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✓(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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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

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1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol H. L. JOHNSON, JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

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

Capt J. T. MACNAMEE
 1stLt J. D. JONES
 1stLt J. J. REGO
 Capt D. L. WALKER
 1stLt S. E. HART
 to 24Oct70
 Capt V. L. SCHULTZ
 fm 25Oct70
 1stLt M. R. BEGGS

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines CUPP Platoon

2. LOCATION. Throughout the month the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines maintained its CP at Ross Combat Base (BT 027343).

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ExecO
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Major J. K. MILLER
 WO G. E. COPE
 1stLt J. F. REINER
 Major J. J. ROZMAN
 Capt M. O. FLETCHER
 1stLt R. C. LIESEGANG
 to 19Oct70
 GySgt R. D. FARMER
 fm 20Oct70
 1stLt D. J. GANNON
 to 9Oct70
 1stLt M. G. WATERS
 fm 10Oct70
 Capt J. J. MARSHALL
 1stLt T. N. LITTON
 1stLt R. D. GULFIDE
 1stLt G. L. BRUNO
 Lt J. R. FLETCHER
 Lt S. S. KROLL
 Lt R. L. STENNES

Supply Officer

Communications Officer
 Air Liaison Officers

Artillery Liaison Officer
 Chaplain
 Medical Officers

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC

Officers
 36

Enlisted Officers
 1116 3

USN

Enlisted
 48

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines conducted category II and III Operations in the Southern portion of the 5th Marines AO in the vicinity of Ross Combat Base. The primary emphasis was outside the pacified areas within the units assigned Area of Interest. The Area of Interest assigned is a combined area with the Regional and Popular Forces of the Que Son District. The combined area is located in the territorial District of Que Son, Quang Nam Province, Military Region I.

The Que Son District forces continued their operations within the designated pacified areas of the district throughout the month.

The Battalion participated in two named Operations during the month of October 1970. On 2 October 1970, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines entered Operation Imperial Lake in relief of elements of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. On this date, 3rd platoon of Company M was inserted onto H-845 to provide security for OP Rainbow (AT 982433). Company M (-) was then inserted into the operational area on 6 October 1970. The Company conducted Category III operations in the Imperial Lake AO until relieved on 21 October 1970. During the operation the Company found numerous caches of foodstuff and equipment. The results of the operation were; one ton of corn, and 1/4 ton of rice captured and destroyed, 4 SKS rifles, 2 AK-47 rifles, 1 M-16 rifle, 1 M-1 and 5 122mm rockets. In addition, large amounts of miscellaneous medical gear and clothing were found.

On 22 October 1970, Co L moved from Ross Combat Base to the vicinity of the Chau Son Mountains (AT 970290) and commenced Operation Noble Canyon. The operation continued throughout the month with no significant finds or enemy sightings. The operation was hampered by severe weather conditions which restricted movement and visibility in the operation area.

During the month several operations were oriented at exploiting intelligence information. On 4 October 1970, Company L was helolifted to a zone of action vicinity BT 1238, reacting to information that a VC company was operating in the area. Company L swept the area with no enemy sightings.

On 9 October 1970, based on intelligence information that the VC/NVA were operating in the Chau Son Mountains area and sniping at troops in that vicinity. Company L was helolifted into the vicinity of AT 9830 and commenced a thorough search of the mountain area (AT 9829). The results of the operation were: 1 VC/NVA KIA, 2 M-16 rifles and 1 M-79 grenade launcher captured. In addition, a large cache of enemy clothing and miscellaneous munitions was found.

On 14 October 1970, Company L was inserted into 4 LZ's in the vicinity of BT 0540 reacting to intelligence information that this area was a way-station for numerous VCI moving between the village area and the mountains. 98 persons were detained of whom 12 were identified by an informer as VCI.

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On 14 October 1970, one platoon, Company K, in conjunction with a PF company established a cordon around a village (AT 9934) and established a blocking force for an RF unit which swept through the village. This operation resulted in one VC KIA.

During the month the Battalion rotated companies from the Operational Areas to Ross Combat Base for three (3) day rehabilitation periods. Each company had approximately six (6) days rehabilitation during the month, during which periods they assumed the mission of Regimental Reserve, relief of Nong Son, Que Son District and the CUPP units. From 2 to 8 October the company in Regimental Reserve was on a one hour alert.

On 18 October 1970, Company K was passed to the Operational Control of 11th Marines to provide a security force for LZ Ryder, H-119, and H-425. The company remained OFCON to the 11th Marines for the remainder of the month.

On 22 October 1970, Company I participated in a joint operation with PF and RF forces in Operation Hoang Dien. One platoon established a blocking force at dawn for several RF platoons which swept through a known VC area (BT 0236). Another squad conducted joint search and sweep operations with a RF platoon in another known VC area for two days. (BT 0131).

The Battalion continued to conduct security missions for the 1st Engineers mine sweep along route #534, north to BT 081389. Security was also provided for the Force Logistics Command which recovered two destroyed tank hulls in the AO on 16 October 1970.

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PART III1. TOPICSa. Personnel and Administration

(1) Strength. The Battalion began the month with a total strength of 37 Marine Officers, 1059 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers, and 48 Navy Enlisted. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines now has a total on board strength of 35 Marine Officers, 1139 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers, and 48 Navy Enlisted.

(2) Morale. Morale and fighting spirit was and continues to be excellent. 58 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:

SUNDAY

0830 (Prot) - - - - - Ross Combat Base Chapel
1330 (Cath) - - - - - Ross Combat Base Chapel

The Battalion Chaplain also conducted memorial services for Six Marines Killed in action and one US Army soldier.

(3) Postal Services. Postal service during the month continued with efficiency, especially considering the adverse weather conditions. Mail delivery continues to be accomplished by a regularly assigned courier on a daily basis.

(4) Discipline. During the month there were 24 office hours, 6 Summary Courts Martials and 2 Special Courts Martials.

(5) Awards. There were 27 Purple Hearts awarded to members of the Battalion during the month.

(6) Promotions. There were a total of 102 promotions during the month of October. The breakdown by rank is as follows:

REGULAR PROMOTIONS

LCpl - - - - - 80
PFC - - - - - 15

MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS

Cpl - - - - - 6
Sgt - - - - - 1

(7) Internal Management

(a) Administrative procedures continued with proficiency throughout the month. A total of 213 Marines were processed and returned to CONUS during October. Emphasis continued to be placed on administrative discharge of personnel who do not conform to retention standards. Twenty ~~Marines~~ were recommended for administrative discharges and five were re-turned approved during the month.

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

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

KIA - - - - -	5	WIANE - - - - -	0
WIA - - - - -	26	NBCD - - - - -	0
DOW - - - - -	2	MIA - - - - -	0
NBC - - - - -	79		

b. Enemy, Weather, and Terrain

(1) Enemy. Enemy actions during this reporting period were characterized by food gathering operations in the flat rice producing areas of Que Son District. The main enemy units tasked with this operation are believed to be the 70th LF Bn and the 260th Transportation Bn. Aside from food gathering the enemy has made medium use of booby traps to cover avenues of approach to his base camps, and cover his withdrawals. Most of the booby traps have been located in the western part of the AO. There were significant enemy sightings within the AO. Enemy activity during the month was light and consisted mainly of **harassing incidents** by small groups of enemy.

(2) Weather

1. Rainfall: Heavy
2. Temperature:

(a) Avg. High: 89
(b) Avg. Low: 72

3. Light:

(a) Avg. Sunrise: 0638
(b) Avg. Sunset: 1835

(3) Terrain. The predominant terrain features encountered during this reporting period were the rugged vine and brush covered foothills leading to the Que Son Mountains on the north and the Chau Son Mountains to the south of Ross Combat Base.

(4) Enemy Casualties Inflicted

VC/NVA KIA	9
NVA KIA	3
VC/NVA KB Air	3
VC/NVA KB Art	3
DETAINÉES	55
POW	0

(5) Enemy Weapons Captured

AK-47	4
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SKS	6
M-16	3
M-79	1
REB Launcher	1
Homemade Mortar	1
M-1	1

(6) Enemy Munitions Found/Captured

AK Rounds	200
M-26	1
C-4 (Pounds)	20
Chicom Grenades	5
M-79 Rounds	7
M-14 Rounds	500
Smoke Grenades	5
75mm RR Rounds	3
250 lb bomb	1
Boxmines	3
2.75 Rockets	38
122mm Rkts w/warheads	5
8" Round	1
500 lb bomb	1
60mm HE	10

(7) Enemy Equipment/Foodstuffs Captured

Rice	5230 pounds
Corn	2500 pounds
Salt	40 pounds
Drugs	1 pound
Knives	4
Porchb	1
Canteen Cups	2
Hammocks	3
AK-47 Magazines	6
M-16 Magazines	22
Cartridge Belts	3
NVA Belt	1
NVA Helmets	4
NVA Canteen	1
Transistor Radio	1
Assorted Medical Supplies and Equipment	
Assorted Clothing	
Various Cooking Utensils	

(8) Enemy Caves, Tunnels, & Bunkers

Caves	16
Tunnels	3
Bunkers	12

(9) Mines and Booby Traps Found/Detonated. A total of 34 mines and booby traps were encountered in October. 12 were detonated and 22 were found.

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(a) Casualties

USMC KIA	2
USN KIA	1
USMC WIA	26
USN WIA	2

(b) Types and Number of Devices

Cans of C-4	3
81mm Rounds	2
M-26 Grenades	12
105mm Rounds	4
Boxmines	1
Bear Traps	2
60mm Rounds	3
Claymores	3
LAAW (M-72)	1
Chicom Grenades	3

c. Operations. Extensive combat patrols, and ambushes were conducted throughout the month to interdict enemy movement in the AO. Emphasis continued to be placed on screening operations on the periphery of secure or pacified areas in order to deny ingress and egress routes to the enemy. During the month units of the Battalion participated in two named operations. The operations were Imperial Lake and Noble Canyon.

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 the AO. Also, fortification construction and improvement continued at high priority to prepare for the monsoon season.

(2) Shore Party. Company A, 1st Shore Party Battalion provided a Helicopter Support Team to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines throughout the month.

(3) Mine/Booby Trap Detection Teams. Fifteen (15) Mine/Booby Trap Detection Teams utilizing mine/booby trap dogs were employed by subordinate units of the Battalion contributing to the reduction of casualties during the period.

(4) Interpreters. One (1) interpreter was employed by the Battalion and its subordinate elements during the period.

(5) Snipers. Six (6) scout/snipers from 5th Marine Scout/Sniper Platoon supported subordinate elements of the Battalion during the period.

e. Supporting Arms

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(1) Air

(a) Helicopters flew a total of 132 medevac missions to evacuate 44 WIA's and 207 non-battle casualties. These consisted of:

	<u>EMERGENCY</u>	<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>ROUTINE</u>	<u>KIA</u>
US	39	78	109	4
ARVN, PF, RF	4	4	5	
Civilians	2	1	2	
Others	<u>1 POW</u>	<u>1 POW</u>	<u>1 Dog</u>	
Total	46	84	117	4

(b) AH-1G's flew 9 missions consisting of 6 troop lifts, 1 surveillance mission and two close air support missions on which ordnance was expended.

(c) Helicopter transportation was provided for 6 troop lifts totaling 709 persons.

(d) Sixty OV-10 aircraft were used this month. Of these 17 covered troop movement, 23 controlled air strikes, 12 expended their own ordnance and 8 conducted visual reconnaissance missions.

(e) Fixed wing aircraft flew 39 combat missions consisting of 13 BEACONS and 26 close air strikes.

(2) Artillery

(a) During the month of October, artillery fire support for 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines increased above the previous months level. Forward Observers attached to maneuver elements controlled 110 observed missions, expending 2613 rounds of artillery. Intelligence/preemptive targets in support of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines activities numbered 220 missions, expending 2882 rounds. Preparation fires to clear areas for troop insertion by helicopter were fired on three occasions totaling 981 artillery rounds expended.

(b) "D" Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and "K" Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines are located at Ross Combat Base and supplied the majority of fire support. Considerable fire support was also supplied by "F" Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines located at LZ Ryder.

(c) In addition to the fire support given directly to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, the Battalion PSOC also coordinated artillery fire in support of Popular force units from Que Son District.

f. Training

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

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<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Land Mine Warfare	6 days	15	15
Embarkation School	4 weeks	1	1
Basic Ammo Tech School	4 weeks	1	1

(2) Battalion Training. A total of 19 persons attended the Battalion Indoctrination School during the month of October. Also the following courses of instruction were scheduled and completed at Battalion level during October 1970.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>INSTRUCTION TEAM</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Mine/Booby Trap Countermeasures	1st Engineer Battalion	2 hours
	Contact Team	3 classes

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

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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
<u>81mm Mortar Platoon</u>	
M-16 Plotting Board	10 hours
Gun Drill	30 hours
<u>106mm RR Section</u>	
50 Cal Machine Gun	8 hours
106mm Recoilless Rifle	8 hours
<u>CUPP Platoon</u>	
Scouting and Patrolling	6 hours
XM-174 Care/Cleaning	10 hours
Medevac Requests (LZ Briefs)	4 hours
Ambush and Patrolling Techniques	6 hours
VC Mines and Booby Traps	8 hours
Map Reading	4 hours
Counselling	6 hours
<u>Communications Platoon</u>	
Voice Radio Procedures	3 hours
<u>Motor Transport Section</u>	
Mule (M-274) Operators School	16 hours
Mule (M-274) Maintenance School	16 hours

COMPANY I

Map Reading	3 hours
Radio Procedures	1½ hours
FO Procedures	2 hours
Personal Hygiene (Foot care)	½ hour
Guard Procedures	1 hour
M-60 Machine Gun	1 hour

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COMPANY K

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Personal Hygiene	1 hour
First Aid	1 hour
Malaria	1 hour
Requesting Artillery Fire	1 hour
Requesting Blm Fire	1 hour
Map & Compass Reading	2 hours
Patrolling	2 hours
Ambushing	1 hour
Platoon and Squad in Defense	2 hours
Use of the N.O.D.	2 hours
Use of Challenge & Pass Word	1 hour
Care & Cleaning of Weapons	1 hour
Requesting Medevacs	1 hour
Radio Procedures	1 hour
Requesting Air Support	1 hour
Fire Discipline Procedures	1 hour
Safety Precautions (Weapons)	1 hour
F.M Firing	1 hour
Uniform Regulations	1 hour
Military Discipline in RVN	2 hours

COMPANY L

NCO Leadership	2 1/2 hours
First Aid	1 hour
Radio Procedures	1 hour
Organization of the Rifle Platoon	1 hour
Calling for Artillery Fires	2 hours
Map Reading	2 hours
Care & Cleaning of Weapons	1 hour
First Aid	1 hour
Radio Procedures (Medevacs) (Spot Reports)	2 hours
Field Sanitation	2 hours
Pro and Con Marks	1 hour
Weapons Safety Procedures	1 hour
Dangerous Drugs	1 hour
Personal Response	1 hour
SRB	1 hour
Unit Diary	1 hour
Awards	1 hour

g. Logistics

(1) Resupply. Resupply for units in the field during the month was effected as follows: Units departed Ross Combat Base with 3 DCS of class I, and Batteries and a basic allowance of class V. Resupply by helo was scheduled every second day with 2 DCS. During the latter part of October, the monsoons and typhoons made resupply by helicopter virtually

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impossible. During this period units departed from Ross Combat Base with 4 DOS of Class I. To lessen the initial load of the trooper, these 4 DOS, Class I were broken down to 4 MCI and 4 Long Range patrol rations. Those units occupying static positions, such as OP Rainbow and OP Roundup, were resupplied with MCI's supplemented with "B" rations. Water trailers continued to be shuttled to FSB Ryder throughout October and to OP Rainbow while it was occupied by units of this Battalion, due to the inability of helicopters to fly during inclement weather and the fact that the streams swell out of proportion, an emergency supply dump was established at the "C" CUPP CP south of the Song LY IX. Batteries 4386's, long range patrol rations and small amounts of ammunition were stored to resupply units operating in the vicinity of OP Roundup and the Southwest-ern AO.

(2) Engineer Assistance. During the month of October, the following Engineer Assistance was provided:

- (a) Daily mine sweeps from Ross Combat Base to Checkpoint 61, (AT 082391) on route 535.
- (b) Four ammo bunkers, 10'X24'X8' were completed for "K" Btry, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines.
- (c) 13 tent decks completed.
- (d) Area for Pan Fire range was improved.
- (e) Graded and ditched cantonment roads.
- (f) Constructed generator deck and began constructing a shed for the generator.
- (g) Destroyed old perimeter ordnance, fu-gas and claymores.
- (h) Braced one streng-back tent.
- (i) Bull-dozed ground for schoolhouse in "A" CUPP village.
- (k) Replaced approximately 70% of the electrical wiring at Ross Combat Base.
- (l) Water point supplied 380,000 gallons of water.

(3) Ordinance. During the month of October, special emphasis was placed on lessening the amount of grade III ammunition accumulated. Crew-served weapons sections were schooled in the proper break-out and storage of ammunition. A controlled system was established for collecting all but small arms ammunition from units returning from the field, segregated bona fide grade III ammunition from serviceable ammunition then reissuing the serviceable ammunition to the next outgoing unit. Weatherproofing membrane was installed atop the ammunition bunkers, and a blast wall was rebuilt. There were no critical shortages of ammunition except for 81mm white phosphorus and 106mm bee-hive.

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(4) Motor Transport. During October, 26 Motor Vehicle licenses were issued after appropriate instructions for the M151A1-14, M274A2-26, M36B1-5, and M718-1. The maintenance situation improved steadily during the month with a deadline percentage of 12% of all vehicles. One M37B1 (personnel carrier) has been deadlined at FLC since 4 September 1970. A complete inventory of parts, tools, test sets and publications was conducted and missing items were placed on order. The Battalion has only three of the six mechanics rated in the T/O. All three will rotate within 30 days, therefore, the maintenance situation may become critical.

(5) Supply. During the month of October, Battalion Supply continued to reorganize after the move from LZ Baldy. Stocks were reworked and checked for quantity and serviceability. Concertina wire was laid to improve the security of the open storage lot. Repairs were made to the working spaces. The Supply Officer was transferred on 10 October and a new Supply Officer arrived on 12 October. A complete audit and physical inventory was initiated and is still in progress. New programs were begun for the rehabilitation of companies returning from the field, checkout procedures, and weapons issue and recovery procedures were established.

(6) Battalion Aid Station

(a) Personnel. Presently there are 48 Hospital Corpsmen, two physicians in BAS. Five corpsmen presently non-effectives due to hospitalization. There are seven corpsmen each in I, K, L, and M company. Two corpsmen are with A CUPP and C CUPP. One corpsman was killed and one medevaced due to hostile fire, during the month. Eight corpsmen were medevaced as non-battle casualties.

(b) Treatment.

(1) There have been 355 patients seen in the Battalion Aid Station during this period. From the local village, we have seen and treated a total of 130 Vietnamese civilians during this reporting period.

(2) The major types of cases seen were of the communicable nature.

- a. General Disease: 21 cases
- b. Syphilis Diseases: 2 cases
- c. Gonorrhea confirmed by Urethral smear: 3 cases
- d. Geographical contacts
 - 1. Local 2
 - 2. DaNang 17

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3. Bangkok

3 Primary types of illness:

- a. Superficial fungal infections - 25
- b. Bacterial skin infections - 52
- c. URI infections and Influenza - 6
- d. FUO - 20
- e. Malaria diagnosed by smear - 1
- f. Diarrhea - 43
- g. Psychological and Psychiatric counseling - 3
- h. Physicals for separations - 16
- i. Orthopedic complaints - 18
- j. Rx for glasses - 9
- k. Miscellaneous conditions seen - 126
- l. Drug abuse - 2 (same man twice)
- m. Heat casualties - 2
- n. Immersion Foot - 3
- o. Rx's for controlled drugs - 71

4 BAS conducts a "MEDCAP" three times weekly in the local vicinity of the combat base. An estimated 420 Vietnamese, mostly children, were treated during this period.

5 Immunizations were given to personnel going on R&R, checking in, checking out, and reporting to routine sick call. When personnel inquire about their Medical Records a thorough check is made of their SF 601 and immunizations are administered if needed.

(c) Supply. A complete revamping project is being conducted in the BAS supply section to eliminate storage complications and to improve effective procurement of medical supplies.

(d) Sanitation. Since last reporting the sanitation and grounds at Ross Combat Base have been improved.

(e) Advancements. On 1 November 1970 eighteen (18) corpsmen will be advanced to the following grades.

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h. Communications

(1) The Communications Platoon continued to support the Bn. operations with VHF radios; AN/PRC-25's, AN/PRC-77's and KY-38's. AN/PRC-75's and AN/PRC-41's were used by TACP personnel to control air operations.

(2) The AN/PRC-75's were used extensively this month while working with fixed wing aircraft particularly in controlling BEACONS. Results have been extremely good but some construction faults are beginning to show. The whip antenna needs reinforcing, as it is too fragile and will break after some handling. The connectors to the transmitter and the power pack are too rigid and poorly located. When placed in the carrying harness, a large amount of strain is placed on them causing them to crack and causing internal wire problems.

(3) Personnel shortages are beginning to become critical, particularly with radio operators. The shortage has been alleviated some what by cross training wiremen and infantrymen as radio operators.

i. Civic Action, Psychological Operations, and Industrial Relations.

(1) The Civic Action Program has steadily neared total Vietnamization. The Vietnamese fully realize the evolution of using their own GVN channels and have reciprocated to the changes taking place. During this reporting period, G-5 furnished this unit approximately 100 school kits and 500 pounds of rice. Also, valid requests for materials were accepted from refugee villages, and the need was met in part, by the use of ammunition boxes. The following is a list of completed projects:

- (a) Distribution of 100 school kits for Son Lanh school.
- (b) Ammunition boxes for 3/5 CUPF Platoon to build additional classrooms for Son Lanh.
- (c) Distribution of 250 pounds of rice to Son Lanh Hamlet.
- (d) Distribution of 250 pounds of rice to O Mau Village.
- (e) Materials and tools for 3/5 CUPF Platoon to replace washed out culverts in Lanh Thuong Hamlet.
- (f) Donated Volleyball and Soccer sets to Que Son High School.
- (g) Provided ammunition boxes for Son Thanh Village Market Place.

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(h) aided Que Son High School teaching staff by instructing Eight English Classes per week.

The completion date of most of the projects have been and will be hampered due to the rainy season.

All of our completed projects have been validated by Que Son District S-5 Office and the Senior Army Advisor.

(2) Psychological Operations

(1) Leaflet drops and Aerial Broadcasts are now being conducted by Division G-5, as the weather permits. The dominating theme was for the benefit of the Vietnamese Nationals. It was an explanation of American Military withdrawals from their country. The main topic directed at the enemy was the Chieu Hoi Program.

(2) The ground broadcast team, which was formerly attached, was reassigned.

(3) Medical Assistance. MEDCAPS were conducted at refugee villages three times each week. Those treated at the MEDCAP and the number of persons that came to Ross Combat Base to be treated, amounted to approximately 550 civilians.

