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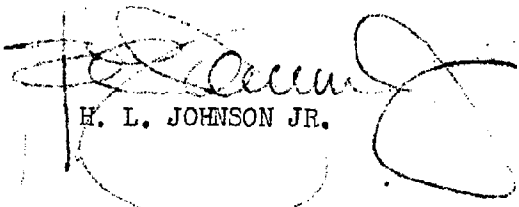
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Encl: / (1) 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology
/ (2) 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Journal

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) through (d), enclosures (1) and (2) are hereby submitted.


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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol H. L. JOHNSON, JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

Capt R. H. MULLEN
to 6Sep70
1stLt A. W. MCPIKE
fm 7Sep70 to 29Sep70
Capt J. T. MACNAMEE
fm 30Sep70

Company I

1stLt E. D. MCKINNEY
to 11Sep70
1stLt J. D. JONES
fm 12Sep70

Company K

1stLt D. C. WADDILL
to 4Sep70
1stLt J. J. REGO
fm 5Sep70

Company L

Capt D. L. WALKER

Company M

Capt S. P. HILL
to 10Sep70

1stLt S. E. HART
fm 11Sep70

Company M 3/1

Capt R. A. KINGADE
to 20Sep70 dropped ADCON
1stLt D. D. FRISBIE
to 20Sep70 dropped ADCON

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines CUPP Plt

2. LOCATION. The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein) operated from 1 September 1970 until 20 September 1970 with the rear CP located at HILL 37 (AT 915582) and forward CP on HILL 65 (AT 873586). On 21 September the Battalion CP displaced to LZ Baldy (BT 133453). On 24 September 1970 the Battalion CP displaced to FSB Ross (BT 025343).

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ExecO

Major J. K. MILLER

S-1

WO G. E. COPE

S-2

SSgt L. G. GRAY
to 6Sep70

1stLt J. F. REINER
fm 7Sep70

S-3

Major T. Y. BARTON JR.
to 17Sep70

Major J. J. ROZMAN
fm 18Sep70

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Capt J. T. MACNAMEE
to 29Sep70

Capt M. O. FLETCHER
fm 30Sep70

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Supply Officer
Communications Officer
Air Liaison Officers

Chaplain
Medical Officers

1stLt R. C. LIESEGANG
1stLt D. J. GANNON
Capt J. J. MARSHALL
1stLt T. N. LITTON
1stLt R. D. GULEEDGE
Lt J. R. FLETCHER
Lt S. S. KROLL
Lt R. L. STENNES

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC

Officers
39

Enlisted
1162

USN

Officers
3

Enlisted
65

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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 security and pacification operations in a combined AO with the 51st ARVN Regiment in Quang Nam Province, Military Region I through 21 September 1970. The combined AO encompassed 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 TAOR's. The 4th Battalion continued security operations along Routes #1D and #4 to the south and east of Hill 55 in support of MCB-62 road upgrading operations.

Several operations oriented at exploiting intelligence information were conducted by the Battalion during the period. On 2 September, Company L (-) conducted a helo assault into the "Arizona" to exploit information that a VC base camp and a significant cache of ammunition was located in vicinity (AT-872544). This one day operation resulted in 19 enemy bunkers destroyed, 30 lbs. of rice and 120 lbs. of corn captured.

On 4 September, Company L and Company M conducted a helo assault into the "Arizona" vicinity (AT 870570) to exploit intelligence information received from a Vietnamese informer that there was a substantial ammunition and weapons cache located in the operating area. This two day operation resulted in 67 bunkers destroyed. There was no contact with the enemy, however, there were two sightings of 3 to 4 VC/NVA.

On 12 September, in response to intelligence reports that elements of the 141st NVA Regiment were planning an attack on Hill 52 a search and clear operation consisting of the Battalion Command Group Alpha, and four rifle companies was conducted in the Charlie Ridge area vicinity (AT 800600). On 12 September, Companies L and M conducted a helo assault into the Charlie Ridge area with Company K, and Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (OPCON) providing blocking and screening forces in the vicinity (AT 840580). The Alpha Command Group displaced to Hill 52 to control the operation. The two day operation resulted in one tunnel being destroyed.

On 15 September 1970, H&S CUPP platoon observed about 20 VC/NVA moving west along the south bank of the Song Vu Gia. CUPP 1 and 2 engaged enemy in small arms fire catching the enemy in a cross fire. The enemy retreated then returned to the water three times to recover bodies. The result of this action was 14 VC/NVA KIA.

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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.

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On 16 September, Company L (-) and 2nd platoon of Company K conducted a helo assault into the vicinity of (AT 835546 and 815540) to search an area where 20 VC/NVA were taken under fire the previous night by the H&S CUPP platoon. There was no contact with enemy forces, however, there were numerous trails indicating that the enemy had fled from the area that night.

On 18 September, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines commenced displacement and phase out of the Area of Operation in Dai Loc District, and move to LZ BALDY (BT 133453). This consisted of a phased relief by units of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. As the companies from the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines relieved companies of the 3rd Battalion, operational control of these companies were simultaneously passed to this Battalion. On 18 September, Company K (-) was relieved on Hill 52 by Company C (-), 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, and on 19 September, the remaining platoon of Company K was relieved. On 20 September, Company L was relieved on Hill 65 by Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. Both, Company K and L were helolifted to LZ BALDY and placed under the OPCON of 5th Marines.

On 19 September 1970, Company M was passed OPCON to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to participate in a combined search and destroy operation in the vicinity of (AT 964563) for a period of one day. The following day, remaining in the area, Company M uncovered a large enemy cache of ammunition along with 86,000 Vietnamese Piasters

On 20 September 1970, operational control of Company M, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines (CUPP) was returned to the 1st Marines. The H&S CUPP platoon personnel were transferred to the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines on 20 September, and simultaneously passed OPCON to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

On 20 September 1970, Company K was placed under the operational control of the 7th Marines and was inserted into Operation Imperial Lake. Company K was relieved and returned to OPCON of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines on 22 September 1970.

On 20 September 1970, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) was placed under the operational control of the 1st Marines.

On 21 September 1970, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines assumed operational control of one platoon, Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

On 22 September 1970, Company L was helolifted from LZ BALDY and placed under the operational control of the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, and Company M was helilifted from Hill 37 and placed under the OPCON of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines.

On 22 September 1970, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines assumed responsibility of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Area of Operation, and all the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines units were returned to their Operational Control. Simultaneously 1st Marines passed Operational Control of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines to 5th Marine Regiment and the Alpha Command Group was displaced to LZ BALDY (BT 133453). Companies I and M remained OPCON to 1st Marine

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Regiment and were passed to operational control of 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines and 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines respectively. Company I was assigned the mission of reinforcing Combined Action Company 2-7 vicinity (BT 033713). Company M was assigned the mission of providing security for the Force Logistics Commands compound located in Danang.

On 25 September 1970, the Battalion Alpha Command Group displaced to Fire Support Ross to prepare and relieve 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines in their Area of Operation located in Que Son District.

On 26 September 1970, Companies I and M were returned to operational control of the 5th Marines and were simultaneously passed to OPCON of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines at FSB Ross.

On 26 September 1970, 5th Marines assumed operational control of Company L to provide a rapid reaction force to exploit intelligence information. One platoon of Company K was placed under the OPCON of the 11th Marines and provided security for FSB Dagger which continues into the next reporting period.

On 27 September 1970, Company K displaced from LZ BALDY to FSB Ross and OPCON was passed to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

At 1000H 28 September, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines simultaneously assumed operational control of Companies I, K, and M and the AO of FSB Ross. The platoons of Company M 3/7 performing the mission of CUPP was transferred to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

On 29 September 1970, 5th Marines passed OPCON of Company L to this Battalion. The disposition of companies in the area of operation for the remainder of the month was Company K at FSB Ross, Company I on Hill 270, Company M west of FSB Ross and Company L north of FSB Ross in Happy Valley.

During the month the Battalion provided security for the Force Logistics Command Battlefied Recovery Team which policed a total of twenty one different types of vehicles from the area along Route 4 east.

The Battalion continued to perform security missions during the month for 3rd platoon, 1st Engineers mine sweep along Route #540 north to 5th Marine boundary and south to Liberty Bridge Combat Outpost. In the new AO, daily security is provided for the Engineers mine sweep between FSB Ross and LZ BALDY along #535. On varying days, security was provided for mine sweep operations along Route #4 west of Hill 65 to Hill 52. Daily security was provided for the 1st Engineers mine sweep between Hill 65 and Hill 37.

There were two Blackboard exercises conducted during the month of September. This preemptive employment of fixed wing ordnance and artillery against significant intelligence targets denied the enemy a capability of moving freely through the AO.

Security and pacification operations conducted by the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines CUPP Platoon and Company M (CUPP COMPANY), 3rd Battalion, 1st

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PART III1. TOPICSa. Personnel and Administration

(1) Strength. The Battalion began the month with a total strength of 41 Marine Officers, 1310 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers, and 65 Navy Enlisted. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines now has a total on board strength of 37 Marine Officers, 1070 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers, and 47 Navy Enlisted. M 3/1 chopped ADCON to 1/1 on 20 September 1970 along with 3/5 CUPP.

(2) Morale. Morale and fighting spirit was and continues to be excellent. 130 persons participated in the out of country and 8 personnel participated in the in-country R&R program at China Beach during the month. The weekly worship schedule is:

SUNDAY

0830 (Prot) - - - - - FSB Ross Chapel

1330 (Cath) - - - - - FSB Ross Chapel

The Battalion Chaplain also conducted memorial services for six 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 TACR. Mail delivery continues to be accomplished by a regularly assigned courier on a daily basis.

(4) Discipline. During the month there were 17 office hours and 7 courts martial.

(5) Awards. There were 32 Purple Hearts awarded to members of the Battalion during the month.

(6) Promotions. There were a total of 65 promotions during the month of September. The breakdown by rank is as follows:

REGULAR PROMOTIONS

Sgt - - - - - 31
Cpl - - - - - 19
LCpl - - - - - 7
PFC - - - - - 2

MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS

GySgt - - - - - 1
Cpl - - - - - 4
LCpl - - - - - 1

(7) Internal Management

(a) Administrative procedures continued with proficiency throughout the month. A total of 141 Marines were processed and returned to CONUS during September. Emphasis continued to be placed on administrative dis-

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charge of personnel who do not conform to retention standards. Two Marines were recommended for administrative discharges with 1 being returned approved during the month.

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

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

KIA - - - - -	3	WIANE - - - - -	2
WIA - - - - -	26	NBCD - - - - -	3
DOW - - - - -	0	MIA - - - - -	0
NBC - - - - -	19		

b. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain

(1) Enemy. Enemy actions consisted mainly of food gathering operations in the Arizona and the foothills of Charlie Ridge. Aside from gathering efforts the enemy continued to attempt to interdict friendly movement by extensive use of booby traps. The area adjacent to HILL 52 was the primary target area for booby traps. There was a significant increase in enemy sightings within the Battalion AO. In the present AO located in the Que Son District enemy activity has consisted mainly of harrasing and sniping incidents by small groups of one to four. Enemy activity during this period has been very light.

(2) Weather

1. Rainfall: Medium
2. Temperature:
 - (a) Avg. High: 99
 - (b) Avg. Low: 73
3. Light:
 - (a) Avg. Sunrise: 0636
 - (b) Avg. Aunset: 1932

(3) Terrain. The predominant terrain features encountered during this reporting period were the flat lowlands of the Arizona Territory, the populated areas of Dai Loc and Dien Ban Districts, the foothills leading to Charlie Ridge, and the mountainous terrain and double canopy of Charlie Ridge. The Predominant terrain features encountered in our present AO has been the flat lowlands of Que Son District, HILL 270 and the foothills leading to the Que Son Mountains.

(4) Enemy Casualties Inflicted

VC/NVA KIA	26
NVA KIA	6
POW	7
Detainees	19
NVA KBarty	2

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(5) Enemy Weapons Captured

AK-47	5
SKS	1
.45 Cal Pistol	1
9mm Pistol	1

(6) Enemy Munitions Found/Captured

AK Rounds	2000
M-26	3
Chicom Grenades	19
M-14 Mines	1
Rockmines	2
AK-47 Magazines	3
B-40 Rockets	1
M-60 Rounds	200
61mm Rounds	7

(7) Enemy Equipment/Foodstuffs Captured

Rice	155 Pounds
Corn	136 Pounds
Tobacco	13 Pounds
NVA Helmets	2
NVA Cartridge Belts	2
NVA Pouchos	2
Boat	1
US Radios Captured	3
Assorted Medical Supplies	

(8) Enemy Caves, Tunnels, & Bunkers

Caves	1
Bunkers	75
Tunnels	1

(9) Mines and Booby Traps Found/Detonated. A total of 39 mines and booby traps were encountered in September. 9 were detonated and 30 found.

(a) Casualties

USMC KIA	3
USMC WIA	18
M/B-T Dog KIA	1

(b) Types and Numbers of Devices

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81mm Rounds	5
M-28 Grenades	5
Chicom Grenades	12
M-79 Rounds	2
105mm Rounds	5
M-33 Grenades	2
Boxmines	1
250 lb bomb	1
155mm Rounds	2
175mm Round	1
8 inch Rounds	2

c. Operations. Extensive combat patrols were conducted throughout the month to interdict enemy movement in both the old and new 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. 3rd Platoon, Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion supported 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines during the reporting period. The primary mission continued to be the accomplishment of mine sweep along LOC's within both the old and new AO's. Also, fortification construction and improvement continued at a high priority of work, to prepare for the coming monsoon.

(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 until 24 September 1970. Company A, 1st Shore Party Battalion, supported the Battalion for the remainder of the reporting period with a team located at FSB Ross.

(3) Mine/Booby Trap Detection Teams. Sixteen (16) Mine/Booby Trap Detection Teams were employed by subordinate units of the Battalion contributing significantly to the reduction of casualties during the period ending 21 September 1970. From 24 to 30 September 1970 there were no Mine/Booby Trap Detection Teams employed.

(4) Interpreters. Two (2) interpreters were employed by the Battalion and its subordinate elements during the period.

(5) Snipers. Ten (10) scout 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 ending 21 September 1970 and were monitored by a detachment of personnel from the G-2 Scamp Platoon.

e. Supporting Arms

(1) Air

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(a) During the month of September the 1st MAW provided the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines with the following air support: Helicopters flew a total of 69 medevac missions to evacuate 29 emergency, 42 priority, 30 routine and 5 KIAs. These consisted of:

	<u>EMERGENCY</u>	<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>ROUTINE</u>	<u>KIA</u>
US	15	31	29	5
ARVN, PF, RF	0	0	1	0
Civilian	14	10	0	0
VC	0	1	0	0

(b) Helicopter gunships flew 20 missions consisting of 6 troop lifts and expended ordnance on 15 missions. Helicopter transportation was provided for 13 troop lifts totaling 1929 troops. We were also provided with a daily visual reconnaissance helicopter and a daily shuttle run which transported a total of 510 troops.

(c) OV-10 aircraft were utilized on 56 missions. Of these 19 were controlled air strikes, 17 covered troop movements, 5 directed artillery missions, 18 expended their own ordnance and 3 ran visual reconnaissance missions.

(d) Fixed wing aircraft ran 42 combat missions consisting of 5 BEACONS and 37 close air strikes. We also utilized 1 flare ship and 1 stinger.

(2) Artillery

(a) During the month of September, artillery fire support for 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines remained at a high level. Forward Observers attached to maneuver elements and the Battalion Artillery Liaison Team controlled 69 observed missions, expending 2240 rounds of artillery fire. Intelligence/Preemptive targets in support of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines activities numbered 203 missions, expending 1532 rounds. The heaviest concentrations of fire were in the area surrounding HILL 52 and the entrances and exit routes from Charlie Ridge.

(b) Delta Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and Kilo Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines have been co-located with 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines at FSB Ross to provide the majority of fire support for this area of operation.

f. Training

(1) Division Schools. Members of the Battalion attended the following Divisions Schools during September:

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<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Basic Ammo Tech	4 weeks	2	2
Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	4 weeks	1	1
Career Planning Course	4 weeks	1	1

(2) Battalion Training. A total of 31 persons attended the Battalion Indoctrination School during the month of September. Also the following courses of instruction were scheduled and completed at Battalion level during September 1970.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>INSTRUCTION TEAM</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Mine/Booby Trap Countermeasures	1st Engineer Battalion Contact Team	6 hours
Malaria Prevention	Division Preventive Medicine Unit	8 hours

(3) Company Training. The following instruction was accomplished by the companies of this Battalion during September 1970.

H&S COMPANY

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Geneva Convention and Law of Land Warfare	1 hour
United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	1 hour
Map Reading	4½ hours
Current Events Throughout the World	2 hours
Compass Reading	4 hours

COMPANY I

Artillery Fire	1 hour
First Aid	1 hour
Communications Security	1 hour
Care and Cleaning Individual Weapons	1 hour
Patrol and Ambush Techniques	1 hour
Small Unit Leadership	1½ hours
Booby Traps	1 hour
Map Reading	1 hour
60mm Mortar	1 hour

COMPANY K

Personal Hygiene and Malaria	2 hours
Patrolling	1 hour
Medevac Procedures	1 hour
Booby Traps and Mines	2 hours
60mm Mortar	2 hours

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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Ambushes and Uses of Killer Teams	2 hours
Map and Compass Reading	3 hours
Proper Use of Claymores	3 hours
Care and Cleaning M-16, .45	1 hour
Detection of Mines	1 hour

COMPANY L

Radio Procedures	4 hours
NCO Leadership	5 hours
First Aid	4 hours
Call for Fire	3 hours
Mapping	4 hours
Organization of a Rifle Platoon	1 hour
M-60 Machine Gun	$\frac{3}{4}$ hour
Compass	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hour
HST	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
Tactical Air Request	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
Medovac	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
Gear, Care and Cleaning	2 hours
Handling of Ordnance	1 hour
Health and Hygiene	1 hour
Safety Procedures	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours

COMPANY M

Bunker Construction	1 hour
Weapons Safety	2 hours
Linear Ambushes	1 hour
Explosives	2 hours
Medevac/LZ Procedures	1 hour
Road Sweep Procedures	2 hours
Supporting Arms	2 hours
Guard and Sentinel Procedures	2 hours
Leadership Council	1 hour
FAM Firing, M-16	5 hours
Radio Procedures	1 hour

COMPANY M 3/1 CUPP

Medicine	6 hours
Communications	4 hours
Weapons Firing	8 hours
Tactics	3 hours

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g. Logistics

(1) General. During the month of September the Battalion made two major moves. First the Forward CP, which was located at HILL 65, and the Rear CP, located at HILL 37, displaced to LZ Baldy. Beginning 25 September, the entire Battalion commenced to move to FSB Ross.

(2) Helicopter Resupply. Although on a few occasions weather conditions and air operational commitments necessitated the delay of helicopter resupply one day, at no time were any serious problems reported by units in the field. The resupply schedule for units operating in the field is as follows: units depart FSB Ross with three days supply and get resupplied every other day, thereby maintaining one extra day's supply to cope with helicopter nonavailability. On 28 September the Battalion assumed the resupply for the newly acquired CUPP Platoon formerly of 3/7. Fire team assault boats with motors have been acquired to compliment the resupply system for those periods of helicopter nonavailability. All units received all ammunition requested. Items that were unavailable or available in limited quantities included: candles, 5 gallon plastic water containers, padlocks, BA30 batteries and some office supplies.

(3) Supply

(a) During the month, Battalion Supply was moved from Hill 37 to LZ Baldy and to its present location at FSB Ross. During the relocation a number of the boxes were destroyed. These boxes are being rebuilt or repaired to acquire full embarkation readiness. A complete inventory of supply was started during the month and will continue into the next reporting period.

(b) The transfer of Mike 3/1 and H&S CUPP to 1st Marines was completed with only minor problems. The transfer of the two units eliminated most of our special allowances.

(c) Within the office the CAL was updated and turned into Division. Due to the fact that one RUC line was frozen some problems of resupply were created but the problem was alleviated as the month progressed.

(d) The Warehouse and yard improved in efficiency in spite of the move. Large quantities of excess and unserviceable items were turned into FLC. A condition of mount-out readiness is maintained and most of the tactical markings are complete. A locator file is maintained for all mount-out boxes. Upon receipt of ten to fifteen new boxes this unit will be ready to mount out on a 72 hour notice.

(e) During the month this unit has reorganized the formal and informal accounts making them more efficient and effective.

