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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

1st Battalion, 7th Marines

LtCol T. P. RIEGERT

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Company

1stLt L. D. ROTH

Company "A"

Capt J. K. VANRIPER (1-24 Aug)

1stLt S. MARINEZ Jr. (25-31 Aug)

Company "B"

Capt J. C. WILSON (1-21 Aug)

1stLt R. P. KIMENER (22-31 Aug)

Company "C"

1stLt J. A. HAGAN

Company "D"

1stLt W. W. CHAPMAN

2. LOCATION

1-31 August 1970, Quang Nam Province, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major J. J. SHERIDAN

S-1

Capt S. G. LADA

S-2

1stLt D. L. D'ARIZZO

S-3

1stLt J. D. DEARE (1-16 Aug)

Major T. B. LECKY (17-31 Aug)

S-3A

1stLt W. A. HOFFMAN (1-18 Aug)

1stLt J. D. DEARE (19-31 Aug)

S-4

Capt L. WALLACE

CommO

1stLt M. L. GLAS

SupplyO

1stLt R. R. EMERY

MTO

1stLt R. F. MARYE

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AIO

1stLt L. W. GRASMAN

FAC

1stLt P. J. MABEY

FSC

1stLt R. MATHEWS

Bn Chaplain

Lt J. J. PIERCE (1-5 Aug)
Lt F. L. CRAVENS (6-31 Aug)

BnMedO

Lt R. T. BUCHANAN

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOff
36Enl
1135Off
2Enl
545. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED (Including Company A)

USMC

USN

KIA

3

WIA

2

WIA

33

NBC

1

WIANE

11

NBC

36

DAI

2

ACCDINJ

2

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of August the Battalion's operations were concentrated in the Eastern portion of the 7th Marines A.O. Operations were characterized by small unit patrols and ambushes aimed at limiting enemy movement through the area and denying him access to the populated areas and denying his sources of supply. By extensive use of saturation patrols and combining forces with RFs, PFs, National Police field forces, Armed Propaganda Teams and local village officials, numerous small unit contacts were made. Results of these activities are considered excellent. During a high threat period which included the Government of Vietnam elections, no major incident occurred in the Battalion A.O. largely due to the effectiveness of the Battalion's screening operations. Company D went OPCON to 2/1 at 291200H Aug 70 and remained detached on the last day of this chronology report.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. During the month of August 1970 the following gains and losses are reported.

	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Joined	2	97	1	4
Dropped	5	152	1	4
	-3	-55	0	0

b. The average rifle company strength is 5 Officers and 201 Enlisted. The present effective average rifle company strength is 4 Officers and 182 Enlisted.

c. Administration for the month included processing 7 meritorious combat promotions and 20 personal awards.

2. WEATHER AND TERRAIN

Maximum Temperature: 102°F
Minimum Temperature: 77°F

3. INTELLIGENCEa. Significant Enemy Activity

(1) A total of 50 sightings and 60 contacts were reported by this Battalion. Of the 60 contacts reported by this Battalion, 11 were enemy initiated (consisting of 1 Chicom attack, 2 small arms and M-79 attacks, and 8 harassing small arms attacks) while 49 were initiated by friendly troops. Of the 50 sightings, the majority consisted of small groups of enemy numbering between 15 and 20. In addition to the sightings and contacts, there were a total of 16 mining and booby trap incidents of which 8 were found and 8 were unintentionally detonated.

b. Analysis of Enemy Situation

(1) The period ended with reports of the enemy units in the area planning for increased offensives in the populated areas during the late summer.

(2) Enemy units located in and around the 1/7 A.O. included:

(a) Central Que Son Mountains

91st Sapper Bn
Q 81 LF Bn
69th Replacement Bn
160th Transportation Bn

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(b) Barrier Island Area

70th MF Bn
72nd LF Bn
V-15 LF Bn

(c) Southeast of LZ Baldy

105th LF Bn

(d) Northeast of LZ Baldy

V-25th Bn

c. Enemy Capabilities. Based on continuing evaluation of the enemy situation and disposition of enemy forces within or adjacent to the 1/7 A.O., the courses of enemy activity are expected to be:

- (1) Increase offensive activities at the beginning of September.
- (2) Maintain and defend his present positions.
- (3) Continue to emplace mines and booby traps.
- (4) Continue to attempt to disrupt the Pacification Program.

d. Enemy casualties

	<u>1/7(-)</u>	<u>Company A (CUPP)</u>
VC/NVA KIA's	34	8
POW's	9	1
Detainees	37	31
CHIEU HOI'S	2	1

4. CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT 1/7(-)WEAPONS

4 Individual weapons

ORDNANCE

17 M-26
14 Chicoms
950 M-16 rounds
49 AK-47 rounds
8 Claymores
1 M-79 round
1 Toe popper
1 TNT canister
1 Trip flare

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U. S. GEAR

1 Gas grenade pouch
4 Cartridge belts
8 Canteens
1 C-rat meal
1 Bush cover
1 Utility cover
1 PRC-25
2 Helmets
4 Canteen cups
1 Box blasting caps

