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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 7th Marines

Subj: Command Chronology; Month of August 1967

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.22

Encl: (1) Overlay indicating Unit Positions as of 312400H Aug 67
(2) Revised Task Organization of 3rd Bn (Rein), 7th Marines
Dai Loc District.

1. In accordance with reference (a) the Command Chronology for the month of August is submitted. A Commander's Narrative of Significant Events is included.

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Command Chronology - 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines August 1967

1. Organizational Data.

- a. Location: DAI LOC, RVN
- b. Period Covered: 1-31 August 1967
- c. Commanding Officer, Staff and Chief Subordinates:

Commanding Officer
Executive Officer
S-1

Personnel Officer
S-2

S-3
S-4
S-5

ALO
Supply Officer
MTO
Battalion Surgeon
Battalion Chaplain
Communications Officer
R&S Company
I Company
K Company

L Company

M Company

LtCol J. D. COUNSELMAN
Major G. H. TURLEY
2ndLt K. J. WILKERSON (1-26 Aug)
2ndLt C. P. BARKER (27-31 Aug)
2ndLt C. P. BARKER
1stLt G. M. BLAKELY III (1 Aug)
Gysgt C. G. PUTNAM (2-31 Aug)
Major J. A. POLAND
1stLt E. C. RATHBUN
1st J. B. FLYNN (1-4 Aug)
1stLt J. L. LANEY (5-24 Aug)
1stLt M. RILEY (25-31 Aug)
Captain J. A. HALSTEAD
2ndLt T. W. CALLINAN
1stLt J. A. WILSON
Lt R. HAWKINS (MC) USNR
Lt D. J. WILLIAMS (CHC) USNR
1stLt W. F. CONNORS JR.
1stLt D. E. WOOLDRIDGE III
Captain J. C. BAGGETTE
Captain G. W. JONES (1-9 Aug)
Captain A. L. JOSELAND (10-31 Aug)
Captain J. M. PIATT JR. (1-26 Aug)
Captain M. J. MARSHALL (27-31 Aug)
Captain J. B. HICKS (1-7 Aug)
Captain R. E. PORTER (8-31 Aug)

d. Attachments: Enclosure (2) lists all attachments and all units assigned in direct support of the battalion.

e. Average monthly strength during reporting period:

USMC

35 Officers
1058 Enlisted

USN

2 Officers
54 Enlisted

2. Sequential listing of Significant Events, especially as they relate to:

a. Personnel. The total number of personnel on hand within 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines as of 31 August was 1149. The total effective strength on 31 August was 1023. During the month 115 personnel were joined and 101 were dropped from the rolls. There were 7 KIA and 23 WIA during the month. ~~There were 55 non-battle casualties and 29 of which returned to duty before 31 August.~~

b. Administration. No significant or unusual problems were encountered.

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c. Intelligence.

(1) VC activity steadily increased during the month of August. Primary targets were isolated units, refugee camps and bridges. The increase in activity is believed due to the upcoming elections. It is also surmised that the bridge near CAP 22 was blown to prevent the movement of the 8" self-propelled guns scheduled to participate, in support of, "OPERATION YAZOO", indicating a possible compromise of the operation.

(2) The following incidents substantiate the significant VC activity during the reporting period.

(a) Bridge at AT965605 has been a prime target for the VC during the month of August. Company "D" 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) has been engaged and harassed by the VC on the nights of 5, 23, 27, 28 and 29 August.

(b) On 1 August CAP B-22 at AT864575 received 150 rounds S/A fire from AT865565. They returned 100 rounds 50 cal, 100 rounds M-60, 4 rounds 106mm HE, 10 rounds 105mm HE with good coverage. No search of area due to river barrier.

(c) On 9 August Mike Company CP at AT 788552 received approximately 300 rounds S/A fire from an estimated 20 VC at AT 791547, 789548. Mike Company returned 6 M-26 grenades, 200 rounds S/A fire, 20 rounds 81mm illumination and 21 rounds of 155mm HE on suspected enemy positions. VC broke contact and moved off to Northeast.

(d) On 26 August Company "M" plt(-) located at AT 798546 while returning from night patrol, was ambushed by approximately 30 VC at AT 797548. Platoon received approximately 40 grenades and 2000 rounds S/A fire and A/W fire.

(e) On 26 August CAP 22 received approximately 500 rounds S/A and A/W fire from westerly direction at AT 862572 also being fired upon by VC. Estimated 30 VC total, CAP shifted all available personnel to west side of their perimeter to assist PF in refugee village. Bridge to east of CAP was then blown. CAP returned fire and called arty mission on possible escape routes.

(f) On 28 August "I" Company platoon combat base at AT 924536 received 2 grenades and 6 rounds S/A fire from an estimated 4 VC resulting in 1 USMC KIA. They returned 75 rounds M-16, 200 rounds M-60, 5 rounds M-79 and an apparent long round of 105mm HE landed within 100 meters of the pontoon bridge at AT 926534.

(g) On 31 Aug an estimated 60 VC attacked and burned the northern portion of Old DAI LOC village. Village received approximately 200 rounds S/A fire, 10 M-79 rounds. There was 1 PF KIA, 1 PF WIA and 4 civilians wounded. There was an estimated 30-40 homes burned by VC. Flare Ship was requested and received by this station to assist PF's in searching for the VC. Twenty-four HE rounds were fired on routes of escape. POET team will exploit the incident.

