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1st Battalion, 7th Marines
1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1-31 March 1970

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

1st Battalion, 7th Marines

LtCol C. G. COOPER

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Company

1stLt D. L. ANDREWS

Company "A"

Capt J. K. VANRIPER

Company "B"

1stLt J. M. DOSS

Company "C"

1stLt J. D. DEARE

Company "D"

1stLt W. A. CAMPBELL

STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major J. R. CURNUTT

S-1

Capt G. L. GORTON (1-10 Mar 70)
Capt S. G. LADA (11-31 Mar 70)

S-1A

1stLt J. E. ALLANSON

S-2

2ndLt L. S. GRANT

S-3

Major R. E. THEER

S-3A

1stLt J. A. HAGAN (1-2 March 70)
Capt T. D. STOUTER (3-31 March 70)

S-4

Capt C. W. J. STANAT

S-5

2ndLt C. S. MYERS

CommO

2ndLt M. L. GLAS

SupplyO

1stLt R. R. EMERY

MTO

1stLt R. F. MARYE

ALO

1stLt R. H. BOEHM

FAC

1stLt D. D. DUNN

BnChap

Lt B. T. VISOCKY

BnDentO

None

BnMedO

Lt D. G. URBAN

ENCLOSURE (1)

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AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCOFF ENL

39 1052

USNOFF ENL

3 54

CASUALTIES SUSTAINEDUSMC

KIA 3
 DOW 0
 WIA 24
 WIANE 15
 NBC 85
 DIA 0
 DOD 0
 ACCDINJ 0

USN

KIA 0
 DOW 0
 WIA 2
 WIANE 0
 NBC 4
 DIA 0
 DOD 0
 ACCDINJ 0

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The battalion was employed as regimental maneuver element during March. From 5 to 7 March the battalion participated in a Division initiated cordon and search operation south of the Marble Mountain complex in the vicinity of BT 1066. During the period 9 to 16 March, in response to intelligence reports, the battalion, with RF Company 743 attached, conducted sweep and clear operations in the Song Ly Ly Valley southwest of LZ Baldy. The operation resulted in several small contacts, and numerous cave and tunnel complexes along with enemy prepared bunkers were found and destroyed or impregnated with CS Crystals. On 16 March the battalion helilifted from the Song Ly Ly Valley to conduct rice denial/search and clear operations in the Phu Loc Valley. On 18 March the battalion helilifted from the Phu Loc Valley back to LZ Baldy in order to complete plans for a heliborne assault into Antenna Valley. On 19 March this helilift was postponed due to poor weather. On 20 March the battalion command group and two companies conducted a heliborne assault into Antenna Valley to provide security for a Division Ground Surveillance Team implanting seismic devices. A total of six sensor beds were implanted on major enemy LOC's crossing the valley. On 24 March the battalion was again helilifted into Phu Loc Valley to conduct rice denial/search and clear operations. Company A continued operations in the Combined Unit Pacification Program (CUPP) OPCON 7th Marines.

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TOPICSa. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

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- (1) Capt S. G. LADA relieved Capt G. GORTON as Adjutant on 11 March 1970.
- (2) There were no significant events in administration recorded during this period.

2. WEATHER AND TERRAIN

MAXIMUM: 88°F.
 MINIMUM: 68°F.

3. INTELLIGENCE

a. Usually reliable sources, low level agent reports and interrogation reports from Chieu Hoi's indicate that elements of the following units were operating within the battalion's AO during March.

- (1) 90th Regt
- (2) 31st Regt
- (3) 36th Regt
- (4) Front 4 Forward
- (5) 3rd Sapper Bn
- (6) 10th Sapper Bn
- (7) 105th MF Bn
- (8) GK-33 Mortar Bn

4. SIGNIFICANT TRENDS

a. The number of AP boobytrap incidents has decreased. All boobytraps were found along trails and in CP sites. AT mines incidents remained on the same level as last month.

b. No rocket attacks were reported during the month.

c. Enemy initiated contacts decreased during March, probably due to the enemy preparation for the spring offensive.

5. CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT

MINES AND BOOBYTRAPS

AP FOUND: 3
 AP DETONATED: 3
 AT FOUND: 1
 AT DETONATED: 4

WEAPONS

01-AK 47

ORDNANCE

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08-Chicoms
01-155mm Rd
02-82mm Rds
02-105mm Rds
02-RPG Rds
01-175 Rd
801- AK Rds

782 GEAR

06-Packs
03-Canteens
01-Helmet
01-Belt
02-Ponchos
01-AK Magazine
01-Hammock
02-Cartridge belt
01-Pair sandals

PROVISIONS

Rice: 4405 lbs
Potatoes: 125 lbs

CAPTURED U. S. EQUIPMENT

01-Canteen
01-E-Tool
01-M-16 Magazine
01-Mosquito Net

MISCELLANEOUS CAPTURED CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

Assorted documents
Assorted utilities
Assorted cooking gear
Assorted medical supplies
Nurse uniform
Wallet
03-NVA bags
02-Bush covers
01-Ammunition can
02-ID cards
01-Diary

KIA'S

VC-04
NVA-13

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DETAINÉES

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POW'S

02

CHIEF HOI'S

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6. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

Emphasis was placed on small unit patrols and ambushes throughout the AO.