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

25 Sulpha pills
10 Pain pills
21 Assorted pills
2 Rolls gauze
1 Bottle salt tablets
1 Bottle sodeins pills
3 Malaria pills
2 Battle dressings
3 Bottles castor oil
2 Bottles methiolate
4 Medical kits
1 Bottle vitamins
1 Bottle Tetra trocielene
1 Morphine syringe
3 Bottles Tetracycline
28 Vials Streptomycin
46 Vials Penicillin
170 ccs Sulfatropine
599 Vials liquid Vitamin B-12
69 Vials Sodium Cholride
500,000 Bipencillin pills

PROVISIONS

Dried pork	116 pounds
Rice	47 pounds
Tobacco	5 pounds
Rock salt	6 pounds
Fish	15 pounds
Hot sause	1 bottle
Spice	1 bottle

ENEMY GEAR

17 Sets utilities
4 NVA uniforms
1 NVA helmet
20 Ponchos
4 Poncho liners
3 Cartridge belts
16 Packs
2 Canteens
1 Entrenching tool
3 Towels
1 Camouflage cover
1 Ammo pouch
4 Rifle slings
2 Rice packs
4 Shirts
3 Trousers
18 Hammocks
1 Rifle cleaning gear
1 Chicom belt

MISCELLANEOUS GEAR

1 Sleeping mat
1 Table
1 Roll Comm wire
7 Sets of documents
2 Toothbrushes
1 Tube toothpaste
2 Bottles bug juice
1 Rice bowl
1 Stock of AK-50
3 Radios
2 Transistor batteries
3 Sewing kits
4 Razors
2 Pair scissors
2 Pair pajamas
2 Flashlights
1 Mess kit
1 Pair shorts
1 Whistle
3 Ammo cans
2 Sacks
1 Kodack camera
1 Wallet
5 Feet rubber strap
8,000 Piasters

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5. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION

a. Emphasis was placed on small unit patrols and ambushes throughout the A.O in close coordination with village officials and RF units.

b. Fire Support

(1) Artillery. During the month of August 3,134 rounds were fired by India and Mike batteries 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines in support of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. The number of fire missions was 205.

(2) Air Support

(a) Four of the 8 requested close air support missions were flown in support of the Battalion.

(b) All troop lift missions scheduled during the month were completed. Over 1760 troops were helilifted during the month.

(c) Medivac helicopters evacuated 70 battle and non-battle casualties, of which 41 were emergency cases, 17 priority, 10 routine and 2 permanent routine.

(d) There were 67 observation and 7 flare missions flown in support of the Battalion.

6. PLANS

Current plans call for the Battalion to continue operations in the Eastern portion of the 7th Marines A.O. Emphasis will be placed on the extensive use of saturation patrols and combined unit activities. The Battalion will standdown in accordance with CG, 1st Mar Div msg 150740Z Jul 70.

7. TRAINING

a. Normal training was held during the month. Additionally, 126 newly arrived troops underwent training in this Battalion.

8. LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY

a. During the month of August, logistical efforts continued to be centered on resupply and rehabilitation of the line companies which continues to go well with no significant shortages of supplies or equipment.

b. Added emphasis has been given the refurbishment of the Battalion area in preparation of cantonment turnover.

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c. No significant difficulties have been encountered with air or ground transportation.

d. 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance and supply continues to go well, reflected by the Battalion being in a C-1 status in equipment on hand and a C-1 status in equipment readiness.

e. In preparation for embarkation, mount out boxes that are not required for operational readiness have already been moved to the standdown point.

9. CIVIL AFFAIRS AND CIVIC ACTION

a. Throughout the month, the Battalion conducted continuous psychological operations in support of Marine activities in the operational area. The civil population was targeted with leaflet drops and aerial broadcasts emphasizing cooperation with both Marine and Vietnamese Government Forces. An Armed Propaganda Team was deployed with the Battalion for 5 days in the month of August.

b. During the month of August, liaison was made with MACV advisors at Moc Bai, Que Son and Vietnamese Officials at Que Son and Hoi An.

c. During the month of August, in conjunction with Alpha CUPP, many civic Action projects were completed. All of these projects had special human interest appeal and were very effective in bettering the relationship between the Marines and local populace. The Battalion supported Alpha CUPP in the following projects:

- (1) Painted Phu Hiep church and supplied altar supplies donated by the Battalion Chaplain.
- (2) Started approval and request procedures to obtain supplies for construction of Phu Huong dispensary.

d. Medical personnel within the Battalion conducted medcaps as part of the Medical Civic Action Program. 1,860 personnel were treated.

e. Battalion wide training was conducted detailing individual participation in the Personal Response Program.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

a. The Radio section continued to provide personnel and equipment for support of the Battalion operations in the field and rear Command Post.

b. The Wire section continued to provide personnel for operation and maintenance of the Battalion Internal Wire Communication System.

c. The Message Center continued making courier runs to the 7th Marines Regimental Message Center for pickup and delivery of message traffic.

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d. The supply and Maintenance section continued operations in accordance with current directives.

