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(2) 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines Journal

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

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ORGANIZATION DATE1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol H. L. JOHNSON JR.

SUBORDINATE UNITSH&S Company
Company ICapt J. T. MACNAMEE
1stLt J. D. JONES

Company K

1stLt J. J. REGO
1-Nov-70 / 9-Nov-70
Capt W. F. HARVEY
10-Nov-70 / 30-Nov-70
Capt D. L. WALKER
1-Nov-70 / 16-Nov-70
Capt H. W. DIAL
17-Nov-70 / 30-Nov-70

Company L

Company M

Capt V. L. SCHULTZ
1-Nov-70 / 30-Nov-70

2. LOCATION. Throughout the month the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines maintained its CP at Ross Combat Base (BT 024343).

3. STAFF OFFICERS

ExecO

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Major J. K. MILLER
WO T. L. DULANEY
1stLt J. F. REIMER
Major J. J. ROZMAN
Capt M. C. FLETCHER
GySgt R. A. FARMER
1-Nov-70 / 9-Nov-70
1stLt J. J. REGO
10-Nov-70 /

Supply Officer

Communications Officer

Air Liaison Officers

1stLt M. G. WATERS
Capt J. J. MARSHALL
1stLt T. N. LITTON
1-Nov-70 / 5-Nov-70
1stLt W. B. MAY
6-Nov-70 / 30-Nov-70
1stLt R. D. GULEEDGE
1-Nov-70 / 23-Nov-70
1stLt D. E. HUMMARD
24-Nov-70 / 30-Nov-70
1stLt G. L. BRUNO
1-Nov-70 / 13-Nov-70
1stLt R. D. RICKETS
14-Nov-70 / 30-Nov-70
Lt J. R. FLETCHER
Lt S. S. KROLL
Lt R. L. STEENES

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Artillery Liaison Officer

Chaplain

Medical Officers

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines conducted Category I, II and III Operations in the southern portion of the 5th Marines AO. Primary emphasis was on Category III Operations in Operation Imperial Lake.

Operation Noble Canyon which commenced in October 1970 terminated at 1200H, 3 November 1970. The Operation produced no significant enemy sightings or significant finds.

On 1 November 1970, Company M(-) was inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM, AT 9643) in relief of one Company of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines. On 3 November 1970, 3rd Platoon, Company M was lifted onto LZ Rainbow (AT 982433) for which they provided security while it was used as a haven and operating base for teams of the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion. On their missions, Company M was under the OPCON of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

On 9 November 1970, Company K(-) relieved Company M(-), and on 14 November 1970, 3rd Platoon, Company K relieved 3rd Platoon, Company M on LZ Rainbow. Company K continued the mission of Company M in Operation Imperial Lake until 19-20 November when they were relieved of their missions by Company I (AT 9643) and LZ Rainbow, respectively. On 28 November 1970, Company I was relieved in the above area of Operation Imperial Lake by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

Concurrently with the above area of operation, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines also participated in Operation Imperial Lake at (CM, AT 9939). On 6 November 1970, Company I(-) was inserted in Operation Imperial Lake and one platoon was assigned the missions of Quick Reaction Force. The QRF was located at Baldy Combat Base and was used to exploit targets fixed by Reconnaissance elements in Imperial Lake. All of Company I was under the OPCON of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines. Company I was relieved of their missions by Company M on 15 November 1970, who was later replaced by Company K on 25 November 1970.

On 2-3 November 1970, Company L replaced Company K on FSB Ryder, Hill 425, and Hill 119 and provided security for those positions. The Company was OPCON to 11th Marines and retained their missions throughout the month. Additionally on 1 November 1970, Company L provided a squad (rein) to provide security for Hill 270 (LZ Roundup). The squad (rein) retained their missions throughout the month.

When not in Operation Imperial Lake, Companies I, K and M were assigned the missions of Regimental Reserve, and relief force for Que Son District Headquarters. From 11 November 1970 through the remainder of the month, the Reserve Company provided one platoon for patrols and ambushes in the vicinity of Ross Combat Base.

The H&S platoon assigned a Combined Unit Pacification Programs missions continued to operate in the vicinity of Ross Combat Base, particularly in the refugee villages of Son Lanh and Tra Dinh.

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The Battalion continued to conduct security missions for the 1st Engineers mine sweep along Route 534, north to (BT 081389).

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 Nov 70 (1) Company M (-) inserted into Operation Imperial Lake at (CM, AT 9643).
- (2) 1st squad (rein), 2nd platoon, Company L occupies Hill 270, LZ Roundup (AT 999315).
- 2 Nov 70 (1) Company K (-) inserted into Operation Noble Canyon (AT 9730) relieving Company L. OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.
- (2) Company L (-) assumes missions of security for FSB Ryder, OPCON to 11th Marines.
- 3 Nov 70 (1) 3rd Platoon, Company M assumes security missions of LZ Rainbow (Hill 845 AT 982433).
- (2) 1st Platoon, Company L assumes security missions of Hill 425 (AT 998463) and Hill 119 (AT 987507) OPCON to 11th Marines.
- (3) 1200H - Operation Noble Canyon terminated.
- (4) Company I assigned the mission of Regimental Reserve.
- 6 Nov 70 (1) Company I (-) inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM, AT 9938) OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.
- (2) Company K (-) assigned Regimental Reserve.
- 9 Nov 70 (1) 75 Marines from Ross Combat Base attend III MAF Marine Corps Birthday pageant.
- (2) Company K (-) inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM, AT 9643), OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.
- (3) Company M (-) assigned missions of Regimental Reserve at Ross Combat Base.
- 10 Nov 70 (1) Marine Corps Birthday Ceremony held at Ross Combat Base. Col. D. H. BLANCHARD, Chief of Staff, 1st Marine Division, was Guest of Honor.
- 11 Nov 70 (1) 75 Marines from Ross Combat Base attended III MAF Marine Corps Birthday pageant.
- 13 Nov 70 (1) 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines was given an Operations Technical Inspection by G-3, 1st Marine Division. Results were satisfactory with no major discrepancies.
- 14 Nov 70 (1) 3rd Platoon, Company K assigned security missions for LZ Rainbow (AT962433).
- (2) Brigadier General SIMMONS, ADC, visited Ross Combat Base.

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- 15 Nov 70 (1) Company M inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM, AT 9938), OFCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.
 (2) Company I relieved by Company M in Operation Imperial Lake and assigned missions of Regimental Reserve.
- 19 Nov 70 (1) Company I (-) inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM, AT 9643) relieving Company K (-), OFCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.
 (2) Company K (-) assigned Regimental Reserve.
- 20 Nov 70 (1) 1st Platoon, Company I relieves 3rd Platoon, Company K on LZ Rainbow (AT 982433), OFCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.
- 24 Nov 70 (1) Company K (-) inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM, AT 9938), OFCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.
 (2) 1st Platoon, Company K assigned missions of Quick Reaction Force under OFCON of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines and located at Baldy Combat Base.
 (3) Company M assigned Regimental Reserve.
- 28 Nov 70 (1) Company I (-) relieved at (CM 9643) and re-inserted into Operation Imperial Lake (CM, AT 9737), OFCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

1. TOPICSa. Personnel and Administration

(1) Strength. The Battalion began the month with a total strength of 35 Marine Officers, 1138 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers, and 48 Navy Enlisted. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines now has a total on board strength of 37 Marine Officers, 1110 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers, and 52 Navy Enlisted.

(2) Morale. Morale and fighting spirit was and continues to be excellent. 76 persons participated in the out-of-country R&R, and 3 persons participated in the in-country R&R program at China Beach during the month.

The weekly worship schedule:

SUNDAY

0630 (prot) - - - - - Ross Combat Base
 1330 (Cath) - - - - - Ross Combat Base

The Battalion Chaplain also conducted 2 memorial services for 2 Marines killed during the month of November.

(3) Postal Services. Postal Services during the month of November continued with efficiency. Mail delivery continues to be accomplished by a regularly assigned courier on a daily basis.

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(4) Discipline. During the month there were 31 office hours, 6 Summary Court Martials, and no Special Court Martial.

(5) Awards. There were 14 Purple Hearts awarded to members of the Battalion during the month of November. Five Navy Achievement were awarded during the month of November.

(6) Promotions. There were a total of 198 promotions during the month of November. The breakdown by rank is as follows:

REGULAR PROMOTIONS

PFC - - - - - 8
LCPL - - - - - 39
CPL - - - - - 146

MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS

CPL - - - - - 4
SGT - - - - - 1

(7) Internal Management.

(a) Administrative procedures continued with proficiency throughout the month. A total of 44 Marines were processed and returned to CONUS during the month of November. Emphasis continued to be placed on administrative discharge of personnel who do not conform to retention standards. Eleven Marines were recommended for administrative discharges and five were returned approved during the month of November.

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

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES

KIA - - - - - 4	WIAE - - - - - 5
WIA - - - - - 8	NBCD - - - - - 0
DOW - - - - - 0	MIA - - - - - 0
NBC - - - - - 16	

b. Enemy, Weather and Terrain

(1) Enemy. Enemy activity during the reporting period was light. Most of his activities consisted of gathering rice to store and to replace that which was captured, or which was destroyed by the heavy rains and flooding the last part of October. There were no large scale enemy initiated contacts. All were in the nature of harassment and delaying tactics. One incident of terrorism occurred, resulting in a Hamlet Chief and a village Security Policeman being killed by VC guerrillas. The enemy, as usual, used booby traps and mines along avenues of approaches and to cover his withdrawal from base camp, and engaged maneuvering troops with sniper fire to harass and delay their movement.

(2) Weather. The weather was normal for this time of year. With the monsoon season the amount of precipitation increased while visibility

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and mobility decreased. The average high temperature was 87 degrees, with the average low being 72 degrees. A total of 10.27 inches of precipitation was received throughout the reporting period.

(3) Terrain. Predominant terrain features encountered during the period were the flat lowlands and rice producing areas of Que Son District up into the rugged slopes of the Que Son Mountains to the north and rolling foothills leading into the Chau Son Mountains to the southeast.

(4) Statistics(a) Enemy Losses:

VC/NVA KIA	25
Detainees	61
POW's	0 <i>Ran</i>

(b) Weapons captured:

AK 47	7
SKS	5
M1	4
M1 Carbines	2
Shot Gun	1

(c) Ordnance Captured:

AK Rounds	250
Chicom Grenades	33
Claymores	2
7.62 Rounds	150
RPG Booster	1
500 lb Bomb	1
Det Cord	50 ft
60mm Rounds	13
8" Round	1
105mm Round	1
Carbine Ammo	10
M26 Fuse	2
Unknown Type Explo	15 lbs
Head 250 lb Bomb	1

(d) Foodstuff Captured:

Rice	7095 lbs
Corn	3230 lbs
Peanuts	150 lbs
Potatoes	300 lbs

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(e) Equipment Captured:

Practice Chicom Grenades	5
Foncho Liners	9
AK 47 Magazines	16
NVA Helmets	1
NVA Canteens	5
Tape Recorder	1
Camera w/film	1
Typewriters	2
U. S. Compass	1
Maps	3
Overlays	20
Insect Repellent	1 case
Motor Oil	15 gal.
Assorted Medical Supplies	10 lbs
Assorted Clothing	60 lbs
GVN Money	500 VN
Flash Light	1
Demol Clipper	1
Entrenching Tool	1
Haversack	1
Sleeping Bags	5
Packs	19
Sleeping Mats	25
LSA	1 bottle
Tobacco	20 lbs

(f) Enemy Fortifications:

Caves	10
Tunnels	2
Bunkers	6

(g) Mines/Boobytraps. A total of 57 mines and boobytraps were encountered. 56 were found, 1 was detonated resulting in 3 USMC WIA. Types and number of devices:

60mm Rounds	4
M26 Grenades	1
M33 Grenades	1
Chicom Grenades	1
82mm Rounds	10
M14 AF Mines	2
Unknown Type	24
LAAMS	12
M79 Round	1
81mm Round	1

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c. Organizations and Operations

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines was organized in accordance with the T/O except for an additional platoon size unit which was given an exclusive missions of Combined Unit Pacification Program activities in the villages of Son Lanh and Tra Dinh (BT 017336). No units were attached, but supporting elements occupied Ross Combat Base in direct or general support. Tenants at Ross Combat Base included:

Det. Radio Relay Flt, Comm Co. HQ Bn
 Det Support Co., 1st Eng.
 A Battery, 2nd Battalion, of the 94th Division Artillery
 Army Cyclops, 29th Artillery Battery, 24 Corps
 10th Engineers ARVN
 K Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines
 D Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines
 HST, Company C, 1st Sp Battalion
 Det. Bulk Fuel Company
 3rd Platoon, Company B, 1st Engineers
 Det. FX, Division Exchange
 Det. Company A, 1st Motor Transport Battalion
 Det. 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery

The Operations conducted by the Battalion during the month were company size and platoon size operations. Although there were two companies throughout the month under the OFCON of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines in Operation Imperial Lake Area, all the companies operated independently of each others from platoon patrol bases. Operations from Ross Combat Base were combat patrols to interdict enemy movement in the AO, to disrupt his food gathering efforts, to hinder and/or dispel his propaganda efforts, and to prevent his massing. Operations Marble Canyon was completed during the month.

(1) Supporting Units/Agencies

(a) 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 the mine sweep from Ross Combat Base, one half distance to Baldy Combat Base. Also, fortification construction and improvement continued at high priority to prepare for the monsoon season.

(b) Shore Party. Company A, 1st Shore Party Battalion provided a Helicopter Support Team to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines throughout the month, for the control and functioning of LZ Ross.

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(c) Mine/Booby Trap Detection Teams. Ten (10) 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.