(4) Industrial Relations. All workers on the base are refugees and all have been screened through the district M. S. S. (VIETNAMESE SECURITY AGENCY). During the month an average of 60 civilians per day worked at Ross Combat Base.

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PART IV

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

- ✓a. Daily Journal of SPOT REPORTS and MESSAGES.
- ✓b. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Fragmentary Orders 41-70 through 47-70.
- ✓c. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Operation Plan 4-70.

3rd Battalion
5th Marines
FSB Ross, RVN
From: 01000H Oct70
To: 012400H Oct70

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	MESSAGES SPOT REPORTS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	010001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0100H	0135H	2	302300H	I(-) (999315) unit observed 2 enemy on near by Hill top (995315). Unit called fire mission, excellent target coverage, but unit was unable to ob- serve results due to darkness.	S-3/F
0815H	0834H	3	010815H	Change of AO sent to Co L	S-3/F
0943H	0943H	4	010943H	Request permission to maneuver region Haven #13 grid 0342 only. Maneuver in conjunction with operation Imperial Lake.	S-3/F
1015H	1100H	5	010945H	I 3 993306 unit moving to rally point received heavy sniper fire from treeline to north. Unit returned fire with organic weapons. Enemy broke con- tact and sled to north unit continued in mission.	S-3/F
1615H	1525H	6	011350H	K(-) 003354 unit while moving, K(*) received approx 15 rounds sniper fire Unit returned SAF and called 81's.	S-3/F
		7	011530H	INTEL REP - Located at AT 022369 1000meters, AT 993385 350 meters AT 992384 500 meters, AT 995384 650 meters	S-2/F
				SUMMARY: 3/5 had no casualties today.	
2400H	2400H	8	012400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0830H	0845H	2	020825H	URS loc at 989392 radius 850 meters.	S-2/F
1110H	1125H	3	021100H	250 meters-URS at-995394.	S-2/F
1220H	1315H	4	021130H	K 2-1 989366 unit on patrol found 2 caves, first cave 30x20x5 and second cave has three rooms 15x20x4, 10x15x4, and 5x5x5. Misc. gear was found, 2 beds, 4 chairs, 1 hammock, 15 baskets, 1 hoe, 1 knife blade, 7 brooms, cooking gear, and 2 lbs. green rice. Gear was destroyed and (bunker) destroyed.	
1310H	1330H	5	021310H	URS loc Bt 014395, radius 1000 meters.	S-2/F
1650H	1730H	6	021600H	K 2-2 995354 Unit while on patrol came up on 8 VN females wearing black pajamas and 16 VN children. Unit checked persons with help of S-2 KCS. Females range from age 20 to 60, children range up to 8 years old. Only 1 had ID Card. Mothers said they lost them. KCS said he has names and location, detainees to be turned over to 3/5 S-2.	S-3/F
1900H	1900H	7	021930H	There are 2 dud 105 rounds in the middle of the road located at 999351. Request if possible, you have them blown in place. Summary: Company K found 2 caves containing assorted enemy gear. Co. K detained 24 people. 0 friendly casualties 0 enemy casualties	S-2/F S-3/F
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0001H	0001H	1	030001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0600H	0600H	2	030600H	Subj: Imperial Lake Sit Rep #2 030001H Oct 70 to 030600H Oct 70 from 3/5 to 5th Marines.	S-3/F
0920H	0920H	3	030920H	Intelligence report 1 unidentified company strength, 60 persons moved from Hiep Duc to 966296. Mission to co- ordinate with V 10/105 LF company and attack friendly units loc son from now to 5 Oct 70.	S-2/F
1031H	1050H	4	031031H	URS reported at 999398.	S-2/F
1125H	1130H	5	031103H	URS located at 984309. Patrol sent to check out possible enemy at this point.	S-3/F
1205 H	1210H	6	031205H	12 AO extensions have been granted today. 3 extensions to Recon, and 1 for the Americal Division.	S-3/F
1030H	1045H	7	031030H	5 URS at 999398, 984309, bt 082284, 941455, and 940378.	S-3/F
1300H	1410H	8	031212H	L-3 029412 Unit on spotted 2 VC/NVA dressed in green and carrying packs moving to the north on a trail toward high ground. 031412 unit initialed fire with small arms. Presently sweeping the area unit found 1 VN fe- male wearing black trousers and green poncho. She was wounded in hip. Unit continued the search of area will call in medevacs for 1 VC/NVA female. Unit found 1 poncho, 1 hammock, USMC sleep- ing shirt, 1 green shirt, 1 pair green trousers, 1 pair black trousers, 1 small green bag., 1 pair black shorts, 1 bra, 1 pair panties, 5 gal. can of fish, 3 tubes of tooth paste, 1 roll plastic, 1 bar of soap, 3 note books. KCS says list of enemy and weapons in area.	S-3/F

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1147H	1200H	9	031155H	Late entry: Mike 2 985425 unit on patrol spotted by point man was 1 VC/NVA wearing black shorts and Hoi Chi Mien shoes, plastic rain coat, brown T-shirt. He was carrying a homemade pack and 1 AK-47 moving northwest. Enemy was 5 to 10 feet away when point man fired killing enemy. Results 1 VC/NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 with magazine (pack was empty).	S-3/F
1320H	1410H	10	031230H	M -2 982434 unit in day pause heard noises/unit moved to check out area and spotted 2 VC/NVA with weapons. Unit initialed small arms fire. Enemy fled without returning fire.	S-3/F
		11.	031445H	K Co. CP 992373 K -2 on patrol found 2 hootches, searched area and found 2 females 35 and 10 years old. Both were interrogated by KCS and S-2 scouts. Also was found was 3lbs of rice.	S-3/F
2054H	2110H	12	031950H	L Co. CP (025398) sighted lights at (055406) moving from north to south. Unit called artillery fire mission. First round 2004, end of mission 2045. 50 per cent target coverage. Lights extinguished.	S-3/F
2330H	0100H	13	032255H	3/5 FSB Ross (024342 Base Defense reported 3 explosions in vicinity of bunker 11A. Explosions suspected to be incoming rounds, all exploding outside of perimeter. At 2300 Kilo battery spotted 1 person moving into treeline. Fired 81 illumination.	S-3/F
				Summary: 1 VC/NVA wounded in action and taken prisoner, and 1 VC/NVA KIA.	
2400H	2400H	14	032400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0315H	0418H	2	040235H	Fire Support Base Ross (02813410) Base Defense reported 1 explosion approximately 20 meters in front of bunker 11A. Explosion appeared to be approximately the size of a grenade. Officer of the Day initiated 8 M-79 H. E. rounds. Search light was used for visual observation with negative results.	S-3/F
	1245H	3	041245H	Intelligence report locates enemy at 004421. Probable good 81 mortar.	S-2/F
1350H	1400H	4	041245H	K - 2 991241 Resupply bird spotted approximately 6 VC/NVA while over LZ. Resupply bird took approximately 200 rounds small arms fire. Unit initiated small arms and M-79 fire. Resupply escort fired onboard ordnance 992338. Search of area produced 2 innocent VN females civilians who informed the unit that 5 VC, 2 NVA moved past their hootch going southeast before the unit opened fire.	S-3/F
1730H	1735H	5	041700H	2 URS reported at 00454215 100 meters 965433 2000 meters	S-2/F
1156H	1225H	6	041115H	Late entry: Company K (988336) unit on patrol received approximately 50 rounds of small arms fire from 3 or 4 different directions. Unit returned small arms fire and 60mm mortars. A search of the area produced 2 female VC. Betainees said 5 VC were in their hootch and spotted K 2-3 patrol and left to set up a hasty ambush. De- tainees were sent to fire Support Base Ross for interrogation.	S-3/F
		7		Americal Division Extension has been granted. At 9747; West to 9547; south to 9543; east to 9743; north to 9745; east to 9945 north to close; Area 2; bt. 0147; south to 0144; east to 0444; south to 0443; east to 0643;	S-3/F

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1930H	1955H	8	041750H	north 0647; west to close. These extensions are on a day to day basis. Company M: M-1 (996365) while setting in night position hit a booby trap consisting of 1 M-26 grenade with pressure device. One Marine emergency, 1 Marine priority, 1 Marine routine medevacs called at 1750, completed at 1800.	S-3/F
			041815H	Company L: first wave of company size search and destroy lifted off.	
			041830H	First wave landed on Landing Zone #1 (121380) without contact.	
			041845H	Second wave lifted off.	
			041858H	Second wave landed on Landing Zone #2 without contact (118411).	
2400H	2400H	9	042400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	S-3/F

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0001H	0001H	1	050001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0930H	1020H	2	050830H	H&S Co CUPP A (021357) unit on day patrol found a sign on trail reading "Do Not Come" in Vietnamese. Trail (021357) ran east to west. Unit preceded slowly down trail and found 1 civilian radio booby trapped with M-26 grenade. Blew in place.	S-3/F
0940H	1025H	3	050930H	Co M, M 3 (984361) while on day patrol, M 3, located cave complex with two hootches. Hootches (984361) were built into over hanging rocks. Dimensions 20x12 meters. Found two surgical type tables, USMC type bandages, stone fireplace adapted for boiling water, various pots and pans. Complex was abandoned within the past week. Continued to search area with negative results.	S-3/F
1015H	1030H	4	051010H	Co M, M 1 (987368) M 1 on day patrol found 1 abandoned hootch (987368). No signs of recent use. Searched and destroyed hootch.	S-3/F
1700H	1810H	5	051645H	H&S Co CUPP A (982345) unit on day patrol received approx 30 AK-47 rounds resulting in 1 USMC emergency medevac and 1 PF priority medevac. USMC emergency medevac was medevaced to LZ Baldy and PF was medevaced to DaNang. Unit returned fire with M-16's and M-79. Negative results.	S-3/F
1835H	1840H	6	051815H	Kilo Co (-) (013350) while unit was moving to night position, 1 USMC knee gave out. Called in routine medevac.	S-3/F
2035H		7	052035H	INTEL REP - a captured enemy document has revealed the enemies signs and countersigns for the month of October, signs: Raise the left hand above head twice. Countersign: Raise left hand above head three times. At night from 1-6 October, challenge is 1 and reply is 9. From 6-10 October	S-2/F

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					challenge is 6 and reply is 10. From 11 - 12 October the challenge is 11 and the reply is 12. From 16-20 October the challenge is 16 and the reply is 20. From 20-30 October the challenge is 20 and the reply is 30. Whistle Signals: the challenge is 2 whistles and the reply is 4 whistles. Rap Signals: the challenge is 2 raps and the reply is 4 raps. The VC were instructed not to wear enemy style hats. New B-2 evaluation.	
2250H		2201H	8		Effective 050800H. Assumed OPCON of first Platoon B Company, First Recon Battalion.	S-3/F
1430H		1505H	9		Late Entry: Request temporary AO extension for americal forces, for operation tulare falls, area as follows: upper left BT 0047, lower right BT 010465. Duration 051500H - 061800H October 70.	S-3/F
			10		INTEL REP - Approx 40 VC/NVA having meeting class at 1500H. Grid 977344 5 Oct 70. Kilo 3 and CUPP Platoon conducted operation in this area at 1500 with negative results.	S-2/F
					SUMMARY: 3/5 had 1 Marine killed in action and 1 Marines wounded in action routinely medevaced today, also 1 PF was WIA and 1 Document captured.	
2400H		2400H	11	052400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	060001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0808H	0808H	2	060805H	URS Loc AT 995456 300 meters radius	S-3/F
0902H	0915H	3	060850H	K 1 992331 unit while moving to PPB unit received 5 sniper rounds. Unit returned fire with M-79 rounds. Search of area proved to be negative.	S-3/F
0945H	0945H	4	060945H	URS located BT 005427 250 meters radius	S-3/F
1247H	1305H	5	061230H	K 12 at AT 973332 unit on patrol received approx 30 rounds automatic enemy SAF. Unit returned fire with M-16 and M-79 and called AO on station after sweep of area came up with negative results.	S-3/F
	1320H	6	061305H	URS location AT 977413 800 meters radius.	S-3/F
	1445H	7	061355H	URS location BT 046376 100 meters AT 999439 800 meters	S-2/F
1350H	1420H	8	061335	K 3 at AT 978353 unit setting in PFB tripped 1 50mm white phosphorous booby trap with electrical type firing device. 1 USMC (E) medevac 1 USN (R) medevac.	S-3/F
	1514H	9	061505H	URS location BT 068372 1000 meters URS location BT 033410 700 meters	S-2/F
1550H	1620H	10	061515H	K 13 at AT 973337 unit on patrol spotted 4 VC/NVA dressed in mixed black clothing and carrying bags. Unit set up hasty amb and initiated SAF AO was called on station expended on board ordnance resulting in bag of corn and sugarcane.	S-3/F
1550H	1554H	11	061500H	URS located AT 962431 500 meters radius, BT 008375 700 meters radius, AT 954400 400 meters radius, and BT 008416 1500 meters radius.	S-2/F
1646H	1646H	12	061646H	URS located AT 945413 7000 meters radius.	S-2/F

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1713H	1735H	13	061630H	S-5 FSB Ross BT 020340 reported a M-79 round exploded in trash dump which was burning. Vietnamese people were picking through trash and wounded. Results: 1 Emergency, 1 Priority, 1 Minor. Medevac called. There were no Marines in area.	S-3/F
0123H	0210H	14	062000H	I 2 was called for reaction by PF Platoon 100 PFs while onmove to ambush site were ambushed by a large enemy force which was set in a "L" shaped ambush BT 007294, 009295, 006295. VC were armed with 2 M-79, 3 B-40's, 1 M-60 machine gun, and unknown number of SA. Call Arty illum, fire mission and medevac. VC captured 2 M-16s. Results: 1 PF KIA, 4 PF WIA, 1 PF MIA. No Marines were involved in actual contact. SUMMARY: 3/5 had one 1 USMC WIA and 1 USN WIA, also, there were 1 PF KIA, 4 PF'S WIA, 1 PF MIA, 1 civilian WIA.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	15	062400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	070001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
1950H	0908H	2	061950H	Late Entry: SALUTE Report S. 8 NVA A. moving east-west on trail L. 031420 U. 4 utilities T. 061755H E. AK47 More NVA seen pōs they are about 100 meters apart, all heading the same direction	S-3/F
		3	061750H	Late Entry: SALUTE REPORT S. 2 NVA A. Moving east-west on trail L. 031420 U. sandals black green shirts, green hats T. 061750H E. AK47 and rice packs. Believe to be base camp in area 027421	S-3/F
		4	061755H	Late Entry: SALUTE Report S. 2 NVA A. moving east-west L. 031420 U. Uniform, sandals black, shorts green, also shirts and hats. T. 061755H E. AK47 All going in the same dir.	S-3/F
0905H	0923H	5	070750H	K 32 985349 unit on patrol found 1 bunker 16x5x5 ft containing approx. 75 lbs. of rice, 8 chisels, 1 pair plyers, 1 SFD pressure release type Unit destroyed gear and rice.	S2/F
1059H	1100H	6	071040H	URS located At 928414 1000 meters	S-2/F
1442H	1515H	7	071120H	K 32 988348 Unit while on patrol found 1 B/T consisting of 1 bare trap hidden by a trail. B/T was checked and then safely detonated.	S-3/F
1150H	1215H	8	071130H	Cobror Sabre 76 964426 AO working in area spotted 15 VC/NVA run into a bunker area and two more by a stream.	S-3/F

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1453H	1516H	9	071130H	1 hootch was observed with radio antennas sticking from it. Gunships 5, 6, 7, expended on board ordnance M6 called for AO. Results was 3 probable kill by air. K 32 999348 Unit while on patrol and checking hootches, found approx. 150 lbs. of rice. Unit destroyed rice.	S-3/F
1553H	1800H	10	071630H	K 13 995335 Unit on patrol tripped 1 B/T consisting of claymore mine. 2 M26 grenades were set to go off when claymore was detonated. Marines were 15-20 meters apart. 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA (E), 3 USMC WIA (P). Emergency medevac called at 1555H, comp. at 1615H.	S-3/F
1030H	1100H	11	071030H	URS; URS located at 999393-800m 003435-600m, 996448-700m, 928414-1000m. Sent to Company M.	S-2/F
1300H	1400H	12	071300H	RECON Haven upper left 9430 lower right 9728 080600H Oct 70-111800H Oct 70.	S-3/F
1850H	2100H	13	071850 H	SALUTE Report from RECON S. 3 VC/NVA A. running from aerial observer to south west L. 993413 U. no visible T. 071850H Oct 70 E. Not visible Appeared to be running for concealment.	S-2/F
1945H	2109H	14	070930H	SALUTE Report from RECON S. several shots heard A. each shot was spaced a few minutes apart. L. 988447 U. not visible T. 070930H Oct 70 E. not visible Remarks: Shots may have been signalling	S-2/F

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1954H	2100H	15	071150H	<p>SALUTE Report from RECON</p> <p>S. 2 large rice bags</p> <p>A. lying beside trail on a platform</p> <p>L. 986436</p> <p>U. negative</p> <p>T. 071150H Oct 70</p> <p>E. Negative</p> <p>Remarks: Writing on bags said "Donated by U. S. A." and contained tobacco.</p>	S-2/F
2040H	2100H	16	072040H	<p>Area of Operation extension from AT 9347 to AT 9748 to AT 954480 to close effective from 080600H Oct 70 to 092400H Oct 70.</p>	S-3/F
2145H	2220H	17	072045H	<p>I 21 (007297) while setting in night ambush, observed 5 to 10 VC/NVA moving west along the river bed, (006297). Unit initiated contact with small arms fire.. Called Arty Fire mission, first round hit at 2100, and mission at 2115, will sweep the area at first light.</p> <p>Summary: 3 probable enemy kills by air, 150 lbs of rice destroyed, 1 Marine KIA, 1 Marine WIA (E), 3 Marines WIA (P)</p>	S-3/F
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1510H	1515H	8	081510H	URS located BT 009339 600 meters Sent to H&S CUPP and Company K.	S-2/F
1824H	1852H	9	081040H	Late Entry: M2 (982432) Marine threw hand grenade and hit a tree. Fragment hit Marine in leg. Medevac called and completed. 1 Marine non battle casualty. Routine medevac called.	S-3/F
1850H	1620H	10	081600H	K CP (967336) received 50 rounds of small arms fire from a treeline (964332). Returned small arms and 60 mm. Then called arty fire mission. Unit sweep area with negative results.	S-3/F
2003H	2059H	11	081630H	I CP (999315) while in a day time pause spotted 4 VC/NVA with rifles moving north (993305). Unit called fire mission, first round 1700H, end of mission 1800. Excellent coverage of target area. Negative observation due to heavy brush.	S-3/F
2130H	2205H	12	081845H	H&S CUPP (009339) Unit acting on URS found on enemy base camp with speed trails, 1 good well, fire places, re- mains of chow, fox holes, and bunkers capable of holding 90 persons. Unit called 81mm fire mission an area described above. Unit will search area tomorrow. Approaching darkness delayed initial search.	S-3/F
1915H	1948H	13	081915H	Request primary and alternate dates for sensor emplacement. Phase I: Primary date 12 Oct 70. Alternate Date: 13 Oct 70. Phase II: Primary Date: 15 Oct 70. Alternate Date: 16 Oct 70.	S-3/F
2016H	2030H	14	082016H	RECON inserts. Shaving Mug upper left 9540, lower right 9837 Duration 08 Oct - 11 Oct 70. Auditor-upper left 9842 lower right 0139 Duration 09 Oct to 12 Oct 70. Achillies-upper left 9136 lower right 9433 Duration 07 Oct to 10 Oct 70.	S-3/F

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1020H	1050H		2	080915H	K CP & K 1 980334 Unit while moving to PPB spotted 3 VC/NVA wearing green utilities crossing a rice paddy. Enemy was approx. 200 meters away, moving north east and carrying 3 AK47. Unit initiated small arms fire, enemy returned fire and unit called AO on station with negative sightings or kills.	S-3/F
0940H	1000H		3	080940H	M3 & CP 964426 Unit reached area where yesterday's Army Air strike reported bunkers and a probable 3 kills. Unit searched with results being negative.	S-3/F
1005H	1100H		4	080815H	<p>SAIUTE Report:</p> <p>S. medium sized base camp</p> <p>A. has not been used for about 3 mos.</p> <p>L. 988449</p> <p>U. None</p> <p>T. 080815H Oct 70</p> <p>E. None</p> <p>Remarks: Base camp was destroyed by air and/or artillery.</p>	
1020H	1100H		5	081020H	Babre 73 and two light observation helicopter reported spotting two hootches and several enemy troops, located at 968424. Air engaged enemy and reported 1 VC KIA. Co. M reporting finding hootches and no enemy bodies.	S-3/F
1008H	1010H		6	081008H	Army Recon insert AT 9346, 9746, 955480, 9347, from 080600H Oct 70 to 092400H Oct 70,	S-3/F
1530H	1600H		7	081500H	K 1(-) (981345) while on patrol found 3 chicons grenade booby trapped with linked ammunition. Type of firing device unknown. Booby trap was laying on side of trail. Blown in place.	