7. PLANS

During April, the battalion is scheduled to assume operational control of the "Eastern AO" and conduct Category II, rice denial/search and clear operations in close coordination with GVN forces. The battalion will assume responsibility for the fire support coordination of LZ Baldy and the adjacent AO and will provide security for road sweep teams and construction battalion personnel. Emphasis in the coming month will be on population control and night operations.

8. TRAINING

Normal training was conducted during the month. Additionally, sixteen (16) men were trained in the use and operation of the XM-191 Multi-Shot Portable Flame Weapon.

9. LOGISTICAL AND SUPPLY

a. During March the logistical efforts of the battalion centered around movement of the battalion from FSB ROSS to LZ Baldy, resupply of the battalion in the field in its role as maneuver battalion, and the provision of rehabilitation facilities for companies on their return from the field.

b. Resupply of the battalion has continued with no critical shortages of supplies and equipment.

c. The status of the cantonment has improved with emphasis placed on police and sanitation.

d. Maintenance of motor transport vehicles continues to be a problem with a higher number of M151 and M274 vehicles being turned in for third echelon repair. This situation is being slowly corrected as Code "H" letters are issued and replacement vehicles assigned to the battalion.

e. There are no difficulties with either air or ground transportation.

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f. Embarkation records are being brought up to date. There are no outstanding reports and the Battalion is C-1 in equipment and C-2 in equipment readiness.

10. ARTILLERY SUPPORT

During March, India Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines fired direct support for 1st Battalion, 7th Marines; Hotel Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines and Kilo Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines provided direct and general support. 4500 rounds were expended by the three battalions in support of 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.

11. TACTICAL AIR CONTROL PARTY

- a. Resupply: 288,050 pounds
- b. Medevacs: emergency: 13; priority: 16; routine: 14; permanent routine: 4; unknown: 0.
- c. Air observers: requested 9; received 9.
- d. Troop lifts: requested 9; received 9; 3,588 PAX.
- e. Spooky: requested 0; received 0.
- f. Basketball: requested 6; received 6.
- g. Air strikes: requested 9; received 2; extra: 0.
- h. TOTAL BDA

02 Structures destroyed
280 meters trench and treeline destroyed

12. CIVIL AFFAIRS AND CIVIC ACTION

- a. Continuous psychological operations in support of Marine activities were conducted with leaflet drops and aerial broadcasts.
- b. The battalion worked with Company A CUPP units to supply building materials and requested school supplies for a school at BT 100509.
- c. Solatium payment duties were performed.

13. MEDICAL

- a. During March the Battalion Aid Station was adequately staffed.
- b. Medcaps have been held on a daily basis by the corpsmen of Company A CUPP. It is estimated that approximately 135 Vietnamese were treated daily from 1 March 70 through 31 March 70.
- c. The malaria rate has 'increase' during the month of March but has not risen above the normal for the season.
- d. A triage bunker would greatly increase the effectiveness of the Battalion Aid Station should LZ Baldy come under attack.

- e. An adequate amount of medical supplies is on hand.
- f. There has been continuous improvement in all aspects of sanitation.
- g. Medical evacuation from LZ Baldy was handled rapidly and efficiently with no reduction in the quality of treatment of the sick and injured.
- h. Breakdown of personnel treated at the Battalion Aid Station during the month:

Gastro-intestinal disturbances (nausea, diarrhea, cramps, etc)	187
Shrapnel wounds	4
Fevers	57
Psychiatric problems	9
Physical exams	12
Routine medevacs	51
Priority medevacs	6
Miscellaneous (headaches, colds, immersion foot fractures, sprains, venereal diseases, jungle ulcers, etc.)	464
Military personnel treated at Battalion Aid Station	568
Civilian personnel treated at Battalion Aid Station	4
Total of personnel treated at Battalion Aid Station	572
Approximate number of civilians treated on Medcaps by Company A CUPP	4050

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14. COMMUNICATIONS

a. General. Upon completion of the move from FSB ROSS to LZ Baldy the platoon continued to improve communications.

b. The platoon supplied personnel for the forward command post and maintained communications in the rear.

c. At the present time the message center is in the process of establishing teletype communications with the regimental message center. Throughout the month the Communication Platoon prepared for the Command Material Management Inspection.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓TAB "A" DAILY JOURNALS

✓TAB "B" FMAG ORDERS 1-70 w/TAB-B #1

2-70 w/TAB-B #2

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 010001H
To: 012400H

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 020001H
To: 022400H

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 030001H
To: 042400H

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Place: Que Son, RVN
 From: 050001H
 To: 052400H

JOURNAL

Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
	10	050130H	B- moving from LZ captured 01 VC w/AK47. Forward him to CP for interrogation.	F/S
050315H				
050530H	11	050345H	B-completing CORDON came upon 17 VN females carrying greens & vegetables. Detained and sent to Bn CP	F/S
050550H				
	12	051005H	B 1/5-setting in CP obs 05 VN males Sent to S-2 to be interrogated.	F/S
051050H				
051130H	13	051045H	C Co.-blocking force at pos. Sptd 09 VN along beach. Sent C11 to chk. ID w/neg/res. Sent to Bn CP for interrogation.	F/S
051145H	14	051130H	OPCON 25 Co., 5th Bn, 2d Brg. RFs found 01 bamboo underwater bridge (098640). Also found 01 mine(096643)	F/S
051235H	15	050930H	B Co.-sptd 23 VN rummaging thru old CP. Sqd. detained VNs without incident.	F/S
051450H	16	051415H	Results of detainees. 17 VN sent to 2/1 for further interrogation, 07 released to District HQ, Other 49 awaiting further action.	F/S
051515H				