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

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

(2) Air Support. During the month of November 1970, the First Marine Air Wing provided the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, except for units OFCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines; with the following air support:

(a) Helicopters flew a total of 64 medevac missions to evacuate 114 men; of those, there were 1 KIA, 8 WIA's, and 105 NBC's medevacs classified as follows:

	EMERG	FRI	ROUT	KIA
US	7	27	64	1
ARVN, FF, RF	1 ARVN		1 KCS	
CIVILIANS	1 FEMALE		9	
MISC	2 POW		1 DET	
TOTAL	11	27	75	1

(b) Helicopter gunships flew 77 missions including 13 troop lifts.

(c) Helicopter transportation was provided for 13 troop lifts totalling 1348 packs.

(d) 14 OV-10 aircrafts were used this month. Of these 2 covered troop movements, 16 controlled air strikes, 5 expended their own ordnance, and 16 ran visual reconnaissance missions, also, 5 terrain and weather missions.

(e) Fixed wing aircraft flew 32 combat missions consisting of 10 Beacons and 22 close air strikes.

(f) One (1) basketball illumination aircraft was used in support of ground troops.

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(3) Artillery

(a) During the month of November 1970, Artillery Fire Support for 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines decreased from the previous months level due to three of the four Rifle Companies under the OFCON to other Commands. Forward Observers attached to maneuver elements controlled 36 observed missions expending 871 rounds of artillery. Intelligence/pre-emptive targets in support of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines activities numbered 90 missions, expending 941 rounds.

(b) D Battery, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines and K Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, located at Ross Combat Base, supplied the majority of fire support. Considerable fire support was also supplied by E 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 FSCC also coordinated artillery fire in support of Popular area units from Que Son District.

d. Plans. It is anticipated that the same commitments made in the Battalion during November will continue during December and for the indefinite future. There are three lucrative areas in or near the Battalion AO for company size operations. Future plans are to exploit these areas as soon as available troop assets permits.

e. Training

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

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Land Mine Warfare School	6 days	30	28
Embarkation School	4 weeks	1	1
NPC School	3 weeks	2	2

(2) Battalion Training. A total of 50 persons attended the Battalion Indoctrination School during the month of November. 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	2 Classes

(3) Company Training. The following instructions were accomplished by the companies of the Battalion during the month of November 1970.

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Land Mine Warfare (L)	2 Hours
Care & Clean 106RR (L, PA)	30 Hours
Care & Clean 50 Cal (L, PA)	15 Hours
Care & Clean XM174 (L, PA)	10 Hours
Flame Tanks (L, PA)	10 Hours
M-16 Plotting Board (L)	10 Hours
81mm Gun Drill (L, PA)	60 Hours
M1911A1 .45 Pistol (L)	20 Hours
M-53 Sight (L)	10 Hours
Counseling (L)	8 Hours
FO School (L, PA)	10 Hours
Radio Procedure (L, PA)	8 Hours

COMPANY I

Foot Care (L)	1/2 Hour
Guard Procedures (L)	1 Hour
Medovac Procedures (L)	1 Hour
Map Reading (L)	1 1/2 Hours
Small Unit Leadership (L)	1 1/2 Hours

COMPANY K

Ambushing and Uses of KT (L)	.2 Hours
Patrolling (L)	2 Hours
Close Air & Medevac (L)	1 Hour
Radio Procedures (L)	1 Hour
Care & Cleaning of M-16 (L)	1 Hour
Care & Cleaning of 45 Cal (L)	1 Hour
First Aid (L)	2 Hours
Map Reading (L)	2 Hours
Methods of Gear Waterproofing (L)	1 1/2 Hours
Drug Abuse (L)	1 Hour
Types of Discharges (L)	1 Hour
Squad Tactics (L)	1 Hour
Platoon Tactics (L)	1 Hour

COMPANY L

FAM Firing M-16 (PA)	1 Hour
First Aid (L)	1 Hour
Call For Fire (L)	1 Hour
Breakdown of Platoon (L)	1 Hour
Mapping & Application (L)	2 Hours

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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DURATION</u>
Leadership (L)	1 Hour
Safe Handling of .45 Cal Pistol (L, D, FA)	2 Hours
Preventive Maintenance of M-16 (L)	1 1/2 Hour
Squad Tactics (L)	1 Hour
Radio Procedures (L)	1 Hour

COMPANY M

Malaria Prevention (L)	1 Hour
Sanitation & Hygiene (L)	1 Hour
Drugs - Drug Abuse (L)	1 Hour
Weapons Safety (L)	1 Hour
Care & Handling of POWs (L)	1 Hour
Individual Responsibility and Rules of Engagement (L)	1 Hour

f. Logistics, Equipment, and Supply

(1) Resupply. During the month of November 1970, there was relatively little resupply activity from Ross Combat Base. For most of the month, two companies were OFCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines in Operation Imperial Lake, while one Company (-) was OFCON to the 11th Marines on Fire Support Base Ryder and Hills 425 and 119. Hill 270 continued to be resupplied from Ross Combat Base. Several times Class II and once Class V resupplies were delayed up to three days due to inclement weather, but no unit resupplied from Ross Combat Base went with out Class I items.

(2) Engineer Assistance. During November, the following engineer assistance was provided:

- (a) Daily mine sweeps on Route 535.
- (b) Seven tent decks constructed.
- (c) 395,000 gallons of water were pumped through the water point.
- (d) Construction of the generator shed was completed.
- (e) Roads were graded and ditches improved in the artillery positions.
- (f) Contact teams were brought out twice to make minor repairs to the 100KW generator.

(3) Ordnance. There were no critical shortages of ammunition during the month.

(4) Motor Transport. During November, twenty-three Marines were schooled, tested and received operators' permits for the M-151 and the M-274. The maintenance situation improved slightly, with the deadline percentage of rolling stock averaging 10%. This section now, however, has only one of the six mechanics it rates.

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(5) Embarkation. On 24 November 1970, one Lieutenant returned from a formal school and was assigned the Embarkation Officer for the Battalion. On 21 November 1970, the Battalion Embarkation NCO was transferred and was replaced by another school-trained NCO. All of the 4.2 cubic foot boxes have been received, and the odd-sized boxes are all on order. A three-hour class was given by Division Embarkation to the companies and section Embark NCO's.

(6) Battalion Aid Station. Presently, there are 52 hospital corpsmen, and two physicians in the Medical Platoon. Seven corpsmen serve with each Rifle Company, 2 in CUFF Flt, 17 assigned to BAS, and 4 are hospitalized and 1 is on emergency leave. There were 1445 patients seen during the month at BAS; 1045 of them were military.

(a) Major types of cases seen:

- 1 9 venereal diseases
- 2 9 gonorrhea confirmed by urethral smear
- Geographical contacts: Danang 5, others unknown

(b) Primary types of illnesses:

1	Superficial fungal infections	47
2	Bacterial skin infections	52
3	URI infections and influenza	42
4	FUO	33
5	Malaria diagnosed by smear	1
6	Psychological counseling	3
7	Physicals for seperation	26
8	Orthopedic complaints	53
9	Rx for Glasses	13
10	Drug Abuse	1
11	Immersion foot	37
12	Rx's for controlled drugs	70

(c) The BAS has been conducting "MEDCAF" three times weekly in the local villages and an estimated 723 Vietnamese, mostly children, have been treated each week.

(d) The mass immunization program continues for companies returning to Ross Combat Base for "LEHAB" in an attempt to catch up all needed immunizations and to help alleviate some of the diseases apt to occur during the monsoon season.

(e) Supply. There has been a great improvement in Medical Supply at the BAS since last reporting period and its effectiveness has also increased. The Medical Supply personnel have also taken charge of a fogging program that has been started on FSB Ross to help control the number of malaria cases from this command.

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(f) Sanitation. The sanitary and ground have greatly improved and an effort is being made to see that sanitary conditions remain satisfactory. A sanitary inspection is being conducted at this command weekly.

(g) Programs and Miscellanea. An in-service training program has started at the BAS with two hours of instruction weekly.

(h) Advancements. The Battalion Aid Station had one Meritorious Combat Promotion presented by the Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines during the month.

(7) Equipment. The Battalion continues in an excellent equipment status with a C-1 rating. The deadline rate is satisfactory and no major problems regarding spare parts or maintenance exist.

(8) Supply. During the month of November, Battalion Supply has been engaged in numerous special projects improving overall efficiency of supply operations. These projects were centered in specific areas creating problems in the past.

A large quantity of individual equipment has been distributed with in the battalion ensuring individuals are well supplied.

Publications and Marine Corps Orders essential to supply operations, which were not previously held are now on order as a result of one project. Proper reporting procedures are being stressed in the area of T/E items. Deficiencies and excesses have been reviewed and are being reported to Division Supply. In the Ordnance area, increasing improvement has been shown. The Battalion Armorer has greatly improved liaison between the companies and the armory. As a result of this improvement in liaison, the armorer has been able to maintain more accurate records and a better control of medevaced weapons in this Battalion, increasing the overall effectiveness of ordnance operations.

Much work has been done as a result of the CMI. The discrepancies pointed out in the inspection have been thoroughly reviewed and progressed is continuing. Presently an inventory is being held for small arms weapons for the World Wide Inventory.

g. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

(1) This month Civic Action has been limited by the lack of supplies. Valid projects were surveyed and established, but actual work will not begin until material needs have been met. All construction was in the form of repairs in which ammunition boxes were employed. The newly incorporated Milk Distribution program was initiated during this reporting period to provide Son Thanh villages with milk. This milk is provided by the International Rescue Commission and is distributed by S-5.

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- 2 Nov 70 Conducted English Instruction program at Que Son High School.
- 3 Nov 70 Continued English Instruction program. Donated four truck loads of ammunition boxes to Son Xuan School.
- 9 Nov 70 Conducted English Instruction program at Que Son High School.
- 10 Nov 70 Continued English Instruction program. Began Milk Distribution - 30 gallons.
- 11 Nov 70 100 Hygiene packs (toothbrush, toothpaste, and soap, 1 each) given out while on MEDCAP.
- 12 Nov 70 Milk Distribution - 30 gallons. Two truck loads of ammunition boxes to Son Lanh School. Four truck loads of ammunition boxes to District Security Office. (M. S. S.)
- 14 Nov 70 Milk Distribution - 30 gallons. Donated wood for assassinated Officials in Son Lanh.
- 16 Nov 70 Conducted English Instruction program. Milk Distribution - 30 gallons.
- 17 Nov 70 Continued English Instruction programs.
- 18 Nov 70 100 Hygiene packs given out during MEDCAP. 6 cases of baby food given out to Maternity Hospital in Son Xuan.
- 19 Nov 70 Milk Distribution - 30 gallons.
- 20 Nov 70 Four truck loads of ammunition boxes given to District Hospital for repairs.
- 21 Nov 70 Milk Distribution - 30 gallons.
- 22 Nov 70 Conducted English Instruction program.
- 23 Nov 70 Three truck loads of ammunition boxes to repair town house in Son Lanh that had been damaged by the storm.
- 24 Nov 70 Continued English Instruction program. Milk Distribution - 30 gallons.
- 26 Nov 70 Milk Distribution - 30 gallons.
- 28 Nov 70 Milk Distribution - 30 gallons.

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(2) Medical Assistance. MEDCAPs were conducted tri-weekly throughout Que Son District. There were 723 Vietnamese treated on MEDCAPs, while another 400 were treated at BAS, a total of 1170.

(3) Industrial Relations Program. There were 45 Vietnamese workers employed daily, under the AIF funds. Regimental S-5 has been requested to provide additional funds because funds for this quarter are nearly exhausted.

h. Psychological Operations. Aerial Broadcasts and Leaflet Drops were conducted by G-5. The Ground Broadcast Team had regular runs along the road between Ross and Baldy, including the special broadcast which was requested after two assassinations in Son Lanh Village. Five types of hand-outs were distributed in different parts of the AO. Chieu Hoi, First Aid, Stay Away from Convoys, Rewards, and Support GVN themes were employed. The Cultural Drama Team performed in Son Thanh refugee village on 14 November 1970. 300 people attended the performance. The Movie Team also conducted two showings, one showing was on 20 November at Son Xuan grade school, and the other was at Son Lanh on 20 November 1970.

i. Communications

(1) The Communication Platoon continued to support the Battalion operation primarily with VHF radio equipment, AN/PRC-25, AN/PRC-77/KY-38. AN/PRC-25 and AN/PRC-41 were used by TAGF personnel to control aircraft supporting the Battalion.

(2) The AN/PRC-75 continues to prove themselves a light weight dependable radio. They greatly facilitate air and ground communication, especially in mobile situations.

(3) HIN-18 (Beacons) could possibly become a problem area. At the present time, one of the two Beacons of the Battalion is down because of a weak antenna construction. There is no repose capability available at this time.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

✓ a. Daily Journal of SPOT REPORTS and MESSAGES.

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0001H	0001H	1	010001H	JOURNAL OPENED:
0110H		2	010110H	Message from Regt concern- 3-3/P ing the size of forces assigned to PSB Rydar.
0118H	0425H	3	010118H	Frag order sent to Compan- 3-3/P ies L and K.
0712H	0712H	4	010712H	Informed HQ of Bfls acts 3-3/P in Company M area.
0800H	0805H	5	010805H	Informed HQ of PP day acts 3-3/P in Company M area.
0810H	0815H	6	010815H	Informed LG of adjacent PP 3-3/P and H 3 CUPP day acts, along Company L patrol route.
0830H	0955H	7	010955H	Informed HNS CUPP of adja- 3-3/P cent friendly acts.
0830H	0916H	8	020830H	Informed Que Sen of adja- 3-3/P cent friendly acts.
1035H	1050H	9	011035H	Sent Forecast of Operations 3-3/P for 2 Nov 70 to 5th Marines.
1100H	1113H	10	011040H	Company L conducting day 3-3/P patrol and searching area at (977307).
1115H	1230H	11	011115H	Informed Co. L of friendly 3-3/P acts along patrol route.
	1250H	12	011140H	Informed 11th Marines that 3-3/P this Battalion plans to exchange Co. L with Co. K for defense of PSB Rydar, H-425, and H-119.
	1245H	13	011220H	Informed Co. L of disposi- 3-3/P tion of forces today.
	1305H	14	011305H	Regt told 3/5 that when H 3-3/P Co. 3/5 lands in Imperial Lake area, Co. M will no longer be OPCON to 2/5.