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2145H	2155H	15	082015H	Company L (024342) while cleaning his .45 pistol, Marine had an accidental discharge wounding another Marine in the side of his chest. Medevac called and completed at 2105. An investigation in being conducted.	S-3/F
2335H	2400H	16	082300H	M 3 (967425) while in night pause had VC/NVA trip a flare. Unit then received small arms fire and 3 chicom grenades. Unit returned small arms fire and grenades and called for arty illumination. Unit will search area at first light. Negative friendly casualties. Summary: 2 Marines NBC "Emergency" 1 enemy base camp discovered. This Battalion will conduct one Company helo insertion at 090800H Oct 70 and approximately 3 day sweep in Area-upper left 975310, lower right 000285.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	17	082400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0335H	0400H	2	090325H	Weather Report	S-2/F
0600H	0600H	3	090600H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #26	S-3/F
0720H	0750H	4	090720H	Message to RARE(A)	S-2/F
0900H	0955H	5	090845H	L 1 997295 Unit moving out of LZ to north, received sniper fire from south. 1 USMC WIA(P) medevac. Unit initiated small arms fire. AO was called on station, gunship expended on-board ordnance. Medevac went out on Forth Wave 09912.	S-3/F
0900H	0907H	6	090900H	Names for Recon inserts (Requested)	S-3/F
1120H	1220H	7	090900H	H&S CUPP (C) 017335 Unit on patrol found AT 009339 enemy base camp. Found in base camp was fighting positions made of rocks, 5 bunkers, 8 good wells, clean water, food of assorted kinds, 20 to 25 cooking pots. Unit used C4 explosive to destroyed anything that VC/NVA could use.	S-3/F
0915H	0915H	8	100ct70	Forecast of Operations 100ct70	S-3/F
0915H	0915H	9	090915H	Recon Pos Report	S-3/F
		10	090950H	L 2 995292 Unit moving out of LZ taking sniper fire from west-east, 1 USMC WIA(E). Unit returned small arms fire, and called for emergency medevac.	S-3/F
1020H	1035H	11	090730H	SALUTE Report FM L. P.	S-3/F
1030H	1045	12	091020H	Message from M-6 worrying with wrong grid.	S-3/F
1140H	1140H	13	091140H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #27	S-3/F
1500H	1515H	14	091205H	I CP 999315 FO team observed 5 VC/NVA 988313 in the open and observed them move into the treeline. VC/NVA moving northwest. Unit called arty fire mission, 115 rounds expended. Target received excellent coverage	S-3/F

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1230H	1235H	15	091230H	Battalion Pos Report	S-3/F
1300H	1315H	16	091300H	2 URS reported	S-2/F
1414H	1440H	17	091414H	Requested to operate in AO ext.	S-3/F
1500H	1555H	18	091400H	M 1 963428 Unit found 6 hootches and caves with 4 SKS rifles, 2 AK47, 1 M-16 rifle, 1 M-1 rifle, NVA uniforms NVA flag, 20 lbs C-4 explosive, medicine, rifle cleaning gear, 5 50lbs bags of corn, 50 lbs rice, 2 to 20 lbs of salt, books and 1 pig.	S-3/F
1905H	1913H	19	091645H	Follow up to spot 091400H Unit destroyed everything except rifles, ammo, books, and clothing.	S-3/F
1640H	1705H	20	091605H	L 21 992293 Unit while moving to Area of Responsible found cave complex. L 1 starting to search caves but had to stop to be relieved by L 21 so that L 1 could continue to manufacture. L21 is searching caves at this time. L21 found 1 satchel containing 1 blue uniform, 1 M-16 mag and 60 M-16 and AK47 casings. Will submit follow up spot.	S-3/F
1845H	2025H	21	091707H	L 21 follow up spot to 091605H Oct 70 Unit while searching out caves 992293 found 2 M-16 rifles, 1 M-79 with 7 M-79 rounds, 6 M-16 mag, 2 sets of order, total of 5 pages, 210 lbs of rice, 1 M-16 cartridge belt, 1 NVA NCO belt, 3 NVA helmets, 1 NVA mag pouch, misc clothing and gear, 1 leather pouch with dry fish, cigarettes, sulphur powder, perfume, and 1 illumination parachute. L 21 continuing to search caves and will submit follow up spot.	S-3/F
2000H	2000H	22	090226H	Received priority message from 5th Marines concerning chemical munitions.	S-3/F
1600H	1700H	23	091600H	URS Reported	S-2/F
1700H	1730H	24	091700H	URS Report sent to M 2	S-2/F

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1740H	1740H	25	091730H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1745H	1750H	26	091745H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #28	S-3/F
1830H	2210H	27	091830H	3rd Battalion, 5th Marines H&S CUPP A (023346) in night position ob- served 3 enemy running to the north (018353) and go into a treeline. Unit initiated small arms fire but did not pursue.	S-3/F
1850H	2030H	28	091843H	FSB Ross (025343) received five rounds of incoming 82mm mortar rounds approx. 100 meters outside perimeter. Suspected enemy position (027347). Called arty fire mission.	S-3/F
2130H	2214H	29	092015H	FSB Ross received one incoming round at (029344) 100 meters outside the wire. Suspected enemy position (036366).	S-3/F
2203H	2212H	30	092045H	FSB Ross received two sniper rounds at (024340), bunker 18, from the south west. Did not return fire.	S-3/F
2100H	2113H	31	092000H	M 2 (982432) Unit in night pause had several sightings of enemy movement all around their positions. Unit re- ceived ten rounds of sniper fire from the north. Unit returned small arms fire and will search at first light.	S-3/F
2040H	2049H	32	092040H	Several units are in contact	S-3/F
2307H	0015H	33	092210H	M 2 (982432) heard movement at western end of hill, unit initiated small arms fire and heard enemy mov- ing down the hill.	S-3/F
0015H	0025H	34	092400H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #29 Summary: 1 Marine wounded in ac- tion, emergency. 1 Marine wounded in action, priority. 3 enemy base camps discovered. FSB Ross received several incoming rounds.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	35	092400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	100001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0020H	0030H	2	100020H	Request to know all makings on equipment captured	S-2/F
0040H	0110H	3	100030H	Frag order to Company I	S-3/F
0100H	0105H	4	100100H	FSB Ross, OP Vulture, Golf CUPP, have all made contact.	S-3/F
0935H	1000H	5	100100H	L 2 (992292) while setting in night position received 4 chicombs from the north. Unit returned 3 M26 grenades and search area with negative results.	S-3/F
0855H	0900H	6	100855H	Position Report from I 3	S-3/F
0630H	0700H	7	100630H	I 3 (019361) Unit found B/T 81mm mortar round with pressure firing device. Blown in place.	S-3/F
0945H	1000H	8	100945H	L 13 (992292) while in ambush sighted 1 enemy dressed in black approx. 200 meters to the north. Initiated small arms fire and searched the area with negative results.	S-3/F
0830H	0855H	9	100830H	Forecast of Operations	S-3/F
0600H	0625H	10	100600H	Sit Rep Imperial Lake #30	S-3/F
0700H	0755H	11	100700H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1015H	1021H	12	100915H	L 22 (992292) found 1 unservice-bicycle.	S-3/F
1115H	1140H	13	101000H	L 1 (992292) Unit found 1 bag of noodles and 18 2.75 rockets buried in heavy brush. Blown in place.	S-3/F
0940H	1000H	14	101000H	URS	S-2/F
0930H	1010H	15	100044H	L 13 (992292) while in ambush site had 1 enemy walk into their position. Unit initiated small arms fire. Enemy threw 3 chicombs and fled. Unit search area and found 1 VC/NVA KIA.	S-3/F

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1050H	1100H	16	101010H	L3 (991289) found 1 B/T consisting of smoke canister filled with C4 in heavy brush with a trip wire. Unit destroyed B/T.	S-3/F
1000H	1040H	17	101000H	URS	S-2/F
1005H	1045H	18	101005H	URS sent to M 2	S-2/F
1015H	1015H	19	101015H	Request for clearance for Recon HAVEN #144.	S-3/F
1145H	1200H	20	101035H	M 11 (963427) Unit on day patrol received 1 chicom resulting in 1 USMC emergency medevac. Called medevac at 1035, completed at 1055.	S-3/F
1150H	1538	21	101045H	L 3 (991289) sighted 1 enemy (983 293) moving from rocks to heavy brush approxi. 600 meters to the west. Unit initiated small arms fire and call arty fire mission. Mission began at 1130H, and ended at 1145H. Unable to observe results due to terrain.	S-3/F
1055H	1100H	22	101055H	URS sent to M 2	S-2/F
1440H	1500H	23	101100H	L 21 (992296) while on patrol found 1 hootch containing a booster cable with 4 blasting caps attached. Unit searched area and also found 75lbs. rice, 2 M-16 mag, medical gear consisting of penicilium and erbs.	S-3/F
1100H	1205H	24	101100H	URS Reported	S-2/F
1210H	1210H	25	101210H	URS	S-2/F
1200H	1225H	26	101200H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #31	S-3/F
1315H	1330H	27	101315H	URS sent to M2	S-2/F
1230H	1235H	28	101230H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F

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1210H	1543H	29	101100H	M 11 (963428) while searching cave found 1 SKS rifle. Pointman spotted 1 enemy running into rocks approxi. 30 meters away. Enemy threw 2 chicom. Pointman initiated small arms fire wounding the enemy, but enemy continued to run. Unit pursued, but was unable to locate the enemy. Results: 1 USMC WIA(E). Medevac was completed at 1055H.	S-3/F
1737H	1813H	30	101200H	M 11 (963428) while searching base camp, Marine opened door which was B/T with 1/4 lb of C4 rigged with blasting caps and pull wire. Only the blasting cap went off. 1 USMC WIA.	S-3/F
1300H	1325H	31	101215H	3/5CP FSB Ross. Counter Analysis team checked area where rounds impacted last night. Analysis indicated that rounds came from an azimuth of 6283. It further indicated the rounds were 82mm mortar rounds with thin shells.	S-3/F
1600H	1829H	32	101315H	3/5 CUFP A (999345) on day patrol found 2 B/T. First was M-72 LAAN buried on a trail with a pressure firing device. Second was a claymore placed 8 ft high on a tree off to the side of the trail rigged with an electrical firing device attached to cans in the trail. M-72 was destroyed in place. The claymore was not destroyed due to lack of demolitions. Unit will return tomorrow and destroy it. PFs with unit indicated that area is heavily B/T.	S-3/F
1425H	1430H	33	101425H	5th Marines request an AO extension for TF Saint	S-3/F
1455H	1500H	34	101455H	URS notify M2; K3	S-2/F
1840H	1829H	35	101500H	M2 (970435) while on patrol found 1 abandoned 8x12 burned hootch and 2 cylindrical ordnance containers 1x1 1/2 of unknown origin, 1 homemade first aid kit with battle dressing of	S-3/F

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					of unknown origin. Gear will be returned to S-2.	
1515H	1520H	36	101515H		This HQ approves AO extension for TF Saint.	S-3/F
1742H	1814H	37	101600H		M 1 (963428) while searching base camp, unit found 2 chicons, 5 122mm projectiles and warheads, 200lbs. of rice and 300lbs. of corn.	S-3/F
1630H	1700H	38	101610H		L 2 (991289) Interpreter inspected items found in cave complex located at 993293 and found important information Documents and stated they were death contracts for Que Son District.	S-3/F
1515H	1605H	39	101515H		URS sent to M 2	S-2/F
1515H	1520H	40	101515H		URS sent to K 3	S-2/F
1530H	1600H	41	101530H		Intelligence report: information from a chieu hoi reports an element of the U-15 was located at 108302 and at the present time a unit of the 72 Local Force Battalion is located at 075325. S-2 comments, present OB holdings indicates the U-15 is in vicinity 075325 and the 7th L Fox Bn. in the vicinity 108302. This is the first report of the 72nd L Fox Bn. in this vicinity. They usually operate in the Quang Tin Providence.	S-2/F
1600H	1614H	42	101600H		Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1707H	1845H	43	101445H		SALUTE Report sent to Regt	S-2/F
1900H	1930H	44	101900H		All base camp in vic. 963428 have been thoroughly searched.	S-3/F
2130H	2241H	45	101920H		3/5 CUPP (017335) while in night position received small arms fire from estimated 20-23 enemy (013336; 013334; 018333; 018337). Fire fight lasted from 1920H until 1935. Unit returned fire, called 81mm illumination at 1925H. Fox Battery supplied	S-3/F

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
				illumination from 2002H until 2035H. Unit swept area with negatives results.	
1800H	1802H	46	101800H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #32	S-3/F
2210H	2309H	47	102210H	Operations conducted	S-3/F
2400H	0003H	48	102400H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #33	S-3/F
				Summary: 1 enemy KIA, 2 USMC WIA(E), 1 USMC WIA(M). There have been several discoveries of enemy gear, food, ordnance and weapons and documents.	
2400H	2400H	49	102400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	110001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0730H	0750H	2	110730H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #34	S-3/F
0745H	0745	3	110745H	Battalion Position Report #1	S-3/F
0810H	0810H	4	110810H	Weather Report	S-2/F
0915H	0915H	5	110855H	L 1 991289 Unit spotted 1 VC/NVA approxi. 200 meters to the east, could not tell if VC/NVA had weapons. Unit fired 1 M-16 round, 2 M-79 rounds. Unit searched area with negative results.	S-3/F
0915H	0915H	6	110915H	Intelligence Report	S-2/F
0935H	0935H	7	110935H	L 3 982288 Unit on Search and destroy found 15 carrying tubes for 82mm mortars ammo tubes had Chinese writing on them. Tubes were found on foot trail. Unit took one tube with them and destroyed the rest.	S-3/F
		8		M3 (962425) Unit while on patrol found in a base camp area 300 lbs. of rice. Rice was contained in a large wooden bin rapped in a poncho (called Regt S-3 at 1215H for permission to destroy. Regt S-3 called Division, and called back and Division granted permission to destroy the rice 111215 Oct 70.	S-3/F
1600H	1616H	9	111450H	L 2 988293 Unit while searching area in vic. of CP. Unit found a cave and a tunnel complex approxi. 25x30 ft, which could have held approxi. 40 people. Unit searching cave sighted 1 VC/NVA wearing green utilities. Unit initiated small arms fire, which resulted in 1 VC/NVA KIA. VC/NVA was wearing canvas boots with rubber soles and 1 WW II Pineapple type grenade. KIA had no documents or weapon, all gear except card board with writing (A list of gear in spot report 111450H) 1 250 lb bomb.	S-3/F

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1620H	1643H	10	111530H	M 3 982425 Unit while on search mission discovered small quantity of corn, various clothing, cooking utensils, water containers, 10 hootches under construction, medical documents and aiming device for 82mm mortar or 122 rocket. Further details of items will follow when patrol return to CP.	S-3/F
1707H	1720H	11	101350H	H&S CUPP. Follow up spot. Unit returned to area 008353 and relocated B/T claymore and blew it in place.	S-3/F
1750H	1830H	12	111515H	L 2 (988295) found 1 homemade mortar consisting of a LAAW with a wooden base plate, and a nail for a firing pin. Mortar was set up with azimuth states from the direction it was aimed it was fired to the S. E. Mortar was located behind 2 bolders with a trail leading to it. L 2 destroyed it by breaking it up.	S-3/F
1620H	1643H	11	111530H	M 3 (962425) while on search mission, unit discovered a small quantity of corn, various items of clothing, cooking utensils, water containers, 10 hootches under construction, medical documents, and a aiming device for an 82mm mortar or 122 rockets. A detailed account of items captured will follow.	S-3/F
1830H	2033H	14	111715H	M 3 (962425) Items captured, 500 lb corn, 3-ten (10) lb box mines, 1 medical book, 2 black surgical scrub suits, 1 farenheit therometer, 6 bottles quinine, 1 ear brush, 1 bag talc powder, 1 syringe w/8 needles, 603. of crystalline salt, 1 pr. hemostats, 1 scaple, 1 stethascope, 7 boxes of tube ointment, 15 bags of injection solution, and aiming device with a 6 inch base, right angle extending on one side, a reflex angle extending 2 inches leading to or extending to the base. Has leveling device and calibrated trajectory in deflection	S-3/F

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1800H	1815H	15	111740H	scale. Aiming device is chrome covered. Unit will continue search tomorrow. H&S CUPP A (023346) in day pause received word that a VN woman had been shot by 5 VC (004358). Unit called 81mm mortar fire mission at 1715, mission ended at 1730 on suspected enemy position. PFs will search the area.	S-3/F
1900H	1910H	16	111800H	H&S CUPP (023346) reported 2 CH46 aircraft received small arms fire while in area. PFs heard firing from 011361. One CH 46 took 1 hit and the other took 2 hits. Damage was minor. PFs called 81mm fire mission on suspected enemy position at 1740, ending the mission at 1805. There was one secondary explosion.	S-3/F
1800H	1855H	17	111800H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #36	S-3/F
1357H	1440H	18	111357H	Recon Pos Rep	S-3/F
1440H	1440H	19	111440H	Projective Opns for Company M	S-3/F
1710H	1710H	20	111710H	AO extension granted	S-3/F
1725H	1857H	21	111725H	Battalion Position report	S-3/F
1820H	1912H	22	111820H	Recon Position report	S-3/F
1835H	1835H	23	111835H	Casualty Report	S-3/F
1920H	1930H	24	111945H	Recon team to conduct pacifier 120700 Oct 70	S-3/F
1950H	1950H	25	111950H	Visit to ADC	S-3/F
1952H	2014H	26	111952H	Co. M findings are seriously hampering to VC	S-3/F
1959H	1959H	27	111959H	5th Marines granted AO extension	S-3/F
2058H	2058H	28	112058H	M 6 feels need for 81's support.	S-3/F

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2222H	2253H	29	112210H	M 2 (998433) in ambush sighted 4 enemy moving west to east approxi. 75 meters away. Unit initiated small arms fire and will search the area at first light.	S-3/F
2343H	2355H	30	112330H	L CP (988309) received small arms rounds well overhead from approxi. 978307. L 6 alerted all ambushes.	S-3/F
2400H	0020H	31	112400H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #37 Summary: Company M and L found large enemy base camps, 1 VC KIA	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	32	112400H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S-3/F

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0001H	0001H	1	120001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0530H	0610H	2	120315H	FSB Ross vicinity 029345. Base received 1 round of incoming estimated it to be a 60mm mortar round or smaller in a position approx 25 meters in front of the lines between bunker #6 and #7. Put holes 1-7 and 8-9A in Kilo Battery on 100% alert. Called COC to report in, and requested 81mm illum on target two. Sent for blooper man in bunker 18 to go to area of explosion while doing this we received 1 more round of incoming to 0400H. This round landed approx 15-20 meters right of bunker #5. Called 81mm F/N on area where seen.	S-3/F
1200H	1200H	3	121045H	L 3 & L 1 unit while moving to HILL 270 unit found 1 rocket pod from a helicopter which contained 20 rockets, approx 10 feet from rockets unit found a 500 lb bomb bomb was located along trail in a ditch. Destroyed ordnance	S-3/F
1315H		4	121015H	I 1 at 027363 unit moving to pos coordinate sweep I 1 requested AO prep power cannister he spotted, AO fired WP and mini guns with no secondary explosion.	S-3/F
1440H	1545H	5	121335H	K 3 at 979351 unit while moving to PPB Marine tripped 1 claymore B/T. Booby trap was set up approx 1-2 feet off trail with hell box in center of trail. Called emerg medevac at 1340, completed 1355. Results 1 USMC KIA, 1 USN KIA, 3 USMC WIA (E), and 1 USMC WIA (P).	S-3/F
1440H	1708H	6	121313H	M 1 at 962425 unit on patrol found the following: 500 lb corn in a wooden bin 4x3c3½ feet, 300 lb corn in wooden bin 4x2x3 feet, 3 Chicoms, 1 8 inch shell 10 8 inch cannisters containing approx 150 lbs of corn also found 20 lbs of rice and 1 122mm point detonation device. Unit will continue to search area.	S-3/F

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1405H	1500H	7	121315H	L 1 at 999304 unit moving on pat unit received 10 rounds sniper fire southeast. Unit returned fire with small arms, M-60 and M-79, swept area and found 1 VC/NVA KIA. Enemy was approx 20 years old no weapon 1 document. Unit had interpreters question civilians in area and 1 papason stated that 2 VC/NVA threatened him took his rice, shot at Marines and started running.	S-3/F
0600H	0650H	8	120600H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #38	S-3/F
0915H	0934H	9	120915H	Bn Pos Report.	S-3/F
1243H		10	121243H	Results of VR in suspected enemy area (968426) Frag Order sent to M(-) and K, 2 companies.	S-3/F
1200H	1215H	11	121200H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #39 Fire arrow high threat period until 160800H	S-3/F
1525H	1700H	12	121525H	Request to know amount of VIP funds on hand.	S-3/F
1545H	1700H	13	121545H	Warning to companies about the dangers and effectiveness of booby traps. As directed by LtCol JOHNSON.	S-3/F
1740H	1750H	14	121630H	L 2 (983304) while moving to N/Pos unit found 10 - 60mm mortar rounds. It appeared that someone had attempted to destroy them previously. Unit destroyed ordnance.	S-3/F
2104H	2125H	15	122104H	Priority message sent to OP Vulture concerning the rebuilding of defensives position and living quarters	S-3/F
2113H		16	122113H	Que Son AO extension requested.	S-3/F
				SUMMARY:	
				3/5 had 1 USMC KIA, 1 USN KIA, 4 USMC WIAE, also 1 NVA KIA by L 1 and M 1 discovered a large food cache.	
2400H	2400H	17	122400H	JOURNAL CLOSED:	

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0001H	0001H	1	130001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0739H	0739H	2	130739H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #42	S-3/F
0800H	0821H	3	130800H	Forecast of Operations 14Oct70	S-3/F
0840H	0845	4	130845H	Message FmFF to RA	S-3/F
0905H	0909	5	130909H	Message Fm K Co. to AR	S-3/F
1054H	1111H	6	131030H	K 33 974342 Unit on patrol received 10 snipers rounds from the east approx. 100 meters away 974333. Unit returned fire with M-16 and M-79. Unit checked area and found 1 hootch and bunker. Both were destroyed.	S-3/F
1100H	1200H	7	131100H	Intelligence Report.	S-2/F
1250H	1315H	8	131225H	L 2 961309. Unit while checking hootch in area. Unit found 1 VN female in a hootch and 1 VN girl hiding in a bunker. VN girl was dressed in black pajamas and was about 16-17 yrs old. VN female had ID Card, but girl didn't. Unit detained 2 VN, and searched the area and found approx. 600 lbs of rice under a haystack. Rice and detainees will be evacuated.	S-3/F
1200H	1302H	9	131200H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #43	S-3/F
1200H	1320H	10	131200H	Battalion, Position Report	S-3/F
1410H	1445H	11	131313H	M 3(-) 966430 Unit on a day patrol found a base camp area. While searching the area, Unit found the following items: 1 RPG rocket launcher, 300 lbs of corn in 8 inch containers, 1 lb cocaine, 200 rounds of AK ammo, 5 lbs of rice, 4 AK mags., 3 chicoms, 1 NVA canteen, 1 hammock and misc clothing. RPG was taken to S-2 3/5.	S-3/F
1600H	1615H	12	131550H	K 2 99334 Unit set up in PPB found 1 B40 carrier with 1 round set up as B/T with trip wire firing device along side atrail. B/T destroyed.	S-3/F