11. MEDICAL

a. During the month of August, the Battalion Aid Station was adequately staffed.

b. There were five (5) medcaps held during the month of August by Battalion Aid Station personnel treating approximately 750 Vietnamese civilians.

c. The Hospital Corpsman of Alpha CUPP held medcaps daily, treating approximately 1,110 Vietnamese civilians from 1 August to 31 August.

d. The malaria rate for the month of August is below normal for the season.

e. The request for the erection of a triage and mass casualty bunker adjacent to the Battalion Aid Station has not yet been granted.

f. There is an adequate amount of medical supplies on hand.

g. Sanitation has been satisfactory during the month of August.

h. Medical evacuation of both battle and routine casualties

i. Breakdown of personnel treated at Battalion Aid Station during the month:

Gastro-intestinal disturbances (nausea, diarrhea, cramps, etc.)	35
Shrapnel wounds	1
Fevers	25
Psychiatric problems	5
Physical exams	100
Heat stroke	5
Routine medevacs	60
Priority medevacs	2
Emergency medevac	1
Miscellaneous (headaches, colds, immersion foot, fractures, sprains, venereal disease, jungle ulcers, etc.)	105

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Military personnel treated at BAS	684
Civilian personnel treated at BAS	1
Total personnel treated at BAS	685
Civilians treated on Medcaps	750

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

/ TAB "A" DAILY JOURNALS

/ TAB "B" FRAG ORDER 4-70

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 010001H
To: 040930H

JOURNAL

Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
011640H	1	011630H	B31-(100460)patrol found 250 lb dud rd. Blew in place.	F/S
011647H				
012222H	2	012130H	D3-(083457)nite pos heard voices to South. Blew claymore and swept area under M79 illum. w/neg/results.	F/S
012240H				
020930H	3	020900H	D1-(133408)sptd 04 enemy moving to treeline w/weapon. Engaged w/s/a. 01 POW WIA. Swept area w/neg/res.	F/s
021405H	4	021315H	D1-(086443)found cave, searched cave, found 01 NVA helmet, sleeping mat, comm wire, showed that it had been occupied about 3 days ago.	F/S
021458H				
031045H	5	031010H	B3-(092477)found 01 VC KIA aglong trail. B Co had not killed but had heard auto fire at 030100H. B Co had no units there.	F/S
031100H				
031350H	6	031210H	B3-(098472)working w/RF discovered tunnel, threw smoke grenade, 02 VC ran from tunnel, 01 had M26, killed both w/s/a. further check revealed	F/S
031410H				
////			01 VN in tunnel. Tried to run when brought out. Killed w/s/a. Results: 03 VC KIA, 01 M26, documents, 04 NVA uniforms, hammocks and pills.	F/S
040830H	7	040630H	D3-(098458)sweep thru ville detained 02 VNs, hiding in bunker. captured pain pills, gauze, hammock, packs, poncho, cartridge belt, 01 lb rice.	F/s
040845H				
041150H	8	040930H	B1-(146481)obs 04 enemy running up river. Took enemy under s/a, M79. 03 VC KIA, 01 VC POW, NVA hammock, battle dressing, wallet, papers.	F/S
041230H				
	9	040930H	D12-(093433)discovered rock draw, Searched area, found various tunnels, signs of recent use, stream running under through tunnels.	F/S
041410H				

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 040931H
To: 060540H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
041500H	10	041430H	D2-(081454)patrol found 01 250 pound bomb dud. Was not boobytrapped. the bomb was blown in place.	F/S
041515H				
042200H	11	041945H	D3-(102455)heard voices in trenchline, searched ditch, threw smoke, then frag into bunker. 01 VC KIA, 04 POWs, pills, medical gear, documents, poncho.	F/S
042226H				
051015H	12	050610H	B3-(096480)pt man discovered 01 pack along trail. Pack was boobytrapped w/chicom underneath. Blew in place.	F/S
051055H				
051050H	13	051010H	B1-(101479)RF working w/B Co found 01 light machine gun in bomb crater in 2 feet of water. RF have weapon.	F/S
051130H				
052115H	14	051945H	D2-(085448)Pt element sptd camp fire. Obs 01 enemy flee to S. Engaged w/s/a. Checked area, found 01 POW who chieu hoied, pack, hammock, poncho, liner.	F/S
052150H				
052100H	15	052000H	C2-(108393)nite PPB obs 01 enemy in treeline w/pack. Engaged w/s/a, M26. Swept area. 01 VC KIA. Pack will be sent to rear.	F/S
052150H				
052105H	16	052015H	C13-(117384)moving to A/C spotted 01 enemy moving to B. Engaged w/s/a. Swept area, 01 VC KIA neg pack or wpn.	F/S
052210H				
060430H	17	060300H	D2-(094451)Sweeping villa under illum. sptd 03 enemy sleeping in hammocks. 01 ran, engaged w/s/a. 01 VC KIA, 02 detainees, pills, battle dressing.	F/S
060500H				
061150H	18	060530H	B22-(094460)checking area w/Nat Pol. heard noise in bunker, fraged bunker. 02 VC KIA, 02 medical kits, battle dressings, utilities, pack, rifle sling.	F/S
061150H				
060730H	19	060540H	B3-(085471)raid w/National Police, enemy ran from hootch. Engaged w/s/a, resulting in 01 VC KIA.	F/S
060814H				