(3) There has been a decrease in mine/boobytrap activity within the Battalion TAOR, however, an increase of anti-vehicular mines in the

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"M" Company SOR. Two tanks were destroyed by pressure type mines on the same day. These mines could have possibly been placed after the mine sweep. It is believed that the decrease in incidents in the battalion TAOR is due to the change of TAOR's on 1 August 1967, since the rocket belt was the main area of mine and boobytrap incidents. There were seven (7) anti-personnel and nineteen (19) anti-vehicular mine incidents during the month of August.

(4) There were twenty-seven (27) incidents of Vietnamese Nationals volunteering information pertaining to location of duds, boobytraps and small arms ammunition. Incidents of reporting dud rounds has increased by 100% in volume, especially in "M" Company SOR. It should be noted that the people are bringing in 105mm HE rounds vice 60mm illum rounds which is a good indication that progress is being made both with pacification and with the rewards program.

(5) There was a total of 25 detainees apprehended during the reporting period and were classified as follows:

POW	1
Civil Defendants	6
Innocent Civilians	18
TOTAL	25

No significant intelligence was obtained through interrogation.

(6) Captured documents were forwarded to higher headquarters and no significant information was obtained.

(7) Intelligence reports. Reporting still continues in volume, with a specific attention to the ARIZONA area of operations. Also, there has been an increase in reports of the VC use of 140mm rockets.

(8) It is expected that VC activity both day and night will increase significantly through the month of September, due to the National elections and adverse weather conditions brought on by the monsoons which limit day and night visibility.

d. Formal Training. Formal training during August consisted of:

(1) Orientation - All newly assigned personnel were given Orientation and Indoctrination lectures which included care, maintenance and familiarization firing of the M-16 rifle.

(2) NCO Schools - Five (5) men attended NCO School in Okinawa and forty (40) attended the 7th Marines Regimental School during the month.

(3) Miscellaneous Schools - Personnel in the number listed below attended schools as indicated:

(a)	Land Mine Warfare School (1st Engineers)	- - - - -	120
(b)	Vietnamese Language School (Okinawa)	- - - - -	3
	(Danang)	- - - - -	1
(c)	Basic Ammo Tech School (Okinawa)	- - - - -	2
(d)	Infantry Weapons Repair School (Okinawa)	- - - - -	
(e)	Starlight Scope School (Division)	- - - - -	

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(4) A total of 174 personnel were given formal schooling during the reporting period.

e. Special Operations. No battalion sized operations were conducted during the month.

f. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical or Other Special Types of Warfare.

(1) None

g. Command and Control.

(1) The 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines remained under Operational and Administrative control of the 7th Marines during August.

(2) OPCON of Co K (-) 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines was chopped to 1st Battalion, 7th Marines on 011300H.

(3) OPCON Co L 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines was chopped to 1st Battalion, 7th Marines on 011300H and returned to 3/7 on 031325H.

(4) OPCON of Co B, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines was assumed by 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines on 011300H and returned to their parent organization on 031130H.

(5) OPCON of Co D 1st Battalion, 7th Marines was assumed by 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines on 011300H.

(6) OPCON of Co A 1st Battalion, 7th Marines was returned to their parent unit at 031200H.

(7) OPCON of 1 platoon Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines was assumed by 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines at 041300H.

(8) OPCON of 1 platoon Co L (Rein) W/FAC and FO Teams was chopped to 11th Motors for a Rough Rider on 071500H and returned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines on 091500H.

(9) OPCON of 1 platoon Co M (Rein) with FAC and FO Teams was chopped to 1st Battalion, 7th Marines for a Sparrowhawk on 211350H and returned to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines on 211530H.

h. Fire Support.

(1) Artillery.

(a) Battery I, 3rdBn, 11th Marines continued to provide adequate and effective Direct Artillery Support. Battery K, 4thBn, 11th Marines provided General Support/reinforcing fires as requested.

(b) An increase in enemy activity called for an increase in artillery support. Battery I fired 171 observed missions and 309 unobserved missions causing 69 VC KIA(C) and 48 VC KIA(P). Timely firing on District and USMC intelligence reports was continued during August. In addition final protective fires were registered and precision registrations for both I and K Batteries were conducted on a daily basis.

(2) Armor.

(a) Tanks. First Platoon, Company B, 1st Tank Battalion provided accurate direct fire on targets of opportunity throughout the reporting period.

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(b) Ontos. 3rd Platoon, Company C, 1st Anti-Tank Battalion provided a direct fire support capability for combat bases and CAP Units.

(c) Amphibious Tractors. 2nd Platoon, Company A, 1st AmTrac Battalion provided transportation and resupply support for combat bases and company operations during August.

i. Logistics.

(1) A change in our TAOR required logistical emphasis to be concentrated on the relocation of the combat bases occupied by India Company. This change added two bridges to our responsibilities: The Liberty (An Hoa) Bridge and the Hill 55 Bridge. Monsoon preparations at all other combat positions also recieved attention during August. A shortage of Class IV materials hampered progress both of the combat base and monsoon preparation.

(2) Progress at India's new combat base is as follows:

- (a) Fields of fire have been cleared.
- (b) Fighting bunkers have been constructed.
- (c) Four (4) strongback huts have been built.
- (d) A messhall has begun operations.
- (e) A command post bunker has been completed.

(3) Reciept of thirty (30) new M274A2 mechanical mules alleviated some transportation problems. A continued shortage of spare parts for M422A1 Mighty Mites lessened the support capability of the Motor Transport Section.

(4) Emphasis was placed on embarkation readiness during the month of August. Mount out boxes were requisitioned and constructed and were properly painted and marked. All embarkation data was updated and corrected.

