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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines LtCol KENNETH L. ROBINSON Jr.

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	1stLt P. P. PGOSCUE
Company I	1stLt J. E. WEST
Company K	1stLt R. J. PENDOLEY (01-18 August) 1stLt J. W. BURNS (19-31 August)
Company L	Capt H. B. WILBER (1-26 August) Capt R. L. SROGGIN (27-31 August)
Company M	1stLt C. D. DJIEZMA (1-19 August) 1stLt W. H. MCBRIDE (20-31 August)

2. LOCATION
 01-31 August 1970, Quan Que Son, Republic of Vietnam, FSB ROSS

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj D. J. O'CONNOR
S-1/Adj	Capt G. L. GORTON
S-2	1stLt L. J. PENDLETON (1-16 August) SSgt G. MILLER (17-31 August)
S-3	Capt R. C. HULIT
S-3/Asst	1stLt F. N. THOMAS
S-4	1stLt T. P. DONNELLY (1-19 August) 1stLt D. W. ROWLANDS (20-31 August)

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1stLt M. F. TIERNEY

Supply Officer

1stLt P. J. SMITH

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt R. W. KWICK
(1-16 August)
1stLt J. C. STELMARK
(17-31 August)

Air Liaison Officer

1stLt R. F. MCKEERNAN, R. F.

Forward Air Control Officer

1stLt M. R. ROBITAILLE

Chaplain

Lt (CHC) F. L. CRAVEN
(1-6 August)
LtCmdr M. L. EYLER
(7-31 August)

Battalion Surgeon

Lt (MC) D. R. FOLTZ
(1-10 August)
Lt (MC) D. J. CHRISTIE
(11-31 August)

Asst. Battalion Surgeon

Lt (MC) W. THOM
(11-31 August)SUPPORTING ARMS

Battery G, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines	Capt M. C. BELL
Battery K, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines	Capt T. STEGINS (1 August) Capt S. M. HINDS (2-31 August)
Battery H, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines	Capt A. J. FURNEY
Company C, 3rd Platoon, 1st Tanks (1-25 August)	1stLt F. B. BRYANT
1st 8" Howitzer Battery, C Platoon, 1st Bn (1-18 August)	1stLt E. LANGDON

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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5. END OF MONTH STRENGTH

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. GENERAL. The Third Battalion Seventh Marines continued its mission of Category II and Category III operations in the Western A.O. of the Seventh Marines TACR and its role as defender of FSB ROSS and FSB RYDER. On 13 August, Companies I and L were assigned OP CON to First Battalion, Fifth Marines for operations in the Que Son Mountains in conjunction with the Pacificer Operation, to exploit intelligence information. On 15 August, Companies I and L were returned OP CON to Third Battalion, Seventh Marines. On 28 August, Company I was assigned OP CON to the Second Battalion, Seventh Marines to reinforce defense of the DaNang Vital area. During the month, both Category II and Category III operations were conducted by 3/7 as well as numerous company sized "Cordon and Search" and "Screen and Clear" operations. Also utilized this month was a Cultural Drama Team, which was sponsored by the Civil Affairs Section (S-5). During the month each letter company participated in at least one period of rehabilitation on FSB ROSS and/or FSB RYDER.

Light and scattered contact continues throughout the month with no sustained contacts taking place.

2. SPECIFIC. On 1 August 1970, Company M assumed the mission of providing security for FSB RYDER.

On 1 August 1970, Company L (-) returned to FSB Ross for a one day rehabilitation. Later that evening, Company L (-) was deployed to the field as a counter measure toward an intelligence item received by Third Battalion.

On 1 August at 1110H, I3 while moving to their objective, (Vic AT976375) spotted one enemy standing near a bunker. He was about 50 meters to their West and was wearing green utilities. I3 opened fire with small arms killing the man instantly. A thorough search of the area revealed one new RPG-7 launcher, a large quantity of documents and assorted green utilities. The documents and rocket launcher were held by I3 until they could be evacuated. While continuing the search of the area, I3 found one more dead enemy lying near a bunker. The enemy was believed killed during the initial contact. No weapons or documents were found on or near the body.