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 060541H
To: 070910H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
061025H	20	060930H	D2-(087447) setting up heard voice in cane field, checked it out, 01 Vn ran out. Captured, 01 Detainee, pack, 01 battle dressing, canteen, shorts.	F/S
061215H				
061150H	21	Follow up to 060930H	D2-had vietnamese identify detainee as VC. Paid VN 500 P's out of the D Co reward fund.	F/S
061213H	22	061100H	B2-(069474)pt man sptd 01 enemy mvg to NW. Engaged w/s/a, 01 VC KIA, 01 mess kit, pills, utilities, poncho, hammock. Destroyed gear.	F/S
061255H				
061510H	23	061430H	B Co-(099471)01 Marine and 02 RFs making water run, rec'd fire from treelin. Res: 02 RF KIAs. B3 resot sweeping area w/neg/res.	F/S
061530H				
062100H	24	062000H	D2-(075464)pt element sptd 01 enemy mvg along trail. Set up hasty ambush, Sptd 02 more enemy 30 meter apart. Engaged w/s/a, M60. Res: 02 VC KIA.	
062115H				
			02 chicoms, 02 packs, 2500 P's, 02 hammocks, map case, green and black uniform, documents, miscellaneous articles.	F/S
071145H	25	070845H	B3-(098477)w/RF's entered ville and questioned villagers. VN female gave information where to find medical gear. Gear in bunker: Benpenicilline.	
071220H				
			73 - 500,000 IU, Sodium chloride 69 vials 5cc each,vitamin B12 liquid. 03 VN males ran out of bunker and surrendered.	F/S
	26	070845H Follow up to	Had detained 01 male, apprx 40, who had been VC before he was injured.	F/S
071115H	27	070910H	B1-(093479)discovered an electrically detonated BT along trail. Consisted of demo packed in bamboo w/Pr25 bat. Marker was up trail. Blew in place.	F/S
071235H				

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 070911H
To: 081900H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
071040H	28	071000H	C1-(108382) discovered tunnel complex consisting of 3 tunnels. Appeared to hve been recently used. Found ammo can green utilities. Impregnated w/CS.	F/S
071125H				
071250H	29	071100H	B3-(102484)Pt man sptd 03 males hoom to E, appeared to carrying rifles. Challenged, VNs ran. B Engaged w/s/a. Checked area, found VN boy w/noe.	F/S
071350H				
			Boy was injured w/GSW. Called medevac.	F/S
	30	071420H	B33-(090466)obs 4 enemy running to W apprx hoom away. Engaged w/s/a and called arty FM. Swept area w/neg/res.	F/S
071535H				
072052H	31	072005H	C32-(112391)A/C engaged 04 enemy who where to S. Res: 01 VC KIA, 01 AK47.	F/S
072122H				
080750H	32	Follow up to 072005H	Gear: 01 AK47 mag, hammock, personel documents, battle dressings, 3 Pr shirt and trousers, 8 Malaria pills.	F/S
080830H				
072204H	33	072015H	B33-(094474)moving to A/C, pt man heard movement, halted, then continued on, rec'd s/a. Ret'd fire, swept area w/neg/res. 01 RF WIA.	F/S
072230H				
081800H	34	081630H	B12-(089501)Pt man detonated Bt M26 w/tripwire across trail. Res: 02 USMC WIAE.	F/S
081830H				
082100H	35	081900H	D12-(093433)OP obs 14 enemy run over ridgeline. Notified D11 who sptd 04 enemy w/rifle. Called AO, who said he rec'd fire. Called in fixed wing.	F/S
082125H				
			Will sweep area at first light.	F/S

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 081900LH
To: 111130H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
082130H	36	082045H	D13-(090445) moving into nite pos, man took wring trail and walked into other pos, who mistook him for enemy, RES?	
082140H			02 USMC NBC EVAC.	F/S
082248H	37	082145H	D23-(061451) A/O heard movement at rear, called ill. Something throw into pos.	
082335H			Engaged w/claymore, s/a. Swept area found 01 large homemade chicom.	F/S
091134H	38	091030H	G23-(093387) sptd 2 enemy running to NE. Engaged w/s/a. Swept area found 02 NVA helmets, 1 US canteen, 5 lb bag of rice.	F/S
091235H				
092015H	39	091915H	I/7 OP-sptd 3 enemy at (100471) with weapons. Called 81mm FM. Good coverage, B Co will check area at first light.	F/S
092050H				
100915H	40	100900H	G1-(110440) mvg into pos detained 01 VN male who was believed to be draft dodger. Sent to 9th ITT.	F/S
100945H				
101432H	41	100900H	D1-(066481) mvg to day pos detonated pressure type BT. Res: 01 USMC WIAE.	F/S
101450H				
101000H	42	101000H	B Co ret'd to LZ Baidy for rehab.	F/S
111454H	43	110930H	D22-(067454) obs 08 enemy moving NW w/packs & rifles. Called arty and AO. Swept area w/neg/results.	F/S
111520H				
111342H	44	111130H	D23-(041453) returning to pos followed trail up draw and discovered base camp, had been hit by air strike whild unoccupied. Found: 01 Chinese radio, transistor batteries, camera, helmets, 04 USMC canteens, 08 burnt claymores, numerous sets of utilities, 01 M79 rd.	
111406H			750 M16 rds, 01 bx blasting caps, cooking utensils, AK mag w/rds, 02 M26 frags, 02 M16 mags, 05 ponchos, heat tabs.	F/S