(5) One hot meal each day was supplied by the Battalion Messhall to each of the four (4) CAP Units in our TAOR and to each of the Battalion's outlying combat bases.

j. Air Defense. None

k. Close Air Support.

(1) The battalion made limited use of air support during August. A total of 75 med-evacs were completed transporting 47 civilians, 8 ARVN, 69 Marines and 1 VC WIA to medical attention.

(2) Close Air Support was used on four (4) occasions; two of which were controlled by the Battalion FAC.

(3) There were no significant troop lifts during August. Logistical support by helicopters totaled 115,505 pounds. During the reporting period 458 TPQ-10's were requested.

(4) Four "Fire Fly" flights were run in the ARIZONA/CAM area by Army UH-1E gunships with spotlights mounted. The strikes resulted in over 20 boats sunk. Continuous use of this assest is expected during the next month.

l. Civil Affairs.

(1) Significant activities. On 17 August 1967 a block party was held in HA NHA (1) Hamlet (vic AT806545). 450 indigenous personnel were

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interrogated and exposed to government propaganda. The favorable attitudes encountered were very encouraging.

(2) Materials Distributed.

(a) Food

(1)	Rice - - - - -	500 lbs
(2)	Soup - - - - -	24 cans
(3)	Koolaid - - - - -	1 case
(4)	Flour - - - - -	20,000 lbs
(5)	Cornmeal - - - - -	20,000 lbs
(6)	Rolled Oats - - - - -	4250 lbs
(7)	Milk - - - - -	100 cases
(8)	Salad Oil - - - - -	125 cases

(b)	Clothing - - - - -	250 lbs
(c)	Cement - - - - -	10 bags
(d)	Soap - - - - -	150 bars

(3) The Civil Affairs program within this TAOR is presently concerned with the completion of two schools, the construction of two wells at the refugee hamlet near CAP 22 and the construction of a dispensary at CAP 21. One school was completed at CAP 21 during the month of August.

(4) Apparent results of the Civil Affairs Program.

(a) The effectiveness of the civil affairs program continues to be curtailed by the unavailability of construction materials and political conflicts at the local level. The apparent success of the first block party held in the TAOR should prove conducive to the future success of the civil affairs program. Future activities of this nature are planned.

(b) Serious incident reports continued at a relatively high rate due primarily to the marked increase in enemy contact within the TAOR. Approximately 2106 indigenous personnel participated in our Med-Cap and Dent-Cap programs during the month.

NARRATIVE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. On 011430H CAP 22 received 14 automatic sniper rounds and the refugee hamlet received 150 rounds of automatic weapons fire from AT 865565. Returned 100 rounds of 50 caliber, 100 rounds of M-60 and 4 rounds of 106mm. An artillery fire mission was called with undetermined VC casualties.

2. On 011600H a squad from Co K received 3 sniper rounds from AT 979593. One USMC WIA med-evaced. Returned 3 rounds of 90mm Cannister, 100 rounds of M-16, 100 rounds M-60 and 10 rounds of M-79. A search of the area revealed no evidence of VC casualties.

3. On 011920H Co K squad patrol spotted 25 VC moving SW wearing black PJ's and carrying cartridge belts, packs and weapons at AT 798581. 81mm and artillery fire missions were called with undetermined VC casualties.

4. On 021835H an explosion occurred in trash barrel next to CAP 22 CP, wounding 4 USMC, 1 USN, 3 PF's and one Vietnamese Civilian. 2 USMC, 3 PFs and one civilian were med-evaced. After investigation, the cause of the explosion was still unknown.

5. On 031705H a squad from Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) received 2 sniper rounds from 4 VC vicinity AT 972605. Returned 4 M-79, 1 M-72 LAAW. Area search revealed one blood trail. No other evidence of VC casualties were found.

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6. On 040815H a squad patrol from Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) while moving through a tree line recieved 2 incoming carbine rounds resulting in 1 USMC WIA non-evac. 4 M-79 rounds were fired at the VC position vicinity AT 979596. A search of the area revealed no sign of VC casualties.

7. On 050215H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) platoon bridge security (AT 964605) recieved 5 rifle grenades, 20 M-26 grenades, 200 rounds automatic and small arms fire and 5 pounds RP6 or B40 rocket rounds from an estimated VC platoon. At the same time Hill 55 recieved approximately 200 rounds A/W and S/A fire as a diversionary measure. The VC breached the defensive wire in two places using a type of Bangalore Torpedo resulting in two 7 foot gaps, 2 USMC bunkers were overrun and destroyed resulting in the loss of 4 M-16 rifles. Under hand grenade attack the VC attempted to plant demolitions and destroy the bridge but were forced to withdraw. USMC returned 250 rounds M-16, 500 rounds M-60, 40 rounds M-79, 2 rounds LAAW and continues 81 and 60mm illumination. VC broke contact and fled east. Squad and 2 LVT dispatched as reaction force. Flare Ship on station. Total USMC casualties; 2 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA med-evac'd, 17 USMC WIA (minor)(non-evac) returned to duty. Searching force found several pools of blood, but unable to determine if friendly or enemy. Engineers blew 1 B40 rocket round, 12 ChiCom grenades and 1 10 pound charge in place. Recon divers checked the bridge with negative results.

8. On 050930H Co K platoon CP (AT 968587) observed 1 VC with rifle vicinity AT 974587. Scout sniper fired 2 rounds 30 caliber. VC observed through binoculars to fall. Area searched with no sign of VC casualty.