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1312H	1320H	15	011130H	While in day position, A CUPP-3/F 3/5 was informed by a VN civilian, of a B/T just outside of A CUPP's perimeter (023347). B/T consisted of M26 grenade in a C-battery can with the pin pulled. The B/T was approx. 10 feet outside of wire and about 6 feet from a POU gas container. B/T was moved approx. 50 meters away and blown with 1 pound of C-4.
	1400H	16	011335H	Informed L 21 of friendly 3-3/F PF acts along patrol route. Also told Que Son.
1430H	1455H	17	011345H	I 1 while on day patrol 3-3/F (97335) spotted 1 VC/NVA with pack at (970345). Point squad pursued enemy and initiated small arms fire, resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA and 1 captured pack. Contents of pack were: 1 wallet containing 500 piasters, 1 plastic bag of rice, 1 sweatshirt, 1 knife, 1 black pair of pajamas.
	1740H	18	011723H	Sent 3/5 position report to 3-3/F Regiment.
	1800H	19	011745H	Warning of possible attacks 3-2/F by terrorist activities and harassing fire against GVN installations, officials and pacification units to commemorate Vietnamese National Liberation Holiday on 1 Nov 70. Sent to Hqs CUPP, I Co. and Que Son District. Class 3 rating.
1820H	1820H	20	011750H	Sent Co. M position report to 3-3/F Regiment.
	1825H	21	011755H	M (-) 3/5 passed OPOOH to 3-3/F 2/5 at 011745H Nov 70.
	1845H	22	011840H	Informed Hqs CUPP & Que Son 3-3/F

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District of adjacent friendly
acts.

1905H	1905H	23	011905H	Received Recon events and night positions.	S-3/F
	2030H	24	012025H	Sent Regiment Operations conducted for 1 Nov 1970.	S-3/F
		25	012135H	2/5 Informing Co. M 3/5 that Company M is OTCOR to 2/5 as of 011745H and that Company M will comply with 2/5 directives.	S-3/F
2345H	0030H	26	012345H	Weekly plan summary.	S-3/F
				Summary: 1 enemy KIA and 1 wallet containing 500 piasters, 1 plastic bag of rice, 1 sweatshirt, pair of black pajamas and 1 knife were captured.	
2400H	2400H	27	012400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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020001H	0001H	1	20001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0630H	2	012330H	Late Entry: Requested strength report from Companies I, K, and L.	S-3/P
	0030H	3	01 2345H	Late Entry: Sent weekly plans summary to Regt.	S-3/P
0605H		4	020605H	Co. L (-) established day position.	S-3/P
	0715H	5	020640H	Informed M 21 of adjacent friendly acts.	S-3/P
0650H		6	020650H	River Recon: H&S GUPP estimates the blue line can be crossed 100 meters upstream from the bridge. At this point the blue is 30 meters wide and approx. waist deep.	S-3/P
0945H	1040H	7	020740H	GUPP A on day patrol found 1 B/T at (012348). B/T consisted of 1 M-79 round set with a "toe popper" (M-14 Mine). B/T was set in the middle of the trail which ran north to south. Destroyed B/T in place.	S-3/P
	1022H	8	020940H	Forecast of Operations for 3 Nov 1970, sent to Regt.	S-3/P
1400H		9	021015H	M 21 (OPCON to 2/5). While on day patrol observed 15 FVA in light green uniforms AT 972 042. Several of the enemy were carrying weapons. M 21 initiated small arms fire. Enemy fled to NW. M 21 called in 60mm mortar fire on fleeing enemy. M 21 captured 1 AK47 rifle.	S-3/P
1100H	1100H	10	021025H	I 2 while in day position AT 998357 observed 2 FVA with packs and rifles AT 992365.	S-3/P

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I 21 initiated small arms fire and swept the area. While sweeping, I 21 observed 2 VC/NVA flee into a village AT 922365. Unit searched village finding 2 VN females. Interrogation disclosed that they knew nothing of VC/NVA that fled into the village. Females were not detained.

1300H	1305H	11	021145H	SUPP A 3/5 had 1 VN male civilian, approx. 41 yrs old, come to their position. Man stated he was working in a field AT 020354 when he was wounded in the ankle by a stray bullet, believed to be a .30 cal. round. Man was brought to 3/5 BAS AT Boss Combat Base for treatment. He was medevaced (routine). Man's name was HO OU identification number is 225483.	S-3/F
1155H	1205H	12	021155H	Recon position report	S-3/F
1215H		13	021215H	Received strength report from Companies I, K and L.	S-3/F
	1510H	14	021350H	Message from 3/5 6 to Co. L commending Co. L for fine efforts.	S-3/F
1435H	1440H	15	021415H	VN boy brought ordnance to Boss Combat Base main gate. Ordnance consisting of 1 chicom, 1 claymore, 1 155mm HE round. S-2 paid the boy 1,100 piasters for the ordnance. Ordnance was destroyed.	S-3/F
	1532H	16	021530H	Co. L and K interchanged. Co. L (*) to Ryder. Co. K (-) to Noble Canyon Area.	S-3/F
1745H	2025H	17	021500H	I 1 on day patrol found 3 caves at 967356, with stream approximately 2 feet in front of the caves. 2 of the caves are	S-3/F

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small and 1 cave is 7x25x25 ft with 7x4 ft stone wall around the entrance. The cave is large enough to house 1 platoon, with a storage room large enough to store approximately 400 lbs of rice. Unit searched area and caves finding 10 dishes and freshly cut fire wood. I then followed a well used trail and found 1 VC/NVA body in a shallow cave approx. 50 meters from the caves. Body was wrapped in a poncho and appeared to have been there for 1 month. Late Entry:

	1735H	18	021517H	Late Entry: Informed H&A TUPP 3-3/P of adjacent friendly acts.
1620H	1621H	19	021620H	AC Extension for task force S-3/P brunet.
1655H		20	021655H	Company E position report. S-3/P
2010H	2010H	21	021600H	moon night position. S-3/P
2000H	2030H	22	022000H	Operation Noble Canyon Co. S-3/P K (-) AT 987307.
	2040H	23	022030H	Operation conducted for 2 S-3/P November sent to Regt.
	2130H	24	022113H	Noble Canyon Frag order to S-3/P Company K.
	2255	25	022230H	Frag order to Company I S-3/P
2325H	0015H	26	022325H	Friendly acts within 1000 S-3/P meters of L 2.
2330H	0010H	27	022330H	Task organization H-270 sent S-3/P to L 21.

Summary: H 21 (OPJOW 2/5)
captured 1 AK47 rifle, 1 VN male
was wounded by a stray round.

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Co I 1 found 3 caves and a grave
which contained 1 dead V^C/NVA.

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0001H	0001H	1	030001H	JOURNAL OPENED:
	0900H	2	030445H	Informed Co I and NAS CUPP S-3/P of adjacent friendly acts.
0620H	0640H	3	030600H	Co. K (-) Noble Canyon report S-3/P
	0945H	4	030930H	Forecast of Operations for S-3/P 4 Nov 70, sent to Regt.
0930H	1050H	5	030930H	Co. K (-) Noble Canyon report S-3/P
	1335H	6	031330H	Informed H S CUPP of friend- S-3/P ly adjacent night acts.
1350H	1415H	7	031350H	Co. K (-) Noble Canyon report S-3/P
1330H		8	031500H	Co. K (-) Noble Canyon report S-3/P
1600H	1710H	9	031530H	I 31 987346 Unit on patrol S-3/P found tunnel containing 1 male VC/NVA and 3 females VC/NVA. Male was approx. 30 yrs old, and females were 20-50 years old. All were detained. Unit made further search of the area finding 300 lbs of potatoes, 600 lbs of rice, 2 packs with rifles cleaning gear, and documents. Unit continuing to search area, helicopter have been requested to pick up rice, potatoes, gear and detainees, taken to LZ Baldy.
1630H	1645H	10	031630H	3/5 passes CPCCN Co. L, 1st S-3/P platoon to 11th Marines.
1630H	1640H	11	031630H	3/5 passes CPCCN Co. M 3rd S-3/P platoon to 2/5.
1730H	1735H	12	031730H	Battalion position report S-3/P sent to Regt.
		13	031800H	FP's discovered 1 Marine S-3/P body floating in river AT 112367. S-3 wanted to know if 3/5 is missing anybody.

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1835H	1845H	14	031715H	Late entry: I 3 (990354) 3-3/P while setting in night position received approx. 20 rounds of automatic weapon fire from an estimated 1 enemy (987354). Unit returned small arms fire and swept area with negative results.
	2000H	15	031945H	Operations conducted for 3 3-3/P Nov 70 sent to Regt.
1950H		16	031950H	Recon night position report 3-3/P
2015H		17	032015H	Merical Division's request 3-3/P for no fire zone granted.
2208H	2210H	18	032208H	Notified H&S CUFF of adjacent 3-3/P friendly day acts.
				Summary: I 31 detained 4 suspected VC/NVA that were found in a tunnel approx. Also found 300 lbs of potatoes, 600 lbs of rice, 2 packs containing rifle cleaning gear and documents. PF found 1 Marine body floating in the river AT 112367.
2100H	2400H	19	032400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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0001H	0001H	1	040001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0050H		2	040050H	Emergency medical resupply S-3/P request from L 21. Request delivered to BAS.	
	0839H	3	040825H	Forecast of Operations for S-3/P 5 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	
0830H	1043H	4	040830H	K 3(-) while on patrol found 6 hootches (957307) with 1 VN female approx. 70 yrs old, 5 VN females approx. 10-45 yrs old, 3 VN children approx. 1-7 yrs old, 100 lbs of rice was found in small camouflage cave. K 3(-) contacted S-3/P for instructions on detaining VN and rice. S-3/P informed K (-) that if VN have information, detain them. If not, let them go. No suitable LZ in the area to bring out the rice. Permission granted to destroy the rice.	S-3/P
0900H	1053H	5	040900H	K 1(-) on day patrol AT (958303) observed 3 NVA with packs and rifles go into a hootch approx. 150 meters away. Unit initiated small arms fire, M79 and fired 2 LAWS. Swept the area and checked for tunnels. Unit found 1 wallet and 1 NVA pamphlet. 1 VN female and 3 VN children were detained. Interrogation by LGS disclosed that they were VC sympathizers and support local VC. NVA were having chow in their hootch when K1(-) fired on them. Detainees were helicoptered out. 1 VN female 70 yrs old, 3 VN children 5-14 yrs old.	S-3/P
0945H		6	040915H	Recap events for 4 Nov 70	S-3/P
	0959H	7	040945H	Sent change in Forecast of S-3/P to Regiment.	

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1055H	1239H	8	041055H	K 11, while searching out the S-3/F of OP (950302) unit found 300 lbs of rice in a bunker. Unit continued search of the area and found 1 hootch. Searched hootch and found 600 lbs of rice in an underground bunker (948301). 11 rice was destroyed because of lack of aircraft availability and units tactical missions.
1120H	1215H	9	041120H	K 1(-) found 1 wallet with S-3/F 2 pictures, 1 piece of paper with writing on it, NVA money totalling 1 HOA. Pictures were of male and female in uniform. Unit is holding on to wallet. Was found at (948302).
1305H	1310H	10	041235H	K 3 (-) while on day patrol S-3/F found 1 bunker containing 200 lbs of rice, 1 60mm round, and 1 bottle of LSA. Unit destroyed ordnance, rice and LSA. Bunker located AT (953310).
	1315H	11	041310H	3/5 sent K Co. estimation S-3/F of K Co.'s return to Ross Combat Base. Also 3/5 requested re-supply list from Co. K as soon as possible because of possible typhoon conditions within the next 24 hours.
1520H	1520H	12	041520H	Recon day positions S-3/F
	1715H	13	041710H	Notified L 21 of friendly S-3/F adjacent acts (ambush).
	1825H	14	041720H	Sent Bn position report to S-3/F Regt.
1840H	1920H	15	041830H	While moving to night ambush S-3/F sight, K 31 (962298) spotted 1 VC/NVA with a weapon moving south AT 963298. Unit initiated SAF and swept area with neg. results.