(f) A new Battalion Supply Chief was joined by the Battalion during this period as was one Sgt 8042 and one Cpl, 3041. Two persons rotated to CONUS and one man was transferred to the 1st Marines.

(4) Armory

(a) The records of the armory have constantly shown improvement. There is presently an excess of individual weapons which will be disposed of in accordance with current instructions.

(5) Ordnance. There were no critical ordnance problems for the month of September. With the latest move to FSB Ross, the emphasis is now on building up 15 days supply of ammunition.

(6) Motor Transport

(a) During the month of September, instruction on the M151 Jeep and the M274 Mule has been given on an individual basis. Six (6) Marines were licensed to drive the M151 Jeep and seven (7) were licensed to drive the M274 Mule.

(b) Upon notification that the Battalion would be moving to a new cantonment, preparations to relocate Motor Transport assets were initiated. Motor Pool equipment and personnel started to leave HILL 37 for LZ Baldy on 18 September 1970. The move was completed from HILL 37 to LZ Baldy on 24 September. Upon reaching LZ Baldy the Motor Transport section supplied vehicles to move personnel, office furniture, records, and personal effects to FSB Ross. On 30 September all Motor Transport assets have arrived at FSB Ross with the exception of three (3) M149 water trailers which still remained at LZ Baldy.

(7) Engineer Assistance. The following has been accomplished in support of 3/5 during September:

- (a) Water points supplied 450,000 gals. of water.
- (b) Interior of COC on HILL 37 was rebuilt.
- (c) RC 3 soil adhesive was spread on the LZ retaining wall soil.
- (d) Road sweep were conducted daily from HILL 65 to 37 until 22 September 1970 and from LZ Ross to LZ Baldy from 28 September 1970 to 30 September 1970.
- (e) Classes on demolitions and mine warfare were given.
- (f) A ramp for the water point at HILL 65 was dozed.
- (g) 50 cubic yds of gravel were delivered and used for road improvements at HILL 65.
- (h) The road between HILL 65 and HILL 37 was graded.
- (i) 20 fire barrel covers were constructed.
- (j) Demolitions and equipment were used at FSB Dagger to prepare 2 LZ's and 14 gun positions.

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(k) 600 meters of access road on HILL 65 was ditched.

(8) Battalion Aid Station

(a) Personnel. At present there are 48 enlisted personnel and 2 medical officers, with the distribution of corpsman as follows:

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF CORPSMAN</u>
Company I	7
Company K	6
Company L	7
Company M	5
H&S CUPP Platoon	2
R&R	2
Battalion Aid Station	11

There are 8 corpsman awaiting gear and indoctrination training. No corpsman were killed or wounded during the month of September.

(b) Medical Services. Approximately 1,630 patients were seen during the month of September, 622 are military. The distribution of major types of problems among the military as follows:

- 1 Venereal Disease: - 13.
- 2 Skin disorders, infections, cellulitis, fungus - 55.
- 3 Diarrhea - 45.
- 4 Minor injuries - 98.
- 5 URI - 44.
- 6 FUO - 4.
- 7 Orthopedic problems - 26.
- 8 Drug Abuse - 3.
- 9 Gastroenteritis - 26.
- 10 Physical exams complete - 56.

(c) Medcaps. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Battalion Aid Station held it's last medcap on 18 September due to the redeployment of the Battalion to LZ Baldy and FSB Ross. An estimated 447 Vietnamese civilian patients were seen on the Medcaps, another 687 Vietnamese were treated and seen at the BAS on HILL 65 and HILL 37 during the month. Of these there were seven emergency Medevacs, 9 priority and 13 routine to DaNang.

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(d) Immunizations. Due to the movement of the Battalion, immunizations were not brought up to date as expected. Personnel reporting in and checking out, R&R and physical exams were brought up to date. Influenza vaccine was obtained but not administered during the month.

(e) Medical Supply. At present there has been further improvement of obtaining medical supplies. There had been a shortage of some items during the month but requisitions were filled immediately.

(f) Field Sanitation & Preventive Medicine. Sanitation inspections were held twice weekly on HILL 37. The HILL cantonment has greatly improved. HILL 65 was rated excellent on the monthly Division PMU inspection.

(g) Training. Indoctrination lectures were given by the Battalion. First Aid, Preventive Medicine, and Drug Abuse lectures were given by the BAS. PMU started giving Malaria Lectures to the Battalion and will continue until completed. Battalion Surgeon conducted special training for Hospital Corpsman and on the job training was continued throughout the month.

(h) Miscellaneous. The Medical Section has a Vietnamese interpreter assigned by S-5 which helps immensely in the treatment of Vietnamese on Medcaps and BAS sick call.

h. Communications

(1) Battalion operations continued to be supported primarily by VHF radios, AN/PRC-25, AN/PRC-77 and KY-38. AN/PRC-41's and AN/PRC-93's were used by the Battalion TACP. AN/PRC-75's were issued toward the end of the month but no conclusive evaluation can be made due to the infrequency of use.

(2) The communications platoon established rear and forward communications to facilitate the moves from HILL 65 to LZ Baldy and then to Fire Support Base Ross.

i. Civic Action, Psychological Operations, and Industrial Relations

(1) The Civic Action Program continued to be oriented toward helping the Vietnamese help themselves. Supplies were difficult to obtain through Marine sources but villages and hamlets were able to obtain supplies through their own GVN sources. The following projects were initiated under the supervision of village and hamlet officials:

VILLAGE

Loc My

CIVIC ACTION

Police sub-station built; materials to build, desks and chairs and black boards for Loc My elementary school.

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VILLAGE

Lam Phung

Dai Loc

Hung My

CIVIC ACTION

Tin and ammo boxes to build school.

Materials to build benches for high school; 150 english language books distributed.

Material provided to build homes destroyed by VC.

Several projects were started but not completed. These projects were turned over to 1st Bn, 1st Marines upon moving to Fire Support Base Ross.

(2) Psychological Operations

(a) Several aerial leaflet drops and broadcasts were made in the Battalion AO. The messages included Chieu Hoi information, and rewards for mines and booby traps. A concerted effort was also made to explain the withdrawal policies of U.S. Forces.

(b) Ground Broadcasts Teams were used extensively in the AO during September. These broadcasts included messages about the GVN, and themes promoting CAP and CUPP.

(3) Industrial Relations. Upon leaving HILL 65 all the appropriated funds workers were transferred to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines on the 21st of September.

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PART IV

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

- / a. Daily Journal of SPOT REPORTS and MESSAGES.
- / b. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Fragmentary Orders 33-70 through 40-70.
- / c. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Operation Order 17-70.
- / d. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Operation Plan 3-70.

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0001H	0001H	1	010001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0035H	0119H	2	312215H	M 3/1 CUPP M 332 while set in amb site at AT 913565 received 3 AK-47 rnds. Unit observed 1 VC through starlight. Unit returned SAF and detonated 1 claymore and called 81mm illum and swept area with neg results.	S-3/F
0046H	0130H	3	312225H	M 3/1 CUPP M 23 while set in N/Pos at AT 973626 received 10 RPG/82mm mortar rnds and 15 M-79 rnds from at AT 972628 971627. Called 81mm illum returned SAF and swept area with neg results.	S-3/F
0845H	0900H	4	010810H	K 1 at ZC 196593 while on DTU unit fd 3 cave type bunkers containing 1x500 lb bomb and warm chow with cooking utensils while checking bunker 1 VC/NVA was seen fleeing south. Fired SAF with neg results. Sweep of area revealed no futher personnel. Blew bomb in place.	S-3/F
1110H	1130H	5	011140H	K 1 at ZC 196542 unit while on pat received approx 25 rnds SAF fm foothills. Unit called 8" F/M on ZC 195538 with good coverage of target.	S-3/F
2025H		6	012025H	INTEL REP - 1 Co Q83 Bn Str 60 men, armed with 82mm, B-40' & IW, staging at AT 834543, 837544 & 838546. Will cross river & attack units your area tonight or tomorrow. S-2 rating F-3	S-2/F
2030H		7	012030H	INTEL REP - 1 VC Co str 55 men armed with IW staging at AT 199591, 901597, & 904593 - msn to attack refugee camps & friendly units your area. S-2 rating F-3	S-2/F
1845H	1850H	8	011055H	K-1 follow up spot 011055H K 1 at ZC 196542 AO was requested while on station AO received SAF. AO adjusted 106 F/M scrambler flight of air expanded on board ordnance will search area tomorrow.	S-3/F
1950H	2030 H	9	011930H	K 1 at ZC 195544 while moving to N/Pos	S-3/F

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				point man observed 3 VC approx 20 meters to his front. Unit received SAF, they returned with SAF and M-79. Sweep of area resulted in 1 NVA KIA, NVA was wearing light blue uniform.	
2015H	2040H	10	011930H	M 3/1 CUPP at AT 956606 unit while out checking N/Pos fd one five pound box mine in old fighting hole, blew in place	S-3/F
2040H	2100H	11	012010H	L 1 at AT 890560 unit set in amb site observed movement and heard loud noises across river. Called 81mm F/M at 2015H, excellent coverage on target too dark to give any results.	S-3/F
2120H	2205H	12	012030H	K 22 at ZC 204560 unit while on amb observed en movement. Unit initiated SAF and called 60mm & 81mm & 106 F/M on ZC 205560. En returned SAF, unit attempted to sweep area but sweep was limited due to darkness, will search at 1st light.	S-3/F
2300H	2300H	13	012300H	M 3/1 CUPP final ARVN rangers sprang amb on 20 VC neg results. 1 ARVN WIA. VC fled N to NW toward river AT 956630 Liaison may fire dusters at that grid.	S-3/F
2204H	2325H	14	012140H	CUPP 3/5 at AT 804547 unit in amb site observed 6 VC/NVA heading NW. RF with Marines initiated SAF. En fled to the NW unknown results due to darkness. Will search at first light.	S-3/F
	2250H	15	012250H	S-3 ask for AO ext and R-3 granted for 020500H Sep70 till 021800H Sep80 area defined as follows AT 850552 S to the AT 850530 E to AT 890530 N to close AT 890559.	S-3/F
1740H	1755H	16	011730H	2 VN civ male ages 16 & 12 reported to M 33 CUPP that they had been captured by 10 VC (8 males & 2 females) on or about 210028H Aug 70 at AT 916567 and taken across river to AT 872549. They were held at this location until the morning of 01 Sept 80	S-3/F

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2400H	2400H	17	012400H	<p>They escaped when the VC left guarding them fell asleep while in the VC camp they saw the following: several (rein) bunkers B-40's M-16 rifles, carbine & AK-47 rifles M-26 grenades Chicom grenades, 82mm mortar hand illum (pop ups).</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 had no casualties today however 1 ARVN w/CUPP was WIA. K 1 had one confirmed VC/NVA KIA.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	

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0001H	0001H	1	020001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0915H	2	020810H	Co L first wave of pacifier received small arms fire vic at AT 875549, disabling 1 helicopter and slightly wounding 3 USMC, chopper had mechanical difficulty 1 wounded was Copilot of downed chopper. L 2 presently providing security for downed chopper while air strike is in process. L2 will proceed to objective in order. Co-Pilot was evaced another chopper in the area. The other two Marines were non evac as their wounds were minor.	S-3/F
0730H	0810H	3	020705H	Co K K 12 while on pat fd one chicom one TNT charge bag; one notebook and one pack of cigarettes. Bag was hidden in bush. Chicom and TNT blown in place.	S-3/F
	0950H	4	020930H	Co L unit found 5 bunkers and 2 105mm rounds booby trapped in treeline at AT 875549. Bunkers did not appear to be recently used. swept area and blew booby traps in place.	S-3/F
	1000H	5	020950H	Chopper spotted 8 en 200 meters east of AT 860540 AO on station calling fixed wing on target.	S-3/F
	1048H	6	021030H	Co L unit fd 1 105mm booby trap in grassy area at AT 870549 and blew in place.	S-3/F
	1140H	7	021110H	Co L unit taking small arms fire from treeline SE of downed chopper (AT 875549) returned SAF results unknown. An additional squad was sent to reinforce the helicopter position.	S-3/F
1125H	1205H	8	021045H	K 1 while on pat unit fd 1 bunker at ZC 193536 and 5 B/T. All Chicoms with trip wire across trail B/T and bunker blown in place.	S-3/F
1215H	1226H	9	021150H	L Co at AT 875546 downed CH-46 chopper has been lifted out.	S-3/F

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1330H	1340H	10	021305H	L Co fd while on pat at AT 873554 1 bucket of corn gallon of rice one ammo can filled with tabaco in a small hole app rox 15 meters from hole fd ammo can with documents pictures NVA uniforms 1 civ sweat shirt.	S-3/F
1320H	1340H	11	021300H	K Co fd 1 boat at ZC 205539 hidden in ditch along treeline, destroyed boat.	S-3/F
1930H	2050H	12	021847H	H-65 observation tower observed 4 VC in rice paddy with packs and 2 rifles, F/M called at 1847 EOM 1909. Results 2 VC KIA.	S-3/F
1735H	2143H	13	021630H	Late entry - M 3/1 CUPP observation tower on H-55 spotted 2 VN personnel on road possibly setting mine. Co I checked area with negative results.	S-3/F
	2217H	14	021332H	Co I late entry. L 3 while on sweep at AT 973554 fd 14 bunkers heavily constructed. Bunkers were heavily damaged. Search of area revealed 100 lbs of corn 15 lbs of rice, 1 LAAW, 2 Claymores, 1 US cartidge belt, 1 US entrenching tool, and 1 VN ax.	S-3/F
		15	021430H	H-65 G-2 ground surveillance detected approx 8 personnel at AT 82875810 unit called 155mm fire mission at 2105, EOM 2140. Results unknown. SUMMARY: 3/5 had 3 USMC WIA and 1 chopper was was shot down. there was also 2 VC KIA and misc gear found.	S-3/F
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0001H	0001H	1	030001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
		2	032200H	M 3/1 CUPP LP with M 12 night CP at AT 993637 observed movement through starlight and initiated SAF to pos of AT 994637. M 12B unit was in wrong place and was hit by SAF as they were enroute to their amb site. 1 USMC wounded in action emergency evac was called and completed.	S-3/F
0745H	0750H	3	030650H	K 33 at AT 821570 unit moving fm amb site to pat route had point man trip 1 B/T consisting of 81mm illum cannister filled with C-4 with trip wire extended across trail. B/T was elevated approx 2 feet off ground resting on a tree stump. 4 USMC WIA.	S-3/F
0940H	1000H	4	030900H	L 1 at AT 890561 unit set in at OP observed 1 VC/NVA to be sitting NA OP VC/NVA was wearing a grey uniform and carrying a weapon. Called 81mm F/M. OP is observing area at this time for further movement.	S-3/F
1150H	1233H	5	031045H	CUPP 3/1 unit M 31A at AT 910555 while on day act apprehended 10 suspected VC who had rice and corn meal and potatoes in their possession. RF are taking suspects to Bia Loc District HQ.	S-3/F
1150H	1244H	6	031045H	K Co unit K 12 at ZC 194542 while on pat unit fd 3 hatches were camouflaged and signs indicated they had been used approx 2 to 3 days ago. Searched hatches and surrounding area with neg results. Hatches were destroyed.	S-3/F
1213H	1249H	7	031140H	K 31 at AT 808578 unit received SAF fm AT 807580. 1 USMC WIAE. Unit returned SAF. Info will follow.	S-3/F
1435H	1445H	8	031530H	M 12A at AT 994638 unit on pat fd 1 fuss fm 81mm rnd fuse was blown in place.	S-3/F

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1443H	1546H	9	031345H	M 12A at ZC 000638 unit on pat fd 1 175mm HE rnd dud. Dud rnd blown in place	S-3/F
1454H	1547H	10	031445H	M 12A at ZC 001640 unit on pat fd 1 155mm HE dud. Dud round blown in place.	S-3/F
1500H	1500H	11	031500H	3/5 assumed OPCON of 3rd Plt K Co.	S-3/F
1850H	1915H	12	031825H	M 3/1 CUPP M 23 while moving to N/Pos at AT 977632 received sniper rounds. 1 civilian was wounded (minor). Due to lack of target and civilians in the area the unit did not return fire. The 60 year old female was treated by unit corpsman and released.	S-3/F
2010H		13	032010H	INTEL REP - DIOCC rating B-2 sources stated that 1 VC Co, unidentified unit & commander with str of 60 men presently located at AT 795581, 791577, 791580, and 804579 armed with 1x82mm, B-40's, & IW. VC wore grey uniforms. Msn unk 3/5 S-2 rating F-6. SUMMARY: 3/5 assumed OPCON of 3rd Platoon Co K. 3/5 had 6 USMC WIA today and 1 civilian wounded (minor).	S-3/F
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0001H	0001H	1	040001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0125H	0223H	2	032330H	Late Entry - PF's 85th Platoon at AT 866573 unit was attacked by approx 20 VC CAP 4 secured landing zone. 1 PF and 4 civilians wounded will send follow up report.	S-3/F
0230H	0310H	3	040145H	CACO 22 CAP 4 at AT 866573 SAF came fm NW of bridge. Swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
0715H	0732H	4	040700H	IB 3 at AT 872550 while onboard heli copter marking target for Thrash Light received SAF fm target area AT 872550.	S-3/F
0745H	0753H	5	040735H	Second wave Thrash Light dropped on target. AO on station had enemy spotted AT 872550, F/M called on target	S-3/F
0800H	0808H	6	040740H	IB 3 on board helicopter at AT 872551 received heavy volume of SAF while marking zone. 3rd wave Thrash Light dropped on target good coverage on target.	S-3/F
0820H	0825H	7	040815H	Co L at AT 897537 unit inserted into landing zone received SAF. Unit moving to secure treeline.	S-3/F
0845H	0845H	8	040845H	Co M at AT 879528 unit minus 3rd Plt inserted north of LZ #2.	S-3/F
0905H	0934H	9	040900H	Co M 3 at AT 845540 unit inserted into landing zone #3.	S-3/F
0910H	0932	10	040905H	IB 3 on board helicopter at AT 857555 gunships on station fired SA and on board ordnance on target.	S-3/F
1023H	1055H	11	040925H	Co K 23 at AT 203577 unit on pat fd 1 cave. While searching cave observed 1 VC/NVA on trail moving toward the cave. Unit opened fire resulting in 1 VC/NVC WIA/POW	S-3/F
1305H	1350H	12	041300H	Co M at AT 884532 unit sweeping to	S-3/F

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0002H				Phase Line Red fd 2 500 lb bombs were blown in place.	
1625H	1725H	13	041530H	ON M 3/1 CUPP M 114 at AT 953602 unit on pat fd 1 spider hole containing 200 rnds of M-60 machine gun ammo, 1 pair of boots and numerous black pajamas type clothing. Spider hole was protected by 2 booby traps, 1 M-26 Frag, and 1 Chicom. Both were pressure detonated. Due to booby traps everything was blown in place.	S-3/F
	1552H	14	041550H	Co L at AT 872555 unit fd 6 bunkers they were carefully searched and blown in place.	S-3/F
1644H	2005H	15	041630H	M 13 at AT 865543 unit fd 1 bunker capable of hiding 12 VC, blown in place.	S-3/F
	2000H	16	041815H	Co L 21 at AT 872551 unit observed 5 VC. En opened fire fm AT 870550 and fled into heavy brush. Unit returned SAF and LAWS. Swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
		17	042016H	INTEL REP - Fm CACO 22 Quang Nam Province, Phung Houng Committee, Provincial Recon Unit. 1 VC Co 566th rocket Bn, Commander Ha Van Long, Str 55 men, 15xAK-47s and unk no. of 122mm rockets, this unit is to transport rockets to grid AT 899659 in order to rocket, Hoa Can, DaNang, and Non Nvoc fm now until 6 Sept 70. VN C-1 USMC C-3 No dissemination due Intel out of our AO.	S-2/F
	1345H	18	041345H	S-3 issued oral Frag 0 Co m conduct tactical march to obj vic 870540. Co 1 conduct tactical march to obj vic 885548. Coord Instructions: be prepared to establish block positions 1 kilometer to south and southeast of support of 2/5(-) helo assault of obj at 890520 (Football Island).	