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 111130H
To: 150800H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
111506	45	Follow up to 111130H	Add'l gear: 02 USMC Machettes, 35 lbs rock salt, numerous C-rats, 100 lbs rice, 20 lb potatoes, 01 pr USMC boots, documents, 01 VC canteen, 2 vials morphine	F/S
111520H				
122135H	46	121500H	D3-(100481) Detained 02 Vns, 01 detainee told loc of money cache. D3 checked it out and found 29,000 P's buried 6" in ground.	F/S
122310H				
131722H	47	131642H	G2-(078416) man detonated BT w/trip wire M26. Results 03 USMC WIAE, 01 USMC WIANE.	F/S
131935H				
132015H	48	131925H	1/7 OP-sptd 10 mles in treeline at (113475). Called 81PM w/good coverage, contacted CUPP 6 who will check out area.	F/S
132030H				
140900H	49	140900H	3 Co ret'd to LZ Baldy for rehab.	F/S
141700H	50	141700H	02 Platoons of B Co ret'd to field after completion of rehab.	F/S
142145H	51	141720H	B21-(124417) Pt man detonated BT M26 w/tripwire. BT was underneath RR tie. Res: 01 USMC WIAE.	F/S
142235				
142145H	52	141800H	B31-(131413) Pt man found 01 M33 Bt w/tripwire in middle of RR tracks. Blew in place.	F/S
142235H				
142145H	53	141800H	B21-(130407) obs 10-15 VN males moving along treeline w/rifles. Challenged they ran, engaged w/s/a, M79. Pursued and sweep w/negative results.	F/S
142235H				
150800H	54	150800H	B Co 3rd Platoon ret'd to the field.	F/S

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 150801H
To: 182400H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
150850H	55	150815H	B330(122375)sptd 02 enemy w/AK17 200 meter to W. Enemy ret'd our fire.	F/S
150903H			Swept treeline w/negative results.	
150840H	56	180830H	D Co-(043434)heard voices, maneuvered into area, found 01 NVA flee, engaged w/sa, res 01 POW and 01 hammock.	F/S
150850H				
152330H	57	152220H	B21-(130395)LP obs 02 figures mvg to them. Engaged w/s/a. React called and arty illum. Swept area found 01 large blood trail.	F/S
152355H				
161228H	58	160745H	D2-(044412)checking ville had 01 VC flee, engaged w/s/a. 01 VC KIA, neg wpn and ID, 01 US E-tool.	F/S
161245H				
171710H	59	171550H	D2-(084424)obs 02 NVA to E. Engaged w/sa/, Res: 02 NVA KIA, 02 M26 frags, 04 chicons, various documents, 2,500 Plasters, hammocks, ponchos&liner.	F/S
171900H				
171800H	60	Follow up to 171550H	D2 (084424) rec'd sniper fire from (093419). Called arty mission, excl coverage.	F/S
171900H				
171730H	61	171730H	C Co ret'd to field from rehab.	F/S
171800H	62	171715H	D1-(074447)searching area found num caves. Gear: 01 AK17, toepopper, 01 AK mag, 24 AKrds, TNT, Dried meat, numerous documents.	F/S
171900H				
180700H	63	180700H	G Co 2/7 OPCON to 1/7.	F/S
181000H	64	181000H	D Co ret'd to LZ Baldy for rehab.	F/S
182135H 182145H	65	181940H	B11-(130409)mvg to A/C, pt man trip unk SPD. 03 USMC WIAE, 01 USMC WIANE.	F/S

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 190001H
To: 212400H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
191200H	66	190500H	B3-(108399-103402) linked up with RF plt and conducted search of vill. Completed search w/neg/result.	F/S
191230H				
192015H	67	191915H	C2-(093457) nite PPB, dug up 04 60mm HE rds. Buried approx 2 1/2 feet down. Appeared to have been there a long time. Will blow in place.	F/S
192030H				
192012H	68	191930H	1/7 OP-obs 04 males moving across sands w/pack. Called 81mm FM. Excel coverage. G Co notified to sweep in morning.	F/S
192056H				
192110H	69	192030H	G22-1/7 OPCON-(080478) nite PPB heard 3-4 enemy moving down trail. engaged w/s/a and swept area w/neg/results.	F/S
201545H				
	70	201545H	G Co ret'd OPCON to 2/7.	F/S
201855H	71	201810H	1/7 OP-obs 03 enemy move into tree line. Called 81 FM w/excellent cover. CUPP notified of activity.	F/S
210915H				
210945H	72	210800H	B2-working with RF platoon had 04 Chu Hoys who requested to be sent to Houng An. None claimed to be VC.	F/S
211800H				
	73	211800H	D Co ret'd to field from rehab.	F/S
212145H	74	212020H	D3-(108456) setting nite pos, rec'd s/a fire from N. Ret'd fire and swept area. Deatined 01 VN male approx 30. Said he was VC. Neg ID card.	F/S
220845H				
212245H	75	212130H	D1-(110465) A/C heard someone coming up trail. Engaged w/s/a. Swept area area, found 01 VC KIA, 5 lbs rice.	F/S
220845H				