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1835H	1840H	16	041830H	Recon night positions	S-3/P
	1935H	17	041930H	Sent operations conducted	S-3/T
				for 4 Nov 70 to Regt.	
				Summary: Today X Co. captured 1200 lbs of rice, 2 enemy wallets, 1 NVA pamphlet and took 4 detainees.	
2400H	2400H	18	042400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	050001H	J URGENT. OPENED:	
03-7H	0419H	2	050327H	Friendly acts to CSM platoon.	S-3/F
0815H	0830H	3	050800H	K 53 967305 Unit on patrol observ- ed 2 VN fleeing Rd. Unit detained personnel and will bring them back to TFB, to have SOG interrogate them, ages 14-18.	S-3/F
0850H	0915H	4	050800H	Forecast of Operations	S-3/F
1005H	1030H	5	050950H	K 53 961309 Unit on patrol found 1 barrel hidden in tree line contain- ing 250 lbs of rice. At present time unit is waiting for helicopters and bags for the rice.	S-3/F
1035H	1200H	6	051030H	K 53 961309 Unit continuing search of the area where unit found previously reported rice. Unit found an additional 700 lbs of rice in a hootch bunker complex. Unit also detained 1 VN female approx. 16 years old. Unit will stage rice with the previously reported 250 lbs to be evacuated to Rosa Combat Base. Unit will return detainee to S-2. All rice unpolished and will be turned over to S-5 S/S.	S-3/F
1050H	1000H	7	051000H	Beach Haven extended	S-3/F
1215H	1220H	8	051055H	K 1(-) 945304 Unit on patrol found 1 hootch. Unit continued search of the area and found approx. 280 lbs of rice hidden in a tree line near the hootch. Rice was destroyed, because there was no LZ acceptable and due to the tactical situation and terrain, it was not feasible to evacuate the rice. Permission was requested and granted by Regt to destroy same.	S-3/F
1310H	1335H	9	051310H	K 1(-) 945307 while on patrol Unit found 1 water can with 1 82mm mortar round along the side of a small stream in the brush, round destroyed.	S-3/F

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1405H	1 103	10	051405H	reg C to Co. 3/50 and carried 2-3/	
1417H	1408H	11	051417H	reg C to Co. 3/5	-3/F
1415H	1510H	12	051425H	33 3335 unit on patrol came across a hoatch with a bunker. Unit checked the area and found sandbags and baskets containing rice totalling 250 lbs at present time unit is staging rice at LZ and waiting for extraction.	-3/F
1504H	1540H	13	051500H	21 on day patrol searched a hoatch/bunker in the vic of 94237. Unit found approx. 500 lbs of unpolished rice. No suitable LZ in the area due to terrain and heavy fog. Rice was destroyed.	-3/F
1504H	1635H	14	051500H	21 on day patrol came across 5 hoatches in Vic of 957291. Further search of the area produced 2 VN females 30-40 yrs old, 2 VN children 6-10 yrs old and 250 lbs of rice. Unit questioned VN and released them. No L to extract the rice, due to thick fog. Unit destroyed the rice.	-3/F
	1705H	15	051700H	Battalion, caution report to Regt.	-3/F
1804H	2004H	16	051815H	33 (955705) arriving to ambush site came across one hoatch. Unit searched the hoatch and found 9 civilians, 1 raincoat, 1 poncho, 1 battle dressing and 1 ace bandage. Unit will detain civilians and evacuate helicopters has been requested for the morning.	-3/F
1825H	1835H	17	051825H	Co. L strength Report	-3/F
1829H		18	051829H	moon night caution report	-3/F
2035H	2040H	19	052035H	Operation conducted.	-3/F

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2100H	2130H	20	052100H	Regt requested Co. 1's patrol route from Base Combat Base to Don Nib. Request acknowledged 052100H Nov 70.	3-3/7
2230H	2255H	21	052230H	3rd Battalion, 5th Marines request Regt approval on changing location of Co 1's CP. Request granted 053100H.	3-3/7
2306H		22	052306H	Change in Task Force Burnette.	
				Summary: Co. 1 captured 2, 580 lbs of rice and detained 6 suspected VC.	
2400H	2400H	23	052400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0030H	0105H	2	060030H	Co I day acts sent to the colon and S-3/F HLS GUPP.	
0035H	0100H	3	060035H	FF day acts sent to S-3/F	S-3/F
0055H		4	060055H	Tropical storm FARS warning	S-3/F
	0030H	5	060075H	Notified Co. K, the colon, HLS GUPP S-3/F of adjacent acts (friendly day acts).	
	0910H	6	060090H	Forecast of Operations sent to Regt.	S-3/F
	0900H	7	060045H	3rd Battalion, 5th Marines passes 0600H Co. I 3/5 to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines at 060745H Nov 70.	S-3/F
0915H		8	060915H	Co H 3/5 requests more FOS scouts. S-3/F If Co H cannot get more scouts, they would like the FOS scouts they had, to be sent back to them on the next re- supply.	
1330H	1504H	9	061330H	Recon day (noon) position	S-3/F
1400H	1407H	10	061400H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1735H	1754H	11	061730H	Recon night positions	S-3/F
1625H		12	061625H	Co I 3/5 position report.	S-3/F
2045H		13	062045H	Regt requests Bn position report every two hours, from 0800H to 1600H	S-3/F
1950H		14	061949H	late Entry: Recon position report.	S-3/F
	2055H	15	062045H	Operations conducted for 6 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2400H		16	062400H	Over the last 24 hours there were no observed fire missions and no intelligence target fire.	S-3/F

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Summary: Negative enemy contact
made or enemy gear captured over the
last 24 hour period.

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2015H	2015H	2	062015H	(Late Entry:) L21 SALUTE report. 3-3/F L-4 VC/HA A-Moving from south to north, on trail L-into a tunnel. L-962306 B-Black pajamas, green utilities. T-062306H E-1 r files, 2 rocks, 1 mortar tube or rocket. Unit fired 106's negative surveillance. Gun was faulty 5 hrs. expended fired 1 Battery good coverage of tunnel. Negative surveillance.
2020H		3	062020H	(Late Entry:) L21 SALUTE Report. 3-3/F L-4 VC/HA A-Moving around a cave. L-967305 B-3 green utilities, 1 black pajama T-06063 H E-1 rifle Have observed VC in area for last two 3-3/F Have Area is definitely a base camp. Have observed civilians carrying food into the area. Have fired this area up receiving 3 secondary explosions. VC have continued to use this area.
2400H		4	062400H	Late Entry: Air Support for 3-3/F 6 Nov 70. Fired wings 1 flight F 1005 Co F 1-4, vicinity 963295. Dropped 6 500lbs bombs, 4 napalm and received 3 secondary explosions. 1 flight F 4's for K Co, 1-4 vicinity 947299. Dropped 8 500lbs and 2 napalm. Destroyed 1 hootch, 1 bunker and da- maged 2 hootches and 1 bunker. Meda- vics: 4 Routine (FUC) from L2 Base. Troop left: 20 troops for Co H from L2 Base to 97242.
0335H		5	070025H	Notified H&S CUP and Gun Sen 3-3/F of adjacent friendly acts (day).
0800H		6	070750H	Battalion position report to Regt 3-3/F

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0915H	7	070845H	Forecast of operations for 8 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	3-3/P
1000H	8	071000H	Battalion position report to Regt.	3-3/P
	9	071159H	Regt requests to be notified immediately of all enemy activities and sightings. Include exact time, size, etc. This information is needed so Regt can correlate all sources of intelligence in an effort to locate the enemy.	3-3/P
1215H	10	071210H	Battalion position report to Regt	3-3/P
1350H	11	071250H	Recon noon positions.	3-3/P
1845H	12	071700H	Recon night positions.	3-3/P
1115H	13	061115H	Late Entry: Regt has admitted it's recon force (1) and requested that 3/5 have a platoon on standby, K2 on standby as of 06 Nov 70.	3-3/P
1710H	14	071710H	11th Marines informed 3/5 Bailey that there is a restriction of firing of pre empt and intelligence targets, imposed during recent conditions still in effect. Units that can be resupplied by road should be scheduled for this type of mission. No restriction on contact missions or targets of opportunity.	3-3/P
1715H	15	071710H	Battalion position report.	3-3/P
1830H	16	071815H	Battalion position report.	3-3/P
2000H	17	071930H	Operations conducted for 7 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	3-3/P
2115H	18	072105H	Informed 3/5 SAs CUP and location of adjacent friendly acts (day).	3-3/P
2250H	19	072250H	L21 strength report. PACC arty support for 3/5 reports that during the last 24 hours, there were no	3-3/P

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observed five missions and no intelligence missions.

2400H 2400H 21 072400H Air Support: For 7 Nov 70 fixed wings: 1 flight of F-4's for L21, dropped 6 500 lbs bombs and 2 napalm in the vicinity of 991307. Negative results. 1 flight of F-4's for L21, dropped 6 500lbs bombs and 2 napalm in the vicinity of 989246. 2 duds and negative results. Three F-10's ran air for L21 and expended ordnance. 1 REARCOM/THARBCOM 1-4/013370/22-02/ negative surveillance. 2-3/2

Summary: Negative enemy contact or friendly casualties over the past 24 hours.

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5th Marines
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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	MESSAGES SPOT REPORTS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			JOURNAL OPENED/CLOSED	
0001H	0001H	1	080001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0935H	2	080950H	Informed 2/5 that 3/5 desires to replace Co M with Co K.	S-3/F
	1040H	3	080950H	Forecast of Operations for 9 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
	1050H	4	081000H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
	1245H	5	081230H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1430H	1500H	6	081430H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
	1850H	7	081844H	Recon night positions.	S-3/F
	1858H	8	081855H	2/5 sent US K 3/5 AO and mission statement.	S-3/F
	2012H	9	082000H	Operations conducted sent to Regt for 8 Nov 70.	S-3/F
2030H	2033H	10	082007H	All troops lift for 9 Nov 70 will be conducted on D-111 (LZ Common).	S-3/F
		11	081720H	Late Entry: Co K 3/5 to relieve Co M 3/5 at secure LZ 977337 on 9 Nov 70. Exchange has been approved by 2/5. Frag Order will be sent to Co K.	S-3/F
		12	081918H	Late Entry: OP Rainbow will be vacated; position moved to "Ranch House".	S-3/F
2315H	2325H	13	082315H	Weekly Plans Summary sent to Regt	S-3/F
2230H	2245H	14	082230H	PF day acts sent to HAS CUPP.	S-3/F
2240H		15	082240H	Armed UR AO's in our TAOR.	S-3/F
2400H	2400H	16	082400H	Air ran three BEACONS; 1 CAS which was controlled by the AO on station, over the last 24 hours.	S-3/F
				Summary: Negative enemy contact. Co M 3/5 in operation Imperial Lake Area.	

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0645H		2	090645H	Weather report.	2-3/F
	0747H	3	090745H	Battalion position report.	2-3/F
0925H		4	090820H	Usually reliable source	2-3/F
	0948H	5	090822H	Forecasts of Operations for 10 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	2-3/F
	1335H	6	091332H	Informed H&S CUPP of friendly troops in the area.	2-3/F
1335H		7	091355H	Bacon noon positions.	2-3/F
	1405H	8	091405H	Battalion position report sent to Regt.	2-3/F
	1605H	9	091556H	Frags Order to Co K 3/5.	2-3/F
	1650H	10	091610H	Battalion position report.	2-3/F
1805H		11	091805H	Bacon night positions.	2-3/F
	1850H	12	091850H	Requested 2/5 to inform K 6 3/5 that 1 personnel remain at Bacon.	2-3/F
	1925H	13	091830H	Late entry: AT 091830H 3/5 passes OPC N Co K (-) to 2/5.	2-3/F
	2020H	14	092000H	Operations conducted for 9 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	2-3/F
	2115H	15	092100H	H&S working with H&S CUPP 3/5 reported that a policeman told him 2 NVA companies moved into grid 9734 this morning (Que Son District). Type and quantity of weapons unknown. Their mission is to attack an ARVN unit sometime during the noonnoon. The policeman also stated that there is an NVA unit of unknown size at the village of Son Thang. The grid of Son Thang (Center mass) 015318.	2-3/F

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2305H	2330H	16	092145H	Co L (946345) while in defensive 3-3/P position had an explosion approx. 15 meters outside wire in front of bunker 12. Explosion believed to be H&C round. Unit fire 81mm illumination and 1-75 rounds into draw leading to bunker. Will check to determine type of round at first light.
24 0H	2400H	17	092400H	During the last 24 hours, there 3-3/P were 7 intelligence targets fired and no fire missions.
2400H	2400H	18	092400H	3/5 Support (Air) ran 1 C&B which 3-3/P was controlled by the AG on station. 4 Routine medevacs, and 1 troop lift. Summary: KGB working with 3/5, received word that there were two NVA companies in the 9734 grid. And that there is another NVA unit of unknown size in vicinity of 015316.
2400H	2400H	19	092400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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0001H	0001H	1	100001H	JOURNAL OPENED/Marine Corps 195th Anniversary.	
	0615H	2	100510H	Informed Hqs CUPP of friendly acts 3-3/P adjacent to CUPP patrol la.	
	1010H	3	100730H	Forecast of Operations for 11 Nov 3-3/P sent to Regt.	
	0818H	4	100800H	Battalion position report.	3-3/P
1110H		5	100945H	Follow up to 092145H Nov 70. L2 had 1 claymore mine detonated last night, (092105H). Cause of detonation unknown. All claymores on P38 Rydar will be checked to see if they are grade three.	3-3/P
	1045H	6	100955H	Battalion position report.	3-3/P
	1150H	7	101145H	Battalion position report.	3-3/P
1327H		8	101327H	Recon recon positions.	3-3/P
	1747H	9	101740H	Informed Hqs CUPP 3/5 of adjacent friendly acts (night).	3-3/P
1840H		10	101840H	Recon night positions.	3-3/P
	1940H	11	101940H	Informed Regt of change of CUPP's night acts.	3-3/P
	1945H	12	101940H	Operations conducted for 10 Nov 70, sent to Regt.	3-3/P
233 H	2335H	13	102330H	Msg Order to Co H 3/5.	3-3/P
2400H	2400H	14	102400H	FSOC: There were ten intelligence targets fixed on, and one fire mission shot for Co I 3/5 which is CPOGN to 2/5.	3-3/P
2500H	2400H	15	102400H	ALP: Over the past 24 hours there was one BEACON run which destroyed 200 meters of traveline.	

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Summary: Company M 3/5 will dis-
perse one platoon to conduct patrols
and ambushes in area upper left 9034
lower right, 0032.

