marines were checking treeline for spider holes following in trace of tank. Booby trap resulted in 5 USMC WIA and 1 RF WIA. Marines wore flak jackets/helmets and were dispersed at 15 meters intervals. Results: 2 USMC WIAE 2 USMC WIAP, 1 USMC WIAR and 1 RF WIAR.	
				SUMMARY:	
				3/5 Had 1 USMC KIA, 6 USMC WIA, and 1	

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An Hoa, RVN
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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP			JOURNAL OPENED		TAKEN	
2400H	2400H	7	032400H			RF WIA also found 1 M-60 machine gun and misc. gear.			
						JOURNAL CLOSED:			

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An Hoa, RVN
From: 040001H Aug70
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TIME		SERIAL	DATE/TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL CANCELED	TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	040001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
				SUMMARY:	
				No significant events occurred today.	
2400H	2400H	2	042400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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5th Marines
An Loc, RVN
From: 050001H Aug70
To: 052400H Aug70

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE/TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, COMMENTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED	TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	050001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
1345H	1345H	2	051345H	First platoon Co F became OPCON to Co M 3/1 CUPP as of 1345.	S-3/F
2020H	2100H	3	051947H	Co L 33 at AT 891559 while in ambush position observed 4 VC at AT 893557 traveling east along trail. VC were carrying packs and weapons. Arty fire mission called at 2023, first round at 2034, end of mission at 2039. Unable to check area due to water barrier.	S-3/F
2220H	2300H	4	052140H	Co L 33 at AT 890560, unit observed 9 VC crossing river from south to north at AT 890560. Unit initiated small arms fire when VC were within 50 Meters, unit then immediately swept area of movement capturing 6 females who were starting to flee. 3 males were observed jumping back into water and L 33 lost sight of them. Upon searching females, found that one had been wounded by small arms fire and that they had neither packs nor weapons. Detainees will be sent to ITT ASAP. 6 females 14-18 years old.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:	
				No USMC casualties today and 6 detainees.	
2400H	2400H	5	052400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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From: 060001H Aug 70
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TIME IN	TIME OUT	SERIAL NO	DATE/TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS JOURNAL OPENED	ACTION TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	060001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0725H	0747H	2	060605H	3/5 L 33 at AT 890560, while preparing to return from ambush site, observed 7 Vietnamese females moving north across river at AT 889569. Unit apprehended females and turned over to S-2 for interrogation. Results: 7 detainees females ages 10 - 70.	S-3/F
0820H	0900H	3	060730H	3/5 K 11 at AT 810565, while on patrol moving south along paddy dike, tripped booby made of 81mm illumination type cannister filled with C-4 using trip wire as means of detonation. Results: one USMC WIA (E) medevac completed.	S-3/F
0843H	0935H	4	060735H	3/5 I 23 at AT 932552, while moving on patrol along trail, tripped one chicom grenade set as booby trap with trip wire. Booby trap was detonated by second man in column. Results: 2 USMC WIA one emergency and one minor, (E) medevac completed.	S-3/F
0910H	0945H	5	060820H	3/5 K 31 at ZC 203567, while on patrol, found homemade 60mm mortar tube made of porcelain type substance with nail firing device. Tube turned over to S-2. Results: 1 crew served weapon with homemade baseplate.	S-3/F
1100H		6	061100H	1/5 D-2 replaces 1/5 D-1 as route 4 east security.	S-3/F
1130H	1210H	7	061105H	3/5 Co K at ZC 213552, two cobra gunships at AT 813573 on visual recon of 8157 grid square observed 2 VC dressed in blue utilities fleeing to treeline. Cobras fired on board ordnance. Results: 1 probable VC KIAir.	S-3/F
1250H	1320H	8	061250H	3/5 CUPP 2 at AT 816548 VN female received multiple shrapnel wounds in head and reported being wounded by gunships working out in the 8157 grid on observed enemy. Grid was politically gleared by Dai Loc District. Both CH-46's and Cobra gunships had been in area. Results: 1 VN female wounded age 11 (E) medevac completed.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED	TAKEN
2045H	2107H	9	061945H	3/5 Co K 13 at AT 824568 enroute to ambush site observed 5 VC with packs and weapons at AT 822567. Unit initiated small fire fire called 60mm fire mission and swept area with negative results.	
				SUMMARY:	
				3/5 had 3 USMC WIA's today, took 7 detainees, and captured 1 crew-served weapon.	
2400H	2400H	10	062400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED			TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	070001H	JOURNAL OPENED:			
1350H		2	071350H	3/5 will assume OPCON of 1/5 A 3 at 071600H.			S-3/F
				SUMMARY:			
				3/5 assumed OPCON of A 3 1/5 at 071600H.			
2400H	2400H	3	072400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:			

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED	TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	080001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0132H	0145H	2	080015H	Co L 31A combined with RF's in ambush at AT 882572 observed approximately 5 VC with weapons moving toward Rt #4. Unit initiated SAF and called 81mm illumination. Enemy unit returned SAF and 60mm or 61mm rounds. Enemy was observed fleeing south along river bank. 81mm HE fire mission called on escape route. Area swept with negative results.	S-3/F
0840H	1000H	3	080830H	3/5 CUPP 3 at AT 801552, RF soldiers with CUPP 3 fired upon and wounded VN female attempting to cross river to the south. Interrogation of female (age 12) by RF's revealed she was transporting rice to her brother in the Arizona. Female will be evacuated by RF's to DIOCC Dai Loc for further interrogation and medical treatment. Female had 3 bags (30 lbs) rice in her possession.	S-3/F
1040H	1115H	4	081000H	3/5 Co L 31A at AT 885558 employing sniper observed one male and one female wearing black pants and blue shirts armed with AK-47's attempting to get water from river. Fired 9 rounds killing female and possibly wounding male who fled to south. Results: 1 VC Female KIA.	S-3/F
1540H	1630H	5	081445H	Co L 31A while on patrol found a small cache of supplies in a trench at AT 883588, captured supplies will be brought to H-65. Captured 100 lbs rice, 4 flashlight batteries 3 lbs of salt, 6 bottles Cooking oil, 1 sandbag of noodles, and 1 pair of new sandals.	S-3/F
1750H	1813H	6	081555H	Co K 21 unit while on patrol had 3rd man in column step on booby trap rigged with pressure release firing device. Explosive was believed to be approximately 2½ lb shape charge. Medevac called and completed. Results: 3 USMC WIAE.	S-3/F
1945H	2016H	7	081850H	3/5 I 1 at AT 931600 while set in day position received 10-15 rounds AK-47 fire from at AT 931616. Due to civilians in area I 1 did not return fire.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP		JOURNAL CLOSED	TAKEN
2400H	2400H	8	082400H		<p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 had 3 USMC WIAE as result of booby trap 1 female VC KIA, 1 VC suspect, miscellaneous enemy gear found.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	

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TIME	SERIAL	DATE/TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED
0001H	0001H	1	090001H	JOURNAL OPENED:
0125H	0215H	2	082300H	3/1 Co M at AT 967616, while returning from MCB-62 position on downward grade, Marine driving a M 151A1 thought nearby impacting rounds were incoming rounds, and pre-empted vehicle in search of safety. Driver sustained injuries to left leg during his exit from vehicle. Medevac completed. Results 1 USMC NBC (E) evac.
0240H	0330H	3	090015H	1/5 Co D (OPCON 3/1 Co M) at AT 968596 and 969585 received 8 incoming mortar rounds estimated to be 82mm, from AT 975575, and simultaneously received small arms fire from AT 962593, from unknown size enemy force. Enemy mortar site pinpointed, 81mm fire mission conducted under rules of engagement, expending a total of 52 rounds. Artillery fire mission called at 0100H and completed at 0140H expending 41 rounds. Results unknown of fire mission. Friendly casualties as result of enemy mortar fire were 03 ARVNs WIA (E) Evac complete and 01 ARVN KIA.
0345H	0400H	4	090020H	3/1 CUPP Co M 11 at AT 953607 received 03 incoming 82mm mortar rounds from AT 952602. All rounds impacted 100 meters outside night defensive perimeter with negative casualties.
0845H		5	090845H	3/5 prepares to execute operations Plan 24-70, D-Day 10 Aug 70. Prepares to chopper L Co to 2/5 and hold chopping of Co OPCON until notified.
1345H	1400H	6	091255H	3/5 CP Surveillance at AT 898565 observed 2 VC enter hooch at AT 888538. VC wore packs and utilities. Arty fire mission called Destroying 50% of hooch. VC entered bunkers, precision destruct fire mission conducted and complete. Results unknown.
1600H		7	091600H	F 1 2/5 CHOPPED back OPCON 2/5.
1800H		8	091800H	3/5 to disregard previously assigned mis-

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL STARTED			TAKEN
				sion in accordance with operations plan 24-70 but remains prepared to provide 1 company if needed. D-Day for operation changed to 11 Aug 70.			
2000H	2045H	9	091835H	3/5 CP Surveillance at AT H-65 observed 2 VC in utilities with SKS rifles moving east, from grid AT 887545 and joined 4 additional VC enroute to grid AT 890545 where movement stopped. Artillery fire mission called accounting for 2 VC KBarty. VC returned after fire mission to recover bodies of KIA's and another fire mission conducted accounting for another VC KBarty. Results: 3 VC KBarty		S-3/F	
2130H		10	092100H	3/5 changes 3/5 FRAG O 25-70 DTG 020800H Jul 70 to read 3/5 FRAG O 25-70 DTG 020800H Aug 70.		S-3/F	
2334H	2350H	11	092325H	3/1 M 115 at AT 954601 while set in ambush site unit received 12 M-79 rounds and approx 40 AK-47 rounds resulting in 1 RF WIANE. Unit returned fire with M-16 and M-79. Area was checked with Negative results. AT 954600		S-3/F	
2344H	0025H	12	092220H	1/5 DIC at AT 968588 observed 3 VC moving east approx 100 meters from perimeter. VC had weapons and were dressed in black. Unit initiated small arms fire and called 81's fire mission. Swept area with negative results/ AT 972585.		S-3/F	
				SUMMARY:			
				3/5 had 1 USMC WIA, 3 ARVN WIA (E) evac, 1 ARVN KIA.			
2400H	2400H	13	092400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:			

