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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

2nd Battalion, 7th Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol. V.A. ALBERS Jr. 1-31 JUL 70

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	1stLt L.E. CIMAGLIA 1-31 July 70
"E" Co	Capt. C.H. MULHERIN 1-31 July 70
"F" Co	1stLt A.C. FLORENCE 1-31 July 70
"G" Co	1stLt L.P. OAKES 1-31 July 70
"H" Co	1stLt J.M. EGAN 1-10 July 70
	1stLt C.A. EDWARDS 11-31 July 70

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION

1-5 July 70

F.S.B. ROSS

6-31 July 70

L.Z. BALDY

3. STAFF SECTIONSExecutive Officer

S-1

Major T.G. MCFARLAND 1-31 July 70

S-2

Capt. V.I. HEAP 1-31 July 70

S-3

1stLt T.S. KNOX 1-31 July 70

S-4

Major R.J. DRIVER Jr. 1-31 July 70

S-5

Capt. P.J. O'BRIEN 1-31 July 70

Legal Officer

1stLt R.J. BAXTER 1-31 July 70

Comm Officer

Capt. V.I. HEAP 1-31 July 70

M.T. Officer

1stLt W.T. CROWDER 1-31 July 70

Air Liaison Officer

1stLt M.H. CASPERSEN 1-31 July 70

Forward Air Control Officer

Capt. R.D. LEWIS 1-24 July 70

1stLt D.E. BURNS 25-31 July 70

1stLt F.K. GRAHAM 1-19 July 70

1stLt T.D. JONES 20-31 July 70

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	<u>USMC</u>
Officer	
37	
Enlisted	
1086	

	<u>USN</u>
Officer	
2	
Enlisted	
60	

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. During the month of July the following gains and losses were reported:

	OFF	ENL
Joined	7	149
Dropped	-4	-94
	<u>+3</u>	<u>+55</u>

b. Promoted by rank were 2 to Sergeant, 6 to Corporal, 12 to Lance Corporal, and 5 to Private First Class.

c. Awards recommended during 1-31 July 1970 were as follows:

0 Silver Star
1 Legion of Merit
4 Bronze Star
13 Navy Commendation Medal
49 Navy Achievement Medal
46 Purple Heart

d. Awards presented during 1-31 July 1970 were as follows:

0 Silver Star
0 Bronze Star
1 Navy Commendation Medal
5 Navy Achievement Medal
24 Purple Heart

e. Casualties

34 WIA
101 NBC
0 DIA
0 MIA
0 DOW
3 KIA
9 WIANE

2. ENEMY, WEATHER, and TERRAIN

a. During the period of 1-31 July 1970, 48 incidents occurred in the battalion TAOR. Of these 23 were initiated by the enemy as follows:

8 SA/AV/Grenades
13 Mines/Bocby Traps
0 Terrorism
2 Rocket/Mortars

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Hotel Company accomplished the Battalion's chief D'oeuvre of the month. Working in the Que Son Mountains in 13 July, third platoon took a fleeing VC under fire and followed his blood trail to a cave opening. Entering the cave after throwing in hand grenades, Marines found 01 body. Shortly afterwards a second VC emerged from the cave and surrendered. Further search of the cave turned up two AK-50's, one AK-47, one M-16 and one PRC-25 radio. As searchers continued deeper into the cave, the enemy threw out two hand grenades, wounding four Marines.

As evening fell, four additional VC left the cave to surrender. The Battalion's chief Kit Carson Scout was dispatched to the area and succeeded in establishing voice contact with the VC remaining within the cave. The following day, all 15 enemy remaining inside were persuaded to surrender. Marines searching the cave afterwards discovered seven more VC KIA. Interrogation of the 20 detainees indicated they comprised almost the entire cadre of Phu Dien Hamlet.

b. Casualties inflicted on the enemy:

39 VC KIA
 22 NVA KIA
 295 Detainees
 22 Civil Defendants
 8 Chieu Hois
 249 Innocent Civilians

c. Weapons and equipment captured and destroyed included:

1 30 Caliber Machine Gun
 3 AK-50s
 7 AK-47s
 3 M-1 Carbines
 143 SKS's
 2 M-16s
 2 9mm Pistols
 1 LAAW
 1 M-65 Machine Pistol

d. Enemy activity betrayed a slight increase in enemy initiated incidents. There was a significant increase in the total number of contacts this month over last month.

e. Weather has very little effect on our operations.

f. Terrain had very little effect on our operations.

3. OPERATIONS

During the period of 1-4 July, the Battalion defended FSB ROSS, FSB RYDER and OP LION. Two rifle companies continued to operate in a pacification posture, while the other two companies continued to provide security for FSB RYDER and OP LION.

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There was no contact with any large enemy forces during this short period of time. Most of the sightings found him in groups of 2-6. Accurate small arms fire, artillery and air accounted for their disbanding and a possibility of substantial number of casualties.

From 1-4 July while Golf Company was in defense of OP LION and patrolling of UL9633 to IR9930, then spotted a total of 19 VC/NVA. Golf Company engaged the enemy with small arms fire, 106's and air resulting in 1 VC/NVA WIA and 5 VC/NVA KIA.

During the period of 4-6 July, Fox Company moved into Antenna Valley (UL9037 IR9234) working with scamp personnel on sensor devices. While working this area, Fox Company came across 6 Chieu Hois, one being a village chief.

On 5 July, the Battalion conducted a coordinated relief in place with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. At which time the Battalion started to operate in the flatlands and foothills immediately adjacent to LZ BALDY. Echo Company was OPCON to the 1st Marines, on 5 July and remained OPCON until 14 July. Hotel Company conducted a helicopter lift on 5 July from FSB ROSS to an LZ (958455) in the Que Son Mountains. Golf Company conducted an administrative lift to LZ BALDY and conducted a footmarch to assigned AO. During the period 5 to 15 July there were no contacts with a large enemy force.

On 13 July a platoon from Hotel Company had a contact with 1 VC (083444) which eventually led to a total of 20 VC POWs, 8 VC KIA, 3 individual weapons and 1 PRC-25 radio capture.

From 16-31 July the Battalion participated in operation PICKENS FOREST in the Thach Bich area of western Quang Nam Province. The Alpha Command with Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11 Marines (-) was helolifted to LZ DART (149284) on 16 July. Fox and Golf Companies were helolifted to LZ ROBIN (138253) on 16 July to conduct a search and destroy operation. Echo Company was OPCON to 1st Battalion, 7th Marines from 16-22 July. Hotel Company was OPCON to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines from 16-27 July. While sweeping in their assigned AO's, Fox Company found several base camps (UL5125, IR1523 and LL1825, UR2126). A sighting on 18 July by Fox Company of 6 VC/NVA (182259) resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 captured. On 19 July (188259) platoon from Fox Company found 400 lbs. of C-4. Echo Company while setting in on a night ambush on 26 July (805296) spotted 30 VC/NVA and engaged them with small arms fire and M-26 grenades resulting in 5 VC/NVA KIA, 3 individual weapons and 24 packs captured. Also on 27 July (793297) a platoon from Echo Company working with an ARVN intelligence team found a cache of 139 SKS rifles in a cave. Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines while OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines from 22-29 July, found a hospital site on 27 July (210284) containing 23 hootches, and 2 bunkers used as operating rooms. Also found was a grave site containing 18 bodies. On 27 July (211282) Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines while on patrol found one ton of corn in a large earth vat. On 27 July (803290) Echo Company while on

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patrol found buried in the ground, 10 boxes of AK-47 rounds each box containing 550 rounds(5500), also 11x82mm mortar rounds. On 28 July (206339) a squad from Hotel Company found 1,100 lbs of unpolished rice buried 4 feet deep. A large enemy force of approximately 35 was spotted by Echo Company on 29 July(815277). Artillery fire was called in with good coverage of the target area. Due to darkness and terrain, the area was not swept. On 30 July(8127) Echo Company(-) came under heavy small arms and machine gun fire from the enemy while searching for caves along the Song Thu Bon River, 8 Marines in 2 boats took the blunt of the fire. The troops on both banks provided covering fire, allowing 6 Marines to swim ashore. Artillery fire and air support were called in on the enemy position with unknown results. Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was inserted as a blocking force, setting up on the west side of the river as Echo Company swept the area on July 31. During this period, Charlie Company found documents and also captured 6 VC, and 1 AK-47 and killed 1 VC/NVA.

During operation PICKENS FOREST the Battalion uncovered 4476 pounds of rice, potatoes and corn with 603 pounds of C-4. Also 9,894 rounds of small arms ammo was found along with 86 rounds of 82mm and 61mm mortar ammunition, 17 RPG rounds and 15 individual crew served weapons were captured.

Three Companies conducted a 72 hour rehabilitation at FSB ROSS and IZ BALDY.

4. FIRE SUPPORT

a. During the month of July, 188 fire missions were fired in the TAOR with a total of 2879 HE, 65 Illuminations, 215 WP.

b. There were also 35 planned fire missions using a total of 223 rounds.

c. There was 1 enemy KIA by artillery.

5. NAVAL GUNFIRE. The during the month of July, the Battalion was not supported by Naval Gunfire.

6. AIR SUPPORT

a. The Battalion submitted a total of 219 helicopter requests during the month of July with 211 of these being completed. There were 89 medevacs.

b. During the same period 36 CAS missions were flown in the TAOR dropping a total of 433,500 pounds of ordinance utilizing D1's, D2's, D3's and D9's. There were no TPQ-10 missions flown and 61 AO's were used.

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c. Significant BDA's

Confirmed KBA's	5
Machine Gun Positions Destroyed	2
Dam Destroyed	1
Bunkers Destroyed	30
Hootches Destroyed	24
Secondary Fires	18
Observed Secondary Explosions	21

7. TRAINING. Formal school attended by 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines personnel during the month of July were as follows:

Land Mine Warfare	36
NCO School	8
Embarkation School(Officer)	1
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8. LOGISTICS

a. During the period of 1 July through 16 July the Battalion resupplied Companies in the field every other day with no significant difficulties despite the move from FSB ROSS to LZ BALDY. On 16 July, Operation Pickens Forest commenced and logistical support increased to include Alpha Command and "D" Company, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. Difficulties were encountered receiving accurate resupply lists from the field due to the number of relays and transmissions, however this was overcome by the sending of duplicate resupply lists from the field to Bravo Command by messenger. All resupply of water for Operations Pickens Forest was handled from LZ BALDY.

b. Significant Results

- 1) On 5 July 2/7 and 3/7 changed cantonements between FSB ROSS and LZ BALDY. This move was accomplished in less than 48 hours with no disruption in resupply or other normal logistical functions.
- 2) On 27 July, the Battalion Supply Section was inspected by an FSAO Team.
- 3) Four letters of instruction for redistribution of excess equipment within the Division were received and action was completed.
- 4) Logistical guidance for redeployment under Keystone Robin was received and appropriate action was taken to implement the instructions contained therein.

c. Normal housekeeping duties were performed at FSB ROSS and LZ BALDY during the month of July 1970.

9. CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTION

a. Civil Affairs

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- 1) School supplies were given to 4 schools in the S-5 CAAOR.

Sharpeners	456
Pencils	576
Chalk	220
Rulers	460
Blackboards	69
Writing Tablets	200
Readers	50

b. Civic Action

- 1) 16 MEDCAPS treating 879 patients were held this month. 2 children were taken to the German Hospital Ship for special treatment. One combination MEDCAP-DENTCAP was held in which the doctor extracted teeth from 15 patients.
- 2) One project was underway this month, that of a village office building for Phu Hiep Village (BT: 150452)

c. Psychological Operations

- 1) There were no significant Psychological Operations activity in the Battalion within the past month.
- 2) Personnel Response. Personnel response lectures were given to all incoming personnel during the month of July 1970.

10. COMMUNICATION

a. General. The Communication Platoon completed the move from Fire Base ROSS to LZ BALDY. A Comm Section was provided for operation Pickens Forests on 16 July. It consisted of the Communications Officer and 27 Communicators.

b. Radio Section. The Radio Section grounded all antennas in the Battalion CP.

c. Wire Section. Wire Section continued to improve the telephone communications at LZ BALDY.

d. Comm Center. The Comm Center continued to provide incoming and outgoing message processing service for the Battalion. Approximately 950 messages were processed by the Comm Center during the month of July.

e. Tech Section. The Tech Section continued to perform second echelon RM's on Company radios during REHAB's. 137 items of Comm-Elect equipment were repaired or evacuated for repair during the month of July.

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f. Generator Section. The Generator Section continued to improve the generator pad and their billeting area. They also continued to repair and maintain power lines at LZ BALDY.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 July 70 Golf2-3 entered village in free fire zone and detained 21 women and children, no ID cards. While returning detainees Golf2-3 received 20 rounds of small arms fire from same village. Returned fire and called 81mm mortar fire mission with negative results. Golf-3 on OP Lion spotted 6 NVA and fired 106's wounding one. Enemy then moved into treeline. AO was called in who fired all ordinance and departed due to low fuel. Another AO arrived on station directing artillery mission and strike. AO observed 3 possible NVA KIA.
- 2 July 70 A squad from Echo Company while on patrol and in the process of relieving pointman tripped M-26 booby trap resulting in 4 WIA. Golf in day position spotted 5 VC 500 meters away. Enemy ran into gulley and treeline when sighted. Fired M-60 machine gun and 60mm mortar mission. Enemy fled to the Southwest. An AO was called in while Golf swept the area. Golf-2 took 11 detainees with no ID cards in a free fire zone.
- 3 July 70 Golf2-1 spotted 5 NVA, engaged enemy with small arms fire resulting 1 NVA KIA; 1 NVA WIA. Golf2 observed 1 NVA in a cave went into cave and fired small arms resulting in 1 NVA KIA. Golf-3 observed 2 VC standing in front of hootch, fired 2 rounds of 106 resulting in 2 VC KIA. Echol-1 while moving into a night ambush site tripped a booby trap M-26, grenades in daisy chain, resulting in 2 WIA.
- 5 July 70 The Battalion conducted a coordinated relief in place with the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.
- 6 July 70 Fox3-1 came upon a hootch, a VN female came out and started yelling "Marines", 2 VN males ran from rear; Fox opened fire with small arms resulting in 1 VC KIA. A platoon from Fox while replacing batteries in listening devices was stopped by VC male age 25 who wanted to Chieu Hoi. The wife of the Chieu Hoi spoke of other known VC males and families that wanted to Chieu Hoi. Checked area and found 1 more Chieu Hoi with family. F3 acquired 4 more Chieu Hois, one was a village chief.
- 7 July 70 Hotel-4 spotted 3 NVA, fired M-60 machine gun and 60mm mortar with negative results. Hotel-1-2 also received approx 150 rounds of machine gun fire. Returned fire with M-79 and M-60. AO called on station and ran two flights of fixed wing resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA. While Hotel-1 was sweeping area tripped a booby trap resulting in 2 WIA.

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- 10 July 70 Hotel-1 while setting in night defensive position, received 1 M-26 grenade, resulting in 1 USMC WIA.
- 12 July 70 Fox3-1 observed 3 VN females, kept them under observation, then 3 VC males came into view, yelled for VC to stop when VC failed to stop, engaged them with small arms fire resulting in 2 VC KIA. Leaving 2 snipers behind, while Fox3-1 swept area, snipers spotted 3 VC with weapons. Snipers fired small arms resulting in 1 VC KIA.
- 13 July 70 Fox3-3 came upon a hootch when 1 NVA ran from hootch toward spider hole. Ordered to stop but he failed to do so, then fired small arms resulting in 1 NVA KIA. Golf2-3 observed 1 NVA and 1 NVA nurse in rice paddy, engaged them with small arms fire killing both of them. Fox3-1 found body of 1 VC lying in bushes. Body had fresh battle dressing. Body believed to be from fire fight Fox had on 12 July. Hotel-3 observed 1 VC, engaged him with small arms fire wounding him. VC fled, Hotel followed blood trail into cave. Hotel-3 tossed grenade into cave and searched cave finding body of a VC. At this time 1 VC came out of cave and surrendered. Remaining enemy in cave threw out a chicom wounding 4 USMC. Hotel continued to throw grenades with negative results due to contour of cave. Shortly after 4 additional VC came out and surrendered. POW's said there were two more in cave badly wounded. Hotel set up security on cave for night.
- 14 July 70 Hotel made voice contact with enemy in cave and was able to talk 15 more VC into surrendering. A total of 20 VCs came out of the cave. Search of cave found 7 VC KIA, 1 AK-47, 1 AK-50, and 1 M-16 rifle and 1 PRC-25 radio was captured. Golf while sweeping village received 2 M-79 rounds, SKS fire and 5 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Golf returned with small arms fire and 60mm mortar fire. Squad enveloped suspected enemy position. 4 NVA were spotted and engaged them with small arms fire, resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 NVA WIA and captured.
- 15 July 70 Hotel CP observed 8-10 NVA 2000 meters away. Called air strike and artillery mission with good coverage of target area. Did not sweep area due to distance.
- 16 July 70 Fox-3 came across a enemy harbor site, there was one trail leading into the site. Site could accommodate 15 to 20 people.
- 17 July 70 Fox3-2 found foot prints along trail, followed foot prints for about 300 meters and spotted 1 NVA. Yelled for NVA to stop when he didn't, engaged him with small arms fire, resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 9mm pistol captured. Fox2-1 found a base camp. The base camp contained 8 well built hootches with rock sides. The base camp could hold approximately 150 people. There were bunkers and spider holes surrounding the camp. Fox2-1 destroyed base camp.

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Fox-3 spotted 3 NVA, small arms fire were exchanged before the enemy fled, Fox persued and found large pool of blood. Searched area with negative results.