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1622H	1622H	13	131622H	Message to M 3/5 FmFF2	S-2/F
1630H	1630H	14	131630H	FF-2 URS- Action taken	S-2/F
1935H	2009H	15	131600H	Recon team (982439) while on patrol sighted 6 NVA moving down a trail, 1 enemy was wearing brown shirts and shorts, 4 were wearing green utilities, 1 was wearing blue shirts and shorts. Unit initiated small arms fire resulting in 3 NVA KIA, captured gear: 1 AK 47 and mag., 2 cartridge belts, 3 chi-coms, 1 M26 grenade, 2 wallets.	S-3/F
1733H	1740H	16	131733H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1800H	1806H	17	131800H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #44	S-3/F
1800H	1800H	18	131800H	L 2 (967316) while setting in temporary night position sighted 5 VC/NVA (985310) moving west in a column. All appeared to be wearing some type of uniform. No weapons were visible. Unit called Arty fire mission first round hit at 1820, and the last round hit at 1830. Unit will check the area tomorrow.	S-3/F
1758H	1820H	19	131758H	Frag Order to Kilo Company	S-3/F
2100H	2100H	20	132100H	H&S CUPP (017335) had 1 trip flare go off 25 meters west of their position. Unit detonated 1 claymore and initiated small arms fire, searched area with negative results.	S-3/F
2155H	2208H	21	132155H	Operations conducted	S-3/F
2330H	2340H	22	132310H	Recon Haven 174 granted.	S-3/F
2400H	0040H	23	132400H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #45 Summary: L2 found 600lbs rice. M 3(-) found base camp with assorted gear. K2 found B40 roc. carrier as B/T, 3 NVA KIA.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	24	132400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	140001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0355H	0415H	2	140330H	'K 1 995353 Unit while moving from PPB, 1 USMC fell on a C-Rat can resulting in head wound. Called emergency medevac at 0330 completed at 0401. 1 USMC NBC.	S-3/F
0600H	0620H	3	140600H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep # 46	S-3/F
0735H	0735H	4	140735H	Frag Order to Co. L from 3/5	S-3/F
0900H	0915H	5	140900H	AO clearance for A 1/5 C 1/5. Message sent to grant AO	S-3/F
0936H	0945H	6	140936H	Message sent to Co. L from 3/5.	S-3/F
0945H	1003H	7	140945H	Forecast of Operations 15 Oct.	S-3/F
1200H	1215H	8	141000H	I CP 955405 Unit found 1 B/T 105mm Arty (HE) which was set under a log in LZ 1. Unit attempted to destroy ordnance with explosive. Unit continued mission.	S-3/F
1008H	1012H	9	141008H	Recon Haven #175, # 170.	S-3/F
1120H	1147H	10	141015H	A Btry 2/94th U. S. Army FSB Ross. While waiting at main gate for the road to open, an Army soldier sitting in the back of a 6x6 reached down to pick his M-16 from the bed of the truck and the weapon accidentally fired wounding another soldier sitting in the cab of the truck. Man received two bullet wounds in the upper back. Soldier was treated at 3/5 BAS. (E) medevac called at 1020, completed at 1030. Investigation is being conducted by U. S. Army.	S-3/F
1200H	1215H	11	141030H	I 2 074400 Unit found 40 to 60 lbs of polished rice. Rice was in cement containers buried in the ground. Canisters weight was about 300lbs each. Unit unable to restore rice. Unit will destroy rice.	S-3/F

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1035H	1055H	12	141035H	Message to FF Recon Haven	S-3/F
1100H	1100H	13	141100H	Message to Co. L from L Rear	S-3/F
1117H	1117H	14	141117H	Position Report on Company K	S-3/F
1110H	1110H	15	141110H	I 2 074400 Unit has secured the LZ and 3 men, 16 women, 22 children and 100 lbs of rice.	S-3/F
1222H	1230H	16	141230H	Message to M-2 From RA3	S-3/F
1230H	1230H	17	141230H	H&S CUPP 00340 Unit found 1 bunker on day patrol. Bunker was 4x4x4. It was in a treeline and made of straw and mud. Unit blew bunker with M26 grenade. Negative findings.	S-3/F
1245H	1245H	18	141245H	L 2 977312 I op spotted 2 VC/NVA with weapons approx. 200 meters from or to the north of L 2. I OP notified the unit and called arty fire mission. Negative results.	S-3/F
1250H	1250H	19	141250H	Recon Position Report.	S-3/F
1315H	1333H	20	141240H	URS sent to M 2	S-2/F
1300H	1300H	21	141300H	Message from OP Vulture	S-3/F
1650H	1720H	22	141300H	I 2 (074406, 057400) while in blocking position detained 6 males, 1 female, 5 children. Team from Regt interrogated detainees and returned to LZ BALDY.	S-3/F
1336H	1355H	23	141336H	Message to L 6	S-3/F
1445H	1525H	24	141400H	I 2 (074407) on day patrol searched bunkers and sniper holes finding 1 SKS mag. 1 NVA helmet, 1 E-Tool cover, and 1 rain jacket. Unit destroyed all gear.	S-3/F
1417H	1417H	25	141417H	Message from M 6	S-3/F
1815H	1918H	26	141430H	Debrief of Deputy Army Advisor, Que Son Dist upon return from Operation vice grid 9734 to seize known VCI in area. At 140715H while moving into	S-3/F

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				blocking position at 978342 R. F. Co. 110 made contact with 4 VC. Enemy initiated small arms fire, R. F.'s returned fire and swept the area, finding 1 VC/NVA KIA. Unit also found 4 82mm mortar rounds rigged as B/T. During the day RFs detained 6 VCI from vic 9734, all detainees were taken to Que Son Dist HQ, operation terminated approx 141400H.	
1800H	2005H	27	141600H	I 12 (057412) on day patrol. Unit searching a hootch found 3 containers of rice containing approx 100 lbs of rice. The unit burned the rice, due to terrain and tactical situation, it was not possible to evacuate the rice.	S-3/F
1650H	1710H	28	141610H	L 22 (991310) on day patrol found 1 105mm B/T rigged with trip wire. B/T was set along side the trail approx. 1 ft off the trail. Ordnance destroyed.	S-3/F
1652H	1730H	29	141652H	Message from 3/5 S-3 to Co M/OP Vulture.	S-3/F
1830H	1902H	30	141830H	Recon Position Report.	S-3/F
1800H	1810H	31	141800H	Imperial Lake Sit Rep #48	S-3/F
1845H	1845H	32	141845H	Message from Regt cancelling Imperial Lake Sit Rep from this Station as of 141800H Oct 70.	S-3/F
2231H	2231H	33	142231H	FmFFL 2 URS, Action Taken AT 996365- 1000 meters.	S-2/F
2215H	2231H	34	142000H	I 23 (065403) set in ambush sighted 4 enemy with packs and rifles moving northeast approx 40 meters from their position. Unit initiated small arms fire, called arty mission (illum) and swept the area with negative results. Returning from sweep unit received unknown amount of AK47 fire from a treeline to their north. Unit returned fire and continued to move to night position. Will sweep treeline at first light.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT				
2100H	2100H	35	142100H	ARVN Recon insert	S-3/F
2108H	2108H	36	142108H	Request to contact and monitor Recon insert "Shaving Mug". Sent to Co. L at (150125H Oct 70).	S-3/F
2135H	2135H	37	142135H	Resupply for OP Vulture	S-3/F
2050H	2000H	38	142216H	Request an acknowledgement for Recon insert.	S-3/F
2255H	2309H	39	142140H	Request for Recon insert #153 from Regt. This station approved.	S-3/F
2240H	2302H	40	142240H	Operations conducted.	S-3/F
				Summary: I 2 found 100lbs of rice, and 12 detainees. RF Co. 110 killed 1 VC, and captured 6 VCI. I 12 found 100 lbs of rice, 1 USMC NBCE, 1 USA NBCE.	
2400H	2400H	41	142400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	150001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0955H	0940H	2	150946H	Message to Company L from S-3	S-3/F
0955H	0955H	3	150955H	Message to Company M from S-3	S-3/F
1125H	1150H	4	151000H	I 33 Unit detained 1 male, 40 yrs old with ID Card stating that he was 52 yrs old. Two females approx. 25-30 yrs old, and 3 children. Detainees currently held by unit, request disposition instructions.	S-3/F
1055H	1140H	5	151010H	I 2 06604 Unit on patrol found 80 lbs of rice hidden in bushes. Rice will be turned into Que Son Dist HQ.	S-3/F
0800H	0800	6	151010H	Forecast of Operations	S-3/F
1057H	1057H	7	151057H	URS FM MA-2 Action taken	S-2/F
1105H	1105H	8	151105H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1530H	1530H	9	151530H	URS FM MA-2 Action taken	S-2/F
1055H	1145H	10	151055H	Intell-5th Mar Unit loc in Que Son Mts presently under surveillance. Reports of 2 unidentified elements with 1x82mm, and 1x60mm mortar preparing to attack this unit. Rated B-2 by MA-2. Sent to M-2 Recon, Company M	S-2/F
1459H	1500H	11	151500H	5th Mar chose TF Saints to Americal Div. as of 151500H Oct 70.	S-3/F
1500H	0029H	12	151330H	Co. I (054400, 064404) During sweep of area, unit detained following VN: 4 males aged 45-58 yrs old; 16 females aged 30-60 yrs old; 34 children ages 1-10. KCS & S-2 scouts said that some are families of VC, and that most have been detained before and taken to Que Son Dist. KCS stated that they returned to this area because of homes and food which is available. All civilians were released.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT				
0035H	1510H	13	151415H	I 3 (993337) while on patrol unit received 2 rounds AK-47 fire from 99 3338. Unit checked area and found a small village. Questioned VN with negative results.	S-3/F
1530H	1710H	14	151530H	Priority message from Regt info. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.	S-3/F
2020H	2115H	15	151600H	I 1 (054404) captured 1 VN male aged 38 yrs old, possibly a VC. Found him in a cave (4x6x6) with negative combat gear. Suspect will be turned over to ITT.	S-3/F
1815H	1858H	16	151815H	Message concerning Battery usage sent to all 3/5 Companies.	S-3/F
1855H	1930H	17	151835H	Typhoon info sent to all 3/5 Co.	S-3/F
2023H	2029	18	152023H	Vietnamese forces will be in grid square 0139.	S-3/F
2040H	2100H	19	152040H	Operations conducted	S-3/F
				Summary: 7 detainees taken. 80 lbs of rice discovered.	
2400H	2400H	20	152400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	160001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
2315H	2315H	2	162315H	Late Entry: H&S CUPP (020351) spotted 1 person heading toward their ambush. PF with unit lit a cigarette so squad leader decided to break ambush at once. Once back in night position, unit called 81mm mortar, first round hit at 2315H, the last round hit at 2345. Unit will sweep area at first light.	S-3/F
0135H	0135H	3	160130H	Received call from Regt stating that the Army convoy reached its destination approximately 2230H.	S-3/F
0210H	0210H	4	160210H	AO extension granted from MA	S-3/F
0245H	0245H	5	160245H	Recon Haven insert #195-177	S-3/F
0804H	0804H	6	160804H	URS BT 006437-1000 meters Action taken.	S-2/F
0830H	0945H	7	160830H	Forecast of Operations	S-3/F
1155H	1235H	8	161155H	Message to Co. M and OP Rainbow	S-3/F
1220H	1340	9	161205H	M (-) (943445) on day displacement detected a box mine. The mine was 8x10, camouflaged in leaves and wrapped in comm wire. Mine was destroyed in place.	S-3/F
1202H	1210H	10	161202H	Message to I 6	S-3/F
1300H	1345H	11	161300H	Message to H&S CUPP. Night acts will remain out, all night.	S-3/F
1223H	1255H	12	161223H	Restatement of mission with PF Plt sent to L 6.	S-3/F
1324H	1340H	13	161324H	Recon Position Report.	S-3/F
1400H	1440H	14	161400H	Message sent to L 6: send E-4 McCallum to S-1 As soon as possible.	S-3/F
1415H	1415H	15	161400H	Message sent to Regt concerning	S-3/F

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1440H	1440H	16	161440H	URS sent to M 2	S-2/F
1620H	1620H	17	161620H	LZ for Company M (-) extration	S-3/F
1640H	2025H	18	161640H	Message sent to 1st Recon Bn from 5th Mar Regt. Info 3/5	S-3/F
1650H	1650H	19	161650H	Additional info for the message dtg 161640H.	S-2/F
1708H	1715H	20	161708	Typhoon warning, sent to all 3/5 units.	S-3/F
1804 H	1805 H	21	161810H	L 3 while (003347) manufacturing to check purposed night ambush site, 2nd man in column tripped a M26 B/T which was rigged with a trip wire 5 meters off the trail, resulting in 1 Marine WIA(E) and 1 Marine WIA (P). Medevac called and completed.	S-3/F
1820H	1825H	22	161820H	Message sent to I Company personnel concerning a baby.	S-3/F
1837H	1845H	23	161837H	Message sent to M 6, Helos are not expected to fly on 17 Oct 70	S-3/F
1910H	1936H	24	161910H	Request conformation on night acts for PF Plt. 109	S-2/F
1910H	1910H	25	161910H	List of supplies on OP Rainbow.	S-3/F
2035H	2126H	26	162035H	PFs have been advised of Co. L's act	S-3/F
2055H	2143H	27	162055H	Frag Order sent to Company I	S-3/F
2150H	2205H	28	162150H	Operations conducted	S-3/F
				Summary: 1 Marine WIA(E), 1 Marine WIA(P)	
2400H	2400H	29	162400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0935H	0935H	2	170935H	URS notified M 2	S-2/F
1000H	1025H	3	171025H	Forecast of Operations 18	S-3/F
1147H	1251H	4	171147H	Message to Co. M(-), M2 Continue activities.	S-3/F
1150H	1234H	5	171150H	Message to H&S CUPP night acts.	S-3/F
1140H	1159H	6	171140H	Message to Co. I returning to Ross	S-3/F
1241H	1241H	7	171341H	PFs and RFs activities to L Co.	S-3/F
1626H	1700H	8	171626H	5th Mar new call sign "Razor Bill"	S-3/F
1720H	1750H	9	171630H	L CP (999317) I. O. D. observed 3 VC/NVA, 1 armed and two carrying packs, and 1 female. Unit called for 106 clearance. 106 fired 21 rounds and observed 1 enemy KIA. Remainder of enemy disappeared in rocks. (988296)	S-3/F
2110H	2305H	10	171800H	I 1 (062384) unit found 1 60mm mortar WP B/T. Both B/T were rigged with trip wire and pressure release type detonator. Both B/T were on the trail approximately 10 meters apart. Ordnance was destroyed.	S-3/F
2008H	2134H	11	171945H	M 2 (982432) unit received 6 rounds of incoming estimated to be 60 mm mortars, impacting approx. 300 meters north of their position. Unit called counter mortar fire w/81mm mortars on suspected enemy position (987443). Negative friendly casualties.	S-3/F
2005H	2220H	12	172005H	Intell-fm RB-2-A) SA Quang Nam Province. Hoi An rpts 89th Sapper Bn located at 981478 w/str of 200 men rated F-3 (B) PW CAPT on 11 Oct 70 revealed 91st Sapper Bn loc vic AT 9843 rated F-3 (C) S-2 comment 1st MarDiv-91st Sapper Bn loc vic of AT 9842 w/str of 165. Sent to: YB-3B, YBM(-) & (M-2)	S-2/F

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2110H		2125H	13	172110H	Operations conducted	S-3/F
2300H		2300H	14	172300H	Info on T-89th & 91st Sapper Bns, str 200 men each, each has 6 82mm mortars, unk 81mm mortars, 5 60mm mortars, unk RPGs, unk HMG, unk 75mm rockets, and 18 B40s. Summary: 1 VC/NVA KIA, 2 B/T found, OP Rainbow received 6 rounds of 60mm mortars.	S-2/F
2400H		2400H	15	172400H	JOURNAL CLOSED. LATE ENTRIES:	
			16		A Co. from 3/5 will relieve Co. of 2/5 on Ryder, H-425 and H-119 on 18 Oct 70.	S-3/F
			17		Regt S-3 was asked about ARVN Recon unit in western AO.	S-3/F
			18	171900H	PFs in vic 051378 reported Co. I 3/5 was firing on them. A KCS with a unit from I Co. spotted a Vietnamese who he thought to be a VC and opened fire. PFs thought the fire was directed toward them and returned fire. There were no casualties.	S-3/F
			19	172000H	Co K will have personnel instructed on the use of the .50 cal machine guns located on H-425 and H-119.	S-3/F
			20	172145H	IOD team on H-270 consisting of 1 lieutenant, and 3 enlisted.	
			21	172230H	M 2 Unit located on OP Rainbow has been advised to be expected to be relieved 20-22 Oct 70.	S-3/F

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0001H	0001H	1	180001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0058H	0105H	2	180058H	Message from 3/5 to 5th Marines requesting AO extension.	S-3/F
0122H	0700H	3	180122H	Frag Order to Company I.	S-3/F
0955H	1000H	4	180935H	L 32-997329 Unit on patrol found 50-75 lbs of rice in a tree line. Rice was half buried in a large gray sack. Rice had been destroyed by the rain. Unit will continue to search the area.	S-3/F
1045H	1045H	5	181045H	URS	S-2/F
1028H	1028H	6	181028H	URS	S-2/F
1115H	1115H	7	181115H	URS	S-2/F
1203H	1215H	8	181210H	L Co. 999316 Unit receiving external resupply on Hill-270. Resupply bird received small arms fire. Helicopter was hit (3 times) and left zone after dropping resupply load.	S-3/F
1155H	1155H	9	181155H	Recon position Rep and AO extension	S-3/F
1710H	1750H	10	181520H	L CP 999316 Bird while approaching LZ at Hill-270 took 12 rounds of AK fire from the north. 3 rounds made contact immediately returned fire. L Co. submitted grid for clearance of 106. 106 fire mission cleared 47 HE rounds, 60mm ordnance and 6 WP rounds.	S-3/F
1231H	1235H	11	181231H	Request AO extension for Recon	S-3/F
1238H	1238H	12	181238H	URS-020408-400 meters radius	S-2/F
1438H	1438H	13	181438H	URS	S-2/F
1525H	1525H	14	181525H	URS	S-2/F
1420H	1420H	15	181420H	AO extension not approved	S-3/F
1555H	1555H	16	181555H	AO extension not approved	S-3/F

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1630H	1638H	17	181600H	M 2 983431 Unit spotted 4 VC with packs and rifles in black pajamas moving south. Unit initiated M-60 and M-79 fire. Enemy fled down the trail. 81 fire mission called. Negative results.	S-3/F
1655H	1655H	18	181655H	Message to L Co. on PF acts	S-3/F
1643H	1650H	19	181643H	Frag Order to Co. I and Co. L	S-3/F
1833H	1900H	20	181833H	Recon Pos Rep	S-3/F
1900H	1900H	21	181900H	ARVN Recon NL 9635 LR 9933 has been extracted. Sent to L 6.	S-3/F
1915H	1953H	22	181915H	H&S CUPP FLT and defense perimeter at Ross C. B. reported an explosion at approx. 0234Z. Explosion suspected to be incoming round of unknown size or type. Checked with units for possible sightings of flashes with negative results. I 1 (043377) stated, that they heard a round go overhead at the approximate time. Checked through FSCC for artillery being fired in the immediate vicinity of Ross C. B. A crater analysis will be conducted at first light.	S-3/F
2000H	2010H	23	182000H	Operations conducted	S-3/F
2055H	2055H	24	182055H	5th Marines has cleared AO for 1-1 cav OP from (0737); (0837), (0838) and (1337).	S-3/F
2123H	2123H	25	182117H	Recon team at (008413) observed lights at 015398 and called arty mission, excellent target coverage	S-3/F
2315H	2315H	26	182315H	Que Son District had modified AO extension (Ref. DTG message 182055H) as follows: 1337, 0937, 0733; North east along boundary to close.	S-3/F
2240H	2338H	27	182240H	Weekly Plan Summary	S-3/F
2350H	2359H	28	182350H	24th RFs will conduct operation 190400H-191800H.	S-3/F

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2400H	2400H	29	18 2400H	Summary: L 32 found 50-75 lbs of rice. 1 helicopter recieved small arms fire. Ross Combat Base received 1 in coming round approximately 600 meters outside of the wire. JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	190001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0955H	0955H	2	190955H	AO extension	S-3/F
1035H	1035H	3	191035H	Request temp AO	S-3/F
1040H	1049H	4	191110H	Battalion Position Report	S-3/F
1110H	1125H	5	191125H	Recon Position Report	S-3/F
1120H	1120H	6	191120H	K 2 OP emplacement	S-2/F
1140H	1140H	7	191140H	URS loc	S-2/F
1155H	1200H	8	191200	URS	S-2/F
1200H	1210H	9	191200H	K 2 OP emplacement	S-2/F
1311H	1315H	10	191311H	Request call and freq change	S-3/F
1350H	1345H	11	191345H	Area has been cleared for arty and air from 3/5 to I 6.	S-3/F
1621H	1748H	12	191500H	M 2 H-845 Unit on patrol found 1-10 man bunker approx. 10'x10' at 985436. Asserted food cans used re- cently and 4 plastic casing apparently used to contain mortar rounds where found. Bunkers were destroyed.	S-3/F
1515H	1515H	13	191515H	MEMORANDUM-Arty fire mission: Yearbook notified Dublin City to clear grid 073335. Said Battery had already fired without clearance, time 1435. Little people said they had 1 KIA and 2 WIA (Civilians).	S-3/F
1547H	1547H	14	191547H	URS Negative Friendlies in area.	S-2/F
1715H	1740H	15	191715H	Battalion Position Report.	S-3/F
		16		Recon Haven UL 0542 LR 0639 has been approved by Regt.	S-3/F
2000H	2000H	17	192000H	2/5 will relieve Co. M 3/5 in Que Son Mts. on 21 Oct 70.	S-3/F
2015H	2230H	18	191800H	I 1 (041377) spotted 3 VC/NVA	S-3/F

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2255H	2300H	19	192255H	<p>kneeling in the grass wearing black pajamas. All were armed with M-16 rifles. Snipers with unit fired 3 rounds and 1 LAAW. Enemy fled to the North suffering no apparent injury.</p> <p>Operations conducted</p> <p>Summary: 1 civilian killed by artillery and 2 wounded. M 2 discovered 1 bunker.</p>	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	20	192400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	200001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0900H	0900H	2	200900H	AO extension request	S-3/F
1000H	1045H	3	201000H	Frag order sent to Company M	S-3/F
1112H	1125H	4	201112H	Recen position report	S-3/F
1137H	1139H	5	201137H	3/5 S-3 requests presence of Que adviser at the meeting.	Sen S-3/F
1315H	1315H	6	201315H	Recen Haven UL 9638 LR 9935 approved by Regt.	S-3/F
1400H	1400H	7	201400H	Battalion position report sent to Regt.	S-3/F
1817H	1830H	8	201500H	I 3 (986353) while in day CP a VN child reported finding a B/T con- sisting of 105 round with pressure device. Child and KCS led unit to location (005350) of B/T. Unit des- troyed the B/T.	S-3/F
1500H	1520H	9	201610H	Ross Combat Base. VN boy brought ordnance to main gate. S-2/F paid boy \$500 Vietnamese. Ordnance blown.	S-3/F
1753H	1800H	10	201753H	Message to Co. I, M, L, regarding supporting arms.	S-3/F
2105H	2219H	11	202105H	Recen position report.	S-3/F
2213H	2220H	12	202213H	Operations conducted Summary: 2 B/T were turned over to Marines by Vietnamese children.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	13	202400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	210001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
1115H	1127H	2	201830H	IOD 999315 (Late entry) IOD spotted S-3/F 5 VC/NVA carrying 1 mortar tube appeared to be a 60mm, 3 rifles and 5 packs. VC/NVA were moving from west to village area 986312, called fire mission with negative clearance.	
0630H	0614H	3	210614H	URS	S-2/F
0615H	0620H	4	210620H	URS	S-2/F
1112H	Final	5	210700H	I (-) CP 999315 I 1-4 conducted 2 tactical air strikes on known enemy staging areas and caves, good coverage of target area.	S-3/F
0705H	0715H	6	210715H	Battalion position report	S-3/F
1010H	1010H	7	211010H	Memorandum or AO extension on phone call.	S-3/F
1030H	1033H	8	210830H	I 31 984348 Unit while on patrol received approximately 50 rounds of small arms fire from a treeline. Resulting in 1 KIA. Unit returned fire with small arms and M-79, called priority medevac and completed unit prepfire treeline with M-79, M-60, and swept the area with negative results.	S-3/F
1039H	1039H	9	211039H	PF activities in area	S-3/F
1130H	1130H	10	211000H	SAKUTE Report	S-3/F
1144H	1144H	11	211144H	From S-3 to Company I 5 VC report	S-3/F
1030H	1045H	12	211030H	Battalion position report	S-3/F
1145H	1225H	13	211145H	PF acts sent to H&S Cupp	S-3/F
1610H	1610H	14	211604H	Ce. K request for mine dozer forwarded to S-4.	S-3/F
1515H	1614H	15	211330H	I 23 (986312) on day patrol, unit found 1 B/T consisting of M-26 grenade in C-Bat can with trip wire, destroyed B/T.	S-3/F