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TIME	DATE	NO	GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGE, ORDERS	ACTION
IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED	ENTER
0001H	0001H	1	100001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0055H	0245H	2	100030H	Co I CP at AT 915582 observed 2 explosions, S-3/F possible 82mm mortar impacting outside perimeter. At same time ARVN side of perimeter received approximately 20 rounds AK-47 fire. ARVN's returned fire and called 81mm fire mission.	
1412H	1555H	3	101345H	3/5 Rear CP at H-37 at AT 920580 received 3 incoming 82mm rounds which landed in village outside perimeter. Two rounds detonated wounding 7 civilians. The third round was found in road. Crater analysis being conducted and AO is searching for launching site. No USMC casualties.	S-3/F
1607H	1650H	4	101400H	3/5 Co I 1(-) at AT 917634 while on patrol found one blown out cave containing 1000 lbs of rice, 20 lbs of mushrooms, courier envelopes with documents, miscellaneous gear, and 1 VC body KBarty. Foodstuffs destroyed captured gear and documents turned over to S-2.	S-3/F
2220H	2235H	5	102020H	3/5 CP Surveillance at AT 876578 observed 4 enemy cooking fires in known bunker, area AT 872552. Artillery 105mm fire mission conducted and observed 1 large secondary explosion.	S-3/F
2245H		6	102245H	Recon insert at upper left ZC 210544 to lower left right AT 8352 has been extended to 111800H Aug 70.	S-3/F
2310H	2330H	7	102215H	3/5 K 21 observed enemy moving signal type lights at AT 815574. Called Arty fire mission expending seven rounds. Light extinguished.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:	
				3/5 had no casualties today, however, 7 civilians were wounded, 1 VC KBarty and misc. gear was found.	
2400H	2400H	8	102400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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JOURNAL

TIME	SPECIAL : GROUP	NO	GROUP	INCIDENTS, RESEARCH, GROUPS	LOCATION
IN	OUT			JOURNAL CONTENT	REMARKS
0001H	0001H	1	110001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0150H	0326H	2	102350H	Late entry - 3/5 CUPP 1 at AT 823553 observed 6 lights moving south down river bank. Called 105mm artillery fire mission at 2336H, 1st round on target at 110003H, end of mission at 110015H expending 19 rounds. Lights extinguished.	S-3/F
0800H	0838H	3	110630H	3/5 rear CP at H-37 received 2 incoming 82mm rounds impacting 200 - 300 meters outside the perimeter.	S-3/F
0910H	0940H	4	110810H	Co L 3 while searching treeline found 1 male age 53 and 2 females ages 60 & 40 with 1 baby at AT 830489. Intelligence with L indicated the male was a VCS, male will be detained, females and baby released and searched immediate area with negative results.	S-3/F
0940H	1000H	5	110835H	Co I units on search found bunker reinforced with large timbers and beams at AT 830489. Destroyed bunker with demolitions.	S-3/F
1012H	1025H	6	110830H	L 2 unit on search found 8 B-40 rockets in bomb crater filled with water. Rounds blown in place.	S-3/F
1022H	1108H	7	110920H	L 22 unit detained 2 females VN believed to be mother and sister of informant at AT 827497. Females did not have ID cards, will bring detainees in for interrogation.	S-3/F
1107H	1147H	8	111000H	L 3 while searching area at AT 828487 found 2 females ages 31 & 17 and 1 one year old baby belonging to the 31 year old female. Informant source says 31 year old is a VC, 17 year old in allegedly a CIT informer. Neither had an ID card. All will be brought to H-65 and further evacuated to ITT.	S-3/F
1300H	1410H	9	111240H	3/5 L 2 at AT 837489 found 1 dud 250 lb bomb. Destroyed bomb in place.	S-3/F
1340H	1415H	10	111330H	3/5 L 2 at AT 833487 found 1 dud 175mm round and 1 dud 8" round. Destroyed in place.	S-3/F
1525H	1615H	11	111450H	3/5 Co K sniper team at AT 797544 while	S-3/F

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED	TAKEN
1730H	1915H	12	111720H	<p>in OP spotted 2 VC/NVA, one in green utilities and the other in black pajamas. Both armed with rifles. Sniper fired on enemy resulting in 1 VC KIA. Other enemy fled, (AT 798535), unable to check due to water barrier.</p> <p>3/5 Co K sniper team at AT 797544 while in S-3/F OP site observed 1 VC dressed in black and armed with rifles 700 meters away at AT 798-535. Fired sniper rifle with negative results. Called 81mm fire mission rounds on target. Unable to check area due to water barrier.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 had no casualties today. Co L participated in operation 24-70. 1 VC KIA.</p>	
2400H	2400H	13	112400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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TIME	SPECIAL	DATE/TIME	INFORMATION, REQUESTS, COMMENTS	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	SECUR	JOURNAL OFFICER
0601H	0001H	1	120001H	JOURNAL OPENED:
1220H	1330H	2	121210H	3/5 I (-) at AT 939555 sweeping operation was directed by AO to area which appeared to be a harbor site. Unit found numerous holes, 4 bunkers and equipment. Results: bunkers destroyed and equipment was turned over to S-2 AT 937554. S-3/F
1340H	1400H	3	121300	3/5 I 23 at AT 941555 observed 5 VC dressed in green uniforms moving through treeline. Initiated contact with small arms fire and searched area with negative results. AT 941554. S-3/F
2207H	2234H	4	122130H	3/5 I 3 (-) at AT 935556, unit observed unknown number of VC moving through heavy brush at AT 935555. Unit initiated small arms fire and swept area with negative results. S-3/F
				SUMMARY:
				3/5 had no casualties today. I (-) swept in small unit operation today finding numerous holes, bunkers, and enemy equipment. There were two reported contacts today.
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0001H	0001H	1	130001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0920H	1000H	2	130850H	3/5 L 22 at AT 880557 in OP site spotted 2 armed VC in gray uniforms. VC were moving south. Sniper fired 1 round small arm and VC disappeared in brush. Unit called in 81mm fire mission. Results unknown AT 891555.	S-3/F
1425H	1435H	3	131135H	3/5 CP Ground Surveillance at AT 878576 monitored movement of approximately 10 persons. Called 155 fire mission at 1210, 1st round 1237, end of mission 1239 expending 6 rounds HE Quick. Results unknown. ZC 212542	S-3/F
1610H	1750H	4	131605H	M 3/1 CUPP M 21 at AT 990640 RF's from Ha Dong bridge moved to Bick Nam for chow. One RF sleeping in hut was shot in the head by suspected 9mm pistol. Enemy was suspected to have fled south. M 21 called emergency medevac. A 10-12 year old VN male who was wounded previously by RF M-79 fire was medevaced at this time.	S-3/F
1758H	1815H	5	131710H	3/5 L 3 (-), unit in temporary night position at AT 891560 observed 3 enemy on south side river bank armed with 3 rifles and dressed in dark clothing. Sniper opened fire hitting one enemy and killing him. 2 enemy dragged dead man into heavy brush and went out of sight. One VC KIA.	S-3/F
2007H	2038H	6	131940H	3/5 Co L 3(-), unit while in ambush position at AT 892561 observed 2 NVA dressed in green utilities moving along river bank. Unit initiated small arms fire and called 81mm fire mission resulting in 2 NVA KIA. Both bodies are on the Arizona side and are visible. Unit will keep surveillance on bodies during night with star light.	
				SUMMARY:	
				3/5 had no USMC casualties, 1 RF WIA, 1 VN male age 10-12 also medevaced. 3 VC/NVA KIA's.	
2400H	2400H	7	132400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	140001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
1130H	1155H	2	141005H	3/5 K 3 (-) while on patrol at AT 812580 unit made contact with 2 VC, at AT 806586, wearing green utilities. Point of patrol received and returned small arms fire.. 1 USMC WIA (R) from ricocheting debris. AO called on station and expended on board ordnance on target. Checked area finding 7 lbs of documents, 2 lbs of medical gear, 1 VC flag and misc civilians clothing.	S-3/F
1220H	1255H	3	141140H	M 3/1 CUPP M 21A while on patrol at AT 992632 unit received 20-25 rounds AK-47 fire from AT 992630 from 2-3 VC. Observed 1 VC with AK-47 fleeing south west pursued VC with small arms fire. Swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
1415H	1455H	4	141130H	3/5 CUPP plt patrol was sent to determine results of today's TAS by 2 A-6 Bombers. Numerous bunkers and trenches were destroyed and signs of recently used were turned up. Many well used bunkers still remain in the area. 3 booby traps of 60mm mortar blown by TAS. Found and destroyed by patrol after being exposed by TAS. 1 dud 8 inch round, 2 60mm rounds with pull fuse and 50 rounds of .50 caliber ammo. 1 105mm round, 1 500 lb bomb with 1/2 explosives removed. 20 bunkers were destroyed by TAS, 20 bunkers were damaged by TAS, 5 bunkers were destroyed by patrol, 4 trench lines uncovered, 20 caves and tunnels destroyed. Approximately 100 items of cooking utensils were discovered.	S-3/F
1450H	1513H	5	141440H	3/5 K 3 (-) while on patrol 2 USMC were over come by heat at AT 806568. Called in medevac. 2 USMC NBCE	S-3/F
1513H	1555H	6	141435H	M 3/1 CUPP M 23 at AT 948600 while on patrol RF's with unit observed and opened fire on one VC. Unit pursued VC but lost contact. Returning to patrol route unit found 1 M-16 magazine. Patrol detonated booby trap believed to M-26 with trip wire. 2 USMC and 2 RF's were wounded by booby trap.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL CLOSED	MARKER
1615H	1630H	7	141545H	Patrol members had no meters dispersion and were wearing flak gear and helmets. 2 USMC WIA 1 emergency, 1 priority. 2 RF WIA priority.	
1706H	1748H	8	141630H	3/5 K 3(-) at AT 805567, while on patrol tripped booby trap consisting of M-26 grenade on trip wire. Marines had 15 meters dispersion and wore flak jackets and helmets. Results: 1 USMC WIA (E) medevac.	S-3/F
1706H	1748H	8	141630H	3/5 K 3(-) at AT 801565 while on platoon size patrol, corpsman walking ninth man back in column tripped 1 booby trap, consisting of 81mm cannister packed with C-4 and schrapnel with pressure release firing device. Emergency medevac called. Results 1 USN WIA (E) 1 USMC WIA (R).	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:	
				3/5 had 5 USMC WIAs today, 2 RF WIAs, 1 USN WIA, and 2 USMC NBCs. All casualties were evacuated.	
2400H	2400H	9	142400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED	TAKER
0001H	0001H	1	150001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0945		2	150900H	1/5 D-3 replaced 1/5 D-1 as route #4 east security platoon.	S-3/F
0935H	1355H	3	150910H	3/5 Co I reported a box mine was detonated at AT 924576 killing one VN civilian and wounding fourteen others, two of which had not requiring hospitalization. Mine was at first considered to be command detonated, but investigation has shown no signs of command rigging and classified as pressure type. Results 1 VN civilian KIA, 14 VN civilians WIA, 12 medevaced.	S-3/F
1335H	1405H	4	151315H	3/5 L 12B at AT 889560 while in OP site observed 4 VC in green clothing, camouflaged moving north to the Song Vu Gia at AT 900559. Sniper fired 6 rounds killing 1 VC. Other three VC dragged body into heavy brush to south. Unit called fire mission at 1320 on fleeing enemy with unknown results.	S-3/F
1420H	1440H	5	151315H	3/5 Co I at AT 924567 reports a VN civilian entering his home at AT 924567 tripped what appeared to be a 15 pound box mine, pressure release type, which was emplaced in entrance to home. Wounded as result of explosion were 5 VN civilians all medevaced.	S-3/F
1620H	1655H	6	151515H	3/5 Co I 31 while sweeping village found 1 (M-16) type-tomato can anti-personnel mine located approximately three feet from site of earlier detonation. Mine rigged for pressure release detonation. Mine was located on a well used trail and appeared to be emplaced recently, but well concealed. Armed propaganda team requested to exploit situation. Mine destroyed.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:	
				3/5 had no casualties today. 1/5 D 3 replaced D 1 as route #4 east security platoon.	
2400H	2400H	7	152400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED		JOURNAL CLOSED		TAKEN	
0001H	0001H	1	160001H	JOURNAL OPENED:					
1620H		2	161620H	3/5 Co L chopped OPCON 2nd Bn, 5th Marines S-3/F					
				SUMMARY:					
				3/5 conducted category II operations in					
				Thuong Duc Corridor. No significant reports					
				negative combat casualties today.					
2400H	2400H	3	162400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:					