On 1 August at 1200H, the remainder of India Company reached the objective area (Vic AT976375) and began a search. While searching, I2 observed two enemy wearing black Pajamas sitting near a bunker 50 meters to the East. I2 opened fire with small arms killing both enemy instantly. A search of the area turned up nothing. After the contact, India Company continued searching the objective area with excellent results. India found 38 AK magazines, 700 rounds of AK ammunition, 15 M-79 rounds, one SKS rifle, one M-1 Carbine, 11 AK-h7 rifles, one M-79 launcher, one sewing machine, 15 chicom grenades, 30 pounds of assorted documents, 200 pounds of clothing, surgical gowns, six RPG rounds with four boosters, 800 pounds of polished rice and a large amount of surgical equipment.

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At 1945H on the same day, I2 while set in night defensive position (Vic AT976375) observed one enemy wearing green utilities and carrying a weapon approaching from 20 meters to the East. I2 opened fire with small arms killing the enemy instantly. A search of the body revealed one AK-47 folding stock rifle and a cartridge belt, and one M-26 grenade.

At 2140H on the same day, Lima Company (-) while moving into a night Company size ambush, wounded one of their own men. During link-up with a scout unit which had been sent ahead, the point man fired three rounds and wounded one of the scout unit who was about 10 meters to the North. An emergency medevac was called in and quickly completed. Then Lima moved on to their ambush. (Vic AT980354)

On 2 August, Company Lima (-) returned to FSB Ross to complete their period of rehabilitation. And later the same day redeployed to the field.

On 2 August, I3 returned to FSB Ross after being relieved of the mission of security for OP Lion, for a period of rehabilitation.

On 3 August 1970 at 0830H, K2 while on a daytime patrol (Vic AT991306) discovered a small enemy base camp consisting of seven caves and sleeping areas. The caves were large enough to accommodate 10 to 12 people each. The camp looked to have been abandoned for about two weeks. A search of the area revealed 50 pounds of unpolished rice and one bicycle. The rice and bicycle were destroyed and K2 continued its patrol.

On the same day at 0910H, I1A while on a daytime patrol (Vic AT998328), spotted one enemy wearing white Pajamas approximately 200 meters away across a stream. I1A siezed the man and searched the area. They found one hell box but no claymore. The man was about 55 years old and had no ID card. The detainee was sent back to the rear for interrogation.

On the same day at 0930H, I1A while on a daytime patrol (Vic AT993327), observed one enemy wearing green utilities running from a hamlet as they entered it. I1A gave chase and captured the man. He was about 28 years old; had no ID card and had in his possession about \$17.00 worth of piasters and some gold earrings. The detainee was sent to the rear for interrogation.

On the same day at 0945H K1, while on a daytime patrol (Vic BT004304), found a bunker in an abandoned hamlet. The bunker was 3' X 15' with adjoining tunnels. Found in the bunker were 51 pounds of tobacco, 10 pounds of potatoes and two pounds of tea. The bunker and its contents were destroyed and K1 continued on patrol.

On the same day at 1000H I2, while in a daytime OP (Vic AT996346), observed 20-25 people moving to the Southwest toward I2's position. They were about 100 meters away in a tree line. The unknown unit opened fire to the East and I2 promptly opened fire on the unknown unit. In return, I2 received M-16, M-60 and M-79 fire. I2 then checked fire, because the large amount of US weapons caused them to suspect the unknown

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unit were friendly. Monitored over the Battalion Tactical net, was the request for medevacs for three friendly MIAs.

On the same day at 1830H K1C, while in daytime ambush (Vic BT002305), observed four young men wearing black clothing approaching their position. K1C allowed them to get close and then attempted to capture them. Three escaped but K1C did capture one. He was about 20 years old and had no ID card. K1C also detained four Vietnamese boys ages six to nine years and one Vietnamese woman age 30. These Vietnamese tried to escape when the Marines entered the area. All detainees were sent to the rear for interrogation.

On 4 August at 0730H I2C, while on a daytime patrol (Vic AT986347), observed four enemy wearing green utilities and carrying packs and rifles moving East about 100 meters away. I2C opened fire with small arms apparently wounding one enemy. The enemy fled Northwest with I2C in close pursuit. I2C then received 50 to 100 rounds of fire from the enemy, which wounded two Marines. I2C returned fire and called in a medevac. One Marine was classified an emergency medevac and the other a routine medevac. When the medevac was complete, I2C continued to sweep, but found nothing.