- 18 July 70 Fox-3 while checking out hootches received AK-47 and M-60 fire. Six enemy were sighted, returned small arms and M-79 fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 AK-47 was captured. One USMC was WIA. AO guided F3 into hootches and AO killed 1 NVA with a WP round.
- 19 July 70 Fox-3 while on patrol found 400 pounds of C-4, 6x82mm mortar rounds 12x82mm mortar heads and 2 anti-tank mines. Destroyed them in place.
- 20 July 70 Golf-3 on patrol was proceeding down trail when a command detonated 105 round exploded resulting in 1 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA. Golf-1 spotted 5 NVA approximately 600 meters away and called 4.2 mortar and 60mm mortar fire with good coverage. Could not sweep area due to terrain.
- 21 July 70 Fox(-) found 1 NVA lying dead on trail. NVA was killed by air. NVA was wearing flak gear.
- 22 July 70 Echo2-3 observed 2 VC, engaged them with small fire, resulting in 2 VC KIA and 3 AK-47's captured.
- 23 July 70 Echo1-1 while on patrol came upon 2 hootches, checking them and finding a 30 caliber machine gun. Echo-2 spotted camp fire, called in 60mm mortar mission with negative results. Golf-1 discovered 6x82mm mortar rounds, all rounds had Russian manufactured marking on them.
- 24 July 70 Golf-1 observed 5 NVA with weapons and packs. They also had a dog with them. Golf-1 engaged them with small arms fire and called in blocking fires. Swept area with negative results. Fox2-3 found enemy base camp approximately 100x100 meters in size. Could accommodate 40 to 50 people, there were 5 bunkers around the camp. All were destroyed.
- 25 July 70 Delta 1/7 while moving into night defense position, received one chi-com wounding 2 Marines. Moving on down trail, point man was wounded by AK-47 fire. While medevac for three wounded men was in process, unit tripped M-79 booby trap wounding 3 more men. Echo1-2 heard suspected VC/NVA voices while in night ambush and called in artillery mission. Unknown results. Golf1-2 found an enemy base camp, large enough to hold 40 people. There was observation towers inside and outside the camp. Towers were platforms in trees.

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- 26 July 70 Golf-1 observed 1 VC male standing in front of hootch. KCS fired and VC fled. Golf-1 swept area with negative results. Golf(-) received 15 rounds of AK fire. Golf(-) engaged enemy with organic weapons with negative results. Echol-2 while in ambush sight, heard movement to the North. About 7 enemy came into view, engaged them with small arms fire and 5 M-26 grenades. Enemy returned fire with approximately 60 to 65 rounds of AK-47 fire and 5 chicombs, resulting in 6 USMC WIA. 5 VC/NVA were KIA, 3 weapons and 24 packs captured. The enemy force was estimated at 30.
- 27 July 70 Delta 1/7 found hospital containing 23 hootches, 2 bunkers, used as operating rooms. Also found gravesby hospital which contained 18 bodies. Echo-1 with an ARVN Intelligence Team found 139 SKS rifles inside a cave. CP spotted 6 NVA/VC running across field 1800 meters away. Enemy disappeared in treeline. Called AO on station. AO fired ordinance in area. Also fired artillery mission. AO spotted 1 hootch and destroy it.
- 28 July 70 Delta 1/7 tripped booby trap of unknown origin, resulting in 2 USMC WIA. Delta tripped another booby trap resulting in 2 more USMC WIA.
- 29 July 70 Hotel-2 while moving to night defense position, spotted 2 VC running through tall grass. Called for them to stop but failed to do so, engaged them with small arms fire and swept of area, revealing in 2 VC KIA. Detained 6 VN with no ID cards. Hotel-3 while setting in night defense position heard movement approximately 25 meters away, fired small arms fire with negative results. Echo-1 spotted approximately 35 enemies with weapons. Called in artillery mission with good coverage of target area. Due to darkness and terrain, area was not swept.
- 30 July 70 Foxl-1 spotted 3 VC/NVA approximately 400 meters away, engaged them with small arms fire. Enemy fled South, Foxl-1 pursued enemy finding one blood trail. Echo(-) while searching along the Song Thu Bon River came under heavy small arms and machine gun fire. Echo had two boats in river searching for caves with 8 USMC in them, boats were sunk from fire. Elements of Echo on both side of river covering for boats returned fire, allowing six Marines to swim ashore. Called artillery mission and air strike on enemy position with unknown results. Charlie 1/5 was called in and landed South and West in possible enemy rally point. Results of action, 2 USMC KIA, 6 USMC WIA.

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31 July 70 Hotell-3 spotted 7 NVA and engaged them with small arms fire.
Hotel called in air strike and swept area resulting in 3 NVA
KIA, 1 AK-47 was captured.

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APPENDIX IV
BREAKDOWN OF STATISTICS BY COMPANIES IN JULY 1970

	<u>ECHO</u>	<u>FOX</u>	<u>GOLF</u>	<u>HOTEL</u>	<u>H&S</u>	<u>"C"1/5</u>	<u>"D"1/7</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
NVA KIA	5	6	8	3	0			22
VC KIA	2	6	2	11	0		18	39
DETAINERS	45	65	151	28	0	6		295
I.W.C.	146	5	0	4	0	1	1	157
C.S.W.C.	1	0	0	0	0			1
USMC KIA	2	1	0	0	0			3
USMC WIA	23	1	3	7	1			35
USMC NBC	12	27	28	14	23			104
USMC KNBC	0	0	0	0	0			000

UTILIZATION OF WEAPONS

SMALL ARMS	7	8	5	13	0			33
106'sMM	0	0	3	0	0			3
ARTILLERY	0	1	0	0	0			1
AIR	0	1	2	1	0			4
OTHERS	0	3	0	0	0		18	21
TOTAL	7	13	10	14	0		18	61

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ TAB A - OPERATIONS ORDER 11-70

✓ TAB B - 2/7 JOURNALS FOR JULY 1970

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*Command
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2nd Bn, 7th Marines
LZ Baldy, Republic of
Vietnam.
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Operations Order 11-70

Ref: (a) Maps; AMS Series L7014, scale 1:50,000 Vietnam Sheets, 6540 II
6640 III
(b) 7th Marines Operations O 3-70

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Annex A (Intelligence)
- b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Vietnamese Marine Brigade conducts combat operations in designated AO West of operation area.
- (2) Americal Division conducts combat operations in designated AO South of operations area.
- (3) 7th Marines establish FSB Defiant.
- (4) 1/7 (-) (Rein) conducts search and destroy operation North and East of operations area.
- (5) Annex B Air Support
- (6) Mortar Battery 3/11 provides direct support as required.
- (7) 1st Recon Bat talion provides terminal guidance into FSB Dart on D-Day.

2. MISSION

- a. 2/7 conducts search and destroy operations South and West of FSB Dart and adjacent areas to interdict enemy logistical support, destroy enemy facilities, and kill or capture enemy in the area.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations

(1) General. Upon 7th Marines opening FSB Defiant, 2/7 Alpha Command Group, 1 section of 81's, a security platoon and Mortar Battery 3/11 (-) will helilift into FSB Dart. When the FSB is open and ready for operation, 2 companies will helilift into LZ Robin. These companies will conduct search and destroy operations in their assigned AO's.

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(2) Phase II- on order the two companies will conduct search and destroy operations to the Northwest in areas of known enemy base camps and supply routes. 1/7 will provide blocking forces along the Song Thu Bon River.

(3) Phase III- On order three companies will conduct search and destroy operations east of the Song Thu Bon River.

(4) Annex D (Operation Overlay) to Operation Order 11-70.

b. Company E- On order D-1 OpCon 1/7. Be prepared to rejoin 2/7 for Phases III.

c. Company F- On D-Day on order will be helilifted into LZ Robin (ZG 1428) and commence search and destroy operations in AO. Subsequently on order, sweep Northeast along known trails and streams toward blocking forces along the Song Thu Bon River. Be prepared to conduct search and destroy operations in the area east of the Song Thu Bon River.

d. Company G- On D-Day on order will be helilifted into LZ Robin (ZG 1428) and commence search and destroy operations in AO. Subsequently on order, sweep Northeast along known trails and streams toward blocking forces along the Song Thu Bon River. Be prepared to conduct search and destroy operations in the area east of the Song Thu Bon River.

e. Company H- On order D-1 OpCon 3/7.

f. 81 Platoon- On D-Day 1 section is helilifted to FSB Dart and provides fire support. Remaining sections continue mission of providing fire support and illumination for Battalion Rear at LZ Baldy.

g. 106 Platoon- On D-Day is helilifted to FSB Dart and provides security for the Command Group and Mortar Battery.

h. Mortar Battery (-) - 3/11 On D-Day conducts helilift to FSB Dart and provides direct support for 2/7.

i. Coordinating Instructions:

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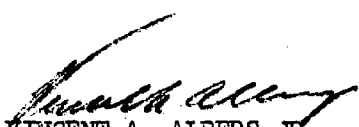
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(a) Enemy artillery, rockets, anti-aircraft guns or other heavy caliber weapons to include shell reports, mortar reports or rocket reports where appropriate.

(b) Detection of enemy, company size or larger, units within or adjacent to the study area; to include location, direction of movement size, type and color of uniforms, equipment weapons and whether the unit can be kept under observation.

(c) Any unusual activity which represents an immediate or potential threat against any FVMAF unit.

B. Request to higher, adjacent and supporting units.

(1) Provide information as obtained on

(a) Enemy ground forces within or adjacent to the area of interest.

(b) Nature and extent of enemy air threat.

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interest. (c) Movement of enemy forces toward or into the area of
 area. (d) Helicopter landing zones in and adjacent to the study
 area. (e) Enemy ECM capabilities.
 forecasts. (f) 12 hour daily weather reports, 48 hour and 72 hour

- (2) Provide aerial photography as requested.
- (3) Provide SLAR, IR and DCP as obtained.
- (4) Provide AO and reconnaissance support as requested.
- (5) Provide interrogator-translator support
- (6) Provide ground surveillance equipment support as requested.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL

a. All captured personnel, documents and material will be handled in accordance with reference (b) through (c).

5. DOCUMENTS AND/OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- a. Reference (a) is designated as standard for this operation.
- b. Map allowance will be in accordance with reference (b).
- c. Map correction will be entered on appropriate maps and reported to the Regimental S-2 as encountered. A file of all map corrections will be a part of the turnover file for a new unit assuming the assigned area.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

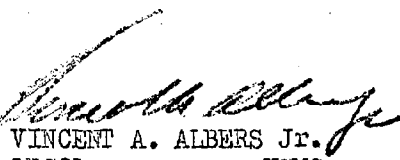
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7. REPORTS

a. All reports will be submitted to this Headquarters (Attn: S-2).

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 (3) Overlay; Contacts and Sightings
 (4) Overlay; Boobytraps
 (5) Overlay; Terrain and Foliage

1. Locally available forces:

A. 9th Battalion, 90th Regiment, Also known as K.9 Battalion, 19th Battalion, D.9 Battalion, Nui Quyet Battalion, B19 Battalion, 5th Battalion, A9 Battalion and 3rd Battalion (38th Regiment).

(1) Weapons include 3x82mm mortars, 3x60mm mortars, 3xB-40's, 5xB-41's, 2x7.62mm MGs and normally sufficient number of light guns and individual weapons. The Battalion has a strength of approximately 260 of which approximately 200 men are combat effective.

(2) The 9th Battalion was located in the vicinity of AT7929 as of early June.

B. D.26 Communications (Signal) Battalion, Also known as the 703rd Communications Battalion and the 1st Communications Battalion.

(1) The D.26 Battalion is a communications unit with a number of its elements being located at different locations as relay stations. The units to which the elements of the D.26 are attached provide security and therefore the movement of the Battalion would be limited to a small number of individual weapons. The Battalion (-) has a strength of 200 men.

(2) The Battalion is located in the vicinity of ZC1035.

C. Elements of the 490th Sapper Battalion, Also known as the 10th Sapper Battalion.

(1) Weapons for the Battalion include 4xB-40's, 4xB-41's, 2x60mm mortars, 2x82mm mortars and a sufficient number of light machine guns and individual weapons. The Battalion has a strength of 90 men..

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(2) The Battalion (-) is located in the vicinity of ZC1031.

D. 70C (Rear Services of Front 4) and elements of the other Transportation Units, such as 130th, 140th, 150th, 160th Transportation Battalion (Subordinate to 70C of Front 4) and 221st, 222nd, 223rd and 224th Battalions (subordinate to 220th Transportation Regiment of MR-5).

(1) The amount of these units is limited to a small number of individual weapons for security elements are attached to these units as deemed necessary by their headquarters. Elements of these various transportation/supply units located in the study area have an approximate combined strength of 500men. Many of these personnel are transient.

(2) Elements of the above mentioned units are located throughout the study area in known as well as unfound Base Camps and Supply Depots. Some of these elements will be moving through the study area and thus have only temporary and static positions there.

2. Reinforcing Forces

A. 577th Rocket Battalion, Also known as the 130th Battalion, 577th Artillery Battalion, 134th Infiltration Group and the 68B Artillery Battalion.

(1) The Battalion's armament includes 18x122mm rocket launchers, unknown number of 122mm rockets, 6xB-40's, 6xB-41's, 3x140mm rocket launchers, 1x120mm mortar and individual weapons. The strength of the Battalion (-) is 150 men.

(2) The Battalion (-) is located in the vicinity of AT8042.

B. 7th Battalion, 90th Regiment, Also known as the K.7 Battalion, 17th Battalion, D.7 Battalion, T.7 Battalion, B17 Battalion, A7 Battalion and Nui Guyet Battalion.

(1) The Battalion's armament includes 3x82mm mortars, 3x60mm mortars, 6xB-40's, 6xB-41's and sufficient number of individual weapons and light machine guns. The Battalion has a strength of 255 men of which 200 are combat effective.

(2) The Battalion is located in the vicinity of ZC1640.

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C. 8th Battalion, 90th Regiment, Also known as the K.8 Battalion, 18th Battalion, K.38 Battalion, D.8 Battalion, 108th Battalion, B18 Battalion, and the A8 Battalion.

(1) The Battalion's armament includes 3x82mm mortars, 3x60mm mortars, 9xB-40's, 3xB-41's and sufficient number of light machine guns and individual weapons.

(2) The Battalion is located in the vicinity of ZC1640

3. Enemy Capabilities. Based on continuous evaluation of the enemy situation and disposition of enemy forces within and adjacent to the area of interest. The enemy courses of action in probable order of adoption are considered to be:

- (a) Harass friendly units with sniper fire in a delaying action.
- (b) Avoid or penetrate the sweeping FVMAF units.
- (c) Mass and counterattack against a specific section of the sweeping forces in order to breakthrough it and escape.
- (d) Reinforce.
- (e) Initiate ambushes and heavy small arms/RPG attacks on FVMAF units operating in the area.
- (f) Initiate heavy mortar/RPG attacks on FVMAF units.
- (g) Withdrawal to the Base Camps for a final defensive contact.
- (h) Withdrawal from the area when defensive and harassing tactics are no longer practical.


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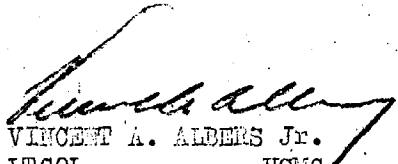
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Appendix 2 (Counterintelligence) to Annex ~~A~~ (Intelligence) to Operation Order (PICKENS FOREST) 11-70 **A**

1. Counter-Intelligence Teams will initiate operations in accordance with this Appendix, Annex B (Intelligence), and the below directives
 - (a) MCO 3850.1
 - (b) ForO P003850.1
 - (c) DivO 3800.1
2. Upon request, Counterintelligence personnel are available to advise and assist the Commands in implementing procedures in protecting documents against espionage, personnel against subversion, and equipment and installations against sabotage.
3. Counterintelligence personnel will not carry Marine Corps Counter-intelligence or Bilingual credentials while on operations within RVN.
4. Counterintelligence teams possess the capability of collecting both Counterintelligence and "Positive" (i.e. combat) intelligence through special operations and the use of human resources.


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Appendix 3 (Terrain and Weather) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order (PICKEN FOREST) 11-70 A

1. TERRAIN

a. The majority of the operation area is mountainous with multi-canopied, dense undergrowth forest. Approximately 40% of the area west of the SONG THU BON River also has bamboo growth.

b. The SONG THU BON RIVER VALLEY has intermittent areas of single canopy light undergrowth forests with rubber and palm plantations, brushwood, coffee and tea plantations, rice paddies and some areas of dry crops.

c. The valley running to the southwest from the SONG THU BON is characterized by largely single canopy light undergrowth forest with bamboo. Intermittent areas of multi-canopy dense undergrowth forest with bamboo may be encountered also. At the junction of this valley and the SONG THU BON, the area is mostly rice paddy with some single canopy light undergrowth forest with rubber and palm plantations.


d. Movement in the mountainous area is extremely poor and limited to trails, streams, valleys and ridgelines rather than unrestricted cross-country movement.

e. Movement in the SONG THU BON VALLEY will range from fair to poor. In this area the easiest movement will be in the northern to south central portion of the valley. The movement south of there will be intermittently poor with some areas of fair movement.

f. Movement in the valley running to the southwest will be poor due to undergrowth with the possibility of encountering some rice paddy areas.

g. Movement in other valley areas will range from fair to poor for the reasons stated in the paragraphs above.

2. WEATHER. The mean maximum temperature to expect is 94 degrees and low of 74 degrees with an average humidity of 81%. Late afternoon thunderstorms can be expected during the months of July and August. On morning after showers there is usually a heavy ground fog in the valley areas until approximately 0900. In areas of dense undergrowth the temperature can be expected to be considerably higher.


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Annex B (Air Support) to 2/7 Operation Order 11-70

Ref: (a) 7th Marines Operation Order 3-70

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See Annex A (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Fixed Wing close air support and beacon flights will be provided through normal request channels by the 7th Air Force.

(2) Helicopter support will be provided by the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

2. PROCEDURES

a. General

(1) All normal, preplanned, and on-call air support will be available to all companies.

(2) All units will continue to be resupplied by helicopters operating out of the ISA at LZ Baldy.

(3) It is anticipated that CH-46's will transport the bulk of resupplies to the company positions.

(4) Every effort will be made to retrograde external cargo slings and nets in the same aircraft which delivered them full of supplies. This will require expeditious unloading of nets by all personnel available. TACP's must request the resupply aircraft to pick up the retro-gear.