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0001H	0001H	1	110001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0240H		2	110240H	Friendly acts in area to HES COM. 3-3/P	
	0020H	3	110752H	Forecasts of Operations	-3/P
0800	0825H	4	110800H	Battalion position report.	3-3/P
1030H	1101H	5	111100H	Battalion position report.	3-3/P
1215H	1225H	6	111200H	Battalion position report.	3-3/P
1130H	1155H	7	111000H	M 1 004336 unit on patrol found 2, 175 canisters/while checking canisters for B/T, unit received 2 sniper rounds. Unit as unable to determine where the rounds came from. Canisters were destroyed and unit continued the patrol.	3-3/P
1400H		8	111330H	Recon position report.	3-3/P
1450H	1536H	9	111330H	M 11 while on patrol found 1 B/T marker. Marker was 3 sticks in the shape of a triangle on the side of a trail AT 984528. M 11 observed marker and continued the patrol.	3-3/P
	1355	10	111350H	Battalion position report to Regt	3-3/P
	1610H	11	111600H	Battalion position report to Regt	3-3/P
1615		12	111615H	I(-) deploying to new pos.	3-3/P
	1725H	13	111725H	I(-) flipping with I 3.	3-3/P
	1735H	14	111725H	Frag Order from 3/5 to Co M	3-3/P
1757H		15	111730H	Recon night positions	3-3/P
	1937H	16	111930H	Operations conducted for 11 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	3-3/P
2317H	0002H	17	112317H	Frag Order to Co M 3/5	3-3/P
2400H	2400H	18	112400H	FOOT: There were no fire missions fired in support of 3/5 over the past 24 hours. There were 11 missions fired	3-3/P

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on intelligence reports through 112400H
Nov 1970.

Summary: #1 found 2 175mm ordi-
nary and received 2 sniper wounds,
negative results, and casualties.

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0001Z	0001Z	1	120001Z	INITIAL CHECKED:	
0100Z	0220Z	2	120120Z	Friendly adjacent note sent to USM Co. P and Co. M.	-3/P
0317Z	0445Z	3	120317Z	Best requested approval of American Div. an extension into our TAC. Re- quest was approved.	-3/P
0619Z	0809Z	4	120619Z	Forecast of operations	-3/P
0730Z	0730Z	5	120730Z	Battalion position report.	-3/P
0915Z	0925Z	6	120915Z	Usually reliable source notified that USM to change my date to check out area.	-3/P
0955Z		7	120955Z	Task Force 21 and circle 4	-3/P
1000Z	1000Z	8	121000Z	AC extension for American and Army clearance.	-3/P
1000Z	1510Z	9	121000Z	USM USM found 2 bunkers at 003357. Bunkers were built under large rocks and appeared to not have been used in the last 12 months. Bunkers were 7'x5'x3'.	-3/P
1000Z	1106Z	10	121006Z	Battalion position report.	-3/P
1000Z	1215Z	11	121000Z	USM USM 4, while on a patrol found 1 partially destroyed house in vicinity of 00360. House contains bunker approximately 15'x15'x3'. In- side bunker were 5 beds and several chairs. USM also found 1 shot gun in very poor condition in grassy area in the vicinity of 00357.	-3/P
1100Z	1150Z	12	121150Z	Battalion position report.	-3/P
1200Z	1240Z	13	121200Z	Usually reliable source	-3/P
1300Z		14	121300Z	Report noon position.	-3/P
1400Z		15	121300Z	Best exclamation troops to best.	-3/P

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1530H	1549H	16	121415H	M 22 while on day patrol found 1 B/T about 1 ft off the side of trail in the vicinity of 984326. B/T consisted of hand-held hand grenade and pressure device.	S-3/5
1540H	1547H	17	121430H	M 2 on patrol found 1 dead 105mm round. Destroyed in place, in vicinity of 990327.	S-3/5
	1557H	18	121530H	Battalion position report sent to Regt.	S-3/5
1900H	1916H	19	121600H	M2 on patrol found 1 trench covered with bushes in vicinity of 990322. Trench led into a cave capable of hiding 5-7 people. There was no evidence of recent use. Trench and cave was destroyed.	S-3/5
1900H		20	121600H	Evening night position	S-3/5
2125H		21	121800H	M 2000H to 2/5 (991452) while moving to night position, traveling through thick undergrowth, a Marine had an accidental discharge resulting in two Marines non battle casualties. Unit call two priority codebooks at 1720, completed at 1840.	S-3/5
2000H		22	122000H	Reg Order sent to Co M 3/5.	S-3/5
2050H	2055H	23	122500H	Opent one conducted for 122000H sent to Regt.	S-3/5
2400H	2400H	24	122400H	FSOC: There were no observed fire missions fired in the support of 3/5 over the past 24 hours.	S-3/5
				Summary: Two Marines in Co M 3/5 0600H to 2/5 were non battle casualties priority. H&S CTF found 3 hand-grenades and 1 shotgun. M 2 found trench and cave.	
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0001Z	0000H	1	130000H	JOURNAL CRISIS	
	0100H	2	130400H	informed Hqs GURT of friendly patrols in area.	2-3/P
		3	130600H	Air support for 12 Nov 70	2-3/P
	0930H	4	130730H	Forecast of Operations for 14 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	2-3/P
	0800H	5	130740H	Battalion position report.	2-3/P
0921Z		6	130900H	1/5 and East Force 2/1 AC boundary	2-3/P
1050Z		7	131030H	Bacon Haven	2-3/P
	1230H	8	131240H	Battalion position report.	2-3/P
1430H	1522H	9	131300H	M 12 on patrol observed 1 VN person running across a rice paddy. Unit pursued, but lost in a trail. While returning to patrol route, M12 found 1 VN male in a hutch at 996343. The man is 24 years old. VN male had severe VP burns and was undressed. 1 VC went with VN male as a carrier.	2-3/P
160 H	1600H	10	131430H	M 11 on patrol found 1 sand bag filled with 25 lbs of wet rice, AT 997347. Unit destroyed rice. 1 VC questioned civilian in area where the rice was found and the civilians informed the unit of 6 VC/PA operating around F3B Ryden. They are armed 2 M-16, 2 M47, and 2 M3. Civilian was not detained.	2-3/P
	1555H	11	131545H	Battalion position report.	2-3/P
1615H		12	131615H	Bacon night positions	2-3/P
0921H		13	130820H	Modification to 1/5 East boundary (L to Stry).	2-3/P
0921H	2140H	14	131624H	Message to Co 100 informing him of a possible 6 enemy operating in vicinity of F3B Ryden.	2-3/P

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1630H	1924H	15	131630H	Message to 1 Co. Co about his re- supply and relieving his company on 15 or 16 Nov 1970.	4-3/F
1940H		16	131940H	Recon teams Rudder and Rudhart were extracted 130950H Nov 70.	4-3/F
1950H		17	131950H	Box 2. V. 2/1 V2 Box 11 for Army.	4-3/F
2010H	2020H	18	132015H	Operations conducted for 13Nov70 sent to Regt.	4-3/F
2230H		19	132230H	1 Co. Co re-supply a/c to gear.	4-3/F
				Summary: H 12 found 1 V2 male with 40 burns and recovered him. H 11 re- ceived information of enemy working in vicinity of PUB Syden.	
2400H	2400H	20	132400H	JOURNAL ENDED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	140001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	1145H	2	140010H	Msg Order to Co M	3-3/P
	0230H	3	140217H	Informed HQ GCP of adjacent fr- endly day acts.	3-3/P
0600H		4	140600H	Report of Air Support flown for 3/5 for 13 Nov 70.	3-3/P
	0845H	5	140630H	Forecast of operation for 15 Nov 70 cont to Regt.	3-3/P
	0800H	6	140800H	Battalion position report.	3-3/P
0920H		7	140920H	Strength report for Co L	3-3/P
1300H	1330H	8	140930H	GROUP A had been providing security for a wood cutting detail in the 0034 grid square and was returning along planned patrol route. PSEP's and Hamlet Officials broke off from main body AT 012340 and went north along trail. GROUP A urged Hamlet Officials to either stay with patrol or take along security, both of which they refused to do. Officials were am- bushed AT 012345 BY 2-3 VC with a K47. VC allowed PSEP's to pass then fired on the Hamlet Officials, killing the Hamlet Chief and Hamlet security Chief of rank Throng (5) (h). PSEP's re- turned fire but did not pursue VC. The VC took the security Chief's M-1 carbine and .38 caliber pistol, and withdrew to the southwest. Marines located AT 015339 were informed of the ambush by a villager who had been near the ambush site. The sound of PSEP's shooting pigs approx. 200 meters to the rear of Marines obscured the ambush's firing. Marines moved to the ambush site and swept 300 meters to the southwest with negative results.	3-3/P
	1025H	9	141000H	Battalion position report, to Regt	3-3/P

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1225H		10	141020H	B2 position report.	3-3/P
	1206H	11	141143H	Message to Co concerning Co relieving I Co.	3-3/P
	1212H	12	141200H	Battalion position report to Regt.	3-3/P
	1230H	13	141235H	Requested that regt send BOD team to destroy 3 106 rounds on B-270 for L21.	3-3/P
1310H	1310H	14	141310H	Received Recon noon position.	3-3/P
	1410H	15	141400H	Battalion position report to Regt	3-3/P
	1520H	16	141735H	Frsg Order to Co H.	3-3/P
	1917H	17	141905H	Operations conducted for 14Nov70 sent to Regt.	3-3/P
	1947H	18	141925H	Message HCOIC (106's) on B-270 concerning RAR.	3-3/P
1939H		19	141930H	Regt night position.	3-3/P
2020H		20	142000H	Task Force 2/1 A6 extension granted	3-3/P
2034H		21	142020H	A6 extension for 1/3 approved.	3-3/P
2400H	2400H	22	142400H	Air Support for 3/5 man com Recon on 14 Nov 70.	3-3/P
				Summary: VC spring an ambush, killing the Banlet Chief and security Chief of Lam Thung.	
2400H	2400H	23	142400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0520H	0530H	2	150520H	IF & IF note in USA GUPP AC.	3-3/F
0830H	0835H	3	150830H	Forecast of Operations for 16 Nov 70.	3-3/F
0950H	0909H	4	150950H	Battal on position report.	3-3/F
0930H	0930H	5	150930H	AC for 1/5 operation.	3-3/F
1030H	1035H	6	151035H	Request for position report to RC3.	3-3/F
1150H	1145H	7	151150H	Battalion position report.	3-3/F
1111H		8	151111H	Company M strength report.	3-3/F
1230H		9	151225H	Second noon positions.	3-3/F
1240H		10	151240H	Strength report for Company M.	3-3/F
	1310H	11	151305H	Request for AC extension.	3-3/F
1455H		12	151455H	Negative on AC extension.	3-3/F
	1645H	13	151545H	Company passed OGCN to 2/5. (M)	3-3/F
	2325H	14	151315H	Weekly Plans Summary: Late Entry	3-3/F
2130H	2143H	15	151600H	L 21, while conducting T&I plans received small arms fire from vicinity 991316. AC on station expended OBL to suppress fire. Negative surveillance of enemy HIA's. 80% destruction in target area by T&I.	3-3/F
	1630H	16	151338H	Late Entry: Pass Order to Co .	3-3/F
	1817H	17	151755H	Co M second platoon passed OGCN to 2/5.	3-3/F
	1821	18	151800H	Battalion, position report.	3-3/F
		19	151825H	Company M passed OGCN to 2/5.	3-3/F

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1855H		20	151850H	Bacon night positions.	S-3/T
	1918H	21	151910H	Operations conducted for 15 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	S-3/F
2400H		22	152400H	PRC reported that 7 intelligence targets were fired on and no fix, missions were fired for 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.	S-3/F
2400H		23	152400H	Air Support: Over the last 24 hours, ran 1 Beacon, 1 CAS, 1 Medevac and 4 troop lifts.	
				Summary: Co H 3/5 passed GPOCN 2/5. Co I 3/5 chopped GPOCN to 2/5. Negative enemy contact in the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines TAC.	
2400H	2400H	24	152400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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COOL	COOL	1	16000H	JOURNAL COMBAT
0200H	0205H	2	160200H	1st day notes sent to Hqs CUPV. S-3/P
	0805H	3	160800H	Battalion position report to Hqs. S-3/P
	0835H	4	160830H	Forward of Operations for 17 Nov 70 S-3/P sent to Hqs.
1050H	1055H	5	161000H	Hqs CUPV A on day patrol found 2 S-3/P bunkers destroyed by a tunnel AT 012341. The bunkers were approx. 5'x4' and about 3' apart. Two typists were found in the area and are believed to be about a week old. Unit destroyed bunkers.
1100H	1150H	6	161050H	Battalion position report to Hqs. S-3/P
		7	161130H	Informing L 21 that relief for 106 S-3/P people on Bounding will be coming out as soon as obseps are available.
1335H		8	161335H	Reason upon position. S-3/P
	1450H	9	161500H	Battalion position report to Hqs. S-3/P
	1515H	10	1515H	Sent adjacent friendly units to Hqs S-3/P CUPV.
1545H	1730H	11	161545H	On 11 on day patrol (987323) S-3/P spotted 5 VC/PA (4 males and 1 female). The males were carrying packs and weapons. Unit initiated small arms fire and swept the area. Unit found 1 pack containing 1 pair of HK trousers, 2 HK fuses. Unit also found 400 lbs of rice (unpolished). It included 1 female and 2 children. Rice and fuses were destroyed. Pack will be returned to the VC. The female is believed to be the female with the 4 male VC/PA. The female is approx. 30 years old, and the 2 children are approx. 5 and 10.