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED	MAN
0001H	0001H	1	170001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
1430H		2	171430H	LtCol JOHNSON assumed command of 3rd Bn, 5th Marines from LtCol GESTSON in a change of command ceremony at HILL 65.	S-3/F
1830H	1853H	3	171745H	Co K at AT 823564 while on patrol, last man in column tripped a chicom set as booby trap off side of trail with a pressure release firing device. Results: 1 USMC WIAE (P).	S-3/F
				SUMMARY: 3rd Bn, 5th Marines conducted category II operations in Thuong Duc Corridor today, and had 1 USMC WIAE (P) as result of Booby Trap incident.	
2400H	2400H	4	172400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED		TAKEN	
0001H	0001H	1	180001H	JOURNAL OPENED:			
1130H	1155H	2	181110H	3/5 Surveillance Team at AT 878576, while observing Beacon air strike, sighted 7 VC in utilities with weapons running out of bunker area. Adjusted Beacon strike on to route of egress with excellent coverage. Results unknown. Dropped 22 D-2 bombs on target.		S-3/F	
2330H	2355H	3	182220H	3/5 Co K at ZC 216553 observed movement with night observation device along suspected infiltration route into Ha Nha Hamlet. Unit fired one HE round from 106 RR which ricocheted and impacted at AT 820553 within Hamlet area of Phu Huong Hamlet killing two civilians and wounding six. Burst gird was in close proximity to 3/5 CUPP unit. Five civilians received minor wounds and one VN child received wounds of priority nature. Target area was cleared militarily and politically. Medevac will be conducted at first light.		S-3/F	
				SUMMARY:			
				3/5 had no casualties today. Conducted category I & II operations in Thuong Duc Corridor.			
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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL CHECKED		TAKER
0001H	0001H	1	190001H	JOURNAL OPENED:		
0800H	0930H	2	190715H	3/5 CUPP Plt at AT 819552 follow up spot Medevaced 6 people from ville where incident occurred. 2 priority, 3 with superficial wounds, all were from same family. Sister (Nguyen Thi Cuc, female age 20) from family accompanied medevacs. Two homes were destroyed in the blast area. Called priority medevac, and it was completed. Request S-5 Survey Team to access damage and lend immediate assistance Those wounded were members of the family of the assistant village Chief. 2 VN females, 2 priority medevacs, 3 wounded.		S-3/F
0912H	0950H	3	190810H	3/5 K 31 at AT 805565 on patrol, fourth man back in column detonated a 60mm round set as booby trap with pressure release firing device. Emergency medevac called at 0815H. Results 1 USMC WIAE emergency.		S-3/F
0907H	0955H	4	190520H	3/5 I 23 at AT 883557 set in ambush site. Unit observed 1 VN female and child burying food in sand approximately 100 meters south of ambush when apprehended. Individual attempted to conceal the items being buried. Unit confiscated food and detained woman and child. Detainees ages 14 and 15 years old. Results: 1 bag of rice (25 lbs) 1 bag of corn (20 lbs) 1 bag of Vanis (15 lbs).		S-3/F
1430H	1450H	5	191430H	Co K unit observed movement of two enemy with NOD Device along suspected infiltration route AT 796553. Placing white searchlight on area of movement and fired two HEP rounds from attached 106 RR at target grid. First round burst on target second round ricocheted and burst vicinity AT 820553 within Hamlet area of Phu Huong killing two civilians and wounding 6. Wounded were attended to by CUPP corpsman. Target grid was cleared militarily and politically with unpopulated area for 106 RR.		S-3/F
1706H	1800H	6	192000H	HILL 65 CP Surveillance observed 1 VC/NVA at AT 892542 wearing green utilities and carrying a weapon moving in a eastern direction.		S-3/F

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2030H	2040H	7	192025H	<p>Called Arty fire mission VC/NVA moved into treeline. Adjusted arty on target 16 rds. HE & VT negative surveillance.</p> <p>I 22 while moving to night pos observed 4 VC with packs and rifles in open. Point man initiated contact w/saf. Enemy fled into treeline. Unit tried to make contact with negative results. AT 912547</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 had one USMC WIA today and there were six VN WIA'S and two VN KIA'S.</p>	S-3/F
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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED
0001H	0001H	1	200001H	JOURNAL OPENED:
1330H	1330H	2	201330H	BGeneral E. H. SIMMONS ADC visited HILL 65 S-3/F and presented a Silver Star to a member of this command at an awards ceremony.
1810H	1820H	3	201800H	HILL 65 CP Surveillance observed 5 VC wearing uniform shorts & weapons. AT grid 822551, ennemy appeared to be repairing fortified bunker area previously bombed by air. E Battery fired 105mm mission. Enemy moved into bunker. Results: unknown. S-3/F
2150H	2242H	4	202050H	M 3/1 CUPP. RF CP at Golden Gate Bridge AT 964604 reported being in contact with estimated company of VC at AT 963603. Fired 60mm mortar fire. 51st ARVN fired 81mm mortar illumination and 155mm HE. RF's will sweep area at first light VC were believed to have fled to the south west. S-3/F
2103H	2300H	5	202023H	I 11 while set in ambush pos, using starlight, observed 5 VC moving into draw AT 923635. Called 81mm fire mission and swept area with negative results: S-3/F
				SUMMARY:
				3/5 had no casualties today and General SIMMONS visited H-65 and presented an award to a member of this command
2400H	2400H	6	202400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED	TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	210001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0035H	0040H	2	202340H	3/1 CUPP M 32B unit set in ambush site at AT 925597 received 2 chicons from treeline, resulting in 2 PF's WIA and 1 USMC WIA. Medevac requested and completed, Marine was not medevaced.	S-3/F
1525H	1545H	3	211415H	Co I 11 while in day pos at AT 924619, observed 1 VC in the open at AT 915637 dressed in utilities and moving toward draw. expended 15 rounds 60mm mortar fire. Called 105mm fire mission at 1422; first round 1505 end of mission 1515. Results unknown.	S-3/F
1700H	1700H	4	211700H	Received overlay from S-3 fifth marines, of changes in southern boundary of 3/5 area of operation. Changes recorded this date. Areas affected vicinity at AT 920545, East to Son Thu Bon River, North East along Son Thu Bon to AT 977572. Change effective 22-0900 of Aug 70.	S-3/F
1925H	1928H	5	211852H	3/5 CP Surveillance at AT 878576 observed 2 VC in green utilities carrying weapons, traveling north along treeline. Arty fire mission called at 1815, 1st rnd. 1824 and end of mission 1830. A total of 36 105 HE were fired. Results unknown due to treeline.	S-3/F
2016H	2045H	6	211925H	3/1 M 12 at AT 985622 spotted 2 personnel running through treeline. RF pursued VC physically and took approximately 10 rnds small arm fire from fleeing VC. Unit with RF continued pursuit. VC fled across river Unit lost contact, civilians reported approximately 5 VC in area with 3 weapons. Results negative due to river crossing AT 988623.	S-3/F
2350H	0015H	7	212320H	3/1 M 33 at AT 909568 while set in night pos received 1 incoming grenade. Searched immediately area with negative results. 81mm illumination from called. Results negative AT 908568.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:	
				3/5 had 1 USMC WIA, & 2PF's WIA's.	

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL CHECKED	TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	220001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
1025H	1105H	2	220930H	3/5 CUPP 1 VN male, age 45, tripped M-26 fragmentation gernade (AT 805554) set as booby trap, received multiple shrapnel wounds, was treated at CUPP CP and sent to VN medical facilities.	S-3/F
1255H	1400H	3	221320H	3/5 I 2 at AT 955516 on pacifier found one booby trap mine, blown in place.	S-3/F
1420H	1430H	4	221250H	C&C Ship observed 3 VC with packs and one rifle moving north. took VC underfire. I 2 is now sweeping toward the area to pick up the rifle and searched the bodies. Results: 3 VC KBA AT 947525.	S-3/F
1535H	1545H	5	221445H	3/5 I 3 at AT 947525 was lifted from original LZ and reinserted CUPP 2000 meters North of I CP to check area where 3 KBA were located. Searched area and confirmed 3 KBA were NVA with packs. Found 2 chicom and documents. S-3 3/5 indicates sources does not recognize area of operation. Searching area and setting up blocking force. Results 3 NVA KBA 1 USMC M-16, 1 AK-47.	S-3/F
2100H	2110H	6	222100H	3/5 CUPP unit observed VC at AT 879542 in green utilities with packs and weapons traveling north on trail Arty fire mission called unable to observe results.	S-3/F
2110H	2115H	7	222100H	K 31 while on patrol last man in column tripped booby trap, consisting of frag with trip wire set up along hedgerow. 1 USMC WIAE.	S-3/F
1100H	1100H	8	221100H	Conference with Regiment S-3 approved AO extension UL 930530 LR 980500 effective 22 1100 until 221800H Aug 70 to conduct pacifier operation.	S-3/F
2245H	2250H	9	222245H	L Co 3/5 pass from OPCON 2/5 on 221200H Aug 70 and returned to HILL 65.	S-3/F
			SUMMARY:		
			3/5 had 1 USMC WIAE, 1 VN civilians WIA		