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1517H	1612H	16	211400H	I 32 (982340) on patrol found a hoatch containing 2 VC packs, 1 transistor radio, 2 hammocks, 2 suits of black pajamas, and 1 female. Further search of the area resulted in the discovery of numerous bunkers in surrounding area.	S-3/F
1518H	1611H	17	211430H	I 32 (980344) on day patrol spotted 2 VC/NVA dressed in green utilities with packs and rifles moving west (977348). Unit initiated small arms fire and searched the area with negative results.	S-3/F
1610H	1620H	18	211610H	URS sent to H&S Cupp	S-2/F
1643H	1706H	19	211643H	Battalion position report	S-3/F
1750H	1750H	20	211750H	Operation to be conducted 22 Oct 70 by Company L.	S-3/F
1830H	1838H	21	211830H	Message informing H&S CUPP of PF's acts.	S-3/F
1915H	2000H	22	211915H	Two messages sent to Co. M and Co. I, informing them of each others position.	S-3/F
2000H	2003H	23	212000H	Operation conducted to Regt.	S-3/F
2105H	2105H	24	212105H	Precleared zone for air and arty in support of Company L sent from Regt.	S-3/F
2138H	2138H	25	212328H	Frag order sent to Company M	S-3/F
2330H	0020H	26	212330H	Frag order sent to Company I, informing Army Adviser (Que Sen).	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	27	212400H	Summary: 1 Marine WIA(E), 1 female detainee taken and a complex of enemy bunkers were discovered. JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT				
0001H	0001H	1	220001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0544H	0412H	2	220300H	K 1 (LZ Ryder) Marine received shrapnel in the left foot while sheeting H&I in the area with the M-79. Medevac was called and asked to wait until the morning due to heavy fog over the LZ.	S-3/F
0130H	1050H	3	220130H	Restricted fires	S-3/F
0500H	0601H	4	220500H	Company M position report	S-3/F
0630H	0630H	5	220630H	AO extension granted	S-3/F
0900H	0900H	6	220900H	Memorandum for the record from Regt FSCC Watcher Officer to 3/5 FSCC Negative clearance on (3) precleared grids.	S-3/F
0930H	0930H	7	220930H	Memorandum for the record (MFR) from S-3 to Journal combined operations.	S-3/F
0948H	1000H	8	220948H	Message to SR Army Advisor	S-3/F
1020H	1020H	9	221020H	AO extension	S-3/F
1100H	1100H	10	221100H	URS/action taken	S-2/F
1130H	1130H	11	221130H	MFR from S-3 to Regt S-3 Radio Comm Operation Noble Canyon.	S-3/F
1135H	1135H	12	221135H	URS/action taken.	S-2/F
1155H	1205H	13	221155H	Battalion position report	S-3/F
1345H	1345H	14	221345H	URS/action taken	S-2/F
1430H	1430H	15	221430H	Que Son AO granted	S-3/F
1547H	1547H	16	221547H	Frag order to Company I.	S-3/F
1550H	1606H	17	221550H	Spot report on Operation Noble Canyon Company L, set in night position at this time.	S-3/F

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1630H	1657H	18	221610H	L Co. 000305 Unit while setting in a night position, sniper spotted 3 VC/NVA with packs moving west. Snipers fired 1 round, VC/NVA ran into a cave snipers fired three more rounds with negative results.	S-3/F
1645H	1700H	19	221645H	Battalion position report	S-3/F
1955H	2005H	20	221955H	Noble Canyon situation report	S-3/F
2000H	2000H	21	222000H	Recon position report	S-3/F
2000H	2000H	22	222000H	This station requested 4 B/T dogs from Regt.	S-3/F
2030H	2030H	23	222030H	Memorandum: Co. K incident with the M-79.	S-3/F
2140H	2140H	24	222140H	Recon team (Lunga Point) position report.	S-3/F
2118H	2135H	25	222118H	Operations conducted.	S-3/F
1800H	1830H	26	221800H	Late Spot: Two VN boys led Marines to Booby trap consisting of 01x tomato can filled with C-4 and shrapnel. B/T was set off the trail in the bushes with claymore wires leading to a electrical device buried in the middle of the trail. YBS-2 paid 1000\$ VN for B/T. Will Blow ordnance.	S-2/F
2335H	2335H	27	221240H	Late entry: Operation Noble Canyon commenced at 221240H Oct 70 when Co. L started foot march to target area (UL 9530) (LR0028). Original plan to helilift one company into one LZ at 963289 was cancelled due to below minimum standard for insert. The alternate plan which was a tactical foot march was executed on 23 Oct 70. Co. L will enter target area at 000290 Behind a arty prep to commence at first light.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0015H	0045H	28	222400H	<p>Operation Noble Canyon. Co. L continues night activities vic cm 0030. All night ambushes will remain in position until 0630H.</p> <p>Summary: 1 Marine NBC, Operation Noble Canyon commenced at 221240H Oct 70. Two Vietnamese children led Marines to B/T.</p>	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	29	222400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	230001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0600H	0615H	2	230600H	Operation Noble Canyon	S-3/F
0745H	0830H	3	230745H	URS/action taken	S-2/F
0830H	0850H	4	230815H	Operation Noble Canyon	S-3/F
0805H	0845H	5	230845H	Memorandum: Medevac for Co. K FSB Ryder.	S-3/F
0855H	0855H	6	230845H	Forecast of Operations	S-3/F
1145H	1159H	7	230900H	I 2 (PF's) 006313 Unit while on patrol observed 4 VC/NVA males dressed in brown uniforms and 1 VC/NVA female dressed in black pajamas. Enemy was moving north approx. 100 meters away. PFs initiated small arms fire and swept the area capturing 1 female. Female was detained and will be turn over to ITT. Female was wounded in the arm. Found on the female was 13 M-16 mag, and three knives.	S-3/F
1155H	1200H	8	230945 H	I 31 (984334) found 1 B/T, con- sisting of M26 frag with trip wire across the trail. B/T was destroyed.	S-3/F
0940H	1000H	9	231000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1200H	1200H	10	231200H	Operation Noble Canyon	S-3/F
1437H	1450H	11	231245H	Co. I 32 (987335) while on patrol found 2 B/T approx. 25 meters apart. Both B/T consisted of M26 grenades with trip wire across the trail. B/T were destroyed.	S-3/F
1430H	1443H	12	231315H	I 32 (980338) on patrol found 1 M26 grenade with trip wire. Unit received 75-100 rounds of small arms fire from a tree line across the blue line (982336). Unit returned fire but were unable to sweep area due to the water. B/T was destroyed.	S-3/F
1323H	1326	13	231323H	Battalion position report	S-3/F

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1410H	1435H	14	231400H	Noble Canyon Spot Report	S-3/F
1440H	1545H	15	231440H	Message to Co. I to retate their night positions.	S-3/F
1730H	1735H	16	231545H	H&S CUPP (019350) on patrol found 2 bunkers. First one was 6x3x4 and had 3 rooms. Second bunker was 3x3x2 feet. Unit destroyed both bunkers.	S-3/F
1700H	1707H	17	231655H	Noble Canyon Spot Report.	S-3/F
1730H	1730H	18	231730H	Co. I will conduct a complete search of the objective area of and in vic of Hill-381.	S-3/F
1750H	1750H	19	231750H	I 3 Actual is convinced that B/T were placed around his position after they were set in.	S-3/F
1825H	1835H	20	231800H	Noble Canyon Spot Report	S-3/F
1825H	2000H	21	231930H	URS Action taken	S-2/F
2030H	2040H	22	232015H	Noble Canyon Spot Report	S-3/F
2047H	2100H	23	232047H	Operations conducted	S-3/F
2115H	2115H	24	232115H	Typhoon warning condition III given to S-4.	S-3/F
2350H	0035H	25	232400H	Noble over all report sent to Regt on their request.	S-3/F
2400H	0050H	26	232400H	Noble Canyon Spot Report Summary: PFS captured 1 female (WIA) carrying 3 knives and 13 M16 mags. I Co. found 4 B/T all consisting of M26 grenades with trip wires.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	27	232400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT				
0001H	0001H	1	240001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0350H	0411H	2	240350H	Typhoon warning sent to Co. L, I and H&S GUPP.	S-3/F
0600H	0610H	3	240600H	Noble Canyon Spot Report.	S-3/F
0955H	1020H	4	240640H	IOD H-270 (Round Up) Unit spotted 6 VC/NVA with mortar tube. They were in process of setting in mortar. They were wearing packs and carrying weapons. Co. I 3/5 fired 106 RR mission on mortar site and enemy fled into treeline to the south. Will submit follow up report.	S-3/F
0800H	0830H	5	240755H	Noble Canyon Spot Report.	S-3/F
1326H	1330H	6	240900H	I 31 995385 Unit on patrol found 105 B/T with trip wire across the trail. B/T signs were found approximately 20 meters ahead of the B/T. Signs were painted on trees. B/T was destroyed.	S-3/F
0800H	0906H	7	240906H	Typhoon conditions.	S-3/F
0925H	0937H	8	240925H	URS	S-2/F
0930H	0930H	9	240930H	Delta Battery 2/11 (Ross Combat Base Trash truck was (35209) proceeding to the trash dump, A Vietnamese child (female) attempted to board the moving vehicle from the rear, slipped and was run over by the rear wheels of the 6x6. The child "NC-O THI HOAT", was medevaced to FLC childrens hospital at 1010H. Child was approximately 15 yrs old, and lived in village of Son Lan, BT 023345. She has no parents. A cousin was notified. Good reaction by civilians, understood it was an accident.	S-3/F
1010H	1010H	10	241010H	SH to Paraell BARS Resupply Doubt- ful.	S-3/F
1026H	1230H	11	240800H	Typhoon condition	S-3/F
1030H	1036H	12	241032H	Noble Canyon Spot Report	S-3/F

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1145H	1145H	13	241145H	M 2 964306 Unit searching out area of mortar site tripped 1 B/T M26 frag 2 USMC WIAE medevac completed at 1200H	S-3/F
1218H	1250H	14	241218H	Report on M 2 unit	S-3/F
1330H	1350H	15	241230H	L 22 998288 unit on Recon patrol found a cave complex consisting of 3 caves of approximately 10x10x20 feet each cave, not recently used. Unit found 3 82mm mortar tube canisters, with 75 (3) mortar rounds. Will return them to Ross.	S-3/F
1230H	1252H	16	241230H	Noble Canyon Spot report.	S-3/F
1340H	1355H	17	241330H	M 2 964306 Unit searching south-east of mortar site found 500 M-14 rounds, 5 smoke grenades, and 700 lbs of rice, 1 KE 10 marijunia. Destroyed all but the rice.	S-3/F
1410H	1410H	18	241410H	Late Entry: Advised M 2 to destroy marijunia.	S-3/F
1412H	1412H	19	241412H	Message to I 6 informing him that M 2 would be in the area.	S-3/F
1434H	1440H	20	241434H	Message to M 2 to search area completely.	S-3/F
2045H	2100H	21	241500H	I 6 1 (999315) spotted 5 VC/NVA with packs and rifles moving in a tree line (998306). Called fire mission first round hit at 1536, and the last round hit at 1545. Excellent coverage. Area was checked by M2.	S-3/F
1510H	1510H	22	241510H	Regt gave M 2 permission to destroy rice.	S-3/F
1625H	1645H	23	241625H	Typhoon warning sent to all 3/5 units.	S-3/F
1750H	1812H	24	241730H	Operation Noble Canyon	S-3/F
1840H	1840H	25	241840H	3rd Bn, 5th Mar reported M 2's progress to Regt.	S-3/F

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1847H	1900H	26	241847H	Friendly on friendly sent to H&S CUPP.	S-3/F
1847H	1855H	27	241847H	Friendly on friendly sent to Co. I.	S-3/F
1505H		28	241905H	Recon position report.	S-3/F
		29		PF operation to begin 250300H Oct 70.	S-3/F
2015H	2030H	30	242000H	Operation Noble Canyon	S-3/F
2025H	2120H	31	242025H	Operations conducted	S-3/F
	2309H	32	242100H	3/5 CUPP C. (017335) while in night position observed 3 VC/NVA with weapons approx. 100 meters to the S.E. Enemy were observed with starlight. Unit initiated small arms fire and .50 cal machine gun. Called for 81mm mortar illumination and swept the area with negative results.	S-3/F
2100H	2125H	33	242100H	Message to all 5th Marines units to conduct all their activities in a pro- fessional manner.	S-3/F
2332H	2350H	34	242332H	Message to all 3/5 units to con- ducted on effective well aimed shots while encountering the enemy rather than spraying the area with auto fire.	S-3/F
2345H	2355H	35	242345H	1st Platoon Co. I are to conduct activities in the 0076 grid square.	S-3/F
2400H	0005H	36	242400H	Operation Noble Canyon Summary; 1 Vietnamese female was struck by 6x6 and medevaced. 2 Marines WIAE Co. I (Operation Noble Canyon) found 3 82mm mortar canisters, and 75 mortar rounds. M 2 discovered 500 M-14 rounds, 5 smoke grenades, 700 lbs of rice and one Kelo of marijunia.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	37	242400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	250001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0715H	0730H	2	250730H	Weather Report	S-2/F
0745H	0800H	3	250730H	Noble Canyon	S-3/F
0738H	0740H	4	250738H,	Message to I, L, CUPP	S-3/F
0745H	0745H	5	250745H	Weather Report	S-2/F
0800H	0800H	6	251000H	New Day and Night Acts Message	S-3/F
0830H	0830H	7	250830H	Weather Report	S-2/F
0830H	1010H	8	251010H	Message about claymore mines and avoiding them.	S-3/F
1000H	1035H	9	251035H	VC Rallier Message	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	10	242400H	Late Entry: Noble Canyon report	S-3/F
1245H	1245H	11	251240H	Memorandum: TE/con LT Beggs, Capt Dial S-3A	S-3/F
1236H	1236H	12	251236H	Weather report	S-2/F
1236H	1236H	13	251236H	Flash Floods Message	S-3/F
1248H	1245H	14	251248H	Limited activities today due to high winds.	S-3/F
1405H	1410H	15	251405H	Battalion Commander is concerned about the large number of personnel remaining in the rear.	S-3/F
1745H	1745H	16	251745H	Recon position report.	S-3/F
1900H	1924H	17	251900H	Friendly on friendly sent to Co. I and H&S CUPP.	S-3/F
2030H	2034H	18	252030H	AO extension for Noble Canyon requested from Regt.	S-3/F
2033H	2039H	19	252033H	Barrel Drop plan for Operation Noble Canyon for 27 Oct 1970.	S-3/F
2050H	2052H	20	252050H	H&S CUPP Frequency sent to Co. I at their request.	S-3/F

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2125H	2130H	21	252125H	Operations conducted	S-3/F
2150H	2151H	22	252150H	Request check points for I 1's patrol.	S-3/F
2320H	2330H	23	252240H	H&S GUPP (018349) while returning from ambush site received 1 incoming round (grenade). Heard rapid movement approximately 35 meters to their north. Unit initiated fire at the sound of movement. Called 81mm illumination at 2220H, the mission ended at 2235H. Swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
2400H	0015H	24	252400H	Operation Noble Canyon Summary: Patrols were held to a minimum due to the extremely heavy winds and typhoon warning.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	25	252400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0821H	0830H	2	260820H	Noble Canyon	S-3/F
1035H	1050H	3	261035H	Noble Canyon	S-3/F
1245H	1254H	4	261200H	I 1 023363 Unit on patrol spotted 1 VC/NVA dressed in green utilities and carrying 1 carbine. Enemy was moving west approx. 100 meters away. Unit initiated small arms fire and M79 fire. Swept the area with negative results.	S-3/F
1515H	1515H	5	261200H	I 1 023363 (Follow up spot) 2 Marines in pursuit of the enemy, threw one M26 grenade, as the Marines returned to unit, their legs were hurting and discovered wounds in the upper part of legs from grenade results. 2 USMC WIA (R) medevac.	S-3/F
1637H	1808H	6	261410H	M 11 983356 Unit on patrol found approx. 80 lbs. of rice buried in clay jars 1½ feet deep, continuing search found 300 lbs of rice. Unit will fill sandbags and send the rice on resupply helicopter tomorrow.	S-3/F
1440H	1509H	7	261440H	Noble Canyon	S-3/F
1453H	1540H	8	261453H	Admin Discharge	S-3/F
1500H	1545H	9	261500H	CG 1st MarDiv UR area	S-3/F
		10	261550H	M 3 991331 Unit while set in CP site received approx. 30 rounds of AK fire into their perimeter. Unit returned fire with approx. 10 rounds M-16, with negative results.	S-3/F
1605H	1605H	11	261605H	1/5 AO extension.	S-3/F
1710H	1710H	12	261710H	Memorandum for record Rice to M6.	S-3/F
1730H	1735H	13	261715H	Noble Canyon	S-3/F

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1800H	1800H	14	261800H	PF operations (sent to H&S CUPP)	S-3/F
1800H	1800H	15	261800H	Recon position report.	S-3/F
1830H	1835H	16	261830H	M Co. medevaced 1 Marine for lead poisoning (2/11).	S-3/F
2030H	2050H	17	262000H	Operation Noble Canyon	S-3/F
		18	262000H	H&S CUPP A (023346) while in defensive position, unit sighted 6 VC/NVA approx. 300 meters to their west. Unit initiated small arms fire and enemy appeared to flee to the south. Unit commenced to sweep the area under 81mm illumination, as sweep force completed the sweep and begin returning to defensive positions, they were taken under fire from the N.E. and N.W. of their position (028341). Unit returned fire and maneuvered toward the enemy. The enemy then fled to the north. Unit returned to their defensive position and called 81mm mortar HE fire mission on suspected routes. Unit suspected 10-15 enemy in the area.	S-3/F
2045H		19	262045H	Recon position report	S-3/F
2155H	2005H	20	262155H	Operations conducted	S-3/F
2230H	2255H	21	262230H	Weather warning sent to all 3/5 units.	S-3/F
2400H	0005H	22	262400H	Summary: 2 Marines WIA(R), M1 found 380 lbs of rice, 1 Marine medevaced for lead poisoning.	
2400H	2400H	23	262400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0000H	0000H	2	270000H	Noble Canyon	S-3/F
0407H	0407H	3	270407H	Weather report	S-3/F
0600H	0610H	4	270600H	Noble Canyon	S-3/F
0930H		5	270935H	H&S CUPP A 017365 Unit on a patrol observed 1 person fleeing to the north. Person was wearing black pajamas, with no pack or weapon, was approx 30 yrs old. Unit called for him to halt, but he continued to run 016365. Unit attempted envelope, fired 1 M16 round and 1 M79 round. Results were negative after sweep, AO on station. Continue patrol and is returning to day position.	S-3/F
0825H	0830H	6	270810H	Noble Canyon	S-3/F
		7	270925H	Ce. M given permission to destroy rice captured 26 Oct 70. Due to bad weather, helos were unable to pick up rice. Informed Regiment.	S-3/F
2015H	2105H	8	271000H	M3 (978330) while on patrol moving along a trail, unit sighted 2 VC/NVA wearing black pajamas. One was carrying a rifle and the second one was carrying a pack. The enemy were moving west to east, leaving one tree line heading into another. Unit initiated small arms fire and searched the area with negative results.	S-3/F
1025H	1030H	9	271000H	Operation Noble Canyon	S-3/F
1100H	1100H	10	271100H	Mine and B/T contact team instructed a total of 181 persons on 26 Oct 70.	S-3/F
1530H	1530H	11	271530H	A 1/1 (Americal Unit) has arrived in the 5th Marines TAOR as of 271200H Oct 70.	S-3/F
1900H	1925H	12	271725H	MCP (999315) while going into	S-3/F

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				LZ on H-270 to extract an emergency medevac, a CH46 helicopter crashed. The helicopter was almost on the LZ when it appeared that the tail end dipped and the rear rotar hit the ground causing the helicopter to roll on its side approx 30 meters down the hill. When the helicopter came to a stop there was a small explosion and the helicopter started to burn. Marines from Co. M (H-270) immediately got all crew members and passengers out of the helicopter. All members aboard were injured and medevaced by another helicopter. 3 emergency, 3 priority, and 1 routine.	
1740H	1740H	13	271740H	Recon position report.	S-3/F
1845H	1845H	14	271830H	Operation Noble Canyon	S-3/F
2100H	2110H	15	272100H	Operations conducted	S-3/F
2400H	0038H	16	272400H	Operation Noble Canyon	S-3/F
				Summary: 3 Marines NBC Emergency, 3 Marines NBC priority, and 1 Marine NBC Routine. All results from helicopter crash, vicinity H-270.	
2400H	2400H	17	272400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	280001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
2400H	2400H	2	272400H	Noble Canyon Report	S-3/F
0600H	0600H	3	280600H	Noble Canyon Report	S-3/F
0745H	0745H	4	280745H	Reacts	S-3/F
1100H	1000H	5	281000H	Noble Canyon	S-3/F
0900H	0900H	6	280900H	Request aerial photo	S-3/F
1123H	1150H	7	280930H	M3 996335 Unit moving to day position observed 2 VC/NVA setting at a fire. Enemy was dressed in blue shirt and green raincoats carrying 1 small bag. Enemy fired approx. 10 rounds and fled to the NW 997336. Unit initiated small arms fire believing to wound 1 VC/NVA. Swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
1435H	1445H	8	281340H	M21 991317 Unit on patrol approached hootch, 1 VC/NVA carrying pack pack attempted to run, 2nd VC/NVA male approx. 40 years old with 1 female and 2 children did not run and were captured. Unit initiated small arms fire wounding enemy in the leg. Called for helicopter to take him out. Found in pack was a green uniform and hammock.	S-3/F
1445H	1445H	9	281445H	Memorandum for the record. Previous inquiry of the Battalion CO.	S-3/F
1445H	1445H	10	281445H	Memorandum for the record, Previous inquiry of the Battalion CO.	S-3/F
1603H	1615H	11	281300H	M21 996317 Unit while on patrol found 1 dud 155 round. Unit destroyed the round.	S-3/F
1520H	1515H	12	281500H	Noble Canyon Report	S-3/F
1600H	1600H	13	281600H	Recon position report	S-3/F
1914H	1944H	14	281914H	Request strength report from Co. M	S-3/F