At 0830H on the same day K1B, while on a daytime patrol (Vic AT997302), received about 70 rounds of enemy fire from the Southeast wounding one Marine. A priority medevac was called in, but could not land because of enemy fire. K1B returned the enemy fire and called in helicopter gunships to work over the area. While the gunships were suppressing the enemy fire, the medevac was completed. K1B then called in a 106mm recoilless rifle fire mission and then swept the area. They found nothing.

On the same day at 1820H Company L, while digging in their night defensive positions (Vic AT987374) received 30 to 50 rounds of automatic weapons fire from the Northwest about 150 meters away, killing one Marine and wounding two others. Lima Company responded by utilizing helicopter gunships, organic weapons including 60mm mortars, and an artillery fire mission. Medevacs were called in for the wounded and completed.

On 5 August, India Company returned to FSB Ross for a period of rehabilitation.

On 5 August at 1300H K2A, while on a daytime patrol (Vic AT984308), found numerous rice caches in a small hamlet area. Caches varied in size from 15 to 100 pounds for a total of 500 pounds of rice. K2A also found 40 pounds of Tobacco, 30 pounds of potatoes, one ammo box containing tools used for making booby traps and two Vietnamese whom they detained. The cache was evacuated and the detainees sent to the rear for interrogation.

On 6 August at 0825H K1, while on a daytime patrol (Vic AT992325), tripped a SFD believed to be a M-26 grenade. Two Marines were wounded and were medevaced. The area was searched but no more SFDs were found and K1 was unable to determine how the booby trap was rigged. All Marines were wearing flak jackets and helmets and were 20 meters apart.

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On the same day at 1100H K2, while on a daytime patrol (Vic AT975366), entered a hamlet and questioned a Vietnamese female found there. She stated her husband was in Que Son, but when the patrol returned ten minutes later, they apprehended one Vietnamese male about 32 years old with a pack and a military type haircut. The man was missing part of his left arm. K2 detained the man and later sent him, along with his gear to the rear for interrogation.

On 7 August 1970, Company I deployed to the field after a three day period of rehabilitation.

On 7 August at 0940H Company I, while being inserted by helicopter (Vic AT954415), received 15-20 rounds of enemy small arms fire from the Southwest about 150 meters away and six rounds of 60mm mortar fire from an undetermined position. One Marine was wounded and promptly medevaced. India 1 layed down suppressing fire until the remainder of India Company could land. Helicopter gunships also delivered their onboard ordnance on enemy suspected withdrawal routes.

At 1130H on the same day, K2B while set in a daytime OP (Vic AT973334), observed two enemy crossing 75 meters in front of their position. K2B yelled for the enemy to halt and they fled to the Southwest. One enemy dropped his pack and K2B recovered it. The enemy managed to escape. A search of the pack revealed medical gear. The pack and its contents were sent to the rear for further evaluation.

On 8 August 1970, L3 was redeployed to the field after a period of rehabilitation.

On 8 August at 0930H K2C, while on a daytime patrol (Vic AT984325), discovered what they believed to be a chicom factory. It consisted of an 8" round with the explosives removed which appeared to be used as an anvil. Also an assortment of hand tools and a forge for heating. Around the forge was a quantity of scrap metal. The factory was destroyed by K2C.

On 9 August at 0630H K3C, while on daytime patrol, observed six enemy (Vic AT999304) 75 meters to the South. The six enemy did not appear to be on the move at that time, but they were congregating in the village. The enemy were carrying packs and three had AK-47s. K3C opened fire on the enemy and took 15-20 rounds in return from AK-47s. Enemy fled to the South. K3C called in 60mm HE rounds and swept area. They found one enemy KIA at point of initial contact.

On 9 August at 0700 K3C, while sweeping area of previous contact, (Vic AT999300) spotted one woman approximately 200 meters away. She was approximately 20 years old and was fleeing South from village where the contact had been. K3C gave chase and captured her. The woman was detained and sent to the rear for interrogation.

At 1000H on the same day K3C while sweeping area of an earlier contact, received about 50 rounds of sniper fire over a period of 45 minutes. The

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fire came from 600 meters to the Southwest and was believed to be from one AK-47 and one M-16. An AO was on station and provided covering fire while K3C pulled back and then directed a 106mm fire mission on the enemy position.