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2400H	2400H	10	222400H	3 NVA KBair today. JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED
0001H	0001H	1	230001H	JOURNAL OPENED:
1245H	1250H	2	231245H	IOD observed 2 VC dress in green utilities at AT 854522. 1 VC was carrying a radio, 1 was carrying a rifle heading east in tree-line. Fire mission called resulting in 2 VC KIA.
2116H	2148H	3	232023H	Co I 32 while in AT 910559 ambush position observed 3 VC moving south at AT 908560 along a trail. Unit initiated ambush with claymore and small arms fire, called 81 mm illumination fire mission and swept area with negative results.
				SUMMARY:
				3/5 had no casualties today and 2 VC were killed in action.
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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL SYMBOL
0001H	0001H	1	240001H	JOURNAL OPENED:
0827H	0845H	2	240810H	K 32 at AT 826575 received 3 rounds while on sqd size patrol, estimated one enemy at AT 826557. S-3/F
0945H	1030H	3	240930H	L 11A at AT 890560, unit moving to OP when VN male age approx 14, offered to lead the unit to area where villagers hide rice. Informer said that VC cross river at night and pick up the rice between 2000 and 2400 and return to Arizona. Unit found six holes in the sand. S-3/F
1125H	1130H	4	240945H	L 11A at AT 890560 unit searching area found documents and foodstuff at AT 889559. S-3/F
1200H	1205H	5	241120H	M 3/1 CUPP M 3/5 at AT 944607 while on search operation detained 75 VN to check ID cards at AT 944607, found one confirmed VC village leader when name Checking Against black list. S-3/F
1850H	1905H	6	241750H	Co K at AT 891559, unit on patrol found booby trap and blue in place. Juice can filled with explosive, one 81mm mortar round, one 60mm mortar round set up as daisy chane along trail with pressure detonator found by K 3. S-3/F
2815H	1840H	7	241800H	Box mine approx 40 lb on side of trail with pressure detonator found by K 13 S-3/F
1820H	1850H	8	241810H	Chicom grenade along trail with trip wire found by K 13 S-3/F
2043H	2125H	9	242015H	L 21A at AT 887558 while setting in OP spotted 3 VC armed and wearing uniforms. VC were moving S to N and appeared to be making a water run. Unit fired 2 LAWS AT 888553 at VC who ran south to treeline. Results unknown. S-3/F
2147H	2150H	10	242105H	M 3/1 CUPP at AT 916564 reported 1 personal with apparent food poisoning complicated by incoherent and irrational behavior of victom. Called emergency medevac S-3/F

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2400H	2400H	11	242400H	<p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 had 1 NBCE with food poisoning today, and 1 11A found foodstuffs and documents.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED	TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	250001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0850H	0900H	2	250800H	3/5 K 21 at AT 799559 while on patrol detonated 60mm mortar round with pressure release device was tripped by first Marine in column at AT 799559. First Marine was dog handler. Dog had passed booby trap. Emergency medevac completed, dog was medevaced with handler but was not hit.	S-3/F
1015H	1136H	3	250940H	3/5 M 2 at AT 934554 while on sweep found base camp containing 2 hootches, 1 underground bunker and cooking area, fire in cooking area was still warm. Also found 1 booby trapped LAAW in treeline near Base Camp. Unit found 1 M-16 magazine, 8 AK-47 rounds, 1 used trip flare, 1 used smoke grenade, assorted cook gear, 1 poncho, 3 quarts cook rice, 1 US steel helmet liner, 1 US canteen and 1 bag of leaflets. Destroyed booby trap hootches and bunker, will bring leaflets to S-2.	S-3/F
1145H	1145H	4	251145H	3/5 S-3 radio conversation with Regiment S-3. Have Plt from Co I (3rd Plt) stand down for today but be prepared to go to LZ Dagger on 26 Aug 70 to provide security for that fire support base. Unit planned operation D-Day more information to be passed later.	S-3/F
2005H	2055H	5	251801H	3/5 CP at AT 878576 Surveillance observed 4 VC in a clearing moving towards known bunker area. Arty fire mission called on AT 878534 with unknown results.	S-3/F
1935H	1938H	6	251900H	3/5 M 3 at AT 938575 patrol found approx 30 spider holes and 3 cooking huts at AT 938595. Also observed is possible assembly area. Trail had been used recently, will search area more carefully during tomorrow's operation.	S-3/F
2230H	0135H	7	252115H	L23B unit at AT 878595 heard loud voices from AT 878599 which is enemy grid. Called fire mission 81mm, 30 to 40 SAF was received on L 23B. Recalled 81mm F/M, unit swept area with negative results.	S-3/F

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2400H	2400H	8	252400H	<p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 had 1 USMC WIAE today and M 2 found enemy Base Camp, also 30 spider holes and possible assembly area found.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL STARTED	TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	260001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0630H	0700H	2	260555H	CACO 22 CAP 4 at AT 869573 unit reported that RF's at Tam Hoa Bridge were in contact with 10 - 15 VC. Unit moved from amb site to AT 855576 to give assistance to PFs. 81 fire mission was called on enemy escape route and a sweep of the area is being conducted at this time. Co K is moving 2 units into blocking pos to west for purpose of intercepting fleeing enemy. Results of sweep by CAP 4 and PFs is 1 M-16 captured 2 blood trails leading west.	S-3/F
0711H	0721H	3	260707H	L 32 searched area of last nights contact at AT 855576 with negative results.	S-3/F
0805H	0836H	4	260800H	3/5 CP HILL 65 VN boy brought ordnance to main gate. 1 anti-personnel mine, #10 size tomato can, 2 Chicoms and 3 m-26 Frags. VN boy was paid \$6000 and ordnance was destroyed	S-3/F
0929H	0955H	5	260915H	Co M at AT 972574, unit found 50 cal ammo approx 100 rnds lot no. TW 115114. Will destroy upon leaving.	S-3/F
1143H	1154H	6	261140H	M 22 at AT 972574 discovered unused bunker at AT 964571 probably water storage point. Trails at AT 962578, AT 968575, and AT 958571 all show signs of being recently used, probably to gather water at lake AT 958568. Area of bunker grid given to Arty FO to prepare intelligence targets.	S-3/F
0950H	0958H	7	260900H	K 33 at AT 849582 unit on patrol observed 4 persons believed to be enemy. Unit is pursuing at this time.	S-3/F
1205H	1255H	8	261120H	K 33 while on OP spotted 4 persons 1000 meters away believed to be VC/NVA, unable to observe packs or weapons. Pursued persons who proved to be civilians with ID cards.	S-3/F
1535H	1540H	9	261520H	M 3/5 at AT 950554 sighted fresh bare foot prints in sand on sand bar. Searched with negative results.	S-3/F

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2400H	2400H	10	262400H	<p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 had no casualties today and discovered 1 2man bunker.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	

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From: 270001H Aug 70
To: 272400H Aug 70

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TIME		SERIAL	DATE/TIME	EXPERIENCE, RESEARCH, ORIGIN	ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED	TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	270001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0403H	0450H	2	270250H	3/1 M 115 at AT 953607 returning to nite pos was taken under enemy fire by approx 5 VC/NVA. Unit received 75-80 AK-47 rnds and 1 Chicom. Unit returned SAF and M-79 HE. Negative friendly casualties. Unit received 60mm illumination fr m Golden Gate Bridge and 81mm illum on calls. Swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
1005H	1050H	3	270940H	3/5 M 3 at AT 932571 on patrol found 1 booby trap, C-ration can filled with C-4 with tripwire. Unit also received 1 sniper rnd fm unknown pos, results: 1 booby trap destroyed	S-3/F
1100H	1130H	4	271100H	3/5 M 2 at AT 935548 point man while on patrol tripped two booby traps believed to be 81mm with tripwire. Requested medevac at this time.	S-3/F
1230H	1235H	5	271100H	3/5 M 2 at AT 935548 follow up spot, point man moving west down a trail made by tank tracks passed through a fence made of engineer stakes and tripped first booby trap. Results: 1 (E) and 1 (R) evac. Corpsman moving to aid casualties tripped second booby trap. Results: 1 USN and 2 USMC (E) evacs. Intervals between was 15 meters, helmets and flak jackets were worn. Results 4 USMC and 1 USN WIA	S-3/F
1455H	1455H	6	271450H	3/5 HILL 65 VN boy brought ord to main gate consisting of 1 USMC claymore, S-2 paid \$400 VN for ord which was destroyed.	S-3/F
2300H	2315H	7	271100H	Follow up spot information received by this HQs states 1 USMC and 1 USN were DOA. Results 1 USMC & 1 USN KIA.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY: 3/5 had 1 USMC KIA 3 USMC WIA and 1 USN KIA today.	
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DATE		SPECIAL : ACTIVITIES		INCIDENTS, MISCELLANEOUS, OTHERS		ACTION
IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED		TAKEN
0001H	0001H	1	280001H	JOURNAL OPENED:		
1230H	1305H	2	281130H	Seabee's working on road reported a road grader hit an estimated 40 pound box mine with pressure release detonation resulting in 1 USN WIA.		S-3/F
1625H	1635H	3	281600H	3/5 CP gate H-65 VN boy brought Chicom to gate and S-2 paid \$200 VN for it. Ordnance was destroyed.		S-3/F
2035H	2100H	4	281945H	3/5 CP Surv at AT 878573 observed 3 NVA with heavy camouflauge and packs moving south. AT 878533 called in Arty at 1920. 100% coverage on target. Last man in column had a 105mm round burst on top of him. Results 1 NVA KIA.		S-3/F
				SUMMARY:		
				3/5 had no casualties today but 1 Seabee was wounded in action by box mine, also 1 NVA KBarty		
2400H	2400H	5	282400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:		

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IN	OUT	NO	GROUP	JOURNAL OPENED
0001H	0001H	1	290001H	JOURNAL OPENED:
0130H	0630H	2	290100H	M 115 RF while set in believed to observe movement and threw 1 M-26 frag which resulted in one USMC NBC non-evac, AT 958604 USMC will be treated at HILL 55.
0740H	0800H	3	290730H	3/5 Co L pacification operation helolift was completed at 0840H.
0950H	1005H	4	290820H	3/5 Co L at AT 991606 aircraft in support of Co L Helo assault observed 4 VC with weapons and packs flee west from LZ AT 991606 C & C engaged and killed enemy with 7.62 on board ordnance. Unit will sweep west to search for bodies and weapons. Results 4 VC KIA.
1140H	1230H	5	291105H	3/5 K 22 at AT 800564 on patrol point man in column detonated 1 booby trap believed to be 60mm round with trip wire, set along trail in high grass. Results: 1 USMC WIAE (E)
1325H	1355H	6	291340H	L 13 998606 while on sweep trip 1 M-26 frag type booby trap, rigged with trip wire on trail. Results: 2 USMC WIAE (E) & (R)
1345H	1425H	7	291145H	M 3/1 CUPP M 11A at AT 942613 while checking ID of civilians in the area found 2 confirmed VC on blacklist. RF turning them over to Dien Ban District HQ.
1820H		8	291630H	L 21 at AT 970605 while sweeping area sighted 2 VC/NVA fleeing fm plt in W direction. Results: 1 NVA KIA & 2 NVA Detainees.
1940H	1945H	9	291800H	3/5 Surv tower H-65 observed 3 VC wearing tan uniforms with packs and rifles at AT 878532 moving west to east. Fire mission called at 1700H. D 2/11 fired 12 HE Quick first round 1715, end of mission 1725. Enemy moved into bunker area and treeline.
2031H		10	292030H	1 VC Company of the Q83Bn, strength 50 men armed with 1x82mm mortar, 3 B-40's and individual weapons. Hiding vicinity AT 945561, 946562. Mission is to attack Loc Hung and Loc Phong Refugee Camps. 1 VC