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1835H	1840H	12	161615H	Co I 13 on day patrol spotted 4 (3 males and 1 female) with packs and rifles AT 986304. Unit initiated small arms fire and swept the area. Unit found 1 VC female KIA with pack, and four more packs. The packs contained rice, small items of medical gear, 1 flashlight, 2 canteens and lubricant for weapons. 2-3/P
	1812H	13	161730H	Informed L 21 of I 1 night ops. 2-3/P
	1950H	14	161955H	Operations conducted for 16Nov70 sent to Regt. 2-3/P
2100H	2145H	15	162025H	Correction to 5th Marines Lit Rep number 318. 2-3/P
2230H		16	162230H	Recon night positions. 2-3/P
2330H	2344H	17	162330H	Friendly adjacent nets (day) sent to H&S GUPP and Company 14. 2-3/P
2400H		18	162300H	Classified Operation from 2-ang Bn Headquarters. 2-3/P
2400H		19	162400H	Des Des will conduct an operation in Antenna Valley on 17 Nov 70 and requests support from 3/5 V300. 2-3/P
2400H	2400H	20	162400H	Air Bailey Report: Negative air strikes due to weather. 2-3/P
2400H	2400H	21	162400H	V300 reports negative fire missions in support of 3/5 over the past 24 hours. 2-3/P
				Summary: H&S GUPP found 2 uniforms. Co I captured 6 NVA packs and killed 1 VC, and detained 3 suspected VC.
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2400H	2400H	2	162400H	Classified operations from Quang Nam Headquarters.	3-3/P
0635H	0636H	3	170636H	Notified I 1 & Hqs CUP of acts in 3-3/P area.	
0800H	0800H	4	170800H	Battalion position report.	3-3/P
1100H	1113H	5	171030H	I 2 999337 Unit on patrol spotted 2 VN females approx. 35-40 years old, 1 VN male approx. 10 yrs old. Running into bush line hiding from the patrol. VN had negative ID, I 2 detained VN and will be forwarded to I 11 as soon as possible.	3-3/P
1130H	1130H	6	171130H	Forecast of Operations.	3-3/P
1150H	1155H	7	171155H	Battalion position report.	3-3/P
1355H	1405H	8	171135H	I 21 while checking out bush line and inhabited hootches AT 998537. Unit received fire from the H 998540 resulting in 2 USMC emergency medevacs, from multiple gunshot wounds. Unit returned fire with M-79, M-60 machine gun and small arms fire. Unit secured LC and medevaced 2 USMC emergency without further incident. I 23 swept area where enemy fire came from, and found a blood trail while searching the small village. The unit detained 1 VN male, 11 VN females, and 16 VN children. All detainees were within 50 meters of where the unit made contact. Detainees were taken to Chu Son District Headquarters.	3-3/P
1257H		9	171237H	Recent moon positions.	3-3/P
	1300H	10	171258H	Informed Hqs CUP of friendly acts in their area.	3-3/P
1410H		11	171410H	I 2 position report.	

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1533H		12	171533H	Provincial Recon unit from Que Son 8-3/7 granted an AO. Its workin, part of border ridge.	
	1615H	13	171604H	Informed Hqs CUPP of PRU's AO.	8-3/7
1730H		14	171645H	CUPP A heard a loud explosion at 019345. Explosion was caused by 4 M-79 frag charges. A VN child, the supposed dad rounds in the vicinity of 019345 and threw one of the rounds against the other 3 rounds, causing them to explode. Negative casualties.	8-3/7
	1730H	15	171725H	Informed I 2 of Hqs CUPP night act 8-3/7	
1825H		16	171825H	Recon night positions.	8-3/7
	1930	17	171945H	Operations conducted for 17Nov70 sent to Regt.	8-3/7
2020H		18	172010H	Flag Order to Company I.	8-3/7
		19	172055H	Five fire zones along 5th Marine southwest boundary has been closed.	8-3/7
2100H		20	172100H	L 21 strength report.	8-3/7
2400H	2400H	21	172400H	Air has one reserve in support of 3/5 today.	8-3/7
				Summary: Two Marines KIA, 31 VN detained.	
2400H	2400H	22	172400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	180001H	JOURNAL CREATED:	
0140H	0215H	2	180140H	Message informing Hqs GUPP of PRE 3-3/T in their AC.	
0207H	0330H	3	180207H	Friendly adjacent day acts for 18 Nov sent to Hqs GUPP, CO I, Que Son, and Lima 21.	3-3/T
	0755H	4	180745H	Battalion position report to Regt 3-3/T	
	0950H	5	180955H	Forecast of operations for 19 Nov 3-3/T 70 sent to Regt.	
	1055H	6	181050H	Informed Co I of adjacent friendly acts.	3-3/T
1330H		7	181330H	Even noon positions.	3-3/T
1620H		8	181620H	AC granted to 1st Armored Brig.	3-3/T
1525H	2230H	9	181445H	Late Entry: I 33 on day patrol spotted 1 VC/PA in blue shirt and trousers running to the W from the patrol in the vicinity of 987312. Unit initiated small arms fire and R-79 fire. Unit swept the area with negative results.	3-3/T
	1630H	10	181620H	Message to L 21 concerning retri- tion at 182.	3-3/T
	1700H	11	181645H	PAAG Order to Co I.	3-3/T
	1725H	12	181700H	Message to L 21 informing them of Co I day and night activities.	3-3/T
	1727H	13	181710H	Informed L 21 of FF night acts near L 21 position.	3-3/T
	1900H	14	181720H	Informed Hqs GUPP And Que Son District of adjacent friendly night acts.	3-3/T
1800H		15	181805H	Even night positions.	3-3/T
	1800H	16	181725H	AC cleared for Que Son Dist. Oper.	3-3/T

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	2030H	17	182015H	Operations conducted for 18 Nov 70 3-5/P sent to Regt.
1900H	1905H	18	182900H	IF night acts sent to H&S CUB. 3-5/P
2220H		19	182220H	AC extension on Ammunition Division. 3-5/P
2255H		20	182255H	No fire sent is established as UL 3-5/P 965415 LR 965775.
2515H		21	182515H	Clearance for Recon Haven 215P and 2-3/P 229P.
1000H		22	171000H	Memorandum for the record concern- 3-5/P ing the relief of Company E (Late Entry).
2400H	2400H	23	182400H	FOG: Over the past 48 hours- 3-5/P ed, there have been one fire mission in support of Company I 3/3 and four intelligence targets fired. Summary: I 3 sighted one VC/PA fleeing but were unable to apprehend him.
2400H	2400H	23	182400H	JOURNAL CLOSE.

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0001H	0001H	1	190001H	JOURNAL COMMAND:	
0200H	0220H	2	190200H	Informed Hqs CDR and Co I of 17 day acts.	3-3/F
	0330H	3	190340H	Battalion position report.	3-3/F
0445H		4	190445H	Request AO for the Son from 3/5.	3-3/F
0845H		5	190840H	Strength report for Company L.	3-3/F
	0910H	6	190912H	3/5 did not approve AO for the Son 3-3/F	
	0945H	7	190900H	Late Entry: Forecast of Operation 3-3/F for 20 Nov 1970 sent to Regt.	
		8	190950H	Late Entry: Prag Order to I 6.	3-3/F
	1030H	9	191000H	Battalion position report.	3-3/F
1006H		10	191006H	Message concerning Co I insert gnd.	3-3/F
	1125H	11	191200H	Battalion position report.	3-3/F
1200H		12	191200H	Message cancelling no fire zone where a chopper crashed.	3-3/F
	1330H	13	191215H	Informed L 21 of I 1 day acts.	3-3/F
1249H		14	191259H	Person Haven Report.	3-3/F
1330H		15	191300H	Informed the Son and Regt of additional acts.	3-3/F
1415H	1916H	16	191300H	Salutation 8-6 (100 tower H-270) spotted 3 VC/PA moving from the valley to a cave on the mountain (905295). They had side carrying packs and rifles with green utilitarian. 2 more VC/PA were spotted going into a cave about 70 meters to the south of the same altitude. The second 2 VC/PA had rifles and were wearing green utilitarian. They left their rifles in the cave and went down to the valley and carried the rice back up to the cave. The rice was still in stocks. The VC/PA made 4 trips from	3-3/F

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the valley to the cave. Unit wanted to call in fire mission, but negative clearance because of friendlies in the area.

1355H		17	191330H	Moon events for 19 Nov 70.	B-3/7
	1425H	18	191425H	Moon noon positions.	B-3/7
0030H		19	190630H	Summary of enemy activities for day 2-3/7 18 Nov 1970 (Late Entry).	
2020H	2255H	20	191430H	I 1 999299 while checking out cave 2-3/7 where VC/VA had been sighted by ICS 999316 was passing through a village and sighted 12 VN fleeing to the hills. Unit pursued with negative results. Upon returning, unit received 12 AK47 rounds from the VC (995296). Unit returned small arms fire. One Marine KIA(B). Medevac was called and completed. Medevac bird received approx. 100 rounds of AK47 fire. Unit and helo returned fire again. A sweep of the area produced negative results.	
2300H	2520H	21	191500H	I 1 991305, unit on patrol sighted 2-3/7 one male hiding in rocks, wearing black pajamas. On sighting Marines, the male fled into a village, and unit pursued. While in the village, unit detained five females (4 from 20-30 yrs old, and 1, 40-50 yrs old). Unit sighted one male aged 20 flee toward rocks (990305). Unit initiated M-16 fire hitting VC in the leg, and saw a POW. POW indicated there were other VC in the cave with weapons. One Marine entered and saw one male wearing camouflage utilities and two females dressed in black pajamas. Marine fired 5 .45 rounds and 4 M-16 rounds, wounding all three VC. Marines were unable to recover bodies due to the narrow passageway. Marines then threw grenades through the hole of the cave. A search of the area produced a tunnel complex, 500 lbs of rice, 5 boxes of	

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medical supplies, weapon oil and a part of a barrel of an AK47. Rice could not be evacuated and was destroyed.

1605H	1725H	22	191605H	Battalion position report.	S-3/F
1645H	1730H	23	191645H	3/5 passes CIRCLE of Co I 3/5 to 2/5 S-3/F	
	2040H	24	191730H	Frag Order to Company K 3/5.	S-3/F
1905H		25	191905H	Bacon night position report.	S-3/F
1940H	2000H	26	191900H	Friendly adjacent note sent to SCS S-3/F JUP an I L.	
2000H	2005H	27	192000H	Operations conducted for 19 Nov 70 S-3/F sent to Regt.	
2400H	2400H	28	192400H	Air Support for 3/5. Air ran two CAS, S-3/F three medevacs and two troop lifts on 19 Nov 1970.	
2400H	2400H	29	192400H	There were 5 intelligence targets S-3/F fired on the evening of 18 Nov 70, and negative fire missions fired on 19 Nov.	
				Summary: One Marine KIA(S). Three VC killed, 1 VC POW/MIA five VN de- tained, 500 lbs of rice captured along with other articles of enemy gear.	
2400H	2400H	30	192400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	200001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0030H	0120H	2	200030H	Notified Co 1 and Hqs GUPP of IT day sets for 20 Nov 70.	2-3/F
	0010H	3	200750H	Battalion position report to Regt.	2-3/F
	0040H	4	200015H	Informed Co 1 (1) of adjacent fri- only sets.	2-3/F
	0930H	5	200925H	Forecast of Operations to Regt.	2-3/F
	1110H	6	201104H	Message to CID, 100 tower on H-270 concerning command of Hill.	2-3/F
1406H	1445H	7	201145H	100 tower on H-270 spotted 2 VC/ NVA moving along timeline (993298) carrying ammo cans and rifles. 1 was wearing green utilities and the other was wearing black pajamas. Negative clearance for fire mission.	2-3/F
	1245H	8	201215H	Battalion position report to Regt.	2-3/F
	1330H	9	201305H	Msg Order to Company 1.	2-3/F
1420H	1440H	10	201330H	100 tower on H-270 observed 2 VC/ NVA (996298) coming out of a cave wearing black pajamas and carrying packs and weapons. 1 was wearing a cartridge belt. Negative clearance for fire mission.	2-3/F
1455H	1452H	11	201345H	1 found 50 lbs of unpolished rice AT 996343. Ref to no choppers in the area, unit destroyed the rice.	2-3/F
	1415H	12	201410H	Battalion position report to Regt	2-3/F
1435H		13	201435H	Recon upon positions.	2-3/F
1600H	1610H	14	201515H	12 on day patrol 901343, received 10-15 rounds of small arms fire from vicinity 979343. Unit returned small arms fire and swept the area with negative results.	2-3/F

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1595H	1615H	15	201515H	All on patrol found 200 lbs of rice in vicinity of 993343. Unit also found 50 lbs of peanuts, concealed in a basket. At 1650H unit ambushed 100 lbs of rice and 50 lbs of peanuts. The remaining 100 lbs of rice was destroyed.	2-3/F
1657H	1710H	16	201630H	ICD tower on H-270 observed 1 VC/NVA with pack and rifle, wearing black pajamas moving to west from east on a trail in vicinity of 996314.	2-3/F
		17	201700H	Radio conversation between 2-3 and Regt 2-3 about clearance for auxiliary fire.	2-3/F
	1655H	18	201705H	Passed ORDN of Co I 1 to 2/5.	2-3/F
1725H		19	201730H	Recon night positions.	2-3/F
1740H		20	201730H	Company 1 strength report.	2-3/F
	1805H	21	201800H	Battalion position report to Regt 2-3/F	
2145H	2210H	22	201800H	OPF A 999354, while set in blocking position observed 9 VC/NVA moving through a tunnel in a column from the NW (997336). Unit initiated ambush when enemy was 200 meters away from them, with small arms fire. Resulting in 3 enemy KIA and 1 KIA (female). The more VC/NVA was believed to have run in a bunker AT 009354. Marines threw two frags into the bunker, but due to the narrow passage way, unit was unable to retrieve bodies. The on set of darkness and thick terrain caused the unit to abandon the three KIA AT 009353. Enemy were dressed in black pajamas, blue shorts, and shirts. 4 were wearing packs and 3 were carrying weapons. VC/NVA 16-20 years old. Enemy gear captured: 1 AK47, three type written documents, 4 notebooks, 1 blank VC pass, 3 canteens, 1 NV helmet, 1 SHOC belt, 1 pay roster.	2-3/F

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2100H	2115H	23	202100H	Buster Down will need weather prior 2-3/V to move, sent to Regt.	
2040H	2100H	24	202040H	Operations conducted.	2-3/F
2150H	2300H	25	202150H	IF day acts sent to Company A.	2-3/F
2400H	2400H	26	202400H	F300: An 61mm illumination mission was fired in support of CUPP 4 at 1800. F300 is coordinating the night defensive fires for the compound of the Son District. F300 is in the process of coordinating with the Son District to establish a fire coordination line, giving Recon Combat Base the ability to fire intelligence on Fortar Ridge.	2-3/F
2400H	2400H	27	202400H	Air reported running one Beacon, two medevacs and one troop lift in support of 3/5. Summary: 21 discovered 200 lbs of rice, 50 lbs of peanuts. CUPP 4 killed 3 VC/NVA, wounded and captured 1 female PCN, 1 AK47, assorted enemy documents and gear.	
2400H	2400H	28	202400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.	