9. On 051745H Co M security squad observed 16 VC with weapons and packs vicinity AT 797573. Fired 40 rounds of 81mm HE, 20 rds 155mm HE, 100 rds M-16. Search of area revealed one sock filled with rice, 1 compass, 5 camouflaged boots, 25 rounds AK-47 ammunition, plastic rain gear, tooth brush, one bottle dressing, 1 VC mask. No sign of VC casualties.

10. On 051747 Co L Tower (AT 878576) observed 3 VC with weapons vicinity AT 880544. Fired 4 rounds of 105mm HE. VC ran into treeline. Fire mission resulted in one secondary explosion with fire rocketing 20 meters in the air. Unable to search area due to river barrier.

11. On 051855H Co L CP (AT 877575) observed 3 VC in green utilities vicinity AT 879555. One with weapon unloading supplies from a boat with 5 females. Fired 3 rounds 90mm HE and 3 rounds of 106mm HE resulting in 4 VC KIA(C). Remainder of VC fled into treeline.

12. On 061021H Co K squad security patrol (AT 977593) recieved 3 rounds S/A fire vicinity AT 979597 from an estimated one VC believed to be using 7.62 weapon with scope resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA (minor) non-evac. Returned 60 rounds M-16, 200 rounds M-60, 50 rounds 30 caliber machine gun, 50 rounds 50 caliber, 34 rounds 81mm HE. Unable to search area due to river barrier.

13. On 061245H Co L CP (AT 877576) observed 20 VC vicinity AT 875544. Fired 12 rounds 90mm HE, 10 rounds 81mm HE, 8 rounds 106mm HE. Observed one secondary explosion and several fires indicating 5 VC KIA(P).

14. On 061930H Co I CP (AT 924536) observed 3 VC AT 911528 dressed in black PJ's. Fired 7 rounds 106mm resulting in 1 VC KIA(P). Water barrier prohibited search of area.

15. On 070930H Co L CP (AT 877576) observed 10 VC carrying packs and unknown type bundles vicinity AT 879549. Fired 24 rounds 105mm HE. 2 VC KIA(P). Unable to search area due to river barrier.

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16. On 071035H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) squad security patrol (AT 794600) recieved 40 rounds automatic S/A fire vicinity AT 977598 resulting in 1 USMC WIA med-evac. Returned 200 rounds M-16, 8 rounds M-79 and 6 rounds of 90mm. Search of area revealed no sign of VC casualties.

17. On 071230H Co I CP (AT 924536) observed 8 VC in 2 boats moving southeast vicinity AT 902525. Fired 2 rounds M-16. Boats continued moving. Fired 2 rounds 106mm. VC deserted boats and fled into treeline. 3 VC KIA(P) and 2 boats destroyed.

18. On 071315H Co I squad security (AT 938555) tripped a trip wire attached to M-26 grenade. Grenade was rigged in tree as an A/P mine with trip wire across trail resulting in 1 USMC WIA (minor) (non-evac).

19. On 071415H 3/7 CP (AT 877576) recieved information from DAI LOC that 1 VC company was located vicinity AT 902560. Called fixed wing air strike. Dropped 36-250 pound bombs resulting in 1 structure destroyed and one secondary explosion.

20. On 071420H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) fire team security (AT 981623) recieved 30 rounds S/A fire from vicinity AT 982617 from estimated 3 VC resulting in 1 USMC WIA med-evac. Returned 30 rounds M-16, 75 rounds M-60, 6 rounds 106mm. Squad dispatched to area. Search revealed no sign of VC casualties.

21. On 080630H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) fire team ambush sighted 3 VC with one weapon vicinity AT 955603 moving west. Fired 25 M-16 rounds resulting in 2 VC KIA(C) and 1 VC WIA who escaped with weapon.

22. On 081115H Co K squad patrol observed 5 VC running from the patrol vicinity AT 972592. Fired 3 rounds M-16 warning shots. The VC continued running. Fired 10 rounds M-16, 4 rounds M-79 resulting in 1 VC KIA(C) and 4 detainees (WIA) without ID cards.

23. On 081445H Co L squad security (AT 872576) observed 10 VC receiving unknown type gear from 2 Vietnamese females vicinity AT 866546. Fired 6 rounds 90mm HE. Excellent target coverage. 6 VC KIA(P). Unable to search due to river barrier.

24. On 081500H Co K platoon CP (AT 972592) scout sniper team observed one VC with weapon vicinity AT 978598. Fired 1 round 7.62 resulting in 1 VC KIA(P). 2 VC tried to retrieve fallen VC. Fired 2 rounds 7.62 resulting in another VC KIA(P). No further movement observed.

25. On 081600H Co L squad combat patrol (AT 880584). Patrol member tripped ChiCom grenade rigged as an A/P mine with trip wire across trail resulting in 1 USMC KIA. Search of area revealed 2 more ChiCom grenades rigged as A/P mines. Destroyed in place.

26. On 091030H Co L CP (AT 877577) observed 8 VC AT 883554, two on river bank, 6 in boat crossing river. Fired 2 90mm HE with a direct hit on boat resulting in 5 VC KIA(C) and 1 VC KIA(P). 2 VC on bank moved into treeline. Fired 4 90mm HE but unable to observe results.

27. On 091400H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) squad security (AT 962628) found cave with one female with no ID card, 1 cartridge belt, 1 M-14 magazine, one empty bandoleer, one notebook with Vietnamese writing. Detained gear forwarded to Battalion S-2.

28. On 091400H Co L CP (AT 872575) air strike assessment AT 885547-895543 destroyed 2 bunkers, 24 structures damaged 2 bunkers and 2 structures. Observed 3 secondary explosions. Did not search area due to river barrier.