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 An Loc, RVN
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		2235H	11	291845H	<p>Company of the Q83Bn strenght 45 men hiding vicinity of AT 899599, 901597, and 902599. Will coordinate with local Guerillas to harass friendly and refugees camps at Loc Chang and Loc An. tonight.</p> <p>Co L 3/5 unit had embarked in 6 trucks at HILL 55 and were traveling to HILL 65 Via DaNang Route when fourth truck in convoy over turned with 25 Marines on board. 10 USMC emergency and 7 priority medevacs were completed; remainder of Marines were treated at HILL 65 BAS.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 had 21 USMC wounded today 17 of whom were medevaced and there was 4 VC killed in action. One NVA KIA & two detained.</p>	S-3/F
2400H		2400H	12	291845H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	300001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0145H	0215H	2	300005H	Fox 2/11 at AT 963616, received 1 155mm lob bomb outside of their perimeter. M 3/1 CUPP fired 81mm illumination. 51st ARVN Recon unit swept suspected launch site with negative results. Suspected site was AT 958621	S-3/F
0155H	0230H	3	300005H	M 3/1 CUPP M 21 while in night pos AT 993637 received 6 60mm mortar rnds landing outside their perimeter fm AT 997633. RFs fm Ha Dong Bridge fired 60mm mortar on suspected launch site. Will search at first light.	S-3/F
0245H	0305H	4	300155H	D 1/5 D 2 while in night pos AT 969585 received SAF fm AT 973589. Unit returned SAF, M-79, and 60mm mortars. Requested 81mm F/M at 0205H, 1st round at 0210H, EOM at 0215H. Enemy broke contact will search at first light.	S-3/F
0345H	0604H	5	300300H	D 1/5 D 2 while set in night pos AT 969585 received SAF. Called 81mm F/M 1st round 0310, EOM 0320, fired 3 WP and 15 HE rounds.	S-3/F
0640H	0650H	6	300250H	M 3/1 CUPP M 23 unit while set in night pos received SAF, grenades, and RPGs, returned fire with M-16, M-79 and M-60. Called 81mm F/M illumination, 17 rounds fired. Requested 1 emergency and 1 priority medevac, completed at 0420H. Conducted sweep of area resulting in 1 AK-47, 1 M-16, 6 Chicoms, and 2 RPG rnds. 1 RF KIA and 1 VC KIA.	S-3/F
0830H	0930H	7	300815H	L 11B 887560 unit while in OP observed 3 VC wearing dark clothing and carrying weapons. The VC appeared to be in OP site. Snipers with unit initiated SAF, killing 1 VC. The other two fled south into treeline AT 889554. Fire mission was not called due to friendlies in area. Results: 1 VC KIA.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT				
1000H	1045H	8	300940H	L 12A at AT 879563 unit while in OP observed 2 VC in dark clothing along trail with weapons at AT 879557. Snipers with unit initiated SAF killing 1 VC while the other fled into treeline.	S-3/F
0950H	1030H	9	300925H	K 11 at ZC 195564 while on patrol unit found 1 B/T consisting of saucer shaped anti-personnel mine 10" in diameter set up with pressure release firing device with tripwire. Tripwire was across trails B/T was not camouflaged and was easily seen. B/T appeared to be approx 2 weeks old. Blown in place.	S-3/F
1250H	1327H	10	301155H	3/5 CUPP Plt CUPP Plt Cmdr while moving to new day pos was informed by a VN male approx 35 years old that there was something at the river bank, at AT 814 546. The platoon commander followed the VN male and upon reaching the river bank the VN male threw a M-26 grenade at him and then fled into treeline. The Plt Cmdr jumped into river to avoid injury. CUPP squad initiated SAF and swept area with negative results. VN male had not been seen in area before.	S-3/F
1400H	1400H	11	301400H	D 1/5 as of this date B 1 relieved D 2 at vicinity AT 968584.	S-3/F
1445H	1500H	12	301355H	Co L L11B OP at AT 886560 observed 1 VC with weapon across river at AT 884554 VC moved into treeline before sniper could fire. Additional movement was observed in the fireline. Unit called 81mm F/M with unknown results.	S-3/F
		13	291630H	Late entry: Co L L 21 on search at AT 970605 observed 2 VC fleeing fm patrol toward the west. Unit fired warning shots and yelled but VC failed to halt. Unit opened fire killing one and detained the other. Dead male had 2 M-26 grenades, 3 green uniforms and medical gear. A third male 50 meters fm incident was also detained.	S-3/F

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					all were dressed in black shorts and shirts. Detainees are being interrogated 51st ARVN and will be sent to ITT tomorrow. 1 VC KIA and 2 VN males detained.	
1847H		1924H	14	301800H	M 3/1 at AT 988668 an ARVN truck which was south bound toward H-65 detonated a box mine of estimated 50 lb size. Co M 3/1 was notified by 51st ARVN S-3 that 3 marines fm his unit were aboard the truck and were medevaced. Marines were were on an authorized run to China Beach with F 2/11, UTA their vehicle total number of ARVN casualties unk. Injured personnel were medevaced by USMC helo.	S-3/F
1934H		2000H	15	301800H	M 3/1 at AT 988668 additional info to spot rpt. Information obtained fm ROK marines on vehicle, estimated 50 lb box mine, 10 ARVN WIAE (E), 3 USMC WIAE (P) and 2 ROKMC WIANE.	S-3/F
2028H		2052H	16	302010H	Co M 3/5 at AT 945572 unit received two lob bombs est 105mm landing approx 15 meters outside lines, called 81mm F/M good coverage. Search at first light.	S-3/F
2140H			17	302140H	URS for 30 Aug 1970 fm Regt'1 S-2. SUMMARY: 3/5 had 3 WIAs and killed 3 VC today. Also there was 10 ARVNs WIA and 2 ROKMC WIA.	S-3/F
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0001H	0001H	1	310001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
1055H	1105H	2	311025H	Co I I 23 while on patrol discovered 1 booby trap at AT 919633) which consisted of a M-26 grenade in an 81mm illum canister with trip wire. Booby trap was blown in place.	S-3/F
1147H	1230H	3	311100H	Co L L 2(-) while set in day OP at AT 890587 had 1 VN male age 14 lead them to where villagers were hiding food for VC. The site was marked with bamboo tied to a bush, so that it could be found within 50 meters of the marker. Foodstuffs were buried along river bank. Turned into S-2. Find consisted of 2 sandbags of rice 1 bottle of whiskey, 1 bag crystal sulphur and 6 bags of assorted foodstuffs.	S-3/F
1223H	1312H	4	311130H	Co M at AT 950561 while on patrol M 13 found 2 US tomato cans B/T approx 30 meters apart. They were to be electrically command detonated. Under each can was a small box mine.	S-3/F
1342H	1429H	5	311100H	Final follow up Co L at AT 890559 complete equip, 10 lb sugar cane, 20 lb salt 50 lb rice, 1 lb candy, 1 can bug spray 2 cans cooking oil, 1 bottle NVA whiskey 3 cans sardines, assorted clothing, 1 bag crystal sulphur turned over to S-2.	S-3/F
1420H	1456H	6	311345H	M 3/1 CUPP at AT 957604 RF reported the following information to M 11, 1 VN female approx 15 years old tripped B/T at AT 957604. Results: 1 KIA size of B/T unk.	S-3/F
1825H		7	311825H	Intel rpt- uniform/I Co NVA app at AT 973577 night of 30 Aug 70 unit strength 40 - 80 men with 1x82mm, 2 BARs possible rockets, * IW unit mixed khakies - en staging in tunnels - msn unk - unit suspected to have attacked hosp or orph 29 Aug 70.	S-2/F
1828H		8	311828H	Intel rpt - 20 men fm R20 Sapper Bn.	S-2/F

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				arrived at AT 926598 on 30 Aug 70 - en staging in tunnels - unit armed with 8 AK-47's, unk no of bandoliers, torpedoes many chicoms msn unk.	
1830H		9	311830H	Intel rpt - indicates high threat period is still in effect for at least next 2 nights - Phu Loc 6, Liberty Bridge, and An Hoa are possible targets.	S-2/f
1930H		10	311930H	Intel rpt - 1 VC Co fm Q83 Bn, Co unk, Co Cmdr unk, lx82mm mortar, B-40's, + IW blue uniforms, coord w/Loc Blued & VCI at AT 895555, 898557, 900556, attack refugee camps Loc Phong & Loc Quang. Sent to IBL, M	S-2/F
1930H		11	311930H	Intel rpt - 75 NVA armed w/lx82mm mortar B-40's & IW Loc vic AT 795557, 801557, and 864580, msn unk, sent to IBK, S	S-2/F
1931H		12	311931H	Intel rpt - VC Co Q83 Bn, 61 men location AT 815576, 818577, msn attack refugee camps, sent to IBK, S	S-2/F
2008H	2124H	13	311910H	Co L L33B while in night pos at AT 889561 observed 2 VC/NVA dressed in tan uniforms across the river, AT 894558. Unit called 81mm fire mission at 1920, good coverage on target. Could not search area due to water barrier.	S-3/F
2252H	2305H	14	312145H	Co M 3/5 M 12 while in amb pos at AT 955553 observed 9 VC at AT 954548 moving north along river bank. No packs or weapons were visible. Called 60mm F/M but VC fled before rounds could be adjusted.	
2300H	2315H	15	312300H	Received radio approval fm 5th Mar of extension coord 5th Mar BDZC 210553 west to ZC 210530 north to ZC 190560 northwest to ZC 180564 north to ZC 180610 east to ZC 210610 S to close at present 5th Mar boundary to ZC 210590.	AO S-3/F
				SUMMARY:	

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IN	OUT				
2400H	2400H	16	312400H	<p>3/5 had no casualties today, there were 6 Intel rpt received, Co L discovered a VC food cache and a VN female was killed as a result of booby trap.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	

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 (b) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 280900H Jul 70 (FRAG 0 23-70)
 (c) BCI 05530.1
 (d) MWO 03330.2B

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: No change

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. Intelligence indicates that 11 Provincial level VCI harbor vicinity AT 836489 and a significant cache of 40 B-40 rounds are located vicinity AT 836506.

b. Friendly

(1) First MAW provides fixed wing and helo support as requested.