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 070001H
To: 082400H

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From: 090001H
To: 092400H

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Place: Que Son, RVN
 From: 100001H
 To: 102400H

JOURNAL

Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
101005H	25	100945H	B2 on patrol found 1000 lbs of rice buried in bins and crooks in hedge- row.	#1
101040H				F/S
101115H	26	101000H	D2 found 81 AK47 in bomb shelter in PPB site. confiscated rounds.	#2
101140H				F/S
101315H	27	101200H	C2 setting into pos. found 01 NVA seabag in tree line. Fwd seabag to Bn CP.	#3
101315H				F/S
101500H	28	101330H	D1 on patrol found a well camouflaged bamboo hootch w/capacity of 6-7 people. Destroyed it	#4
101555H				F/S
101745H	29	101030H	B Co. in def. pos. detained 01 VN female & 01 baby. Neg ID card. Res. 02 Detainees.	#5
101753H				F/S
101950H	30	101830H	D Co. in nite pos sptd 05 VC mvg W. Called 81mm. sptd 05 more in area called arty. Unk res.	#6
102205H				F/S
101950H	31	101700H	D Co on patrol found 01 250 lb dud on slope of hill. Blew in place.	#7
102135H				F/S
101950H	32	101630H	D Co. on patrol sptd 05 VC moving E 500meters to SE. Set in ambush & Called 81mm. Neg res.	#8
102150H				F/S
102117H	33	102015H	D33 on patrol sptd 02 VC w/packs & weapons. Engaged w/s/a's & M60. Swept area with neg/res.	#9
102215H				F/S
102230H	34	102100H	CP pos detected enemy movement in front of pos. Engaged in s/a's, Claymore, arty and 81mm ill. Swept area with neg res.	#10
				F/S

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Place: One Son, RVN
 From: 110001H
 To: 112400H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
111030H	35	110800H	C1 on patrol came across a no. of hootches. One contained a VN Male who did not have an ID card. Res. 01 detainee.	#1
111140H				F/S
111130H	36	111110H	M6 RF Co. #743 OECON, found 01 50 Cal. barrel in bunker. Fwd to RF rear.	#2
111145H				F/S
111145H	37	111130H	CP found new area honeycombed with numerous tunnels, caves and spider holes. Hasty sweep w/neg res.	#3
111159H				F/S
111212H	38	111212H	CP while sweeping new CP area det. 10 VN. only 01 had ID card. Fwd 09 to 9th IPT for classification.	#4
111335H				F/S
111436H	39	111330H	D23 on patrol discovered cave and tunnel complex w/5 lb bag of polished rice.	#5
				F/S
111500H	40	111400H	MP-C, observed 20 armed VC along stream, engaged w/s/a's. VC ret'd fire and fled. Res 01 VC KIA.	#6
111640H				F/S
112020H	41	111920H	D23 in nite pos obs. 01 VC on trail Engaged in s/a's & M60. Res. 01 VC KIA.	#7
112040H				F/S
112210H	42	112140H	MP D in nite pos red 01 incoming Chicom. Swept area with neg res.	#8
112253H				F/S
112335H	43	112325H	MP D at nite pos red 01 incoming Chicom. Neg/res.	#9
112345H				F/S

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To: 122400H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
121020H	44	120850H	C3 on daylight patrol fd freshly dug earth. uncovered and found a huge crock w/apprx 500 lbs of unpolished rice. Fwd to rear.	#1
121025H			F/S	
121030H	45	120900H	CP on patrol, at 084336, found 01 airtight metal box containing 720 AK rds, 01 disarmed 155 rd, and 01 mosquito net. Destd rds & equip.	#2
121105H			F/S	
121125H	46	121115H	B3 on patrol found 02 NVA packs at 107357, Brought packs to CP	#3
121150H			F/S	
121130H	47	121100H	D2 in CP found 01 dud 105 rd at 096342. Blew in place	#4
121145H			F/S	
121330H	48	121300H	C def per, 095356, discovered 01 tunnel along river bank. Also disc: 01 NVA bush cover with blood. Eng. blew tunnel.	#5
121335H			F/S	
121520H	49	121100H	RF 6 #743, on patrol obs 06 VC/NVA moving West. Set in hast ambush but was sptd. and VC fled. Engaged in s/a's. Swept area and recovered	#6
121540H			F/S	
			ammo can and some documents. Forwarded Documents to IIT.	
121700H	50	121645H	C3 returning to pos detained 01 VC male. KCS suspected man to be VC. Man had ID card but sent to BN rear	#7
121740H			F/S	
121720H	51	121645H	C Co. in pos 095356, obs cows going into cave. Investigated cave and fd 05 cows. Engineers blew cave.	#8
121740H			F/S	
121950H	52	121825H	1/7 CP sptd 03 VC at 092328, about 700 meters from pos. Called 81mm mission. Due to time & dis. did not sweep area.	#9
122005H			F/S	