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29. On 092350H Co M platoon CP (AT 788552) recieved approximately 150 rounds S/A fire. Village recieved 300 rounds S/A vicinity AT 7855. Returned 6 M-26, 100 rounds M-16, 100 rounds M-60, 20 rounds 81mm illum and 21 rounds 155mm HE. VC broke contact. Search of the area revealed 4 VN civilians treated by Corpsman. Found 1 AK-47 magazine with rounds, 16 rounds M-79 vicinity AT 799548.

30. On 100700H Co M squad ambush (AT 834550) observed 4 VC with weapon and pack moving east vicinity AT 833547. Scout sniper fired 1 round 7.62 special. Observed VC fall indicating 1 VC KIA(P). Also fired 5 rounds 105mm HE. Unable to search area due to water barrier.

31. On 101145H Co I platoon CP (AT 924536) observed 2 VC in boat land on bank. Observed 8 VC load supplies in boat. Fired 9 rounds 106mm HE resulting in boat destroyed and killing VC. Observed 6 additional VC pull bodies from river. Fired 2 rounds 106mm HE, direct hit. Total VC casualties: 15 VC KIA(P).

32. On 101300H Co I platoon CP (AT 924536) observed 3 VC in small boat moving toward 2 VC on north bank. Fired 3 rounds 106mm HE sinking boat. 5 VC KIA(P).

33. On 101800H Co M second platoon CP (AT 835568) recieved 15 rounds S/A fire. Returned 50 M-60 and 500 M-16 rounds. Reaction squad sent out resulting in 1 USMC tripping an A/P mine vicinity AT 829568. 1 USMC KIA and 1 USMC WIA med-evaced. Searched area with no sign of VC casualties.

34. On 101530H Co K squad security with a sniper (AT 972580) observed 1 VC with weapon vicinity AT 977596. Fired 1 round 7.62mm special resulting in 1 VC KIA(P).

35. On 111030H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) CP (AT 963607). USMC guarding trash dump recieved 8 rounds S/A fire resulting in 1 USMC WIA med-evaced. Squad searched area with no additional sign of VC activity.

36. On 111230H Co L squad security (AT 842562). Tank detonated box mine. containing 40 pounds of TNT with pressure detonated fuse resulting in 1 USMC WIA (minor). Tank withdrawn by wrecker.

37. On 111400H Co K squad combat patrol member tripped unknown type of A/P mine. He threw himself on mine taking majority of impact resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA (minor).

38. On 111523H a convoy led by tanks enroute to Co M CP hit unknown type of mine vicinity AT 825555. Sweep team found another mine 100 meters away. Mine destroyed in place. Tank was recovered.

39. On 112315H Co L squad bridge security (AT 919598) recieved 2 rifle grenades and 200 rounds S/A fire from vicinity AT 917599 resulting in 2 USMC WIA med-evaced. Returned 300 rounds M-16, 10 rounds M-79, 100 M-60, 6-81mm illum, 4-81mm HE, 2-105mm illum, 36-105mm HE VT. VC broke contact. Search of area revealed no signs of casualties.

40. On 121040H Co I squad on combat patrol (AT 903542) observed 6 VC with one weapon loading unknown type of gear on boat vicinity AT 902538. Fired 4 rounds 106mm resulting in 5 VC KIA(P) and one boat destroyed. Unable to search area due to river barrier.

41. On 131040H Co M squad security (AT 809544) patrol member tripped one mine containing approximately 50 pounds of explosive resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA med-evaced. Detained 1 VN female with no ID card and carrying 2100 Plasters in her possession. Detainee forwarded to Battalion S-2.

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42. On 131900H Co L CP (AT 877576) observed 6 VC vicinity AT 889551. One VC carried a pack and weapon. Fired 6-90mm rounds with direct hit on target resulting in 4 VC KIA(P). 2 VC ran into treeline. Area not searched due to river barrier.

43. On 141042H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) while on platoon sweep, Marine stepped in punji pit vicinity AT 985595 resulting in 1 USMC WIA (minor). Search of area revealed 2 other pits. All pits were destroyed.

44. On 111100H Co I squad patrol member stepped on punji stake vicinity AT 956555 resulting in 1 USMC WIA (minor). Punji pit was destroyed.

45. On 141105H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) platoon sweep received 15 rounds S/A fire from an estimated 10 VC vicinity AT 978598. Returned 50 rounds M-16, 1 round 90mm. VC broke contact. A search of the area revealed no sign of casualties.

46. On 141930H Co M squad ambush (AT 827554) received 8 rounds S/A fire resulting in 1 USMC WIA (minor) from an estimated 30 VC vicinity AT 827549. The VC carried packs and rifles and were crossing river. Fired 500 rounds M-16, 2 rounds 3.5 WP, 60 rounds 105mm HE resulting in 2 VC KIA(C) and 13 VC KIA(P).

47. On 151215H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) squad was on a combat patrol with AmTracs. One AmTrac hit an A/T mine containing an estimated 20 pounds of TNT with pressure detonating device resulting in 1 USMC WIA med-evaced and 1 USMC WIA (minor). Heavy damage to AmTrac.

48. On 151905H Co M squad ambush vicinity (AT 822555) observed 8 VC with packs and weapons vicinity AT 823555. Received 25 rounds S/A fire. Returned 400 rounds M-16, 200 rounds M-60, 7 rounds M-79, 2 M-26 grenades resulting in 3 VC KIA(C), 3 VC KIA(P), 1 USMC was WIA (minor). Search of the area revealed 1 .45 caliber pistol, 1 AK-47, 1 M-1 Carbine, 3 packs, green utilities, rice, personnel gear, newspapers, 60 rounds 7.62, 6 rounds .45 caliber with one magazine, 8 rounds 30 caliber with magazines, 3 empty AK-47 magazines. All gear was forwarded to Battalion S-2.