(5) All units will pop a smoke each time a helicopter is inbound to their zone.

(6) Zone briefs will be in accordance with current SOP.

(7) ALO/FAC will have on hand appropriate UHF Communication equipment and PPN-18 transponders to conduct beacon flights.

b. Air Support Request

(1) All request for resupply will be submitted to the ALO via the S-4 by 1000 the day prior.

(2) Med-Evacs will be submitted to the ALO on the TACP (pri) net.

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(3) Request for Emergency and on-call air support will be submitted to the ALO on TACP (pri) net.

(4) Request for night med-evacs will be for emergencies only.

c. Air Control Procedures

(1) Command and Control aircraft will be controlled on this Regimental TACP (pri) net.

(2) Med-Evac aircraft will be controlled on Med-Evac common.

(3) Resupply aircraft and helicopters not already mentioned will be controlled on LZ common.

(4) Aerial Observers missions, CAS and other Fixed Wing missions will be controlled on Regimental TACP (sec) net.

d. Fire Support Coordination

(1) All Artillery and Air Support will be coordinated by the FSCC assisted by the ALO.

(2) Save-A-Planes will be issued to all aircraft operating in the Battalion TAOR by the ALO on LZ Common.

(3) Aircraft leaving 2/7 TAOR will be advised to contact the appropriate agency on the designated frequency.

3. COMMAND & COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. All TACP units will monitor LZ Common (clear) except when monitoring TACP (sec) or Med-Evac Common.

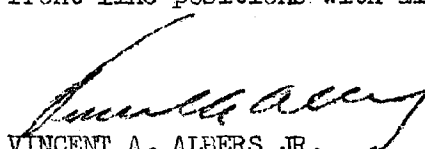
b. ALO Team will monitor LZ Common (clear) 24 hours a day.

c. ALO Team will monitor TACP (pri) clear, 24 hours a day except when monitoring TACP (sec) or Med-Evac Common.

d. ALO Team will maintain capability of secure transmission on TACP (pri).

e. Company Commanders will insure sufficient strobe lights are available for night missions.

f. Company Commanders will mark front line positions with air panels during air strikes.


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Annex C (Administration) to Operation Order 11-70

Ref: (a) 7th Marines Operations Order 3-70
(b) Admin Order 1-70

Time Zone: H

1. SUPPLY

a. General. All personnel will carry a prescribed load as outlined in reference (b). All other supplies and equipment not prescribed therein will be available on request to the Battalion S-4.

b. Supplies and Equipment Available

(1) All Companies and Alpha Command Group will carry the following items:

(a) Class I - 2 days rations (4 meals) plus 2 long rations, and 4 canteens of water.

(b) Class II - All T/E equipment, less helmets and flak-jackets for Fox and Golf Companies. Helmets and flak-jackets will be staged at Bravo Command and will be available for immediate use if requested.

(c) Class III- and IV- As requested.

(d) Class V - All personnel will carry 3 DOA as prescribed by reference (b).

c. Resupply

(1) Initial resupply will be on D plus 2.

(2) Resupply requests will be submitted to the Battalion S-4 Representative at Alpha Command Group by 0800 the day prior to the resupply. All requests will be transmitted on the Battalion Administration net. The S-4 Representative will then relay the requests to Bravo Command Group in accordance with reference (a).

(3) All requests for emergency and tactical priority resupply will be cleared by Alpha Command Group and will be restricted to ammunition and batteries.

(4) Units must be specifically stated with the request for resupply, ie...Hotel (-), and Hotel (3) etc....

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SECRET2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

- a. Evacuation and hospitalization will be in accordance with reference (b).
- b. All weapons for med-evacs will be retained in the field and returned with the first Marine returning to Bravo Command Group.

3. TRANSPORTATION

- a. The only means of transportation for personnel and resupply will be by air. Personnel who join the Alpha Command Group during the operation will be delivered to the respective Company CP's with resupplies.

4. SERVICE

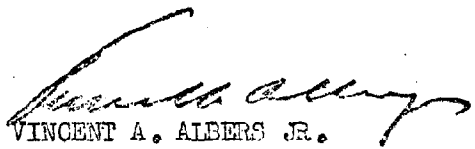
- a. Services will be provided on an as required basis as they are requested. Support for services will be available from elements normally available at LZ Baldy.

5. PERSONNEL

- a. Personnel procedures will be handled in accordance with Annex (D) to reference (b).

(1) Strength - Bravo Command Group and Company Rears will insure maximum strength is maintained in the field at all times, and that only those personnel necessary to accomplish the mission at Bravo Command are allowed to remain in the rear.

(2) Replacements - Arrangements to deliver replacements to Alpha Command Group must be made by contacting the Battalion S-4 by 0900 on the day prior to the replacements, being required in the field. Replacements will be flown to the respective Company CP's on resupply aircraft.


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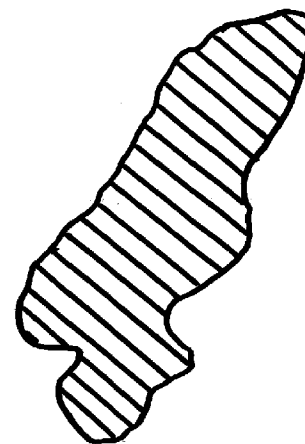
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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Vietnamese Marine Brigade conducts combat operations in designated AO West of operation area.

(2) Americal Division conducts combat operations in designated AO South of operations area.

(3) 7th Marines establish FSB Defiant.

(4) 1/7 (-) (Rein) conducts search and destroy operation North and East of operations area.

(5) Annex B Air Support

(6) Mortar Battery 3/11 provides direct support as required.

(7) 1st Recon Battalion provides terminal guidance into FSB Dart on D-Day.

2. MISSION

a. 2/7 conducts search and destroy operations South and West of FSB Dart and adjacent areas to interdict enemy logistical support, destroy enemy facilities, and kill or capture enemy in the area.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

(1) General. Upon 7th Marines opening FSB Defiant, 2/7 Alpha Command Group, 1 section of 81's, a security platoon and Mortar Battery 3/11 (-) will helilift into FSB Dart. When the FSB is open and ready for operation, 2 companies will helilift into IZ Robin. These companies will conduct search and destroy operations in their assigned AO's.

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(2) Phase II- on order the two companies will conduct search and destroy operations to the Northwest in areas of known enemy base camps and supply routes. 1/7 will provide blocking forces along the Song Thu Bon River.

(3) Phase III- On order three companies will conduct search and destroy operations east of the Song Thu Bon River.

(4) Annex D (Operation Overlay) to Operation Order 11-70.

b. Company E- On order D-1 OpCon 1/7. Be prepared to rejoin 2/7 for Phases III.

c. Company F- On D-Day on order will be helilifted into LZ Robin (ZC 1428) and commence search and destroy operations in AO. Subsequently on order, sweep Northeast along known trails and streams toward blocking forces along the Song Thu Bon River. Be prepared to conduct search and destroy operations in the area east of the Song Thu Bon River.

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(5) Make maximum effort to take prisoners, forward expeditiously for interrogation and exploit information thus obtained.

(6) Submit by flash message to this headquarters first sightings or positive indications.

(a) Enemy artillery, rockets, anti-aircraft guns or other heavy caliber weapons to include shell reports, mortar reports or rocket reports where appropriate.

(b) Detection of enemy, company size or larger, units within or adjacent to the study area; to include location, direction of movement size, type and color of uniforms, equipment weapons and whether the unit can be kept under observation.

(c) Any unusual activity which represents an immediate or potential threat against any FVMAF unit.

B. Request to higher, adjacent and supporting units

(1) Provide information as obtained on

(a) Enemy ground forces within or adjacent to the area of interest.

(b) Nature and extent of enemy air threat.

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interest. (c) Movement of enemy forces toward or into the area of
 area. (d) Helicopter landing zones in and adjacent to the study
 area. (e) Enemy ECM capabilities.
 forecasts. (f) 12 hour daily weather reports, 48 hour and 72 hour

- (2) Provide aerial photography as requested.
- (3) Provide SLAR, IR and DCP as obtained.
- (4) Provide AO and reconnaissance support as requested.
- (5) Provide interrogator-translator support
- (6) Provide ground surveillance equipment support as requested.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL

a. All captured personnel, documents and material will be handled in accordance with reference (b) through (c).

5. DOCUMENTS AND/OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- a. Reference (a) is designated as standard for this operation.
- b. Map allowance will be in accordance with reference (b).
- c. Map correction will be entered on appropriate maps and reported to the Regimental S-2 as encountered. A file of all map corrections will be a part of the turnover file for a new unit assuming the assigned area.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE


- a. The counterintelligence effort will be specified in reference (b) and Appendix 2.

7. REPORTS

- a. All reports will be submitted to this Headquarters (Attn: S-2).

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- ✓ Appendix 1 (Enemy Situation)
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Appendix I (Enemy Situation) to Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order (PICKENS FOREST) 11-70

- Encl: / (1) Overlay; Built up areas
 / (2) Overlay; Trails, Hospitals, Basecamps
 / (3) Overlay; Contacts and Sightings
 / (4) Overlay; Boobytraps
 / (5) Overlay; Terrain and Foliage

1. Locally available forces:

A. 9th Battalion, 90th Regiment, Also known as K.9 Battalion, 19th Battalion, D.9 Battalion, Nui Quyet Battalion, B49 Battalion, 5th Battalion, A9 Battalion and 3rd Battalion (30th Regiment).

(1) Weapons include 3x82mm mortars, 3x60mm mortars, 3xB-40's, 5xB-41's, 2x7.62mm MGs and normally sufficient number of light guns and individual weapons. The Battalion has a strength of approximately 260 of which approximately 200 men are combat effective.

(2) The 9th Battalion was located in the vicinity of AT7929 as of early June.

B. D.26 Communications (Signal) Battalion, Also known as the 703rd Communications Battalion and the 1st Communications Battalion.

(1) The D.26 Battalion is a communications unit with a number of its elements being located at different locations as relay stations. The units to which the elements of the D.26 are attached provide security and therefore the movement of the Battalion would be limited to a small number of individual weapons. The Battalion (-) has a strength of 200 men.

(2) The Battalion is located in the vicinity of ZC1035.

C. Elements of the 490th Sapper Battalion, Also known as the 10th Sapper Battalion.

(1) Weapons for the Battalion include 4xB-40's, 4xB-41's, 2x60mm mortars, 2x82mm mortars and a sufficient number of light machine guns and individual weapons. The Battalion has a strength of 90 men..

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(2) The Battalion (-) is located in the vicinity of ZC1031.

D. 700 (Rear Services of Front 4) and elements of the other Transportation Units, such as 130th, 140th, 150th, 160th Transportation Battalion (Subordinate to 700 of Front 4) and 221st, 222nd, 223rd and 224th Battalions (subordinate to 220th Transportation Regiment of IR-5).

(1) The amount of these units is limited to a small number of individual weapons for security elements are attached to these units as deemed necessary by their headquarters. Elements of these various transportation/supply units located in the study area have an approximate combined strength of 500 men. Many of these personnel are transient.

(2) Elements of the above mentioned units are located throughout the study area in known as well as unbound Base Camps and Supply Depots. Some of these elements will be moving through the study area and thus have only temporary and static positions there.

2. Reinforcing Forces

A. 577th Rocket Battalion, Also known as the 130th Battalion, 577th Artillery Battalion, 134th Infiltration Group and the 68B Artillery Battalion.

(1) The Battalion's armament includes 18x122mm rocket launchers, unknown number of 122mm rockets, 6x8-40's, 6x8-41's, 3x140mm rocket launchers, 1x120mm mortar and individual weapons. The strength of the Battalion (-) is 150 men.

(2) The Battalion (-) is located in the vicinity of AT8042.

B. 7th Battalion, 90th Regiment, Also known as the K.7 Battalion, 17th Battalion, D.7 Battalion, T.7 Battalion, B17 Battalion, A7 Battalion and Nui Quyet Battalion.

(1) The Battalion's armament includes 3x82mm mortars, 3x60mm mortars, 6x8-40's, 6x8-41's and sufficient number of individual weapons and light machine guns. The Battalion has a strength of 255 men of which 200 are combat effective.

(2) The Battalion is located in the vicinity of ZC1640.

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C. 8th Battalion, 90th Regiment, Also known as the K.8 Battalion, 18th Battalion, K.38 Battalion, D.8 Battalion, 108th Battalion, B18 Battalion, and the A8 Battalion.

(1) The Battalion's armament includes 3x82mm mortars, 3x60mm mortars, 9xB-40's, 3xB-41's and sufficient number of light machine guns and individual weapons.

(2) The Battalion is located in the vicinity of ZC1640

3. Enemy Capabilities. Based on continuous evaluation of the enemy situation and disposition of enemy forces within and adjacent to the area of interest. The enemy courses of action in probable order of adoption are considered to be:

- (a) Harass friendly units with sniper fire in a delaying action.
- (b) Avoid or penetrate the sweeping FWMAF units.
- (c) Mass and counterattack against a specific section of the sweeping forces in order to breakthrough it and escape.
- (d) Reinforce.
- (e) Initiate ambushes and heavy small arms/RPG attacks on FWMAF units operating in the area.
- (f) Initiate heavy mortar/RPG attacks on FWMAF units.
- (g) Withdrawal to the Base Camps for a final defensive contact.
- (h) Withdrawal from the area when defensive and harassing tactics are no longer practical.


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Appendix 2 (Counterintelligence) to Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order (PICKENS FOREST) 11-70

1. Counter-Intelligence Teams will initiate operations in accordance with this Appendix, Annex A (Intelligence), and the below directives
 - (a) MCO 3850.1
 - (b) ForO P003850.1
 - (c) DivO 3800.1
2. Upon request, Counterintelligence personnel are available to advise and assist the Commands in implementing procedures in protecting documents against espionage, personnel against subversion, and equipment and installations against sabotage.
3. Counterintelligence personnel will not carry Marine Corps Counter-intelligence or Bilingual credentials while on operations within RVN.
4. Counterintelligence teams possess the capability of collecting both Counterintelligence and "Positive" (i.e. combat) intelligence through special operations and the use of human resources.


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Appendix 3 (Terrain and Weather) to Annex E (Intelligence) to Operation Order (PICKEN FOREST) 11-70

1. TERRAIN

a. The majority of the operation area is mountainous with multi-canopied, dense undergrowth forest. Approximately 40% of the area west of the SONG THU BON River also has bamboo growth.

b. The SONG THU BON RIVER VALLEY has intermittent areas of single canopy light undergrowth forests with rubber and palm plantations, brushwood, coffee and tea plantations, rice paddies and some areas of dry crops.

c. The valley running to the southwest from the SONG THU BON is characterized by largely single canopy light undergrowth forest with bamboo. Intermittent areas of multi-canopy dense undergrowth forest with bamboo may be encountered also. At the junction of this valley and the SONG THU BON, the area is mostly rice paddy with some single canopy light undergrowth forest with rubber and palm plantations.

d. Movement in the mountainous area is extremely poor and limited to trails, streams, valleys and ridgelines rather than unrestricted cross-country movement.

e. Movement in the SONG THU BON VALLEY will range from fair to poor. In this area the easiest movement will be in the northern to south central portion of the valley. The movement south of there will be intermittently poor with some areas of fair movement.

f. Movement in the valley running to the southwest will be poor due to undergrowth with the possibility of encountering some rice paddy areas.

g. Movement in other valley areas will range from fair to poor for the reasons stated in the paragraphs above.

2. WEATHER. The mean maximum temperature to expect is 94 degrees and low of 74 degrees with an average humidity of 84%. Late afternoon thunderstorms can be expected during the months of July and August. On morning after showers there is usually a heavy ground fog in the valley areas until approximately 0900. In areas of dense undergrowth the temperature can be expected to be considerably higher.

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Annex B (Air Support) to 2/7 Operation Order 11-70

Ref: (a) 7th Marines Operation Order 3-70

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See Annex A (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Fixed Wing close air support and beacon flights will be provided through normal request channels by the 7th Air Force.

(2) Helicopter support will be provided by the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

2. PROCEDURES

a. General

(1) All normal, preplanned, and on-call air support will be available to all companies.

(2) All units will continue to be resupplied by helicopters operating out of the ISA at LZ Baldy.

(3) It is anticipated that CH-46's will transport the bulk of resupplies to the company positions.

(4) Every effort will be made to retrograde external cargo slings and nets in the same aircraft which delivered them full of supplies. This will require expeditious unloading of nets by all personnel available. TACP's must request the resupply aircraft to pick up the retro-gear.

(5) All units will pop a smoke each time a helicopter is inbound to their zone.

(6) Zone briefs will be in accordance with current SOP.

(7) ALO/TAC will have on hand appropriate UHF Communication equipment and PPN-18 transponders to conduct beacon flights.

b. Air Support Request

(1) All request for resupply will be submitted to the ALO via the S-4 by 1000 the day prior.

(2) Med-Evacs will be submitted to the ALO on the TACP (pri) net.

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(3) Request for Emergency and on-call air support will be submitted to the ALO on TACP (pri) net.

(4) Request for night med-evacs will be for emergencies only.

c. Air Control Procedures

(1) Command and Control aircraft will be controlled on this Regimental TACP (pri) net.

(2) Med-Evac aircraft will be controlled on Med-Evac common.

(3) Resupply aircraft and helicopters not already mentioned will be controlled on LZ common.

(4) Aerial Observers missions, CAS and other Fixed Wing missions will be controlled on Regimental TACP (sec) net.

d. Fire Support Coordination

(1) All Artillery and Air Support will be coordinated by the FSCC assisted by the ALO.

(2) Save-A-Planes will be issued to all aircraft operating in the Battalion TAOR by the ALO on LZ Common.

(3) Aircraft leaving 2/7 TAOR will be advised to contact the appropriate agency on the designated frequency.

3. COMMAND & COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. All TACP units will monitor LZ Common (clear) except when monitoring TACP (sec) or Med-Evac Common.