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0001H	0001H	1	210001H	JOURNAL OPENED:
0135H	0136H	2	210135H	Received typhoon warning condition 5-3/F 3. Sent to all units. Typhoon expected to hit Danang and Chu Lai area at 220300H Nov 70, winds from 35 to 65 miles per hour.
0705H		3	210730H	Received strength report from Co L 5-3/F
0820H	0905H	4	210730H	ICD tower on E-270 observed 4 VC/ NVA in green utilities and carrying rifles. 1 VC/NVA was wearing a peak. They were moving E from rice paddies in vicinity of 987301. They (VC/NVA) went to a cave on side of mountain. Unit called in fire mission and had 1 secondary explosion.
	0815H	5	210730H	Battalion position report, to Regt 5-3/F
	0922H	6	210800H	Forecast of Operations to Regt. 5-3/F
	1226H	7	211140H	Battalion position report to Regt 5-3/F
1345H		8	211245H	Person noon positions. 5-3/F
	1400H	9	211330H	Msg Order to Company L, 5-3/F
	1512H	10	211434H	Informed all units (3/5) of approaching storm and for crewmen to pay particular attention to the troops health. If medevacs are necessary, this care of medevacs during the hours of light, so choppers will be able to medevac people and this will eliminate the problems of medevacs at night.
	1545H	11	211445H	Battalion position report to Regt. 5-3/F
	1615H	12	211600H	Battalion position report to Regt. 5-3/F
1915H	2100H	13	210850H	Late msg: ICD, E-270 sighted 1 VC/NVA wearing green utilities. The enemy was moving E to W on trail 985305. Enemy then moved into rocks and picked up a rifle from a cave and entered.

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ICD called arty fire mission at 0654H
end of mission was 1030H. Excellent
coverage of target. Negative sur-
veillance of enemy.

1905H	2107H	14	211030H	Late Entry: R-270 ICD sighted 4 VC/VA, 1 was wearing green utilities and the other 3 were wearing Maki uniforms and 3 were armed with rifles. Unit fired 106 round and the enemy fled into a cave 10 meters to their W. 106 expended 85 more rounds with excellent coverage of target. Unable to observed results.	S-3/F
1645H		15	211605H	Received temporary 40 extension for RON Reason from Regt.	S-3/F
1704H		16	211755H	Strength Report from L 21.	S-3/F
1910H	2114H	17	211730H	ICD R-270 sighted 2 VC/VA sitting in front of a cave (907296). Both were dressed in black pajamas and 1 was wearing a cartridge belt. Unit called 106 fire mission at 1745. The VC ran into a cave to the west and the other ran into rocks to the south. Seven more rounds were fired, excellent coverage of target, however, unit was unable to observe the enemy.	S-3/F
1735H	1745H	18	211735H	Change in night code.	S-3/F
1825H		19	211825H	Reason night position report.	S-3/F
1940H	1940H	20	211940H	Typhoon warning.	S-3/F
2030H	2040H	21	212030H	Operations conducted.	S-3/F
2045H	2110H	22	212030H	ICD R-270 sighted a fire coming from the cave at 907296 which had been fired on twice earlier today. Unit again called 106 fire mission which extinguished the fire.	S-3/F
2350H	2355H	23	212315H	L 21 (R-270) personnel on line the signaling lights at 994318 and 995316. The signaling was observed	S-3/F

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for approx. 2 minutes. Unit fired
106 at 988316. Both lights were im-
mediately extinguished.

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BOF today, reported two movements 3-3/7
in support of 3/5.

Summary: 3-270 had six sightings
of enemy. In each sighting, a fire
mission was called. In all cases, the
target coverage was excellent.

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0800H	0000H	1	220001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
		2	220750H	Informed US 3 CUP of friendlies in 4-3/F their area.	
	0846H	3	220805H	Battalion position report.	3-3/F
0900H		4	220900H	Recon extracted and another inserted.	3-3/F
0901H		5	220901H	AC extension for search and des-try.	3-3/F
	0919H	6	220909H	Cleared and informed L 21 of the clearance.	3-3/F
	1109H	7	220950H	Battalion position report.	3-3/F
	1100H	8	220950H	Forecast of Operations for 23 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	3-3/F
	1236H	9	221145H	Battalion position report.	3-3/F
1212H		10	221212H	Recon noon positions.	3-3/F
1347H		11	221347H	Temporary AC extension for 1/5.	3-3/F
	1401H	12	221400H	Battalion position report.	3-3/F
1542H		13	221542H	H and G Companies 2/5 conducting sweep of area in vicinity 097366.	3-3/F
	1557H	14	221555H	Battalion position report.	3-3/F
	1730H	15	221613H	Msg Order to Company K.	3-3/F
1640H		16	221640H	Pass CROCK: 5th Marines chaps T. P. 2/1 CROCK 23 Inf.	3-3/F
	1739H	17	221755H	Battalion position report.	3-3/F
1850H		18	221850H	Recon night position report.	3-3/F
1900H		19	221900H	Temporary AC for 1/5 was approved this station.	3-3/F
2250H	2330H	20	222030H	H-270 103, observed movement	3-3/F

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approximately 300 meters from tower.
Could not tell if movement was VC/HN
or how many were there. Unit called
81mm mortar fire mission at 2040.
Good coverage of target. Unit will check
area at first light.

2035H	2045H	21	222035H	Operations conducted for 21 Nov 70 3-3/P sent to Regt.
2300H	2300H	22	222300H	Weekly Plans Summary. 3-3/P
0040H	0110H	23	222350H	CUPP C (015336) while in night position had 1 trip flare go off in front of IF position. PF told Marines that they spotted 1 enemy fleeing to the N. CUPP C fired 60mm illumination, then called 81mm illumination to sweep area, but found negative results. 3-3/P
2400H		24	222400H	TACP reported one Beacon, one T-3 and three mortars in support of 3/5. The T-3 destroyed 75 meters of tele- line and the Beacon had two large sec- ondary explosions. 3-3/P
2400H		25	222400H	PSOC fired an 81mm mortar illumina- 3-3/P tion in support of BAS CUPP at 2350 and reported negative arty fire mis- sions at into ligence fired in sup- port of 3/5.
				Summary: IGD on H-270 spotted what appeared to be enemy movement and called fire mission. 3/5 ran two air strikes which destroyed 75 meters of teleline and had two secondary ex- plosions.
2400H	2400H	26	222400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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0000H	0000H	1	230000H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
0030H	0100H	2	230030H	Informed all units of adjacent day acts for 23 Nov 70/	S-3/F
0835H	0940H	3	230710H	CUPP A on patrol (013362) spotted 2 VC/NVA in vicinity of 017357. The enemy was approx. 400 meters to the east and were moving N. 1 VC/NVA was wearing black pajamas and carrying a rifle and pack. The other VC/NVA was wearing pajamas also, but unit couldn't tell if he was wearing pack or rifle. CUPP A called 81mm mortar fire mission and swept area with negative results.	S-3/F
0810H		4	230800H	Battalion position report to Regt	S-3/F
	0930H	5	230900H	Request of Operations to Regt.	S-3/F
	1130H	6	231030H	Battalion position report to Regt	S-3/F
1230H	1300H	7	231130H	CUPP A on day patrol found 1000lbs of rice hidden in a bunker in vicinity of 001354. Unit destroyed the rice because of lack of helicopters and tactical mission.	S-3/F
1435H	1500H	8	231200H	CUPP A on day patrol found bunker in vicinity of 001352. Bunker was approx. 10'x10'x5' and was made of wood beam roof supported by steel nails, when unit exited tunnel they found another bunker in vicinity of 000354. They found 1 dead 155mm round tied to bamboo pole lying on trail. In vicinity of 999354 they found 2 plastic FRG-25 bags and 1 recently used battery well hidden in the brush. Unit found another bunker in vicinity 998354. In this bunker the unit found 2 VC bodies, who were killed by CUPP A previously. Bodies had been moved to this bunker from location of where CUPP A had killed them. One of the bodies was missing (CUPP A had killed 3 VC approx. 2 days ago).	S-3/F

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Bodies were left due to the state of decomposition. Bunkers and aid were destroyed.

1330H		9	231330H	Recon noon positions.	2-3/P
1530H		10	231530H	Strength report from Company L.	2-3/P
	1630H	11	231600H	Battalion position report.	2-3/P
1830H		12	231830H	Noon night position report.	2-3/P
2040H		13	232040H	5th Marines helilifted 2nd Plt. Co H 3/5. OICOM 3/5 effective 2300H Nov 70.	2-3/P
		14	232050H	Regt has approved flip-flop with Company and K on 24 Nov 1970.	2-3/P
2115H	2130H	15	232115H	Operations conducted	2-3/P
2125H	2245H	16	232125H	Informed all units of adjacent friendly acts.	2-3/P
2200H		17	232200H	Message from Regt concerning Co I 3/5 AC.	2-3/P
2225H		18	232225H	Information needed for flip-flop of Co N and Co K including company's frequency, number of personnel and packs to be helilifted, sent to Regt.	2-3/P
2400H		19	232400H	3/5 TAGP received 3 Marines NBC routine from Ross Combat Base.	2-3/P
2400H		20	232400H	F300 fired a contact fire mission for the 30m with 15 rounds of 107mm illumination. Regt gave communication and clearance to Bn. to coordinate the helicopters landing at Ross Combat Base and F300 system.	2-3/P
2400H	0035H	21	232400H	3/5 submitted Air Support require- ments for 24 Nov 1970 to Regt.	2-3/P

Summary: GUPP A called 6th mortar
for mission on 2 VC/RM. The unit later
discovered a bunker complex with 2 VC
bodies which they had killed two days

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prison, and 100 lbs of rice.

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0001H	0001H	1	240001H	JOURNAL COMES:	
0003H		2	240003H	Received message from Regt cancelling message dtg 220800H Nov 70.	3-3/F
0025H	0630H	3	240025H	Frsg Order to Company K.	3-3/F
0800H		4	240800H	Company M AC addition.	3-3/F
	0843H	5	240800H	Battalion position report.	3-3/F
	0900H	6	240800H	Forecast of Operation.	3-3/F
	0630H	7	240610H	Frsg Order to K 2.	3-3/F
	1055H	8	241000H	Battalion position report.	3-3/F
1100H		9	241100H	5th Marines drops CFCCH second platoon M Co 3/5 0800H 2/5.	3-3/F
1417H		10	241417H	Recon noon positions.	3-3/F
1615H	1905H	11	241615H	Battalion position report.	3-3/F
1725H	1910H	12	241725H	At 241445H Nov 70, K(-) relieved Co K 3/5 and passed CFCCH 2/5 forward.	3-3/F
1820H		13	241820H	Recon night positions.	3-3/F
1830H	2024H	14	241830H	Battalion position report.	3-3/F
1945H	2022H	15	241945H	Operations conducted for 24Nov70 sent to Regt.	3-3/F
1930H		16	241900H	At 241900H Nov 70, Co K(-) was dropped CFCCH 2/5 and helilifted to Recon Combat Base. Co K(-) replaced Co K(-) and will conduct Category III operations in Imperial Lake Area center mass vicinity 994703.	3-3/F
2005H	2025H	17	242005H	3/5 submitted 41r requirements for 25 Nov 70 to Regt. 1/4.	3-3/F
2105H	2130H	18	242105H	FF note sent to H&M SUPP.	3-3/F
2400H	2120H	19	242100H	Frsg Order to Company K 3/5.	3-3/F

