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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, 7th Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol G. C. THOMAS, Jr.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&amp;S

1stLt J. W. BELOW

"I"

Capt J. B. WILLIAMS

"K"

Capt R. C. HULIT

"L"

Capt H. B. WILBER

"M"

1stLt D. K. MCADAMS

2. LOCATION

1 - 31 May 1970, Quan Que Son, Republic of Vietnam, LZ BALDY

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj A. L. STEWART, Jr.

S-1/Adj

Capt G. L. GORTON

S-2

1stLt L. J. PENDLETON

S-3

Maj W. A. LOKKEN

S-3/Asst

1stLt J. W. BURNS

S-4

1stLt T. P. CONNELLY

S-5

1stLt M. F. TIERNEY

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Supply Officer

1stLt J. T. SZYMKOWICZ  
(1-20 May 1970)1stLt P. L. SMITH  
(21-31 May 1970)

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt R. W. KNICK

Air Liaison Officer

1stLt J. D. LAWSON

Forward Air Control Officer

1stLt W. C. CONNERS

Battalion Chaplain

Lt(CMC) J. E. DOWERS

Battalion Surgeon

Lt(MC) D. R. READ  
(1-16 May 1970)Lt(MC) D. R. FOLTZ  
(17-31 May 1970)SUPPORTING UNITS

Battery "G" 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

Capt M. C. BELL

Battery "K" 4th Battalion, 13 Marines

Capt D. J. LUX

1st Platoon Co "C", 1st Engineers

2ndLt J. E. ELMER

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH REPORTUSMCNAVYOTHEROFFENLOFFENLOFFENL

45

1030

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5. END OF MONTH STRENGTH REPORTUSMCNAVYOTHEROFFENLOFFENLOFFENL

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

GENERAL. The Third Battalion continued "Swing Battalion" operations throughout the entire month of May. Continued emphasis was placed on comprehensive day and night activities in the dual mission of rice denial and interdiction of enemy movement. L Co was assigned OpCon to 2/7 on 3 May. L Co was helilifted to LZ ROSS where they were assigned the mission as reserve/react force during the high threat period for LZ ROSS. On 5 May L Co returned to 3/7. On 14 May K and L Companies, in cooperation with ITT and CIT conducted a cordon and search of the ville of Phouc Chi (I). I and M Companies continued OpCon to 2/1 from the 1st of May for the duration of the high threat period, which was extended until 24 May. On 14 May I Co was assigned OpCon to 3/1 and on the 19th returned OpCon to 2/1. While OpCon to 1st Marines, I and M Companies held key terrain positions within the DaNang defense perimeter. On 22 May I Co returned OpCon to 3/7. M Co was assigned OpCon to 3/1 on 22 May and on 24 May M Co returned to 3/7.

On 26 May the Bn began operations in the Que Son Mtns, which continued through the end of the month. The Battalion CP remained at LZ BALDY from the 1st until the 26th, when the jump CP moved to hill 845 in the Que Son Mountains.

During the month each later company participated in at least one Rehab Program.

Light and scattered contact continued throughout the month.

SPECIFIC. At 021930, L Co while set in their night time position (115372) spotted 3 enemy with weapons moving N to S approximately 1000 meters away. L Co fired 106 mission on the area with good target coverage. Negative results were observed.

On 3 May Lima Co was helilifted to LZ ROSS, and assigned OpCon to 2/7. There L Co served as reserve/react force during the high threat period at LZ ROSS.

At 030900 K3 while on daytime activity found (075443) a stick pointing device used as a direction indicator for cave 200 meters to the west. The cave was 5 feet high, 5 feet wide, and 10 feet long, made of solid rock. K3 checked the cave and surrounding area finding sleeping gear, fresh chow, 2 US helmets, 1 pair of binoculars, 10 spent M-14 cartridges, and old black pajamas.

At 042230, Kilo 2C while set in night time position (138428) received 2 chi-com grenades, approximately 30 meters to the north of their position. Two Marines both wearing flak jackets and helmets, were wounded by shrapnel. K2 immediately returned fire with small arms and called an artillery fire mission on the suspected route of escape. K2C then formed a sweep force, which searched the area of contact with negative results.

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On 4 May 3/7 assumed responsibility for the SE AO within the 7th Marines TAOR.

On 5 May L Co returned from OpCon to 2/7 and returned to LZ BALDY for Rehab Program.

On 8 May Lima Co while on a daytime move (070410) at 0645 spotted 8 NVA in mixed utilities moving south on a ridgeline 600 meters away (068415). Two of the enemy had rifles and 4 enemy were carrying large packs. When Lima opened up with small arms fire the enemy fled to the south. L3 moved to intercept the enemy and spotted 4 NVA in mixed utilities approximately 50 meters away. L3 took them under fire, killing 1 NVA and wounding 2. After searching the area, L3 found 1 pack containing dry potatoes and 1 wounded POW, approximately 19 years old. The POW was evaced to RAS for further questioning by ITT.

At 091815 L3 while in its night time position (067419) spotted approximately 8 NVA/VC in mixed utilities at a rest area. Three enemy were carrying weapons, 2 were taking baths, and the others appeared to be sleeping. L3 called 105 and 155 fire mission on area and observed 1 confirmed KIA and 2 enemy being carried away. L3 was unable to sweep the area due to the distance and operational commitments.

At 092100, K3 while in its night time position at (121413) took 7 - 10 incoming chi-com grenades and approximately 15 AK-47 rounds from the SW. One Marine was wounded, classified as an emergency medevac. K3 returned small arms fire immediately, and then swept under illumination, with negative results.

At 100730, L3 spotted approximately 11 NVA/VC in mixed utilities carrying packs at 045413. Lima called in a 105/155 fire mission with good coverage. Negative results were observed from this fire mission.

The point element of L3 while on its daytime patrol at 111030 was taken under automatic small arms fire, receiving approximately 40 - 50 rounds. L3 spotted 2 - 3 NVA in tan utilities 20 - 30 meters to the SW. L3 returned small arms fire and encountered sporadic sniper fire from an estimated platoon-sized NVA Force. L3 called 105 mission, then an AO on station directed an air strike on the enemy position. The following sweep resulted in negative results.

Later the same day at 1115, K3 after arriving at its daytime position (113412) sent a team out to sweep the position. While on the sweep one Marine tripped a booby trap, resulting in 3 WIA's classified routine. The booby trap was M-26 with trip wire device. K3 moved into position after the sweep was completed, at which time 1 Marine stepped on a M-26 pressure type booby trap, resulting in 1 priority, 1 routine, and 1 non-evac.

At 1800 on the same day while on patrol, K2A spotted 2 Vietnamese approximately 200 meters away (116405) with negative weapons or packs. K2A pursued the 2 VN who were joined at this time by 4 other Vietnamese. The Vietnamese tripped a booby trap but escaped casualties. -K2A then tripped a booby trap resulting in 2 emergency WIA. The booby trap was an

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M-26 tied to a brush 3 meters off the trail, with a trip wire made from a vine. the 6 Vietnamese escaped to the south.

At 131800 K1C while on its daytime patrol spotted 03 NVA/VC with packs and rifles about 50 meters away. When K1C opened fire with small arms the enemy fled to the west. Then K1C swept the area, finding 1 AK-47 and 1 chi-com grenade.

On the morning of 14 May K and L Companies surrounded the ville of Phouc Chi (I) and conducted a cordon and search operation in conjunction with ITT and CIT. Twelve detainees were forwarded to ITT for further interrogation.

On the 14th I Co was assigned OpCon to 3/1.

At 141800 L Co while set in night time position (112385) received heavy automatic small arms fire and approximately 10 60mm rounds from an estimated enemy platoon 300 - 400 meters to the SE. L Co returned fire with organic weapons and called 105 mission on the enemy position. One Marine was KIA as a result of this contact. Medevac gunships expended ordnance and received a heavy volume of machine gun fire. An AO then came on station and directed an air strike on the enemy position. L Co swept the area of contact, finding blood trails leading into bunkers and heavily used trench lines. L also swept the following morning with negative results.

On 15 May K Co returned to LZ BALDY for 72 hr rehab.

An AO, while assisting L Co on daytime move at 151215, spotted what appeared to be either tubes or rockets at (115396). L3C moved to check area and spotted 1 NVA in green utilities and 2 VC in black and blue PJ's about 15 meters away. L3C opened fire and enemy fled into bunker, returning fire with small arms and frags. One VC fled from the bunker carrying an M-16 rifle, and was killed with small arms fire. The remaining 2 were fragged in the bunker. Under direction the AO Lima searched the area for 1 NVA/VC wounded by the AO. Lima followed a heavy blood trail to the W with negative results. An extensive search of the area (vic 107402) resulted in 2 detainees approximately 40 years old. L2 returned to the suspected rocket site, finding them to be logs.

On the same day at 1515, L CP, while setting into its night time position, tripped a M-26 booby trap. The M-26 was in an expended LAAM and was triggered by a trip wire. Six personnel were wounded, all wearing flak jackets and helmets and were 5 - 10 meters apart. There was one priority and 5 routine medevacs. It made a search of the area and found another booby trap similar to the first one. This one was blown in place.

At 161130 L3 while at daytime position tripped a surprise firing device, which was a M-26 hidden in the bushes with a trip wire running 4 - 5" off the ground. Three personnel were wounded - 1 emergency, 1 priority, and 1 non-evac. Personnel were not wearing flak jackets or helmets but were approximately 10 - 15 meters apart.

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On 15 May K Co returned to the field.

On 18 May, an AO while assisting L Co at 1000 on a sweep to their blocking position, spotted 05 NVA/VC fleeing with weapons to the SW (1114385). AO marked approximate position with WP and L swept south to the (1114385). An interpreter questioned a female in the village, who said 7 NVA were in the area, 2 of which were wounded. Air and ground search continued with negative results.

On 19 May I Co returned OpCon to 2/1, and L Co returned to LZ BALDY for 72 hr rehab.

Lima Co returned to the field on 22 May, and India Co ended OpCon with 2/1 and returned to LZ BALDY for 72 hr rehab.

While on a daytime patrol at 221100, KIC point element tripped 1 booby trapped M-26 grenade. The booby trap was off the right side of the trail and secured to the undergrowth with trip wire. Shrapnel wounded 2 personnel, classified as emergency medevacs. Both were wearing flak jackets and helmets and were well dispersed.

On 24 May M Co returned from OpCon to 2/1 and began rehab at LZ BALDY.

At 2100 on the 24th, LLC while set in a night ambush (134529) heard movement 70 meters to the NW. LLC open up with small arms fire, while receiving approximately 75 rounds of AK-47 fire. Contact was broken and a 81 and 4.2mm mission was called in.

At 242200 LP2 (138429) heard movement between the LP site and L Co lines. The acting Company Commander with 2 personnel went to check out the movement. They opened fire with small arms and received a single burst of approximately 20 rds AK-47 fire, which wounded the 3 Marines. One was classified as emergency and 2 were routine medevacs. A fireteam moved up to assist and swept the area with negative results.

On 26 May at 1215, L Co while moving to a blocking position found an enemy base camp (996438) consisting of approximately 5 to 10 hootches with numerous bunkers. The structures were 2 to 3 levels with rooms approx 10' long X 4' high X 6' wide. The camp had not been used for approximately 3 months. L Co thoroughly searched the camp with negative results.