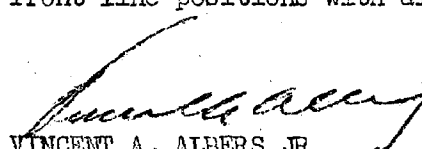
b. ALO Team will monitor LZ Common (clear) 24 hours a day.

c. ALO Team will monitor TACP (pri) clear, 24 hours a day except when monitoring TACP (sec) or Med-Evac Common.

d. ALO Team will maintain capability of secure transmission on TACP (pri).

e. Company Commanders will insure sufficient strobe lights are available for night missions.

f. Company Commanders will mark front line positions with air panels during air strikes.


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Annex C (Administration) to Operation Order 11-70

Ref: (a) 7th Marines Operations Order 3-70
(b) Admin Order 1-70

Time Zone: H

1. SUPPLY

a. General. All personnel will carry a prescribed load as outlined in reference (b). All other supplies and equipment not prescribed therein will be available on request to the Battalion S-4.

b. Supplies and Equipment Available

(1) All Companies and Alpha Command Group will carry the following items:

(a) Class I - 2 days rations (4 meals) plus 2 long rations, and 4 canteens of water.

(b) Class II - All T/E equipment, less helmets and flak-jackets for Fox and Golf Companies. Helmets and flak-jackets will be staged at Bravo Command and will be available for immediate use if requested.

(c) Class III- and IV- As requested.

(d) Class V - All personnel will carry 3 DOA as prescribed by reference (b).

c. Resupply

(1) Initial resupply will be on D plus 2.

(2) Resupply requests will be submitted to the Battalion S-4 Representative at Alpha Command Group by 0800 the day prior to the resupply. All requests will be transmitted on the Battalion Administration net. The S-4 Representative will then relay the requests to Bravo Command Group in accordance with reference (a).

(3) All requests for emergency and tactical priority resupply will be cleared by Alpha Command Group and will be restricted to ammunition and batteries.

(4) Units must be specifically stated with the request for resupply, ie...Hotel (-), and Hotel (3) etc....

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SECRET2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

- a. Evacuation and hospitalization will be in accordance with reference (b).
- b. All weapons for med-evacs will be retained in the field and returned with the first Marine returning to Bravo Command Group.

3. TRANSPORTATION

- a. The only means of transportation for personnel and resupply will be by air. Personnel who join the Alpha Command Group during the operation will be delivered to the respective Company CP's with resupplies.

4. SERVICE

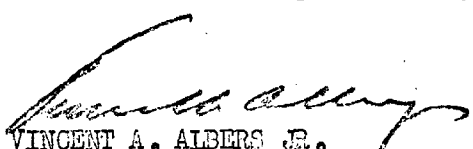
- a. Services will be provided on an as required basis as they are requested. Support for services will be available from elements normally available at LZ Baldy.

5. PERSONNEL

- a. Personnel procedures will be handled in accordance with Annex (D) to reference (b).

(1) Strength - Bravo Command Group and Company Rears will insure maximum strength is maintained in the field at all times, and that only those personnel necessary to accomplish the mission at Bravo Command are allowed to remain in the rear.

(2) Replacements - Arrangements to deliver replacements to Alpha Command Group must be made by contacting the Battalion S-4 by 0900 on the day prior to the replacements, being required in the field. Replacements will be flown to the respective Company CP's on resupply aircraft.


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Annex E (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Order 3-70

- Ref: (a) 7th Marines Operations Order 3-70
 (b) 1st Mar Div Order P2000.4(Comm SOP)
 (c) 7th Marine Order P2000.4C
 (d) 1st Mar Div Order P2000.2E (CE01)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex A (Intelligence)
- (2) Radio Intercept, deception and jamming is expected.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 7th Marines will relay all messages external to the area of operations.
- (2) 7th Marines will establish a relay sight at Nong Son in accordance with Appendix 1 (Radio Plan)

2. MISSION

Continue to operate current assigned radio nets and be prepared to operate supplemental nets as required to support the movement to and subsequent operations at FSB Dart in the Pickens Forest AO.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

- (1) Commencing H-hour, D-Day establish and maintain continuous communications in accordance with Appendix 1 (Radio Plan).
- (2) Primary tactical communications will be direct between echelons of command with a Regimental relay team on Nong Son as back-up.

c. Artillery Support

Appendix 1 (Radio Plan)

d. Air Support Communications

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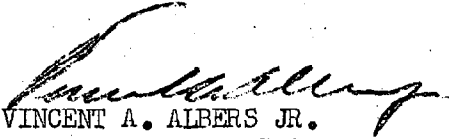
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SECRETe. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) References (b) and (c).
- (2) Call signs in accordance with reference (d)
- (3) Communications Security is to be maintained at all times through appropriate usage of Nestor and Circe codes.
- (4) All expended dry-cell batteries will be completely demolished.
- (5) Pyrotechnic signal code in accordance with Appendix 2 (Pyrotechnic Signal Code).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Administration Annex (C) 11-70
- b. A limited second-echelon repair capability will be maintained at FSB Dart.
- c. An equipment float will be maintained in Battalion Rear for rapid turn around.



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Appendixes

- / 1- Radio Plan
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Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) to Annex E Operation Order 3-70

LEGEND:

C- Net Control

X- Guard

O- As Required

7th Regt	2nd BN 7th	TACP	E Co.	F Co.	G Co.	H Co.	Recon	
C	X							Regt. TAC.
C	O							Regt. CMD #1
C	X							Regt. CMD #2
	X							India Btty. 3/11
X	X							LZ Common
X	X							Regt. TACP (P)
O	O							Regt. TACP (S)
	O		X	X	X	X	O	BN TAC
	C		O	O	O	O	O	BN ADMIN.
	C		O	O	O	O	O	81 COF
			X				O	E CO TAC
				X			O	F CO TAC
					X		O	G CO TAC
						X	O	H CO TAC
			O	O	O	O	O	MED-EVAC (C)
			O					MED-EVAC (UNC)
	X							MORTAR BN 3/11

NOTE: In event of negative
Communications with all units
contact air craft on
station freq. 31.90

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Appendix 2 (Frequency Plan) To Annex E Operation Order 3-70

<u>NET</u>	<u>FREQ</u>	<u>DESIG</u>
Regt TAC	72.05	D 256
Regt CMD#1	59.50	D 40
Regt CMD#2	37.15	D 1117
India Bty 3/11	67.85	D 98
Mortar Bty 3/11	67.85	D 249
LZ Comon	31.90	D 222
Regt TACP(P)	35.00	D 223
Regt TACP(S)	48.00	D 228
BN TAC	71.20	D 247
BN ADMIN	70.30	D 242
81 COF	64.05	D 223
"E"Co. TAC	68.40	D 290
"F"Co. TAC	31.65	D 221
"G"Co. TAC	70.45	D 285
"H"Co. TAC	40.15	D 295
MEDVAC (C)	64.00	W 89
MEDVAC (UNC)	47.60	W 64
RECON	30.50	D 300

NOTE: Regt CMD.1 use alt 2697.0, 3326.0, 8720.0 (D-420), 11170.0 (D 431)

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Appendix 3 (Pyrotechnic Signal Code) to Annex E, (Communications-
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PYROTECHNIC SIGNAL MEANINGS

a. Meanings assigned to pyrotechnics signals will not be altered. Meanings may be assigned to signals not specifically assigned by higher authority provided coordination with interested Commanders is effected.

b. The below listed pyrotechnic signals with assigned meanings are standard within the 1st Marine Division, when fired by ground troops.

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
ONE RED FLARE	Request for emergency evacuation for ground troops or group (radio confirmation required) or Request for medical evacuation. or Aircraft, boat or survivors in distress.
TWO OR MORE RED FLARES	Area not secure or not safe to land.
ONE WHITE FLARE	Cease/stop illumination or shelling.
TWO OR MORE WHITE FLARES	Request for radio communication on the air-ground frequency.
ONE GREEN FLARE	Area secure or safe to land.
TWO OR MORE GREEN FLARES	Radio breakdown
ONE WHITE AND ONE GREEN FLARE	Request for ammunition.
ONE WHITE AND ONE RED FLARE	Request for bombardment or illumination or relieving forces. (Radio or panel confirmation required).

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
ONE RED FLARE	Request for emergency evacuation for ground troops or group (radio confirmation required) or Request for medical evacuation. for or Aircraft, boat or survivors in distress.

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TWO OR MORE RED FLARES

Area not secure or not safe to land.

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ECHO	2
FOX	2
GOLF	2
HOTEL	2
S-1	1
S-2	1
S-3	2
S-4	1
COMM	1
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EVENT	PIC-UP TIME	AIRCRAFT	LOAD	FROM	TO	REMARKS
1.	0700	6-46's 2-53's 1-53 1-53	17 each = 100 50 each = 100 mules w/106's, 81's 7800# 106 & 81 ammo	LZ 469 " " "	FSB " " "	Open FSB DEFIANT Land at 0730
	0715	1-53	1 mini-dozer	LZ 482	"	Land at 0740
2.	0730	2-46's	6-1/7 adv party 15 arty adv party	BALDY VIP ROSS	NONG SON FSB	Land at 0745 Land at 0750
3.	0830	3-46's 2-53's	17 each = 50 50 each = 100	BALDY FWTA(E)	BLUEJAY	Land at 0900
"	"	3-46's 2-53's	17 each = 50 50 each = 100	BALDY FWTA(V)	STARLING	Land at 0945
"	"	2-46's	20 pax & gear	BALDY VIP	FSB	Comm adv party

EVENT	PICK-UP TIME	AIRCRAFT	LOAD	FROM	TO	REMARKS
4.	0930	4-53's	105's, crews, ammo	ROSS	FSB	Make as many round trips as possible prior to 1100
"	"	4-46's	12 each = 48	BALDY FWTA	MACE	Land at 1000 (48)
"	"	4-46's	12 each = 48	BALDY r/w (W)	DART	Land at 1010

5.	1000	1-53	40 troops 1/7	BALDY FWTA	MACE	Land at 1030 (22) 88
"	"	1-53	25 troops 2/7+ 2-4.2's, etc.	BALDY r/w (W)	DART	Land at 1040 (98)

6.	1030	8-46's	12 each = 100	BALDY FWTA	MACE	Land at 1100 (122) 188

7.	1100	4-53's	40 each = 200	BALDY FWTA	MACE	Land at 1130 (222) 348

8.	1130	6-46's	12 each = 72	BALDY r/w/ (W)	DART	Land at 1200 (135)

EVENT	PICK-UP TIME	AIRCRAFT	LOAD	FROM	TO	REMARKS
9.	1200	1-53	30 pax & 4.2's	BALDY FWTA	MACE	Land at 1230 (440) 378
		1-53	7200# 4.2's & 1800# 81mm ammo	BALDY LSA	"	
		1-53	25 pax & 4.2's	BALDY r/w (W)	DART	Land at 1230
		1-53	7200# 4.2 & 1800# 81mm ammo	BALDY LSA	"	
----- 4-46's ----- FINISH TROOPS 1/2-62 " ----- MACE ----- (440) -----						
10.	1400	6-46's 4-53's	17 each = 100 50 each = 200	BALDY r/w (W)	ROBIN	Land at 1430
11.	1500	2-46's	C&C	BALDY	Move Regt CP to FSB DEFIANT	
		2-46's 2-guns	Mission 52 resupply			
		2-46's 2-guns	Resupply and small catch-up for forward elements			
		4-53's	Ammo M-124 Radio Veh M-124 Radio Veh	BALDY LSA " "	FSB+ DART FSB	Resupply

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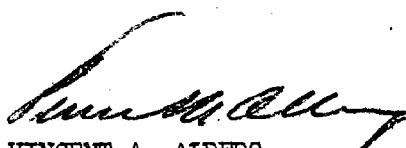
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OFF-2 SNCO-2 ENL-95 NAVY-4 ENL ATT-21.

1210 03 010820H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)G23 B)010820HCC)972308 D)G23 on patrol entered a
ville 200m to the S and came upon some ~~VN mothers~~ and
some children. E)G23 detained all personnel due to
free fire zone and neg. ID cards. Detainees will be
sent to LZ Ross at first opportunity. F-M)neg. K)21
L-M)neg. N)hot clear in ville.

1215 04 010900H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)G23 B)010900H C)975314-972308 D)G23 while returning
detainees rec'd 20 rds. s/a from a ville 400m to SW.
E)G23 returned fire immed. and called in a 81mm miss
Upon completion of the mission G23 swept the area with
neg. results. Fire was rec'd from the same ville that
the detainees were picked up at. F-M)neg. N)hot, clear.
ARTY: 1st rd.- 0910 last rd.- 0930.

1115 05 011000H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)G3 B)011000H C)OP LION-999293 D)G3 spotted 6 NVA
wearing green util. and packs heading S. 200m of
their pos. E)106's fired, 1st rd. wounded one, then
they all headed S. to a treeline. An AO was called
in on the situation he fired all his ordinance but
had to leave due to low fuel. There is now another
AO on station directing an arty mission. F-M)neg.
N)hot humid.
ARTY: 1st rd.- 1005 ECM.-1010.

FOLLOW UP: E)Called air strike and AO observed 3 possible NVA KIA
F-H)neg. I)3 NVA J-M)neg. N)hot, humid.
ARTY: 1st rd.- 1440 ECM.- 1455.

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1445 06 011440H 1st ~~Engn.~~ to YB (SPOT REPORT)= S-3 SM
 A) 1st. Eng. B) 011440H C) 025345 D) VN child threw a frag at one of the engineers vehicles. 1 PF was WIA not medevaced. E) Child was pursued but got way into New Life Hamlet. F) neg. G) 1PF H-M) neg. N) hot humid on a road.

FOLLOW UP: A) 1st ~~Engn.~~ B) 011600H C) 022345 D) VN boy apprehended found with a CS grenade. E) The boy age 10-14, was then detained until transfered to LZ Ross and Baldy for further questioning. F-J) neg. K) 1 M) neg. N) hot.

1945 07 011600H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A) G B) 011600H C) 979318 D) while G units were working in the above area they came across 92 detainees, all women and children. E) 59 have been turned into LZ Ross. 33 will be turned in tomorrow. They were all in free fire zone and had no ID's. F-J) neg. K) 92 M) neg, N) hot clear in villa

2322 08 012130H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A) G11 B) 012130H C) 979317 D) G11 while sitting in LP 100m S. of G-, heard movement and listened for approx. 5 min. E) G11 saw movement approx. 40m S. and opened up with s/a and M-79. Then searched the area under illum. heard movement and threw one frag. then con't to search the area with neg. results. G11 then came in and a 60mm mission was called in on the pos. At the EOM the LP set in 75m NE of the original LP. Will sweep the area at first light. F-M) neg. N) cool, dark. ARTY: 1st rd. 2135 EOM 2150.

1020 09 020900H YBH to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A) H3 B) 020900H C) 024345 D) 1 VN male approached day pos. with info. about chicom. Marine followed VN to find one chicom. E) blew in place. Pd. 160\$ VN. F-M) neg. N) sunny, flatlands.

1020 10 020900H YBE to YB (STRENGTH REPORT) S-3 SM
 OFF-5 SNCO-3 ENL-101 NAVY-6 ENL ATT-4 KCS-1.

YBF to YB (STRENGTH REPORT) S-3 SM
 OFF-3 SNCO-2 ENL-117 NAVY-6 ENL ATT-26.

YBH to YB (STRENGTH REPORT)= S-3 SM
 OFF-3 SNCO-2 ENL-95 NAVY-4 ENL ATT-21.

1030 11 020840H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A) G- B) 020840H C) 969322-963327 D) G- while in def pos. heard 2 M-16 shots fired 500m to the NE. The shots were either inaccurate sniper shots or warning shots. E) G- retaliated with an arty mission an suspected pos.

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1030 11 020840H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT)(CON'T) S-3 SM
 E)Upon completion of mission G2 was dispatched to the suspected pos. and searched the area with neg. results. F-M) neg. N)sunny, warm, hilly terrain.

1045 12 020850H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G B)020850H C)969322-966325 D)G in day pos. spotted a group of 5 VC 500m away to the SW. Fled into a gully and a treeline when sighted. They were wearing blk. pj's with no packs or rifles. E)G opened up with M-60 and 60mm fire enemy fled to the SW An AO was called in on station while G2 conducted a sweep of the area. G2 brought back 11 detainees with no ID cards in a free fire zone. These people were in the area of the recent sniper fire. F-J)neg. K)11 M)neg. N)hot treeline.

1545 13 021455H YBE to YB (SPOT REPORT) while on patrol in the process of replacing pointman tripped a BT. M-26 with wire running across the trail, 6-7 inches off the ground. The personnel were wearing flat jackets and helmets. E)G23 called in a medevac for 4 WIA and continued with their mission. Time called 1440, time completed 1500. F)neg. G)4 WIA H-M)neg. N)sunny trees bushy.

1730 14 021730H JOURNAL FOR THE PERIOD OF 010001 TO 021730 CLOSED:SUMMARY:
 GOLF-in ville detained 23 in a free fire zone.
 GOLF-rec'd fire from ville, c/a/f/m swept with neg. result.
 GOLF-Spotted 3 NVA headed S. called AO with neg. results.
 FOLLOW UP- 3 NVA KIA by the AO.
 HOTEL-child threw frag at ENEMY, 1 PF WIA not medevac.
 GOLF-Found 92 detainees and returned them to LZ Ross.
 GOLF-heard movement during night, fraged, 60mm with a neg. result.
 HOTEL-VN turned in chicom, pd. the VN, blew chicom in pl.
 GOLF-rec'd shots from M-16 called mission with neg result.
 GOLF-spotted 5 NVA fired with neg. results. Found 11 detainees in sweepof area.
 ECHO-patrol tripped a bt on trail, 4 WIAMED-evaced.

1730 01 021730 JOURNAL FOR THE PERIOD OF 021730 TO 031730 OPENED

1810 02 021610H YBE to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E11 B)021610H C)025396 D)E11 found bt. M-26 on pole w/wire. E)blew in place. F-M)neg. N)sunny, trees.