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2400H	2400H	18	042400H	<p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 had no casualties today and there was 1 NVA WIA and taken PO W. There were 18 bunkers and 6 hmtches destroyed.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	

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0835H	0835H	2	050745H	L 3 at AT 883557 unit while searching area found 1 reinforced bunker it was used for living quarters. Bunker was searched with negative results and blown in place.	S-3/F
0835H	0905H	3	050750H	L 2 at AT 873556 unit while searching objective 2 found 1 8 inch round. Round was blown in place.	S-3/F
0840H	0905H	4	050810H	L 3 at AT 872556 unit while searching area found 1 reinforced log bunker. Bunker searched with negative results and blown.	S-3/F
0910H	0925H	5	050815H	L 3A at AT 875548 unit while searching area found 1 bunker. After search of bunker it was blown up.	S-3/F
0915H	0928H	6	050845H	L 1 at AT 822553 unit while searching area found 1 dud 105mm round. Rounds was blown in place.	S-3/F
0925H	0940H	7	050855H	L 3A at AT 872558 unit while searching area vicinity AT 872558, unit found 6 reinforced bunkers 1 hut, 1 dud 8 inch round and 1 smoke cannister with explosives inside. Bunkers, hut and ordnance were blown in place.	S-3/F
0930H	1005H	8	050830H	K 13 at AT 825560 unit while on patrol point man tripped B/T consisting of 1 illum cannister filled with C-4 and detonated by tripwire. Wire was across path, 2 USMC emergency medevacs.	S-3/F
0955H	1030H	9	050915H	L 2 at AT 871544 unit while searching area found a complex of 20 bunkers 14 had been destroyed by air 1 500 lb bomb and 1 dud M-79 round. Bunkers searched and 500 lb bomb, M-79 and 6 bunkers were blown in place.	S-3/F

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1000H	1122H		10	050940H	L 2 at AT 871549 unit while searching area vicinity AT 871549 found one B/T consisting of 81mm illum canister filled with C-4 tripwire was across small trail in elephant grass. B/T was blown in place.	S-3/F
1035H	1130H		11	051010H	M Co while sweeping area vic AT 858548 found a large reinforced bunker complex 12 bunkers had covered trenches leading into them 1 radio of Chicom origin was found in 1 bunker. The radio had these numbers on it 500 volt, 150 volts, 120volts, 100 volts and Chicom characters on it, radio had been oreviously destroyed.	S-3/F
1245H	1339H		12	051010H	M Co at AT 874557 following report to serial number 11. 500 pages of documents and pamphlets various medical gear, drugs, 1 small chunk of Cocaine blankets, clothing (one set with blood stains) Chicom field radio (destroyed by air/arty) empty bottles cooking utensils	S-3/F
1100H	1215H		13	050950H	L 3 at AT 874557 unit while searching area found 1 reinforced bunker and 3 bunkers used as living quarters unit searched area and found some clothes, military gear and food, 64 bunkers blown up and food destroyed.	S-3/F
1110H	1143H		14	051015H	L 3A at AT 868558 unit found 1 bunker with room for approx 10 people searched area with negative results blew up bunker.	S-3/F
1030H	1050H		15	051030H	L 1 at AT 882553 unit while sweeping area found 10 bunkers. 6 were destroyed by air and 4 were partically damaged they had not been used recently, bunkers blown in place.	S-3/F
1130H	1235H		16	051030H	L 3A at AT 867558 unitwhile searching area found 1 bunker 1 had been destroyed by air. Unit searched area and found corn, tobacco, fish traps, 1 canteen, bunker and food destroyed.	S-3/F

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1345H	1400H	17	051030H	K 22 at ZC 207563 unit while on patrol observed all VN in vic of ZC 208558 VN tried to run south towards river but were stopped. Appeared to be setting B/T all 11 were brought to HILL 52 for questioning, 10 were released after questioning and 1 was taken to Dai Loc for further investigation.	S-3/F
1133H	1257H	18	051055H	L 2 at AT 874555 unit found 1 bunker bunker blown after sweep of area.	S-3/F
1328H	1410H	19	051320H	L 31 at AT 866560 unit while moving to objective 4 found 1 B/T consisting of 1 M-26 frag with trip wire off the side of the trail. Frag was blown in place.	S-3/F
1430H	1505H	20	051405H	K 11 at ZC 208543 unit while attempting to cross river to blow suspected dud 500 lb bomb from previous days air strike, received SAF, unit called for and received 106 RR fire, SAF ceased.	S-3/F
1435H	1515H	21	051415H	M 1 at AT 858553 unit on sweep found corn field and apparatus used for grinding corn, called in cobra mission that destroyed corn field and apparatus with on board ordnance.	S-3/F
1525H	1535H	22	051500H	M 2 at AT 850551 unit received while on sweep approx 20 rounds SAF. Did not return fire due to lack of visibility in heavy brush. Negative results.	S-3/F
1540H	1610H	23	051530H	L 3B at AT 870558 while returning to objective 2 point man tripped B/T consisting of 1 155mm round with pressure release. 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA emergency med-evac called and completed at 1557.	S-3/F
1800H	1835H	24	051700H	K 11 at ZC 208541 unit on patrol found 1 well camouflaged hut with 6 bags of corn and assorted cooking utensils destroyed hooch and corn, utensils will be taken to CP.	S-3/F
1810H	1835H	25	051715H	M 1 at AT 860544 unit received SAF.	S-3/F

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				from sniper at AT 858543 while sweeping area. Returned SAF with negative results.	
1848H	1924H	26	051815H	K H1 at ZC 209541 unit on patrol found 6 500 lb bombs, 1 M-79 round HE. All ordnance blown in place.	S-3/F
2000H	2027H	27	051715H	M 3 at AT 860544 unit in ambush site received SAF due to lack of visibility targets unit did not want to give away position.	S-3/F
2010H	2054	28	051925H	G-2 Ground Surveillance HILL 65 negative direction; approx 7 personnel picked up seismic and metallic activations. Called Arty F/M at 1930H 1st round 1940H expended 9 rounds of 155mm HE Quick.	S-3/F
		29	051844H	INTEL REP - fm LBS - hamlet chief of Phu Houng advised this station that his villagers working in field near C-Ridge saw approx 100 NVA w/at least 1xMG. Later RF Co indicated that his Intell sources working in ville told him that 150 NVA were seen. Hamlet Chief says people spoke to NVA who indicated that they would be coming to ville of Loc Quang tonight or tomorrow. Approx grids indicated AT 820575 & AT 815574. Sent to K, L, FD, RF, also reply sent to IBS, R2.	S-2/F
		30	052010H	INTEL REP - VN (B-2) MC(C-4) 2 NVA Co's unit & Cmdr are identified, strength 160 men armed w/crew served wpns, Loc at AT 795581, 798577, 804582, VC in grey uniforms over & VCI Loc AT 804567 & 810568 msn to gather food and plant mines. Co belong probably to 141 Bn/312 Regt. Moving and attacking allied forces & firing on Loc My & Loc Quang villes. Sent additional info to R2.	S-2/F
2225H	2247H	31	052155H	CUPP M 3/1, M31 unit in night pos at AT 916564 received SAF fm AT 914565, unit returned fire with 60mm mortars. Swept area with negative results.	

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2400H	2400H	32	052400H	<p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 had 1 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA emergency. Results of operation: 40 bunkers, 4 hootches destroyed. Various ordnance clothing, foodstuff, and miscellaneous gear were uncovered.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	

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0909H	1000H	2	060830H	Co M M 23 at AT 867538 unit spotted en movement 100 meters north west of their blocking position at AT 866538. Unit searched area and found 3 bunkers. A search of the bunkers produced negative results.	S-3/F
0943H	1038H	3	060925H	Co K K 23 at ZC 192566 unit found 4 fox holes with trenches. A search of area produced 2000 AK-47 rounds, 2 AK-47 magazines, 10 Chicoms, 1 B-40 rocket and carrier, 7 61mm mortar rounds. Returning ordnance to HILL 52.	S-3/F
1216H	1309H	4	061200H	Co M M 1 at AT 887538 unit found 1 bunker. Bunker appeared to be recently used. Bunker blown in place.	S-3/F
1413H	1500H	5	061320H	M 3/1 CUPP M 12 at AT 992636 1 VN civilian tripped booby trap M-79 round pressure release type. Personnel received multiple shrapnel wounds to body and partially amputated right foot. Personnel was taken to ARVN BAS on HILL 55 by vehicle.	S-3/F
1542H	1530H	6	060835H	K 13 at AT 825560 unit on patrol, point man tripped 1 booby trap consisting of 1 81mm illum cannister filled with C-4. Trip wire was across trail second Marine with scout dog was second man in column. Explosion from booby trap killed dog and wounded 2 USMC medevac called and completed.	S-3/F
1750H	1835H	7	061745H	3/5 CUPP 2 unit while moving toward HILL 65 at AT 856535 received small arms fire from the vic AT 859573. Unit returned fire and enemy fled north toward Charlie Ridge. Negative results.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:	
				3/5 had 2 USMC WIA and 1 Scout Dog KIA as result of booby trap also 1 VN civilian WIA.	
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0250H	0315H	2	070210H	M 3/1 CUPP M 23 at AT 983628 unit in night position received 2 M-26 grenades. Grenades landed outside of lines RF's with unit sighted 2 VC running NE across the road. Unit initiated SAF and swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
0645H	0715H	3	070555H	M 3/1 CUPP at AT 970619 HILL 55 received 2 122 rockets inside the 51st ARVN cantonment, 1 was a dud. No casualties, Arty fired on AT 892617 suspected launch site.	S-3/F
0923H	1015H	4	070805H	K 32 at AT 808573 unit while on pat had point man trip 1 booby trap consisting of basketball illum cannister filled with C-4 and shrapnel. Tripwire extended across section of an intersection. First four men in column were WIA 1 (E), 2 (P) and 1 WIA NE.	S-3/F
0930H	0930H	5	070824H	HILL 65 GP Surveillance at AT 898576 IOD observed 2 NVA wearing green utilities with out covers. Moving W to E with a 82mm mortar tube and what appeared to be a RPG rocket launcher F/M called and D 2/11 fired covered target and withdrawals covered by fire Unknown results at this time.	S-3/F
1055H	1127H	6	071030H	CUPP M 3/1 at AT 968620 HILL 55 received 2 122mm rockets inside ARVN cantonment, no casualties again. F 2/11 called for F/M at AT 892617 suspected launch site.	S-3/F
1217H	1240H	7	071215H	K 32 at AT 791563 unit while on pat observed 3 male VN in treeline changing clothes upon seeing unit 1 male fled to the SE. The remanders were detained and taken to H-52. After interogation VN will be brought to 3/5 S-2 on the RF Co Cmdr recommendation.	S-3/F
1320H	1320H	8	071320H	HILL 65 Surveillance at AT 878576 IOD observed 5 VN (3males & 2 females)	S-3/F

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1610H	1725H	9	071530H	with packs & rifles moving across a corn field called F/M unknown surveillance due to heavy vegetation. K 33 at AT 793573 unit while on pat had 1 heat casualty (P) medevac.	S-3/F
2057H	2120H	10	072035H	Co K at ZC 213552 observed lights approximately 50 meters from river mov- ing in a W direction. Appeared to be flash lights. Fired 106mm F/M. Lights extinguished. Will search at 1st light. SUMMARY: 3/5 had 4 USMC WIA today one of which was a NBC (heat casualty), also 2 VN males were detained.	S-3/F
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1240H	1300H		2	081215H	L 31 at AT 892562 unit while set in day OP observed 5 VC/NVA with weapons moving in westerly direction. Snipers forced killing 3. 81mm fire mission called, unit is now moving for possible river crossing.	S-3/F
1435H	1515H		3	081405H	L 3 at AT 890560 unit spotted 1 VC/NVA moving in heavy underbrush vicinity 891555. Unit fired M-60 MG and called 81mm fire mission, unknown results due to high grass.	S-3/F
1522H	1550H		4	081430H	K 33 at ZC 201561 unit had 1 heat casualty, priority medevac called.	S-3/F
2140H	2145H		5	082131H	INTEL - 100 NVA at AT 842590 w/1x82 mm mortar, 1x60mm mortar, msn destroy bridge at AT 867573. 20 VC at AT 854591 individual weapons msn unk, grids given to Arty sent to KL	S-3/F
2134H	2215H		6	082110H	M 3/1 CUPP (I 14) at AT 975584, unit in ambush pos observed 3-11 VC/NVA moving alone south of road burm at AT 975583. Initiated small arms fire and swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
2247H	2350H		7	082145H	CACO 22 (CAP 20) at AT 893570, unit in ambush pos received SAF from AT 893573. Unit initiated SAF and swept area uncovering approximately 20 lbs of rice.	S-3/F
					SUMMARY:	
					3/5 had one NBC (head casualty) today and L 31 killed 3 VC.	
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0105H	0135H	2	082350H	Co I at AT received 7 60mm mortar rounds fm AT 944592 to the south east. Negative casualties or damage reported, unit returned 20 81mm mortar rounds on suspected launch site.	S-3/F
0100H	0140H	3	082350H	Co I at AT follow up 7 wounded civilians fm south of LZ were brought to BAS for treatment. Civilians were wounded by VC mortar fire, will be medevaced at first light.	S-3/F
0845H	1015H	4	090445H	M 3/1 CUPP at AT 961625 unit received report fm ARVN at HILL 55 that the village vit AT 961625 had received incoming rounds at 0445. At first light Arty personnel went out and survade damage on 4 82mm crater and 1 LOB BOMB, 3 VN injured and taken to HILL 55 BAS.	S-3/F
1326H	1428H	5	091300H	L 3 at AT 854591 unit while on patrol found one 250 lb bomb with cannister, set up as booby trap, pressure release type. Bomb was blown in place.	S-3/F
1322H	1436H	6	091310H	L 3 at AT 843596 unit while on patrol found 1 dud illum round. Round was blown in place.	S-3/F
1920H		7	091920H	INTEL REPORT - C-3 1 company from Q 83 Bn, unidentified commander, strenght of 65men, located at AT 945573 and AT 945576 armed with 1x82mm mortar, B-40's and individual weapons - VC wore mixed uniforms, will coordinate with local guerrillas - mission is to attack & fire on friendly units at Loc Phuong & Loc Huong refugee camp with most likely target Ky Tam refugee camp, tonight of tomorrow night. S-2 rating C-6, sent to 3/5 M, I, and 3/1 M.	S-2/F
1930H		8	091930H	INTEL REPORT - VN: B-2, MC C-3 1 Co fm Q 83Bn, Commander unknown, strenght 50	S-2/F

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					men located at AT 855548 and AT 850545 and AT 845548 armed with 1x82mm mortar 1 machine gun, B-40's and IW, unit members wore mixed uniforms, will coordinate with with local guerrillas and will cross Vu Gia River attacking friendly units in Loc My village tonight or tomorrow night. Army Advisor comment most likely target bridge at AT 867573 sent to 3/5 Lima 3/5 Kilo, 3/5 Saucer.	
1955H		2125H	9	091915H	Co M 3/5, M 21 at AT 909556 while in ambush site observed 3 VC with weapons crossing the river from north to south Unit lost sight when enemy entered heavy brush on south side of river. Called Arty F/M at 2030, ECM at 2122, 105mm rounds fired.	S-3/F
2155H		2230H	10	091954H	3/5 K 12 at AT 838553 unit in ambush site heard movement 20-25 meters to their southeast. Unit initiated small arms fire killing 2 VC/NVA a search of area resulted in finding 1 SKS rifle, 1 AK-47 rifle and 3 packs containing 3 pair shower shoes, 3 canteens, 1 hoe, assorted medical gear, 1 bowl, 1 demolition bay with blasting caps, 1 bag of green pepers, and other assorted food stuffs, 2 files, 1 transistor radio, 1 pair shoes, 1 wash rag, 3 NVA uniforms assorted civilians cloths, 3 lbs of documents and unknown number of letters and news papers.	S-3/F
2047H		2110H	11	092010H	3/5 L 2A at AT 880576 unit in ambush site was informed by PF Plt Sgt that 1 American armed with M-16 rifle and dressed in Vietnamese utilities was staying in ville tonight (AT 883570), unit went to ville and a search of hooches reveled 1 US helmet, 1 flak jacket, 1 set of jungle utilities and a piece of paper with spanish writting on it. Search effort will continue at 1st light.	S-3/F
					SUMMARY:	
					3/5 had no casualties today, but there were	

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2400H	2400H	12	092400H	were 2 VC KIA, and 10 civilians WIA. JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	100001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
1315H	1345H	2	101245H	K 21 at ZC 201572 unit while set in Day OP observed 1 NVA moving up trail to the north. NVA was carrying 1 AK-47 and pack wearing gray utilities. Unit initiated with SAF killing 1 NVA, contents of pack was 2 long rats 1 set of green and 1 set of camouflaged utilities captured 1 AK-47 with magazine.	S-3/F
1400H	1400H	3	101314H	GP surveillance at AT 883583 observed 3 VC with weapons moving north east to AT 898530 called arty F/M unknown results due to terrain.	S-3/F
1445H	1615H	4	101500H	M 21 at AT 971633 unit while returning from pat uncovered 5 Chicoms 1 M 33 grenade buried in soil between two rice paddies, ordnance was blown in place.	S-3/F
1642H	1642H	5	101700H	New AO extension extended till 24 1800H coordinates ZC 206596 ZC 216630, ZC 840620 ZC 840615.	S-3/F
1600H		6	101600H	2 VN boys age 6 & 12 who had been captured by VC provided S-2 with information concerning VC base camp 872549 where they were held captive these VN boys let M 3/5 into this area were they found numerous evidence indicating VC were in area. S-2 paid boys 2000 \$VN	S-2/F
1835H		7	101835H	INTEL REP - Fm Regt'1 S-2 agent reports that elements of 38th NVA Regt are planning possible attack against H-52 in near future S-2 rating C-3	S-2/F
	2225H	8	102015H	3/5 CUPP at AT 821554 & 823554 two units moving to amb site observed 3 NVA going into Pna Huong Hamlet. Units set in hasty ambush and initiated SAF and claymores, killing 1 NVA and capturing a 45 pistol, 2 Chicoms and 3 pieces of rain gear. There were 4 VN civilians WIA. 1 Emer 3 Priority, will be evac at 1st light.	S-3/F

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2400H	2400H	10	102400H	<p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 had no casualties but there was 2 NVA KIA and 3 VN civilians WIA.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	

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0001H	0001H	1	110001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0156H	0130H	2	110025H	H-37 received 12 rounds 82mm mortar rounds. Two rounds landed in motor pool area. Also there was an undetermined number of SAF. 10 rounds landed in ville outside wire. Negative USMC casualties or damage. Civilians casualties will follow at 1st light.	S-3/T
0455H	0420H	3	110400H	Co M 3/5 (M CP at AT 944583) while in N/Pos 2 VC with rifles walked into units perimeter. Unit initiated SAF and 1 claymore resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA. 2 AK-47 rifles captured, will search bodies and captured gear at 1st light and send follow up spot rep.	S-3/T
1200H	1240H	4	110935H	M 3/1 GUPP at AT 963608 a resupply vehicle from unit M 151A while traveling S along the road struck a VN child. The child darted in front of 626 which was moving along west side of road. Emergency evac requested and completed at 0953H. VN Child was accompanied by corpsman and aunt.	S-3/T
1300H	1310H	5	111130H	3/5 CP Surveillance at AT 883583 unit observed 2 VC dressed in green utilities and carrying wpns moving W into treeline, called Arty F/M. Unknown results due to terrain.	S-3/T
		6	111948H	1 Co Q 83 Bn str 75 men armed with 1x81mm mortar, 1x30 cal machine gun, B-40's and IW. They will coordinate with guerrillas and VCI. Presently located at AT 855554, 862543 857548, msn cross river attack allied forces and enter Loc My ville refugee camp to obtain foodstuffs tonight or tomorrow night. S-2 rating 0-3	S-2/T
	2030H	7	111930H	855H-65 IOD Surveillance tower at AT 886576 observed 06 NVA each carrying large packs, all were dressed in dark utilities and appeared to be wearing	S-3/T