At 270900 when M Co was on company move (983426) the point scout dog alerted. The lead squad moved down the trail to check it out and received approximately 60 rds of small arms fire from a prox 75 meters to the SE, resulting in 1 USMC Scout Dog KIA. M Co squad returned small arms fire, forcing the enemy to flee. A sweep of the area produced 1 AK-47.

Later the same day at 1445, M Co while searching area of suspected enemy hospital (982426) was taken under small arms fire, resulting in one USMC KIA(E). M Co returned small arms fire and maneuvered into the hospital.

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The engagement resulted in the capture of 4 detainees, 2 AK-47, 1 SKS, 1 M-16, 2 chi-com, and 1 LAAW. The detainees were males, 3 approx 25 yrs old, 1 approx 12 yrs old, and 2 of the detainees were wounded in the legs. The detainees were interrogated by ITT with M Co, then sent to the rear for further questioning. A thorough search was made of the VC hospital, which was approximately 50 yards long with 3 levels, made of rock. The search produced in addition to the above, 100 lbs of documents and 500 lbs of surgical gear, 350 lbs polished rice, 20 lbs salt, 20 lbs assorted food, 150 lbs potatoes, 55 gal barrel of corn, 2 M-16 bipods, 1 baseball frag, 1 chi-com, and 2 82mm mortar rounds. also found 2 chi-com grenades B/Ts, (1 pressure type placed under a sandbag, and 1 w/trip wire tied to a sandbag).

At 1100 that day M Co found a large cave complex in a rock formation (982427). The cave was approx 50' wide, 75' long, with a stream running through the center. A search of the cave produced 3 sleeping mats, 1 cooking pot, and 4 chi-coms, all of which were destroyed.

At 280815, M Co while on search of the area w/help of Chieu Hoi discovered a POW Camp (986427) in a rock complex, with 7-8 levels and large enough to hold approximately 100 people. M Co searched the area, finding miscellaneous documents, 135 piasters, 1 flare gun, 1 US compass, 3 M-16 magazines, and 2 NVA packs containing miscellaneous gear.

At 0830 the same day I Co while on patrol found 15 caves (978419 to 981418) measuring approx 15'X10'X16'. I Co also found 15 bunkers made of dirt reinforced with logs 20'X10'. I Co searched the area, finding 20 sets of NVA utilities, 20 pieces of eating utensils, and 2 bodies buried approx 6 weeks (981418). I Co destroyed all bunkers w/C-4.

At 1730 a squad from I Co while on patrol found a cave (978419) approx 3' high, 3' wide, and 20' long, in a heavy brush area. The squad searched the cave resulting in 1 AK-50.

At 290900 L Co while on search of area found a large 2 story bunker under rocks along a stream. Stairs led 20' straight down to 10' square room with an opening to a 2nd level which had 2 8' square rooms with 5 storage areas. Several AK-47 ammo cans were found. The bunker had not been used in approx 3 months.

At 291015 K Co while on the move found 1 booby trap (979429) which consisted of a homemade chi-com w/vine attached and stretched across the trail, with a friction type detonator. The booby trap was blown in place. At 1430 K Co found another homemade booby trap made from a mackerel can w/friction type detonator with a shoe string trip device stretched across the trail. The booby trap was destroyed in place w/C-4.

At 1300 the same day I Co while on daytime move discovered a bunker complex (985428) 10'X15' that appeared to have been used recently. The complex was in a natural rock formation. Found in the complex were 14

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B-40 rockets, 100 ft det cord, 70 lbs utilities, 30 ponchos, 40 haversacks, 5 AK-47 magazines, 8 grenades pouches, 40 NVA helmets, 6 chi-com grenades, 1 land mine, 2 claymore mines, 12 US entrenching tools, 80 rds .50 cal ammo, several documents, miscellaneous letters and pictures. The documents and gear were saved, and the ordnance was destroyed.

At 1600 on the 29th I Co found 1 hut 8X10 ft, and 1 bunker 10X15X5 ft. The bunker was dug under a rock formation, reinforced w/logs, A search of the hut and bunker produced 100 lbs of potatoes, 1 82mm mortar bipod, 4 AK-47 magazines, 2 NVA bayonets, 6 ponchos, 1 NVA officers belt buckle, 4 sets NVA utilities. The hut and bunker were destroyed w/C-4, and the gear was returned to the rear.

At 1600 the same day K Co found an enemy Base Camp (973433) approx 200X150 meters, consisting of 20 hootches, 40 natural caves, and 5 bunkers. A search of the area produced 1 AK-47, 1 M-16, 1 M-16 barrel, 6 AK-47 magazines, 144 AK-47 rds, 1 Russian flag, 1 pack of documents, 50 lbs clothing, 300 lbs polished rice and corn, 4 NVA helmets and 2 chi-coms.

At 300815 K Co while on patrol w/Hoi Chanh was searching a tunnel under a hut (973433) when the Hoi Chanh tripped a M-26 B/T. The booby trap had a trip wire leading from the entrance to the tunnel to the grenade, which was covered w/a C-rats box. This resulted in 1 Hoi Chanh emergency WIA. The search of tunnel produced negative results.

At 1000 the same day K Co Scout Snipers observed 7 enemy (970434) wearing dark clothing, carrying packs and weapons 75 meters to the NW. K Co engaged the enemy w/small arms fire, with negative results.

At 311230 M Co while on patrol found a bunker and cave complex (984428). There were approx 25 bunkers and caves ranging in size up to 5'X8'X5'. A search of the area produced 1 booby trap, consisting of a large can filled w/explosives and placed in a water hole next to the trail w/a trip wire stretched across the trail. Also one grave was found with 1 NVA body (985427), cause of death unknown. Inside the complex was found 6 NVA E-tools, 2 NVA helmets, 1 US helmet, 1 AK-47 magazine, 1 NVA bayonet, 6 wooden practice chi-coms, 1 bottle Bl vitamins, and miscellaneous clothing, documents, and cooking gear.

At 311450 I Co while on a recon patrol found a bunker and cave complex within a rock formation (969438). A search of the area produced 9 AK-47, 1 SKS, 1 light MG 7.62 cal, 50 chi-coms, 2 boxes blasting caps, 2 claymores, 15 B-40 boosters, 9 B-40 rounds, 2 NVA radios (sized PRC-10) new and light brown in color, 5 handsets, 2 US field phones (EE-8), 30 ft of comm wire, 600 AK rds, 200 lbs corn, 100 lbs polished rice, 2 lbs C-4, 6 AK magazines, 20 M-79 rds, and assorted documents.

At 311500 I Co while on daytime patrol found 4 rackeral can chi-com booby traps approx 20 meters apart on trail (986444). They were set up so if branches were pushed aside on the trail, trip wires would detonate the booby traps. All were blown in place.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TOPICS.

a. Mission Assigned. From 1 - 31 May 3/7 continued to occupy and defend the SE AO of the 7th Marines TACR. 3/7 assumed responsibility of the SE AO with the mission of denying the enemy access to rice areas and interdicting the movement of the enemy by extensive, aggressive day and night patrols and ambushes. I and M Co's were On-Con to 1st Marines from 1 May until 22 May when I Co returned to 3/7, and until 24 May when M Co returned. Their mission was to reinforce the defenses around the DaNang vital area during the high threat period.

b. Administration. Administrative support throughout the month of May was satisfactory.

c. Personnel. The Battalion's category of readiness was C-1 for the month of May. Total end of month strength was 46 Marine Officers, 1082 Marine Enlisted, 1 Navy Officer, and 51 Navy Enlisted. Total: 1180.

(1) Casualties Sustained:

<u>US</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>WLANE</u>	<u>NBC</u>	<u>KNBC</u>
H&S	0	1	2	11	0
"I"	3	6	0	17	0
"K"	1	12	3	21	0
"L"	1	6	0	3	0
"M"	0	8	1	16	0
TOTAL	5	33	6	68	0

d. Intelligence

(1) Enemy Situation. During the reporting period, enemy movement and contact decreased. All contact was with small enemy units on resupply missions in the lowlands south of LZ BALDY. Enemy initiated incidents were limited to surprise firing devices, and harassing small arms fire. The enemy did not attempt to launch any ground attacks or to maintain a prolonged contact.

(2) Enemy Weapons, Equipment, and Supplies Capt/Dest(a) Weapons

13 AK-47

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03 SKS

01 7.62 Light Machine Gun

(b) Supplies

400 lbs Rice

200 lbs Corn

100 lbs Potatoes

500 lbs Medical Supplies

(c) Equipment

Sleeping gear

01 pair Binoculars

41 Packs

65 Chi-con Grenades

03 M-26 Grenade

01 M-33 Grenade

23 B-40 Rds

100 feet Det Cord

70 lbs Utilities

36 Ponchos

16 AK-47 Magazines

08 Grenade Pouches

42 NVA Helmets

01 Land Mine

01 Claymore Mines

12 US Entrenching Tools

80 50 Cal Rds.

625 AK-47 Rds

15 B-40 Boosters

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02 5"x7" boxes of Blasting Caps

02 Comm Radios

05 Head Sets

02 Field Phones

20 M-79 Rds

02 Lbs C-4

01 Map, drawn on C-Ration Box

01 LAAW

01 Cofram Bomblet

06 NVA Entrenching Tools

Unknown amount of Documents

Misc 782 Gear

Misc Electronics Gear

(3) Enemy Personnel Losses

(a) VC/NVA KIA by 3/7 06

(b) VC/NVA KIA by ARTY 01

(c) VC/NVA KIA by AIR 00

(d) VC/NVA KIA by ARVN/CAP 00

(e) Detainees 37

(f) Chieu Hoi 00

(g) Refugees Evacuated 00

(h) POW's 03

e. Weather

(1) Weather condition in the 3/7 TAOR have been good. There has been a small amount of rainfall but it did not impede military operations or logistical support.

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(2) Statistics

- (a) Maximum temperature -- 102
- (b) Minimum temperature -- 71
- (c) Mean temperature -- 83
- (d) Average humidity -- 81%
- (e) Rainfall -- 1.3

f. Terrain

(1) The 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines operated in the lowlands and the Que Son Mountains during May. Movement was over rice paddies and small hills and was fair to good. Movement in the mountains was impeded by severe grades and inclusive of triple canopy jungle which restricted movement but did not materially impede the operation.

g. Organization and Operations

(1) Command and Control. The 3rd Battalion was under the operational control of the 7th Marine Regiment from 1 - 31 May 1970, with I Co being assigned OpCon to 1st Marines, 2nd and 3rd Bn, 1 - 22 May and M Co being assigned OpCon to 1st Marines, 2nd and 3rd Bn, from 1 - 24 May.

(2) Significant Operations Conducted. The 3rd Battalion, operating in the 7th Marines southeastern AO conducted numerous category II operation in support of the defense of LZ BALDY. On 26 May the Bn CP with all four companies and attachments, began an operation in the Que Son Mountains in search of intelligence-established enemy base camps and hospital sites. The operation continued through the end of the month, resulting in the discovery, capture and destruction of several enemy hospitals, base camps, and rest areas.