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1805 03 021720H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E3 B)021720H C)022402 D)E3 on patrol set off M-26
 booby trap w/wire 2-4' off ground on the left side. Took
 3 WIA. The birds were coming in to medevac and E3 found
 another M-26 booby trap on the LZ. Men were wearing flat
 jackets, and helmets. E)1 WIA medevac to Danang 2 were non
 medevac. Booby trap on the LZ was blown in place. F)neg
 G)3 H-M)neg. N)dusk, trees and brush.

1910 04 021845H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)ECP B)021845H C)019395 D)ECP took enemy sniper fire
 from the above grid. (AK-47). E)ECP returned fire w/s/a
 and M-79, and M-60. Enemy fire then ceased, E22 swept
 area with neg results. F-M)neg. N)dusk, trees, rocks.

1140 05 030700H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G21 B)030700H C)979318-981321 D)G21 while on patrol
 spotted 05 enemy fleeing S 250 meters away from G Pos.
 E)G21 engaged enemy with s/a fire resulting in 1 KIA and
 1 WIA NVA. KIA had no weapon, aged 22, carrying khaki
 uniform other 4 were wearing green and brown utilities.
 F-H)neg. I)1 H)neg. K)5 VN females 30-50, 10 children
 2-12 wearing blk pjs. L-M)neg. N)Hot, clear, ville.

1410 06 031345H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)H3 B)031345H C)024345 D)1 VN male age 14 approached
 day perimeter w/info concerning 1 60mm rd. E)Marines
 followed VN male found 1 60mm rd and blew in place w/C-4.
 VN paid 200 piasters. F-M)neg. N)sunny, flat lands.

1610 07 031500H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G12 B)031500H C)992331 D)G12 while on patrol, 300 M
 to W of G- Pos, entered a ville and found detainees. E)
 G12 detained the VN women and children due to cease fire
 zone and no ID. Turning the detainees over to G2, they
 proceeded 100M N. where a second group of VN women and
 children were found and detained. After returning the
 second group to G- pos, G12 proceeded on with their pat-
 rol. Approx. 1000 meters NW of G- pos they came across
 a third group of detainees located in a ville with neg
 ID with them. All detainees totalled out to 16 VN women
 and 14 children. All to be turned into LZ ROSS. Detainees
 were wearing assorted clothing consisting of blk pjs bot-
 tom with various colored tops. Detainees were taken to
 LZ ROSS. F-J)neg. K)16 VN women 23-75, 14 children 2-12
 L-M)neg. N)hot, clear, ville.

1730 08 031730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 021730 to 031730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 Echo found BT and blew in place.
 E3 tripped a BT resulting 3 WIA. Also found a BT which was
 blown in place.

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ECP took sniper fire and returned fire with neg results. G21 spotted 5 enemy fleeing S 250M away. Opened with s/a/f resulting 1 KIA and 1 WIA NVA. H3 was informed of 60mm rd. Found it and blew in place. G12 while patrol came across groups of VN women and children with neg ID and in cease fire zone. Detained them and brought them back to LZ ROSS. 16 VN women 23-75, 14 children 2-12.

1735 01 031735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 031730 to 041730 OPENED

1810 02 031500H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E13 B)031500H C)051400 D)E13 while on patrol found VN documents in wooden box inside of hootch at above grid. E)Documents were returned to E- pos by evaluation by S-2 scout. S-2 scout will be retrograding them to YB pos at next available transportation. F-L)neg. M)handwritten and typed VN documents. N)Sunny, brush, trees, hilly.

1830 03 031645H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 MH
 A)G13 B)031645H C)993337 D)G13 while on patrol found M-23 frag, 1 C-ration can secured to a stick on left side of trail. Trail ran north and south. Trip wire approx 3 in. off deck was 2 Ft. long. Perpendicular to trail secured to a stick on right side. E)G13 blew the BT in place. F-M)neg. N)Hot, humid trail.

1850 04 031700H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G B)031700H C)980323 D)G2 while on patrol observed 1 NVA 22 yrs old dressed in blk pjs in a cave approx 25 meters S of above grid. E)G2 went into pos at opening of cave and engaged with small arm fire, immediately killing the enemy during the search of cave, they found one pack with assorted gear and chow. All was destroyed in place. Cave was approx 3x4x6. F-L)neg. M)1 pack, 10 lbs polished rice, 03 sets of blk pjs. N)Hot, cave

2115 05 031940H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G3 B)031940H C)OP LION-998306 D)G3 observed 2 VC dressed in blk pjs standing in front of hootch 1100 M to the South. E)2x106 rds were fired on enemy killing both of them. Both bodies were observed by G3. Tomorrow a unit from G3 will go to enemy pos to check out area. F-H)neg. I)2 J-M)neg. N)Dusk, warm, near a hootch.

2130 06 031940H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E11 B)031940H C)031392-031397 D)E11 while moving into night ambush site tripped a daisy chain BT resulting in 2 WIA. The BT was one trip wire across trail setting off two M-26 approx 10 meters apart. E)The 2 WIA were returned to E- pos and first aid administered. Both will be med at first light. F)neg. G)2 F-M)neg. N)night, bush.

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- 2200 07 031800H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G2 B)031800H C)986313-992313 D)G2 while on patrol observed approx 5 NVA dressed in green utilities with M-60MG set in on west side of hill 270, 600M away. Enemy engaged G2 with M-60 fire. 4 NVA/VC 100M S of G2 engaged own M-60 pos, with AK and SKS fire, believing M-60 pos was free world forces. E)G2 returned small arms fire on M-60 pos and contacted G3 on Hill 270. G2 actual advised the Plt Sgt of G3 of the situation and requested 106's to stand by to support them by fire, while G2 was assaulting enemy pos to S. G2 actual gave G3 Plt Sgt his friendly grid, G3 Plt Sgt and G2 actual gave double readback on friendly grid. Without further warning G3 Plt Sgt told 106's crew to fire on what he thought were the enemy, resulting in 3 friendly WIA's. G2 actual had advised G3 plt Sgt not to fire until he gave enemy grid, G6 monitored all conversations. 3 WIA were evacuated. Enemy with M-60 fled up finger of 270. Fire mission was called with unknown results. Other VC/NVA fled to S. Investigation will be conducted. F)neg. G)3 H-M)neg N)Evening, dusk, humid.
- 1225 08 040915H YBEM C-3"A" TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)BMC-3"A" B)040915H C)078385 D)C-3"A" personnel found, 50 lbs rock mine booby trap in left track of road. Marker found at site of pos of mine was unique and never been encountered in this AO before. Marker will be forwarded to Regt recommended be used at landmine warfare school for a destructional purposes. 2 C-rat cans about 4 inches apart with both cans fastened together with small strips of bamboo. Fd on side of road. E)Blew in place with C-4. F-M)neg N)Hot, road.
- 1300 09 041500H YBH&S TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)H&S B)041500H C)018348 D)Check out reported URS. E)searched area, resulting in definite signs of habitation, eating utensils(cooking pots and rice bowls) uncovered. Two caves 6x10' concealed in hedg rows. Spotted 3 possible NVA 2 wearing green utilities, 1 wearing blk pjs fleeing NW 400 M away. F-L)neg. M)cooking pots, 2 lbs rice, tobacco. N)Flst area, sunny to rain.
- 1730 10 041730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 031730 to 041730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 E13 fd VN documents in wooden box. Will be returned them.
 G13 fd a booby trap. Blew in place.
 G2 spotted 1 NVA in cave. Engaged with s/a fire resulting a immediate kill. Searched cave finding assorted gears.
 G3 observed 2 VC standing in front of a hootch 100M away in blk pjs. Called in 2x106 resulting 2 enemy KIA.
 E11 tripped a booby trap resulting 2 WIA.

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1735 01 041735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 041730 to 051730 OPENED

1730 02 051730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 041730 to 051730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
None

1730 01 051730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 051730 to 061730 OPENED

1420 02 061150H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)F31 B)061150H C)909368 D)F31 while on a patrol looking for an area to place listening device, came upon a hootch. A VN female age 25 came out the front of the hootch facing in a NW direction and started yelling "Marines". At this time 2 VN males dressed in blk pjs approx 30 years old of age, one with pack, neg weapons observed started to run from the rear of the hootch in a S^W direction. E)F31 opened up with small arms and killed 1 VC male with pack. The other VC male escaped in a SW direction. Pack contained NVA money and documents which will be sent to YB pos. F31 while searching area came across 6 VN females, 4 VN children approx 100 meters from hootch where the VC was shot. 6 females and 4 children along with one in hootch were detained and will be sent to YB pos as soon as possible. F-H)neg. I)1 J)neg K)7 females, 4 children. L)neg M)1 pack with NVA money and documents. N)Brush, sunny.

1730 03 061730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 051730 to 061730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
F31 came across a hootch finding a woman came out yelling "Marines" to NW direction. Then 2 VN males began to run from rear of hootch in SW direction with pack. F31 opened up with small arms fire resulting 1 KIA. Also detained 7 females and 4 children who were 100 meters from hootch where the VC was shot.

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1735 01 061735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 061730 to 071730 OPENED

2320 02 061855H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)F B)061855H C)906362 D)F3 while on way to scheduled grid to replace batteries in listening devices was stopped by VC male and family who wanted Cho Hoi, VC male approx 25 yrs old his wife approx 20 yrs old. It was confirmed by KCS that he was a VC. E)F3 detained the Cho Hoi and family, the wife at this time started to talk of knowing another VC male and family who wanted to Cho Hoi. F3 sent a unit with the Cho Hoi and came to a hootch about 50M away from the above grid and found a VC male around 20 yrs old w/family of 4 VC females, ages 80, 35, 40 20 and 6 VC children, age 6,4,3,2,2,2 who wanted Chew Hoi. KCS is not known if all these people are related. The Chew Hoi and family will be detained pending transportation to YB. The KCS also interrogated the Chew Hoi and found that the above grid is also a meeting place for 20 to 30 VC each night from 1800 to 1900 F3 will sit in at this pos to try and set an ambush. The KCS is also found out that about 1000m to the N from the above grid is a hamlet, Shung Hoa, where VC working out of villagers hootches, approx 20 to 30 VC. They have weapons. This is all the KCS's could find out from the Chew Hoi. F-J)neg K)12 L-M)neg N)Dark.

0950 03 070837H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)F3 B)070837H C)906362 D)F3 while setting in nite pos and guarding Chew Hoi and detainees from previous day acquired 26 more VN civilians who wanted transportation from Antenna Valley. F3 also fd out the village chief was VC and wanted to Chew Hoi, with the chief was another VC that Chew Hoi approx 25 yrs old. E)F3 accepted all the people, KCS are questioning Chew Hoi. All civilians and Chew Hoi will be sent to YB pos as soon as transportation available. F-J)neg K)24 L-M)neg N)Cloudy, brush.

1150 04 071045H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)F3 B)071045H C)898260 D)F3 while looking for sensor devices two males Chew Hoi along with one female and 3 children. E)F3 detained these people and will return them to YB pos on first available transportation. F-J)neg K)6 L-M)neg N)Cloudy, warm

1420 05 071100H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)H4 B)071100H C)963453,964455-963453 D)H4 while in day def pos spotted 3 NVA dressed in dark clothes moving in an E direction. They were too far away to determine if they had weapons or packs. E)Took under fire with M-60 and 60mm and swept area with neg results. F-M)neg N)Sunny, overcast.

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1500 06 071100H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)H1&H2 B)071100H C)962442-962436 D)H1 and H2 while in day
 pos rec'd approx 150 rds of machine gun fire from SE. E)Re--
 turned fire with M-79 and M-60. Unable to sweep the area bee
 cause of impregnable terrain. Follow up spot will come later
 F-M)neg N)Cloudy.

1730 07 071730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 061730 to 071730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 F3 came up VC and family who wanted to Choi Hoi. Detained
 them and question them and will bring back to rear.
 F3 had 26 civilians who wanted to be relocated. Also 3 Choi
 Hoi.
 F3 while on looking for sensor devices, 2 Choi Hois and one
 female and 3 children who came to F3.
 H4 spotted 3 NVA in dark clothes. Opened up with M-60 and 60mm
 with neg results.
 H1&H2 received 150 rds of machine gun. Returned fire neg re-
 sults.

1735 01 071735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 071730 to 081730 OPENED

2130 02 061150H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)F B)061150H(follow up) C)909368 D)F3 detainees, listed on
 spot report 071340H, confirmed that 1 VC male that F fired on
 and escaped on 061150H was wounded and later died. F-H)neg.
 I)1 J-M)neg N)Hot, sunny, brush.

2150 03 071100H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)H B)071100-071900H(follow up) C)976449-976449 D)AO came on
 station and ran 2 flight of air resulting in 1 VC/NVA KBA. H1
 and H2 were guided to area by AO while sweeping area H1 tripped
 booby trap of unk origin and size. While moving to medevac site
 point man spotted 2 VC/NVA 200M to NW. One additional flight
 was flown in area while VC/NVA disappeared. E)2 USMC WIA from
 booby trap. Initiated contact with VC/NVA with s/a/f and M-79
 and searched area with neg result. Couldn't determine dress or
 weapon or pack. E)neg G)2 H)neg I)1 J-M)neg N)Overcast, hill.

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 2200 04 071340H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)F3 B)071340H C)906362 D)F3 while replacing batteries and
 listening devices came across 2 VN males, 1 female and child-
 ren sitting in the middle of the trail. They said they wanted
 to leave Antenna Valley. E)F3 will bring them to F- pos for a
 transportation to YB pos. F-J)neg. K)8 L-M)neg N)Hot, sunny

1730 05 081730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 071730 to 081730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 F, one of the detainees confirmed a wounded VC's death.
 H, AO flew 2 flights resulting 2 VC/NVA. While H1&H2 sweeping
 area, tripped booby trap resulting 2 WIA.
 F3 came across 8 VN who wanted to be moved from Antenna Valley.

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1730 01 081730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 081730 to 091730 OPENED

1155 02 091030H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G1 B)091030H C)104396-117408 D)G1 while on patrol observed 1 VN male age 32, and 2 VN females ages 40, 47. G1 detained them because they had no ID. Detainees claim that the VC came into their ville, located at grid 117408, at night and get chow. E)G1 will turn over the detainees to Baldy on first available transportation. F-J)neg. K) 03 L-M)neg. N)Clear, ville.

1550 03 091400H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G3 B)091400H C)104396 D)While on def pos G3 observed a mound of dirt in on open field. E)G3 dug up mound and discovered 200 lbs unpolished rice. Cache was 3x3x2. Further search of area uncovered another cache with 300 lbs of unpolished rice and 150 lbs sliced potatoes. Search is continuing for more caches. All rice is unpolished, and will be turn over to Baldy in first available transportation. F-L) neg. M)500 lbs of rice, 150 lbs of potatoes. N)Sunny, warm near ville.

1730 04 091730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 081730 to 091730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 G1 observed 3 VN who did not had ID. Detained them and will brought back to on first transportation.
 G3 spotted mound of dirt in open field. Dug up the mounds finding 500 lbs of unpolished rice and 150 lbs of potatoes.

1735 01 091730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 091730 to 101730 OPENED

1920 02 091400H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G1 B)091400H C)104396 D)While in a def pos G1 found 1 NVA canteen and 3 personal letters, while searching through a bunker located inside a hootch. E)G1 destroyed the gear and the 3 letters will be turned into LZ BALDY. The items were found in a family type bunker, approx 3x4x2. Bunker will be destroyed. F-L)neg. M)1 NVA canteen, 3 letters. N)Hot, clear

2130 03 091800H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G13 B)091800H C)102401 D)G13 while on afternoon patrol, came across 1 VN female, age 50, and 1 VN boy age 21, working in a field. G13 searched nearby hootch belonging to the two and found five assembly to a an expended mortar rd. During a more complete search of the area, G13 found 81mm Ill rd in a bunker next to the hootch. Rd was not booby trapped. E) G13 while taking the 2 detainees back to the pos found a booby trap marking consisting of 3 stones of various sizes. On the side of the trail 100M from the detainees hootch. G13 searched area w/neg results. The male was deaf and the woman claimed to have left her ID and did not had with her. G13 went back with the woman to find her ID card. During these time a ACUPP notified. G that village chief had identified them as local villagers. They will be kept overnight

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and released them in the morning. F-M)neg. N)Field, sunny.

0700 04 100520H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)H1 B)100520H C)950438 D)H1 while in night def pos, received 1 incoming frag from a Northeast direction. E)H1 returned fire immediate w/s/a fire and M-60. H1 then searched area with neg findings. WIA is a non evac. H1 assumed it was a M-26 frag. F)neg. G)1 H-M)neg. N)Night, hilly

1730 05 101730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 091730 to 101730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 G1 found 1 NVA canteen and 3 personnel letters in a bunker inside a hootch. Will turn them the rear.
 G13 came across 1 VN male and 1 VN female who were working in field. G13 searched VN's hootch finding 81mm ill and assemblies of expended mortar rd. Detained them but they claimed had ID where they were detained. Later a CUPP notified G13 that they were a local villagers from village chief.
 H1 received a incoming frag from NE direction. Returned the fire with s/a and M-60 and searched area with neg result.

1735 01 101730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 101730 to 111730 OPENED

NO SIGNIFICANT EVENTS HAVE HAPPENED.

1730 02 111730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 101730 to 111730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 None

1730 01 111730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 111730 to 121730 OPENED

NO SIGNIFICANT EVENTS HAD HAPPENED.

1730 02 121730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 111730 to 121730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 None

1730 01 121730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 121730 to 131730 OPENED

2050 02 121830H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)F31 B)121830H C)044433 D)G31 while on routine patrol and checking out area around F3 pos observed 3 VN females. F31 kept these females under observation and then 3 VC with packs came into view. VC were wearing mixed blk clothing. E) F31 yelled for the VC to stop when the VC failed to do so, F31 opened up with s/a fire killing 2 of them. As F31 was moving up to check out the area, leaving 2 snipers back for security. The 2 snipers spotted 3 VCs with weapons and opened up on them. Killing 1. The remaining VC ran off into a W direction. F31 is now searching area for weapons and gear. F-H)neg. I)3 J-L)neg. M)5 packs containing carved fish, noodles, rice, bread and tobacco. N)Cool, clear, brushy.