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 220001H
To: 231300H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
220630H	76	220500H	D2-(108449)day pos, pt man sptd 03 VN in ville. Challenged. 02 ran behind hootch. Engaged w/s/a. Res: 02 VC KIA, 02 detainees. 04 M26 frags, 02 packs. F/S	
220750H				
221215H	77	221030H	B12-(109379)plt sptd 06 VC to NW. Engaged w/s/a. 02 had rifles. Res: 02 VC KIA 02 packs, 02 hammocks, poncho, 2 small bags of rice. F/S	
221252H				
221347H	78	221300H	D12-(112477)plt came upon 03 VC eating in hootch. Attempted to flee. Engaged w/s/a. 02 VC KIA, 04 frags, 1 first aid kit, cartridge belt. F/S	
221400H				
221800H	79	221730H	D3-(108484)day pos found \$68 transistor radio. Also found 03 ammo cans filled w/medical supplies. F/S	
222110H				
	80	Follow up to 221730H	Belived alleged death of VN women 60 to 70 years old, died from measures used by NP and KCS. F/S	
230015H	81	222130H	B23-(129395)KT sptd hootch, saw VN run into bunker. 01 detainee, took to PPB and turned over to KCS AND S-2. F/S	
230025H				
230110H	82	222130H	B3-(106383)LP obs 01 VC approaching Engaged w/s/a. Obs crawling to treeline Searched treeline, bunkers, ville w/negative results. F/S	
230140H				
230015H	83	222140H	B3-(108387)A/C sptd 1-4 VC mvg to pos. Engaged w/claymore & frags, M60. Obs 04 VC running to N. Swept area neg/res. F/S	
230030H				
231500H	84	231300H	D33-(124462)mvg on ptl detained 01 VN apprx 14 yrs old, neg ID card. 01 detainee. F/S	
231645H				
231630H	85	Follow up to 231300H	D CP-(NP and PF advised releasing the detainee as innocent civilian. Co. commander released detainee. F/S	
231645H				

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 231301H
To: 261145H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
232045H	86	231945H	011-(081456) while mvg to A/C was engaged by 031 security LP, resulting in 01 USMC KIAE.	F/S
232125H				
240840H	87	232230H	B21-(129394) KT found OIBT tripwire across trail. M26. Ret'd at 240730H and blew in place.	F/S
240845H				
241817H	88	241400H	B23-(126397) sweeping villa w/RF's obs 02 flee into bunker. Fraggd bunker. RES: 01 VC KIA, 03 POWs, 01 M16, 20 AK rds, medical gear, cartridge belt.	F/S
241830H				
242328H	89	242030H	B3-(114394) LP heard movement, threw frags and ret'd to PPB. Ret'd with FT and checked area w/neg/results.	F/S
250035H				
251240H	90	250445H	D11-(104473) man on watch heard movement and fired into friendly pos. Called to pos w/neg/response. Engaged again. Pos called 'Friendlies'. 03 USMC KIAE.	F/S
251308H				
252150H	91	251907H	C32-(098478) day pos rec'd approx 50 rds fm E, 25 rds fm S, also rec'd 5 M79 rds. Called air strike. Will sweep area at first light.	F/S
262230H				
252220H	92	252030H	B13-(122378) A/C set in, obs 01 VC exit hootch, 2-3 VC sprung ambush w/s/a, and M26. Ret'd fire and swept area. Res: 01 VC KIA, 01 M26, 01 hammock.	
252446H			20 salt dabs, bag potatoes, 01 NVA poncho, 04 malaria pills, wallet w/neg/contents, 01 roll gauze.	F/S
260949H	93	260800H	B3-(118408) working with Armed propaganda team. Flushed out 03 VC running to S. Engaged w/s/a. Res: 01 VC POW KIA, 01 Chu hol.	F/S
261056H				
261340H	94	261145H	B31-(079494) day pos, 02 USMC tripped 81mm booby trap w/tripwire. Resulting in 02 USMC KIAE.	F/S
261415H				

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 261146H
To: 280815H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
261345H	95	261220H	D12-(072495)patrol, ptman tripped BT M26 w/tripwire. Res: 01 USMC WIAE.	F/S
261415H				
261630H	96	261500H	D1-(070483)Pt man on water run tripped 01 BT M26 w/tripwire 4 feet off ground. Res: 01 USMC WIAE.	F/S
261730H				
261825H	97	261600H	D3-(079494)setting in day pos dog handler triped M26 BT w/tripwire. Res: 01 USMC WIAE.	F/S
261840H				
262210H	98	261945H	D2-(106481)patrol obs 01 male crawl into bunker. Checked out as he crawled out rear exit. 01 Detainee. Bunker had: 01 Chicom, Syringe morphine, rice	F/S
262235H				
270715H	99	270600H	D2-(107485)sweep checking bunker, had two explosions. Res: 02 USMC WIAE. Obs 01 VC run from area. Found spider hole. VC attempted to throw chicom.	
271300H				
Engaged w/s/a. Res: 01 VC KIA, 01 hammock, 01 barber kit, 12 lbs rice, notebook, first aid kit.			F/S	
270874H	100	270740H	D2-(108484)obs 01 VC run to North. Engaged w/s/a. 01 VC KIA, 08 pain pills 03 tetramycin, 01 dialeto.	F/S
270958H				
272150H	101	272105H	C OP-(097464)rec'd 02 M79 rds, 20 AK 47 rds. Ret'd fire and swept area w/negative results.	F/S
272230H				
280115H	102	272315H	B1-(122381)LP was fraged. Sent react to secure area. Res: 03 USMC WIAE. 01 USMC KIA.	F/S
280150H				
281000H	103	280815H	C3-(095463)patrol rec'd apprx 03 M79 and 30 s/a rds from W. Engaged and had joint sweep of area, w/neg/res. 02 USMC WIAE, 01 RF KIA.	F/S
281135H				