(2) 2nd Bn, 11th Mar S 5th Mar.

(3) 1st Recon Bn provides surveillance of target area from Recon OP HILL 250.

c. Attachments and Detachments. CIT Team with two (2) informants attached to Company L effective 101200H Aug 70.

2. MISSION

Commencing L-Hour on D-Day, 3rd Bn (-) Rein conducts helo assault into LZs vicinity AT 8348 and AT 8350 to exploit reliable source of intelligence.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Co (-) size force consisting of CP and one platoon, conducts helo assault into LZ SOUTH followed by platoon size helo assault into LZ NORTH in accordance with Annex A (Operation Overlay) and Annex B (Air Support).

b. Co I. Continue mission assigned in reference (b).

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c. Co K. Continue mission assigned in reference (b).

d. Co L

- (1) On D-Day at L-Hour - 30 minutes rendezvous HILL 65 LZ with two platoons for helolift to target area.
- (2) At L-Hour, conduct helo assault into LZ SOUTH with CP and 1st platoon.
- (3) Upon completion of helolift of CP and 1st platoon, sweep north to vicinity AT 836489 and conduct extensive search for VCI.
- (4) At approximately L-Hour + 30 minutes, conduct helo assault into LZ NORTH with 2nd platoon.
- (5) Upon completion of helolift of 2nd platoon, conduct extensive search vicinity AT 836505 for caches of B-40 rounds.
- (6) Destroy all bunkers/fighting positions in target area upon completion of search.
- (7) Continue mission assigned reference (b) at reduced strength.
- (8) On order, approximately L-Hour + 6, rendezvous vicinity AT 836489 for extraction; submit helo extraction plan this HQ for approval.
- (9) Be prepared to reinforce Co (-) size force with one platoon to exploit significant contact.

e. Co M. OPCON 5th Mar.

f. Co M (CU P Co) 3rd Bn, 1st Mar. Continue mission assigned reference (b).

g. 3rd Bn GUPP Plt. Continue mission assigned reference (b).

h. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) L-HR D-DAY: 110800H Aug 60.
- (2) Boundary is FCL.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Co L conduct hole assault with two days class V.
- b. Evacuate all PWs/detainees/foodstuffs.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. Signal. IAW GENL.
- b. C. No change.

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ATTACHES:

- / A - Operation Overlay
- / B - Air Support

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ANNEX A (OPERATION OVERLAY) TO
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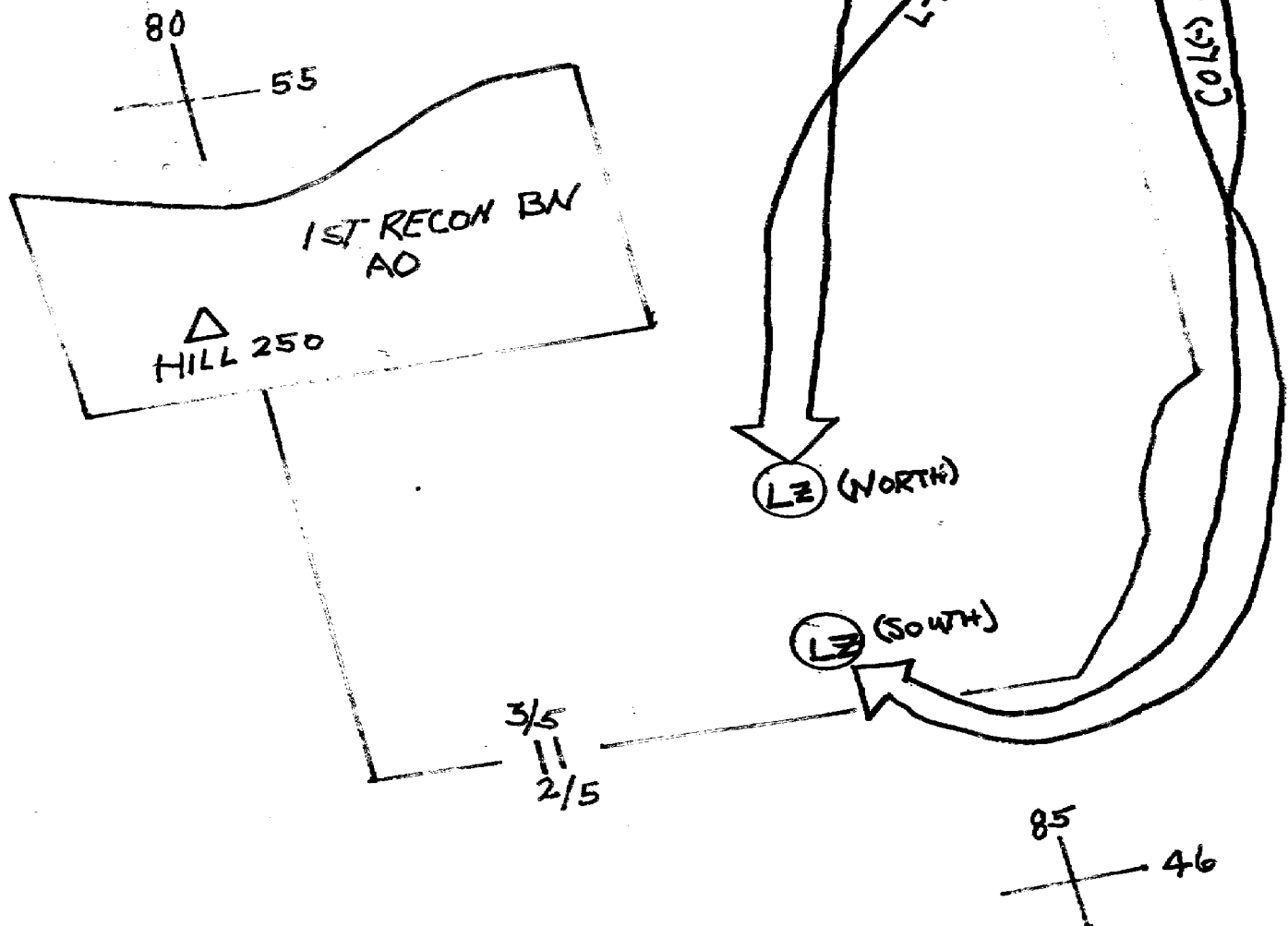
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ANNEX A (OPERATION RELAY) TO 3RD BN, 5TH MAR FRAG 6-70

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Annex B (Air Support) to FRAG O 26-70

1. SITUATION. See basic Frag Order.

2. MISSION

Provide fixed wing and helo support for 3rd Bn, 5th Mar
(-) Rein.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

(1) Aircraft requested to support operation

(a) Insertion

One (1) UH-1E Gand C
Two (2) CH-46 Troop Carriers
Two (2) AH-1G Escort
One (1) OV-10 AO
One (1) Flight Fixed Wing

(b) Extraction

Two (2) CH-46 Troop Carriers
Two (2) AH-1G Escort

(2) Commencing L-Hour D-Day, CH-46 aircraft will conduct helo assault of Co L CP and 1st platoon into LZ SOUTH with one flight of AH-1G providing LZ security as required.

(3) At L-Hour + 15 minutes one flight of fixed wing controlled by AO will prep LZ NORTH with 20mm cannon, D2s, and D9s.

(4) Upon completion of prep of LZ NORTH, CH-46 aircraft will conduct helo assault of 2nd platoon, Co L into LZ NORTH with one flight of AH-1G providing LZ security as required.

(5) Two AH-1G will provide air support for troops.
One UH-1E will serve as a Command and Control aircraft.

d. Coordinating Instructions

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- (1) The troop lift will begin at 110745H at HILL 65 LZ.
- (2) Trooplift will be controlled by HCA in the UH-1E.
- (3) Initial troop movements will be controlled from the UH-1E.
- (4) Restrictive Fire Plan SUSAN will be in effect from 110730H Aug until lifted by Bn S-3.
Boundaries of SUSAN are:
East 80
West 87
South of Song Vu Gia
North of Song Thu Ban
Ground 3000
- (5) The operational area will be precleared for outboard ordnance, TAS, and artillery from 110700H to 111800H Aug 70.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. Frequencies

(1) Troop Lift

P - 32.40
S - 41.40

(2) TAS. As determined by MCA and FAC.

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Third Bn, Fifth Mar FRAG O 27-70

Ref: (a) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 280800H Aug 70 (FRAG O 23-70)

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: No Change

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. Reliable agents confirm that the enemy has begun a crash food procurement program from now until commencement of the monsoons to replenish his depleted rice stores in Base Area 112 and other western harbor sites. The rice will be procured in Dien Ban District via BT 0361. The primary troop movement route prescribed by Front 4 Quartermaster is across the southern Arizona, then across the Vu Gia river via AT 9054 and N.E. to rice procurement area in Dien Ban District.

b. Friendly. No Change

2. MISSION

a. On D-Day, 3rd Bn (-) Rein interdicts enemy accelerated logistics operations throughout AO.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. 3rd Bn (-) Rein intensifies employment of patrols, day and night ambushes, and increases air and arty strikes along known and suspected enemy logistics routes and increases surveillance and interdiction of known river crossing sites.

b. Co I, K, L, M 3/1, 3/5 CUPP Plt

(1) Commencing D-Day intensify ground interdiction of enemy logistics routes by employing small unit hunter-killer teams clandestinely emplaced on suspected movement routes and river crossing points.

(2) Request and employ air and artillery to interdict suspected enemy logistics routes.

(3) Continue mission assigned by Ref (a).

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) D-Day 14 Aug 70.

(2) Insure hunter-killer teams employed are within supporting distance and are mutually supporting.

(3) Establish and coordinate visual pyrotechnic or other means of communications for any hunter-killer team employed without AN PRO-25 radio.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No Change
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. No Change

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 (b) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 280800H Jul 70 (Frag 0 25-70)
 (c) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 142200H Aug 70 (Frag 0 27-70)

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: No change except Company M passes OPCON from 2nd Bn, 5th Mar effective 241200H Aug 70

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. See current INTSUNS and PERINTREPS.
- b. Friendly. No change.

2. MISSION

Effective 241200H Aug 70, 3rd Bn (Rein) realigns Company AO Responsibilities and continues Category I and II Operations with primary emphasis on Securing and Pacification mission.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. 3rd Bn, 5th Mar realigns AO Boundaries in accordance with Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- b. Co I
 - (1) Effective 241200H August 1970, assume responsibility for assigned AO and realign forces in accordance with Annex A (Operation Overlay)
 - (2) Continue mission assigned in references (b) and (c) with the exception that platoon size force is no longer required south of HILL 57; delete para 3 b (4) of reference (b).
 - (3) Be prepared, on order, to assume responsibility for AO assigned to Company M, 3rd Bn, 5th Mar.
- c. Co K
 - (1) Continue mission assigned in references (b) and (c) in reduced AO. (See Annex A (Operation Overlay)).