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2000H	2005H	15	282000H	Operations conducted	S-3/F
2340H	0055H	16	282255H	H&SCUPP (023346) while in night position received approx. 30 rounds of AM47 fire from the west north west (020349). Unit also received 1 chicom grenade from the north, landing 15 meters outside the wire. Unit returned small arms fire and searched the area where the chicom exploded. Summary: 1 VC/NVA WIA and captured and 2 Vietnamese detained. 1 Pack, part of greenuniform, and hammock captured.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	17	282400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	290001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0315H	1045H	2	290315H	Weather report	S-2/F
0505H	0505H	3	290505H	Proposed LZ for H-270	S-3/F
0625H	0639H	4	290600H	Noble Canyon Report	S-3/F
0658H	0711H	5	290658H	Friendly acts within 1000 meters sent to H&S CUPP & Co I.	S-3/F
0730H	0735H	6	290745H	Cupp Report for Oct 70	S-3/F
0835H	0833H	7	290835H	Cancellation of M3 day acts	S-3/F
1220H	1220H	8	291220H	EEI Reports will be brought when companies return to the rear.	S-3/F
1256H	1325H	9	291255H	Noble Canyon Report	S-3/F
1305H	1340H	10	291305H	3rd Battalion, 5th Marines request on extended weather report for the next 72 hours.	S-2/F
1400H	1400H	11	291400H	Weather for the next 48-72 hour period will remain the same.	S-2/F
1415H	1430H	12	291415H	S-2 requests you don't give large quantities of food or water to detainees, for interrogation purposes. Sent to Co. M 6.	S-2/F
1423H	1423H	13	291423H	Recon Position Report	S-3/F
1605H	1615H	14	291600H	Noble Canyon Report	S-3/F
1718H	1755H	15	291718H	Friendly Acts within 1000 meters of each other. Sent to Company L and Company M.	S-3/F
1750H	1750H	16	291750H	Recon position report	S-3/F
1834H	2145H	17	291735H	Late Entry: Co. L (977307) while moving into night position, unit observed approx. 20 VC/NVA 850 meters to their west.	S-3/F

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				<p>Enemy were wearing packs and helmets; could not tell if they had weapons or color of clothing. Enemy were moving west into a treeline (967303). Unit initiated small arms fire and 60mm mortar. Called artillery fire mission at 1735 and the mission ended at 1830. Good target coverage. Could not observe results due to the terrain. Unit dispersed 1 platoon to the area of sighting but were halted due to darkness. Unit will search the area at first light.</p>	
0010H	0020H	18	292030H	<p>M3 (998337) while set in night position, received 1 chi com grenade. It was thrown into the perimeter from a westerly direction, wounding 2 Marines. Unit initiated small arms fire in the direction of suspected enemy position. 1 Marine WIAE and 1 Marine WIAP.</p>	S-3/F
2040H	2130H	19	292040H	Operations conducted	S-3/F
2136H	2240H	20	292136H	Frag Order to Company L	S-3/F
2200H	2220H	21	292200H	<p>Company L is only Unit scheduled to be resupplied on 31 Oct 70.</p> <p>Summary: Co. L called fire mission in on estimated 20 enemy. 1 Marine WIAE, 1 Marine WIAP</p>	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	22	292400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	300001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0615H	0630H	2	300600H	Noble Canyon Report	S-3/F
0803H	0803H	3	300800H	To Co. M, RF acts close to position	S-3/F
0820H	0829H	4	300800H	Noble Canyon Report	S-3/F
0830H	0830H	5	300800H	Recon position report	S-3/F
		6	301215H	Noble Canyon Report-Unit received approx. 10 rounds of sniper fire. Unit returned small arms fire and spotted 3 VC/NVA running north into rocks. While searching the area, found blood trails leading to rocks.	S-3/F
1250H	1250H	7	301250H	Resupply list to Co. M	S-3/F
1345H	1505H	8	301300H	Noble Canyon Report-Unit on patrol had 1 man step in a bear trap rigged as a B/T. Bear trap was located in a rice paddy beside a rock. Unit sent a fire team with injured man back to Co. CP and continued on patrol. Wound is minor but when weather permits a routine medevac will be called.	S-3/F
1435H	1435H	9	301435H	Position report	S-3/F
1525H	1525H	10	301525H	Recon position report	S-3/F
1645H	1645H	11	301645H	Recon N/Position	S-3/F
1645H	1645H	12	301655H	Friendly acts in the area	S-3/F
1650H	1650H	13	301650H	H&S CUPP, Dudlin City M 3/5	S-3/F
1650H	1650H	13	301650H	Position Report on Battalion	S-3/F
		14	301730H	Message to L6, reminding him of consequences of remaining in same night position two nights straight.	S-3/F

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IN	OUT				
1815H		15	301815H	Recon night position report	S-3/F
		16	301909H	Co. I Judge was concerned about the resupply status of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Co.	S-3/F
2025H	2030H	17	302025H	Operations conducted	S-3/F
2140H	2154H	18	302140H	Friendly acts within 1000 meters of each other sent to L 6 and M6.	S-3/F
				Summary: Co. L, 1 Marine stepped on a bear trap rigged as a B/T, wound was minor.	
2400H	2400H	19	302400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	310001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0600H	0600H	2	310600H	Noble Canyon report	S-3/F
0725H	0722H	3	310725H	Weather report	S-2/F
0738H	0738H	4	310738H	Friendly acts in the area of M2.	S-3/F
0740H	0855H	5	310740H	Friendly acts in area of Co. L	S-3/F
0845H	0845H	6	310845H	Choppers in the area	S-3/F
0915H	0930H	7	310915H	Forecast of operations	S-3/F
1310H	1315H	8	311100H	Noble Canyon Report. Unit on patrol found what was believed to be an enemy base camp with fresh boot prints throughout the area. While searching the area L3 also found 1 hootch, 1 cave (approx. 30x30), 1 cellophane bandage with blood stains and 4 small bottles of medicine (type unknown). Enemy believed to have left 3 to 4 hours prior to L 3's arrival. Grid (970297) submitted for possible air strike or arty mission.	S-3/F
1110H	1110H	9	311110H	FLC Lawyer coming to Baldy this morning. Regt 3A will try to frag bird to get him to L Co. 3/5 position today so that operations can be conducted.	S-3/F
1130H	1150H	10	311130H	Message to L Co. from L Co. Rear.	S-3/F
1315H	1315H	11	311130H	L3 (969299) while leaving enemy base camp, unit cut off of main trail, at which time the pointman (KCS) tripped 1 B/T, consisting of 1 M26 grenade with trip wire. Unit medevaced 3 USMC Emergency medevacs and 1 KCS Emergency medevac, medevac was completed at 1150 & unit cont. patrol.	S-3/F

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1100H	1100H	12	311200H	EET Report from M22	S-3/F
		13	311545H	Regt requested that K Co. send trial witness to to Div.	S-3/F
1730H	1759H	14	311545H	L2 (987307) while moving to night position had the 8th man in a column trip 1 B/T, consisting of 1 60mm heat round with M26 Fuze and pressure device for detonation. B/T was on trail leading up a hill. Called emergency medevac for 1 USMC at 1445, completed at 1530. Unit proceeded to night position.	S-3/F
1652H	1730H	15	311652H	Adjacent friendly acts sent to H&S CUPP, Que Sen, M2.	S-3/F
1610H	1615H	16	311610H	Recon Haven "Crossact" has been granted time extension for following AO. UL 0242 LR 0540 direction Termination 032400H Nov 70.	S-3/F
1630H		17	311625H	Recon night position report	S-3/F
		18	311700H	Informed Combat Base Ross defensive positions of H&S CUPP night acts.	S-3/F
1745H	1755H	19	311725H	While searching area (975344) I 11 observed 1 Vietnamese male run from a hootch, from where the unit received sniper fire. Unit searched hootches and found 1 Vietnamese woman and 1 Vietnamese child. Age of child was 10. Unit continued searched and found 1 VN male (approx 60 yrs old) in a hootch. Inside hootch, unit found tunnels. Unit found medical gear in the tunnels. Unit will detain the VN's and return them to 3/5 S-2 for questioning. The child stated that the male was a VC. The medical gear included bandages, 1 thermometer and 1 notebook, woman was 40 yrs old.	S-3/F

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1945H		20	311945H	Co. M 3/5 to replace Co. F 2/5 in Imperial Lake.	S-3/F
2025H	2030H	21	312025H	Operations conducted	S-3/F
2250H		22	312250H	Weather report	S-2/F
				Summary: L3 found enemy base camp and following items: 1 hootch, 1 cave, bandage, 4 bottles of medicine. 4 Marines WIAE, 1 KCS WIAE, 3 detainees with medical supplies (bandages, 1 thermometer, and a notebook).	
2400H	2400H	23	312400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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 Tan Ky, Sheet 5640 III
 (b) Fifth Marines Frag O 37-70
 (c) 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Frag O 40-70 (Cancelled hereby)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See current INTENS

b. Friendly Forces

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

2. MISSION

3rd Bn, 5th Mar commences category III operations within and in the vicinity of the Que Son Mountains to locate, fix, and destroy Front Four (Forward) Headquarters, and category II operations in Area 2 and Area 3 to capture or destroy enemy forces.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. One platoon (rein) occupies DF Halters; one Company conducts extensive patrolling and ambushes in the vicinity of Imperial Lake AD; two Companies and CUPP platoon

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conduct category 11 operations in Area 2 and 3; one company is rapid reaction unit.

b. Co I

- (1) Upon relief by Co H (-) on HILL 270 on 1 October 1970 foot march from HILL 270 and from A2 to P38 Base.
- (2) Upon return to P38 Base, assume mission of Battalion Reserve and provide relief force for the Son District Headquarters, and CUP units, and provides security for P38 Base.

c. Co K (-)

- (1) At 010000H Oct 70 move by foot march to assigned AO. (See Annex A).
- (2) Conduct extensive patrols and ambushes within assigned AO.

d. 3rd Plt, Co K. Continue defense of P38 Dagger under OPCOM of 1st Bn, 11th Marines.e. Co L

- (1) Co L conduct extensive patrolling and ambushes in assigned AO. (See Annex A).
- (2) Thoroughly search entire AO moving along the periphery in a clockwise direction.
- (3) Pay particular attention to possible avenues of egress to and from the Son Mountains.

f. Co H (-)

- (1) At 010000 Oct 70, move by foot march to assigned AO, and relieve Co I of HILL 270 and of AO. (See Annex A).
- (2) With one platoon maintain defense of HILL 270 and conduct patrols and ambushes therefrom.
- (3) Utilize other platoons to conduct extensive patrolling and ambushes within AO.

g. 2nd Plt Co H (Rein)

- (1) 2nd Plt, Co H is reinforced with one section 81mm Mortars, 81mm Mortar CO, Security detachment of BnS Company, Artillery CO, and PAC Team.

1. Coordinating Instructions

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- (1) Report day and night activities promptly.
 - (2) At 010000Z Oct 70, enter the Battalion Tac Net #1 under the operational control of 3rd Bn, 5th Mar.
 - (3) At 010000Z Oct 70 move by helo from LZ Ross to OP Vulture (982442) and relieve elements of Co I, 2nd Bn, 7th Marines.
 - (4) Immediately upon arrival on OP Vulture establish and maintain positive communications with the Battalion Command Post.
 - (5) Hold and defend OP Vulture and conduct 1 callied patrols and ambushes therefrom.
 - (6) Call and control mortar, artillery, and air strikes on all enemy nightings and intelligence targets in the Que Son Mountain area.
- b. Slam Mortar Plt. Attach one section Slam Mortars to 2nd Plt, Co H to provide fire support and offensive fire missions for 2nd Plt, Co H.
- i. Det W-1 Company. Attachment for 2nd Plt, Co H to assist in security of OP Vulture (WILL 645).
- j. W-2 Company (-). No change.
- k. OPV Platoon. Conduct patrolling and ambushes and extensive pacification efforts in assigned AO's. (See Annex A).

1. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Report day and night activities promptly.
- (2) Make maximum effective use of supporting arms.
- (3) Search high ground with AO's to about 150 meters elevation.
- (4) Strict compliance with the rules of engagement is mandatory. Ensure target is positively identified as enemy before initiating contact.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Prescribed Loads

- (1) CI I - 3 BGS
- (2) Batteries - 3 BGS.
- (3) CI V - Basic allowance.

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- b. Resupply. Prepare to receive resupply of 2 DMS every second day.
 - c. Stockage. VP Vulture is to maintain a stockage of 8 DMS of CI I, CI V, and batteries.
3. **COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.**
- a. Communications. No change.
 - b. Command Posts
 - (1) 3d CP at FOB Boss.
 - (2) Subordinate units report location of CP's as established and changed.

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ANNEX:

A - Operation Overlay

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FROM: S-3

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CHANGE 1 to 3/5 Frag 0 41-70

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. Contact and intelligence locate enemy throughout AO.
- b. Friendly
 - (1) Recon inserts within the AO at UL 9842, LR 0139, and at UL 0143, LR 0440.
 - (2) Two PF platoons conducted operations in grid 0136 on 04 Oct 1970.

2. MISSION

No change.

3. EXECUTION

- a. One platoon (Rein) occupies OP Vulture, one company in Regimental Reserve; remaining Battalion conducts category II Operations in AO.
- b. Co I
 - (1) No change to AO.
 - (2) Saturate AO with patrols and ambushes.
 - (3) Search grid 988308 of URS sighting.
 - (4) One platoon remain OPCON Company M until 041500H Oct 1970.
- c. Co K(-)
 - (1) AO changed as follows: West boundary unchanged; from 962319 NE along trail to 981326; S along trail 982322; E along river to 008331; N along trail to 008336 to 999340 to road at 002352; W and NW 500 meters N of road to close with present W boundary.
 - (2) Establish night acts at 995334.
 - (3) Check out today on tomorrow URS at 972336 and 985334.
- d. Co L
 - (1) Ao changed as follows: From 0140 S to 0139; W to 991390; along 300 meters elevation S to 972362 W 500 meters parallel to N of road to 002352; N along trail to 014370 to 011379; NW along trail to 052387; N along District boundary to 40 E-W grid; W to 0140.

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- (2) Move all units South of 40 grid by 040800H Oct 1970.
- (3) On 04 Oct 1970 check URS AT 014398; 995385; 992384; 993383; 005376.
- (4) Pass Co. through Slot (Center near 9937) and return to FSB Ross At 041500H Oct 1970.
- (5) Prepare to assume Regimental Reserve upon return to FSB Ross.

e. Co M

- (1) Continue as Regimental Reserve
- (2) Be prepared to move on order about 041500H Oct 1970 to conduct Category II on North of AO.

f. CUPP. No change.g. Coordinating Instruction

- (1) Report Day/Night acts as soon as possible.
- (2) Establish patrols and ambushes at 4000 in radius FSB Ross if practicable.

4. ADMINISTRATION

No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

No change.

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FROM: 3/5 S-3

TO: Co I

CHANGE 2 to 3/5 Frag 0 41-70

1. Change par. 3B as follows:

3B. (1) Continue Category II Operations from H-270.

(2) Assign one platoon to join with PF platoons 109 and 107 at 051000H Oct 1970.

(3) Platoon will conduct joint patrols and ambushes in PF's AO AT CM 0331 and 0332.

(4) Join with PF at:

(a) Platoon 109 - 019302

(b) Platoon 107 - 038323

(5) PF's AO described as:

PLT 109: 017324 to 024320 to 031326 to 037323 to 037310 to 014302 to 010303.

PLT 107: 031326 to 032322 to 038338 to 041332, Follow Dist Boundary SW to 036306.

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3rd Bn, 5th Mar Frag O 42-70 (Operation Imperial Lake)

Ref: (a) Maps 1:50,000 AMS Series L 7014 Dai Loc Sheet 8640 IV and
 Tan Ky, Sheet 8640 III
 (b) Fifth Marines Frag Order 37-70

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. Intelligence indicates a large amount of enemy travel from North to South into area of Imperial Lake to transport and store foodstuffs. Route is believed to be from North to South to 956516, South along stream to Alligator Lake at 956490, Southwest to 945474 and South along stream to cache at about 951449. Other recent sightings have been at 959442, 957482, 952484, and 948483.

b. Friendly

- (1) 1st MAW provides fixed and rotary wing support.
- (2) K Battery 4/11 general support 5th Marines.
- (3) F Battery 2/11 general support 5th Marines.
- (4) WX Battery 2/11 on call to 3rd Bn, 5th Marines.
- (5) AK Battery 2/11 on call to 3rd Bn, 5th Marines.
- (6) 1st Bn, 5th Marines provides Pacifier unit on call.

2. MISSION

3rd Bn, 5th Marines increases force in Operation Imperial Lake and extends Category III operations within and in the vicinity of Que Son Mountains.

3. DISCUSSION

a. Concept of Operation. One Company (-) lands in two landing zones to locate, fix, and destroy the enemy. One platoon of 1st Reconnaissance Bn continues reconnaissance activities in area designated.

b. Co M

- (1) 3rd Plt Co M continues to occupy LZ Vulture (HILL 945).
- (2) 1st Plt in/Co CP is lifted from LZ Ross at L-50 in 4 CH-46's

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of 15 troops each, and is landed in LZ #1 at L-Hour.

- (3) At L+30 minutes, 2nd Plt is lifted in 3 CH-46's with 15 troops each for 2nd move, and is landed in LZ #2 at L+1 hour.
- (4) Conduct thorough search and saturation of the area BL 9446, LR 9745 with extensive patrolling and ambush activities.
- (5) Follow directed axes of advance in northerly direction accordance with Annex A.
- (6) Pay particular attention to intelligence targets in enemy situation above.

c. 1st Plt, Co B, 1st Recon Bn (OPCON)

- (1) Conduct reconnaissance activities with three reconnaissance platoons in area bounded by 9846, 0246, 0244, 9942, 9842, 9846.
- (2) Thoroughly search entire area within zone for evidence of the enemy, and for location of enemy caves and bunkers, and suitability of the latter for use by friendly troops as platoon patrol basis.

d. Co I, K, CUPP. Continue assigned mission.

e. Co L. Bn Reserve. Provides security for FSB Ross and relief force for FSB Ross and Que Son District Headquarters.

f. Radio Relay Team.

- (1) With one AN/PRC-7 and KY-58 and one antenna 292, board one helicopter in 2nd wave for landing on LZ Vulture.
- (2) Conduct radio relay activities with units in the field and Battalion CP.

g. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) L-Hour - 060930H Oct 1970
- (2) LZ #1 - 961437
- (3) LZ #2 - 950438
- (4) Alternate suitable LZ's in area: 950430, 951437, 962438, 966436, 965455, 966446, 946439, and 943444.
- (5) Entire area along directed areas of advance must be thoroughly searched and thoroughly saturated with night activities.

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- (6) Pay particular attention to search for caches, harboring sites, and defensive positions of the enemy.
- (7) Report locations in reference to PL's red, blue, and green.
- (8) Duration of operation is indefinite.
- (9) Air Support in accordance with Annex B.
- (10) 3rd Bn, 5th Mar 9-3B will act as coordinator at H-845 to coordinate all activities in the field with the Bn C.
- (11) All activities of Reconnaissance unit, except emergency extractions, are under the operational control of the 3rd Bn, 5th Marines.
- (12) Landing zone will receive preparatory artillery fires until 060830H Oct 70.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply

- (1) Class I - 4 DOS
- (2) Batteries - 4 DOS
- (3) Class V - Basic allowance

b. Resupply

- (1) Prepare to receive resupply every 2 days.
- (2) Record suitable landing sites along route of march.
- (3) Stockage. LZ Vulture continue to maintain a stock of 5 DOS Class V, Class I and batteries.

5. COM AND COMMUNICATIONa. Communications

- (1) Radio Relay established on LZ Vulture (H-845).
- (2) Artillery FO located on LZ Vulture for relay.
- (3) TACP located at LZ Vulture for relay.

b. Command Post

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- (1) Bn CP at FSB Res.
- (2) Subordinate units report CP's when established and changed.

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Annex B (Air Support) to 3rd Bn, 5th Mar Frag O 42-70

1. SITUATION See basic Frag Order.

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

3. EXECUTION

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

(1) Aircraft to support operation

4 CH-46 troop carriers
 4 AH-1G escort
 1 UH-1E S and C
 2 Flight Fixed Wing for zone prep DZA/D9
 1 Flight Fixed Wing for CAP DZA/D9
 1 OV-10 AO

(2) Commencing L-Hour minus 30 minutes the AO will control the fixed wing prep of LZ #1.

(3) At L-Hour minus 15 minutes the AO will control fixed wing prep of LZ #2.

(4) At L-Hour 4 CH-46's will conduct a helo assault on LZ #1 with one platoon of M Company and Company CP.

(5) At L-Hour plus 60 minutes 3 CH-46's will conduct a helo assault on LZ #2 with one platoon of M Company. One CH-46 will lift the Radio Relay Team to LZ Vulture.

(6) 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 060900H at LZ Ross

(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

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a. Frequencies(1) Treeplift

(P) 55.70
(S) 51.80

(2) TAG

(P) 252.5
(S) 273.5

b. Call Signs

- (1) HCA - King Fish
- (2) Treeplift - Chatter Box
- (3) AH-1Q Escort - Scar Face
- (4) AO - Hostage
- (5) Fixed Wing - Ring Neck

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Ref: (a) Map 1:50,000 Republic of Vietnam, AMS Series L 7014
 Hiep Pin, Sheet no. 6640 III

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See current ISUMS.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 1st MAW provides fixed and rotary wing support.
- (2) D Battery, 2nd Bn, 11th Marines direct support 5th Marines.
- (3) K Battery, 2nd Bn, 11th Marines direct support 5th Marines.
- (4) F Battery, 2nd Bn, 11th Marines direct support 5th Marines.

2. MISSION

To find fix, and destroy the enemy operating in the Cham Son ridge line in the South of the AO.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. One company is helolifted onto the ridge line into three landing zones and conducts a search and sweep operation to the lowlands toward a blocking force.

b. Co L

- (1) Conduct helolift into three separate landing zones in accordance with Annex A and B.
- (2) Conduct search and sweep operation along three axes of advance in accordance with Annex A.
- (3) Thoroughly search out ridge line within 9830, 0030, 000285, and 980285 by saturation patrolling.
- (4) Conduct saturation ambushes at night.