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				helmets. Movement was fm NE to SW then due west. Point and rear elements were carrying wpns of unknown type. Called F/M at 1858, ECM at 1920. Results unknown due to heavy treeline.	
2048H	2141H	8	112000H	M 3/1 GUPP M 21 at AT 974635 while set in ambush RF's with unit observed what they thought to be enemy movement in treeline. RF's initiated SAF and swept area with negative results	S-3/F
2320H		9	112320H	People around AT 939591 said 25-30 VC including 3 children (13-14 years old). Some were in ARVN uniforms and some dressed as civilians. Probably that initiated contact with with 81st RF plt on 101730H Sept 70. Also probably same unit that attacked Phu Dong Hamlet on 102400H Sept 70.	
				SUMMARY:	
				3/5 had no casualties today, 2 VC/NVA KIA and 1 VN child hit by truck E med-evac.	
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0910H	0925H	2	120900H	H-52 Cmd Group Alpha (Forward CP) established at H-52 at 120900H Sept 70. Landing in LZ 1, 2, 3, 4 effective as planned movement was observed south of LZ 4 and was fired upon by cobras. Surveillance negative due to thick canopy.	S-3/F
0925H	1020H	3	120915H	Co L L 2 at AT 810600 unit moving to CP 1 found a trail leading to a water point. Unit searched trail area and found empty food cans and evidence that 4-6 VC/NVA had stayed there recently.	S-3/F
1056H	1117H	4	121045H	M Co 3/5 M 1 826604 unit while on sweep found 1 dud 105mm round, ordnance was blown in place.	S-3/F
1235H	1316H	5	121045H	Co M 21 at AT 866598 unit while moving to CP 1 found 1 tunnel approx 5 feet long offside of trail. Unit searched tunnel with neg results tunnel was destroyed.	S-3/F
1345H	1345H	6	121250H	Co F 2/5 OPCON 3/5 at AT 855568 unit while in route to block position had 1 USMC suffer heat exhaustion. Medevac called and completed.	S-3/F
1210H	1210H	7	121415H	Co M M 2 at AT 839596 while unit was on water run unit found 1 NVA helmet near water. Searched area neg results.	S-3/F
1609H	1609H	8	121530H	Fox Co 2/5 OPCON 3/5 at AT 826574 while checking out N/Pos point tripped B/T consisting of Chicom grenade with trip wire in treeline called medevac at 1545 completed at 1600. 2 USMC WIAE 1 (B) and 1 (P).	S-3/F
2145H	2215H	9	121930H	M Co M 3 at AT 821587 unit while moving to N/Pos 1 USMC fell and broke ankle. Circulation was impaired and evidence of internal bleeding. Because of danger of losing foot emergency medevac was called and completed. USMC	S-3/F

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1920H	2000H	10	121920H	<p>was semi-conscious when medevaced.</p> <p>INTEL REP - 1 Company fm Q 83 Bn, Cnldr unknown with stn of 50 men armed with 1x82mm mortar, 1 30 cal MG, 13 B-40 rockets and IW presently located at AT 945571 and 945572. Unit members wore mixed uniforms. Company will coordinate with gurreillas and VC of Ky Tan ville. Msn to attack Loc Hung ville and allied forces tonight or tomorrow night.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 had 4 USMC WIA today 2 of which were NBC . 1 heat exhaustion and 1 broken ankle.</p>	S-2/P
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0001H	0001H	1	130001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	1449H	2	131325H	Recovery team with engineers were using explosives while recovering a wrecked bulldozer at AT 843566. A piece of metal struck a Vietnamese female child which was approx 500 meters away. She was struck in the leg. Unit corpsman treated her and called emergency medevac at 1345 medevac was completed.	S-3/F
2210H		3	132210H	INTEL REP from Regiment S-2 - agent reports that on 13 Sept 70 VC units with possible NVA will attack allied troops locations between at AT 968584 & 966604 attack will most likely be supported by mortar fire rating B-2 by Regiment.	S-3/F
2050H		4	132050H	INTEL REP from Dai Loc District HQ 1 VC company, unit & Cmdr unk with IW located at AT 888554 and 892553 will coordinate with VCI and gureillas. Men unk - this unit probably belongs to Q 83 main force - stn 60 men.	S-2/F
2145H	2215H	5	132030H	I 3/5 I 2 at AT 947583 while set in CP received 50 rounds automatic SAF. Unit returned fire and contact was broken. Swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
2250H	2315H	6	132050H	I 3/5 I 22 at AT 945584 unit while moving to ambush site received approx 30 rounds of small arms fire. Unit returned fire, set in temporarily then moved to I 2(-) CP.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:	
				3/5 had no casualties today and 1 VN female was wounded in the leg.	
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	0200H	0210H	2	140040H	I 1 at AT 968584 unit with Night observation device sighted 8 VC/NVA moving from treeline (AT 965579) towards I 1 night position. Unit initiated SAF, 60mm and 81mm mortar fire. Will search at first light.	S-3/F
	0525H	0550H	3	140420H	I 1 at AT 969585 unit in N/Pos received 10 rounds 82mm mortars and sporadic SAF. Rounds landed across road to the west. Negative casualties. Unit called 81mm F/M and initiated 60mm mortars on suspected enemy grids. (AT 975591 & 965599).	S-3/F
	1120H	1200H	4	141042H	H-65 Ground Surveillance observed 7 personnel w/packs vic AT 867505, F/M called at 1042H, 1st round at 1050H, ECM at 1051 expending 12 155mm HE Quick rounds. Results Unknown	S-3/F
	1433H	1440H	5	140900H	L 31B at AT 896560 unit while in OP had sniper team spot 2 VC/NVA across river. Snipers fired and claimed 1 kill. L 31B did not confirm this kill.	S-3/F
		2036H	6	141830H	CACO 22 at AT 892569 VN male age 26 was hit by CACO 22 PC on route 4. VN was a priority medevacfm H-65.	S-3/F
	1905H	2013H	7	141830H	Co K 3 (-) at AT 189567 while moving to ambush site unit spotted 1 NVA along stream approx 20 meters away wearing green utilities with weapon. Unit opened fire with M-16's resulting in 1 NVA KIA.	S-3/F
	2000H	2022H	8	141836H	H-65 Surveillance observed 2 MA/NVA wearing green uniforms with large packs and rifles moving into treeline AT 875529 called F/M at 1836H, 1st round at 1853H, ECM 1904H expending 20 105mm rounds. Results unknown.	S-3/F
	2200H	2200H	9	142200H	INTEL REP - 1 VC Co Q 83 Bn strn 50 men armed w/82mm mortar, 1x50 cal machine gun, B-40's and IW located at AT 900556,	S-2/F

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					899559 and 901559 mission attack allied forces in Loc Phong ville and District Headquarters tonite or tomorrow nite	
2350H	2350H	10	142350H		INTEL REP - CAP units operating in vic BT 0362 & BT 0064 are targeted for attack tonight or near future.	S-3/F
					SUMMARY:	
					3/5 had no casualties however there was 2 NVA KIA and 1 VN male civilian hit by a PC on route #4	
2400H	2400H	11	142400H		JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H		1	150001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0745H	0820H		2	141830H	K 3(-) at ZC 189567 unit while moving to ambush site observed 1 NVA along stream 20 meters with weapons wearing green utilities. Unit opened fire w/SAF and M-79 resulting in 1 NVA KIA. After search of area in the morning unit found additional NVA KIA w/AK-47, 2nd NVA was probably was sentry for other NVA. Results 2 NVA KIA, 1 9mm pistol and holster, 1 AK-47 w/magazine 2 Chicoms, 2 cartridge belts, 1 canteen w/cover, 1 set of binoculars and 1 NVA helmet.	S-3/F
0940H	0948H		3	150900H	K 13 at AT 812579 unit while on patrol found 1 cave with misc comm gear in it. Cave was searched and inventoried as follows; 1 PRC-41, 3 TA312, 3 PRC 10 w/one attached power supply and hand set, 1 PRC 6, 2 TA 1, 1 TR 5, 8 "x10" w/speaker and handset, 1 PRC 64, 3 WIP antennas w/bases, 3 H 33 handsets, 3 head phones and 4 1½ volt dry cell batteries.	S-3/F
1102H	1209H		4	151010H	M 31 at AT 934599 while unit on patrol observed 3 suspected VC. As they moved those to suspects point man tripped 81mm mortar rounds set as B/T. 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA. Called (E) medevac and requested AO. Results 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIAE.	S-3/F
1140H	1145H		5	151010H	M 31 at AT 921598 at LZ for medevac a brush fire was started by signal smoke resulting in 3 secondary explosions believed to be 81mm B/T. Unit will continue to observe area.	S-3/F
1504H			6	150650H	INTEL REP - URS received from Regimental S-2	S-2/F
1409H	1523H		7	151353H	I 2 at AT 927553 unit on patrol found 1 frag M-26 inside 81mm illum cannister set 1½ feet off side of trail. Unit blew in place.	S-3/F
2330H	2353H		8	152020H	3/5 CUPP at AT 821551 unit observed	S-3/F

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					approx 20 VC/NVA at AT 821548 moving W along S bank of river. CUPP 1 & 2 initiated SAF catching enemy in a cross fire. Enemy retreated then returned back into water three different times to recover bodies. Units continued to saturate area with small arms fire and LAAWS. Unit called Arty mission at 2146H on likely avenues of escape. EOM at 2237H. Basketball illum called at 2200. Result 14 VC/NVA KIA will search further at first light.	
2340H		0050H	9	152158H	M 3/1 CUPP at AT 974635 three explosions were heard within defensive perimeter resulting in 2 Marines killed, and 1 Marine emergency evac. Called medevac at 2158H completed at 2221H. A detailed investigation was initiated immediately and a follow up will be submitted. It appears as the 3 grenades went off in fighting hole containing the casualties.	S-3/F
					SUMMARY:	
					3/5 had 3 USMC killed and 2 USMC WIAE (E) also there was 16 VC/NVA killed in action.	
2400H		2400H	10	152400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	160001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0732H	0804H	2	16735H	L 3 at AT 838545 unit while on paddy dike 1 Marine tripped 1 M-26 frag which was set up as B/T trip wire set across paddy dike. 1 USMC WIA medevac called.	S-3/F
0955H	1030H	3	160930H	K 31 at AT 812542 unit while moving along beach to block force fd 1 PRT 4 in sand, further check of area was neg.	S-3/F
1145H	1220H	4	161130H	K 31 at AT 813542 unit while checking out area along beach fd 1 sand bag with clothing in bushes, further check of area proved negative.	S-3/F
1158H	1235H	5	161040H	3/5 CUPP 1 at AT 820557 unit on sweep west end of ville Loc Quang this area is across river where 2 personnel were spotted last night. Checking bunkers unit fd ordnance in three different hooches. Village Chief arrested 2 VN and said he is going to send them to jail.	S-3/F
1545H	1545H	6	161530H	3/5 at AT 883583 main gate called S-2 about N boy bringing ordnance to gate S-2 paid boy 1000\$ VN for ordnance and equipment ordnance destroyed.	S-3/F
1550H	1650H	7	161000H	L Co (-) at AT 810545 unit fd a source of transmission and showed signs of them being used recently.	S-3/F
1555H	1655H	8	161055H	L Co (-) at AT 818542 unit while patrolling river bank fd 1 skeleton buried in shallow grave in the sand. Corpsman with nit indicated that skeleton parts did not look like a VN and could possibly be American. Skull and thigh bones returned to H-65 BAS. Received by 2 Doctors and excompained the professional opinion was that the skeleton was probably 25-30 years old, male, and possibly and negro. Bones will be turned over to BAS for further evaluation and at 1st medical Battalion.	S-3/F

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1730H	1755H	9	161455H	INTEL REP - 150th transport Bn is reportedly using boats to aid movement of rice fm Dieu Xuan township (AT 9656) to units operating in Que Son Mts Area. (2) crossing sites for over and trans por- tions possibly in vic 968557 to 965558.	S-2/F	
1900H	1945H	10	161930H	INTEL REP - sources indicated your unit is targeted in the very near future especially in area of H-55 vic of BT 0362.	S-2/F	
2036H	2117H	11	162036H	INTEL REP - 1 unit of Q 83 Bn to coordinate with gureillas and VCI at Loc Chanh and Ky Tan villages, strn 70 men armed with 1x82mm, 1x60mm, 1 machine gun, B-40's and IW, located at AT 939595 934591 and 930590, msn attack and fire on allied forces in Eheu Trung Phu Dong and An My hamlets of Loc Chanh village.	S-2/F	
2036H	2125H	12	162036H	INTEL REP - 1 Co NVA strn 70 men located at AT 795581, 801587 and 809587 armed with 1x82mm, 1x60mm, B-40's and IW, msn to cross Vu Gia River and attack allied forced in Loc Phong and Loc Hung areas.	S-2/F	
2040H	2040H	13	162040H	AO estension has been granted the following AO extension for a period of 170600H - 232400H Sept 70. Defined as follows: UL 8262 LR 8459 UL 9166 LR 9364,		
2113H	2113H	14	162113H	Monsoon report and passed to S-4 rear and S-4 forward. SUMMARY: 1 USMC wounded in action today.		
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1135H	1152H	2	171030H	M 3/1 CUPP had 4 personnel on mission 20 north. As bird left HILL 37 it crashed east of landing zone (AT 924 581). Cause of crash unknown, 1 USMC from unit received a fractured hand.	S-3/F
1140H	1200H	3	171129H	INTEL REP - 1 element subordinate to Q83 LF Bn and local gurreillas is presently located at AT 900556. They usually enter Loc Phong refugee camp, Dai Loc District at night, purchase and transport food to Loc Hiep area. Rated B-2	S-2/F
1145H	1205H	4	171105H	INTEL REP - 1 plt subordinate to 575 S-3/F Arty Bn, strn 30 men, equipt with 2 rocket launchers and 20 rounds of 122mm rockets and 1x82mm mortars, moved from Cad Sung Mts to Thanh Sow (V) (center mass AT 9663) with intention to shell H-55, Hoa Cam Training Center, Hied Duc, & DaNang C-2	
2230H	2245H	5	172215H	I 1 OPCON M 3/1 CUPP unit at AT 973583 observed 2 VC vic 973584 moving south towards road. ARVNs with unit initiated SAF. Unit checked area with negative results. VC last observed fleeing north.	
				SUMMARY:	
				1 USMC helicopter destroyed by crash and one USMC injured in crash.	
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	0001H	0001H	1	180001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	1007H	1030H	2	180955H	L 32A at AT 879600 unit while on patrol found 1 VN body that appeared to have been hit by Arty. Body had been dead about a month.	S-3/F
	1845H	1900H	3	181830H	INTEL REP - Very reliable sources indicate possible tunnels in storage caves Loc on River bank OP Camel Back area COM at AT 9656. Rated B-2	S-3/F
	1920H	2010H	4	181850H	M 3/1 CUPP M 32 at AT 919591 2 VN children found 1 dud M-79 HE round. They tampered with it and it detonated wounding 1 child slightly. Corpsman treated child and was released to family.	S-3/F
	1641H		5	181641H	Info: visit of LtGen W. K. JONES Commanding General 1st Marine Division message 170223Z Sept 70 Reference (a) directs an OP brief be conducted on HILL 425 on 071720-071100H October 70. (b) Require information for subject brief to follow: (1) Overview of engineers rehabilitation efforts. (2) Sketch/Plan of position defense (3) Comments/Recommendations as appropriate. (c) Require information no later than 010900H October 70.	S-3/F
	1935H	2025H	6	181935H	INTEL REP - 1 Co Q83 Bn district main force Cmdr unk w/strn of 65 men armed w/1x82mm mortar, 1xM-60, B-40's and IW. Unit members were mixed uniforms this Co will coord w/Loc Guer & VCI presently located at AT 866554, 872552 and 873555 men to move and attack allied forces in Loc An & Loc My villes & to enter both refugee camps in order to obtain food stuffs tonite & tomorrow nite.	S-2/F
	1950H	2010H	7	181950H	INTEL REP - 2 Co 141/317 Cmdr unk w/strn of 150 men & crew served wpns & IW were green uniforms and are presently located at AT 790580, 795582, and 810587 men to attack & fire on allied forces at Loc Quang ville tonite & tomorrow night.	S-2/F

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2400H	2400H	8	182400H	<p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 had no casualties but 1 VN child was slightly wounded by dud M-79 rounds that he tampered with, 1 VN dead body found.</p> <p>JOURNAL CLOSED:</p>	

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0001H	0001H	1	190001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
1515H	1610H	2	191420H	C 21 at ZC 200568 while unit on patrol hit 1 B/T consisting of 1 Chicom frag. 2 medevacs called and completed.	S-3/F
1555H	1600H	3	191530H	H-65 AT 883583 2 VN boys brought ordnance to main gate S-2 paid boys 2000\$ VN for 105mm HE.	S-3/F
1517H		4	190715H	URS in 3/5 AO received from Regiment.	S-3/F
1730H		5	191400H	INTEL REP - 1 VC female apprehended by RF's and interrogated at Loc Quang Headquarters, female stated that there were approx 100-125 NVA sheltering at AT 805561, 801568, and 800562 and 807527 in treeline and ruins.	S-2/F
1843H	2020H	6	191730H	3/5 CUPP at AT 820568 unit was informed by village chief that 2 VC were at AT 820568 getting rice from villagers. Chief led Marines to area where they observed 5 VC running into treeline to the northeast. Unit called AO, after AO was on station unit received SAF from other side of treeline. Unit called F/M on suspected target (AT 820569). Will search area at firstlight. Civilians told Marines the treeline and surrounding area were head quarters for VC/NVA working in that area.	S-3/F
2255H	2300H	7	192235H	CACO 22 reported tht PF's at AT 930578 initiated ambush on 2 VC 50 meters away from ambush site. Results unknown. Unit did not search area.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY: 3/5 had 2 USMC wounded in action as result of a booby trap.	
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0001H	0001H	1	200001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
1233H	1300H	2	201140H	M 21 at AT 964563 unit after search of bunker was returning to a trail when 1 USMC tripped 1 B/T with trip wire. Results 1 USMC WIA emer and 2 WIA priority, medevac called and completed.	S-3/F
1330H	1415H	3	201230H	M 1 at AT 969564 unit on pat found 1 pack containing various personal gear and documents belonging to a VC/NVA tax collector. The pack was found on the side of a trail, VC/NVA believed to have dropped it while fleeing patrol. Contents of pack: 86,000 Deng, Names of approx 150 communist party members in local area. Included Incens and Denatcons to party. Reciept's for rice purchase, propaganda pamphlets and personal clothing.	S-3/F
1358H		4	201315H	M 3 at AT 959558 unit during probe of area found 1 ord cache burried along sand bag. Ordnance as fellows: 73x82mm warheads, 1x175mm RR rounds, 13x81mm Chicom mortar rounds, 3x81mm (foregin maid with english markings) mortar rounds 9 Chicom grenades, 16x61mm mortar rounds, 30x20 gage shotgun shells, 200 rounds SKS 44 ammo, 1 B-40 recket, 50 lbs plastic explosive, 270 friction fuses for Chicoms, 50 lbw of rice, 10 gal cooking oil and 1 box of tools used to make booby trap. Unit is continuing search of area and will bring back 1 peace of ordnance and will destroy the rest.	S-3/F
1530H	1548H	5	201525H	M 3 at AT 959558 unit found 35 new RPG's in plastic, 9 RPG boosters, 1 ammo box filled with documents, 1 pad typing, 1 USMC issue razor, 1 rice receipt letter, 1 diary of poetry, 1 recommendation of jab well done by VC for joining party, 1 brief explanation of outstandings feats, 400 AK trasers, 8x75mm RR rounds, 1 Commie flag with hammer & scikle and 3 boxes (18 each) blasting caps spanish made date 1963 Dec 20. 14 pressure release devices with trip wires.	S-3/F