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- (2) Be prepared, on order, to provide platoon size force to augment HILL 65 defenses.

d. Co L

- (1) Continue mission assigned in references (b) and (c) in reduced AO. (See Annex A (Operation Overlay)).
- (2) Be prepared to participate in Bn (-) size operation anywhere within 5th Mar TAOR.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct Company size helo operations anywhere within 5th Mar TAOR.

e. Co M

- (1) Upon completion of helolift to LZ #432 (at approx 241200H Aug 70), guard Battalion TAC and Admin Net.
- (2) Commencing 241600H August 1970, conduct tactical footmarch to and assume responsibility for assigned AO in accordance with Annex A (Operation Overlay)
- (3) Conduct extensive patrols and ambushes in AO to interdict enemy LOCs and river crossing sites.
- (4) Coordinate daily with Company I to insure coordinated operations with engineer road sweep team south along Route #540 from HILL 57 to Liberty Bridge Combat Outpost.
- (5) Coordinate all operations with CAOC 22 and 3rd Plt, Co M 5/1 (CUPP Co). Dai Loc District day/night operations will be passed VIA field radio message.
- (6) Be prepared to conduct Company size helo operations anywhere within 5th Mar AO.
- (7) Be prepared to participate in Battalion (-) size operation anywhere within 5th Mar AO.

f. Co N (CUPP Co). No change.**g. 3rd Bn, 5th Mar CUPP Plt. No change.****h. Bn Reserve. Company L; be prepared for commitment anywhere within Battalion AO on 1 hour standby.****i. Coordinating Instructions**

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- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay).
 - (2) Reference (b) refers.
 - (3) Following is Restricted Operating Area due to FMAF road up-grading operations: from AT 950590 east to AT 983590 north along stream bed to AT 977598 straight north to south bank of Song La The west along south bank of Song La The to AT 980 south along 95 grid to close.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: No change except resupply for Company M will be effected by vehicle along Route #540.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS
- a. Communications
 - (1) Current OEOI
 - (2) Call Signs/Freq:

CACO 22	POP Fly	68.80
CUPP M3	SAUCER M3	54.60
Dai Loc District	Refill Alleys Alpha	58.05
 - b. Command Posts
 - (1) 3/5 (Rain): HILL 65
 - (2) Company M report opening of Co CP when established.

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ANNEX A - Operation Overlay

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 (b) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 230600H Jul 70 (Frag 0 25-70)
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 (d) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 232400H Aug 70 (Frag 0 28-70)

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: No change.

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. Current intelligence indicates that enemy LF and MF units are utilizing river crossing vicinity AT 900558 and staging on periphery of 3rd Bn to initiate their general offensive against CAP, CUPP, and GVN forces in NE 3rd Bn AO.
- b. Friendly.
 - (1) First MAW provides fixed wing and helo support as requested.
 - (2) 2nd Bn, 11th Mar DS 5th Mar.

2. MISSION

Commencing L-Hour on D-Day, 3rd Bn (Rein) conducts Category II pre-emptive operation within operating area ON 8558 to destroy/capture enemy LF and MF units infiltrating AO from the south.

3. RESOLUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. One Company size force conducts helo lift into secure LF vicinity AT 974584 and sweeps SW in accordance with Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- b. Co's I, K, and L. Continue mission assigned in reference (b) and (c) as modified by reference (d).
- c. Co M

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- (1) On D-Day at L-Hour minus one rendezvous and secure Pickup Zone (PZ) AT 922558 for pickup by 4 CH-46 helos at L-Hour minus 15 minutes.
 - (2) Be prepared to load 20, 18, or 16 Marines on each helo at PZ depending upon lift capability of helos at L-Hour minus 15 minutes.
 - (3) Secure excess combat equipment not required for operation vicinity PZ with one squad sized force.
 - (4) At L-Hour conduct company sized helo landing into vicinity AT 974584 secured by 2nd Plt, Co D, 1/5.
 - (5) Upon completion of helolift, sweep Southwest and destroy/capture enemy in operating area.
 - (6) Upon completion of sweep operation resume mission assigned by reference (d).
 - (7) Utilize two AH-1G Gunships supporting helolift to screen troop movement until L-Hour + 2.
- d. Co M (CUPP Company). Secure LZ no later than L-Hour minus 50 minutes with one squad.

e. 3rd Bn CUPP Plt. No change.

f. Coordinating Instruction

- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay)
- (2) L-Hour D-Day: 260700H Aug 78
- (3) Politically cleared area for on board ordnance will be submitted VIA FSCC channels NLT L-Hour minus 10.
- (4) Invoke strict measures to counter mines and booby traps in operating area.
- (5) Utilize salt tablets as required to minimize heat casualties.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. Signal. IAW GENI

b. CP. No change.

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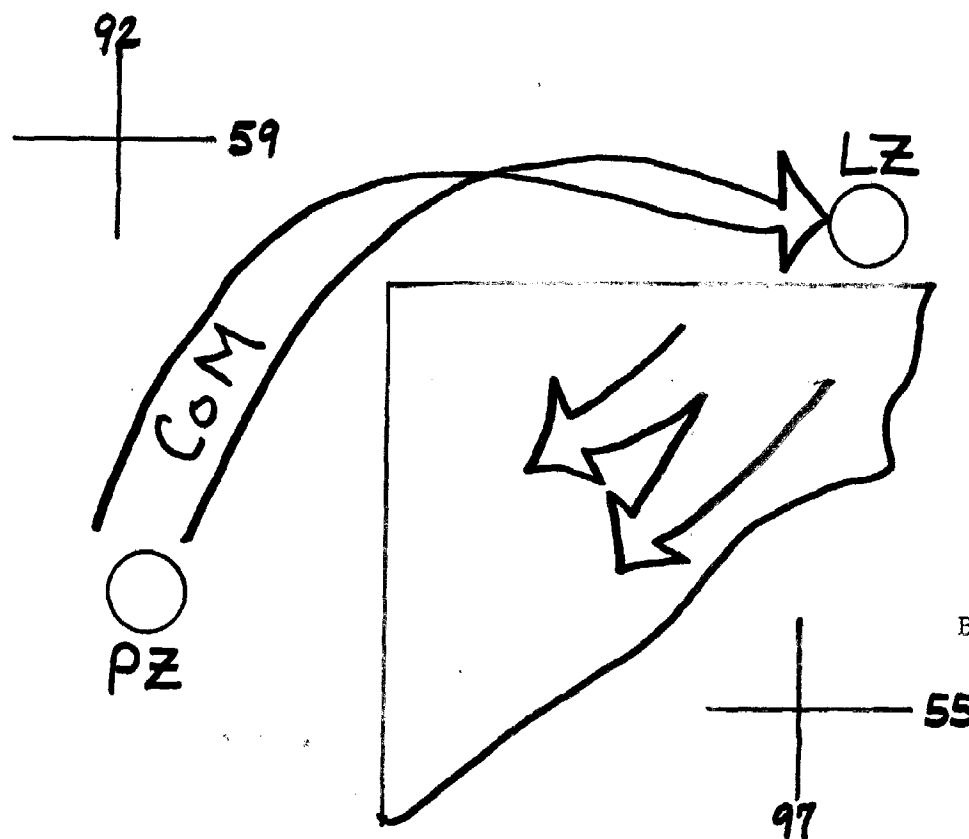
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 (b) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 280800H Jul 70 (Frag 0 25-70)
 (c) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 142800H Aug 70 (Frag 0 27-70)

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: No change.

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. During previous QVN elections, the enemy has attempted to interfere/prevent the process of democracy in RVN by attack, harassment and sabotage against polling and election areas. Indications are that the enemy remains determined to disrupt the forthcoming free elections.
- b. Friendly. On 30 Aug 70 elections for the RVN senate will be held in Quang Nam province. RF/PT forces and VN police provide close in security for polling areas and election booths.

2. MISSION

On 30 Aug 70 3rd Bn, 5th Mar (Rein) conducts security operations in coord/coop with District Officials to prevent enemy interference with senate elections.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. During period 300700H-302830H Aug 70, 3rd Bn, 5th Mar provides assistance to and conducts election security operations in coord with District Officials.
- b. Co I (-), L, and M
 - (1) Conduct extensive patrolling and ambushing in AOs assigned by reference (a) to prevent enemy interferences with senate election polling booths vicinity AT 879578, AT 907575, AT 909577, AT 915575, AT 916580, AT 920578, and AT 921584.
 - (2) Continue mission assigned in reference (b) and (c) as modified by reference (a).
- c. Co K. Continue mission assigned in reference (b) and (c) as modified by reference (a).

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- d. Co M (CUPP Company). Conduct extensive patrolling and ambushing on the periphery of senate election polling booth vicinity AT 985635 to prevent enemy interference.
- e. 3rd Plt (Rein), Co I. Continue security mission at FSB DAGGER.
- f. 3rd Bn, 5th Mar CUPP Plt. No change.
- g. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Election day: 30 Aug 70
 - (2) USMC security will not be overly displayed near polling sites or election booths but will be deployed beyond close in security of RF and PF forces.
 - (3) Visible participation of USMC personnel near voting places is not desirable and under no circumstances will USMC personnel, either individually or as a unit become involved with GVN voting system procedures.
 - (4) Duration of elections 000700H Aug 70 to 091600H Aug 70
 - (5) DIRMALNAUTH
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.
- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. No change.

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(b) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 262338H Aug 70 (Frag O 30-70)
(c) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 232400H Aug 70 (Frag O 28-70)

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: No Change.

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy

- (1) Intelligence sources report increasing evidence of an attempted surge of possible enemy attacks by harassing incidents, attacks by fire and limited ground attacks within Third Bn, Fifth Marines AO. This high threat period is expected to commence on 29 Aug 70.
- (2) See current INTSUMS and PERINTREPS.

b. Friendly. No change.

2. MISSION

Third Bn (Rein) continues current assigned mission in accordance with reference (a) (b) and (c); intensifies ambush/patrolling around fixed installations, and conducts Blackboard Operations on 29 Aug 70 and 5 Sept 70 around HILLS 65, 55, 52, and 37.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Commencing 291800H Aug 70 3rd Bn, 5th Marines intensifies ambush/patrolling around fixed installations and conducts Blackboard Operations on 29 Aug 70 and 5 Sept 70 around HILLS 65, 55, 52, and 37.

b. Co I (-)

- (1) Conduct saturation patrolling/ambushes around HILL 37 with particular emphasis along Song Vu Gia and Route ~~210~~³⁴⁰ north.
- (2) Continue mission assigned references (a) and (b) as modified by reference (c).