(3) Artillery Support

(a) The 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines remained in direct support of the 7th Marines.

(b) Battery "G" at FSB RYDER, Battery "H" at LZ BALDY, Battery "I" at FSB ROSS, and Battery "W" at LZ BALDY provided direct support for 7th Marines.

(c) Reinforcing fires were provided by 1st 8" SP Howitzer Battery located at FSB ROSS (B Platoon) and LZ BALDY (C Platoon) and "K" 4/13 at FSB ROSS.

(d) During the month of May artillery provided close and continuous fire support for the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. While

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3rd Battalion, 7th Marines continued with its mission as swing battalion in the 7th Marines TACB the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines fire direction center continued the coordination and supervision of all fire mission in support of the 3rd Battalion.

h. Air Support

- (1) Number of Fixed Wing missions flown: 15
- (2) Number of AO and Recon missions: 48
- (3) Total number of hours: 54
- (4) Helicopter missions flown were as follows:

(a) Medical evacuations: 40

- 1 68 USMC
- 2 00 ARVN
- 3 00 Civilians

(b) Logistical

- 1 Troops: 900, Cargo: 95,900 pounds.
- 2 Number of Floreships: 5
- 3 Total number of hours: 2
- 4 Number of Spooky missions flown: 0
- 5 Total number of hours: 0

i. Formal Training

(1) All personnel joining the Battalion received a five day Orientation and Indoctrination Course which included instruction in the care, maintenance, safe handling, familiarization and firing of the M-16 rifle for Battle Sights. They also fired the M-60 and M-79 for familiarization and received instruction in detecting the various types and methods of employment of enemy and friendly mines and booby traps.

(2) Personnel of the Battalion, in the numbers indicated, attended the following schools:

- (a) Land Mine Warfare and Booby Trap School 16
- (b) NCO Leadership 6

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(c) Officers Advanced Orientation Course	2
(d) SNCO Advanced Orientation Course	2
(e) Ground/Aviation Officer Cross Orientation Program	1
(f) Basic Ammo Tech	1
(g) Infantry Weapons Repair	1

(3) On 18 May 1970, nine Marines attended a four day course of instruction on Helicopter Support Team (HST) Training conducted by LSA-3 and on 25 May 1970, 22 Marines attended a one day class on the XM-174 Automatic Grenade Launcher conducted by a Mobile Training Team from Division Schools.

j. Supply and Equipment

(1) Supply support remains satisfactory. All Class VII excesses have been reported to G-4. All excess Class IX stock held by this Battalion was redistributed within the 7th Marine Regiment. Twenty (20) excess M274A2's were recently invoiced to FLC bringing this unit back to T/E for that item. There are presently fourteen (14) excesses in Combat Essential Equipment with disposition pending.

(2) Some RT-505's received from LSU-3 (Baldy) through the direct exchange program have been faulty, requiring repairs. These items have also been exchanged without quality control cards.

(3) The general status of Services remains good, however a few problem areas exist:

(a) Laundry. With the increasing frequency of letter company rehabilitation, the retro/receipt of laundry to LSU is not adequate. This Battalion is authorized weekly turn-in and weekly pick-up of utilities. Frequently two rifle companies rehab during the weekly time frame, thus causing a resupply problem for the company unfortunate enough not to conform to the LSU laundry delivery time schedule.

(b) Showers. Drainage and soakage pits for three (3) showers are presently being installed, however, drainage problems are anticipated at shower number 48. Water is draining into the pit near 81's and a trench will be needed to drain water into the rice paddies.

(4) This Battalion was recently visited by an FMFPac Food Contact team. Their services and assistance are outstanding; the team has increased the proficiency and methods of this unit's Messhall and implemented new techniques of food preparation that save manpower, time and money.

(5) The Division Engineer Office has been informed of the critically poor electrical wiring in the compound and will be rewiring

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the cantonment during June 1970.

k. Civil Affairs

(1) Material Distribution

(a) Two, 40 lbs boxes of candy given to schools of Phu Huong and Huong Hoa.

(b) 44 Bags of cement to village Chief for building a school house and medcaps houches.

(c) 10 saws, 5 hammers, 4 screw drivers and 4 shovels.

(2) Med Cap

(a) A total of 3 med caps were held and 98 people were treated.

(b) No dentcaps were conducted this month.

(3) Projects

(a) Speed limit signs - complete, 1 hand water pumps installed School and Med Cap houch - planned.

(b) Personal Response

1. Within the Battalion

a. A program underway to educate the Battalion Personnel with the customs of the people on a regular basis.

2. Outside the Battalion

b. Consistent with the Enligh Class an Explanation of our customs will be included for the Vietnamese.

1. Medical

(1) General. The health of the battalion continues to be good due to the more frequent "rehab" periods for the line companies. All personnel in the Battalion have started taking the second anti-malaria pill on Wednesdays.

(2) Evacuations. Med-Evacs from the field continue to operate smoothly.

(3) Supply. There have been no significant supply problems this month.

(a) Malaria Cases: 40

(b) F. U. O.: 19

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(c) V. D. Cases: 12

(4) Battalion Aid Station. Since the last report we have received five (5) new corpsmen and they have been assigned to Lima and Mike Companies. At the present we have three (3) men in the hospital. The average strength of corpsmen per company is seven (7).

m. Communications. Communications for the month of May were satisfactory with the following notations:

(1) The requirement for cipher traffic on the 81 COF net plus the hot weather has increased our use of BA-36s.

(2) May 1st through May 22nd relay teams were necessary to maintain communications with M and I Co's which were OnCon to 1st Marines.

(3) Bn size operation in the field required command communications from the field since 26 May 1970.

n. Chaplain

(1) The Battalion Chaplain performed the following in support of the Battalion during May.

(a) Sunday Services were conducted by the Battalion Chaplain on 7 occasions. Attendance 157. Communion 66.

(b) Sunday Services held for other units on 5 occasions. Attendance 51. Communion 28.

(c) No weekday services were held for the Battalion this month.

(d) 3 Memorial Services were held in the Battalion on the Company level.

(e) 50 Hospital visits were made for the Battalion, and delivery of mail and packages to patients was accomplished.

(f) American Red Cross Messages sent or received through the Chaplain's Office numbered 13.

(g) During the month there were 54 counseling interviews.

(h) Indoctrination classes held by the Chaplain numbered 4 for the month with 97 attending.

(2) Services for Catholic personnel were covered by the 1/7 Chaplain, Lt John PIERCE.

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## OPERATIONS ORDER 03-70

Ref: (a) Maps: Hiep Duc and Dai Loc 1:50,000, AMS Sheets 6640 III and IV  
 (b) 7th Marines Frago 22-70

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces:

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence).
- (2) Current Intsums and PERINTREPS.

b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) 7th Mar Regt continues operations in assigned TAOR.
- (2) 1st Recon Bn inserts teams into objective area by D-1 and secures LZ's vicinity 972415 and 982434 prior to H-2 on D Day. On D+2 insert a team into vicinity 952450 to conduct surveillance of enemy forces and on order secure an LZ vicinity 958459 for insertion of a 3/7 blocking force.
- (3) Artillery. Annex C (Artillery).
- (4) Air. Annex D (Air Support).

c. Attachments and Detachments:

- (1) Detachment 9th ITT.

2. MISSION: 3/7 conducts Category III operations in assigned AO in the Que Son Mountains to locate and destroy enemy base camps and installations, capture enemy equipment and supplies, destroy and/or capture enemy units and personnel.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. At H Hour on D Day, 3/7 helilifts one company into LZ, vicinity 972415, and the Battalion (-) into LZ vicinity 982434 to secure Bn Objective Area Alpha, locates and destroys enemy forces and facilities on Battalion Objectives 8, 9, and 10 within Objective Area Alpha. Subsequently, by foot march and helo assault, 3/7 secures Battalion Objectives Areas Bravo and Charlie.

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b. Company I:

- (1) On D Day at H Hour helilift into LZ CROW on Hill 800, vicinity 972415.
- (2) Establish a blocking position vicinity 978417 to 983418 and deny the enemy routes of egress from Battalion Objective Alpha.
- (3) On order, deploy to seize designated Battalion Objectives.

c. Company L:

- (1) On D Day at H Hour helilift into LZ BUZZARD on Hill 845 vicinity 982434.
- (2) Establish a blocking position vicinity 992434 to 997432 and deny the enemy routes of egress from Battalion Objective Alpha.
- (3) On order, deploy to seize designated Battalion Objectives.

d. Company F:

- (1) On D Day at H+10 helilift into LZ BUZZARD on Hill 845 and seize Battalion Objective Area Alpha utilizing Hoi Chanh and Det 9th ITT as guides.

e. Company K:

- (1) On D Day at H+20 helilift into LZ BUZZARD and establish a defensive perimeter.
- (2) Assume mission of CP security and Battalion Reserve.
- (3) Be prepared to assume the mission of Company M.

f. 81mm Mortar Plt:

- (1) Provide two (2) sections for helilift into LZ on Hill 845, vicinity 982434.
- (2) Be prepared to provide offensive and defensive fire support as requested.

g. H&S Company (-):

- (1) Provide composite platoon for helilift into LZ on Hill 845, vicinity 982434, as security for Command Group "A."

h. "W" Battery, 3/11:

- (1) On D Day at H Hour be prepared to helilift two (2) platoons into secured LZ on Hill 845, vicinity 982434.

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- (2) Be prepared to provide offensive and defensive fire support as requested.

i. Detachment 9th ITT:

- (1) Provide ECS and interpreter support for exploiting information derived from Hoi Chanh.
- (2) Be prepared to interrogate captured personnel.

j. Coordinating instructions:

- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Emphasize EEI's (Annex B, Intelligence).
- (3) LZ CROW 972415; LZ BUZZARD 982434.
- (4) Alternate LZ's (Air Annex).
- (5) Recon Teams to establish radio contact via 3/7 TACP local 48.40 whenever LZ is established as unsecure, or contact 3/7 at H-30 confirm LZ's remain secure.
- (6) Take POW's when possible.
- (7) Submit night acts by 1500, day acts by 1700 daily to Command Group "A."
- (8) Maintain emphasis on detection of booby traps.


4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No Change.

5. COMMAND, COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS

- a. BnO 2000.2 (Comm SOP).
- b. Command Group "A", Hill 845, (vic 982454).

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c. Company's report CP's when established.

  
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ANNEX B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 3-70

Ref: (a) Maps: AMS Vietnam Series L7014, Scale 1:50,000, Sheets 6640  
 III, 6640 IV  
 (b) BnO P3800.1E

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. See current INTSOM and Appendix 1 (Enemy Situation)

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION (EEI's)

a. Determine if the enemy will reinforce for a massive counterattack against FMMF or GVN forces within the areas of operation.

b. Determine if the enemy will launch attacks by fire against FMMF or GVN forces in the area of operation.

c. Determine the Viet Cong Infrastructure, locations, personalities and Modus Operandi.

d. Determine enemy strengths, designations, armament, and equipment within the area of operation.

e. Determine enemy infiltration routes, staging/base areas, and escape/withdrawal routes from his positions within the area of operation.

f. Determine presence of FMMF personnel actively operating with enemy forces; if so, who, where, and with what units.

g. Determine presence of FMMF prisoners of the enemy; if so, where, in what physical condition, and circumstances of detention.

h. Determine the presence of enemy headquarters, training areas, supply points, weapons and ammunition caches in addition to those already known, if so the location, size, and type of facility.

i. Determine in what size units the enemy is moving.