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1854H	2037H	6	201800H	3/5 CUPP at AT 824564 spotted 2 enemy S-3/F moving into treeline with wpns, helmets and packs, approximately 600 meters from CUPP 1 positions. Unit fired LAAW and tried to call fire mission, but it was not cleared because of Recon in area. Did not pursue due to darkness.	
2037H	2143H	7	202020H	M 3/5 at AT 959566 unit while set in S-3/F night position received SAF and 5 rockets propelled grenades. There was 8 VC firing from AT 952554. Unit returned fire and will sweep at first light. SUMMARY: 3/5 had three USMC wounded in action today and Co M 3/5 found large wpns and food cache.	
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0001H	0001H	1	210001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	S-3/F
1200H	1200H	2	211200H	First Battalion, first Marines assumes operational control of third Battalion Fifth Marines area of oper- ation.	
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0001H	0001H	1	230001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
1530H		2	221530H	Co I 3/5 arrived at LZ 425 at 222000H S-3/F Plt deployed by 222000H as follows A CP and I 1 roated with special liaison team at Nvi Kim Son AT 071078. B I 2 OPCON to CP Fox Co located with CAP 277 at Lo Giana 033713. C I 3 OPCON to A Co located with CAP at Benh Ky AT 049 730 2 - mission of I 3/5 will be to as- sist in defense of respected hamlets and reinforce combined units via C-2 indicated VC bar targeted for terrorist attacks.	
1445H		3	221442H	Co M 3/5 221442H has now established S-3/F semipstation, PPB in defense of compound. Plans are to remain in this attituded while OPCON 3/1. SUMMARY: Co M 3/5 now OPCON to 3/1, Co I ar- rived at LZ 425 at 221500H	
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0001H	0001H	1	240001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0930H	1015H	2	230930H	<p>L 11 at AT 094408: unit while on roadsweep had VN children show them where 1 dud 175mm round was. Round was 75 meters off road and the round was notset as booby trap. Engineers destroyed round and VN children were given 500 piasters for ordnance.</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>3/5 had no casualties today and L 11 had VN children show them 1 dud 175mm round.</p>	
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2400H	2400H	2	262400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H		1	270001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0745H	0865H		2	270710H	L 3 at AT 059405 unit while moving into block observed 1 VC/NVA at 059401 in black and was a male could not determine age or if he was carrying wpns. Unit initiated SAF with neg results. Unit then notified L 1 that VC/NVA was headed in their direction L 1 now moving into target area.	S-3/F
0905H			3	270830H	L 21 050399 unit while in blocking position spotted 1 VC/NVA approx 35 years old dressed in white and carrying what appeared to be a wpn in the ville. Unit initiated SAF with VC/NVA running back into ville. Unit searched area and found 1 VC/NVA wounded in foot. Unit found no weapons. 1 VC/NVA detained detainee had ID card stating he was 58 years old and he did not look that old.	S-3/F
1310H			4	271245H	L 21 at 060404 unit while setting in blocking force received 3 sniper rounds from snipers located to the south west (059407) unit returned SAF at which time the sniper fire ceased.	S-3/F
1900H	2110H		5	271600H	Co L L 3 (062402) while moving out of alleged landing zone, received 15-25 rounds of AK-47 sniper fire. Unit initiated SAF and called for gunships. Gunships on station received SAF and returned on board ordnance. Unit did not search area, but will establish an ambush near the suspected enemy position (058399).	S-3/F
					SUMMARY: 3/5 had no casualties today and L 21 wounded 1 VC/NVA and detained him. Received 5th Marines Frag O 36-70.	
2400H	2400H		6	272400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H		1	280001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0905H	0930H		2	280210H	M Co 3/5 M 3 at AT 989348 unit while S-3/F set in N/Pos received 3 RPG and 3 M-26 Frag grenades. Unit returned SAF at AT 990344 and directed illum over enemy and called medevac for 3 USMC routine WIA and 1 USMC KIA.	
0815H	0800H		3	280800H	M Co 3/5 M 1 (-) at AT 976345 unit while on patrol received 10 rounds of sniper fire from tree line approx 200 meters from their position. Returned SAF at AT 976344 fire and M-79 rounds, will sweep area and send follow up report.	S-3/F
1135H	1208H		4	281020H	M Co 3/5 M 1 (-) at AT 979332 unit while on patrol point man spotted 3 VC with black clothing carrying rifles. Received approx 25 rounds as 3 VC ran into tree line. Unit returned fire and M-79 HE. Tree line was then put under observation with directed fire on same unit sweep area with neg results.	
	1020H		5	281000H	Effective 281000H Sept 70 3rd Bn, 5th Mar assume OPCON of 3rd Bn, 7th Mar Mike CUPP, 3/5 Co I, M and Fire Support Base Ross. 3/5 assumes OPCON of Co L upon pass from 5th Marines. 3/5 Command Post located at BT 025342. 3/7 Mike CUPP redesignated 3/5 CUPP.	
					SUMMARY:	
					3/5 had 1 USMC WIA and 3 USMC KIA.	
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1145H	1209H	2	291030H	M Co 3/5 M 2(-) at AT 995333 unit on patrol M 2 actual tripped 1 B/T. M 2 actual was seventh man in column. B/T was converted smoke grenade canister with spoon tied by bambo strips. It was elevated 1 inch above trail. 1 USMC WIA medevac called and completed.	S-3/F
1215H		3	291155H	L Co at ZC 020384 units 81mm FO was calling in practice F/M when 81's FO spotted smoke coming from target area. 81's FO rechecking grid clearance.	S-3/F
1555H	1643H	4	291520H	I Co I 31 at AT 991305 unit on day unit destroyed varrious items of enemy equipment and ordnance. All gear has been destroyed 1 bicycle, various clothing water assorted VN chow ordnance, 1 500 lb bomb will be graded till EOD has a chance to destroy bomb.	S-3/F
2019H	2045H	5	291950H	I 31 at AT 988304 while set in N/Pos observed 8 VC/NVA with packs and rifles (991306). Unit called F/M, 1st round at 1930, EOM at 1945. Results unknown.	S-3/F
	2218H	6	292218H	Explosive ordnance desposial Team will depart landing Zone Baldy 301300H Sept 20 to be inserted at AT 991307 at LZ secured by company I 3/5,	S-3/F
	2140H	7	292135H	Receipt of Firth Marines message P290639Z is acknowledged as of 291905H.	S-3/F
	1245H	8	291232H	Co M be prepared for operation on 30 Sept 70, Company I AO extention changed to upper left 9736, Lower right 0032,	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:	
				3/5 had one Marine wounded in action today and I 31 found 500 lb bomb.	
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IN	TIME	OUT	SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	MESSAGES SPOT REPORTS JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	ACTION TAKEN
0001H	0001H		1	300001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
1100H	1138H		2	301020H	Co I 3(-) at AT 989304 unit sweeping area where fire mission was called in last night, received sniper fire resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Emergency medevac called at 1025H and completed at 1155H. Unit returned fire and requested Arty Fire mission at AT 878304, fire mission called at 1025H.	S-3/F
0943H			3	Late Entry	INTEL REP - fire arrow (C) sources indicate threat of rockets and mortar attacks on DaNang vital area installations considered high during period 021900H Oct 050800H Oct. All 1st Mar Div units acknowledge DTG this message by phone to Div COC.	S-2/F
		0953H	4	Late Entry	Called to 5th Mar COC at 300953H Sept 70 Capt H. W. DIAL made receipt of message.	S-3/F
1240H			5	301155H	I 3(-) at AT 989304 while medevac bird making pick-up of 1 WIA USMC it received an undetermined amount of sniper rounds from AT 986307. I 3(-) requested another fire mission at 1321H, EOM at 1400H, unit will sweep area at first opportunity.	S-3/F
1350H	1425H		6	301350H	INTEL REP - A enemy Company reported at AT 966295 to move east than north to attack PF units. East/West grid line 30 is north boundary of extension of AO for Americal Division. Block movement of enemy, locate and destroy enemy movement to east. Establish night acts in vic of 978303 for night of 30 Sept - 1 Oct 70. Night acts should be mutually supporting in that area. Move to positions by indirect routes final move to ambush site just before dark.	S-3/F
1935H	2055H		7	301730H	Co I, I 3 at AT 987304 while moving to night position point element discovered 3 caves on side of hill. Upon approaching cave unit heard voices and initiated S&F	S-3/F

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IN	TIME	OUT	SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	MESSAGES SPOT REPORTS JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	ACTION TAKEN
					in direction of caves, 3 VC/NVA fled fm area. Enemy were wearing black clothing, no weapons were observed. Enemy fled west. Unit searched area with negative results.	
1915H			8	301655H	Co I I 13 at AT 984334 while on patrol received 20 rounds of AK-47 fire from 3 VC/NVA unit returned fire and contact was broken. Negative casualties unit swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
2100H	2120H		9	302025H	3/5 CUPP Alpha (023348) while setting in N/Pos received 30 rounds of AK-47 fire from an estimated 4 - 6 VC/NVA 100 meters west of ambush site. Enemy was dressed in black. Unit returned SAF and the enemy fled to the north. Unit swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
2245H	2309H		10	302115H	I (-) CP (999315) units listening posts observed 5 enemy moving toward perimeter carrying wpns. LP initiated contact with SAF and M-26's. Enemy returned fire w/4 round of small arms. I(-) fired 2 106 beehive. Then called Arty illum. Enemy fled to the west. Possible 2 enemy killed will check area at first light.	S-3/F
	1145H		11	301146H	Area of Operation for operation "Imperial Lake" is as follows: From AT 930410; AT 930460; North East to AT 965480; East to BT 040480; South to BT 040450; South West to AT 990410; West to close AT 930410.	S-3/F
	1770H		12	301170H	Company M third Battalion, Fifth Marines is designated as rapid reaction Company for 30 Sept.	S-3/F
					SUMMARY:	
					3/5 had 1 Marines WIA today and several units have received sniper fire.	
2400H	2400H		12	302400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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Frag 0 33-70

TASK ORGANIZATION: No change

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. 10 VC captured two VN males age 12 and 16 on 28 Aug 70 from vicinity Dai Loc District HQS and carried them to a base camp vicinity AT 872549. Base camp consists of several rein bunkers. Enemy are armed with B-40 rockets, M-16 and AK-47, grenades, and 82mm mortar.
- b. Friendly. 1st MAW provides 4 CH-46 and 2 AH-1G for helolift.

2. MISSION

Commencing 020700H Sept 70 3rd Bn, 5th Mar (Rein) conducts Category II preemptive operation to destroy enemy and base camp vicinity target area AT 872549.


3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. Co (-) size force conducts helo assault into LZs vicinity AT 873546 and AT 869558.
- b. Co L
 - (1) At L-HR - 30 minutes on D-Day rendezvous HILL 65 LZ with CP group and two platoons for helolift to TGT area.
 - (2) At L-HR conduct helo assault into two separate LZs vicinity AT 873546 and AT 869558.
 - (3) Upon completion of helolift conduct extensive search for enemy and base camp vicinity AT 872546.
 - (4) Destroy enemy and all bunkers within target area.
 - (5) Be prepared to rein with platoon size force from HILL 65 LZ.
 - (6) Continue current mission at reduced strength.
 - (7) On order, approximately L-HR + 6, rendezvous vicinity AT 873546 for extraction.
- c. Co I, K, M, M 3/1, and 3/5 CUPP. No change.
- d. Coordinating Instructions

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- (1) L-HR, D-Day: 020630H Sept 70.
 - (2) Temporary AO extension effective for the duration of operation from present 2/5 - 8/5 boundary south to 53 grid.
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.
 - 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. No change.

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TO: IB M-6, IB SM-6 RSC for 51st ARVN
INFO: R-3

3rd Bn, 5th Mar Frag O 84-70

TASK ORGANIZATION: No change.

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. Indications are that elements of the Q 89 Sapper Bn are located in underground bunkers vicinity AT 9656, AT 9657, AT 9756, and AT 9757.
- b. Friendly
 - (1) 5th Marines conducts combined operation in cooperation and coordination with elements of the 51st ARVN Regt.
 - (2) 1st Bn, 51st ARVN provides block from vicinity AT 945584 east to AT 967584 while 4th Bn (-), 51st ARVN provides block from AT 967584 to AT 965584 to AT 980577 to AT 980584 on the north and east side of the area of operation defined as AT 945584 west along Route #4 to AT 985584 south to AT 980565 west along stream to AT 984584. Coordinated sweep of area of operation will be conducted from west to east with 1st Company 4th Bn/51st ARVN on the north and Co M 3/5 on the south. 51st ARVN Recon Co will combine forces with CUPP Unit M 11 and sweep from rendezvous point vicinity AT 954618 to vicinity Chau Son (1) to Chau Son (2) to Chau Son (3) to HILL 55. 1st Co, 1st Bn, 51st ARVN will sweep from Route #1D west to 94 grid line within area of operation defined on the north by the river and on the south by Route #4.

2. MISSION

Commencing H-HR, D-Day, 3/5 (Rein) will conduct combined coordinated operation with elements of 51st ARVN Regt to destroy enemy within the area of operation.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. 3/5 (Rein) will conduct combined and coordinated operation with elements of 51st ARVN Regt and 1st platoon of RF Co 927 (see para b (2) above).
- b. Co M 3/5
 - (1) Commencing H-HR, D-Day conduct Co (-) size sweep from south west corner of area of operation in close coordination with 1st Company, 4th Bn, 51st ARVN (on left flank) to objective vicinity AT 973568.

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- (2) Destroy enemy and bunker complexes within area of operations
 - (3) Report ~~at Crossing Phase~~ Line Blue and securing objective vicinity AT 973568.
 - (4) Positive identification of enemy required prior to initiating small arms or higher caliber fire.
 - (5) Continue current assigned mission upon termination of operation.
- c. Co M (CUPP Company)
- (1) Conduct combined coordinated sweep of Chau Son Area with 51st ARVN Recon Company.
 - (2) No maneuver authorized within heavily mined/booby trapped area CM 950612.
 - (3) Destroy enemy and bunker complexes within Chau Son Area.
- d. Co I, K, L, and 3/5 CUPP Plt. No change
- e. Coordinating Instructions
- (1) Mark flanks with red star at request of adjacent unit.
 - (2) Maintain contact left to right.
 - (3) Area bounded by coordinates AT 929552, AT 932547, AT 946562, AT 943564 to close is restricted to maneuver due to heavy density of mines/booby traps.
 - (4) Boundary between Co M 3/5 and 1st Co, 4th Bn, 51st ARVN for duration of operation from AT 957565 east to AT 956560 along creek to river and boundary with 2/5 vicinity AT 977566; boundary is designated a fire coordination line.
 - (5) 51st ARVN soldiers will wear white arm bands on right arm; positive identification of enemy required prior to initiating small arms or higher caliber fire.
 - (6) Normal FSCC procedures will be exercised to obtain clearance for fire from adjacent unit.
 - (7) Present position is line of departure.
 - (8) H-HR, D-Day: 030730H Sept 70 operation will terminate at approximately 081700H Sept 70.
 - (9) Phase Line Blue established from AT 962560 north to AT 962564; units coordinate and report crossing PL Blue.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS

a. <u>Signal.</u>	Co M 3/5	ICE BOUND MIKE	74.15
	Co M 3/1	ICE BOUND SAUCER MIKE	62.40
	3/5	ICE BOUND	68.90
	Senior Advisor		
	1st Bn, 51st ARVN	STERNO NOZZLE H 18	67.55
	Senior Advisor		
	4th Bn, 51st ARVN	STERNO NOZZLE J 18	67.55

b. CP. No change.

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Third Bn, Fifth Mar Frag O 35-70

Ref: (a) Map: VM 1:50,000 AMS Series L 7014 Sheet 6740 IV

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION: No change except Det of Scout and Mine/BF Dogs attached to Co L and Co M effective 031800Z Sept 70.

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. Indications are that LF and RF units have moved into the NS Arizona to complete a "food gathering" mission prior to the monsoon season.

b. Friendly

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

(2) 2nd Bn, 11th Mar 05 5th Mar.

2. MISSION

Commencing L-Hour - 1 hour and 30 minutes on D-Day conducts Category II operation to kill or destroy/capture the enemy and his installations within the operating area OM 670550.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. 3rd Bn, 5th Mar (Rain) conducts THUNDER LIGHT Operation followed by a two company mine base assault into separate numbered LZs with one company on standby to reinforce/exploit a significant contact or sighting in accordance with Annex A (Operation Overlay), Annex B (Air Support), and Annex C (Artillery/AFMortar Target List).

b. Co I (-) and Co K (-). No change.

c. Co L

(1) On D-Day at L-Hour - 2 rendezvous HILL 65 LZ with CP and three platoons for helilift into LZ L.

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- (2) At L-Hour, conduct helo assault into LZ 1 with CP and three platoons.
- (3) Upon completion of helo assault take cover and remain covered throughout one flight of fixed wing on LZ 2.
- (4) Upon completion of Co M (-) helo assault into LZ 2 dispose company for search operation and establish physical coordination with Co M (-) right flank vicinity AT 884538.
- (5) On order, upon completion of Artillery/61mm Mortar prep fires, conduct thorough search to Phase Line Red.
- (6) Upon closure with Phase Line Red establish platoon size strong point vicinity AT 880553.
- (7) On order, upon completion of seizure of Objective 1 by Co M (-), seize Objective 2.
- (8) Conduct detailed search and maintain a presence in Objective 2 until D+1.
- (9) On order, upon completion of seizure of Objective 3 by Co M (-), conduct thorough search to Objective 4.
- (10) Destroy or capture all enemy in zone; destroy enemy installations in zone.
- (11) On order, screen river crossing site for Co H.
- (12) Upon completion of Co M river crossing, conduct river crossing vicinity AT 883567.
- (13) Schedule and fire Artillery screening fires to cover river crossing.

d. Co N

- (1) Rendezvous at HILL 57 LZ at 040700H Sept 70 with CP and three platoons for helolift into LZ 2 and 3.
- (2) At L-Hour, conduct helo assault into LZ 2 with CP and two platoons.
- (3) Upon completion of helo assault into LZ 2 dispose Co N (-) for search operation and coordinate with Co L left flank vicinity AT 884538.

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- (4) At L-Hour + 30 minutes, after fixed wing prep of LZ 3 conduct helo assault into LZ 3 with 2nd Plt, Co M.
 - (5) Assign 2nd Plt, Co M mission of establishing a platoon size strong point vicinity AT 983545.
 - (6) On order, upon completion of Artillery/81mm Mortar prep fires, conduct thorough search to Phase Line Red.
 - (7) On order, seize Objective 1.
 - (8) Conduct a detailed search and maintain a presence in Objective 1 until D+1.
 - (9) On order, seize Objective 3.
 - (10) Destroy or capture all enemy in zone; destroy enemy installations in zone.
 - (11) Coordinate and pass through Co L to secure river crossing site vicinity AT 983537.
 - (12) On order, conduct river crossing.
- e. Co M 3/1 (CHFF Co), 3/5 C/Pz Plt, and 3rd Plt Co L. No change.
 - f. Reserve. 3rd Plt, Co L effective L-HR - 30 minutes; standby vicinity HILL 85 LZ.
 - g. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) L-Hour D-Day Co L: 040800H Sept 70
L-Hour D-Day Co M: 040815H Sept 70
 - (2) Mutual boundary is FCL; exercise positive control measures to prevent friendly on friendly.
 - (3) Mark flanks with pop-ups upon request.
 - (4) Continually mark trace of front lines with air planals (2 per squad).
 - (5) Responsibility to maintain physical contact during search from LZ 1 and 2 until closure at Phase Line Red is from left to right.

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(6) Exercise normal FSCG procedures.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Co L and M barge assault into LZs 1, 2, and 3 with two day class 1 and 7.

b. Evacuate all PWs/detainees to S-2.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. Commencing 040000H Sept 70 Co L and M guard on TAC SR.

b. CP. S-3/FSC will control operation from airborne CAC until seizure of ORJ 1 and 2.