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- c. Co K. Conduct saturation patrolling/ambushes around HILL 52 with particular emphasis along Route #4 west with assigned AO. Continue mission assigned references (a) and (b) as modified by reference (c).
- d. Co L
 - (1) Effective 280700H Aug 70 be prepared for commitment anywhere within 5th Marines AO on 30 minute notice as Regimental Reserve.
 - (2) Conduct saturation patrolling/ambushes immediate area HILL 65 with particular emphasis along Song Vu Gia and Route #4 west within assigned AO.
 - (3) Continue mission assigned reference (a) and (b) as modified by reference (c).
- e. Co M
 - (1) Conduct saturation patrolling/ambushes within assigned AO with particular emphasis along Song Thu Bon and Song Vu Gia.
 - (2) Continue mission assigned references (a) and (b) as modified by reference (c).
- f. Co M 3/1 (CUPP Co)
 - (1) Conduct saturation patrolling/ambushes with assigned CUPP AO's. Emphasize interdiction of enemy movement along Song Vu Gia, main LOC's within CUPP AO's, and Route #1D.
 - (2) Continue mission assigned reference (a), (b) and (c).
- g. 3rd Plt (Rein) Co I. Continue mission at FSB Dagger.
- h. 3rd Bn, 5th Mar CUPP Plt. No change.
- i. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Threat period commences 291800H Aug 70 until terminated by separate message.
 - (2) Ensure immediate review of day and night activities, reaction plans and conduct on site defensive evaluation to attain and maintain high state of alertness throughout all units.

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- (3) Continue to improve positions, remove grass/brush from fields of fire and defensive wire along avenues of approach.
 - (4) Avoid stereotyped repetitive patrols/ambushes, and times of posting and relieving of personnel on defensive positions.
4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS. No change.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. No change.

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 (c) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 140300H Aug 70 (Frag 0 27-70)
 (d) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 202150H Aug 70 (Frag 0 30-70)
 (e) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 270400H Aug 70 (Frag 0 31-70)
 (f) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 222400H Aug 70 (Frag 0 23-70)

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: No change except 3rd Bn, assumes OPORD of 2nd Plt, Co 1; simultaneously passes OPORD to Co 1 effective 220600H Aug 70 until termination of operation.

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. Reliable intelligence sources indicate that LF or RF units are staging vicinity grids RL 07 0661 and LR 07 0160 for attacks on GVN, CAP, and CUPF units in the 3rd Bn AO.
- b. Friendly
 - (1) First Bn provides base support as requested.
 - (2) 2nd Bn, 11th Mar 35 5th Mar.

2. MISSION

Commencing L-Hour on D-Day, 3rd Bn (Main) conducts Category II pre-emptive operation to destroy/capture enemy within operating area ON AT 0400.

3. DESCRIPTION

- a. Concept of Operation. Company size force conducts base assault into separate numbered line with one platoon on standby to reinforce/exploit a significant contact or sighting in accordance with Annex A (Operation Overlay) and Annex B (Air Support).
- b. Co 1
 - (1) Provide one platoon on standby vicinity LR 452 to reinforce/exploit significant enemy contact on sighting.

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- (2) Continue mission assigned in reference (b) through (e) as modified by reference (f).
- c. Co I. Continue mission assigned in reference (b) through (e) as modified by reference (f).
- d. Co I.
- (1) On D-Day at L-Hour - 30 minutes rendezvous HILL 65 14 with CP and three platoons for helolift to target area.
 - (2) At L-Hour, conduct helo assault into landing site 1 and 2 with CP and two platoons.
 - (3) Upon completion of helolift, conduct thorough search of surface and subsurface sites in Objective 1.
 - (4) On order, conduct helo assault into landing site 3 with a third platoon.
 - (5) Upon completion of helolift conduct thorough search of surface and subsurface sites in Objective 3.
 - (6) On order, approx L-Hour + 6, rendezvous vicinity BT 004000 for extraction; submit helo extraction plan to this HQ for approval.
 - (7) Be prepared to reinforce with one platoon size force from Company I.
 - (8) Upon completion of extraction by helo to HILL 65, resume mission assigned references (b) through (e) and modified by reference (f).
- e. Co II. Continue mission assigned in references (b) through (e) as modified by reference (f).
- f. Co III (377 Company). No change.
- g. 3rd Plt (Main), Co I. Continue security mission at FSB BUNDA.
- h. 3rd Bn, 5th Reg CNV Plt. No change.
- i. Regt'l Reserve. Company 2 designated Regt'l Reserve effective 120000Z Aug 70; be prepared for commitment anywhere within 5th Reg AD on 30 minute notice.
- j. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) L-OR D-Day: 220700N Aug 70.
- (2) Boundary is FCU; exercise positive control measures to prevent friendly on friendly.
- (3) Treat contents of this order as SECRET. No dissemination to Foreign Nationals. Term when no longer applicable.

a. Co L conduct hole assault with one day class 7.

6. Evacuate all the detainees/internees to S-2.

Signal LAH 0301.

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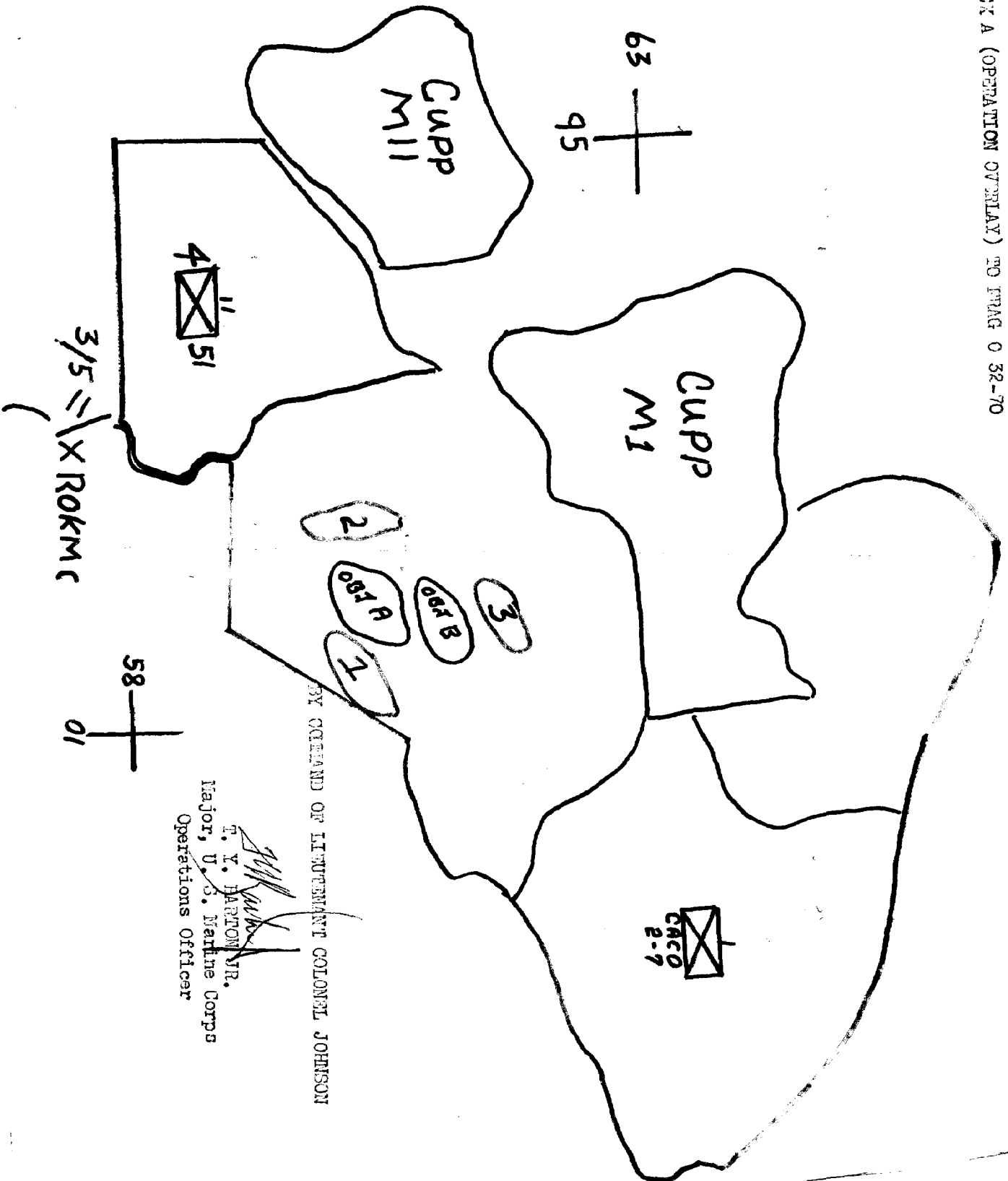
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Annex B (Air Support) to Frag 0 22-70

1. SITUATION. See basic Frag Order.

2. MISSION

Provide fixed wing and helo support for 3rd Bn, 5th Mar (-) Main.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

(1) Aircraft requested to support operation

(a) Insertion

One (1) OH-1H Cond C
SEV Two (2) OH-46 Troop Carriers
Four Two (2) AH-1H Scout
One (1) OH-1H AG
One (1) Flight Fixed Wing

(b) Extraction

Three Two (2) OH-46 Troop Carriers
Two (2) AH-1H Scout

(2) Commencing L-0400 D-Day - 30 minutes OH-46 aircraft will lead 1st and 2nd wave of Co 1, at LZ HILL 65.

(3) At L-0400 D-Day OH-46 aircraft will conduct helo assault of Co 1 into three separate landing sites.

(4) Two AH-1H will provide air support for troops. One OH-1H will be utilized for C and G airbombs.

(5) At L-0400 D-Day + 6 hours four OH-46 and two AH-1H will conduct helo extraction of Co 1 from LZ selected by H&A airbombs.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Pickup Time HILL 65 LZ: 200630Z Aug 70.

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- (2) L-JR D-Day: 230700Z Aug 70.
- (3) Troop lift will be controlled by HCA airborne.
- (4) Restrictive Fire Plan HJHJ will be in effect from 230500Z Aug until lifted by Hs J-3.

Boundaries of SHED Area:

Ground to 2000:

EAST of 97
WEST of 01
NORTH of 50
SOUTH of 55

- (5) The operational area will be politically proclaimed for on board ordnance from 230600Z Aug 70 until terminated by Hs J-3.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. CMC AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELABORATION

a. Frequencies

- (1) Troop Lift

F - 35.50 D 353

S - 48.40 D 158

- (2) TEL. As determined by HCA and FAG.

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