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SECRET3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION BASES

a. Orders to subordinate and attached units. Each infantry company will:

(1) Report as obtained, information answering wholly, or in part, the EEI's listed in paragraph 2.

(2) Ensure maximum utilization of intelligence gathering assets down to and including the individual rifleman.

(3) All information pertaining to intelligence will be reported to Command Group Alpha as soon as possible, via spot report. This will assist in determining the enemy unit or units operating in the area.

(4) Submit requests for intelligence support to Command Group Alpha through S-2 Scouts in accordance with existing orders. (Maps, Photos, Overlays, Enemy Capabilities)

b. Request to adjacent, higher, and supporting units.

(1) Commanding Officer, 7th Marines

(a) Provide aerial photography as requested.

(b) Provide APD, IR, and SLAR support as requested.

(c) Provide electronic monitoring or specific optical equipment as requested.

(2) 9th Interrogation/Interpretation Team

(a) Provide interrogation/interpretation support as required.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS, AND MATERIAL

a. POW's will be handled in accordance with reference (b). Ensure each capturing unit tags each detainee. If capture tags are not available, any other type tagging is acceptable as long as the following information is included:

(1) WHO - Capturing Unit

(2) WHERE - Coordinates of capture

(3) WHEN - Date time group of capture

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## (4) WHY - Circumstances of capture

b. All POW's will be classified as detainees until further classification by ITT.

c. Prisoners should be interrogated by KCS or company interpreter to obtain any tactical information of immediate importance. Prisoners will then be evacuated to 7th Marine C. P. at LZ BALDY. Wounded POW's will be classified no higher than priority.

d. Documents and materials will be handled in the same manner as described in paragraph 4.a. Prisoners shall not be separated from documents and equipment captured with them.

e. A record of all equipment captured will be kept in order that the Hoi Chanh be accredited proper recognition for his services and information.

5. DOCUMENTS AND/OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

a. Reference (a) is designated the standard map to be used for this operation; special editions are also available.

b. Maps and charts will be issued as available in accordance with standard distribution.

c. Aerial photography will be provided on request. Photos will be returned within 48 hours after mission is completed.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

a. Only classified material deemed necessary to accomplish the assigned mission will be carried to the field.

b. All transmissions will be passed over a covered net when possible. When a covered net is not available, the US KAC 288 Series Encryption (MKAZ WHAL) will be used to give friendly positions.

c. Every effort will be made to remove all classified material from all medivacs.

d. Destruction of classified material will be carried out completely in the field when word is given by proper authority or when in danger of being captured by the enemy.

e. Reference (b) will also apply.

SECRET7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION

a. Spot reports will be used to pass all intelligence information to Command Group Alpha.

b. S-2 will force feed intelligence information to commanders when derived.

c. S-2 debriefing will be conducted by the company S-2 scouts and passed to Command Group Alpha.

8. MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS


a. Normal reconnaissance and observation will be carried out by all units.

b. Units in contact should make every reasonable effort to take prisoners.

c. Kit Carson Scouts and S-2 Scouts will be available to each rifle company.

d. Weather Service Plan

(1) 24 hour weather forecasts will be promulgated by this headquarters on a continuing basis.

  
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APPENDIXES: / (1) (Enemy Situation)  
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Appendix I (Enemy Situation) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 3-70

- Encl: (1) Sketch; Enemy Base Camps  
(2) Sketch; Area of Operations

1. Locally available forces:

a. D-3 Infantry Battalion Also known as Unit 90, 090 Battalion, D-7 Battalion, 1st Battalion, Dong Mit, 7th Battalion, 3rd Regiment, 3rd Quang Da Battalion, 3rd Infantry Battalion, is composed of 4 companies, (1, 2, 3, 4) and a Battalion Headquarters. There are 3 platoons per company; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd platoons of the 1st Company, 4th, 5th, and 6th platoons of the 2nd Company, 7th, 8th, and 9th platoons of the 3rd Company, and the 10th, 11th, and 12th platoons of the 4th Company. P6498, 6798 Ap Thai and Q-80 Anh Dung are LBN's of the Battalion. The Battalion has a strength of 250.

(1) Weapons include 5 x 82mm mortars, 5 x 60mm mortars, unknown number of RUCs and RUCs, unknown number of chicom grenades, and a sufficient number of individual weapons.

(2) The D3 Infantry Battalion is now located in the vicinity of AT992460 (this is hearsay information received from a Chieu Hoi).

b. 78th Hospital Also known as Dispensary Number 78 and Q 78th. The Battalion is composed of hospital staff (61 Doctor and 15 assistants) and a security section consisting of two, nine man squads. 6746 Ap Thai is the Hospital's LBN. Presently there is the possibility of 200 patients being treated at the Hospital.

(1) Weapons for the security section are limited to the individual type.

(2) The 78th Hospital is located at AT962443 (as of 20 March) (Dien Ban Hospital AT984427, Duy Xuyen AT993426 and Convalescent Camp AT982442).

c. R 20th Battalion Also known as the D1 Battalion, R-22, 20th Battalion, 1st Battalion, Quang Nam Provincial Force, 1st Provincial Force Battalion; is composed of 5 companies (C 1 Assault Co, C 2 Transportation Co, C 3 Assault and Security Co, C 4 Headquarters Command, Administration and Recon Co, and the C 5 Assault Co) with 3 platoons per company. The Battalion LBN's are 6788 Ap Thai, 21341 GM Ba Ha and 190 Viet Dung. The Battalion strength is 145 men.

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(1) Weapons of the R 20th Battalion include 4 x 82mm mortars, 6 x 60mm mortars, and an unknown number of 75mm recoilless rifles, B4Os and B4ls, besides 24 LMGs, 9 HMGs and sufficient individual weapons.

(2) The 20th Battalion is located at the vicinity of AT970450 (as of 2 May).

d. 42nd Recon Battalion (possible Recon Unit P50) Also known as 19th Battalion, Unit 81 and D.81, consists of 2 companies and a Headquarters Section. There are 3 platoons per Company. P6513 Ap Thai, 5615 Ap Thai, and 6419 Ap Thai are the LBN's. The Battalion strength is 120.

(1) The Battalion is armed with AK47's and K-54 pistols. Other probable armament would include grenades, satchel charges, and possible B4Os and B4ls.

(2) The Battalion is located in the vicinity of AT971456 (as of 5 May as reported by Chieu Hoi).

e. Q81 Local Force B attalion Also known as Duy Xuyen District Unit, Q13 Battalion, 103rd Company, 73rd Company, and H.52, consists of 2 Infantry Companies, 1 support Company and a Headquarters Element. The Battalion's LBN's are 181 Anh Dung and 2103. The Battalion's strength is 200.

(1) The Battalion's armament consists of 3 x 81mm mortars, 2 x 60mm mortars, unknown number of B4Os and B4ls, 3 x HMGs, 2 x LMGs and sufficient individual weapons.

(2) The security element of the Battalion is located in vicinity of AT972444; other elements of the Battalion are located in vicinity of AT9950. Unit's PW Camp is located in vicinity of AT988426 and Police Station is located in vicinity of AT972453.

f. Forward Element of Headquarters Front 4 Also known as P50, Unit 70, Groupe 44, K-44, and NT.4. The unit is a command and control element of Headquarters Front 4 and its composition and strength are unknown. The units LBN's are P6400, and 6700 Ap Thai.

(1) This unit's armament is unknown.

(2) Forward Elements of Headquarters Front 4 are located in the vicinity of AT986443 (Hearsay reported by Chieu Hoi), Front 4 Communication Area is located in the vicinity of AT990448 and Front 4 Finance Office is located in the vicinity of AT987441.

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g. 91st Sapper Battalion Also known as the T3 Sapper Battalion, D-91, Q 91 Sapper Battalion, Lam Son Battalion, B-47 Battalion, Unit 73, and Quyet Nghia Battalion, consists of 4 Companies, (1, 2, 3, and 5) with 3 platoons per company. The units LBNs are P6475, 6775 Ap Thai and 63148 (NVN). The Battalion has a strength of 165.

(1) The Battalion's armament includes 6 x 82mm mortars, 5 x 60mm mortars, an unknown number of B40s and B41s, satchel charges, 5 LMGs, 1 flamethrower, bangalore torpedoes, and grenades.

(2) The Battalion is presently located in the vicinity of AT991451 (Hearsay reported by Chieu Hoi).

2. REINFORCING UNITS

a. 69th Replacement Battalion The units LBNs are 40404 Ap Thai and 6142KN. The unit consists of 2 combat effective Companies. The unit's strength is approximately 300.

(1) The unit's armament is light, being restricted to individual weapons of which there are not enough. However, there is a possibility that the entire Battalion has been armed.

(2) The Battalion is located in the vicinity of AT960400.

b. T-89th Sapper Battalion Also known as the D-1 Battalion, the 402nd Sapper Battalion, 1st Sapper Battalion, Steel Battalion and Nghia Vu Battalion, consists of 3 Companies and a Headquarters Element. (1st and 2nd Infantry Company, the 4th Arty/Mortar Company and the 5th Company/Battalion Headquarters). The unit's LBNs are P6454, 6754 Ap Thai, 370 Thanh Khiet, 6755 Ap Thai, 6751 Ap Thai, P6475, 6775 Ap Thai, and 63148 (NVN). The Battalion's strength is 165.

(1) The Battalion's armament includes 6 x 81mm mortars, 1 x 82mm mortar, 18 x B40s, 2 LMGs, 2 x 60mm mortars and sufficient individual weapons.

(2) The Battalion was located in the vicinity of AT990410. Elements of the Battalion moved North in early May, yet it is possible that some elements of the Battalion are still located in the Que Sons.

c. 160th Transportation Battalion consists of 4 Companies, and a Headquarters Section. The Battalion has an approximate strength of 200.

(1) The Battalion's armament consists of 50 AK-47 and 50 SKSs. Armament is light because the Battalion is primarily a transportation unit.


(2) The Battalion is located in the vicinity of AT930410.

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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 as follows:

- a. Harass friendly units with sniper fire in a delaying action.
- b. Initiate heavy small arms/RPG contacts with FVMT units operating in the area.
- c. Initiate heavy mortar/RPG attacks on FVMT units operating in the area of interest.
- d. Fall back to their base camps for final defensive contact.
- e. Withdraw from base camps only when they can no longer possibly hold them.

4. LEN is the symbol for Letter Box Number. It is comparable to our FPO.

  
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ANNEX C (Artillery) to Operation Order 3-70

Ref: (a) Maps: Dai Loc and Hiep Duc 1:50,000, AMS, Sheets 6640 IV and 6640 III, respectively  
 (b) Firing Chart: Grid sheet, scale 1:25,000  
 (c) 3rd Bn, 11th Mar Order 2000.2D  
 (d) 11th Mar Order 3000.3G

Time Zone: H

# 1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUS..

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 3rd Bn, 7th Mar Operation Order 3-70.

(2) Artillery:

(a) Battery G, 3rd Bn, 11th Mar.