FOLLOW UP

First group of VC were approx 80 meters W of friendlies moving in a W direction. When F31 opened up the VC that escaped continued on W. 1 of the weapons spotted looked like M-16. The group of VC that was encountered by snipers were approx. 500 meters west moving in a W direction.

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- 0950 03 130800H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G32 B)130800H C)122408 D)G32 while on patrol went into ville to check ID and inquired about recent VC activity. When the S-2 scout and KCS entered a hootch, a male 25 yrs old wearing blue utilities and cartridge belt can out the rear of the hootch. E)Marines pursued and apprehended the male. A search of the hootch found various parachutes filled with chow. The male had in possession one fake ID and male is now in custody of G32. Will be returned to YB pos on first available transportation. F-J)neg. K)1 L)neg M)1 cartridge belt. N)Hot humid, ville.
- 1050 04 130900H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G33 B)130900H C)038412 D)F33 while on patrol came upon a hootch. 1 NVA approx 25 yrs old spotted approaching patrol and ran from hootch in SW direction toward a spider hole. E)F33 challenged to stop when he failed to do so, F33 engaged w/s/a sweep produced 1 NVA KIA. Individual was wearing gr'n utilities and also wearing battle dressing over arms wounds not more than 24 hrs old. F33 believes individual was one of group F31 made contact yesterday. F-H)neg. I)1 J-M)neg. N)Hot, sunny, brush.
- FOLLOW UP OF 130800H G32. POW claims to be 17 years old but appears to be much older. He also says he has no knowledge of VC/NVA activities in area. Offered no explanation for his attempted escape. While returning to GCP with POW G32 found caves at grid 113412 that could hold at least 20 people approx 4x6x12 E)Will retrograde POW at first available transportation. The caves were not destroyed because G has no demo. F-L)neg. M)Trip wire, 2 battle dressings, 1 canteen, 1 NVA poncho, 1 bottle LSA were found in POW hootch.
- 1730 05 131620H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G23 B)131620H C)096387 D)G23 while on patrol observed 1 NVA dressed in green utilities, pitt helmet, and cartridge belt with one NVA nurse dressed in blk pjs. They were talking ~~SA~~ a rice paddie. E)G23 engaged in s/a fire, killing both of them. Enemies were approx 45 meters W of G23. Woman was 25 yrs old and male was 20 yrs old. F-H)neg. I)2 F-J) neg. L)neg. M)1 US cartridge belt, 1 NVA helmet and various first aid gears.
- 1730 06 131730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 121730 to 131730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 F31 came across 3 VN females, kept them under sight then sighted 3 VC. Yelled to stop but VCs ran then opened up with small arms killing 2 of them. F31 left 2 sniper behind for security. Snipers spotted 3 more enemies. Opened up killing 1 of them. Both of the enemy groups were moving W direction

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CLOSED SUMMARY CONTINUE

G32 on patrol came across a hootch. S-2 scout and a KCS entering as a male ran out the rear of the hootch. Marines pursued and apprehended him. Search of hootch found various parachute filled with chow. When questioned male, he was very uncooperative and claimed he was 17 yrs old but his appearance looked well over 17 yrs old. Will return him to rear on first available transportation. G33 came across hootch when a male ran from hootch. When he was told to stop and did not obey, G33 opened up with s/a/f resulting 1 enemy KIA. G23 observed 1 NVA and nurse talking on a rice paddy. G23 engaged with s/a/f resulting 2 enemy KIA.

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1930 02 131735H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)F B)131735H C)038412 D)F31 while returning to nite pos from area where they killed VC earlier this morning came across 1 additional body of VC wearing blk pjs lying in bushes. Body had fresh battle dressings on left arm and shoulder. F31 believes that body may have been victim of fire fight with F33 in this vicinity of 12 of July 1970. E)F31 will also search area out thoroughly for any additional bodies. F-H)neg. I)1 J-M)neg. N) Hot, sunny, bushes.

2030 03 131130H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)H3 B)131130H C)083444 D)H3 while moving to day pos observed 1 VC approx 30 meters away moving from W to E wearing blk pjs. E)Engaged w/s/a wounding VC. VC then fled and H3 followed blood trail into a cave. H3 tossed frag grenades into cave and searched cave finding body of VC. At this time, 1 VC came out of cave and surrounded. Enemy remaining inside cave threw out a chicom, wounding 4 USMC. H3 continued to throw grenades into cave, w/neg results due to contour of cave. Shortly after, 4 additional VC came out of cave and surrendered. POW stated there are 2 VC badly wounded, still inside cave. H3 will guard cave tonight and enter it at lat light. F)Neg G)4 H)neg. I)1 J)5 K)neg. L)1 AK-47, 2 AK-50, 1 M-16 M) 1 PRC 25, 1 pr socks, 1 toothbrush, 1 bottle salt, assorted documents, assorted medical supplies.

1235 04 140830H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)G23 B)140830H C)103387-109333 D)G23 while sweeping a ville at grid 104385 received 2 M-79 rds followed by SKS sniper fire, then received 5 rds 60mm enemy mortar fire E)Suppressive fire was returned immediately by G23 at some time counter mortar fire was fired by G's 60mm. One squad from G2 enveloped sweeping the suspected enemy pos. 4 NVA

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were spotted and G2 immediately engaged them w/s/a fire. Continuation of sweep produced 1 NVA KIA and 1 NVA WIA. WIA was medevaced to LZ Baldy. Assorted gear was also found. F-H)neg. I)1 J)1 K)neg. L)1 US LAAW M)2 M-26 frags, 3 chicoms, 1 cartridge belt, documents, 2 small books. Book had diagram of Alpha 2 compound and maps of near by ville with areas indicating possible attack route N)Hot, Humid, treeline, ville.

- 1250 05 140800H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) FOLLOW UP 131130H S-3 SM
 A)H3, B)140800H C)083443 D)KCS with H3 made voice contact with enemy in cave and was able to talk them into surrounding. A total of 15 POW come out of cave. H3 then searched cave and found 7 VC KIA and assorted foodstuffs and personal gear. E)Marines and KCS searched and question POWs ages ranged from 15-65 yrs of age. 2 had ID cards. All were sent to LZ BALDY for further questioning by ITT. F-H)neg. I)7, J)15 K-L)neg. M)75 lbs rice, 50 lbs potatoes, 1 pair binocular, 2 trans radio, assorted personal gear. N)Clear, sunny, rocky, hilly.
- 1640 06 141530H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)F32 B)141530H C)052411 D)F32 while on patrol found a M-26 frag in the brushes. Upon checking it out, they found a trip wire attached to it. Trip wire was running across the trail, 2 to 3 in. off the deck, tied to a stick. E)Will blow in place. F-M)neg. N)Hot, sunny, brush.
- 1730 07 141730H JOURNAL FOR PERIODO OF 131730 to 141730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 F31 while returning from nite pos, found 1 dead VC body. H3 came across 1 VC engaged him w/s/a/f then he fled into a cave where he surrounded along with 4 more VCs and 2 VC WIA G23 received various incoming rds. Returned counter fire and one aquad enveloped suspected enemy area. Spotted 4 NVA and engaged with s/a/f resulting 1 KIA. Also detained 1 NVA. H3's KCS pursued enemies in cave to surround. 15 enemies came out and search of cave found 7 enemy KIA. F32 found a M-26 booby trap near brush off the trail. Blew them in place.
- 1735 01 141735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 141730 to 151730 OPENED
- 2140 02 142000H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G B)142000H C)104396-107396 D)Elements sitting in G-pos observed 1 male 300 meters to the E. Male was observing friendly lines. He was wearing a white shirt and blk pjs. E)Golf21 proceeded to area and detained male. He is being interrogated at G- pos. He was given the name of VC killed by G2 during contact earlier today. Man has no knowledge of enemy weapons in this area but can give names of VC village chiefs and VC security chief. Individual is 65 yrs old and in good physical condition. He will be returned to Baldy tomorrow. F-J)neg. K)1 L-M)neg. N)Dark, warm.

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Annex E (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Order 3-70

Ref: (a) 7th Marines Operations Order 3-70
(b) 1st Mar Div Order P2000.4(Comm SOP)
(c) 7th Marines Order P2000.4C
(d) 1st Mar Div Order P2000.2E (CE01)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex A (Intelligence)
- (2) Radio Intercept, deception and jamming is expected.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 7th Marines will relay all messages external to the area of operations.
- (2) 7th Marines will establish a relay sight at Nong Son in accordance with Appendix 1 (Radio Plan)

2. MISSION

Continue to operate current assigned radio nets and be prepared to operate supplemental nets as required to support the movement to and subsequent operations at FSB Dart in the Pickens Forest AO.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

- (1) Commencing H-hour, D-Day establish and maintain continuous communications in accordance with Appendix 1 (Radio Plan).
- (2) Primary tactical communications will be direct between echelons of command with a Regimental relay team on Nong Son as back-up.

c. Artillery Support

Appendix 1 (Radio Plan)

d. Air Support Communications


Annex C (Air Support)
Appendix 1 (Radio Plan)

~~SECRET~~e. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) References (b) and (c).
- (2) Call signs in accordance with reference (d)
- (3) Communications Security is to be maintained at all times through appropriate usage of Nestor and Circe codes.
- (4) All expended dry-cell batteries will be completely demolished.
- (5) Pyrotechnic signal code in accordance with Appendix 2 (Pyrotechnic Signal Code).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Administration Annex (C) 11-70
- b. A limited second-echelon repair capability will be maintained at FSB Dart.
- c. An equipment float will be maintained in Battalion Rear for rapid turn around.


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Appendixes

- 1- Radio Plan
- 2- Frequency Plan
- 3- Pyrotechnic Signal Code

DISTRIBUTION: Annex F, (Distribution) to Operation Order 3-70

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Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) to Annex E Operation Order 3-70

LEGEND:
 C- Net Control
 X- Guard
 O- As Required

7th Regt	2nd BN 7th	TACP	E Co.	F Co.	G Co.	H Co.	Recon	
C	X							Regt. TAC.
C	O							Regt. CMD #1
C	X							Regt. CMD #2
	X							India Btty. 3/11
X	X							IZ Common
X	X							Regt. TACP (P)
O	O							Regt. TACP (S)
	O		X	X	X	X	O	BN TAC
	C		O	O	O	O	O	BN ADMIN.
	C		O	O	O	O	O	81 COF
			X				O	E CO TAC
				X			O	F CO TAC
					X		O	G CO TAC
						X	O	H CO TAC
				O	O	O	O	MED-EVAC (C)
			O					MED-EVAC (UNC)
	X							MORTAR BN 3/11

NOTE: In event of negative
 Communications with all units
 contact air craft on
 station Freq. 31.90

Appendix 2 (Frequency Plan) To Annex E Operation Order 3-70

<u>NET</u>	<u>FREQ</u>	<u>DESIG</u>
Regt TAC	72.05	D 256
Regt CMD#1	59.50	D 40
Regt CMD#2	37.15	D 1117
India Bty 3/11	67.85	D 98
Mortar Bty 3/11	67.85	D 249
LZ Comon	31.90	D 222
Regt TACP(P)	35.00	D 223
Regt TACP(S)	48.00	D 228
BN TAC	71.20	D 247
BN ADMIN	70.30	D 242
81 COF	64.05	D 223
"E"Co. TAC	68.40	D 290
"F"Co. TAC	31.65	D 221
"G"Co. TAC	70.45	D 285
"H"Co. TAC	40.15	D 295
MEDVAC (C)	64.00	W 89
MEDVAC (UNC)	47.60	W 64
RECON	30.50	D 300

NOTE: Regt CMD.1 use alt 2697.0, 3326.0, 8720.0 (D-420), 11170.0 (D 431)

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Appendix 3 (Pyrotechnic Signal Code) to Annex E, (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 3-70

PYROTECHNIC SIGNAL MEANINGS

- a. Meanings assigned to pyrotechnics signals will not be altered. Meanings may be assigned to signals not specifically assigned by higher authority provided coordination with interested Commanders is effected.
- b. The below listed pyrotechnic signals with assigned meanings are standard within the 1st Marine Division, when fired by ground troops.

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
ONE RED FLARE	Request for emergency evacuation for ground troops or group (radio confirmation required) or Request for medical evacuation. or Aircraft, boat or survivors in distress.
TWO OR MORE RED FLARES	Area not secure or not safe to land.
ONE WHITE FLARE	Cease/stop illumination or shelling.
TWO OR MORE WHITE FLARES	Request for radio communication on the air-ground frequency.
ONE GREEN FLARE	Area secure or safe to land.
TWO OR MORE GREEN FLARES	Radio breakdown
ONE WHITE AND ONE GREEN FLARE	Request for ammunition.
ONE WHITE AND ONE RED FLARE	Request for bombardment or illumination or relieving forces. (Radio or panel confirmation required).

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1730 03 151730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 141730 to 151730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
G spotted a male observing G- lines from 300 meters to the
east. Sent out a unit to detained to male. Questioned the
male and obtained the names of VCs in the area.

1735 01 151735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 151730 to 161730 OPENED

2000 02 151830H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)H2 B)151830H C)083444 D)H2 while breaking a trail thru
the bush came across 1 VC/NVA pack. E)Pack was given to H3
to be brought to H- pos. Pack will be sent in to S-2. F-L)
neg. M)1 VC/NVA pack containing various items and gear.
N)Clear, brush.

2155 03 151745H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)H B)151745H C)080440-072457 D)H while in def pos obser-
ved 8-10 NVA wearing green utilities with packs and weapons
approx 3000 meters away moving W to E. E)Hotel called air
strike and arty mission with good coverage of area. The area
was too far away to sweep. F-M)neg. N)Overcase, rice paddy.

1730 04 161730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 151730 to 161730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
H2 came across a NVA/VC pack which contained various gears.
H spotted 8-10 NVA approx 3000 meters away W to E. Called
in air and arty mission with good coverage of area.

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2230 02 161900H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)F3 B)161900H C)150257 D)F3 while moving to nite def pos
found an enemy harbor site. There was one trail leading to
the site. The site could accommodate 15 to 20 people. Site
appeared to be used around 1200 today. Five places were fd
where fires had been used today. Also one NVA ammo can, with
a date of 1967 on it, was found. There were no hootches in
the harbor site. E)F3 searched area and found no caves, or
spider holes of other trails. F-L)neg. M)1 NVA ammo can.
N)Cloudy, warm and brush.

1310 03 171145H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)F32 B)171145H C)156261 D)F32 while on patrol spotted ft
prints leading E along a trail. They followed these tracks
for approx 300M then they came upon an NVA beside a blue line
and he began to run. E)F32 yelled for the NVA to stop but
when did not, F32 opened fire killing the NVA. F32 searched
body and found one 9mm pistol and documents. Also wearing a
new NVA uniform. The NVA was approx 25 to 30 yrs old had a
high and tight hair cut also close shaven. F-H)neg. I)1
J-K)neg. L)1 9mm pistol. M)Documents, and 1 manicure set.
N)Humid, cloudy, jungle.

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- 1730 04 171730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 161730 to 171730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
F3 came upon enemy harbor site big enough for 15 to 20 people with various mark of human presence. Searched area with neg result.
F32 spotted ft prints and followed it and found 1 NVA running from them. Told to stop but failed when fired and killed a NVA who had 1 9mm pistol and documents. He was well shaven and high and tight hair cut.
- 1735 01 171735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 171730 to 181730 OPENED
- 1800 02 171600H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)F21 B)171600H C)155236 D)F21 while on patrol came upon a base camp which could accommodate approx 150 people. The base camp contained eight well built hootches with rock sides on the hootches. Each hootch could hold 15 to 20 people. There were bunkers and spider holes surrounded the camp. The camp runs SE along a trail the camp is approx 200x75 meters in size. The camp has not been used in over a month. Also found one NVA helmet. E)F21 destroyed the base camp. F-L) neg. M)1 NVA helmet. N)Humid, cloudy, jungle.
- 2030 03 171415H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)F3 B)171415H C)156261 D)F3 while moving E to def pos saw 3 NVA dressed in green utilities on the trail approximately 50 meters ahead. Both units opened fire on each at same time. Approx 40 rds of s/a were exchanged. The enemy fled in an E direction. E)F3 persued after enemy and when reaching area where NVA were, F3 found a large pool of bl'd Searched area further with neg results. F-M)neg. N)Cloudy Humid, cloudy.
- 1845 04 181150H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)F3 B)181150H C)182259 D)F3 while on patrol to check out some hootches at grid 182259, received AK-47 fire and M-60 fire. Six enemy were sighted and fled in E direction. E)F3 returned s/a/f and M-79 resulting in one NVA KIA, and one AK-47 captured. F3 received one USMC WIA. AO guided the F3 into hootches and AO killed one NVA with a W.P. F-H)neg. I)2 J-K)neg. L)1 AK-47 M)neg. N)Humid, jungle
- 1650 05 181345H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)F3 B)181345H C)182259 D)F3 while searching out area where they killed the 1 NVA earlier today, they found 1 large blood trail, which they will try to follow. F3 found 1 ammo can with approx 6 shotgun shells in it. The shells were just smaller than a 20 guage. The can had chinese writing on the side and numbers on the bottom which were 62-17-63. F3 also found on arty charge by the can, approx size of 105 charge. The bag was almost empty of powder. F3 also observed 1 secondary explosion approx 10 minutes after air strike. E)F3 will search area after second air strike. F-L)neg. M)1 ammO can, 6 shotgun shell. N)Hot, humid, jungle.