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ANNEXES:

- / A - Operation Overlay
- / B - Air Support
- / C - Artillery/Blow Mortar Target List

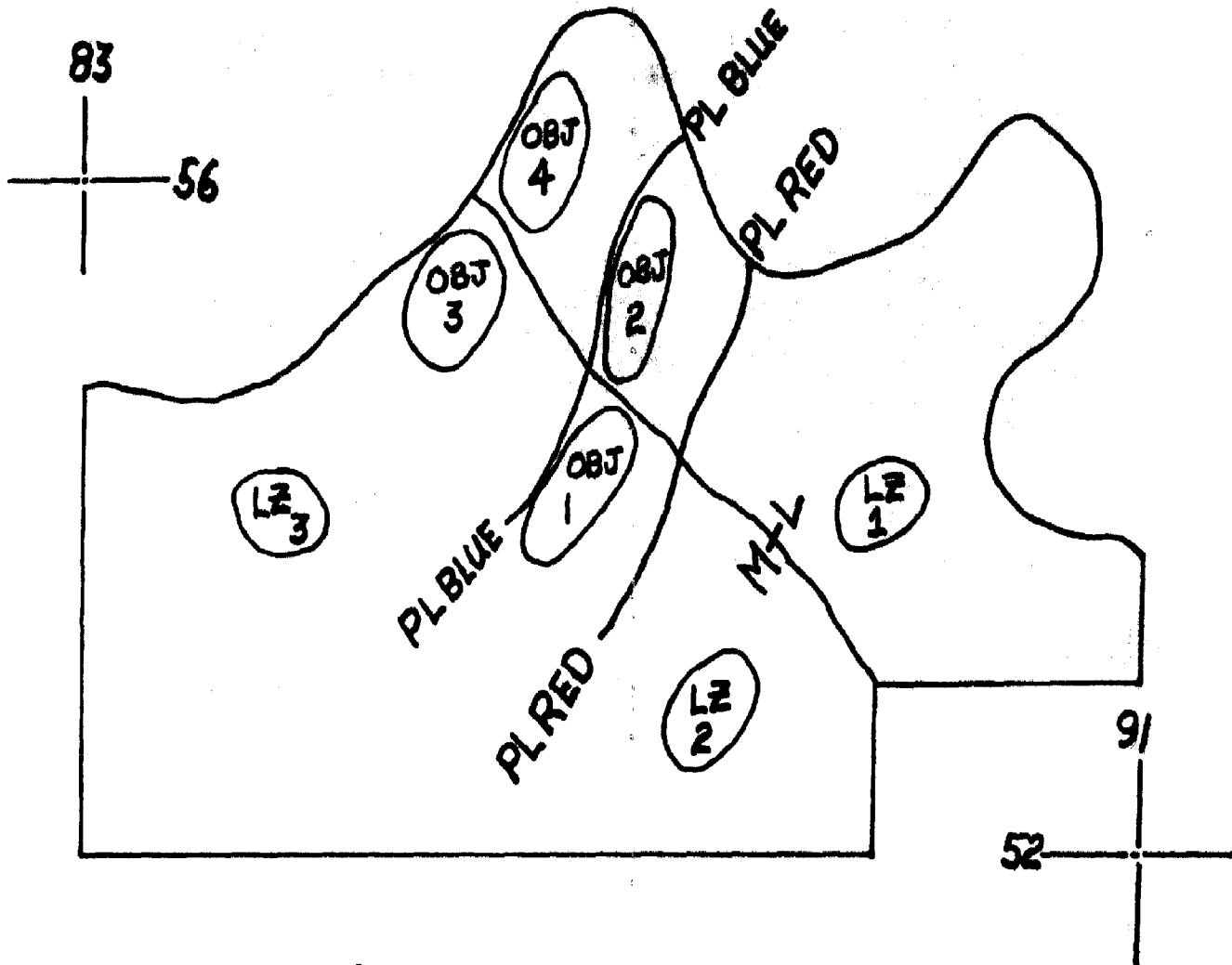
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ANNEX A (Operation Overlay)
to 3/5 FRAG O. 35-70

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ANNEX A TO 3RD BN, MAR FRAG O 35-70
MAP: VN 1:50,000 AMS SERIES L 7014 SHEET 6640 IV



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Annex B (Air Support) to Frag O 35-70

1. Aircraft requested to support operationa. THRASH LIGHT

3 CH-53 - Barrel Drop

b. Helolift

1 OV-10	10
1 OV-10	Backs Hole
1 UH-1E	COA/E-3/FSC
1 AH-1S	Gunships
2 CH-46	Troop Carriers
4 Flights Fixed Wing	L2 Prep (DS + D9)
1 CAP	Contact (DS + D9)

2. Time/Movement Schedule

0615 - MCA pickup E-3/FSC
 0630 - THRASH LIGHT Operation
 0730 - Pickup Co L Hill 65 LZ use flight TAS prep LZ 1
 0800 - Co L hole assault into LZ 1
 0815 - One flight TAS prep LZ 2 pickup Co M Hill 57 LZ
 0830 - One flight TAS prep LZ 3
 0845 - 2nd Plt, Co M hole assault into LZ 3

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Annex C (Artillery/81mm Mortar Target List) to Frag C 35-70

1. The following Artillery/81mm Mortar Targets will be fired to support scheme of maneuver.

a. Artillery HQ, Battery 5 Zone on all targets

SERIES (1)

PREP FIRES

S	3501 - 870535
S	3502 - 871537
S	3503 - 872542
S	3504 - 877544

SERIES (2)

PREP FIRES

S	3505 - 868538
S	3506 - 866542
S	3507 - 869545
S	3508 - 870550
S	3509 - 872554

SERIES (3)

PREP FIRES

S	3510 - 852550
S	3511 - 853543
S	3512 - 863557

b. Artillery HQ, Battery 5, on call LZ Prep Fire

SERIES (4)

ON CALLS - LZ #1

S	3513 - 893545
S	3514 - 890538
S	3515 - 894540

SERIES (5)

ON CALLS - LZ #2

S	3516 - 878527
S	3517 - 878532
S	3518 - 890534
S	3519 - 883525

SERIES (6)

ON CALLS - LZ #3

S	3520 - 884545
S	3521 - 848547
S	3522 - 853549

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c. Blow Mortar HESERIES (1)

801
802
803
804
805

SERIES (2)

806
807
808

PREP FIRES (Y + 62)

885543
885553
885553
885555
885555

PREP FIRES (W)

873557
883548
884541

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FROM: IB-3

TO: M-6, L-6

INFO: R-3/ 3/5 REAR

FRAG O 35A-70

1. Friendly Situation. 2/5 (-) commencing 060630H Sept 70 conducts helo assault into two separate LZs vicinity AT 885518 and AT 895528 in order to establish cordon/search of Football Island.
2. Mission. 3/5 continues Category II operations; commencing 060630H Sept 70, establishes two company size block ~~positions~~ 2/5 cordon and search area.
3. Execution
 - a. Co L
 - (1) Establish platoon size block positions no later than 060630H Sept 70 oriented to the south east at coords AT 888543 and AT 893546
 - (2) Be prepared for helo extraction by 8 CH-46 from LZ vicinity AT 888545 beginning 061800H Sept 70 to LZ HILL 65.
 - (3) Be prepared to conduct river crossing if helos are not available.
 - b. Co M
 - (1) Establish platoon size block positions no later than 060630H oriented to south and southeast at coords AT 872532 and AT 877536.
 - (2) Be prepared for helo extraction from LZ vicinity AT 872538 beginning 061800H Sept 70 to LZ HILL 37.
 - (3) Be prepared to conduct river crossing if helos not available.
 - c. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Company 14's monitor 2/5 air Freq 40.00, call signs remain same ie, Mike 14 and Lima 14, upon request by 2/5 3-3, fudge cake 3 mark front line platoons with yellow or red smoke. Panels will be displayed commencing 060730 until completion of 2/5 helo assault.
 - (2) Boundary between Co M and Co L: no change.
 - (3) AO boundary between 2/5 and 3/5 effective 061800H Sept until 061800H Sept 70 is from juncture present 2/5/3/5 boundary at AT 870520 Northeast to AT 890540 east to close at AT 900540.

4. Administration and Logistics. No change
5. Command and Communications - Electronics. No change

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3rd Bn, 5th Mar Frag O 36-70

TASK ORGANIZATION

CMD GROUP ALPHA

(LtCol JOHNSON)

Det, H&S Co (-)

Co F (-)

Co K

CUPP Plt

Co L

Sec, 81mm Mortar

Co M

Sec, 106 RR

CMD GROUP BRAVO

(Major MILLER)

H&S Co (-)

Co I

3rd Plt, Co I (FSB Dagger)

M 3/1 (Rein) CUPP Company

81mm Mortar Plt (-)

106 RR Plt (-)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. Indications are that elements of the 141 NVA Regiment in approximate strength of 200 have staged vicinity AT 7958, AT 8058, and AT 8158 for purposes of harassing refugee hamlets in Dai Loc District.

b. Friendly

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

(2) 2nd Bn, 11th Mar provides close and continuous artillery support.

2. MISSION

Commencing L-Hour D-Day, 3/5 (-) Rein (CMD GRP ALPHA), 5th Mar conducts Category II preemptive operation to destroy/capture enemy within operating area UL ZC 2162 LR 8757.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. 3rd Bn (-) Rein (CMD GRP ALPHA), 5th Mar conduct Category II preemptive operation with two companies con-

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ducting helo assault into five numbered LZs and sweeping south in zone while Jump CP GRP and two companies establish blocking positions in accordance with Annex A (Operation Overlay) and Annex B (Air Support).

b. Co K

- (1) Establish NLT L-HR - 2 on D-Day squad (Rein w/Arty FO) size OP at coordinates ZC 208567 and maintain OP throughout operation.
- (2) Preposition Plt (-) size force NLT L-HR - 2 on D-Day vicinity coordinates ZC 208568 and, on order, establish block ambush position to deny enemy egress routes to the west.
- (3) Establish NLT L-HR on D-Day Plt (-) size OP vicinity coordinates AT 800572.
- (4) Maintain CP and Plt (Rein) size force at HILL 52 as Bn Reserve and CP Security.

c. Co L

- (1) Rendezvous HILL 65 LZ NLT L-Hour - 30 on D-Day in Helo Wave and helo assignment tables prescribed by Annex B (Air Support).
- (2) Conduct helo assault into numbered LZs 1, 2, and 3 in accordance with Annex A (Operation Overlay) and Annex B (Air Support).
- (3) Upon completion of helo assault by Co M, commence sweep south and southeast to destroy/capture enemy in zone.
- (4) Establish routes of march for subordinate units; assign checkpoints and report unit positions as per checkpoints assigned.
- (5) Limit advance on D-Day to position no further south and southeast than PL Blue.

d. Co M

- (1) Rendezvous HILL 37 LZ NLT L-Hour on D-Day in Helo Wave and Helo Assigned Tables prescribed by Annex B (Air Support).
- (2) Conduct helo assault into numbered LZs 4 and 5 in accordance with Annex A (Operation Overlay) and Annex B (Air Support).
- (3) Upon completion of helo assault, commence sweep south to destroy/capture enemy in zone.

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- (4) Establish routes of march for subordinate units; assign checkpoints and report unit positions as per checkpoint assigned.
- (5) Limit advance on D-Day to position no further south and southeast than PL Blue.

e. Co F

- (1) Commencing L-HR + 1 and 1/2 on D-Day conduct admin helo lift from AHCN old LOC to HILL 65 LZ.
- (2) Conduct tactical march along RT #4 to vicinity coordinates AT 854568; establish blocking positions oriented north from vicinity coordinates AT 8257 to AT 8659.
- (3) Be prepared to assume mission of Bn reserve and reinforce Co K, L, and M.

f. CUPP Platoon. Conduct aggressive patrols and ambushes throughout assigned AO.g. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Report checkpoints.
- (2) Report contact with the enemy by immediate procedure^{once}; maintain contact once established.
- (3) Identify enemy prior to initiating fire.
- (4) Mark flanks at request of adjacent or higher unit.
- (5) Normal FSCC procedures to obtain clearance for fire from adjacent or higher unit directed.
- (6) L-Hour D-Day: TBA by field radio message.
- (7) No maneuver authorized ^{IN}with Restricted Operating Area unless directed.
- (8) Report, and be prepared to evacuate, significant amount of foodstuffs.
- (9) Detainee any noncombatant on Charlie Ridge.
- (10) Boundaries are Fire Coordination Lines.
- (11) Continue current assigned mission upon termination of operation.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. All units begin operation with 2 days Class I and V.
- b. Evacuate all PWs/detainees to S-2.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. Command

- (1) Command Group Alpha - HILL 52 vicinity ZC 217553
- (2) Command Group Bravo - HILL 65 vicinity AT 378577

b. Communications - Electronics(1) Communications - Electronics

- (a) Communications Plt establish Bn Tac #2 at 090700H Sept 70.
- (b) Co K, Co L, Co M, Co F 2/5 enter Bn Tac #2 at 090700H Sept 70.
- (c) Co I, CUPP Plt 3/5, Co M 3/1 CUPP Co continue present mission.

(2) Radio Nets

<u>Net</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Desig</u>	<u>Call Sign</u>	<u>Note</u>
Bn Tac #1	31.65	232	Shaving Mug	#1
Bn Tac #2	66.85	267	Shaving Mug 3	#1
Bn Admin	70.25	239	Shaving Mug	#1
TACP BOC	50.40	264	Shaving Mug	#1
81mm COF	72.85	53	SM Whiskey	#1
Co K	72.10	30	SM K	#1
Co L	73.85	50	SM L	#1
Co M	71.65	119	SM M	#1
Co F 2/5	75.55	23	Hireling F	#1


(3) Coordinating Instructions

- (a) Nestor equipment will be used on all covered nets at all times.
- (b) AKAC-801/Circle Wheel (Whiz Wheel) will used to the maximum extent possible in accordance with existing instructions

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- o. CP. S-3/FSC will control operation from airborne C&C until Command Group ALPHA CP established.

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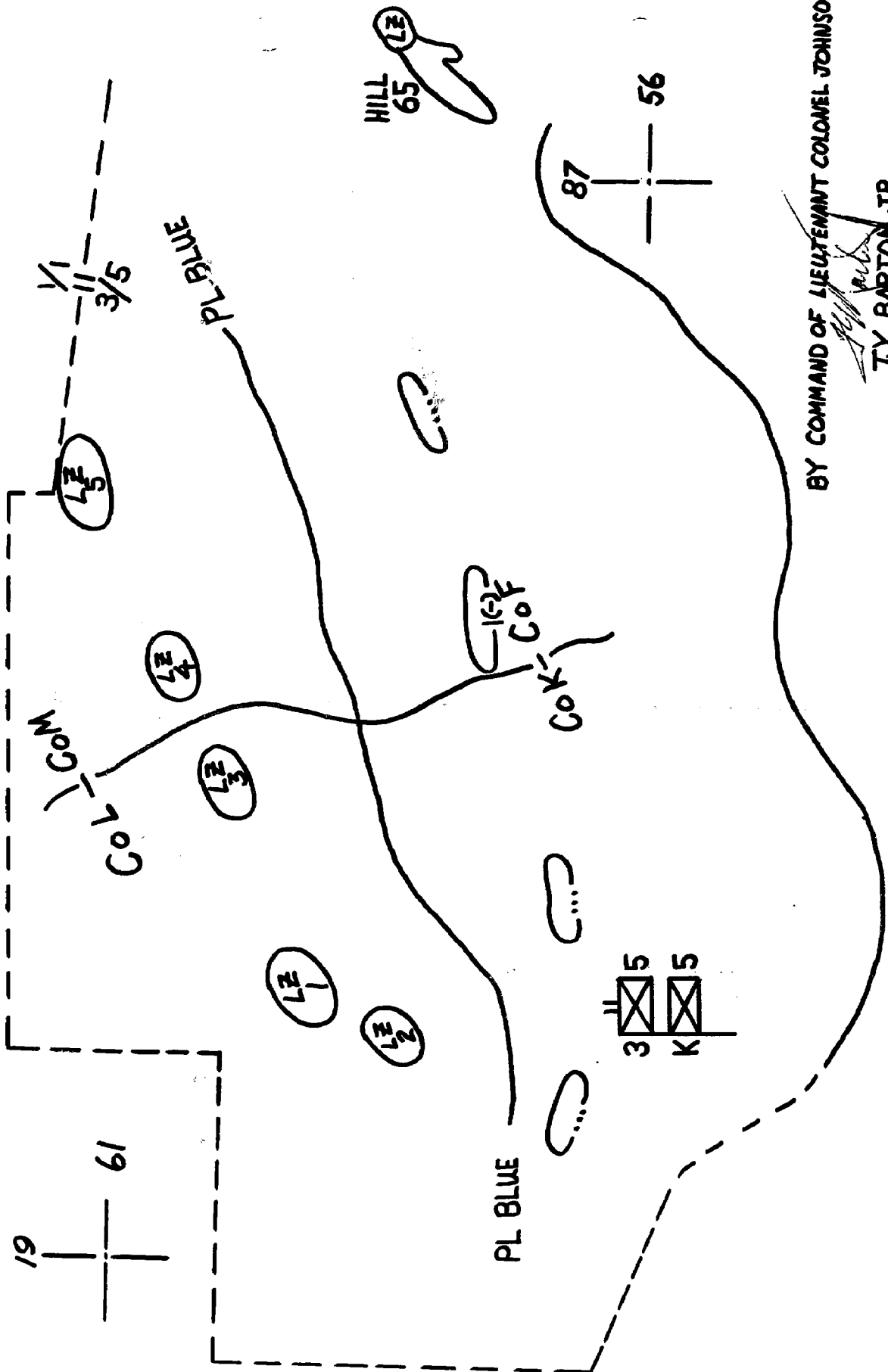

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ANNEX (OPERATION OVERLAY)
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Annex B (Air Support) to 3rd Bn, 5th Mar Frag O 36-70

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION. See basic Frag Order.

2. MISSION

Provide fixed wing and helo support for 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein).

3. EXECUTION

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

(1) Aircraft to support operation.

5 Flight Fixed Wing for zone prep D2 DC, D2A/D9
 1 Flight Fixed Wing for CAP D2A/D9
 6 CH-46 troop carriers
 4 AH-1G escort
 1 UH-1E C and C
 1 OV-10 A0

(2) Commencing L-Hour - 1 hour and 15 minutes the A0 will control the fixed wing prep of LZ 1. At L-Hour - 1 hour the A0 will control fixed wing prep of LZ 2. At L-Hour - 45 minutes the A0 will control fixed wing prep of LZ 3. At L-Hour - 30 minutes the A0 will control fixed wing prep of LZ 4. At L-Hour - 15 minutes the A0 will control fixed wing prep of LZ 5 to be completed by L-Hour.

(3) At L-Hour 6 CH-46 aircraft will conduct a helo assault on LZ 1 with Co L CP and one platoon. 60 total Marines.

(4) At L-Hour + 15 minutes 4 CH-46 aircraft will conduct assault on LZ 2 with one platoon Co L. 45 total Marines. 2 CH-46 aircraft will conduct assault on LZ 3 with elements of one platoon of Co L. 22 total Marines.

(5) At L-Hour + 30 minutes 2 CH-46 aircraft will complete assault on LZ 3 with the remainder of the platoon of Co L. 23 total Marines. 4 CH-46 aircraft will conduct assault on LZ 4 with elements Co M (-) (CP group inclusive). 40 total Marines. Aircrafts will refuel following this wave.

(6) At L-Hour + 1 hour 6 CH-46 aircraft will complete assault on LZ 4 with remainder of Co M (-). 85 total Marines.

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- (7) At L-Hour + 1 hour 15 minutes 4 CH-46 aircraft will conduct assault on LZ 5 with one platoon of Co M 45 total Marines. 2 CH-46 aircraft will admin lift Bn CP from HILL 65 to HILL 52.
- (8) 6 CH-46 aircraft will conduct admin lift of Co F (-) 2/5 from An Hoa to HILL 65.
- (9) 2 CH-46 aircraft will externally resupply HILL 52.
- (10) 4 AH-1G will provide escort for troop insertion. One UH-1E will serve as command and control.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Troop lift will begin at 080745H at HILL 65.
- (2) Troop lift will be controlled by HCA.
- (3) AO on station will control use of CAP Flight of fixed wing if necessary.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. Frequencies

- (1) Troop Lift
 - (P) 50.40
- (2) TAS
 - (P) 366.4
 - (S) 338.4

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b. Call signs

- (1) HCA - Comprise
- (2) Troop lift - Chatterbox
- (3) AH-1G Escort - Scarface
- (4) AO - Hostage
- (5) Fixed Wing - Ringneck

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FROM: SM-3

TO: QUIZMASTER (COLLECTIVE) CO F 2/5
VIA 2/5
INFO: MILLBROOK 3Change 1 to 3rd Bn, 5th Mar Frag O 36-70
A. My 072400H Sept 1970 (Frag O 36-70)

1. Make the following changes to reference (a) Frag O 36-70.

- a. Add to paragraph 1 a: recent intel indicates HILL 52 subject to ground attack; sightings within Co K AO vicinity HILL 52 increased significantly in past 3 days; Co K and 5/5 CUPP have accounted for 4 KIA with individual weapons in past two days.
- b. Change number of LZs in subparagraph 3 a to read 4 and on Annex A (Operation Overlay) delete LZ #5.
- c. Change paragraph 3 b to read: Co K and RF Company 193.
- d. Change paragraph 3 b (4) to read: Chop one platoon OPCON 3/5 for CP security at HILL 52.
- e. Insert new paragraph 3 d (1) as follows: (1) Chop one platoon OPCON 3/5 effective upon closure with HILL 65 on 11 Sept 70
 - (2) Renumber remaining subparagraphs (2) through (6).
 - (3) Delete LZ number 5 in new subparagraph (3). (There will be only 4 LZs for this operation).
 - (4) Add new subparagraph (7) as follows: Assume OPCON of 2 platoons, Company M upon completion of helilift to LZ 4; continue to perform platoon size OP/Block to the west vicinity HILL 463 coordinates AT 839596 under D+1.
- f. Change subparagraph 3 e (2) to read: establish blocking positions oriented north from vicinity coordinates AT 815570 to AT 835577.
- g. Change subparagraph 3 g to read 3 h and add new subparagraph 3 g: 2nd Plt, Co M establish block oriented west vicinity HILL 463 coordinates AT 839596 NLT L-Hour + 2 on D-Day.
- h. Change date in subparagraph 3 b (1) (a) and (b) to read 12 Sept 70.
- i. Change Battalion Tac #2 to read 70-93 DELTA G1
- j. In Annex B (Air) subparagraph 3 a (7) delete LZ #5 with one plt Co M and in subparagraph 3 b (1) change date to 12 Sept 70.