(b) Mortar Btry (-), 3rd Bn, 11th Mar.

(c) Battery K, 4th Bn, 11th Mar.

(d) Battery M, 4th Bn, 11th Mar.

(e) 1st 8" How Btry, 11th Mar.

c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. On D Day at H Hour, artillery units provide close, continuous fire support of 3rd Bn, 7th Mar landing by helicopter on LZ's to be designated in the Que Son Mountains area and subsequent operations to seek out and destroy the enemy, his base camps, and his operational facilities. Block reinforcement and retrograde routes by fire.

# 3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of artillery employment

(1) Artillery support for elements of 3rd Bn, 7th Mar in their initial occupation of LZ's will be provided by firing elements of 11th Marines from present positions at LZ BALDY, FSB ROSS, FSB REIDER and AN HOA.

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- (2) Artillery support for initial operations of 3rd Bn, 7th Mar elements on the ground will be provided by placing a 105 Howitzer Btry and a 4.2" Mortar Btry (-) in direct support of 3rd Bn, 7th Mar.
- (3) Reinforcing fires will be provided by two 155 Howitzer Batteries and one 8" Howitzer Battery.

b. Battery G, 3rd Bn, 11th Marines

- (1) From present position at FSB RYDER provide direct support to 3d Bn, 7th Mar.
- (2) Exercise tactical fire direction of all artillery units for fires in support of 3rd Bn, 7th Mar.

c. Mortar Battery (-), 3rd Bn, 11th Marines

- (1) Direct support 3rd Bn, 7th Mar. On order land two platoons and fire direction center on LZ to be designated. Co-locate with 3rd Bn, 7th Mar CP. FDC to be co-located with 3rd Bn, 7th Marines COC/FSCC.
- (2) On order displace from LZ to original position and resume original mission.

d. Battery K, 4th Bn, 11th Marines, Battery M, 4th Bn, 11th Marines, 1st 8" Howitzer Battery, 11th Marines will provide reinforcing fires to Btry G, 3rd Bn, 11th Marines.

e. Coordinating instructions

- (1) D Day, 26 May 1970.
- (2) H Hour, 0830H.
- (3) Position areas and fire capabilities: Appendix 1 (Position Areas and Fire Capabilities).
- (4) Survey: IODs on FSB RYDER and FIGERIA will provide Mortar Btry (-) survey control for firing position.
- (5) Countermortar policy: Active.
- (6) Air observation: Annex D (Air Support).
- (7) Ammunition restrictions: 3rd Bn, 11th Mar units will not exceed AER without approval.
- (8) Fire direction procedures:
  - (a) Refs (c) and (d).

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- (b) Btry G, 3rd Bn 11th Mar exercise centralized tactical fire direction of all units in supporting 3rd Bn, 7th Mar operations.

(9) Forward Observers:

- (a) Mortar Btry (-), 3rd Bn, 11th Mar will not provide forward observers to 3rd Bn, 7th Mar but will answer calls for fire from forward observers of Btry G, 3rd Bn, 11th Mar.
- (b) Reinforcing units are not required to furnish forward observers.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Reports: As required by refs (c) and (d).
- b. Ammunition expenditure rate (AER): Appendix 2 (Ammunition Expenditure Rate).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION/ELECTRONICS

- a. Current communication SOP's.
- b. References (c) and (d).
- c. Mortar Btry (-), 3rd Bn, 11th Mar COF same as Btry G, 3rd Bn, 11th Mar.
- d. Reinforcing units ED same as 3rd Bn, 11th Mar ED 3.
- e. Command Posts: Appendix 1 (Position Areas and Fire Capabilities).

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Appendixes:

- 1 - Position Areas and Fire Capabilities
- 2 - Ammunition Expenditure Rate

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AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE/  
ACCUMULATED AER

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cal	Type	<u>AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE</u>			<u>AMMO EXPENDITURE RATE</u>		
		<u>Yesterday's</u>	<u>+ Today</u>	<u>= TOTAL</u>	<u>AER</u>	<u>x Day</u>	<u>= AER</u>
105	HE				964.8		
	ILLUM				37.8		
	WP				37.8		
	FC				9.0		
	BEEHIVE				3.6		
	CS				5.4		
	HEP-T				3.6		
	LEAFLET				3.6		
	SMK, GREEN				.9		
	SMK, HC				4.3		
	SMK, RED				.7		
	SMK, YELLOW				.4		
TOTAL							
4.2	HE				90.0		
	ILLUM				9.0		
	WP				12.6		
	CS				15.0		
TOTAL							

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Cal	Type	Yesterday's Total	+ Today	= TOTAL	AER	x Day	= AER
W55	HE				50.0		
	ILLUM				2.6		
	WP				1.6		
	FC				1.6		
	HC				.8		
TOTAL							
K/4/11	HE				150.0		
	ILLUM				7.8		
	WP				4.8		
	FC				4.8		
	HC				2.4		
TOTAL							
TOTAL 155							
8"	HE				68.0		
	FC				2.0		
TOTAL							
81	ILLUM				4.7		
TOTAL							

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 LZ BALDI, VIETNAM  
 291200Z May 1970

ANNEX D (Air Support) to Operation Order 3-70

Ref: (a) Maps: Dai Loc and Map Duc 1:50,000 RMS, Sheets 6640 IV  
 and 6640 III, respectively  
 (b) 3rd Bn, 7th Mar Order 07-69  
 (c) 7th Mar Order 22-70

Time Zone: H

### 1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Helicopter Support will be provided by MAG-16.

(2) AO's and Fixed Wing Support will be provided by 1st NAW.

c. Attachments and Detachments: None.

2. MISSION: On D Day at H Hour, provide Air Support Forces to helilift 3rd Bn, 7th Mar into designated LZ's in the Que Son Mountains and provide close air support forces and helicopter support during subsequent operations.

### 3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. 1st NAW helilift 3rd Bn, 7th Marines(+) into two (2) secure LZ's in the Que Son Mountains area. Is prepared to provide on station/on call Fixed Wing, AO controlled, for targets of opportunity, alternate LZ PREP, and/or Fixed Wing targets (Appendix 3). Provide defensive support, NCA controlled, during the assault phase and air support of continued ground operations.

b. Landing Force Aviation (1st NAW).

(1) Conduct Pre-D Day operations as requested.

(2) Conduct Visual Reconnaissance as requested.

(3) Conduct close air support operations as requested.

(4) Conduct helicopter operations as requested.

(5) Be prepared to exercise overall control of all types of air operations.

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c. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) D Day, 26 May 1970.
- (2) H Hour, 0830H.
- (3) Coordination of aircraft during the assault phase will be by HCA.
- (4) Coordination of aircraft during subsequent operations will be by AIO, 3rd Bn, 7th Mar.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Each company will have a 14 section consisting of two personnel.
- b. All air requests will be submitted as previously directed.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS.

- a. All requests for Air Support will be submitted on TACP local (covered).
- b. The controlling frequency between aviation and ground units will be TACP local (covered, if possible).
- c. Medical Evacuations will be requested on TACP local (covered), and will be conducted on Medevac common (covered, if possible).
- d. Communications procedures will be conducted in accordance with with current communications SOP's.

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## APPENDICES:

- ✓1 - Sequence of Events
- ✓2 - Helicopter Approach and Retirement Lanes Overlay
- ✓3 - Fixed Wing Target Overlay
- ✓4 - Photographs of 42nd

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APPENDIX I (Sequence of Events) to Annex D (Air Support) to Operation  
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Ref: None

1. Sequence Of Events:

H-60 Wx check by AO.  
H-30 Helos arrive LZ Baldy.  
H-10 Helos depart LZ Baldy.  
H-05 First two flights of Fixed Wing on station (D2AD9).  
H-02 AC and HCA in target area.  
H-Hour First two helos in respective zones.  
H+30 AO runs Fixed Wing on air targets.  
H+40 Third flight Fixed Wing on station (D7D24).  
H+45 AO relief on station. On station reliefs until H+5 hours.

  
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01 May		No spot reports received this date.	
021015H	0568	S-2, 3/7, rear gate. Several VN children came to 3/7 rear gate with 08 M-26 dud grenades, 4000 P's paid for grenades, BOD will destroy.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
021920H	0569	L Co, 3/7, F(115372), EN(104376). L Co while set in n/t position spotted 03 persons w/wpn's in field moving N to S approx. 1000M away. L Co fired 106MM mission w/good target coverage and observed neg. further movement.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
030850H	0570	K Co, 3/7, (077435). K2 while on d/t patrol found 01 250lb HE dud bomb, it was lying alongside trail in brush and did not appear to have been tampered with. K2 marked dud for later demolition, next AM K Co sent BOD team out and they disposed of dud.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
030900H	0571	K Co, 3/7, (075443). K3 while on d/t activity found stick pointing device used as direction indicator f/cave. Direction indicator pointed to cave 200M W. Cave was 5x5x10 made of solid rock. K3 checked cave and found sleeping gear, fresh remains of chow, 02 U.S. helmets, 01 pair binoculars, 10 spent M-14 cartridges, and old black PJ's.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
031000H	0572	K Co, 3/7, (081429). K1 point man while on combat patrol spotted 01 head of enemy on trail. the head was sharply cut at neck. There was hair on the head which was cut short, believed to have been dead approx. 02 weeks. K1 conducted thorough search of area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
042230H	0573	K Co, 3/7, (138428). K2C while on hole watch rec'd 02 chicoms from 30-40M away, from north side of lines. 02 Marines were wounded by shrapnel, both were wearing helmets and flak jackets. K2C returned fire w/01 claymore, 02 M-26 grenades, M-16 and M-79 rnds. Swept area of contact w/neg results. 60MM and 81MM gave illum support. Results 02 USMC WIA (R).	S-F/S-2 /S-3
05 May		No spot reports received this date.	
06 May		No spot reports received this date.	
07 May		No spot reports received this date.	