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Place: QUE SON, RVN
From: 130001H
To: 132400H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
131149H	57	131000H	C Co. moving in CP came across 01 VN female and 02 children. female did not have ID card. Sent detainees to TTT on resupply bird	#1 F/S
131215H				
131330H	58	131130H	MP2 in search of ville at 083383 questioned 01 male & 01 female in hootch. Hootch had false wall contained ID cards and 500 lbs of spoiled unhusked rice. Further ques. brought neg res. CTF man believes male is CADRE. Fwd male to TTT on resupply chopper.	#2 F/S
131350H				
131445H	59	131300H	1/7 CP, F troop US Army sptd 15 VC in open. Fire 81mm mission for F troop. Army swept area	#3 F/S
131505H				
131845H	60	131635H	C1 sptd 01 VC apprx 300 meters away Challenged and engaged w/s/a's. Also found 01 VC in cave. RES. 02 VCS, 01 M26 frag. At 079353.	#4 F/S
131845H				
131900H	61	131330H	D2 on day patrol at 083338 found various medical and ordinance thru out the entire 250 meter radius.	#5 F/S
132115H				
131930H	62	131905H	D21 in nite ambush sptd 04 VC with rifles and packs. Engaged w/s/a's. Swept area with neg results.	#6 F/S
132015H				
132020H	63	132010H	D in nite ambush sptd 01 VC male moving North. Engaged w/M60 & s/a. Res. 01 VC KIA.	#7 F/S

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 To: 152400H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
150955H	68	150930H	C Co. on patrol sptd 03 VN males. When challenged suspects ran. Fired 01 warning shot. They stopped, were questioned and released.	#1 F/S
151100H				
151115H	69	151034H	1/7 CP patrol found bunker complex w/7 small bunkers surrounding. It was impregnated with CS crystals. 095344.	#2 F/S
151200H				
151210H	70	151130H	D Co. on patrol sptd 01 VC in rear of hamlet. Started running and Engaged w/s/a's. 096328. Swept area with neg res.	#3 F/S
151244H				
151215H	71	151145H	C3 Combat patrol sptd 10 VC running into treeline. 065321. Called arty and swept area with neg results.	#4 F/S
151245H				
151715H	72	151645H	1/7 CP patrol located 17 sleeping bunkers. No sign of recent occupants. 085333, Engineers impregnated with CS crystals	#5 F/S
151740H				
151940H	73	151900H	D33 in squad amb site observed 07 VC w/rifles & packs moving into tree-line. Called arty mission. Did not sweep due to distance and darkness.	#6 F/S
152005H				
	74	152150H	D32 in nite amb pos, observed M79 rd impact old nite pos. Called 81 mission with exc. coverage. Unknown results.	#7 F/S
152230H				
160045H	75	151150H	B Co. in sqd amb sptd 03 VC moving on trail. 01 w/weapon. Engaged in s/a. Called 60, 155, and 81 Ill. Swept area and fd heavy blood trails.	#8 F/S
160130H				

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170855H	77	170800H	B31 on patrol sptd 04 VC/NVA. Chal-	#1
170920H			lenged suspects and engaged in s/a. Res. 03 VC/NVA KIA. 01 Detainee who volunteered to lead pat. to arms cache.	F/S
171000H	78	170800H correction to.	01 detainee was seriously wounded earlier from spinal wound. He pointed out area and subsequently died of wounds. Sqd searched area and re-	#2
171030H			covered 04 Chicoms. Chicoms were blown in place. Res. 01 VC KIA	F/S
171000H	79	170930H	D22 on patrol found 01 250 lb. Blev	#3
171035H			bomb in place.	F/S
171100H	80	171015H	B31 on patrol sptd 01 cave entrance booby trapped with chicom. Disarmed	#4
171125H			booby trap and found food still cooking. Further search with neg res.	F/S
171210H	81	171145H	G21 on patrol had man step on pressure detonated booby trap. M26 frag.	#5
171230H			Res. 02 WIA.	F/S
171545H	82	171500H	B12 on patrol sptd spider type cave complex. Exhaustive search uncovered	#6
171655H			01 NVA pack, 01 16 mag, 01 50 cal ammo box empty.	F/S
171655H	83	171600H	D22 on patrol located bunker complex at 045474. Further search w/neg res.	#7
171700H				F/S
171850H	84	171630H	01 during FAM fire. 01 M60 cook off	#8
171915H			round. Results. 02 NBC.	F/S

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From: 190001
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 From: 220001
 To: 222400