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- 1730 06 181730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 171730 to 181730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
F21 came upon base camp large enough to accommodate 150 to 200 people. Searched area with neg results. Will destroy it
F3 spotted 3 NVA 50 meters away. Both exchanged s/a/f but NVA fled. F3 pursued and killing 1. F3 received 3 WIA.
F3 while searching area found a blood trail. Also found a ammo can and arty discharge marked with chinese.
- 1735 01 181735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 181730 to 191730 OPENED
- 2350 02 182015H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)F3 B)182015H C)183257 D)F3 while waiting for air and arty to end, their mission, moved to above grid to search it out. F3 found 5 hootches well built with rock side and thatched roofs. 2 of the houses were approx 30x10' and the other 3 were approx same size. These building could hold from approx 100 to 150 people. While searching out area, F3 came across assorted gear and documents with dates on them, pictured ID. Also approx 100 lbs cooked corn in a kettle, Outside was a well built shitter. A two holder just like a USMC type. E)F3 search out area and found a trail leading in a NE direction, which looked as if it had been used recently. F3 will now set in at this pos and wait for F- and F2 to link up and continued on their assigned mission. F-L)neg. M)Various gears of ordnance and cooking utensils and food. N)Cool, clear, jungle.
- 1730 03 191500H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)F3 B)191500H C)188259 D)While on patrol F3 found 400 lbs of C-4, 6 82mm mortar rd and 12 82mm mortar heads. Also found 2 anti-tank mines at above grid. E)F3 blew in place. F-M)neg. N)Hot, humid, jungle.
- 1730 04 191730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 181730 to 191730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
F3 came upon a base camp with well built hootches and well made shitter. Each hootches were large enough to accommodate 15-20 people. Searched area and found various gears and ordnance and cooking utensils.
F3 while on patrol found 400 lbs of C-4, 6 82mm mortar rds and 12 82mm mortar heads, and 2 anti-tank mines.
- 1735 01 191735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 191730 to 201730 OPENED
- 1610 02 200830H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
A)G3 B)200830H C)133255 D)G3 while on day patrol was preceeding down a trail in a N direction and had the S-2 scout and KCS up front looking for booby traps. A command command detonated a 105 rd was on the side of the trail approx one ft high and was well camouflaged. The booby trap was detonated as the 20th man passed. The 18th, 19th, and 20th man were wounded. The 21st man was killed. He was killed by one piece of schrapnel in the jugular vein. The column was dispersed approx 15 meters between each man. E)Booby trap

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resulted in one KIA and 3 WIA. The medevacs were one emergency, 1 priority, and one routine.. G3 searched area with neg results. F)1 G)3 H-M)neg. N)Hot, humid, thick bush along trail.

1620 03 201045H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)F1 B)201045H C)185259 D)F1 went back to the area where F3 found their cache yesterday to recheck the area. F1 fd 24 82mm mortars rds, 2 61mm mortars rds, 21 82mm mortar head 10 RPG's, 440 SKS rds, a box of 5 82mm primers and approximately 200 lbs of C-4. E)F1 is now guarding cache awaiting further word as to what to do with it. F-L)neg. M)above gears. N)Hot, humid, jungle.

1730 04 201305H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G1 B)201305H C)134253-140251 D)G1 point man observed 5 NVA dressed in green utilities carrying packs moving up a hill in E direction. The NVA were approx 600 meters away. No weapons were observed. E)G1 called in arty mission along with G's 60mm. The 4.2 fired 50 rds, starting at 1300 and ending at 1320. G1 last sight of enemy because of triple canopy. Could not check out area because of terrain and ground. Arty had good coverage of area. F-M)neg. N)Hot, humid and jungle.

1730 05 201730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 191730 to 201730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 G3 While on patrol, one of the man in column tripped 105mm rd booby trap resulting one KIA and 3 WIA. All were medevac and continued to on patrol.
 F1 searched area where F3 found a cash finding more of enemy gears of ordnance.
 G1 spotted 5 NVA 600 meters away east direction. Called in arty and G's 60mm mortar with good coverage of the area. No results were reported due to terrain.

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0700 02 210730H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G B)210730H C)145258 D)Golf Co. while moving to a new company pos. discovered approx. 500 ears of corn stored in crocks along side of the trail in a bush line. There were no hooches and no signs of habitation in the area. E) Corn was burned in place. F-L)neg. M)500 ears of corn. N) sunny and bushes.

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0900 03 210930H YBF to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)F B)210930H C)183259-183259 D)F- while searching area f
 found 1 NVA lying dead on the trail at the above grid. The
 NVA was killed by air. The NVA had a flak jacket. He was
 killed approx. two days ago. E)F- will continue to search
 the area and return to def. pos. F-H) neg. I)1 J-M) neg
 N)hot sunny and jungle.

1100 04 211145H YBF to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)F31 B)211145H C)189263 D)F31 while on patrol found one
 abandoned hooch. Fox searched the hooch with neg results
 They found a small trail leading to four more abandoned
 hooches, which were approx. 8x10 feet in size each. The
 base camp was abandoned approx. two weeks ago it also
 had fighting holes spread evenly around the perimeter.
 E) F31 found two AK47's 1 M-16, 2 M-1 Carbines, 1 AK Mag.
 1 bipod for a machine gun. 3 NVA belts 1 60mm round, 2
 NVA tools and a NVA pick, 1 land mine. All equipment was
 found hidden in ditches around the hooches. F-K)neg. L)
 2 AK's, 2 M-1 Carbines, 1 M-16, 2 E tools, 1 pick, M-16
 serial number is 141900 M)1 land mine, 1 60mm dud, 1
 machine gun bipod. N) hot sunny in the jungle.

1730 05 211730H JOURNAL FOR THE PERIOD OF 201730 to 211730 CLOSED,SUMMARY:
 G- while on the move found 500 ears of corn, burned it.
 F- found 1 NVA lying dead killed by air strike.
 F- Found hooches and various NVA gear around base camp.

1730 01 221730H JOURNAL FOR THE PERIOD OF 211730 to 221730 OPENED

1000 02 221050H YBE to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E23 B)221050 C)791298 D)While on patrol observed 2
 VC. Engaged both enemy with small arms fire, killing
 both. E)E23 swept the area and found 3 AK47's, 6
 chicoms, 5 AK magazines, 1 box of AK rds. 1 bag of salt
 6 battle dressings, 4 items of clothing, 1 cartridge belt
 2 canteen cups. F-H)neg. I)2 J-K) neg. L)3 AK's 6 chicoms
 M) 5 AK47's mag. with 39 rds, each, 1 box of AK ammo.
 6 battle dressings, 4 items of clothings, 1 cartridge
 belt. 2 canteen cups. N)hot sunny.

1730 03 221730H JOURNAL FOR THE PERIOD OF 211730 to 221730 CLOSED SUMMARY
 E- while on patrol found two enemy fired w/s/a killed 2.

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2220 02 222130H YB H&S to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)H&S B)222130H C)Baldy post 3-9 D) Three men on hole watch
 2 men facing inboard 3rd man L/Cpl Smiley (E Co) was facing
 outboard, observed one individual moving toward the hole
 He went to investigate as L/Cpl Smiley approached individual
 heard sound of spoon come off the grenade. Instantly hit
 the deck as it went off. E)L/Cpl Smiley rec'd shrapnel on
 the left hand investigation is underway 7th Marines OD
 notified. F) neg. G)1 H-M) neg N)dark on perimeter.

0900 03 23100H YBE to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)ELL B)231000H C)796309 D)Ell while on patrol came upon
 2 hooches. E)Searched area and found 1 poncho liner, a
 total of 25 lbs. of rice, corn, and beans. Ell burned the
 hooches also found 1 30 cal. machine gun, 1 chicom, 1
 AK magazine, and various documents. F-K)neg L)1 chicom, 1
 30 cal. machine gun, 1 AK magazine, and various documents
 N)sunny and brush

1400 04 231506H YBF to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)F1 B)231506H C)198268 D)Paddle Boat lead F1 to 16
 bunkers 2 had been used recently by 4-5 people. Also
 some burned ashes were found on the floor. E) F1
 destroyed 2 of the 16 bunkers. F)m) neg. N)sunny warm.

1600 05 231630H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G1 B)231630H C)197237-198236 D) While setting up in def.
 pos. G1 discovered 6 82mm mortar rds. Rds. were well all
 camouflaged along a dried river bed. All rds. had Russian
 Manufacturing markings and well water proofed Also a tin
 box containing 4 shotgun shell increments. E) Awaiting for
 instructions and request to destroy the cache. F-L) neg.
 M)6 82mm mortar rds. 4 Shot gun increments, 2 packages
 of mortar rd. increments. N) sunny warm along stream
 bed.

1730 06 231730H JOURNAL FOR THE PERIOD OF 221730 to 231730 CLOSED SUMMARY
 G-found 500 ears of corn, destroyed it all.
 H&S-L/Cpl Smiley wounded on-hole watch investigation is
 under way.
 Ell-Found 2 hooches with various gear, burned the hooches.
 Fl-Found bunkers recently occupies, destroyed them.
 G1-Found 6 mortar rds. with Russian markings, waiting
 for orders on what to do with them.

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1900 02 231945H YBE to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E B)231925H C)208295-208288 D)E2 spotted suspected
 camp fire of VC/NVA at the above grid. E)E2 called in
 60mm mission with good coverage of target. Due to dark-
 ness and distance and terrain did not sweep the area,
 will try and sweep the area at light. F-M) neg. N)
 Dusk, jungle and hills.
 Fire Mission:
 First rd. 1920
 ECM 1930

1030 03 241030H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)F23 B)240900H C)214267 D)F23 while on patrol found
 an enemy base camp approx 100 meters by 100 meters in
 size. The camp contained 3 hootches that could accomo-
 date 12 to 15 people each. There were five bunkers ar-
 ound camp E)F23 searched area and found one SKS and a
 grave which contained 1 body of an NVA. Body was badly
 torn up. Suspected killed by arty. Dead approx 5 days.
 F-H)neg. I)1 J-K)neg. L)1 SKS M)neg. N)Hot, jungle.

1230 04 241000H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E1 B)241000H C)794313 D)E1 while on day patrol found
 3 hootches. E)E1 searched area and found two fishing ba-
 skets, 3 wire baskets, 1 cooking stand, 2 bottles of clean-
 ing solvent, 1 NVA pankho, 4 lbs beans, 12 lbs of rice and
 2 bottles of Kerosene. Also found 1 AK bayonet. E1 des-
 troyed all items except bayonet. F-L)neg. M)1 bayonet.
 N)Hot, humid, bushes.

1435 05 241045H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G23 B)241035H C)214245 D)G23 while on patrol found a
 enemy base camp large enough to accomodate a company. There
 were two hootches size of 20x15', also two corrals with two
 pigs and 1 chicken. Also 1 camn field and 10 lbs of corns
 were found. The camp had seven bunkers around the perimeter.
 F-L)neg. M)10 lbs corn. N)Sunny, brush.

1730 06 241730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 231730 to 241730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 E spotted enemy camp site, called in 60mm mission with good
 coverage of area. Will sweep first light.
 F23 came upon base camp found 1 grave contain a body of a NVA
 suspected killed by arty.
 E1 found 3 hootches which contained various household goods.
 G23 spotter enemy base camp, called in 60mm fire mission.
 Will sweep first light.

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1800 02 241200H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G1 B)241200H C)194224 D)G1 while going down a trail in a SW direction observed five NVA. The NVA had a dog with them and the dog began barking about the same time G1 spotted the NVA. G1 opened fire also called in blocking fires on the NVA. Enemy fled in a SE direction. The brush was very thick and vision was poor. The NVA were approx 75 meters away at first sighting and were dressed in green utilities with packs and weapons. G1 couldn't tell whether dog was on leash or not. F-M)neg. N)Hot, humid, jungle.

1810 03 251200H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G12 B)251200H C)211245 D)G12 while on patrol found an enemy base camp large enough to hold 40 people. Someone had been in the area recently. There was an observation tower in side of the camp also a observation post in front of camp. Both towers were platforms in trees. There were four hootches each being 5x10x3'. Found under the hootches were tunnels each hootch 20 feet long and 3 ft wide. E)G12 in searching tunnels found 15 shovels blades, 1 axe, 1 AK-47 magazine with 15 rds, 5 hoes, 1 M-16 barrel and reliever group, 4 canteens, 3 NVA green utilities, 5 red pop ups, 8 surgical surgens, 1 transistor radio. All gears except AK-47 magazine and rds were destroyed along with hootches. F-K) neg. M)M-16 barrel and receiver group. N)Hot, sunny, bush.

1730 04 251730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 241730 to 251730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 G1 observed 5 NVA with dogs 75 meters away. Opened up with s/a/f. Results were unknown.
 G12 while on patrol found base camp. Searched area and fd various items. Destroyed them except AK-47 mag and M-16 receiver group and barrel.

1735 01 251735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 251730 to 261730 OPENED

2025 02 251500H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E11 B)251500H C)791319 D)While on patrol E11 came upon 10 hootches with 51 people living in the area. E)E11 burned the hootches and returned the VN to E1 pos to be sent Baldy on first available transportation. F-J)neg. K)51 L-M)neg N)Sunny, ville.

2210 03 251720H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G32 B)251720H C)214243 D)While on patrol G32 found 5 hootches well canceled on a hill side along a trail. Hootches were approx 10x20ft and showed recent use. Hootches were well constructed of bamboo and grass. Bunkers were built under every hootch. Bunkers were approx 5x4x10 ft. in size. Corn grinder was found outside of one of the hootches. E)G32 returned to G pos to get engr and returned to

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above grid. One hootch was booby trapped with a chi-com with pressure release device. Another booby trap with a M-79 rd was found buried on the trail next to the hootch. It was set up with a pressure type detonator. All booby traps were blown in place. While searching the hootches G32 also uncovered a fuse assembly to an 8 in, arty fuse 3 ft of NVA det cord, 40 SKS rds, a M-16 mag, which contained 11 rds and NVA utilities were also uncovered. Hootches and bunkers and arty fuse were destroyed. A diary mag and rds will be returned ASAP. F-L)neg. M)1 M-16/w 11 rds, 40 SKS rds, 1 8 inch arty fuse, 3 sets of N.V.A. utilities. N)Sunny, hot, hootches.

2210 04 251700H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 M)G21 B)251700H C)203242 D)While on patrol, G21 discovered a dam built across a river at above grid. Dam was constructed of boulders approx 6 ft in diameter and reinforced with bamboo and cement. 3 irrigation channel approx 2ft wide ran out to corn field and rice paddies below. Dam measured 12ft thick, 10 ft high and 30 feet wide. E)When AO flying for G fired 6 HE rds at dam with neg results, G14 requested an air strike but air was not available. AO air mission has been ordered for tomorrow F-M)neg. N)sunny, hot

1130 05 251730H YBD TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)DELTA B)251730H C)210284 D)While moving into night, def pos, an explosion wounded 3rd and 4th man back in the column, possible booby trap or thrown chi-com. E)Deployed leading element on down trail, pointman was fired upon by one burst of AK-47, wounding the pointman in the groin and right arm. Believed to be only 1 enemy, who had possible set up booby trap as a warning device. While medevacing the WIA at LZ at grid 208287, personnel of same unit tripped a M-79 rd wounding 3 more, couldn't determine whether it was booby trap or not. F)neg. G) 06 H-M)neg. N)Clear, mountains, bushes.

1140 06 252030H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E12 B)252030H C)801296-896286 D)E12 while at night ambush site heard suspected VC/NVA voices. E12 called in arty with good coverage. E)Due to darkness and river E12 was unable to swept area. Area will be swept tomorrow if possible. F-M)neg. N)dark, river, bushes.

1400 07 260930H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G B)260930H C)217256 D)G1 while on patrol, the KCS walking point observed a hootch 20 meters off the trails and a male VC standing beside it. E)KCS opened fire and the VC fled. G1 sweep the area finding 3 SKS bolts, 01 60mm WP rds, 2 bear traps. Under the hootch was a tunnel 3x4x15. The hootch, tunnel, 60mm WP rd and bear trap were destroyed. F-L)neg. M)3 SKS bolt. N)Clear, bush.

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1500 08 261100H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G B)261100H C)213245-203242 D)G- requested a flight of fixed wing for an air strike on a dam discovered at above grid. E)G31 was left at old night pos to observe, and direct air strike. Fixed wing dropped 04 D-2 and 02 D-2. A hole was made in the dam. F-M)neg. N)sunny and bushes.

1730 09 261730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 251730 to 261730 CLOSED SUMMARY FW
 E11 found 10 hootches 51 people living. Detained them and returned to E1 pos.
 G32 found found 5 hootches well cancealed off the trail, searched area and found tunnels under each hootches and various gears. Also 3 sets of NVA utilities were found. G21 discovered well built dam. Called in air strike but was unsuccessful. Called in fixed air wing.
 E12 heard enemy voices and called in fire mission which, had good coverage of the areas.
 G1's KCS walking point found a hootch where a VC male, was standing. KCS opened up but VC fled. Searched the area finding various gears, and 2 bear traps.
 G called in fixed air wing on discovered dam. Fixed air wing made a hole in dam.

1730 01 261730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 261730 to 271730 OPENED

2100 02 261927H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)G B)261927H C)812258-830254 D)While in def pos, G- received approx 15 rds of AK auto/fire from one place. A enemy fired from approx 600 meters S of G pos. E) Golf immediately engaged the enemy with organic weapons, 60mm mortar fire with neg results. Arty was also fired T2OR. Could not sweep the area because of river. F-M)neg. N) Dusk, Hilly.

0250 03 262215H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E12 B)262215H C)805296 D)E12 while in ambush sight, heard movement 30 to 40 meters N of above grid. approx 7 enemy force moving S was engaged at 10 meters. Echol-2 open up with s/a and 05 M-26 grenades. Enemy returned/w approx 60 to 65 rds of AK-47 and 5 chicom. E12 had 6WIA by chicom, 2 were normedevac, E12 called in med birds and basketball ill. When ill was dropped, E12 saw 2 enemies on the deck. The rest were with drawing to the NE. After medevac was completed, E12 assumed ambush site. E12 will sweep area at first light. F)neg. G)6 H)neg I)2 J-M) neg N)night, brush.