2. L-Hour D-Day is 120600H Sept 70.

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Ref: (a) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 200000N Jul 70 (Frag O 25-70)
(b) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 222400N Aug 70 (Frag O 28-70)

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION. No change.

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. See current INTENS and PERINTENS.
- b. Friendly. No change.

2. MISSION

Third Bn (Main) continues assigned mission in accordance with references (a) and (b) and provides security for Rice Harvest in coordination/cooperation with District Officials.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations. Commencing now until 5 November 1970 3rd Bn (Main) until relief effected (24 September 1970) provides assistance to and conducts harvest security operations in coordination with District Officials; Upon receipt of AO changes, coordinate new AO responsibilities for harvest security.
- b. Co I(-), E, L, N, M 2/1 and 3/5 CDPF F10.
 - (1) Conduct extensive patrolling, ambushes and CFEs in AO's assigned by reference (a) to interdict enemy movement into locations of rice harvest and to provide security for harvesting.
 - (2) Be prepared to assist in the transportation and security of harvested rice.
 - (3) Continue missions assigned by reference (a) as modified by reference (b).
- c. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Duration of Rice Harvest: Now until 5 November 1970.
 - (2) On order and upon receipt of AO changes continue rice harvest responsibilities.

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- (3) involve strict measures to counter mine and booby traps in operating area.
- (4) SILENCE
- (5) Rules of engagement will be stressed to protect Friendly on Friendly.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change

5. SIGNALING AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONIC. No change.

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THIRD BN, FIFTH MAR FRAG O 38-70

A. CG, 1ST MAR DIV 080900Z SEP 70 (FRAG O 47-70)

B. 5TH MAR 101245Z SEP 70 (FRAG O 34-70)

TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE.

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS AND PERINTREPS

B. FRIENDLY

(1) 1ST MAR DIV CONTINUES TO REDEPLOY SELECTED UNITS; REALIGNS TAOR BOUNDARIES; CONTINUES CURRENT ASSIGNED MISSION (REFERENCE A REFERS).

(2) 1ST MAR PROVIDES HELO AIR SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.

(3) 1ST MAR, ON 20 SEP 70, AT TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE WITH 5TH MAR, ASSUMES OPCON OF 3RD BN, 5TH MAR AND COMMAND OF M/3/1 CUPP AND CHANGES 1ST/5TH MAR BOUNDARY SO THAT NEW 1ST/5TH BOUNDARY EXISTING 3RD BN/2ND BN, 5TH MAR BOUNDARY; CONDUCTS PHASED RELIEF OF 3RD BN, 5TH MAR (INCLUDING ASSUMPTION COMMAND OF H&S/3/5 CUPP) AND, IN COORDINATION WITH 5TH MAR, RETURNS OPCON OF COS/BN AS RELIEFS EFFECTED BY 24 SEP 70.

(4) 5TH MAR, ON 20 SEP 70, AT TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE WITH 1ST MAR, PASSES OPCON 3RD BN, 5TH MAR AND COMMAND OF M/3/1 TO 1ST MAR AND CHANGES 1ST/5TH MAR BOUNDARY SO THAT NEW 1ST/5TH MAR BOUNDARY IS EXISTING 3RD BN/2ND BN, 5TH MAR BOUNDARY; ON 20 SEP 70, ESTABLISH TAC CP AT LZ BALDY AND, AT TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE WITH 7TH MAR, ASSUME OPCON OF 2ND AND 3RD BNS, 7TH MAR; EXPANDS TAOR EXISTING AT THAT TIME TO INCLUDE EXISTING 7TH MAR TAOR. BY 24 SEP 70, AND IN COORDINATION WITH 1ST MAR, REASSUMES OPCON OF 3RD BN, 5TH MAR IN CONJUNCTION WITH PHASED RELIEF OF COS IN PRESENT 3RD BN, 5TH MAR AO; BY 28 SEP 70 PROVIDES ONE CO (-) FOR SECURITY OF PSB RYDER, OPCON 11TH MAR, AS RELIEF FOR CO OF 7TH MAR.

(5) 7TH MAR, ON 20 SEP 70, AT TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE WITH 5TH MAR PASSES RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESENT TAOR TO 5TH MAR; PASSES OPCON 2ND BN, 7TH MAR AND 3RD BN, 7TH MAR TO 5TH MAR; COORDINATES AND RELOCATES TENANT UNITS/ACTIVITIES FROM BALDY, ROSS/RYDER AS REQ; REDEPLOYS UNITS AS DIRECTED.

(6) 2ND BN, 11TH MAR DS 5TH MAR.

(7) 1ST BN, 1ST MAR DURING PERIOD 18-24 SEP 70 CONDUCTS PHASED RELIEF OF 3RD BN, 5TH MAR UNITS; ON 20 SEP 70 ASSUMES OPCON M/3/1 CUPP CO AND DISPLACES CP TO HILL 37; PASS OPCON/ADCON CUPP UNITS OPERATING WITHIN DIEN BAN DISTRICT TO 2ND BN, 1ST MAR AND ASSUMES COMMAND OF H&S 3/5 CUPP UNITS.

2. (S) MISSION: ON 20 SEP 70, TIME TBA, 3RD BN, 5TH MAR PASSES OPCON TO 1ST MAR AND CONTINUES MISSION IAW REF B; DROPS AND PASSES COMMAND M/3/1 CUPP AND H&S/3/5 CUPP TO 1ST MAR; EFFECTS PHASED RELIEF BY 1ST BN, 1ST MAR UNITS TO HILLS 52, 65, AND 87; DISPLACES BY 24 SEPT TO LZ BALDY; ON 24 SEPT 70, TIME TBA, RETURNS OPCON 5TH MAR AND CONDUCTS TAC OPNS AS DIRECTED.

3. (S) EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS: 3RD BN, 5TH MAR EFFECTS PHASED RELIEF BY 1ST BN, 1ST MAR UNITS AND COMMENCES DISPLACEMENT TO LZ BALDY IAW ANNEX A (TIME/MOVEMENT SCHEDULE).

B. H&S CO (-): DISPLACE AND RPT FOR ADMIN AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES TO LZ BALDY DURING PERIOD 17-19 SEP 70.

C. BN REAR

(1) DISPLACE REAR CP FROM HILL 37 AND ESTABLISH AT LZ BALDY NLT 18 SEP 70.

(2) BE PREP TO ASSUME COMMAND AND CONTROL ORGANIC UNITS AS REQ.

D. BN FWD

(1) ON 20 SEP 70, TIME TBA, PASS OPCON TO 1ST MAR AND CONTINUE CURRENT ASSIGNED MISSION.

(2) DROP AND PASS COMMAND OF M/3/1 CUPP AND H&S/3/5 CUPP TO 1ST MAR AS REQ.

(3) DISPLACE TAC COMD GRP FROM HILL 65 AND ESTABLISH HQ AT LZ BALDY. RPT TIME CLOSED/OPENED TAC CP TO 1ST/5TH MAR.

(4) BY 24 SEP 70, TIME TBA, RETURN OPCON 5TH MAR.

(5) CONDUCT TAC OPNS AS DIRECTED.

E. CO I (-)

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

(2) ON 20 SEP 70, AT 0600, REASSUME OPCON 1ST PLT, CO I AND CONDUCT TAC FOOT-MARCH TO HILL 37.

(3) CONDUCT CO (-) SIZE HELOLIFT TO LZ BALDY IAW ANNEX A (TIME/MOVEMENT SCHEDULE).

(4) UPON COMPLETION OF HELOLIFT TO LZ BALDY CONDUCT STANDDOWN AND REHAP IN AREA TO BE DESIGNATED.

F. CO K

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

(2) ON 17 SEP 70, TIME TBA, PHASE IN ADV PARTY OF CO C (-) REIN 1ST BN, 1ST MAR ON HILL 52.

(3) MAINTAIN MAX STATE OF COMBAT READINESS AND SEC DURING PHASED RELIEF.

(4) ENSURE MAX STATE OF POLICE OF HILL 52 DEF POS AT TIME OF TURNOVER TO CO C (-) REIN ON 18 SEP 70; RETRO DISPOSABLE ORDNANCE PRIOR TO 17 SEP 70; REDUCE STOCK LEVEL OF CLASS I AND V TO ONE DAY LEVEL BY 18 SEP 70.

(5) CONDUCT CO SIZE HELOLIFT TO LZ BALDY IAW ANNEX A (TIME/MOVEMENT SCHEDULE).

(6) UPON COMPLETION OF HELOLIFT TO LZ BALDY CONDUCT STANDDOWN AND REHAB IN AREA TO BE DESIGNATED.

(7) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON 11TH MAR ON 28 SEP 70 AND PROVIDE CO (-) SIZE SEC FORCE FOR 83B RYDER AND PLT (-) SIZE SEC FORCES FOR OP HILL 119 AND OP HILL 425 IN PRESENT 7TH MAR TAOR. CONDUCT VR AND COMMENCE LIAISON VISITS TO RYDER, OP HILL 119, AND OP HILL 425 ON 24 SEP 70.

G. CO L

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

(2) CONDUCT CO SIZE HELOLIFT FROM HILL 65 TO LZ BALDY IAW ANNEX A (TIME/MOVEMENT SCHEDULE).

(3) UPON COMPLETION OF HELOLIFT TO LZ BALDY CONDUCT STANDDOWN AND REHAB IN AREA TO BE DESIGNATED.

(4) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME MISSION ASSIGNED CO K IN SUBPARA 3 F (7) ABOVE.

H. CO M

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

(2) ON 17 SEP 70, AT 0630, RELIEVE H&S CO (-) 3/5 AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY OF HILL 37.

(3) CONTINUE ROUTINE PATROLLING IN ASSIGNED AO AND UPON COMMENCEMENT OF HELOLIFT OF CO I (-) FM HILL 37 TO LZ BALDY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR CO I (-)

PRESENT AO.

(4) ON 19 SEPT 70, TIME TBA, PHASE IN ADV PARTY 1ST BN, 1ST MAR AT HILL 37.

(5) CONDUCT CO SIZE HELOLIFT TO LZ BALDY IAW ANNEX A (TIME/MOVEMENT SCHEDULE).

(6) MAINTAIN MAX STATE OF COMBAT READINESS AND SECURITY DURING PHASED RELIEF.

(7) BE PREPARED TO REINF/RELIEVE BY FOOT OR HELO ANY UNIT IN PRESENT SEN, 5TH MAR AO DURING PHASED RELIEF OPN.

(8) UPON COMPLETION OF HELOLIFT TO LZ BALDY CONDUCT STANDDOWN AND REHAB IN AREA TO BE DESIGNATED.

I. COM/3/1 CUPP COMPANY

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

(2) ON 20 SEPT 70, TIME TBA, PASS OPCON/ADCON TO 1ST MAR.

(3) BE PREPARED, AS DIRECTED, ^{SOIL} SIMULTANEOUS CHOP OPCON TO 1ST BN, 1ST MAR AND TO DISPLACE CP TO HILL 37.

(4) BE PREPARED, AS DIRECTED, TO PASS OPCON/ADCON CUPP UNITS OPERATING IN PRESENT DIEN BAN DISTRICT TO 2ND BN, 1ST MAR.

J. H&S/3/5 CUPP PLT

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

(2) ON 20 SEP 70, TIME TBA, PASS OPCON/ADCON TO 1ST MAR.

(3) BE PREPARED, AS DIRECTED, FOR SIMULTANEOUS CHOP OPCON/ADCON TO 1ST BN, 1ST MAR.

K. 3RD PLT, CO I (LZ DAGGER)

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

(2) AT DTG TBA, CONDUCT HELOLIFT FROM FSB DAGGER TO LZ BALDY.

(3) UPON COMPLETION OF HELOLIFT TO LZ BALDY PASS OPCON PARENT UNIT.

L. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN BN SIZE OPNS IN 7TH MAR TAOR AND, ON ORDER, RELIEVE THUONG DUC AND NONG SON CIDG CAMPS.

(2) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT CO SIZE OPN IN 7TH MAR TAOR.

(3) ENSURE THOROUGH POLICE OF BILLETING SPACES, CANTONMENTS, AND DEFENSIVE POSITIONS; EVACUATE ALL GRADE III ORDNANCE FOR DISPOSAL; TURN IN CLASS MAT FOUND TO S-2.

(4) TROOP MOVEMENT WILL BE EFFECTED BY HELO WITH ONE DAY CL I AND V; ONLY COMBAT EQUIP/SUPPLIES AUTH.

(5) BE PREPARED TO RELIEVE ANY DISTRICT HQ WITHIN 5TH MAR TAOR.

4. ADMIN/LOG: ANNEX B (ADMIN/LOG).

5. COMM/COMM/ELEC: ANNEX C (COMM/ELEC).

ANNEX A (TIME/MOVEMENT SCHEDULE) TO 5/5 FRAG O 38-70

1. TIME/MOVEMENT SCHEDULE

UNIT	DATE	MODE	NO	FM	TO
A. CO K ✓	181700 SEP ✓	HELO	165	H-52	BALDY
SEC 81s	181700 SEP	HELO	11	H-52	BALDY
SQD 108s	181700 SEP	HELO	6	H-52	BALDY
B. CO L ✓	200900 SEP ✓	HELO	160	H-55	BALDY
C. CO I (-)	210900 SEP ✓	HELO	120	H-57	BALDY
D. BN TAC CP	231000 SEP	HELO	100	H-55	BALDY
E. CO M	231100 SEP	HELO	160	H-57	BALDY
SEC 81s	231100 SEP	HELO	15	H-57	BALDY

2. ALL UNITS BE PREPARED TO SLIP SCHEDULED HELOLIFT ON 4 HOUR NOTIFICATION.

ANNEX B (ADMINISTRATION/LOGISTICS) TO FRAG O 38-70

- A. DIVO P4400.7
- B. DIVO P6000.1
- C. DIVO 4700.8
- D. DIVO 4700.10A
- E. CG, 1ST MAR DIV MSG 292105Z JUL 70
- F. CG, 1ST MAR DIV MSG 030516Z AUG 70

1. SUPPLY

A. GENERAL: FLC WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE SOURCE OF SUPPLY AND NORMAL REQUISITIONING PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A WILL BE UTILIZED. ALL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY, EXCEPT THAT INVOICED TO THE RELIEVING UNIT OR SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO BE LEFT ON POSITION, WILL BE MOVED TO LZ BALDY OR TURNED INTO FLC. CARE WILL BE EXERCISED DURING TRANSPORTATION OF ALL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TO INSURE ITS ARRIVAL IN SERVICEABLE CONDITION.

B. SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.

(1) OPERATIONAL STOCKS IN THE HANDS OF SUPPORT SECTIONS WILL BE TAKEN BY THE RESPECTIVE SECTIONS AND WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A MEMBER OF THAT SECTION.

(2) EQUIPMENT SUSCEPTIBLE TO DAMAGE IN TRANSIT WILL BE ADEQUATELY PROTECTED TO INSURE ITS SERVICEABILITY UPON ARRIVAL, AND ALL EQUIPMENT SUSCEPTIBLE TO WEATHER DAMAGE WILL EITHER BE PLACED UNDER SHELTER OR ADEQUATELY PROTECTED UPON ARRIVAL.

C. CONTROL AND DISTRIBUTION: CONTROLLED SUPPLIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE UNDER BATTALION SUPPLY. DISTRIBUTION WILL BE BY LAND OR BY AIR. SUPPLY POINT DISTRIBUTION WILL BE UTILIZED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. SUPPLY WILL BE LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE BATTALION COC AT LZ BALDY. OPERATIONS AT THE CURRENT LOCATION WILL CEASE ON 11 SEPTEMBER AND WILL RESUME AT LZ BALDY ON 19 SEPTEMBER.

D. PLAN FOR MOVEMENT OF SUPPLY: SUPPLY LEVELS AS DEFINED IN REF A WILL BE MAINTAINED:

(1) THE BATTALION SUPPLY OFFICER WILL EFFECT LIAISON WITH THE SUPPLY OFFICER OF THE BATTALION AREA BEING ASSUMED. ADVANCE PARTIES WILL MAINTAIN SECURITY AND EFFECT THE PROPER PLACEMENT OF SUPPLIES AS RECEIVED. THE MOVEMENT OF OPERATIONAL STOCKS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) 16-17 SEP HES CO OFFICE, SUPPLY AND CO K (HILL 37)

(B) 18 SEP CO K (HILL 52)

(C) 18-19 SEP S-1, BN REAR AND CO L

(D) 19-20 SEP S-4

(E) 20-21 SEP C.O., S-2, S-3, S-5, MOTOR TRANSPORT, COMM AND BAS (HILL 37)

(F) 21-22 SEP CO I (HILL 37) AND MESSHALL

(G) WHEN RELEASED BN REAR PARTIES AND CO M

E. RESUPPLY: NORMAL REQUISITIONING PROCEDURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A WILL BE FOLLOWED WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS PLACED UPON PROPER SCREENING OF WALK THROUGH REQUISITIONS DURING THE MOVEMENT PERIOD, IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE INFLATION OF HIGH PRIORITY REQUISITION. RESUPPLY REQUISITIONS FOR CLASSES I, III, AND V WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LSU DETACHMENT OF LZ BALDY. UTILIZATION OF MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSETS WILL BE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, COMMENSURATE WITH ENEMY AMBUSH/MINING ACTIVITY.

F. HELICOPTER DELIVERY: A LOGISTICAL OPERATIONS CENTER (LOC) IS ESTABLISHED AT LZ BALDY WITH FULL CAPABILITY FOR PREPATION, MARSHALLING AN EMBARKATION OF SUPPLIES, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR OUTLINING UNITS AND FOR USE AS A BACK UP TO VEHICLE CONVOYS. CURRENT PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING AND FOR UTILIZING HELICOPTER DELIVERY WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT.

G. SALVAGE AND EXCESSES

(1) ALL NON (T/E) EXCESSES WILL BE TURNED INTO THE BATTALION SUPPLY OFFICER FOR INTERNAL/EXTERNAL REDISTRIBUTION.

(2) UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL UNSERVICEABLE USMC PROPERTY BE BURNED, BURIED OR OTHERWISE DESTROYED.

2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

A. AS CURRENTLY ESTABLISHED IN REF B.

B. THE BATTALION AID STATION WILL ASSUME ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF 2ND BN, 7TH MAR AID STATION AT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME.

3. SERVICE

A. CONSTRUCTION: REQUESTS FOR CONSTRUCTION NORMALLY WILL BE LIMITED TO THAT WHICH IS ESSENTIAL, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON PREPARATIONS FOR MONSOONS. SUBMIT REQUEST IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF C.

B. MAINTENANCE: EQUIPMENT REQUIRING 3RD OR 4TH ECHELON MAINTENANCE WILL BE EVACUATED TO THE LSU DETACHMENT AT LZ BALDY UTILIZING PROPERLY EXECUTED TERO'S IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF D.

C. POLICE AND MAINTENANCE OF CANTONMENTS: SECTIONS AND COMPANIES WILL ENSURE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF REF E AND F ARE FULLY UNDERSTOOD BEFORE VACATING THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS. PRIOR TO TURNOVER OR ACCEPTANCE OF FACILITIES A JOINT INSPECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED TO ENSURE A SATISFACTORY STATE OF MAINTENANCE OF POLICE.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

A. FOOD SERVICES: PERSONNEL FROM 1ST BATTALION, 1ST MARINES WILL COMMENCE OPERATION OF MESSHALLS ON HILLS 37 AND 65 ON 21 SEP 70. ALL MESSHALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE ~~EVACUATED~~ CONVOY VEHICLES ON 21 SEP FOR DEPARTURE FOR BALDY ON 22 SEP.

TURNOVER OF MESS OPERATIONS AT LZ BALDY WILL BE CONDUCTED AT A TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TO BOTH RELIEVING AND RELIEVED UNITS. SIGN OVER OF MESS GARRISON PROPERTY WILL BE COORDINATED WITH THE DIVISION FOOD SERVICES OFFICER. DIRECT EXCHANGE OF T/E MESS EQUIPMENT IS AUTHORIZED.

B. PX: EXISTING PX FACILITIES WILL REMAIN IN OPERATION AT LZ BALDY.

C. POSTAL SERVICES: A COMPLETE RANGE OF POSTAL SERVICES WILL REMAIN ON POSITION AT LZ BALDY. MAIL WILL BE DELIVERED TO HILL 37 THROUGH 19 SEP. COMMENCING 20 SEP MAIL WILL BE DELIVERED TO LZ BALDY.

D. DISBURSING: 5TH MARINES DISBURSING OFFICE WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT LZ BALDY PRIOR TO THE 10CT PAYDAY.