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c. Co I

- (1) At 090630H Oct 1970 2nd Platoon moves to establish a blocking position from 005257 to 005295.
- (2) At 090630H Oct 1970, 3rd Platoon establishes block from 005298 to 004304.
- (3) 1st Platoon maintains position on HILL 270 and observes to the SW to call artillery and air on targets of opportunity.
- (4) Upon contact relief by one platoon of Co K on HILL 270, and one platoon of Co K for the blocking force, Co I will conduct a foot march to FSB Ross.
- (5) Upon return to FSB Ross assume the mission of Battalion reserve.

d. Co K

- (1) At 090630H Oct 1970, Co K moves to a position in the vicinity of 9835 and establishes a secure landing zone.
- (2) Prepare 2 platoons and a command group for helo lift insertion into or to the vicinity of the Chau Son ridge line to assist Co L is necessary.
- (3) If not inserted, one platoon will conduct foot march to make a contact relief of Co I blocking force from 004304 to 005257 and conduct patrols and ambushes in this vicinity.
- (4) One platoon will move by foot march and make a contact relief of 1st Platoon, Co I on HILL 270, maintain the hill, and conduct patrols and ambushes at the foot of HILL 270 to the southwest and west.
- (5) One platoon of Co K remain in vicinity of area UL 9835, LR 0035 and conduct patrols and ambushes therein.

e. Co M and CUPP. Continue assigned missions.f. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) L-Hour - 090600H Oct 70.
- (2) LZ #1 - AT 975287 L 2 - 38 persons.
- (3) LZ #2 - AT 978286 L 3 & CP - 62 persons

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- (4) LZ #5 - AT 983283 L 1 - 37 persons.
- (5) Duration - indefinite.
- (6) Air support in accordance with Annex B.
- (7) Landing zones will receive preparatory artillery fires until 0715.
- (8) Landing zones will receive fixed wing air strikes at 0730 and 0745.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply

- (1) Co L carries 3 DOS of Class I and batteries, and a basic allowance of ammunition.

b. Resupply

- (1) Normal resupply every 2 days with 2 DOS.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Communications

- (1) Bn Tac #1 - 72.05
- (2) Bn Admin - 40.50

b. Command Post

- (1) FSB Ross.
- (2) Landing controlled from HCA airborne.

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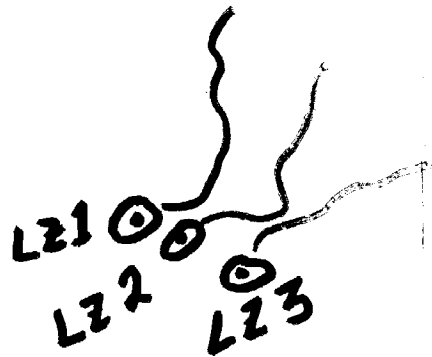
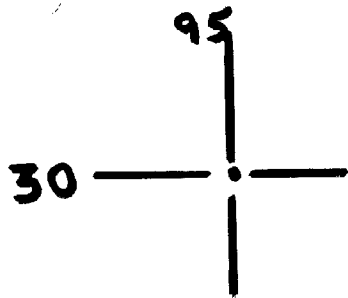
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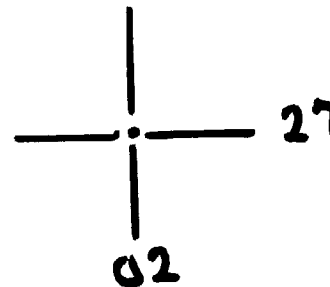
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Annex B (Air Support) to 3rd Bn, 5th Mar Frag O 43070

1. SITUATION. See basic Frag Order.

2. MISSION

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

3. EXECUTION

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

- (1) Aircraft to support operation
 - 3 CH-46's - troop carriers
 - 4 AH-1G's - escort
 - 1 UH-1E - G and C
 - 2 flight - fixed wing for zone area DRA/D8
 - 1 flight - fixed wing for CAP DRA/D8.
 - 1 OV-10 - AO
- (2) Commencing L-Hour minus 30 minutes the AO will control fixed wing prep of LZ #1 and #2.
- (3) At L-Hour minus 15 minutes the AO will control fixed wing prep of LZ #3.
- (4) At L-Hour 3 CH-46's will conduct helo assault on LZ 1 with one platoon of Lima Company.
- (5) At L-Hour plus 10 minutes 3 CH-46's will conduct helo assault on LZ #2 with elements of 2nd Platoon and CP Group of Lima Company.
- (6) At L-Hour plus 20 minutes 3 CH-46's will conduct helo assault on LZ #3 with 3rd Platoon or Lima Company.
- (7) At L-Hour plus 30 minutes 2 CH-46's will complete the helo assault on LZ #2 with the remainder of 2nd Platoon and CP Group of Lima Company.
- (8) 4 AH-1G's will provide escort for troop insertion. UH-1E will serve as Command and Control.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Troop lift will begin at 080750 at LZ Ross.

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(2) Troop lift will be controlled by HGA.

(3) AO on station will control use of CAP flight or fixed wing if necessary.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Frequencies

(1) Troop Lift

(P) 35.70

(S) 31.90

(2) TAS

(P) 249.1

(S) 247.9

b. Call Signs

(1) HGA -

(2) Troop Lift - Chatter Box 52

(3) AH-1G Escort - Scar Face 16

(4) AO - Hostage

(5) Fixed Wing - Ring Neck

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TIME ZONE: H

1. (C) SITUATION:

A. ENEMY: INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION INDICATES THE ENEMY IS USING H-210.
 VIC 057406, AS A WAY-STATION, AND THAT IN THE HILL ASIDE IN THE
 VILLAGE AT 972405 ARE NUMEROUS VCI.

B. FRIENDLY:

(1) 1ST MAW PROVIDES FIXED AND ROTARYSWING SUPPORT.

(2) D BTRY, 2/11, DS, 5TH MARINES

(3) K BTRY, 2/11, DS, 5TH MAR

(4) E BTRY, 2/11, DS, 5TH MARINES

(5) DET "G" CUPP, 2ND BN 5TH MARINES

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2. (C) MISSION: TO FIND, AND DETAIN VCI AND VC SUSPECTS IN THE
 OPERATING AREA TO INTERDICT HIS ROUTES OF EGRESS AND TO FIND
 AND RENDER USELESS HIS PLACES OF CONCEALMENT.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT: ONE COMPANY IS HELILIFTED INTO FOUR LZ'S ESTABLISHES A
 CORDON AND SWEEPS TO THE SOUTH TO A BLOCKING FORCE.

B. CO 1:

(1) 1ST PLT AND CO CP WILL LAND IN LZ #1 AT L-HOUR. MOVE TO
 POSITION AT 057410 AND TO 057405. THOROUGHLY SEARCH THE AREA AND
 ESTABLISH NIGHT

ACTIVITY FROM THIS LOCATION ON THE FIRST NIGHT. ON THE SECOND DAY. SWEEP
 TO THE SOUTH AND SEARCH OUT THE DREVE AT CM 059404 AND 060404.

(2) AT L-HOUR 3RD PLT WILL LAND IN LZ #2. MOVE TO POSITION AT 066412 AND
 069414

THOROUGHLY SEARCH OUT THE AREA AND ESTABLISH NIGHT ACTIVITIES FROM THERE
 LOCATIONS.

ON THE SECOND DAY. SWEEP TO THE SOUTH AND SEARCH OUT THE DRAWS AT
 CM 064405 AND 071409.

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(3) AT L-HOUR DET 2ND PLT, LANDS IN LZ #3 AND MOVES TO ESTABLISH A BLOCKING POSITION AT

058400. ON SECOND DAY SEARCH FOOTHILLS AT VIC OF 058402.

(4) AT L-HOUR 2ND PLT(-) LANDS IN LZ #4 AND MOVES TO THE VILLAGE AT 072405 AND DETAINEES ALL PERSONNEL THEREIN AND THEN ESTABLISHES A BLOCK. ON SECOND DAY SEARCH OUT FOOTHILLS IN VIC 065404.

C. "G" CHPP, 2ND BN 5TH MARINES

(1) ON 14 OCT 1970, CHPP UNITS 1, 2, AND 3 MOVE TO COORD 075395 TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 0830.

(2) UPON COMPLETION OF INSERTION OF CO 1, AT ABOUT 0830 CONDUCT FOOT MARCH TO ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS AT: 065398, 069399, 071401

FOR CO 1 OPERATING IN VICINITY OF H-210 AND IN THE VICINITY OF VILLAGE AT 060405. HMMNIKSP FSHUIN DPP CIVILIAN PUSSINV HCMUVH THE AREA. WITH OR

WITHOUT

ID CARD, AND REPORT NUMBER DETAINED TO CO 1.

D. CO K, L, M, H&S CHPP

CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) D-DAY, L-HOUR: 140000 H OCT 70

(2) DURATION: APPROX 2 DAYS

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(3) ALL NON-COMBATANT VIETNAMESE IN THE AREA WILL BE DETAINED FOR INTERROGATION.

(4) REPORT NUMBER OF PERSONNEL DETAINED. WHEN SIGNIFICANT NUMBER ARE DETAINED, MOVE THEM TO A SECURE LZ AND NOTIFY THE BATTALION OR THE REGIMENT AND REQUEST PERSON TO IDENTIFY EACH OF THE DETAINEES.

(5) LZ

ORDINATE

LZ #1 055405 1 CH 53

LZ 2 064412 1- CH 53

LZ 3 052400 MULTI CH 46

LZ 4 073401 MULTI CH 46

ALTERNATE LZ 080405 MULTI CH 46 OR CH 53

(6) LZ'S WILL RECEIVE PREPARATORY ARTILLERY FIRE FROM 0635 TO 0715.

(7) LZ'S WILL RECEIVE RAS FROM 0730 TO 0800.

(8) ENSURE CONSTANT COMMUNICATIONS WITH ALL ELEMENTS AND WITH THE BLOCKING FORCE, AND ENSURE EXACT LOCATION AT ALL TIMES.

(9) THOROUGHLY SEARCH ENTIRE AREA FOR CAVES AND TUNNELS. SEARCH OUT AND RENDER USELESS.

4. (C) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. SUPPLY

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- (1) 3 DOS CLASS I AND BATTERIES.
- (2) BASIC ALLOWANCE CLASS V
- (3) SUFFICIENT SUPPLY CS-1 TO PLACE IN CAVES AND TUNNELS.
- (4) ENSURE TROOPS ARE EQUIPPED WITH GAS MASKS.
- B. RESUPPLY. RESUPPLY EVERY TWO DAYS BY HELICOPTER WITH 2 DOS.
- 5. (C) COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS:
 - A. BN CP: FSB ROSS
 - B. UNITS REPORT CP'S WHEN ESTABLISHED AND CHARGED.
 - C. COMMUNICATIONS:
 - (1) BN TAC #1 RUSH ACT 72-45
 - (2) CO 1 RUSH ACT INDIA 70-10
 - (3) "G" PLT, "G" CUHP, 2/5 ROAD TEST GOLF CUHP 72-40
 - (4) 5TH MARINES FOREFATHER 67-45
- ANNEX B (AIR SUPPORT) TO 3RD BN 5TH MAR FRAG O 44-70
- 1. (C) SITUATION SEE BASIC FRAG ORDER
- 2. (C) MISSION: PROVIDE FIXED WING AND HELO SUPPORT FOR 3RD BN 5TH MAR (REIN)
- 3. (C) EXECUTION:
 - A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION: SEE ANNEX A (OPERATION OVERLAY)
 - (1) AIRCRAFT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION

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- 4 CH 53 TROOP CARRIER
- 3 CH 46 TROOP CARRIER
- 1 WHITE C AND C
- 2 FLIGHT FIXED WING ZONE PREP
- 1 FLIGHT FIXED WING CAP
- 1 OV10 AO
- (2) COMMENCING L HOUR MINUS 30 MINUTES AO WILL CONTROL FIXED WING PREP OF LZ 1.
- (3) AT L HOUR MINUS 15 MINUTES AO WILL CONTROL FIXED WING PREP OF LZ 2
- (4) AT L HOUR 2 CH 53'S WILL CONDUCT A HELO ASSAULT ON LZ 1 WITH FIRST PLATOON AND CP OF INDIA COMPANY.
- (5) AT COMPLETION OF ASSAULT ON LZ 1 2 CH 53'S WILL CONDUCT A HELO ASSAULT ON LZ 2 WITH 3RD PLATOON OF INDIA COMPANY.
- (6) AT COMPLETION OF ASSAULT ON LZ 2 ONE CH 46 WILL CONDUCT A HELO ASSAULT ON LZ 3 WITH ONE SQUAD OF 2ND PLT OF INDIA COMPANY.
- (7) AT COMPLETION OF ASSAULT ON LZ 3 2 CH 46'S WILL CONDUCT A HELO ASSAULT ON LZ 3 WITH 2ND PLATOON(-) OF INDIA COMPANY.
- (8) 4 AH1G WILL PROVIDE ESCORT FOR TROOP INSERTION. ONE WHITE WILL

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SERVE AS COMMAND AND CONTROL.

B. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) TROOP LIFT WILL BEGIN AT 160745H AT LZ ROSS.

(2) TROOP LIFT WILL BE CONTROLLED BY HCA.

(3) AO ON STATION WILL CONTROL USE OF CAP FLIGHT OF FIXED WING IF NECESSARY.

4. (C) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: NO CHANGE

5. (C) COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS:

A. FREQUENCIES

(1) TROOPLIFT

(P) 35.70

(S) 31.90

(2) TAS

(P) 25.42

(S) 31.81

(3) AHK: SCARFACE

(4) AO HOSTAGE

(5) FIXED WING RINGNECK

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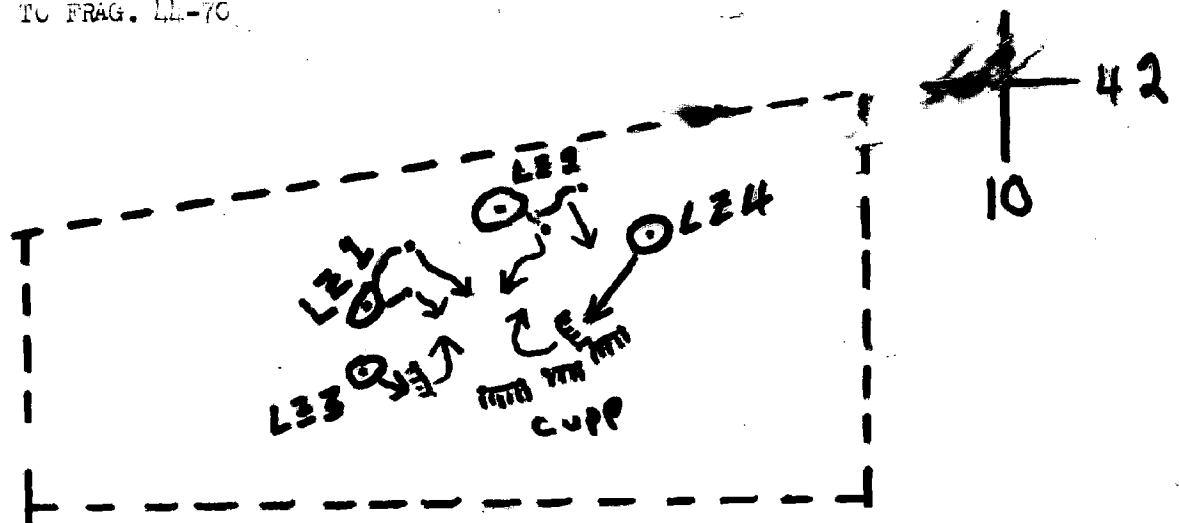
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TIME ZONE: H

1. SITUATION

A ENEMY ZONE: SEE CURRENT INTS AND PERINTCEPTS

B FRIENDLY FORCE

(1) 1ST MAW PROVIDES FIXED AND ROTARY WING SUPPORT.

(2) D BTRY. 2ND BN 11TH MAR DS FIFTH MARINES

(3) K BTRY 2ND BN 11TH MARINES DS FIFTH MARINES

(4) F BTRY 2ND BN 11TH MARINES DS FIFTH MARINES

2. MISSION: TO FIND FIX AND DESTROY THE ENEMY AND HIS

CAVIES AND CATHOLIC IS THE CHAU SON RIDGE LINE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE AO.

3. EXECUTION

A CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: ONE COMPANY IS HELOLIFTED INTO ONE

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LANDING ZONE AND CONDUCTS A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION TO THE LOWLANDS.

B CO L

(1) CONDUCT HELOLIFT INTO ONE LANDING ZONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX B.

(2) CONDUCT SEARCH OUT THE DRONES, TRAILS AND LIKELY ROUTES OF THE ENEMY ALONG THE DESIGNATED AXES OF ADVANCES.

(4) CONDUCT SATURATIONS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES ALONG AXES ADVANCE AS TERRAIN AND ASSITS PERMIT.

(5) IN EVENT HELOLIFT IS ABORTED DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER REASON CONDUCT FOOT MARCH INTO CHAU SON RIDGE AS FOLLOWS

A REPORT ROSS CB ON ORDER AND CONDUCT FOOT MARCH SOUTH ON RT 535

B ENTER CHAU SON RIDGE IN VIC OF 000290

C CONDUCT SWEEP OF CHAU SON RIDGE FROM EAST TO WEST SATURATING AREA WITH PATROLS AND AMBUSHES

D SWEEP WEST TO 963269 (H-361) THAN NE ALONG AXES ADVANCE AS IN ANNEX AC CO I

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNMENT

D CO K OP CONS TO 11TH MARINES

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 E CO M CO H&S CUPP CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION
 F COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
 (1) L- HOUR - 221300 H OCT 76
 (2) LZ AT 963289
 (3) ALTERNATE LZ-S
 LZ 1 A - AT 963283 VIC OF HILL 441
 LZ 2 A - AT 966287
 LZ 3 A - AT 960287
 LZ 4 A - AT 975287 VIC OF HILL 441
 LZ 5 A A AT 967291
 (4) DURATION INDEFINITE
 (5) AIR SUPPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX B
 (6) LANDING ZONE WILL NOT RELIEVE PREPARATORY ARTILLERY FIRES.
 ARTILLERY FIRES WILL BE PLACED IN AREA VL 9421 LR 9628 AS
 DIVERSONARY TACTIC AND TO BLOCK ROUTES OF EGREN TO THE WEST
 (7) LANDING ZONE WILL RELIEVE FIXEDWING AIR STRIKES PRIOR
 TO LANDING HELICOPTERS
 (8) IF FOOT MARCH CONDUCTED ON CALL ARTILLERY PREP FIRES ON
 EAST OF CHAU SON RIDGE TO COMMENCE WHEN CO REACHES APPROX

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 013310 AND CEASE AN ORDER OF CO CMDR
 (9) PROCEED FOOT MARCH UP HILL BY ARTY HE OR HC SMOKE
 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS
 A SUPPLY CO L CARRIES 2 DOS OF CLASS 1 AND BATTERIES
 (2) BASIC ALLOWANCE OF AMMUNITION AND SUFFICIENT C-4 EXPLOSIVE TO CLEAR O
 LANDING ZONE IF NECESSARY
 B RESUPPLY
 (1) NORMAL RESUPPLY EVERY TWO DAYS
 (2) EMERGENCY OR SPECIAL REQUESTS OR CALL
 5 COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS
 A COMMUNICATIONS
 (1) BN TAG #1- 68-65
 (2) LANDING CONTROLLED FROM HCA
 ANNEXS
 A OPERATION OVERLAY
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3 EXECUTION

A CONCEPT OF OPERATIONM SEE ANNEX A OPERATION OVERLAY

(1) AIRCRAFT TO SUPPORT OPERATION

2CH 53-TROOP CARRIERS

4 AHIG - ESCORT

1 UH1E - CANS C

3 FLIGHT - FIXED WING FOR ZONE PREP D2A/D9

1 FLIGHT - FIXED WING FOR CAP

2 OV10 - ONE AO ONE SMOKEBIRD

(2) COMMENCING L-HOUR MINUS 40 MINUTES THE

AO WILL CONTROL FIXED WING PREP OR AREA TO SOUTH OF LZ

(3) AT L-HOUR MINUS 25 MINUTES THE AO WILL CONTROL FIXED WING PREP EE OF AREA TO NORTH WEST OF LZ

(4) AT L-HOUR MINUS 10 MINUTES THE AO WILL CONTROL FIXED WING PREP OF LZ

(5) AT L HOUR 2 CH 53'S WILL CONDUCT HELO ASSUALT ON LZ WITH

1/2 LIMA CO TO INCLUDE THS CP GROUP

(6) AT L HOUR PLUS 10 MINUTES ESCORT FOR TROOP INSEKTION .

1 OV10 WILL ACT AS SMOKE BIRD .

1 UH1E WILL SERVE AS COMMAND AND CONTROL

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B COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) TROOP LIFT WILL BEGIN AT 231245H OCT 70 AT LZ ROSS

(3) AO ON STATION WILL CONTROL USE OR KLIA AT OR FIXED WING CAP AS NECESSARY

4 ADMINAND LOGISTICS NO CHANGE

5 COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS

A FREQUENCIES

(1) TROOP LIFT

(P) 35.50

(S) 46.30

(2) TAS

(P) 308.9

B CALL SIGNS

(1) HCA

(2) TROOP LIFT - DIMMER

(3) AHIG ESCORT-SLAKEFALE

(4) AO-HOSTAGE

(5) FIXEDWING - KINGNECK

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current ISUMS and PERINTRPTS.
- b. Friendly Forces: No change.

2. MISSION

To conduct category II operation throughout Ross Combat Base AO and to gather essential Elements of Information.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. One company relieves and assume the mission of another company in the Ross Combat Base AO.
- b. Co M
 - (1) At 260730H Oct 1970 conduct foot marches to Northern, Western, and Southern portions of the Ross Combat Base AO.
 - (2) One platoon conduct category II Operations in Northern AO concentrating in the flat (area north of the road; west of 01 N-8 grid; and east of 200 meters elevation of Qm Son Kpuntains).
 - (3) One platoon conduct category II operation in western portion of AO concentrating activities in UL 9885, LR 990822 and moving to and from foothills of western mountains ridge.
 - (4) One platoon conduct category II operation in southern AO. Deny H-270 to the enemy. Conduct joint operations with PF forces in UL 0182, LR 015810. Suppress sniper fire in the area.
- c. Co I
 - (1) On order conduct foot march to Ross Combat Base and assume Battalion Reserve.
 - (2) Contact relief on H-270 as required.

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- d. Co K. OPCON to 11th Marines.
- e. Co L, CUPP. Continue assigned missions.
- f. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Obtain EKI as in Annex B.
 - (2) Company CP established at location desired by Company CO.
 - (3) Submit timely Spot Reports on all EKI's and prepare for thorough debrief upon return to Battalion Reserve.
 - (4) Duration - about five (5) days.
 - (5) Maximum caution against Booby Traps.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Supply
 - (1) Class I & II - 3 DOS
 - (2) Class V - Basic allowance
 - (3) Maintain 4 DOS all classes on H-270
- b. Resupply
 - (1) Every two days w/2DOS except H-270, every 4 days w/4DOS.
 - (2) Method of resupply will be dependent upon weather conditions.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Battalion CP - No change
- b. Report Co. and platoon CP when established and change.