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080645H	0574	L Co, 3/7, (070410), EN(068415). L Co while on d/t move spotted 08 NVA in mixed utilities moving S on ridgeline 600M away. 02 UN had rifles and 04 EN had large packs. L opened up w/s/a/f and the enemy fled to the S. L3 moved to intercept and spotted 04 NVA in mixed utilities approx. 50M away. L3 opened up w/s/a/f killing 01 NVA and wounding 02. L3 searched area finding 01 pack containing dry potatoes and 01 wounded P.O.W. approx. 19 yrs. old in brown utilities. P.O.W. EVACED for further questioning to RAS where met by ITT	S-F/S-2 /S-3
080900H	0575	L Co, 3/7, F(070410), EN(066425). L Co while halted on trail spotted 03 NVA in tan utilities moving N to S approx. 1500M away. EN was carrying 02 long, shiny, cylindrical objects 06 ft. long. L 6/3 c/105MM and 155MM f/m with good coverage of target. Approx 05 minutes later L spotted 08 NVA in tan utilities, at same grid carrying wpns and large packs, 01 was carrying a 30 cal. MG. L 6/3 c/105MM and 155MM f/m with good target coverage. Neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
091600H	0576	S-2, 3/7, K3A while on d/t patrol in Phoui Chi (h) 1, (120407) found 01 male who KC's felt worked for VC. Male was approx 40 years old and had neg. I. D. card. Male detained, brought to ITT by S-2.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
091815H	0577	L Co, 3/7, F(067419), EN(050411). L3 while set in n/t position spotted approx 08 NVA/VC in mixed utilities at rest area, 03 were carrying weapons, 02 taking baths and the others appeared to be sleeping. L3 c/105MM and 155MM f/m on area and observed 01 confirmed KIA and 02 enemy carried away. Neg sweep due to distance and operational commitments.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
092100H	0578	K Co, 3/7, F(121413). K3 while in n/t position rec'd 07-10 incoming chi-coms and approx. 15 AK-47 rounds from unk distance SW of position, resulting in 01 USMC WIA(E). K3 opened up w/M-16, M-60, M-79 and 60MM fire. 4.2 illum provided until relieved by flare ship. Swept area with negative results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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100730H	0579	L Co, 3/7, F(063117), EN(045413). L3 spotted 01 NVA/VC in mixed utilities and carrying pack. 6/3 c/105MM and 155MM f/m/ on area and enemy fled north into treeline, fire was adjusted with good target coverage. Neg observed results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
110830H	0580	K Co, 3/7, (113112). K3 after arriving at vic of d/t position sent team out to sweep hill, while on sweep team personnel tripped 01 B/T. B/T was M-26 w/tripwire device and resulted in 03 USMC WIA (R). K3 moved to hill after sweep was completed at which time 01 personnel stepped on M-26 pressure type B/T, resulting in 01 WIA(P), 01WIA(R), and 01 WIA(NE). MEDEVACS called and completed.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
111030H	0581	L Co, 3/7, F(055411), EN(053408). L3 while on d/t patrol, point man was taken under auto.s/a/f, approx. 40-50 rnds by 2-3 NVA in tan utilities. Enemy were approx. 20-30 meters away and to the SW. L3 returned fire with s/a, advanced and continued to receive well aimed single shot fire fm approx. 04 snipers. L3 estimates platoon of NVA in area and c/105MM/m, an AO was also called on station (Hostage Hoot). L3 withdrew and air strike was conducted on area w/good coverage.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
111100H	0582	S-2, 3/7. 03 VN children brought to front gate LZ BALDY 02 M-26 grenades, 01 M16 magazine and rnds and some DetCord. Paid 900 P's to VN children for ord, EOD will destroy.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
111300H	0583	S-2, 3/7. 05 VN boys brought to rear gate LZ BALDY 12 M-26 grenades, 02 60MM rnds, 02 Chicoms, 02 105MM rnds and 1000 rnds M-60 and M-16. VN boys were paid 6100 P's for ord. Turned over to EOD for disposal.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
111800H	0584	K Co, 3/7, (116405). K2A while on d/t patrol spotted 02 VN approx. 200M away moving S with neg wpns and packs. 01 was wearing red shorts, the other blue shorts and both were wearing white tops. K2A pursued 02 VN and at this time they were joined by 04 other VN approx. 250M away. The VN tripped a B/T but escaped casualties. The trailing marines then tripped a B/T resulting in 02 WIA(E). B/T was on ground approx. 03M off E side of trail. B/T was M-26 w/trip wire made of vine approx. 6ft off ground and across trail which was running N to S. B/T was tied to bush and trip wire was running across trail to another bush. B/T tripped by VN was similiar and was approx. 15M away from B/T tripped by Marines, called and completed MEDEVACS, VN fled to S.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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121300H	0585	S-2, 3/7. 04 VN children brought to front gate LZ BALDY 07 M-26 grenades (not duds), 01 claymore, and 02 blasting caps. Paid 2,100 P's to VN children, EOD will destroy.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
121700H	0586	K Co, 3/7, F(121415). K2B while on daytime patrol, pointman tripped B/T on trail running NE to SW. B/T was 03 feet off side of trail and was a M-26. M-26 was on deck and was secured to bush and trip wire, made of vine and secured to hedgerow. Trip wire was about 06 inches off ground. Detonation resulted in 01 USMC WIA(E). Called emergency medevac and check out area for other possible B/T.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
121715H	0587	K Co, 3/7, F(105410). K3C while on daytime patrol found 01 M-33 baseball grenade with pin partly pulled. The M-33 was approximately 10 inches off right (west) side of trail (running N to S). K3C actual set the M-33 next to an M-26 frag grenade, blowing it in place. While running from scene the K3C actual stumbled and fell receiving shrapnel in buttocks. A routine medevac will be called in morning.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
131015H	0588	S-2, 3/7. 06 - 08 VN children brought to front gate LZ BALDY 26 M-26 grenades (neg duds) and 01 hellbox. Paid 6,650 P's to VN children, EOD will destroy.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
131800H	0589	K Co, 3/7, F(137408), EN(135405). K1C while on daytime patrol spotted 03 NVA/VC with packs and rifles and wearing black & blue PJ's and white hats, about 50 meters away. K1C opened fire with small arms and M-79 rounds. 01 fled into a ville and 02 fled to the west. K1C followed the NVA/VC who fled to ville. After checking out ville they came up with negative results, then K1C swept area.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
140900H- 141600H	0590	S-2, S-3, CIT, 3/7 while on cordon and search of Phuoc Chi (I) found approximately 250 - 300 lbs of unpolished rice buried in 02 clay crocks with covers above ground. Also questioned village security chief and detained 01 male age 50 yrs old with negative ID and 11 females age 20 - 35 yrs old with negative ID. Rice evaced to 3/7 S-5. Detainees brought to Phu Tho ville headquarters.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
141800H	0591	L Co, 3/7, F(112385), EN(115386). L Co while sitting in n/t pos received heavy automatic small arms fire and approximately 10 60mm rounds from an estimated enemy platoon 300 - 400 meters S-SE. L Co returned fire w/organic weapons, called a 105mm fire mission on target. Med-evac Gun Ship expended ordnance on area and received heavy volume of enemy MG fire. An AO came on station. L Co swept area of contact and found	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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141800H (CONTINUED)	0591	blood trails leading to bunkers and well used trench lines. L2C found M-60 shell casings in prepared MG position. Sweep completed with no further results. Re-sweep planned at first light.	
150800H- 151045	0592	FOLLOW-UP SPOT REPORT TO 141800H. L Co made thorough search of huts, bunkers, and tunnels in area of last night's incident. Personnel in area were questioned and were very uncooperative. Lima continued search w/neg findings and returned to pause.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
151215H	0593	L Co, 3/7, F(110404). AO while assisting L Co on day move spotted what appeared to be tube/rockets at 115396. L3C moved to check area and spotted 01 NVA/VC in green utilities and 02 VC in black & blue PJ's (all approx 25 yrs of age) 15 meters away. L3C opened fire and enemy fled into bunker and enemy returned fire with small arms and frags, 01 VC fled from bunker carrying 01 M-16, and was killed with small arms fire. The remaining 02 were fraged in the bunker. Under direction of AO Lima Co moved in area searching for 01 NVA/VC wounded by AO. Lima Co followed heavy blood trail to W with neg results. Extensive search of area in vic 107402 resulted in 02 detainees approx 40 yrs old in white tops and blue/red shorts. Detainees will be evaced on first chance for further questioning. L2 returned to area of suspected rockets finding them to be logs.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
151515H	0594	L Co, 3/7, F(113412). L Co CP while setting into nite position tripped a M-26 B/T. M-26 was in expended LAAW and triggered by trip wire. Personnel were wearing flak jacket and helmets and were 5 - 10 meters apart. Medevac's were called and completed for all casualties. L Co made search of area and found another SFD, same type as above which was blown in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
160800H	0595	L Co, 3/7, F(115407). L3A while on day patrol came upon 01 male approx 35 yrs old in black/white PJ's without an ID. Interpreter questioned male who said he lived in Phu Hiep Village. Male was detained on advice of S-2 interpreter and evacuated for further questioning by ITT.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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161130H	0596	L Co, 3/7, F(113412). L3 while at day position tripped a SFD which was a M-26 hidden in bushes with a trip wire running 4 - 5 inches off deck. Personnel were not wearing flak jackets or helmets but were approx 10 - 15 meters apart. Trip wire was running to a bush. Medevacs were called and completed for all casualties.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
171600H	0597	L Co, 3/7, F(128415). L3B while on day patrol spotted 03 males approx 14 - 16 yrs old in mixed PJ's fleeing NE across paddy into village. Neg ID Card. L3B searched ville finding 01 male approx 14 yrs old in checkered clothes. Questioned by interpreter youth denies knowledge of all NVA/VC. Youth was detained and will be evacuated for further questioning by ITT.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
181000H	0598	L Co, 3/7, F(107391), EN(114385). L Co assisted by AO on sweep to blocking position spotted 05 NVA/VC fleeing SW w/weapons. AO marked approx position w/WP and Lima advanced by fire and maneuver south to vic 114385. Interpreter questioned female in ville. She said 07 NVA were in area 02 of which were wounded and dragged south. Air and ground search continued w/neg results. Lima Co completed sweep w/neg further incidents.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
191030H	0599	S-2, 3/7. 02 VN males brought to rear gate LZ BALDY 01 B-40 warhead, and 01 chi-com, and 05 M-26. Paid 1,900 P's to VN males, EOD will destroy.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
191530H	0600	K Co, 3/7, F(074431). K3C while on day patrol at grid 074431 had 01 chi-com thrown at them while on trail that ran E to W. It landed on left side of trail approx 06 meters away from the point element, did detonate. K3C fired M-79 to N and swept area with negative results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
201520H	0601	K Co, 3/7, F(069423). K Co while setting in daytime patrol CP found 01 M-26 type B/T. M-26 was wired to bush with monofilament line attached to pin. It was blown in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
21 May		No spot reports received this date.	
220930H	0602	K Co, 3/7, F(050414), EN(051413). K1C while on day patrol spotted 06 NVA/VC. 03 of the enemy had packs and weapons, wearing white tops and blue bottoms. 03 wearing black PJ's about 150 meters away in S and SE direction. K1C opened fire with small arms and M-79. Enemy fled to S and SE direction. K1C had thorough sweep of area finding 01 homemade pack. The pack had approx 1/2 lb of rice, 01 pair white PJ's. Negative return fire, gear destroyed.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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221100H	0603	K Co, 3/7, F(071427). While on day patrol K1C point element tripped 01 B/T, M-26 grenade. B/T was set off right side of trail and secured to undergrowth with trip wire. Shrapnel wounded 02 USMC. Trail was running from N - S. Personnel were wearing flak jackets and helmets and were dispersed. K1C called for 02 medevacs. 01 with head wound, 01 with arterial bleeding in arm. Completed day action after "Dustoff" completed medevac.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
221300H	0604	K Co, 3/7, F(041414). K3 while setting in at day position spotted 08 - 10 NVA/VC 75 meters SE of position moving E to W on trail wearing sorted utilities. 02 with flak jackets, 05 with homemade packs, 02 with NVA packs, and negative weapons. K3 opened up with M-60, M-16, M-79 and 60MM. K3A then conducted squad sweep of area with negative results. Enemy dispersed in different directions.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
231200H	0605	K Co, 3/7, F(049409). While on daytime activities K2 personnel searched ville, finding a total of 19 civilians in mixed aged groups, negative ID. K2 took 19 civilians into custody and after detaining personnel (males and females in mixed aged groups) consisting of 13 children, 02 females approx 20 yrs old, 02 females and 02 males approx 50 yrs old, will return detainees to rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
231240H	0606	K Co, 3/7, F(023410), EN(029598). While sitting in daytime OP K3B spotted 07 NVA/VC, carrying packs and rifles moving in a S direction about 1400 meters away. 01 of the NVA/VC looked to be carrying a radio. K3B cannot tell if it a PRC-25 or not but did see the antenna and box type connected to the pack. Called arty mission. Had good coverage after mission, held sweep on area of impact w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
231625H	0607	K Co, 3/7, F(054019). While sitting up security for rest stop spotted 01 B/T. B/T consisted of a canister of explosives, 03 inches diameter and 06 inches high with a wire pull section. Firing device in the center well of explosive. Wire ran up a tree trunk, looped over branch and was attached to a dead weight (pop up canister). Weight was attached by a rope. Tape and twig to a piece of a straw hat, so that the device was activated by moving the hat.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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242100H	0608	L Co, 3/7, F(135429). LLC while setting in night ambush heard movement 75 meters away in NW direction. LLC opened with small arms fire and enemy returned fire with approx 75 rds of AK-47 fire. Contact was broken and 81mm and 4.2mm fire mission was called on area. L Co will search area thoroughly tomorrow at first light.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
242200H	0609	L Co, 3/7, F(138429). LP2 heard movement between LP site and L Co lines, approx 30 meters away. Acting Commander and 02 USMC went to area, threw hand illum and fired 02 M-16 rds. They received single burst of approx 20 rds of AK-47 fire from 01 enemy which wounded the 03 USMC. Personnel were 05 meters apart. Fireteam moved up to assist and searched area with negative results. An 81mm and 4.2mm illum mission was called. Med-evac's were called and completed for all casualties.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