49. On 160125H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) perimeter security received one grenade resulting in 1 USMC WIA (minor). Returned 20 rounds M-16, 4 rounds 81mm and 1 M-26 grenade. No sign of VC casualties.

50. On 170650H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) squad combat patrol observed 1 VC running away from patrol vicinity AT 956623. Patrol fired 3 rounds of M-16 resulting in 1 VC WIA(C)(med-evaced).

51. On 170730H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) road sweep was hit by a command detonated A/P mine 10 yards off the road resulting in 8 USMC WIA (6 med-evaced). A search of the area revealed no other signs of VC activity.

52. On 170910H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) (AT 949603) squad patrol received 100 rounds S/A fire from an estimated 8 VC AT 949603 resulting in 1 USMC WIA (med-evaced). Returned 7 rounds M-79, 70 rounds M-60 and 80 rounds of M-16. VC broke contact. Search of the area revealed no signs of VC casualties.

53. On 181525H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) squad patrol (AT 976615) received 2 rounds S/A fire from vicinity AT 978615 resulting in 1 USMC WIA med-evaced. Returned 10 rounds M-16, 75 rounds M-60. Received 5 additional S/A rds resulting in 1 USMC WIA as med-evac was being completed. Returned 6 rounds 50 caliber, 35 rounds M-16 and 60 rounds of M-60. A search of the area revealed 1 M-16 magazine but no sign of VC casualties.

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54. On 181930H Co L CP (AT 877576) observed 2 VC, one with a weapon, vicinity AT 878543. Fired 2 rounds 90mm HE resulting in 1 VC KIA(C) and 1 VC KIA(P). Did not search area due to river barrier.

55. On 191115H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) squad patrol (AT 952601) received 5 S/A rounds from an estimated 1 VC resulting in 1 USMC WIA (med-evacuated). Med-evac helicopters received 25 rounds S/A. Returned 100 rounds M-16, 75 rounds M-60, 4 rounds 81mm WP, 10 rounds 81mm HE. A search of the area revealed no signs of VC casualties.

56. On 191300H Co I platoon CP (AT 924536) observed 12 VC unloading boat vicinity AT 902524. Fired 12 106mm rounds. Boat was sunk but were unable to observe casualties because of dust and dirt of impact area.

57. On 191800H while approaching Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) a Mighty Mite received automatic S/A fire from vicinity AT 978620 resulting in 2 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA (1 med-evacuated). A squad reinforced with Amtrac was dispatched. They searched the area with no signs of VC activity.

58. On 200030H 3/7 CP called fire/fly mission on AT 870557-837543 and 862562. 17 boats were discovered and destroyed with 350 rounds of 40mm and 2.75 rockets. An artillery fire mission was called on target area after fire fly left the area.

59. On 210810H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) squad patrol (AT 957605) received 15 rounds from an estimated 3 VC vicinity AT 957607. Returned 15 M-60 rounds, 26 M-16 rounds resulting in 1 VC KIA(C) and 1 M-16 and 1 M-14 magazine captured.

60. On 211130H Co I (AT 907534) squad patrol received 24 rounds of S/A fire. Returned 240 rounds M-16 resulting in 1 VC KIA(C). Searched area with no other signs of VC casualties.

61. On 212030H Co M squad ambush (AT 788554) observed 1 VC signaling with a lamp in the window of a house vicinity AT 780549. As the patrol approached they received 20 rounds of S/A fire. Returned 90 rounds M-16 resulting in 2 VC KIA(C).

62. On 220940H Co L CP (AT 877576) observed 5 VC wearing green utilities and wearing packs carrying 2 weapons vicinity AT 876540. Called artillery fire mission resulting in 3 VC KIA(P).

63. On 221821H Co L CP (AT 877576) observed 2 VC dressed in green utilities and wearing one pack vicinity AT 873558. Fired one round 90mm resulting in 2 VC KIA(C).

64. On 221840H Co K platoon CP (AT 968584) received 1 USMC WIA (med-evacuated) as a result of an error in friendly fire mission. As med-evac chopper came in it received 30 S/A rounds from vicinity AT 965598. Fired 20 rounds 60mm HE, 14 rounds 81mm, 400 rounds M-16, 6 rounds M-79 and 100 rounds M-60. Area searched with no signs of VC casualties.

65. On 231015H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) squad patrol observed 5 VC with weapons vicinity AT 950601. Fired 300 rounds M-60, 150 M-16 and 26 rounds of 81mm HE. Searched area and found blood spots and inner organs. 1 VC KIA(P).

66. On 231420H Co L CP (AT 877574) observed 5 VC with rifles unloading a boat vicinity AT 850552. Fired 6 HE and 2 WP 90mm rounds resulting in 2 VC KIA(C).

67. On 231455H Co L CP (AT 877576) observed 6 VC with 4 weapons vicinity AT 868544 and 873558. Fired 2 rounds of 90mm HE resulting in 2 VC KIA(C).

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68. On 232004H - 232115H 3/7 CP called Firefly mission on vicinity AT 850550, 840540 and 878513. The helicopters recieved S/A fire from above coordinates. Mission resulted in 6 small boats and 3 structures destroyed.