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
211100H	89	210945H	B3 (939364) on patrol found 01 NVA decomposed body along trail. Cause of death unk. Further search revealed various medical supplies. Fwd to CP	#1 F/S
211220H				
211130H	90	211115H	C (923274) returning from water run found 01 old 105 rd in rice paddy. Blew in place.	#2 F/S
211220H				
211300H	91	211225H	C on patrol (926384) sptd 10 VN males 02 had packs. Called 81 and arty. Enemy moved S across valley.	#3 F/S
211330H				
211200H	92	211120H	C on patrol (929371) found 04 open graves containing bodies badly decomposed. Cause of death unk.	#3 F/S
211325H				
211545H	93	211505H	C12 obt plt (909382) rec'd 04 s/a fire from 04 NVA 200 meter to North. Engaged in s/a and swept are w/neg results.	#4 F/S
211555H				
211715H	94	211645H	C33 (929376) on censor implant pat. Sptd 01 NVA to W. Engaged in s/a. Enemy fled N. Swept area w/neg/res.	#5 F/S
211900H				
211810H	95	211800H	S2B attachment placed 03 strings of 04 sensors each at (940365), (930375) and 927377).	#6 F/S
211915H				

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
221030H	96	221015H	CP platoon on patrol found 02 82mm #1 rds w/o fuses buried in paddy dike.	
221015H			Blew in place. (912368)	F/S
221140H	97	221120H	CP platoon on patrol continuing	#2
221215H			tripped 01 SFD buried in mud. It had a delayed fuse. Medivacs compt at 1205.	F/S
221425H	98	221120H	Follow up spot report on boobytrap	#3
221425H			was 82 or 60mm with a M26 attached. B/T on knoll which afforded maximum effect. Diagram fwd to Rear.	F/S
221420H	99	221215H	CP patrol returning to pos were fld #4 by 06 VN children. They wished to be evaced to DUC DUC District. Were	F/S
221515H			evaced and handled as refugees.	
221620H	100	221530H	02 (900372) blocking force sptd 03 #5 VC w/weapons to SE. Could not engaged because 03 VN stepped in line of fire.	F/S
221915H			Detained VN. While questioning sptd	
			07 VC/NVA 600 meters to SE. Engaged in s/a and M79. Swept area with neg res. Sent detainees to ITT.	
221845H	101	221500H	B (923353) blocking force sptd 03 #6 VC/NVA about 400 meters away. Followed and swept area and fd 03 hooches and	F/S
221920H			03 tunnels. Remained in area for nite.	
221950H	102	221920H	031 (906376) in nite A/site. Took #7 04 incoming s/a fire from treeline.	
222005H			Engaged in s/a and M79. Swept area with neg res.	F/S

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
260820H	115	260730H	C Co. (260730) on day light patrol sptd 01 Vn male carrying Boxes. He ran. Was pursued and detained. Also Detained 08 VN running East. Will forward detainees to IIT.	#1
260950H				F/S
260912H	116	260700H	B23, B21 Swept area of ambush site (017498) from 252100. Followed 02 Blod trails until they disappeared. Neg res.	#2
261011H				F/S
261520H	117	261445H	C32 (072487) on patrol discovered 13 bunkers. Also fd 01 105 HE rd. Blew 05 bunkers, CS impregnated o8 and blew 105 rd.	#3
261725H				F/S
261830H	118	261545H	C Co. on patrol found 01 dud 105HE round. Blew in place. (017448).	#4
261735H				F/S
261750H	119	261650H	CP in Daytime OP (058471) sptd 03 VC/NVA Camouflaged and w/packs. Snipers engaged & hits 01. Body was dragged into tree line. Called 811s	#5
				F/S

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
301130H	132	301125H	1/7 OP (058471) sptd 05 VC/NVA mvg 2000 meters SW. Snipers engaged in fire. Res 01 WIA. Called 81 mortar mission	#1
301215H				F/S
301500H	133	301200H	D in CP pos (998482) had 01 man detonated 01 dud Cofram. Res USMC 01 KIA, 01 WIA. Area littered with numerous dud conframs. Will submit overlay of area to rear.	#2
301705H				F/S
301500H	134	301400H	D Co. at Company CP grounding gear had one man detonate M26 Pressure fuse. Res. 01 USMC KIA, 08 WIAs. Will send sketch to MH-6.	#5
301745H				F/S
301725H	135	301450H	Squad patrol (051450) located approx 50 undetonated cofram mines.	#4
301835H				F/S
301820H	136	301400H	D1 (011484) PHU LOC Valley floor infested with bomblets. Area extremely hazardous to friendly troops.	#5
301845H				F/S
302000H	137	301845H	1/7 CP (052476) sptd 03 boats mvg down river. Boats stopped at 03 different spots in river. Called 4.2 mission from ROKC.	#6
302030H				F/S

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Det, I Battery, 3rd Bn, 11th Marines

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Det, I Battery, 3rd Bn, 11th Marines

Det, 81mm Mortar Plat, H&S Co

Det, Comm Plat, H&S Co

1st Plat, 743 MP Co

Det, Sniper Plat, 7th Marines

Company D (-) (H&S)

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Det, Sniper Plat, 7th Marines

Battalion Reserve

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Regional Forces Co 743 (-)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. Enemy units located in or adjacent to the Cham Lam area of the Song Ly Ly Valley consist of the 2nd Battalion 31st NVA Regiment, 3rd

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Battalion 31st WIA Regiment, Military Intelligence Section, Military Region Five, and various local guerrilla elements.

b. Friendly.

(1) 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. At L-2 one company establishes and maintains screen/block vicinity HFO44126 to vicinity HFO41310. One platoon secures alternate IS Bertha (HFO57357) prior to L-Hour.