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 280815H
To: 290825H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
281453H	104	Follow up to 280815H	C3-w/RF burned 01 hootch w/3 secondary explosions believed to be children. While questioning villageers detained 02 VN females.	F/S
281515H				
280900H	105	280900H	D Co was helilifted to LZ Baldy.	F/S
281450H	106	281305H	C1-(106465)obs 03 enemy to W carrying 02 rifles. Engaged w/s/a and M79. Swept area w/neg/results.	F/S
281515H				
290945H	107	281630H	B21-(096422)OP sptd 10 males in open. Arty called w/excellent coverage. OP observed 04 probable kia's.	F/S
282125H	108	282043H	C1-(093463)A/C had tripwire tripped in killing zone. Engaged w/claymore, s/a, M79. Neg results, believed to be VC pig.	F/S
282155H				
290125H	109	290020H	B1-(141421)heard movement to W and engaged w/s/a. Swept area neg/results. Latter rec'd 01 frag resulting in 02 USMC WIAE, 01 USMC WIANE. React force	
290140H				
////	////	////	sent out to secure LP. LP engaged suspected enemy pos.	F/S
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290726H	110	290700H	C11-(090466)checking area of A/C obs 01 enemy run from bunker. Engaged w/ s/a, res 01 VC KIA, also found 01 US canteen and personal gear.	F/S
290743H				
290901H	111	290825H	B3-(119398)propaganda team left mess age for Vo-TRI to chieu hoi, went to his home where he Chieu Hoied, 02 M26 and 01 NVA poncho.	F/S
290912H				
290800H	112	290800H	D Co helilifted to China Beach for operation with 2/1, security.	F/S
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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 290826H
To: 302400H

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
291605H	113	291430H	C1-(088470) react to intel obs 10 enemy w/packs & rifles. Set blocking pos and called AO. Assaulted area and rec'd approx 10 sniper rds. Neg/results.	F/S
291650H				
291200H	114	291200H	D Co OPCON to 2/1.	F/S
292140H	115	291700H	B2-(084368) obs 01 Male run to North. Engaged w/s/a and swept area resulting in 02 detainees w/neg/ID card.	F/S
292150H				
292145H	116	291830H	B2-(092374) Pt obs 01 VC coming up trail, engaged w/s/a. Res: 01 VC KIA, 01 AK47 w/mag, 01 M26 frag, cartridge belt, poncho and sack of rice.	
292200H				
292210H	117	291900H	B2-(104380) obs 03 enemy run from rock formation. Engaged w/s/a. Swept area found 01 NVA pack, 5 lbs rice, poncho hammock, 01 transistor radio.	F/S
292215H				
300900H	118	291900H	B1-(139421) mvg to A/C found 01 ammo can in culvert. 02 sets NVA uniforms 1 lb tobacco, 01 bandolere M16 ammo.	F/S
290940H				
292130H	119	292030H	B3-(114393) setting in A/C setting up claymore had tripflare igniter and start grassfire. Claymore detonated causing 01 USMC WIAE.	F/S
292200H				
302015H	120	301745H	C1-(106464) rec'd 02 sniper rds from SE. assaulted pos. 01 USMC WIAE, 01 VC KIA, 01 VC POW WIA. Called air strike.	F/S
302109H				
302116H	121	Follow up to 301745H	C1 swept area of air strike w/neg/results.	F/S
302121H				
310730H	122	Follow up to 301745H	C1 detained 01 VN female who villagers did not know. Had neg ID card and mans' haircut w/white sidewalls.	F/S
310800H				

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Place: Que Son, RVN
From: 310001H
To:

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Time in Time Out column	Serial No.	DTG of msg	Message	Action
310735H	123	310730H	C1-(072477)found 01 pressure detonated 81mm round. Blew in place.	F/S
310800H				
310800H	124	310750H	C21-(072483)found 01 M26 BT w/trip wire across trail. Blew in place.	F/S
310810H				
310800H	125	310755H	C21-(075445)pt man found 01 M26 BT w/tripwire across trail. Blew in place.	F/S
310810H				
311200H	126	310815H	B32-(095377)found 01 81mm BT w/trip wire across trail. Blew in place.	F/S
311211H				
311735H	127	311735H	1/7 OP-sptd 7 enemy w/wpns & packs move into treeline. Called 81mm FM with excellant coverage.	F/S
311925H				
312040H	128	311940H	C13-(107465)obs 03 enemy flee from patrol. Engaged w/s/a. Captured 01 M16, 04 chicomms and 01 us. cartridge belt.	F/S
312120H				
* 281710H	129	281540H	B31-(111389)rec'd fire from treeline. Engaged w/s/a and swept area with negative results. 03 USMC WIAE.	F/S
291720H				

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LZ Baldy
27 2300 August 1970

FRAG O 4-70

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) General. Increased enemy activity is expected from 25 Aug to 4 Sept 70 with a high point on 30 Aug Election Day. Enemy activities: Polling places, villages, and hamlets, individual acts of terrorism, and assassination attempts perpetrated against key provincial, district and hamlet officials. Regional Forces, Popular Force and CUPP compounds are also designated as likely targets.