69. On 232330H - 232400H 3/7 CP called Firefly mission on AT 905528, AT 878513 and AT 834460 resulting in 6 large boats destroyed. No sniper rounds were recieved.

70. On 241705H Co L (AT 878577) observed a total of 12 VC and a number of concrete structures vicinity AT 871544, 872559 and 863553. Called in fixed wing air strike resulting in 35 structures destroyed and 1 secondary explosion.

71. On 242023H Co M squad patrol observed 14 VC moving west with weapons vicinity AT 811539. Called artillery fire mission receiving 8 105mm HE and 10 rounds 155mm illumination. 3 VC were KIA(P). River barrier prevented search of area.

72. On 242040H Co M squad ambush (AT 811545) observed 5 VC in a boat. Fired 400 M-60 and 80 M-16 rounds resulting in 5 VC KIA(P) and one boat destroyed. Area observed with aid of 81mm illumination with no other activity reported.

73. On 250900H at (AT 945583) an AmTrac accompanying road sweep team detonated a pressure type mine containing 40 pounds of explosive. 4 USMC WIA (non-evac). A second mine was found 20 meters from exploded one containing 60 pounds of explosive. Was blown in place. The damaged AmTrac was recovered for repair.

74. On 251500H Co M squad security (AT 835552) observed 5 VC trying to cross river vicinity AT 837547. Fired 150 rounds M-60, 300 rounds M-16 resulting in 1 VC KIA(C).

75. On 260715H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) platoon blocking force (AT 985608) recieved 100 rounds A/Weapons fire from vicinity AT 985609 from an estimated 3 VC resulting in 1 USMC WIA (med-evaced). Unable to return fire due to friendlies in the area. Co G 2/1 searched area with no other signs of VC activity.

76. On 200800H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) platoon blocking (AT 985607) observed 3 VC with weapons on bridge at AT 987608. Fired 15 rounds M-16 resulting in 1 VC KIA(P).

77. On 261345H Co K squad security (AT 961588) observed one VC running from the patrol. Patrol ordered halt but the VC continued to run. Fired 5 M-16 and 7 M-79 rounds. Patrol searched the area and found 1 woman VC KIA(C) carrying one M-26 grenade on her person.

78. On 261400H Co K squad patrol (AT 962598) observed one VC with weapon. 300 meters in front of patrol. When VC sighted patrol he turned and ran. Patrol fired 6 M-16, 7 M-79 rounds. When patrol searched the area they found one woman age 50 and one boy age 12 with shrapnel wounds. Both were taken to Bn CP for med-evac where woman died.

79. On 262320H Co M platoon patrol (AT 797541) recieved an estimated 2,000 rounds A/Weapons fire and 40 grenades from an estimated 30 VC in an ambush position. At same time PF Platoon AT 988548 recieved 500 rounds A/Weapons and S/A fire. Co M platoon returned 4,000 M-16, 25 M-26. Co M CP fired 6,000 M-16, 2,000 M-60, 5 106mm HE, 164 81mm illum, 104 81mm HE, 30 81mm WP, 1 155mm illum every fifteen seconds for 30 minutes. PF's returned 800 S/A rounds. Flare Ship on station. Total casualties: 1 USMC KIA, 1 USN KIA, 1 PF KIA, 9 USMC WIA (5 med-evaced) and 1 PF WIA. Searched area and found

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blood trails indicating 15 VC KIA(P) also brass from M-79, M-16, M-1, BAR, AK-47, 30 caliber carbines. 5 ChiCom grenades found and blown in place.

80. On 262345H CAP 22 CP (AT 866574) recieved an estimated 500 rounds S/A 20 rifle and hand grenades from an estimated 30 VC vicinity AT 862572, AT 864573. Refugee village recieved unknown number of S/A resulting in 8 civilians WIA. Bridge at AT 867573 was blown. Returned 1,000 rounds M-16, 1,000 rounds 30 caliber, 500 rounds 50 caliber, 25 rounds M-79, 80 rounds 81mm illum and a 105mm fire mission was called on VC escape routes. Searched area and found blood pools indicating 10 VC KIA(P). Also found 3 craters 3 X 3 X 3 feet. Possible VC satchel charges and 15 ChiCom grenades which were blown in place.

81. On 270730H Co I platoon combat base (AT 906540) observed 2 VC with one weapon vicinity AT 903539. Fired 3 rounds M-16 and observed 1 VC fall indicating 1 VC KIA(P). Searched area and detained 1 VCS (AT 914537) with no ID card, age 62. Forwarded detainee to Battalion S-2.

82. On 270000H Co M platoon CP recieved one incoming grenade from unknown number of VC resulting in 1 USMC WIA (non-evac). Fired 10 rounds of 60mm HE. Area was searched with no signs of VC casualties.

83. On 282100H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) squad position (AT 963609) and platoon bridge security (AT 965605) recieved 360 rounds S/A and 2 rifle grenades from an estimated 16 VC vicinity At 955605, 962603 and 969604 resulting in one USMC WIA (med-evaced). Returned 36 81mm rounds (31 HE and 5 WP), 6 4.2 inch mortar rounds HE, 300 50 cal, 350 M-16, 600 M-60, 4 M-26 grenades, 5 M-79 and 2 106mm rounds HE. Searched area with no sign of VC casualties.

84. On 290003H Co I platoon CP (AT 924536) recieved two incoming grenades and approximately 6 S/A rounds resulting in 1 USMC WIA (non-evac). Returned 75 M-16, 200 M-60, 5 M-79 rounds and 8 105mm, 4 81mm and 32 81mm illum rds. Searched area with no sign of VC casualties.