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1500 04 271200H YBD TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)DELTA B)271200H C)211282 D)While on patrol D2 came up on draw containing hootches and bunkers, incounted no resistance, appeared to have been occupied earlier in day, but was deserted when D. arrived. E)Searched complex which turned out to be a hosipital compared of 23 hootches. Hootch were approx 10x15x10'. All hootches had hatched roofs. Also two bunkers which were used as operating rooms. Also fd graves which contained 18 bodies of VC/NVA. Area also contained comfort items such as tables, benches, and bamboo-water piping system for showers. Delta encountered 2 moby traps, 1 rigged to gate and 1 toe popper. Both were fd and destroyed, found 2 chicoms and 1 SKS. Also found several pieces of surgical instruments, 1 stretch and several containers of pills and drugs. Medecal supplies found were a Japanese and E German manufactured. Also found 1 ton of a corn in a large earth vat. F-H)neg. I)18 J-K)neg. K) 01 SKS, 2 chicom M)Above items. N)Clear, hot, draw,

1510 05 271045H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E1 B)271045H C)793297 D)E1 while on search of area w ARVN intelligence team found a cache of 139 SKS. The weapons were in a cave wrapped in groups of threes. E) ARVN intelligent team will retrograde the weapons from a LZ near the cache to their location at Hoi-AN. F-K)neg. I)139SKS M)neg. N)Sunny, Hill,

1530 06 270700H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E B)270700H C)805296 D)In ref to 262215H, E12 swept area of ambush site at first light. E)E found 24 packs, 1 AK-50 assault rifle, 1 machine pistol, communist made and 1 8mm pistol and five dead bodies. Found bloody trails which were followed with neg results. Called in air strike on suspected hiding places. F-H)neg. I)5 J-K)neg. L)1 AK 50 1 9mm pistol. M)24 packs containing various gears. N) Sunny, brush.

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 1550 07 271300H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E B)271300H C)803290 D)While on patrol with ARVNs fd buried in the ground, 100 pull friction fuses, 10 boxes AK-54 rds each box contained 550 rds, 11 82mm mortar rds, 50M of det cord, 1 empty canister of 122 rocket rd and 20 lbs, of corn. F-L)neg. M)Above items. N)Sunny, hot, brushes.

1720 08 271430H YBD TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)D3 B)271430H C)213287 D)D3 while on patrol found ten hootches with bunkers under each hootches. The hootches/w 10x10' in size. It appeared that the hootches had been use yesterday. E)Searched hootches and bunkers with neg results. Hootches and bunkers were destroyed. F-M)neg. N)Sunny and heavy canopy.

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1730 09 271730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 261730 to 271730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
G received 15 rds of SK. Returned w/s/a and 60mm mortar/w
neg results.

E12 heard movements, engaged with 7 enemies results unknown
but E12 had 6 WIA's.

DELTA came upon enemy hospital. Searched area finding a
number of surgical items and gears. Also uncovered 18 dead
enemy bodies in grave

E1 working with ARVN discovered 139 SKS in groups of threes
E ref to 262215H, swept area finding 5 dead bodies and many
numerous gears contained in 24 packs of enemy.

E discovered various ordnance and gears. Destroyed them.

D3 came upon hootches and bunkers, searched with neg result

1735 01 271735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 281730 to 281730 OPENED

1850 02 271800H YB3 TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM

A)YB3 B)271800H C)211331-796336 D)YB3 observed 6 enemies
dressed in blk pjs running across field 1800m away. Could
not tell if they were carrying packs or rifles because dis-
tance. Enemy disappeared into treeline. E)Called AO on st
ation. He worked out area. Fired arty afterwards. Follow
fire mission, AO again AO observed area and spotted 1 hootch
AO destroyed hootch. F-M)neg. N)Sunny, rice paddy.

1930 03 281830H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM

A)H31 B)281830H C)206339 D)H31 while moving into night pos
fd 1100 lbs of unpolished rice buried 4 ft deep. Rice was fd
in 11x100 lbs cans with plastic over the top. E)Will await
for disposition. F-L)neg. M)1100 lbs of rice. N)Sunny.

2140 04 271830H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM

A)G B)271830H C)799256 D)While on patrol G12 discovered 2
hootches approx 15x20ft. Hootches made of bamboo and grass.
A bunker approx 3x4ft by 3ft. The bunkers was located under
each hootch. E)A thorough search of the hootches and surro-
unding area, revealed 1 82mm mortar rd. The 82mm rd was fd
underneath a tree, it was lying in the open. A NVA E-tooler
was also fd outside of hootches. The rd was blown and hootches
ches. The rd was blown and hootches was destroyed. The hoo-
tches showed no sign of enemy activity. F-M)neg. N)Sunny.

0950 05 280830H YBD TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM

A)D2 B)280830H C)207282 D)While on patrol on trail, D2's,
8th man in column tripped a booby trap. Booby trap was of
unknown organ. Each man was 10 meters apart. Two men were
wounded by the booby trap. E)D checked out area for other
booby traps with neg results. D med both men and continued
their patrol. F)neg G)2 H-M)neg. N)Hot, sunny, brush.

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1730 06 281730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 271730 to 281730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 YB3 spotted 6 enemies forces disappearing in treeline. Call
 on AO and fire mission with neg result.
 H31 uncovered 1100 lbs of unpolished rice.
 G came upon 2 hootches and searched finding 82mm mortar round. Destroyed it in place.
 D2's man tripped a booby trap resulting 2 WIA's.

1735 01 281735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 281730 to 291730 OPENED

1810 02 281500H YBD TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)D2 B)281500H C)204280 D)While on patrol D2 patrol tripped a booby trap, it was of unk type. Marines were approximately 10 meters apart. E)Battle dressings were applied, to both Marines that were wounded from booby trap. Medevac was completed. F)neg. G)2 H-M)neg. N)Sunny, brush.

2000 03 281830H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)H31 B)281830H C)206339 D)H31 while moving to night pos fd 1100 lbs of unpolished rice buried 4ft deep. Rice was fd in 11x100lbs cans with plastic over the top. E)H31 will be holding on to the rice until tomorrow and then will be take in. F-L)neg. M)1100lbs rice. N)Sunny, brush.

0830 04 282030H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)H23 B)282030H C)215329 D)H23 while moving to night pos at above grid captured 1 VC w/pack wearing blk pjs. POW was approx 5 meters away and moving to a hootch. He sighted US MC first and threw up his hands to surrender. E)VC was tie and blindfolded and guarded during night. He is being returned to H CP where he will be interrogated. F-I)neg. J)1 K-L)neg M)pack N)Clear, high grass.

1050 05 291010H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)H2 B)291010H C)793344 D)H2 while searching ville found a 1 B-40 rocket. The rocket was off the trail in high grass and partly covered with dirt. E)H2 blew in place. F-M)neg N)Sunny, hot, high grass.

1450 06 291155H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E3 B)291155H C)802289 D)E3 while on patrol found an arm cache. The cache was buried approx 2ft underground. Cho Hon. led E3 to the cache. E)E3 uncovered 10 82mm mortar rds, 30 60mm mortar rds, 6 RPG rds, 2 RPG booster rds, 6 boxes of AK 47 ammo, 6 empty shipping boxes for 122mm rockets, 2 pair of NVA green utilities and 1 shirt. E3 will continue to search area and blow ordinance, send ammo to rear. F-L)neg. M)line E N)Sunny, sandy.

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1520 07 291415H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E1 B)291415H C)799296m D)While on patrol uncovered 5
 main RPG powder charge 2 buried approx 6 inches in the
 sand at above grid. E)E1 destroyed by breaking open and
 throwing in the river. F-M)neg. N)Sunny, brush.

1730 08 291730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 281730 to 291730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 D2 on patrol tripped a booby trap resulting 2 WIA
 H31 uncovered 1100lbs of unpolished rice on patrol.
 H23 spotted 1 VC who surrendered immediately.
 H2 in searching ville found 1 B-40 rocket. Blew in place
 E3 uncovered a cache containing various ordinance and ammo.
 E1 on patrol found 5 boxes of RPG powder. Destroyed them
 by dumping in river.

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1950 02 291830H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)H2 B)291830H C)798347 D)H2 while on moving to night pos
 spotted 2 VC dressin in blk pjs. They were running through,
 high grass to the SE approx 50 meters away. H2 after yell-
 ing for them to halt 4 times in VN opened fire when they re-
 fused to stop. E)H2 swept area revealed 2 VC KIA. 6 deta-
 ineers. The 2 VC KIA will be buried and the detainees will be
 taken to H2 night pos. There were neg ID. Detainees will be
 evacuated. F-H)neg. I)2 J)neg. K)6 L-M)neg. N)Sunny,

2250 03 291800H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E32 B)291800H C)808281 D)E32 while on patrol came upon,
 2 VN females age 40 and 50 and 1 VN male child age 5 sat in
 above grid in cave. Also fd were 100 lbs of corn, 8 chicken
 1 large pig and 1 NVA pack, Pack contained document 3 books,
 3 sets USMC jungle utilities camouflaged, 1 USMC pancho, (3)
 sets blk pjs, 1 NVA hammock, 31 ft of det cord. E)Corn, ch-
 icken and pig were destroyed, pack was brought to E pos for
 return to rear. F-K)neg. L)1 NVA pack M)neg. N)Cloudy.

2255 04 291730H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E32 B)291730H C)804286 D)E3 while on patrol came across
 2 VN hootches at above grid. Hootches contained 250lbs of
 rice in bamboo basket, 25 lbs of charcoal, 20 lbs of corn and
 10 lbs of potatoes outside of hootches. E32 also found 1 M-1
 carbine rifle with 3 rds in mag tied to a tree branch. E)All
 was destroyed except for the hootches and carbine. F-K)neg.
 L)1 M-1 carbine with 1 mag and 3 rds. M)neg. N)Cloudy, bush

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2250 05 291845H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E3 B)291845H C)802298 D)While digging nite def pos fd
 2 SKS rifles in very poor condition, bolts rusted shut and
 stock deteriorate. E)Weapons will remain at E2 pos and be
 retrograded at first available transportation. F-K)neg L)
 2 SKS M)neg. N)Dark.

2305 06 281850H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E32 B)291850H C)805284 D)E32 while returning to RFB #1
 2 VN boats submerged at above grid. E)E32 returned boats,
 from water and begin using them to shuttle themselves back
 to W side of river. On once crossing, after boat had been
 used several times, bottom fell out spilling 3 troops and
 weapons in the river. Numerous attempts were made by di-
 vers to retrieve the rifle. Only succeeded in retrieving 1)
 rifle. Due to very muddy water and current, 2 rifles rema-
 in missing. Attempts will be resumed again at first lite
 F-M)neg. N)Dust, river.

0035 07 291530H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E1 B)291530H C)806285 D)E1 while on patrol came across
 food cache at above grid consisting of 1 55 gal. drum of co-
 rn weighting approx 350lbs, 15x5 gal cans of unpolished rice
 approx 85 lbs, 5 lbs of tobacco, assorted baskets of cloth-
 ing, 1 USMC E-tool without handle, 2 NVA packs full of corn
 and 1x1 gal can of gun oil. E)Due to tactical situation E1
 destroyed above gear. F-M)neg. N)Cloudy, hills, rock.

0045 08 292230H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)H3 B)292230H C)202335 D)H3 while set in nite pos spot-
 ted movement approx 25 meters away from their line. E) H3
 opened fire with s/a. Swept area with neg results, will be
 sweeping area again at first light. F-M)neg. N)Dark, grass

0100 09 291730H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E1 B)291730H C)809280-815277 D)E1 while on patrol spot
 approx 25 NVA/VC at above grid wearing blk pjs with rifles.
 E)E1 called in arty with good coverage of target. Due to
 darkness and terrain area was not swept. Area will be swept
 tomorrow. F-M)neg. N)Dark, hills, brush.

1730 09 301730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 291730 to 301730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
 H2 spotted 2 VC and opened fire resulting 2 VC KIA.
 E32 spotted 2 VN females and child and searched area finding
 assorted gears.
 E32 came upon hottches and searched it finding assorted gear
 E3 find 2 poor conditioned SKS while digging def pos.
 E32 while old boat, was providing trans for E32, bottom fell
 and 3 Marines fell into river losing 2 rifles.
 E1 came upon a cache finding various gears
 H3 heard in def pos of movement, opened with s/a and swept
 area with neg result.
 E1 spotted 35 NVA/VC, called in arty with good coverage of
 area.

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1735 01 301735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 301730 to 312359 OPENED

1840 02 301600H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)F11 B)301600H C)214316-214312 D)F11 while on a water run spotted 3 VC/NVA approx 400 meters away, two were wearing blk pjs one in green utilities one also had a weapon. E)F11 opened up with s/a and wounded 1 individual. The VC/NVA returned fire with AK fire and fled in a South easterly direction. F11 pursued the enemy and found a blood trail. Lost enemy in heavy rain. F-M)neg. N)Rainy.

1945 03 301200H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E B)301200H B)811282, 809280, 813276--816274, 818276. D)E while searching S along the Song Thu Bon River came under heavy s/a fire and machine gun fire. Two boats containing 8 USMC were in the river checking caves along the river came under heavy machine gun fire sinking both boat. Enemy is believed to be approx 25 in number on each sides of the river, with two machine guns with each enemy element. E)E elements on both sides of the river covering for the boats immediately opened fire on enemy suppressing the enemy fire enabling six of the eight USMC to swim to the shore to safety. Echo called in air and arty for supporting fire. AN AO was called on station approx 1215H AO run a fix wing strike on the enemy positions. Fix Wing dropped approx 25 napalm and 15 500 lbs bombs. Gun birds were also, called in and fired on the enemy positions. E medevaced 04 USMC. Passifier was called in and landed at 301855H in blocking position to the S and W in suspected enemy rally positions. F)neg G)6 H)2 I-M)neg. N)Cloudy, river.

2200 04 301930H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E B)301930H C)812279-813277 D)E CP and E1 moved from Epos south on river in bodies of 2 USMC MIA from today's action. 2nd platoon moved S along west bank of river. At approximately 1930, 2nd plt observed movement on high ground, on E bank of river approx 150-200 meters away at above grid. 2nd plt observed only 2 individuals and because of twilight and brush were unable to detect if they were carrying weapons or what sort of clothing they wore. Individuals appeared to part of a unit setting into ambush river. E)E6 halt boats N and out of sight of ambush and sent frogmen into water to proceed S and search for bodies of MIA while frogmen were away, E observed ill in area of ambush. Since E was not shooting illum, they assumed enemy ambush was lighting up area. Frogmen returned from search without finding bodies and E returned to permanent nite pos. E did not take ambush under fire because of inability to place troops in advantageous position on E bank of river. F-M)neg. N)dawn, brush.

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1235 05 311000H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)H13 B)311000H C)808333 D)H13 moving along high ground heard voices ahead in a E direction. H observed seven NVA, and opened fire on the enemy with s/a/f, enemy was approx. 150 meters away. NVA had blue utilities on with weapons. E)H13 called in an air strike on the enemy grid. Searched, area and fd 3 NVAKIA, 1 AK-47 also fd, 2 NVA packs, 3 NVA util utilities, 2 AK-47 mag with 60 rds of ammo. Also observed 3 secondary explosions, E-H)neg. I)3 J-K)neg L)1 AK-47, 2 AK-47 mag w/60 rds. M)Aobve items. N)Hot, brush.

1330 06 311230H YBC TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)C B)311230H C)799270 D)C while on search and destroy, came upon people eating chow in very thick brush. E)C encircled the people which proved to be 2 males approx 35yrs of age, 1 female 35 yrs of age, 3 young VN males. C wounded 1 male age 11, 1 male had a AK-47. F-I)neg J)6 K)neg L)1 AK-47 M)neg N)Hot, heavy brush.

1700 07 301200H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)E B)301200H FOLLOW UP C)809280-816274, 818276 D)E pysh back into area of contact on the 30 and found one USMC body that was listed as MIA. E)Marine that was missing is E3, S-0702. F)1 G-M)neg. N)Dawn, river

1925 08 211845H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)F3 B)311845H C)196316 D)F3 while setting in nite defpos observed 1 VC dressed in blk pj. The enemy was floating downstream in the nearby river. E)F3 swam out and drug the body to shore, enemy had been hit by shrapnel. He was approx. 25 yrs of age, also had a close cut hair cut. F-H)neg I)1 J-M)neg N)Dusk, river

2030 09 311230H YBC TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)C B)311230H FOLLOW UP C)799270 D)C also fd 30 lbs of co-rn, 30 lbs of rifle and 6120 piasters. In first spot report 6 enemy were listed correct count is 5 POW counting 1 that was medevaced.

2035 10 310740H YBRTC TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)RTC B)310740H C)797261 D)C while on patrol fd hootch, documents in hootch. Also fd two trails. One trail leading W. The other trail ran in a SW direction. E)Documents were brought back to CO pos. C destroyed the hootch. F-L)neg. M)documents. N)Hot, brush.

2040 11 311030H YBRTC TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM
 A)RTC B)311030H C)798267 D)C while traveling W on trail fd out trail and small living holes. The trail was 5ft wide and 4 ft deep. The living holes were 4x4ft. The trail continued up the hill in a NW direction. E)C continued on mission. F-M neg. N)Hot, heavy brush.

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2359 12 312359H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 301730 to 312359 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW
F11 spotted 3 enemies and opened up s/a/f with neg results.
E while searching came under heavy s/a/f which were concentr-
ating a boat crossing river with 8 USMC. Resulting 6 WIA
and 2 MIA.
E spotted movements and could not tell whether how many or
what they were. Sent out frogmen and were unable to finding
MIA's.
H13 heard voices ahead and spotted 7 NVA and opened up w/s/
arm fire resulting 3 NVA KIA.
C came upon VN people eating chow. Detained the VN and cap-
tured 1 AK-47.
E found a body of one USMC who was listed as MIA.
F3 spotted 1 VC body floating in river. Dragged him to shore
finding him 25 yrs of age.
C found 30 lbs of corn, and 6120 piasters.
C came upon a hootch and found two trails leading different
directions. Destroyed hootch.
C found living holes, and found a trails that was leading NW
direction up to hills.

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