(2) COMP. (Company A, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines) Continue present mission and provide screen/block on north of area of operation.

(3) Artillery. Battery I, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines direct support 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. Provide artillery preparation of landing zones Karam and Nancy to L-1 on D-Day. Battery K, 4th Battalion 11th Marines and Platoon E, 6" Battery provide general support on call.

(4) Air. 1st MAW provides helicopter and fixed wing aircraft in support of operation. Two flights fixed wing provides prep of landing zones L-30 minutes to L-Hour, D-Day. Provides smoke capability for concealment. Provides hoist at L-Hour into landing zone, with helicopter gunship support. Maintains one flight fixed wing on station L-30 minutes until L 1 for close air support and/or other air support as requested.

(5) Company B, 3rd Battalion, 21st Regiment, 196th Brigade. At L-2

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establishes and maintains screen/blocking position vicinity HFO70345 to vicinity HFO92517. Is prepared to secure alternate LZ if required.

(6) F Troop, 17th Cavalry, 196th Brigade. At L-2 establishes screen/block 500 meters east of highway 534. (See operation overlay.)

2. MISSION

At L-Hour, D-Day 1st Battalion, 7th Marines (-) (Rein) conducts heliborne assault into LZ's vicinity Song Ly Ly Valley. Establish patrol bases and conduct search and clear operations to locate and destroy enemy personnel, equipment and logistical installations in assigned AO.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. At L-2 assault companies and command group stage vicinity TBA LZ Baldy. One RF company stage vicinity LSA FSB Ross. At L-Hour, D-Day, following artillery and air prep of LZ's Karen and Nancy, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines with three Marine companies, one RF company and command group conduct heliborne assault. Upon securing area vicinity LZ's, companies move to assigned objectives, establish patrol bases and conduct search and clear operations.

b. Company B (Rein). At L-2, D-Day, stage vicinity TBA, LZ Baldy. At L-15 minutes conduct heliborne assault to seize LZ Karen and adjacent hill mass, vicinity HFO75325. On order move to assigned objectives, establish

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patrol bases and conduct search and clear operations to locate and destroy enemy personnel, equipment and logistical installations. Be prepared to support companies C and/or D.

c. Company E (Main). At L-2, D-Day, stage vicinity TBA, LZ Baldy. At L-Hour, conduct hellbore assault to seize LZ Kany. Assume OPCH 1st Plt. W Co. 743 upon arrival LZ Kany at approximately L-30. On order move to assigned objectives, establish patrol bases and conduct search and clear operations to locate and destroy enemy personnel, equipment and logistical installations. Be prepared to support company B.

d. Company F (Main). At L-2, D-Day, stage vicinity TBA, LZ Baldy. At L-Hour, D-Day, land in trace of Command Group in LZ Karen. On order move to assigned objectives, establish patrol bases and conduct search and clear operations to locate and destroy enemy personnel, equipment and logistical installations. Be prepared to support company B.

e. HAS Co. (-) (Main). Direct support. 81mm Mortar Platoon at L-Hour D-Day land three sections, 4 tubes only, with Command Group, in LZ Karen. Be prepared to receive hq resupply of ammunition on D-Day near night position. 105mm RR Platoon provide Command Group security platoon of twenty-five personnel. Stage at area TBA, LZ Baldy at L-1, D-Day.

f. Reinforcement. (Regional Forces Company 743 (-); 1st Platoon detached.)

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OPCON 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. At L-1, D-Day, stage vicinity LSA, PSB Boss. At L+30 minutes Co Hq, 2nd and 3rd Platoons helilift into LZ Karen. Upon landing assume defensive positions and be prepared to conduct detailed search along trace of Song Ly Ly river upon seizure of objectives E, F, and G.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) See operation overlay
- (2) D-Day
- (3) H-Hour:
- (4) LZ's: Primary LZ Karen HFO72322, Alternate LZ Alice HFO84516; Primary LZ Nancy HFO72333, Alternate LZ Bertha HFO57337.
- (5) Helitask size: CH46 - 16 PAX, CH53 - 45 PAX
- (6) Movement between objectives and phase lines on order unless otherwise directed.
- (7) All PO's and subordinate small unit leaders will be issued 1/25,000 map sheet 6640 II H.
- (8) Rice will not be destroyed, except on approval of Battalion Commander.
- (9) All units be alert for mines and boobytraps; instruct all hands in boobytrap control measures prior to D-Day.
- (10) All personnel will be briefed on the Rules for Engagement prior to D-Day.
- (11) Reports: no change.

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS

a. Supply. Be prepared to support operation commencing D-Day with class I, II, III, IV and V. Stage one pallet HE, one pallet WP, and one pallet illumination for delivery on call D-Day. Companies maintain 2 days class I and halizone.

b. Medical. Medical Section will provide Command Group with forward

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243 consisting of one medical officer, a senior petty officer and four corporals.