250630H- 250730H	0610	FOLLOW-UP SPOT REPORT TO 242100H. L Co searched area of incident with neg findings and returned to position.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
261215H	0611	L Co, 3/7, F(996438). L Co while on move to blocking position, found an enemy base camp along the stream vic C-1. The camp consisted of approx 5 - 10 hootches w/fire-places and numerous bunkers in and around large rocks. The bunkers varied in size from 3' deep 5' long and 3' high to 3 leveled structures w/frames approx 10' long 4' high and 6' wide. Est camp not used in 2- 3 months. Base camp was impervious to both air and arty. L Co searched area w/neg results and continued moving to position.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
262230H	0612	3rd Battalion AO ran a FAC controlled beacon strike on an intell report (B-2) from 982432 to suspected enemy position at 955425 with negative results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
270730H	0613	M Co, 3/7, F(980430). M3 and ITT while on patrol found 01 piece of paper. KC scout interprete paper as saying "Ridge trail between that point (980430) and hill 945 is booby trapped." Paper thoutht to be in area about one day.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
270900H	0614	M Co, 3/7, F(983426). M3 and ITT while moving toward objective Scout Dog smelled enemy on secondary trail. Squad sized force detached to check out area. Squad moved about 100 meters and ran into an ambush by 02 NVA/VC. Enemy fired approx 01 magazine apiece. Squad	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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270900H (CONTINUED)	0614	returned fire causing enemy to flee. Found 02 pair Ho Chi Min Sandles and 01 AK-47. Enemy was to SE 50 to 75 meters away.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
271100H	0615	M Co, 3/7, F(982427). M3 while moving to objective found cave-like complex underneath a big rock. A blue line ran through complex. Complex was 50'X75'. 03 sleeping mats, 01 cooking pot and 04 chi-coms were found in cave. Gear was destroyed.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
271230H	0616	M Co, 3/7, F(984429). M3 and ITT found objective 10. The compound was 50 X 60 yds and had 04 levels. Inside was 02 packages of documents, misc. food and clothing, 02 AK-47's, 01 SKS, 01 M-16, 02 chi-coms, 01 LAWS, and misc. 782 gear. The area is known as DUY XUYEN VC Hospital. Also took 04 detainees, 02 of which had bad legs and couldn't walk. All detainees were male, 03 about 25 yrs old and 01 about 12 yrs old. Gear recovered by ITT, chi-coms blew in place along with the LAWS.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
271300H- 271630	0617	K Co, 3/7, F(967419). K3 while on daytime sweep through air strike area found signs of recent enemy activity. Mackerel cans, NVA boot marks and sleeping holes in the rock formations. The area looked as if it was used recently. One baseball sized bomb was found along the side of the trail. It was yellow with black markings showing "Bomb - Mark 22". A small silver detonator protruded 1/2 inch from body, believed to be a pressure type. It was blown in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
271615H	0618	M Co, 3/7, M2 while moving to objective 9 at 986431 was ambushed by 02 NVA who attacked from the SE, 20 meters away. NVA fled to the SE. After M2 returned fire w/M-60 and small arms checked area with negative result. One USMC Dog Handler was WIA.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
280815	0619	M Co, 3/7, F(986427). M2 while on search with Cheu Hoi uncovered a POW Camp. POW Camp was in a rock complex. There appears to be 07 or 08 levels and on initial inspection could hid in the vicinity of 100 people.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
280830H	0620	I Co, 3/7, F(978419). I1C while on day patrol found a complex. Complex consisted of 15 caves measuring 15X10X6 feet with rooms at the end of each cave measuring 20X10X5 feet. In same complex was found 15 bunkers measuring approx 20X10 feet. Bunkers were made of logs and dirt and appeared to be about 3 months old. In the bunkers were approx 20 sets of NVA utilities and	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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280830H (CONTINUED)	0620	about 20 pieces of eating utensils. At grid 979419 IIC also found footprints leading into a cave. IIC proceeded on approximately 50 feet but could not continue because of the terrain. The footprints were approx 24 hours old. At 981418 IIC found 02 bodies buried at approx 02 feet. They were approx 10 feet apart. They were wrapped in plastic and appeared to have been buried from 06 to 08 weeks. All equipment found was in serviceable condition.	
281140H	0621	M Co, 3/7, F(986427). M2 found various equipment. The equipment consisted of 01 batch of documents, 135 piasters, 01 flare gun, 01 US compass, 03 M-16 magazines, 02 NVA packs and misc personal gear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
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280730H- 281530H	0622	M Co, 3/7, F(981428). M3 while on lead with Cheiu Hoi found another hospital complex at objective 8. Hospital has 03 levels and an indoor waterfall. 1st level 20X10 feet, 2nd level 30X15 feet and 3rd level 10X10 feet. Another cave situated parallel to hospital 1st level was used as an office. M3 continued search and found 10 cans and 02 bags of medical supplies, large amounts of documents, 05 shirts, 02 shorts, 03 trousers, 350 lbs rice (polished), 20 lbs salt, 20 lbs vietnamese food, 150 lbs potatoes, 55 gal drum of corn, 30 lbs barrel corn, 02 M-16 bipods, 02 chi-com booby traps, 1 baseball frag grenade, 01 chi-com, 02 81mm mortars. The caves were in rocks. All equipment, etc was destroyed except the medical supplies and documents.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
281730H	0623	I Co, 3/7, F(978419). IIA while on patrol found 01 AK-50 in a small cave. Weapon had the bolt missing and was rusty. Weapon was returned to CP.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
282230H	0624	K Co, 3/7, F(978426). KIA while on LP spotted 01 NVA/VC moving south. Could not determine if enemy had pack or weapon. KIA swept area with M-60 and small arms with negative results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
282250H	0625	K Co, 3/7, F(978426). KIA moving to LP heard movement and set up ambush and swept the area with small arms fire, negative results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
290900H	0626	L Co, 3/7, F(985444). LI while on patrol found a large 02 story bunker located under a large rock formation along a stream bed. Bunker had stairs leading 20' straight down to a 10' square room with an opening into a second level. Second level had 02	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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290900H (CONTINUED)	0626	rooms 8' square. The rooms had 05 storage areas cut into the walls. The main bunker was surrounded by smaller bunkers, located in a 400 meter radius. Old ammo cans (06 AK-47) were found in the area, estimate complex used about 03 months ago.	
291015H	0627	K Co, 3/7, F(079429). K3 and S-2 Scout while on move found 01 booby trap. Scout located B/T on side of trail, it consisted of a homemade chi-com with a trip/friction type detonater. The B/T was on the ground with a shirt over the top of it. The B/T was made out of a mackeral can 6"X3" in diameter. The Scout blew the B/T in position w/an M-26 grenade.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
291300H	0628	I Co, 3/7, F(985428). I Co while on move discovered a bunker complex. Complex was recently used. Bunkers were cave-like and under rocks. I Co found 100 ft det cord, 14 B-40 rockets, 70 lbs utilities, 30 ponchos, 40 haversacks, 05 AK magazines, 08 grenade pouches, 40 helmets, 06 grenade training aids, several documents and pictures along with misc letters. Also found was 01 landmine, 02 claymore mines, 12 entrenching tools, 80 rds of .50 cal ammo, 01 large chi-com and several containers of pills. The documents were saved and the clothing passed out to the needy, weapons to be blown in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
291430H	0629	K Co, 3/7, F(980430). K1 while waiting for retrograde at 980430 spotted 01 chi-com booby trap. The booby trap was made of a 6"X2" mackeral can with a friction type detonater. A loop made out of shoe string was attached about 18" long so as to blow as soon as pressure from a foot was applied to same.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
291600H	0630	I Co, 3/7, F(982427). I2 while at 982427 found 01 hootch 8'X10' and 01 bunker 10'X15'. Bunker was dug under a rock and reinforced with logs. I2 found 100 lbs potatoes, 01 82mm mortar bipod, 04 AK magazines, 02 NVA bayonets, 06 ponchos, 01 NVA Officer's belt buckle, 04 sets of NVA utilities. The hootch and bunker were destroyed, gear was turned into I Co CP.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
291600H	0631	K Co, 3/7, F(973433). K Co located an enemy base camp. Base camp believed to be B-50 Hq of NVA. A diary with last entry dated 02 days ago was found. the camp is in a large rock formation with numerous caves. K Co found numerous documents, 04 AK magazines, 25 rds of AK-47 ammo, 04 NVA sweatshirts, assorted civilian clothing, various rice cooking utensils, 01	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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291600H (CONTINUED)	0631	barrel group of MG, 03 NVA knives, 01 USMC bayonet, various covers, misc parts of electrical system using hollowed out bamboo was set up. Numerous hootches in need of repair were in the area. A map of the area drawn on a C-ration carton was found showing trails, etc.	
291800H	0632	K Co, 3/7, F(973433). K3 while on sweep spotted 05 NVA/VC wearing green utilities carrying packs and rifles. Enemy moving SW to NE approx 500 meters from their position. K3 engaged enemy with M-79 and called in 81mm mission. The 81mm mission was later cancelled.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
300630H- 301800	0633	FOLLOW-UP SPOT REPORT TO 291600. K Co continued search of base camp finding numerous gear that was hidden and concealed in open rock caves as well as buried in dead foilage. The gear consisted of 01 AK-47, 01 M-16, 06 AK-47 magazine, 100 AK-47 rounds, 01 Russian flag, 01 pack of documents, 50 lbs of clothing, 300 lbs of rice and corn, 04 NVA hammocks, 20 chi-com friction detonators and blasting caps and numerous misc gear. Size of camp 200 meters NS, 150 EW. Kilo burned camp and destroyed all misc gear that ITT did not claim to be of tactical importances.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
300815H	0634	K Co, 3/7, F(973433). K Co while checking caves, the Hoi Chan working with K Co tripped 01 booby trap in a hootch. He received shrapnel in eyes and head. Called emergency medevac which arrived 15 minutes later and evacuated WIA.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
301000H	0635	KD, 3/7, F(970430). KD while in search for LZ spotted 07 NVA/VC in treeline 75 meters to NW. They were not moving and were seen w/packs and weapons, and dressed in dark clothing. KD opened up w/small arms fire and the NVA/VC fled to the NW. Swept area finding holes in ground with comm wire leading into the holes. The wire was heading to the S. Will check further when K Co moves to KD position. The holes were 5' deep and 3 feet diameter and were blown with demolition.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
301230H	0636	K Co, 3/7, F(973433). K1 while checking out base camp found a sign with skull and crossbones drawn on a C-Ration box. The sign is located at the entrance of a rock cave. K1 to be sure of no booby traps set demo charge in cave and blew it. It did appear to be a booby trapped cave. It was possibly a chi-com or M-26. Checked cave out with negative result.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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301830H	0637	H&S OP, 3/7, F(984434), EN(952439). OP observed 03 NVA/VC moving along river. Personnel were wearing green utilities and all had packs and weapons. Called in 81mm fire mission with good coverage of target. Did not sweep area due to tactical position and distance. Enemy fled to N. Negative observed results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
310730H- 311230H	0638	M Co, 3/7, F(984428). M2 while on daytime patrol found a bunker and cave complex. The bunkers were approx 3'X6'X4' and the caves were approx 3'X6'X3' off ground. There was approx 20 - 30 bunkers which were dug into the ground. Also found 01 hootch with grave under it. Grave was approx 04 feet deep and contained 01 dead NVA which was approx 30 days old and wrapped in black cloth. While searching area found 01 booby trap which was in a water hole with large can filled with explosives and trip wire leading across trail. Bunkers were fraged and blew caves. Also blew booby trap in place and observed a secondary explosion.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
311130H	0639	M Co, 3/7, F(985427). M1 while on daytime patrol discovered 01 grave. The grave was approx 02 feet underground. The grave had 01 NVA/VC body in it which was approx 30 days old. M1 observed body and then re-buried the body.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
311450H	0640	I Co, 3/7, F(969438). I3C while on short Recon Patrol found a bunker/cave complex. The complex was natural made within rock formations. The average size bunkers were 15'X10'X5'. They also found 09 AK-47, 01 SKS, 02 claymore mines, 01 light machine gun (7.62 cal), 15 B-40 boosters, 09 B-40 rds, 50 homemade chi-coms, 02 box blasting caps, 02 NVA radios which were about the size of a PRC 10 and light brown in color. Radios were in new condition. Also found 05 NVA handsets, 02 P.S. field phones (EE-8's), approx 25 - 30 feet of comm wire, 600 new AK-47 rds, 200 lbs corn, 100 lbs polished rice, 02 lbs C-4, and assorted documents, 06 AK-47 magazines, and 20 M-79 rds. Returned all equipment to I Co CP.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
311500H	0641	L Co, 3/7, F(986444). L3 while on daytime patrol found 04 mackerel can chi-coms (SFD) approx 20 meters apart on trail. The SFD were set up with cross sticks trip wire type with chi-coms buried in ground. They	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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311500H (CONTINUED)	0641	were set so to push the branches it would pull the trip wire. Devices believed to be 01 month old. Blew chi-coms in place with C-4, searched area with negative further findings.	
311840H	0642	H&S, 3/7, F(983433). H&S personnel spotted 02 NVA/ VC w/packs and negative weapons moving along trail to NW. Enemy were wearing dark clothing. Called 4.2mm fire mission, observed negative results due to elapsed time of fire mission.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
311930H	0643	H&S, 3/7, F(983433). H&S personnel spotted 30 NVA/ VC moving NW along trail. Enemy were carrying packs and weapons, and wearing dark uniforms. Observed enemy through B. C. Scope. Called 81mm and 4.2mm fire mission. Observed negative results due to darkness. Referred to 5th Marines -negative sweep.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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Subj: Combined Unit Pacification Program Monthly Progress Report for  
May 1970.  
Ref: (a) CG, 1st Mar Div Mag 030051Z Jan 70.  
Encl: (1) CUFP Monthly Progress Report