(2) Enemy Units. Enemy sighted in A. O. to include 2 VC Company of the T89 Sapper Bn; approximate strength 120 men with individual weapons in vicinity of BT 105503 and 143507. The Q81 C-2 Company approximate strength 75 men with individual weapons in vicinity of BT 144528 and BT 139533. The Q81 C-2 Company with K650 unit approx strength 60 men with individual weapons (1 60mm) and (1) machine gun in vicinity of BT 023490 and BT 026483. Source states latter units may attempt to enter hamlets adjacent to Ba Ren Bridge in Korean and PF uniforms.

b. Weather. The projected 72 hour forecast calls for a high temperature of 97° with a low of 78°. Humidity will remain high at 89% with scattered afternoon and evening showers. Lunar illumination will decrease throughout the period.

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2. MISSION

1st Battalion, 7th Marines (-) (Rein) to provide security of LZ Baldy, prevent enemy infiltration to RVN polling places in assigned A. O. and provide one rifle company in support of Danang vital areas.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of operations: D-Day at L-Hour, Companies B and C conduct operations in assigned A. O.'s in order to interdict enemy infiltration routes and provide security for RVN Polling Places in Bn A. O. On D+1 Company D will be helilifted from LZ Baldy to vicinity of China Beach and be OPCON 2/1.

b. Company B

- (1) Establish ~~new~~ Company CP as OP vic 104431.
- (2) Maintain one platoon on OP vic 085415.
- (3) One platoon conduct OP's, patrolling operations and ambushes to block enemy movement in assigned area. Vicinity 138425.
- (4) One platoon conduct patrolling operations and ambushes in vicinity 110400.

c. Company C

- (1) Establish ~~new~~ Company CP on Nui Dat vic 084490.
- (2) Maintain one platoon vic 082437 to establish OP on high ground and conduct patrols and ambushes on trails leading out of foothills.
- (2) Maintain one platoon vic 082437 to establish OP on high ground and conduct patrols and ambushes on trails leading out of foothills.
- (3) One platoon vic 100460 conduct patrols and ambushes to block infiltration routes running West to East in Central portion of Battalion A.O.

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(4) One platoon vic 080480 conduct patrols and ambushes blocking routes out of Pagoda and Phu Loc Valleys.

d. Company D

(1) Helilift at 280900H Aug 70 from vic 082485 to LZ Baldy by CH46.

(2) Prepare for operations with 2/1.

(3) Helilift at 290800H Aug 70 to vic China Beach by CH53.

(4) OPCON 2/1 291200H Aug 70 for a period of approx 5 days.

e. H&SCo (-) (Rein) increase patrol and ambush activities in assigned A.O.

f. Coordinating instructions

(1) D-Day 28 Aug 1970.

(2) L-Hour 0800

(3) Co. B and Co. C coordinate when units working in close proximity.

(4) Emphasize alertness to boobytraps.

(5) Emphasize use of supporting arms.

(6) AO overlay attached.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. H&SCo, Co. B and Co. C normal rations.

b. Co. D two days rations in packs.

c. Normal BA all units.

d. Co. D. communications ordnance equipment repair will remain at LZ Baldy. In the event communication or ordnance equipment becomes unservicable 2/1 will provide replacement on temporary loan.

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e. Co. D helilift on 29 Aug 70 pax manifests are required.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION

a. Bn CP LZ Baldy

b. H&SCo, Co. B, and Co. C normal comm.

c. Co. D helilift 28 Aug alone upon D-208.

d. Co. D will be SERVICEMAN DELTA on 2/1 net upon departure LZ Baldy
29 Aug 1970.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT



By Command of LtCol RIEGERT

JOHN J. SHERIDAN
Major, USMC
Exec. Off.

/ ANNEX: A (Operation Overlay)

Distribution:
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29 SEP 1970

From: Commanding General
To: Commanding General, 5th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FME
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

Subj: Command Chronologies, request for

1. It is requested that the following units submit two copies of their Command Chronologies to this Headquarters (Attn G-3) for the period they were ADCON/OPCON to this Division. Original copy should include all supporting documents.

- a. 1st Force Recon Co (August 1970)
- b. 7th Engz Bn (August 1970)
- c. Co C, 1st Tank Bn (August and September 1970)
- d. 1st Bn, 7th Marines (Supporting documents for August 1970 - TAB A - Daily Journals, TAB B - Frag Order 4-70; Command Chronology for September 1970)

R. F. ESTEY
By direction