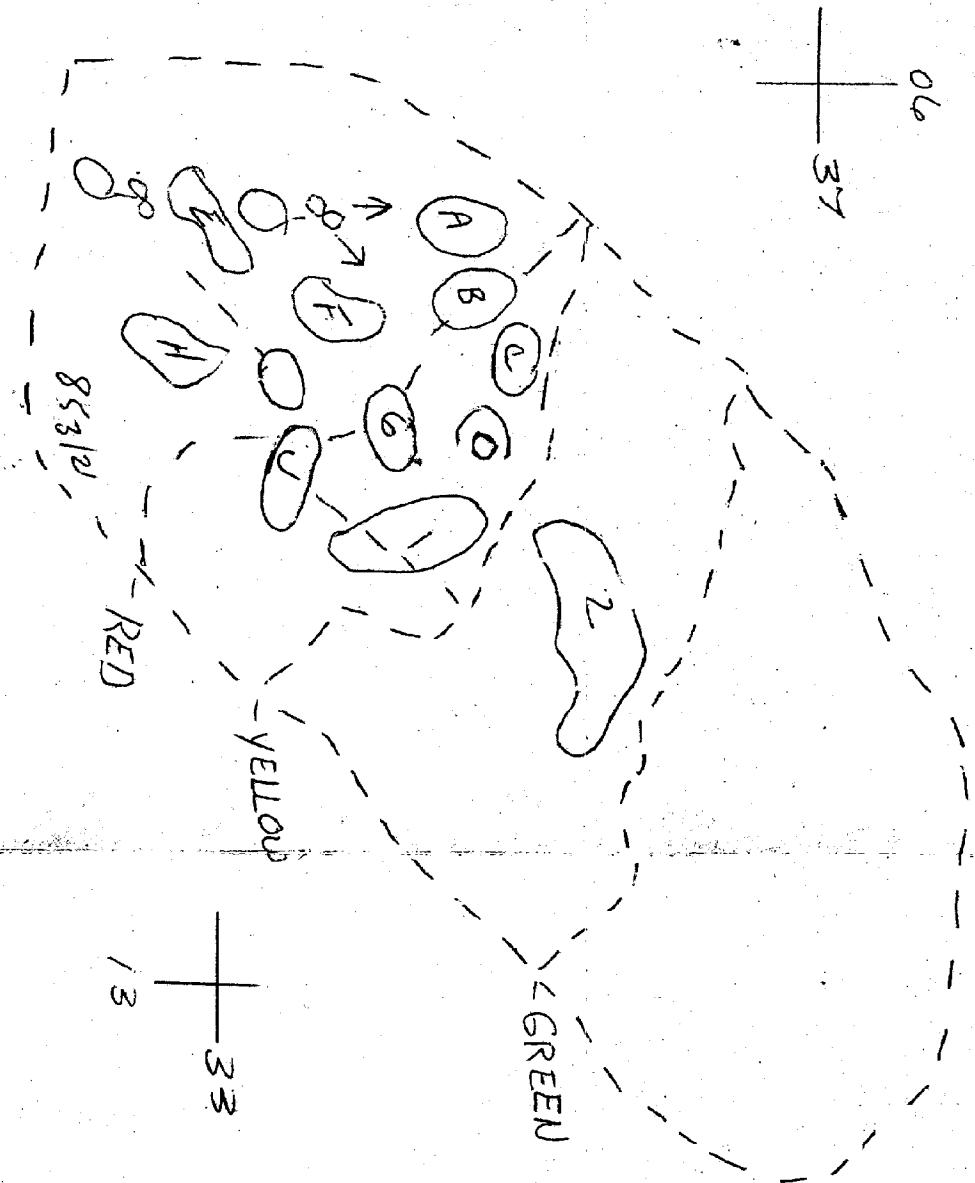
5. COMBAT AND COMBAT/RESCUE

a. Communications. No change. Bear CP at LZ Hally monitor alarm net and assist as necessary.

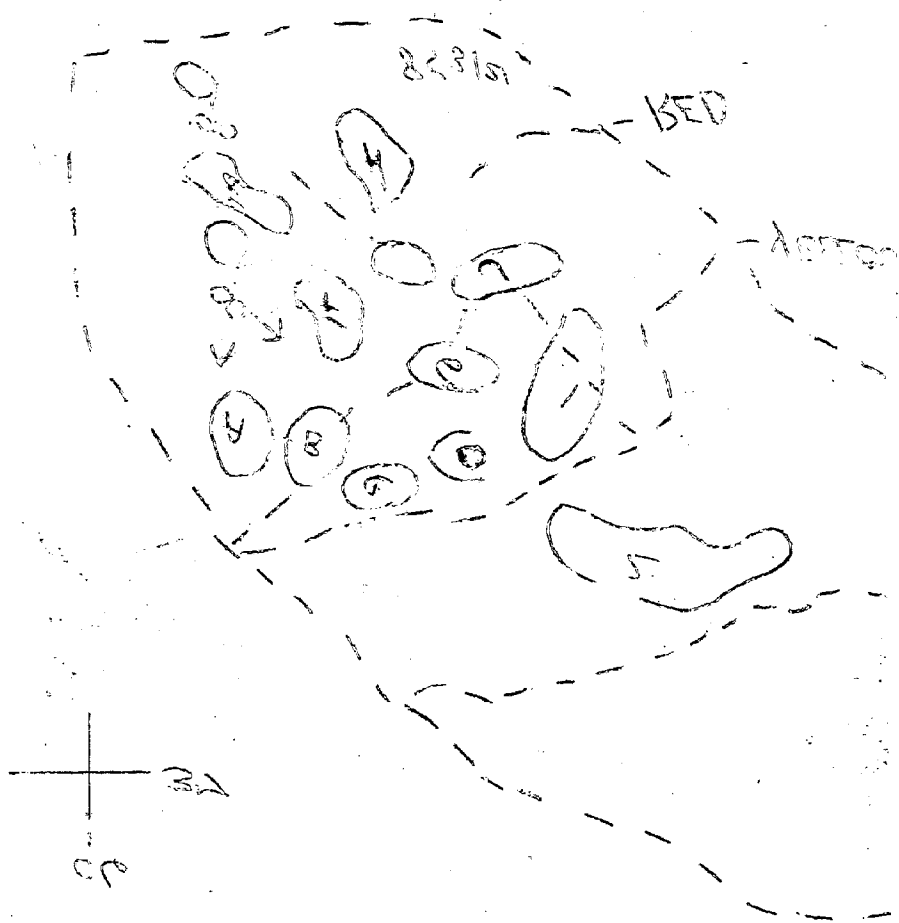
b. Combat Teams. Combat Group will land in trace of Company B in LZ Kasea 21078322. CP Group be prepared to move by foot on D-Day after landing.