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ANNEXES:

- ✓ A - Operation Overlay
- ✓ B - Air Support

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Frag O 48-70

Ref: (a) Map: 6640 I
 (b) Map: 6640 II
 (c) Map: 6640 III
 (d) Map: 6640 IV

Time Zone: H

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

- a. The enemy is currently operating in small three to six man groups. At present all his attacks are harassing in nature, with no major ground assaults having been conducted by the enemy in the 3/5 AO since the Battalion relieved 3/7. Enemy initiated contact throughout the 3/5 AO remains light as the enemy continues to exert maximum effort to gather food supplies and enlist new recruits. The general enemy situation is expected to remain the same for at least the coming week, and possibly longer. The enemy units in the 3/5 AO are about 75% transportation type units and 25% sapper type units. All these enemy units, however, regardless of type, have a mortar capability. Most contact with the enemy takes the form of sniper fire and booby traps. Booby traps are found primarily on trails, likely avenues of advance, and high ground; i.e. likely CP sites. Sniper fire is generally inaccurate and harassing in nature. The one exception to this is in the Chau Son Mountains (upper left 9530, lower right 0028) where the snipers are quite good.
- b. Enemy weapons consist primarily of AK-47's, M-16's, hand grenades, and 82mm and 60mm mortars.
- c. The material used for booby traps is mostly M-26 frag grenades, claymore mines (US type), and dud artillery rounds. Booby traps are usually detonated by trip wire. Occasionally a command detonated or pressure detonated booby trap is encountered.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

- a. Check crossing points of rivers in vicinity of 017337 and 008350 to determine trafficability for foot troops, wheeled vehicles, dusters, and marginal terrain vehicles. (Reference S-2 River/Stream Recon Guide).
- b. Check trafficability of roads and cross country routes for the dusters and marginal terrain vehicles.

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- c. Check suitability of firing positions for the dusters, in terms of accessibility and defendability, at the following coordinates: 001327, 003307, 998333, 011346, 987357, and 986306.
 - d. Determine likely routes of VC in the area known as Sniper Valley and along the foothills of the Chan Son Mountains from 950295 to 980350.
 - e. Check the following areas for preparation as mortar sites: 994363, 003349, 009336, and 008331.
 - f. Check the terrain for suitable enemy mortar sites out to a radius of 3500 to 4000 meters from Ross CB.
 - g. Locate and search caves reported at 997315, 003313, and 978388.
3. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL DOCUMENTS, AND MATERIAL
- a. No change.
4. DOCUMENTS AND/OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED
- a. No change.
5. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION
- a. Spot Reports will be submitted to the S-2 and S-3 in accordance with Battalion SOP.
6. MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS
- a. None

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APPENDIXES:

- ✓ 1 - S-2 River/Stream Reconnaissance Guide
- ✓ 2 - Weather

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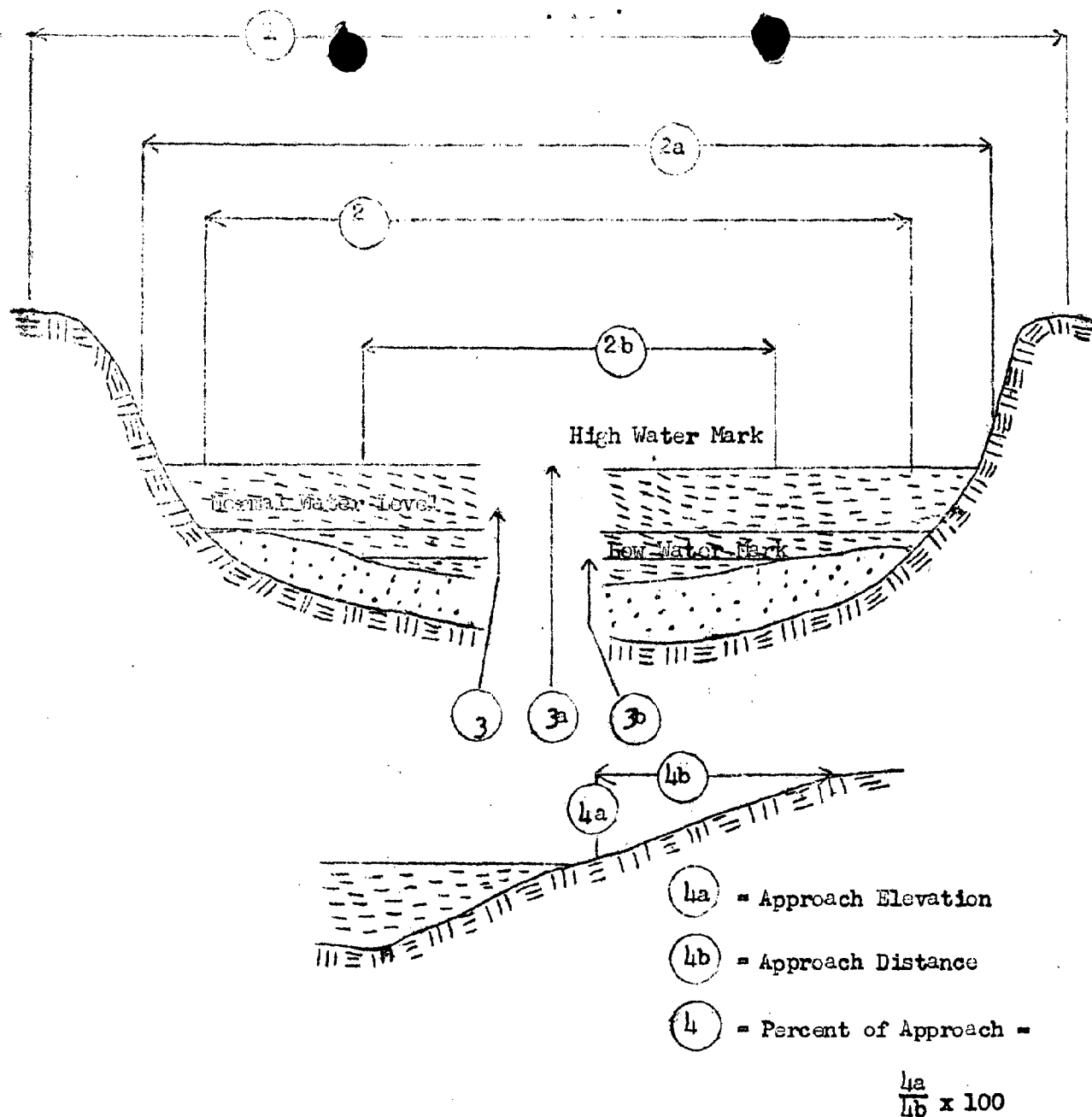
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From: S-2 Officer, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines
To: All Company Commanders and S-2 Scouts

Subj: River and Stream Reconnaissance

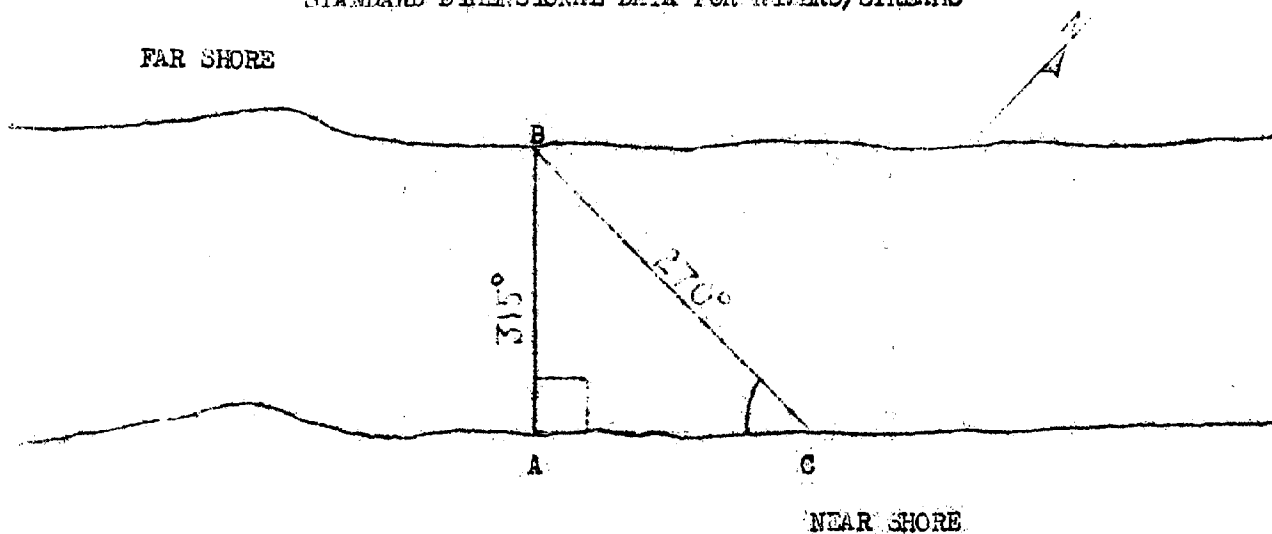
1. When a river/stream recon is conducted the following Essential Elements of Information will be collected:

- a. The map location of the reconnoitered portion (Grid Coordinates).
- b. Width of the river/stream.
- c. Velocity and direction of the current.
- d. Depth of the river.
- e. Distance between banks.
- f. Height of banks.
- g. Gradient (% of approach) and nature of the banks.
- h. Location and size of bars, dikes, levies, and other obstacles within or adjacent to the river/stream.
- i. Nature of the bottom (Mud, clay, sand gravel, rock, other).
- j. Military aspects of the surrounding terrain (KOCOA).
- k. A sketch of the cross section of the river.



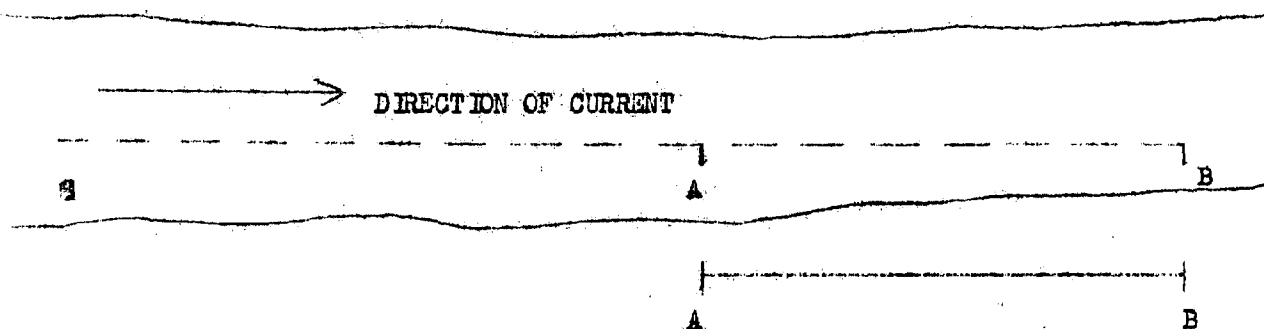
1. The width of the river/stream bed from bank to bank.
2. The actual width of the water measured at normal stage. In addition, maximum width 2a and the minimum width 2b are estimated based on local observations or records of high water and low water, and then recorded.
3. The actual depth of the stream at normal water level.
- 3a. Estimated maximum water depth based on local observations or records.
- 3b. Estimated minimum water depth based on local observations or records.
4. The slope of the approaches. It is the slope of the river/stream banks through which the approach roads are cut. This is expressed as the ratio between elevation 4a and distance 4b.

STANDARD DIMENSIONAL DATA FOR RIVERS/STREAMS



MEASURING RIVER/STREAM WIDTH USING A COMPASS

A is the point on the near shore
 B is the point on the far shore
 AB is the distance to be measured
 azimuth of line AB is 315 degrees
 azimuth of line CB is 270 degrees
 difference between azimuth AB and CB = 45 degrees
 distance along AC equals distance along B



METHOD OF DETERMINING RIVER/STREAM VELOCITY

Distance AB is measured
 Floating object is thrown into river/stream at C
 Time required for floating object to float distance A'B' is determined

$$V = \frac{AB(\text{ METERS})}{\text{Time to Float}}$$

A'B' (sec)

RIVER DEPTH

Field expedients, such as measured poles or weighted ropes, are generally required to determine river/stream depth. Depth readings are normally taken every three meters. Even a sluggish river/stream may become a torrent in a few hours or minutes as a result of a sudden heavy rainfall. This is more likely in tropical or arid regions.

FERRY SITE RECONA ISSANCE

a. Site Evaluation. The following characteristics are highly desirable for rafting or ferrying operations.

- a. Current velocity between .0 and 1.5 meters per second.
- b. Banks which permit loading without a great deal of difficulty or preparations; i.e.. banks are firm and about the same height as the raft.
- c. Approaches which permit easy access and egress.
- d. Strong natural holdfasts, such as trees or rocks, for securing rafts along side of the bank.
- e. No shoals, sandbars, or snags to interfere with operations.
- f. Sites cleared of obstagles immediately downstream.
- g. Sites clear of mines and booby-traps.
- h. Sufficient depth to prevent grounding the raft or ferry during loading or unloading operations, or when crossing.

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From: S-2
To: Company Commander, Company M

Subj: Weather for the week of 25 Oct - 1 Nov.

1. Temperature for the week will range from a low of 70° to a high of 85°.
2. Rain will be intermittent on a daily basis.
3. Astronomical data for 25 Oct 70 is as follows: Beginning of morning Civil Twilight (BMCT) 0619, Sunrise 0641, Sunset 1820, End of Evening Civil Twilight (EMCT) 1842, Moonrise 0230, Moonset 1515, Phase of the Moon is last quarter, lunar illumination will be 24%.
4. The moon rises and sets approximately one hour later each day throughout its 28 day cycle.
5. Evening Civil Twilight and Morning Civil Twilight last from 47 to 52 minutes in Vietnam.
6. Sunrise and sunset occurs approximately one minute earlier every two days.

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Ref; (a) Map: 1:50,000 RVN, Hiep Duc, AMS Series L 7014 Sheet 6840 III

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION. No change

1. SITUATION

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

2. MISSION

Conduct category II Operations in the Ross Combat Base AO.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept. One company relieves and assumes the mission of another company in the Ross Combat Base AO.
- b. Co I:
 - (1) One platoon to conduct patrols and ambushes in the northern AO in the vicinity of the slot.
 - a. Conduct foot march from Ross Combat Base to operating area along the east-west and to vicinity of 980355.
 - b. Conduct aggressive patrols in the foothills of the Que Son Mts. from 980355 to the north.
 - c. Search out the draws into the foothills up to the 200 meters elevation.
 - (2) One platoon conducts patrols and ambushes in the western AO.
 - a. Conduct foot march from Ross Combat Base to the western AO along the east-west stream from 010337 to 981537
 - b. Conduct thorough stream reconnaissance enroute to determine fording points by foot troops and vehicles, and to determine navigability by boat.

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c. Search out the draws in the Que Son Mts. up to the 200 meters elevation.

(5) One platoon conducts patrols and ambushes in the southern AO.

a. One squad will maintain position on H-270.

b. One squad will conduct patrols and ambushes to south and southwest of H-270.

c. One squad conduct patrols on northern, eastern, and western slopes and search out reported cave complexes there.

b. Co M:

(1) First platoon conduct foot march south along NE-SW trail (CM 9936) to road and east along road to Ross Combat Base.

(2) Third platoon proceed north to road (CM9835) along easiest route and then east along road to Ross Combat Base.

(3) Second platoon proceed by foot march to Ross Combat Base. Conduct visual thorough stream reconnaissance enroute of the Song Ly Ly to determine fording points by foot troops and vehicles, and to determine navigability by boat.

d. Co L, CUPP: No change.

e. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Movement in this order to commence at 000730H Oct 1970.

(2) Contact relief on H-270 not required. Personnel of 108 BR platoon and IOB to maintain positions until arrival of Company I.

(3) Duration: About 4 days.

(4) Each platoon of Company I conduct their activities day and night.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply:

(1) 4 DOS Class I and batteries

(2) Basic allowances of ammo

b. Resupply: Non-anticipated

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. CP's

(1) Bn - Ross CB

(2) Co - Report when established or changed.

b. Communications: No change.

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Third Bn, Fifth Mar Operation Plan 4-70

Ref: (a) Map: 1:50,000 AMS Series L 7014 Tan Ky Sheet 6640 IV

Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION. No change

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. The enemy has the capability of massing in sufficient strength to attack the Que Son District Headquarters and/or villages in which the CUP's are operating, thereby discrediting the pacification effort in the Que Son District and the 5th Marines AO.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) First MAW provides air support and troop lift by helicopter.
- (2) 2nd Bn, 11th Marines DS 5th Marines.
- (3) Detachment, 1st Bn, 44th Artillery provides two M-42's in direct support of Ross Combat Base.
- (4) Detachment, Co. A, 1st M3 Bn provides trucks, M55A2C, 2 1/2 tons.

c. Assumptions

- (1) That the operational commitment of the 1st alien do not preclude the maintaining of a Rifle Company as a rapid reaction Company.
- (2) That the aircraft/vehicles necessary to execute the plans in Annex A are available for use.
- (3) That the weather conditions and other tactical considerations permit the execution of the plans described in Annex A.

2. MISSION

To reinforce the Que Son District Headquarters and/or CUP units when under attack with a rapid reaction unit capable of suppressing the enemy.

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5. MOVEMENT

- a. Concept. One rifle company, assigned the Battalion reserve moves by air, by vehicles, or by foot to assist the 9th District Headquarters or CUPP units, or other friendly units under attack.
- b. Battalion Reserve Company. Be prepared on a 1 hour standby during the day and a 15 minutes standby during hours of darkness to execute any plans of Annex A.
- c. Rifle Company/Elements Operating in the Field
 - (1) Be prepared on order to reassess day/night activities to move on order to assist adjacent units.
 - (2) Be prepared at all times to designate a secure LZ to receive helicopters, day and night.
- d. CUPP Units
 - (1) Be prepared on order to reassess night/day activities to move to assist remainder of unit.
 - (2) Be prepared to designate a secure LZ to receive helicopters day or night.
- e. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) All units in the field will plot and clear artillery concentrations for HE and illumination for defense of all night activities.
 - (2) Units in contact with the enemy will report the nature and extent of the contact, and the direction to the Battalion GOC as soon and as accurately as the situation permit.
 - (3) Mark locations of unit upon request to avoid friendly on friendly contact.
 - (4) The command to execute a movement of an element/company/CUPP to assist another unit will be given only by the CO, XO or S-1. Internal control and movement of units are retained by the unit commanders.
 - (5) Task Organization of the Rifle Company will be in accordance with Annex B.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Class V - Basic Allowance
- b. Gas Mask will be carried, armored vests and other individual equipment will be carried.

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5. COM AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. Battalion CP - Ross Combat Base
- b. Company CP - Report location when established and changed.

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ANNEXES

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Annex A (Rapid Reaction Plans) to Operation 4-70

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Plan I: MOVEMENT BY MOTOR VEHICLE

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Obtained from contact and situation reports from unit engaged with the enemy.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Detachment, Co. A, 1st MT Bn provides trucks, M55A2C, 2½ tons.

(2) Detachment, 1st Bn, 44th Artillery provides two M-42's.

2. MISSION

See Operations Plans 4-70

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. One platoon (Rein) moves by motor vehicle convey to react quickly to the enemy attack and gain fire superiority. The Company (-) follows to the scene of the action on foot.

b. Reserve Company

(1) Be prepared to react in accordance with the basic plan.

(2) Upon receiving the alert, the CO will report to the COG for briefing.

(3) On order, one platoon (Rein) moves by vehicle convey to the vicinity of the attack, dismounts, and moves to close with the enemy.

(4) The Company (-) moves to the contact by foot march by the most expedient route.

c. Det, 1st Bn, 44th Artillery

(1) On order, moves two M42's from the defensive perimeter to the vicinity of the main gate on the north road at the first intersection.

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- (2) Provide security for motor convey vehicles by placing one M42 in the lead and one in trace.
- (3) On order, proceed out the main gate to the place designated.
- (4) Provide covering fire for the convey.
- (5) Provide covering fire for the troops as they disembark and deploy.

d. Bat. Co. A, 1st MT Bn

- (1) Be prepared to provide three hardened trucks, cargo, G6, M35 with driver and assistant driver for rapid reaction.
- (2) On order, assemble the trucks in the vicinity of the main gate at the first intersection and prepare to receive troops.
- (3) Follow in trace of one M42 to designated spot for debarkation of troops.
- (4) Upon deployment of the rapid reaction force, provide security for the vehicles.

e. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Motor vehicles will be hardened in accordance with existing regulations.
- (2) Canvas tops, sides, and windshields of M35's will be down.
- (3) No more than twenty (20) people will ride each M35.
- (4) Vehicles will be driven under blackout conditions.
- (5) Sufficient sandbags to "harden" the vehicles will be filled, placed and maintained near the truck embarkation point under the responsibility of the Headquarters Commandant. Deteriorated sandbags will be replaced on a continuing basis.
- (6) Embarking troops will "harden" the vehicles on order of the COG under the supervision of the driver.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See basic Operation Plan.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS

- a. See basic Operation Plan.

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PLAN II: MOVEMENT BY HELICOPTER

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Obtained from contact and situation reports from unit engaged with the enemy.
- b. Friendly Forces. First NAW provides air support and troop lift by helicopters.

2. MISSION

See basic Operation Plan 4-70

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept. Company assigned as the reaction company moves on order by helicopter to assist a unit under attack or threat of attack.
- b. Reserve Company
 - (1) Be prepared to react in accordance with the basic Operation Plan.
 - (2) Be prepared to be heli-lifted from LZ Base to the vicinity of an endangered unit.
- c. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Helitroops of 12 men are to be formed for planning purposes.
 - (2) LZ's in vicinity of Que Son District are:
 - (a) 041346 - not secure - 3 CH-46. School yard 500 meters east of Que Son District Headquarters.
 - (b) 049349 - multi CH-46. Rice paddy in front of RF group Headquarters, 1000 meters east of Que Son District Headquarters.
 - (c) 050347 - not secure - multi CH-46. Rice paddy adjacent to Que Son District Headquarters to west.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See basic Operation Plan.
 - b. Air Support. See Appendix 1
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS
- a. See basic Operation Plan.

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- a. Enemy. Obtained from contact and situation reports of unit engaged with the enemy.
- b. Friendly Forces. PF and WF units operate throughout the vicinity of Ross Combat Base.

2. MISSION

See basic Operation Plan

3. DESCRIPTION

- a. Concept. One company moves by foot along designated route to aid unit in contact.
- b. Reserve Company
 - (1) Be prepared to react in accordance with the basic plan.
 - (2) Upon securing the alert, the Company Commander will report to the COC for a briefing.
 - (3) The company, on position thereof, conducts foot march along routes in Annex C on other designated route to engage the enemy and assist the unit in contact.
- c. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Report arrival at each check point.
 - (2) Report any deviation from assigned routes.
 - (3) If portion of the company is designated for the rapid reaction force, the remainder will remain on the alert until relieved by the COC.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

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(All attachments effective on order.)

Rapid Reaction Company

Reserve Co. Cadr.

Bn Reserve Co.
Arty FO
FAC
Glan Mortar FO

Rapid Reaction Platoon (Deployed Separately) Plt Cadr

Designated Plt of Bn Reserve Co.
Arty FO
FAC
Glan Mortar FO

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ANNEX C (ROUTES TO QUE SON
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