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2225H	2312H	20	241704H	1st Entry: ICD 2-270 observed 3 G-3/F VC/NVA (987296) dressed in dark clothing and appeared to be armed. Unit called arty fire mission at 1950H, 50K expending 238 155mm rounds which resulted in 3 enemy KIA. One VC/NVA KIA with a direct hit. The remaining two enemy were also KIA with four direct hit while fleeing. During the fire mission there were five secondary explosions.
2400H		21	242400H	3/5 F300 shot one fire mission G-3/F for the ICD team on H-270. They also fired intelligence in our MCR.
2400H		22	242400H	3/5 F40F reported running two G-3/F troop lifts; four unknown birds were seen from Rose Combat Base, all of which were IBC. Summary: 1st Entry (135mm) reported 3 enemy KIA. Road grader traveling through the area engaged a Vietnamese female with barbed wire which was dragging from grader. The woman suffered a concussion and lacerations. 1st Ssg. will handle the situation.
2400H	2500H	23	242400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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0001H	0001H	1	250001H	JOURNAL OPENED:	
	0740H	2	250700H	Forecast of Operations to Regt.	S-3
	0820H	3	250808H	Bn position report to Regt.	S-3
0940H		4	250940H	Weather Report	S-2
	1027H	5	251005H	Bn. position report.	S-3
	1220H	6	251150H	Bn. position report.	S-3
1430H		7	251330H	Recon noon positions.	S-3
	1420H	8	251420H	Bn. position report.	S-3
	1500H	9	251421H	Change in Frag Order to M Co., also issued new Frag Order to M Co.	S-3
1800H	1830H	10	251520H	While searching hootchs in vicinity 986331, M 12 found 100 pounds of rice. Unit also found 1 ID card hidden in tunnel under hootch. No means of extracting rice available, so rice was destroyed.	S-3
	1611H	11	251600H	Bn. position report to Regt.	S-3
	1845H	12	251755H	Bn. position report to Regt.	S-3
1900H		13	251805H	Recon night position report.	S-3
2355H	0150H	14	252157H	L 21 H-270 post three on H-270 received 6 grenades around their position. The post returned SAP. Shortly thereafter there were 4 rockets fired over the hill impacting at 009- suspected launch sight 986309. Unit fired 81mm illum and HE into draw to the northeast. IOD on H-270 called Arty illum and HE fire mission on suspected enemy position. A Basketball was on station, and cyclops at Ross Combat Base provided additional illum. Unit will search out area at first light.	S-3

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2012H	100H	15	252012H	Operations conducted for 25 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	2-3
2215H	2300H	16	252205H	informed L 1 and was CDR of 17 plato in the r area.	2-3
2315H	2330H	17	252315H	Air requirements for 3/5 for 26 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	2-3
2400H		18	252400H	3/5 2500 ran 1 reserve from Combat Base and called one Basketball team in support of H-27.	2-3
2400H		19	252400H	3/5 2500 Delta Battery fired a mission and observed from a tower at this position for instructional purposes. File and Delta (155's and 156's) fired a contact fire mission in support of H-270 expending a total of 163 rounds.	2-3
SUMMARY:					
L 1 found 100 pounds of rice. L 21 H-270 received 6 grenades and 4 rockets.					
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0900H	0910H	2	260519H	ICD HILL 270 observed 9 VC around a camp fire at 091337. VC were dressed in assorted clothing and no weapons were observed. Unit called 105mm fire mission at 0519H. Delta Battery delivered 24 WP and 80MM rounds. EOM 0610. Unit observed a secondary explosion approx the size of an LVT mortar. Unit also observed 4 direct hits on enemy camp fire. Resulting in 3 VC KIA.	2-3
0825H	0845H	3	260800H	Bn position report.	2-3
0900H	0952H	4	260900H	Forecast of operations for 27 Nov 70	2-3
1135H	1215H	5	261200H	Bn position report.	2-3
1500H	1520H	6	261255H	Follow up L 21 searched draw north east of HILL 270, where unit received the previous night, 6 chi e n grenades, with negative results.	2-3
1400H	1515H	7	261400H	Bn position report.	2-3
1417H		8	261427H	Msg Order to company Mike	2-3
1435H	1445H	9	261435H	RF night acts sent to HAD CO.	2-3
1600H	1720H	10	261600H	Bn position report.	2-3
1940H	0140H	11	261715H	B 3 enroute to P12, unit found 1 beehive trap (009354), consisting of (One mortar round with pressure release type firing device, set along side of trail. Unit destroyed beehive trap.	2-3
1945H	0146H	12	261800H	B 3 while setting in P12 (009354) received 4 sniper rounds from 2 partially destroyed goches. Unit fired 40 M-16 rounds and 20 M-79 rounds then proceeded to search area with negative results.	2-3
1900H	1900H	13	261900H	Bn position report.	2-3

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1800H		14	261000H	Seen night positions	2-3
1900H	1915H	15	261900H	3rd Bn, 5th Mar Air support re- quirements for 27 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	2-3
2000H	2022H	16	262000H	Bn position report.	2-3
2130H	2140H	17	262130H	Operations conducted for 26 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	2-3
2330H	2355H	18	262330H	Friendly adjacent day note for 27 Nov 70 sent to HAS GUP and HILL 270 TOD Team.	2-3
2400H		19	262400H	3/5 TACP report: L 21 HILL 270 ran 5 TAC's, destroying 3 hooches 2 caves and fighting holes, 3 secondary fires and 1 sustained fire believed to be from enemy rockets, and a possible 3 enemy killed. TACP also ran several NBC measures from Ross Combat Base.	2-3
SUMMARY:					
HILL 270 ran 5 air strikes with notable results. M 3 discovered on booby trap and received sniper wounds while set- ting in FPB ² .					
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755H	0810H	2	270755H	Bn position report.	S-3
0950H	1000H	3	270955H	Bn position report.	S-3
1040H	1125H	4	271001H	Forecast of operations for 28 Nov 70.	S-3
1140H	1150H	5	271030H	M 3 (991340) while searching area found small tunnel 4x1x3 feet. Tunnel was searched with negative results and destroyed.	S-3
1132H	1135H	6	271132H	Frak Order to Co B 3/5.	S-3
1225H	1305H	7	271200H	M 2 (967316) received 5 AR-47 sniper rounds from a dense area to the east. Unit returned S&F and proceeded to search area, while searching area, unit received approx 10 AR-47 rounds semi-automatic fire from 990316. Unit returned S&F and 2x60mm mortars and searched area with negative results.	S-3
1320H		8	271320H	Noon day positions	S-3
1700H	1741H	9	271700H	Advised BAS CUP of 17 night acts in their AC.	S-3
1750H		10	271750H	Noon night positions	S-3
1800H	1805H	11	271800H	Notified the Gen of Alpha CUP of night position.	S-3
1900H	1920H	12	271900H	Submitted air support requirements for 28 Nov 70.	S-3
1955H	2020H	13	271955H	Operations conducted for 27 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	S-3
2135H	2305H	14	272135H	Delayed message from JCB Dean on HILL 27 to Regt regarding the improvement of HILL 270.	S-3
2240H	2320H	15	272240H	Notified BAS CUP and Co B of 17 day acts for 28 Nov 70 in their AC's.	S-3

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0100H	0115H	16	272245H	Alpha OGP (024225) working with S-3 unit, while in night position, received 1 M-26 grenade from unknown number of VC/BVA. One enemy was observed fleeing toward south-southwest. FPs initiated S&P and called 11 rounds of flame and star illum. FPs and Alpha OGP far nos searched area twice with no results.	
2400H		17	272400H	3/5 F300 shot 2 f res missions expending a total of 55 rounds. And fired 12 rounds on itail targets.	S-3
2400H		18	272400H	3/5 TACP m 3 recovery missions from S-3 Base CB. L 21 called AC on station for observation of area.	

SUMMARY:

M 3 found a small tunnel 4x1x3 feet.
M 2 received a prox 15 rounds of AL-47 sniper fire FPs working with Al he OGP received 1 incoming grenade.

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0835H		2	280835H	PF's requested 3/5 clear grids 005- 5-3 306 and 998306 for a one day raiding party. Due to Marines working in area, PF's were refused.	
0850H	0855H	3	280830H	Bn position report	2-3
0930H	0935H	4	280930H	Forecast of operations	2-3
0940H	0955H	5	280940H	Bn position report	2-3
1030H	1030H	6	281030H	Co M night acts sent to 100 team on H-270	2-3
1130H	1145H	7	281130H	Bn position report	2-3
1100H	1120H	8	281100H	Informed M Co that 100 spotted 8 enemy at 991295 and an unknown number of VC at 989502	2-3
1230H		9	281200H	Recon day positions	2-3
1550H	1615H	10	281550H	Frng Order to Co M	2-3
1455H	1555H	11	281300H	Charlie GUS (018337) was told by PF leader that a female informer who had been serving as a double agent had been shot by VC/NVA (14328). Unit dispatched a patrol to area and found the female dead from gunshot wound in the back. Woman's name was Vien aged 35 years. Unit left body to be buried by her family.	2-3
2145H	2215H	12	281420H	M 11 (001295) while on patrol received 5 rounds automatic weapon fire. believed to be from M-60 machine gun. Unit returned fire with M-16's and M-79's. Spt area with negative results.	2-3
1600H	1625H	13	281600H	Bn position report	2-3
1650H		14	281650H	USM Enemy headquarters elements of P4 are currently located at 974993; 977308; 983390.	2-3

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21 00H	2115H	15	281700H	N 11 (995295) patrol observed 1 VC/NVA with weapons fleeing west to high ground from village (995295). N 11 pursued VC/NVA and left 3 men to search hooch from which he fled. 3 men searched hooch with negative results. As they were preparing to set up security 1 Marine was shot in back by a sniper and died instantly. Remaining 2 Marines picked up his weapon and went off for squad for help. N 11 lost fleeing VC in zooka. N 12 was sent after body. With the aid of Arty illum and Basket-ball Unit recovered body at 230720H Nov 7	S-3
1810H		16	281810H	Person night position report	S-3
1830H	1842H	17	281830H	IF night note sent to Hqs Co and Co K	S-3
1930H	2020H	18	281930H	Bn position report	S-3
2030H	2040H	19	282030H	Operations conducted for 29 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	S-3
2130H	2145H	20	282130H	3/5 Air support requirements for 29 Nov 70 sent to Regt.	S-3
2325H	2345H	21	282325H	Friendly adjacent day note for 29 Nov 70 sent to Hqs Co, 1st Bn Co K.	S-3
2400H		22	282400H	3/5 7000 one illumination flare mission in support of N 1	S-3
2400H		23	282400H	3/5 BACP today ran one (negative surveillance) and interrogated 4 Marines from Regt 33 ABC Re time	S-3
				NOTE: One female double agent was reported shot and killed by VC/NVA. One Marine in Co K was killed in action.	
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0200H		2	290800H	Casualty report from Co M	2-3
0800H	0811H	3	290800H	Bn position Report	2-3
1000H	1110H	4	291600H	Forecast of operations for 30 Nov 70 sent to Regt	2-3
1200H	1240H	5	291600H	M 11 (994304) while on day patrol found a daisy chain of 12 LAMAs. The LAMA was pointed straight down trail facing east, and others were spread on either side of the trail. The chain would have been detonated by command detonation. Baby trap destroyed.	2-3
1145H	1245H	6	291630H	M 1 (011306) on day patrol observed 1 male ag 30 fleeing from patrol. While pursuing male M 1 received 10 rounds of sniper fire from 014303. Unit returned 7 rounds of M-16 fire and fired 1 round M-79 at fleeing male causing him to halt, and enabling unit to detain him. Detainee was brought to Base Combat Base and transported to Balby Combat Base.	2-3
1145H	1415H	7	291145H	Bn position report	2-3
1200H		8	291200H	Recon day positions	2-3
1345H	14 5H	9	291345H	Bn position report	2-3
11 00H		10	291045H	Regt requests to AC attention for 2/1.	2-3
1500H	1510H	11	291500H	AC attention was answered as modified	2-3
1531H	1604H	12	291531H	Frng Order to Co M	2-3
1600H	1619H	13	291600H	IF night sets sent to B&S CAMP	2-3
1600H	1640H	14	291600H	Bn position report	2-3
1830H		15	291800H	Recon night position	2-3
1800H	1840H	16	291800H	Bn position report	2-3

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2015H	2030H	17	292015H	Operations conducted 29 Nov 70	S-3
2030H	2100H	18	292000H	Submitted 3/5 Air requirements for 30 Nov 70 to Regt.	S-3
2240H	2255H	19	292240H	Weekly plans summary	S-3
2245H		20	292245H	Received message from Regt to dis- regard AO extent on request DTG 291040H Nov 70.	S-3
2400H		21	292400H	3/5 F303 reported firing negative intells or fire missions in support of 3/5.	S-3
2400H		22	292400H	3/5 TACP ran two radars from Base CH today.	S-3
SUMMARY					
M 11 discovered a daily chain of booby trapped LAHs. M 1 Gate had one Vietnamese wala.					
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0600H	0700H	1	300001H	J. GERALD CHERRY:	
0930H	0945H	2	300930H	Percent of operations for 1 Dec 70	2-3
0945H	0945H	3	300945H	Bn position report	2-3
1045H	1205H	4	301145H	Recent day positions	2-3
1400H		5	301200H	Bn position report	2-3
1350H		6	301350H	Regt approved extensions for 3rd Inf Div	2-3
1500H		7	301500H	Operation Hoang Phn has been extended till 021500H Dec 70	2-3
1910H	2024H	8	301520H	N 21 (204320) while on day patrol, observed 2 VC/NVA wearing green clothing and peaks at 907329. Enemy were moving in a southerly direction and no weapons were visible. Unit continued fire with approx 75 rounds M-16. VC fled into heavy brush. Area was swept with negative results.	2-3
1545H	1550H	9	301545H	Bn position report	2-3
1550H	1600H	10	301550H	24 night sets sent to 2nd Bn	2-3
1610H		11	301610H	Modification to 23rd Inf Div AC from Regt.	2-3
1710H	1730H	12	301710H	Prng Order to Co B.	2-3
1730H	1920H	13	301730H	Bn position report.	2-3
1830H	1845H	14	301830H	3/5 air support commitments for 1 Dec 70.	2-3
1840H		15	301840H	Recent night positions	2-3
2100H	2130H	16	302120H	Co L strength report sent to Regt	2-3
2200H	2201H	17	302200H	Operations conducted for 30 Nov 70	2-3
2400H		18	302400H	3/5 Regt can handle routine operations from Regt	

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3/5 F500 observed negative fire
missions in support of 3rd Bn, 5th
Marines today.

SUMMARY:

Co I (OPCON 2/5) Commanding Officer
was killed in action. M 2 initiated
SAP on 2 VO/NVA with negative results.

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