c. Liaison. Liaison NCO remain at One Sea District Headquarters until operation terminates. Liaison officer assigned to YOC 196th Brigade effective D-1 until otherwise directed.

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Det, Co G, 1st Engineer Bn

Det, Sentry Dog Platoon, MP Co, 1st Mar Div

Det, I Battery, 3rd Bn, 11th Marines

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 Det, Scout Dog Plt, MF Co, 1st Mar Div
 Det, I Battery, 3rd Bn, 7th Marines
 Det, 81mm Mortar Plt, HAS Co
 Det, Comm Plt, HAS Co

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. Enemy units located in or adjacent to the Phu Loc Valley consist of the D-3 Local Force Battalion, the Q-61 Local Force Battalion, the T-3 Sapper Battalion and the 160th Transportation Battalion, 2nd NVA Division. The area contains major enemy supply routes and is used as a base of operations for Commo Liaison and various guerrilla elements.

b. Friendly. No change.

2. MISSION

On D-1, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines provides one platoon for security FSB Roadway. At L-Hour, D-Day, conducts heliborne assault into LZ Eagle vicinity HEC214/3 and LZ Wren vicinity HEC534/3 with three companies and Command Group to locate and destroy enemy personnel, equipment and logistical installations.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. 1st Battalion, 7th Marines on D-1 at TBA

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helilifts one platoon onto FSB Bushwick to provide security for artillery battery to be inserted at TBA. At L-Hour, D-Day, helilift three companies into LZ Eagle and Command Group into LZ Wren. Upon securing area vicinity LZ Eagle, companies move to assigned areas of operation and conduct category II operations.

b. Company B (Rein). At L-Hour, D-Day, helilift from LZ Baldy at TBA to LZ Eagle. Upon securing LZ and on order, move to assigned AO (TBA) and establish patrol base to conduct category II operations.

c. Company C (Rein). At L-Hour, D-Day, helilift from LZ Baldy at TBA to LZ Eagle. Upon landing move to assigned AO (TBA) and establish patrol base to conduct category II operations.

d. Company D (Rein). On D-1 at TBA, helilift one platoon to FSB Bushwick to provide security for artillery battery to be lifted at TBA. Platoon drops OpCon Battalion at TBA D-Day. Company (-) at L-Hour, D-Day helilifts into LZ Eagle and moves to assigned AO (TBA) to conduct category II operations.

e. ASB Company (-) (Rein). Direct Support. Six Porter Platoon at L-Hour D-Day lands three sections, 4 tubes only, with Command Group, into LZ Wren. Be prepared to receive helo resupply of ammunition on D-Day on call. 106mm BR Platoon provide Command Group security platoon of twenty-five personnel.

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1. Coordination Instructions.

- (1) See operation overlay
- (2) D-Day: TBA
- (3) L-Hour: TBA
- (4) IE's: Eagle WFO21478, Wren WFO53473; Alternate IE Bluejay WFO43481.
- (5) Halitons time: CHAS - 16 PAX, CH53 - 45 PAX.
- (6) Rice will not be destroyed, except on approval of the Battalion Commander.
- (7) All units be alert for mines and boobytraps; instruct all hands in boobytrap control measures prior to D-Day.
- (8) Reports: No change.

4. LOGISTICS

a. Supply. Be prepared to support operation commencing D-Day with class I, II, III, IV and V. Stage one pallet HB, one pallet WF, and one pallet illumination for delivery on call D-Day. Companies maintain 2 days class I and Halitons.

b. Medical. Medical Section provides Command Group with forward BAS consisting of one medical officer, a senior petty officer and four corporals.

5. COMMAND AND COMM/ELECT

a. Communications. No change. Rear CP at IE Baldy monitor status net and assist as necessary.

b. Command Post. Command Group will be initially located at IE Wren. Jump CP will displace on order.

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