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

  
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a. This is the fifth progress report for the 7th Marines CUPP Company.

b. During May the Combined Unit Pacification Program continued its emphasis on training for the Popular Forces soldiers. The training was temporarily hindered, however, when four of the P.F. Platoons that had been operating with CUPP Squads were rotated. These rotations were a result of P.F. casualties and other operational commitments within the Que Son District. Hamlet security and military civic action remained high in the priorities of each CUPP Squad. To assist in pacification and to increase support for the GVN, several specialized units were employed during May. A U.S. Army HE Team (Propaganda-Audio/Visual) and a Vietnamese Cultural Drama Team operated in CUPP A.O.'s.

c. Enemy terrorism and small scale attacks against CUPP units decreased in May. The enemy generally limited his activity to that portion of the month with a low percentage of lunar illumination. He concentrated his forces in platoon size or larger units for assaults against static P.F. outposts and CUPP unit night positions. Friendly casualties remained high for May and enemy casualties increased significantly.

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<u>Hamlet Name</u>	<u>Grid Coord</u>	<u>US</u>	<u>PF/RF Plt Designation</u>	<u>RDC Tm#</u>	<u>PSDF No/Armed</u>	<u>No NPFF*</u>
Son-Phuong	BT 073377	CUPP #1	PF 169	-	40 members 23 armed	-
Phuoc-Theng	BT 080391	CUPP #2	PF 167	#17 30 members	20 members 12 armed	-
An-Xuan	BT 087400	CUPP #3	PF 104	#19 18 members	32 members 30 armed	-
Xuan-Phuoc	BT 105419	CUPP #4	PF 149	-	87 members 10 armed	-
Thach-Khe	BT 125439	CUPP #5	PF 147	#12 23 members	42 members 26 armed	-
Huong-Quang	BT 125478	CUPP #6	PF 148	#39 28 members	65 members 24 armed	-
Phu-Trach	BT 105485	CUPP #7	PF 143	#49 27 members	42 members 10 armed	-
Mong-Lanh	BT 119495	CUPP #8	PF 171	-	23 members 8 armed	-
Duong-Mong	BT 094510	CUPP #9	PF 144	#11 22 members	23 members 8 armed	-

\*18 NPFF in Que Son District HQ.

3. SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS AND ENEMY ACTIVITY

<u>a. Hamlet</u>	<u>Incidents</u>	<u>Friendly Losses</u>	<u>Enemy Losses</u>	<u>VCI</u>	<u>Hoi Chanhs</u>
Son-Phuong	3	-	-	-	-
Phuoc-Thuong	6	-	4 VC KIA 1 M-26 Frag 1 AK-47	-	-
An-Xuan	4	2 USMC KIA 2 USMC WIA 5 PF WIA	2 VC KIA	-	-
Xuan-Phuoc	3	1 USMC WIA	1 Chicom	-	-
Tach-Khe	5	-	-	-	-
Huong-Quang	6	1 USMC WIA 1 PF KIA 5 PF WIA (HE)	12 VC KIA 14 Chicoms 1 M-26 Frag	-	-
Phu-Trach	4	2 USMC WIA	-	-	-
Mong-Lanh	4	-	1 M-26 Frag 1 RPG Rounds	-	1
Duong-Mong	5	1 USMC KIA 2 USMC WIA 1 USMC WIA (NE)	5 VC KIA 2 AK-47's 1 250 Lb Bomb 6 Chicoms 2 RPG Rounds	-	1

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b. The liaison officer and radio operator from the CUPP company were wounded during May when the Que Son District Headquarters came under attack.

c. P.F. Platoon 145 maintained a compound in CUPP #8's A.O. This compound was overrun during May and the P.F.'s suffered 6 KIA's and 4 WIA's.

d. The 1st Platoon C.P. located at BT 102509 observed lob bombs impact in or near the hamlet of Duong-Mong on three occasions in May. There were no casualties from these bombs. The apparent target was the bridge at BT 103511.

4. STATUS OF HAMLETS

<u>HAMLET</u>	<u>HE RATING</u> <u>FIRST OF MONTH</u>	<u>HE RATING</u> <u>END OF MONTH</u>	<u>ORIGINAL</u> <u>POPULATION</u>	<u>PRESENT</u> <u>POPULATION</u>
Son-Phuong	C	C	1160	1160
Phuoc-Thuong	D	C	1274	1274
An-Xuan	D	D	573	573
Xuan-Phuoc	C	C	340	340
Thach-Khe	D	D	568	568
Huong-Quang	D	D	837	837
Ihu-Trach	V	V	1199	1199
Mong-Lanh	D	D	944	944
Duong-Mong	V	D	3695	3695

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<u>HAMLET</u>	<u>NUMBER CONDUCTED</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PERSONS TREATED</u>
Son-Phuong	2	95
Phuoc-Thuong	3	122
An-Xuan	6	120
Xuan-Phuoc	4	210
Thach-Khe	1	60
Huong-Quang	4	250
Phu-Trach	5	170
Mong-Lanh	8	225
Duong-Mong	4	400

In addition to regularly scheduled MED CAPS each CUIT Team Corpsman treated individual civilians daily.

6. REMARKSa. Training

(1) Reciprocal training in May was primarily directed toward review and familiarization firing of infantry weapons to include the M-79 grenade launcher, M-60 machine gun, and the M-72 LAAW. In addition, the instruction in F.O. procedures continued.

(2) 15 CUIT Marines completed CAP School at III MAF during May. One Marine completed the Vietnamese Language Course at 1st Division Schools. One officer and six non completed the Land Mine Warfare Course. One officer completed the Officer Advanced Orientation Course and one Staff NCO completed the SNCO Advanced Orientation Course.

b. Operations

(1) CUIT Platoons continued to operate as they have previous months with the bulk of their activities being conducted during darkness. Several CUIT Platoons have begun limited land clearing operations in their A.O.'s. Using demolitions, flame-throwers, and machetes the Marines, PF's, and civilians have cut or burned-off large stretches of vegetation. The results have been improved fields of fire and fewer concealed routes for enemy forces to utilize.

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(2) Closely coordinated operations have continued between the CUIP units and 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. The value of these operations has been outstanding and security on the fringes of CUIP A.O.'s has significantly increased.

c. Military Civic Action

(1) CUIP units continued their civic action projects during May. Four blackboards and a large quantity of tablet paper were distributed to local schools. Materials and technical assistance were provided for the construction of two hamlet offices.

(2) One school that was constructed in April was officially opened in May with an elaborate ceremony. The village and hamlet chiefs, the 7th Marines Regimental Commander, the village elders, and CUIP Marines attended the ceremony. The Marines participated in the speeches and were invited to share in a large meal prepared for the occasion.

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