85. On 291530H Co K squad patrol (AT 977594) recieved 29 S/A and automatic weapons fire and 2 grenades resulting in 1 USMC WIA (med-evaced). Returned 22 M-79, 600 M-16 and 700 M-60 and 2 LAWS. Area was searched with no signs of VC casualties.

86. On 292145H 3/7 CP called Firefly mission on (AT 878513) and AT 828542 resulting in 7 boats destroyed.

87. On 300910H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) squad patrol member tripped an anti-personnel booby trap located on a trail resulting in an air burst injuring 7 USMC (4 med-evaced). Area was searched with no other signs of VC activity.

88. On 310120H 3/7 CP reported 60 VC attacked and burned northern portion of Old Dai Loc village vicinity AT 910586. Village recieved approximately 200 S/A and 10 M-79 rounds resulting in 1 PF KIA, 1 PF WIA and 4 civilians WIA. 25 to 30 houses were burned by the VC. 3/7 requested flare ship and fired 2 artillery missions on suspected VC escape routes. POET Team will exploit incident.

89. On 310830H Co D 1/7 (OPCON 3/7) road sweep team (AT 965596) recieved 105 S/A rounds from an estimated 5 VC resulting in 1 USMC WIA (med-evaced). Returned 125 M-16, 2 90mm HE and 100 M-60 rounds. Sent reaction force which recieved 100 rounds S/A. Returned 1,000 30 cal, 3 90mm cannister, 3 90mm WP and 6 90mm HE. Reaction squad from Co K dispatched on AmTracs. Area was searched with no sign of VC casualties.

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Overlay indicating Unit Positions as of
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Task Organization of 3rd Bn (Rein) 7th Marines
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Time Zone: H
 3rdBn 7th Marines
 H&S Co (-) Lt. WOOLDRIDGE
 1st Squad 81mm pl't, H&S Co
 Co I (Rein) Captain BAGGETT
 3rd Sect 81mm pl't, H&S Co
 3rd Sect 106mm RR pl't, H&S Co
 DET, Scout Sniper pl't, Hq Co 7th Marines
 FO Team, Btry I, 3rdBn 11th Marines
 DET AmTrac 2nd Plt "A" Co 1st AmTrac Bn
 KC - Scouts - (2)
 1 Plt Co K (Rein) Lt. MORRIS
 1 Squad 81mm pl't, H&S Co
 1 FO Team, I Btry, 3rdBn, 11thMar
 DET AmTrac 2nd Plt "A" Co, 1st AmTrac Bn
 KC - Scouts - (2)
 Co L (rein) Captain MARSHALL
 2nd Sect 81mm pl't, H&S Co
 1st Sect 106mm RR pl't, H&S Co
 1 FO Team, I Btry, 3rdBn, 11thMar
 DET Tanks, 1st Plt "B" Co 1st Tank Bn
 Co M (Rein) Captain PORTER
 1st Sect 81mm pl't, H&S Co
 1 FO Team, Btry I, 3rdBn, 11thMar
 DET AmTrac 2nd Plt "A" Co 1st AmTrac Bn
 DET Ontos 3rdPlt "C" Co 1st Anti-Tank Bn
 DET Scout Sniper Pl't, Hq Co 7thMar
 KC - Scout - (2)
 Co D 1stBn, 7th Marines Captain MEYERS
 4 Sect 81mm Pl't, H&S Co 1/7
 1 Sect 106mm RR Pl't, H&S Co 1/7
 1 FO Team "C" Btry, 3rdBn, 11thMar
 DET Scout Sniper Pl't, Hq Co 7thMar
 SET Sentry Dog Pl't, 1st MP Bn

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...alties was adequate.
 ...area was by helicopter;
 ...L2s. The insertion lasted
 ...L2s and number of troops. Six trucks were
 utilized for the retraction of Co M from the objective area on Highway Four west of
 Hill 65.

e. Communications. No serious problems were encountered. During movement through dense vegetation, one element was always in a position on high ground to act as relay.

f. Medical Evaluation. Despite traveling very difficult terrain no significant problem areas were encountered.

12. Special Equipment and Techniques. None

13. Commander's Analysis.

a. The success of the first phase of the operation depended on the immediate deployment of troops to exploit an area struck by aircraft. The technique of inserting units ASAP into the objective area, and expecting a rapid surveillance could not be accomplished as expected because of (1) delay in insertion due to fog cover, (2) difficult terrain making rapid overland movement virtually impossible.

b. All attempts to effectively exploit the B-52 target area were made during the initial phase of the operation. The exploitation proceeded, however, without incident, inasmuch as little or no damage was done. The far majority of the dropped ordnance was expended on the periphery of canopied areas, areas which are not likely to harbor VC base camps.

c. During the second phase of the operation Co L established its new combat base on Hill 52 with no significant incidents. All males in the objective area were screened. Hill 52 with its natural observation and facility for control of much of the VU GL river valley will have a significant effect on VC movement and supply routes in the area. When VC forces realize the new limitations imposed upon them because of the USMC occupation of Hill 52, it is expected that they will act accordingly.

14. Recommendations.

a. That ground exploitation of B-52 target areas be preceded by low-level reconnaissance flights by air representative and the ground commander to determine if:

(1) There are significant signs of VC activity or damage to VC facilities actually been accomplished by the B-52 strike.

(2) A rapid exploitation by ground troops is warranted based on the aerial reconnaissance.

b. That all efforts to provide maximum logistics support by helicopter be made when troops are conducting operations in difficult terrain to avoid helo availability being resupply on a "shoestring" basis.

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