E. RED CROSS: RED CROSS FACILITIES PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED AT LZ BALDY WILL REMAIN IN OPERATION.

F. BARBERSHOP/CONCESSION STAND: ALL FACILITIES WILL REMAIN AS PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED.

G. CLUBS: ENLISTED, STAFF*NON COMMISSIONED OFFICER AND OFFICER CLUBS CURRENTLY EXISTING AT LZ BALDY WILL REMAIN IN OPERATION.

ANNEX C (COMM/ELEC) TO 3/5 FRAG O 38-70

1. COMMAND POSTS

3/5 FORWARD HILL 65 VIC ^{AT} 878577
 WHEN DIRECTED LZ BALDY VIC BT 132453
 3/5 REAR LZ BALDY VIC BT 132453

2. COMM

A. ON 20 SEP 70 ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS WITH 1ST MAR AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH 5TH MAR, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS 3/5 RETURNS TO OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF 5TH MAR.

~~B. ESTABLISH COMM WITH 1ST MAR ON 20 SEP 70 AND MAINTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE CHANNELS TO 5TH MAR.~~

B. ALL SUBORDINANT UNITS GUARD BN TAC FREQ OF THE BN THEY ARE OPCON TO.

1ST MAR TAC #1	43.25	113	SCANDINAVIA
5TH MAR TAC #2	30.45	136	MILLBROOK
1/1 BN TAC	39.80	157	LONGA POINT
3/5 BN TAC	66.85	267	SHAVING MUG

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Third Bn, Fifth Marines Frag Order 39-70

Ref: (a) Map: VN 1:50,000 AMS Series 7014 Sheet 6640 in time Zone H.

TASK ORGANIZATION: No change.

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy. About 20 VC/NVA were sighted and engaged by fire at about 152020H Sept 70 at coor. 824547 which resulted in about 14 enemy KIA.

b. Friendly

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

(2) 2nd Bn, 11th Marines DS 5th Marines.

2. MISSION

Commencing L-Hour on D-Day one Co (-) and one platoon search the battle area to determine results of the battle.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. One Co (-) is lifted at L-Hour to LZ #1 at 825 546 and search the battle field area to the west along the south bank of Song Vu Gia towards a blocking force lifted into LZ #2.

b. Co I (-), and Co M. No Change.

c. Co K

(1) Provide one Platoon (Rein) of no more than 60 persons to rendezvous at HILL 52 LZ at 150645H Sept 70 for helolift into LZ #2 (Coor 815540).

(2) Secure LZ #2 and provide blocking force toward the NE for Co L(-) sweeping westward along the south bank of Song Vu Gia.

(3) Provide security for LZ #2 for helolift of Co L (-) back to H-65.

(4) Be prepared to conduct river crossing vic 811543 or other suitable site.

(5) Remainder of Co K, no change.

d. Co L

(1) Provides Co (-) about 52 persons and rendezvous at H-65 LZ at 150630H Sept 70 for helolift in LZ #1 (Coor 835546).

- (2) Conduct sweep and search of the battle area along the south bank of the Song Vu Gia from LZ #1 to Coor 812542.
- (3) Link up with platoon of Co K in LZ #2 (Coor 815540).
- (4) At 1300H, board helo for lift from LZ #2 to H-65.
- (5) Be prepared to conduct river crossing.
- (6) Remainder of Co L no change.
- e. Co M 3/1 CUPP/3/5 CUPP P;t and 3rd Plt Co I. No change.
- f. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) L-Hour - 0645H
 - (2) D-Day - 16 Sept 70
 - (3) Ensure positive enemy sighting before firing to preclude and friendly and friendly incident.
 - (4) Co L (-) and Plt Co K maintain continual contact with each other on Bn Tac #2 to report position of units.
 - (5) Be prepared to mark positions on request to ensure coordinated link up of units.
 - (6) Conduct thorough search and police of battle field to determine number of enemy KIA and to obtain weapons and other items of intelligence value.
 - (7) Considering that the bodies and materials on the battlefield are booby trapped. Exercise all necessary precautions.
 - (8) Exercise normal FSCC procedures.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Co L (-) and Plt of Co K land in LZ's # 1&2 with one days supply class I and V.
- b. Return all captured weapons and materials to 3/5 S-2.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. Commencing L-Hour minus 15 minutes Co L (-) and assault platoon Co K guard Bn Tac #2.

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Ref: (a) MAP 1:50,000 Dai Loc AMS Series L 7014 Sheet 6640 IV
 Tam Ky Sheet 6640 III
 (b) Fifth Mar Frag O 37-70

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Front Four (Forward) Headquarters is located in and operates from the Que Son Mountains.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Co E 2nd Bn, 7th Mar is operating in the Que Son Mts in Operation Imperial Lake.
- (2) 1st MAW provides air support for helolift, resupply and tactical air strikes.
- (3) K Battery 4/11 general support 5th Mar.
- (4) F Battery 2/11 general support 5th Mar.
- (5) WX Battery 2/11 on call to 3rd Bn, 5th Mar.
- (6) AK Battery 2/11 on call to 3rd Bn, 5th Mar.
- (7) 1st Bn, 5th Mar provides Pacifier units on call.

2. MISSION

3rd Bn, 5th Mar conduct a helicopter borne insertion to continue category III operations in Que Son Mountains to locate, fix, and destroy Front Four (Forward) Headquarters, and to capture or kill enemy forces in zone.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. One company is inserted into the Que Son Mts to hold HILL 845 and to conduct search and clear operations in designated zone, relieving one company of 2nd Bn, 7th Marines. One company occupies a blocking position in vicinity of BT 0139.

b. Go M (Rein)

- (1) Commencing at 300800H Sept 70 helolift one platoon (rein), one

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section 81mm Mortars, and radio relay to H-845 into secure LZ at 982429. Establish positive communications with Bn Command Post without delay. Defend and maintain position (LZ Vulture).

- (2) Upon establishing communications between H-845 and Bn Command Post, insert by helicopter, a company (-) into secure landing zone at 987457.
- (3) With a company minus conduct category III search and clear operation in area bounded by 9346, 953475, 9746, 9743, ~~9643~~ and 9343. 9343 ⁵ JK

c. Co L

- (1) Maintain a blocking position by continued presence in the vicinity of BT 0139.
- (2) Continue assigned mission.

d. Rehab Company (-). The company occupying FSB Ross for rehabilitation will have the additional mission of a rapid reaction force to augment the operational company in the Imperial Lake AO.

e. 81mm Mortar Plt

- (1) One section of 81mm Mortars will establish positions on HILL 845.
- (2) Provide fire support for operating units and for defense of HILL 845.

f. Radio Relay. Establish and maintain positive and continued communications between operating units, H-845 and Bn Command Post.

g. Battalion Reserve. Remaining rifle company will, on order, prepare to aid the operating forces in the Imperial Lake operating area.

h. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Co E 2/7 will be relieved by insertion of Co M 3/5 and will be extracted with same helicopters.
- (2) Upon insertion into landing zone, maintain security on LZ's until Co E 2/7 is extracted.
- (3) Thoroughly search out area within the AO. Search the foothills up to 150 meters level.
- (4) Caution all troops to be on the alert for anti-personal mines and booby traps.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

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- a. 5 DOS Class I
 - b. Troops will carry gas masks and rain-protective equipment.
 - c. 3 DOS Batterys for operating units. 5 DOS batteries for units on H-845.
 - d. Class IV for H-845 as required.
 - e. Basic allowance of Class V for 81mm Mortars plus 5 DOS.
 - f. Resupply every second day with 2 DOS.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS
- a. Radio Relay, Established on H-845 at coordinates 982432.
 - b. Command Post
 - (1) Bn CP - 025343
 - (2) Report locations when established and changed.

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Time Zone: H

TACTIC ORIENTATION: No change.

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. See current INTREP and INTELLSb. Friendly.

(1) 3rd Bn, 7th Mar (OPFOR 5th Mar) occupies FSB Hoon and conducts operations in its vicinity.

(2) "O" Bn, 11th Marines, US 3rd Bn, 7th Mar

c. Attachments. None.

2. MISSION

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines moves from Baloy Combat Base in echelon movements to FSB Hoon and assumes responsibility thereof and for the southern AO relieving 3rd Bn, 7th Marines by 23 September 1970.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. 3rd Bn, 5th Mar displaces by echelon movement to FSB Hoon and assumes responsibility for and conducts operations in the southern portion of 5th Marines AO.

b. M&S Co

(1) Command Group A moves by helolift to FSB Hoon on 21 Sept 70, conducts necessary liaison with 3rd Bn, 7th Marines, and prepares to assume command and control of all operations in the southern part of the 5th Mar AO on 23 Sept 1970. (See Annex A).

(2) Command Group B moves by helolift to FSB Hoon on 23 Sept 70. (See Annex A).

(3) Designated personnel of M&S Company will move from Baloy CB to FSB Hoon by motor vehicle convey with the movement of equipment and supplies. (See Annex C).

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c. I Co

- (1) On 25 Sept 1970 1st Marines will pass OPORD back to 5th Marines with simultaneous pass to 3rd Bn, 5th Marines.
- (2) From pickup point designated by 5th Marines on 25 Sept 70 helo-lift to FSB Hoon.
- (3) Standdown at FSB Hoon on 26 Sept 70. Prepare on order on or about 27 Sept 70 to conduct company search and clear operations to the south and southwest of FSB Hoon as designated relieving a company of 3rd Bn, 7th Marines.
- (4) Provide on order, on or about 27 Sept 70, one platoon (rein) to occupy OP on HILL 270.
- (5) Company administration and supply moves to FSB Hoon in accordance with Annex C.

d. Gn K (-)

- (1) On 27 Sept 1970 helolift from Baldy CB to FSB Hoon.
- (2) Be prepared to assume as of 28 Sept 70 necessary reaction force for FSB Hoon and adjacent units.
- (3) Company administration and supply moves to FSB Hoon in accordance with Annex C.

e. 3 Plt Co K. No change. Upon relief from FSB Hagger helolift to FSB Hoon.f. Co L

- (1) On 28 Sept 1970 helolift from Baldy CB to the Gun Box site in accordance with a Frag Order to be issued separately.
- (2) Company administration and supply moves to FSB Hoon in accordance with Annex C.

g. Co M

- (1) On 25 Sept 1970, 1st Marines will pass OPORD back to 5th Marines with simultaneous pass to 3rd Bn, 5th Mar.
- (2) From the pickup point designated by the 5th Marines, on 25 Sept 70, helolift to FSB Hoon.

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- (3) Be prepared, on order on or about 26 Sept 70 to conduct company search and clear operations to the west and northwest of FSB Base as designated, relieving a company of 3rd Bn, 7th Marines.
- (4) Company administration and supply moves to FSB Base in accordance with Annex C.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Maximum combat readiness will be maintained by all units at all times during the move to FSB Base.
- (2) Time of helolift will be in accordance with Annex B.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See Annex C.
- b. All units move with individual equipment and field packs.
- c. Class I - 2 days
- d. Class V - Basic Allowances

5. FORWARD AND COMMUNICATIONS - 2 BATTALIONS

- a. Companies conducting operations from FSB Base will be under the operational control of 3rd Bn, 7th Marines until that Battalion is relieved by 3rd Bn, 5th Marines on or about 26 Sept 70.

b. Communications

3rd Bn, 5th Mar Tac #1	88.65	Shaving Rug
3rd Bn, 7th Mar Tac #1	89.25	Forge Case

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ATTACHES:

- ✓A - Task Organization of Command Groups
- ✓B - Movement Schedule
- ✓C - Administration Plan (PASSEP)

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Annex A (Task Organization of Command Group) to 3rd Battalion, 8th
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1. Task Organization

a. Command Group "A"

Commanding Officer
 1-2 Opns Officer
 1-2 Assistant
 1-2 Chief
 1-2 Liaison NCO
 1-2 Clerk
 1-2 Chief
 Comm Officer
 Tech Chief
 3 Radio Operators
 4 Wireman
 1-2 Chief
 Mess Sgt
 Sgt Major
 Supply Chief

1-2
 1-2 Chief
 FSGT
 2 FSGT Radio Operators
 ALO
 1 TACP Radio Operator
 1mm Mortar Plt Sadr
 1mm Mortar Plt Sgt
 100mm Plt Sgt
 WT Maint Chief
 W/S Opns Chief
 Club NCO

- b. Command Group "B". 4th Company less those of Command Group "A" and those designated to move by motor vehicle convey in accordance with Annex C.

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Annex B (Movement Schedule) to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Operation
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1. Helicopter Movement Schedule

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>POINT</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>NO. PASSENGERS</u>
a. Command Group "A"	250000H Sept 70	Baldy	F33 Base			20
b. Co K	150000H Sept 70	1st Mar	F33 Base			175
c. Co Y	250000H Sept 70	1st Mar	F33 Base			175
d. Co S(-)	270000H Sept 70	Baldy	F33 Base			100
e. Co L	280000H Sept 70	Baldy	Que Son Hts			100
f. Command Group "B"	280000H Sept 70	Baldy	F33 Base			20

2. Lifts for Company X and Company Y will be scheduled by 1st Marines.

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Annex C (Administration/Logistics) to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines
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Ref: (a) D1VO P4000.7
 (b) D1VO P6000.1
 (c) D1VO 4700.9
 (d) D1VO 4700.10A
 (e) CG, 1st Mar Div msg 220100Z Jul 70
 (f) CG, 1st Mar Div msg 060100Z Aug 70

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I. SUPPLY

- a. General. FLS will continue to be the source of supply and normal requisitioning procedures in accordance with reference (a) will be utilized. All government property will be moved to LZ Haly. Care will be exercised during transportation of all government property to insure its arrival in serviceable condition.
- b. Supplies and Equipment
 - (1) Operational stocks in the hands of support sections will be taken by the respective sections and will be accompanied by a member of that section.
 - (2) Equipment susceptible to damage in transit will be adequately protected to insure its serviceability upon arrival, and all equipment susceptible to weather damage will either be placed under shelter or adequately protected upon arrival.
- c. Control and Distribution. Controlled supplies will continue to be under Battalion Supply, distribution will be by land or by air. Supply point distribution will be utilized to the maximum extent possible. Operations at the current location will cease on 25 September and will resume at LZ Haly on 26 September.
- d. Plan for Movement of Supply. Supply levels as defined in reference (a) will be maintained:
 - (1) The Battalion Supply Officer will effect liaison with the supply officer of the Battalion area being assumed. Advance parties will maintain security and effect the proper placement of supplies as received. The movement of operational stocks will be accomplished by vehicle as follows:

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- (a) 24 Sept Battalion Supply, Comm Section, Motor Transport
- (b) 25 Sept "A" Command Group, Base Hall, Motor Transport
- (c) 26 Sept "I & H" Co. Bears, H&S Co., Supply
- (d) 27 Sept "I & H" Co. Bears, CO, B&S, Comm, Motor Transport, Supply
- (e) 28 Sept 2-1, 2-4

e. Resupply. Normal requisitioning procedures in accordance with reference (a) will be followed with particular emphasis placed upon proper screening of walk through requisitions during the movement period. In order to preclude inflation of high priority requisitions, resupply requisitions for class I, III, and V will be submitted to the L&V detachment at LH Base. Utilization of Motor Transport assets will be to the maximum extent possible, commensurate with enemy ambush/mining activity.

f. Helicopter Delivery. A logistical operations center (LOC) is established at LH Base with full capability for preparation, marshalling and embarkation of supplies, materials and equipment for outloading units. Current procedures for requesting and for utilizing helicopter delivery will remain in effect.

2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

- a. As currently established in reference (b).
- b. The Battalion Aid Station will assume administrative and operational control of 3rd Bn, 7th Mar Aid Station at a mutually agreeable time.

3. SERVICE

- a. Construction. Requests for construction normally will be limited to that which is essential, with particular emphasis on preparations for movements. Submit requests in accordance with reference (c).
- b. Maintenance. Equipment requiring 3rd or 4th echelon maintenance will be evacuated to the L&V detachment at LH Base utilizing properly executed loads in accordance with reference (d).
- c. Police and Maintenance of Contaminants. Actions and compounds will

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ensure that the provisions of references (e) and (f) are fully understood before vacating their present positions. Prior to turn-over acceptance of facilities a joint inspection will be conducted to ensure a satisfactory state of maintenance and police.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Food Services. Personnel from 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines will commence operation of the messhall on LZ Ross on 28 September 1970. All messhall equipment will be loaded on convey vehicles on 25 September for departure for LZ Ross. Sign over of mess services property will be coordinated with the Division Food Services Officer. Direct exchange of T/E mess equipment is authorized.
- b. Postal Services. A complete range of postal services will remain on position at LZ Baldy. The Battalion Mail Room will be located LZ Ross.
- c. Disbursing. 5th Marines Disbursing Office will be located at LZ Baldy.
- d. Red Cross. Red Cross facilities presently established at LZ Baldy will remain in operation.
- e. A Vietnamese Barbershop and Laundry will continue to operate on LZ Ross.
- f. The Salisted Club at LZ Ross will continue to operate. There will be no Staff and Officers Club.

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Ref: (a) Map: VN 1:50,000 AMS Series L Sheet 6640 IV, 6640 I, 6540 I

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TASK ORGANIZATION. No change.

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. The enemy is attempting to discredit the pacification effort in the 5th Marines AO and poses the threat of massing in sufficient strength to attack CUPP/CAP units and isolated positions particularly in the western sector of the AO.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) First MAW provides air support and troop lift by helicopter.
- (2) 2nd Bn, 11th Marines DS 5th Marines.

c. Assumptions

- (1) That the operations/commitments of the Battalion do not preclude the forming of a rifle platoon reinforced as the reaction element.
- (2) That the necessary aircrafts are available for the movement of the reaction element to a distant sector of the AO.
- (3) That the weather condition will permit the use of the necessary air support.

2. MISSION

On order reaction forces capable of rapid movement assist other units within the 3rd Bn, 5th Mar AO under attack or threatened.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept. One platoon reinforced will be assigned as the reaction element to move on order by helolift to secure hill nearest engaged

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unit or by foot march on short notice to assist the threatened unit. All others will be prepared to assist adjacent units on order.

b. Rifle Companies Occupying H-52, H-37, and H-55

- (1) On order to establish HSF teams in LZ within perimeter to receive helicopters at night.
- (2) On order assemble a reaction element or reassemble night/day activities to move on order to assist adjacent units.

c. Rifle Company Occupying H-65

- (1) Each night maintain one platoon (rein) as the reaction unit on H-65 on a 30 minute standby.
- (2) Reaction platoon (rein) will be prepared to be helolifted from H-65 to the vicinity of a endangered unit.

d. Rifle Companies/Elements Operating in the Field

- (1) On order reassemble night/day activities to move on order to assist adjacent units.
- (2) Be prepared to designate a secure LZ and to receive helicopters at night.

e. CUPP Units

- (1) On order reassemble night/day activities to move on order to assist adjacent units.
- (2) Be prepared to designate a secure LZ and to receive helicopters at night.

f. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) All units will plot and clear artillery concentration for HE and illumination for defense of all night activities.
- (2) A unit in contact with the enemy will report the nature and extent of the contact to the battalion COC as soon and as accurately as the situation permits.
- (3) Mark location of unit upon request to ensure there is no friendly on friendly contact.

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- (4) The command to execute a movement of an element of a Company CUPP to assist another unit will be given only by the CO or S-3.
- (5) If ever the other operations of the Company providing the reaction platoon on H-65 do not permit an artillery FO and/or Forward Air Controller to be part of the reaction platoon, there personnel will be requested from the S-3 upon alert of the platoon.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. The reaction platoon will carry basic allowance of ammunition.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. Upon order the reaction platoon from H-65 will guard the Bn Tac #1.

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ANNEXES

✓ A - Air Support

DISTRIBUTION:	5th Mar S-3	(1)
	Co I	(1)
	Co K	(1)
	Co L	(1)
	Co M	(1)
	Co M 3/1 CUPP	(1)
	S-2	(1)
	S-3	(1)
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Annex A (Air Support) to Operation Plan 3-70

1. Aircraft Available for Air Support:

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|----|---------|------------|
| a. | 1 OV-10 | Control |
| | 1 OV-10 | Flare |
| | 1 UH-1H | HCA |
| | 1 C-47 | Stinger |
| | 1 C-130 | Bombardier |

b. Aircraft are usually available on 30-45 minutes notice.

2. Aircraft Available for Troop Movement

- a. 6H-48
1 AH-1H (Rein)

b. Aircraft expected within 45 minutes.

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