At 1130H on the same day K3C, while sweeping the area of a previous contact found one dead enemy. The man was about 20 years old and was killed by small arms and was wearing black clothing.

On 10 August, Company L returned to FSB Ross for a period of rehabilitation.

On 10 August at 0600H, M CUPP A and PFs set up an ambush (Vic AT995 345) when four enemy were observed moving towards the M CUPP A position carrying packs and one rifle. The ambush was sprung and search of the kill zone revealed two enemy killed and one captured. All three were about 20 to 30 years old. The detainee was sent to the rear for further interrogation.

On the same day at 2345H, the defensive lines of Kilo Company (Vic AT976336) heard movement outside their perimeter 50 meters to the North-east and throw a grenade. The grenade landed in the middle of an ambush site occupied by K2A, exploded and wounded six Marines. Medevacs were called and swiftly completed. It appears that K2A while moving to their assigned ambush site had become disoriented and had set in too close to their own lines.

On 11 August, Company L deployed to the Que Son Mountains after a one day period of rehabilitation.

On 11 August, Company I returned to FSB Ross for a short period of rehabilitation and deployed to the field later that same day.

On 11 August at 0830H, M CUPP C (Vic BT018336) was informed by villagers of the presence of a wounded woman. Investigation into the matter showed that the woman had been a VC captive for the last 30 days. She escaped the previous night after her guard fell asleep. As she was making her way back, she tripped a SFD and was wounded. She was taken to the Battalion Aid Station for treatment and released. The next day when she returned, she was questioned by intelligence personnel.

On 13 August, Company I and Company L were OP CON to the First Battalion, Fifth Marines in conjunction with Pacifier Operations in the Eastern Que Son Mountains.

On 13 August at 0530H M CUPP A in conjunction with Popular Forces, while on a daytime patrol (Vic AT997337) and attempting to cordon a village, were discovered by a dog. When the dog began barking, M CUPP A heard people running from the rear of the village. Trying to salvage the operation, M CUPP A hurriedly cordoned the village and began the search. At this time, CUPP A observed one enemy wearing black clothing and fleeing North across a stream. CUPP A opened up with small arms and observed the man fall. But the enemy regained his feet and made good his escape leaving behind a bag of food and a large pool of blood. Returning to the village, M CUPP A conducted a thorough search and detained three women aged 25-35 years,

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who claimed to be wives of the enemy. M CUPP A returned to the rear with the detainees and their livestock after destroying the hamlet. The women were sent to ITT for questioning.

On the same day at 2000H M CUPP C, while on a security patrol (Vic BT018336), observed one man wearing green clothing carrying a rifle. M CUPP C called to the man to stop and he immediately fled South. M CUPP C gave chase and ran into a small hamlet consisting of two hootches with bunkers. A search of the area turned up 100 pounds of rice, a quantity of clothing, and several U.S. detainee cards with writing on them. The enemy evidently made good his escape. All clothing and rice were sent to the rear.

On 14 August at 0805H, one member of the H&S Company security, while on the daily road sweep (Vic BT055357) had an accidental discharge, which wounded two Vietnamese children. The machine gunner, while trying to clear his weapon caused the accidental discharge. The round struck the deck and ricocheted upward striking and wounding a little girl and boy. One emergency and one routine medevac were called and completed. The road sweep then continued with their sweep.

On 15 August 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines was honored by a visit from General LAEK, CG, FMFLANT. The General toured and inspected the facilities at FSE Ryder.

On 15 August, Companies I and L returned OP CON from First Battalion, Fifth Marines to Third Battalion, Seventh Marines.

On 15 August at 0945H M3, while on a daytime move observed one enemy in green utilities in a cave. M3 engaged the enemy with small arms and killed him. A search of the area revealed that the cave was a small enemy dispensary. Three packs containing assorted medical gear and documents were found in the cave along with hot food already served on dishes. The medical gear was evacuated to the rear for further evaluation. (Vic AT953333)

On 16 August at 0300H M CUPP, while on dawn raid patrol in conjunction with Popular Forces in the vicinity of AT984335, cordoned off a hamlet and began searching the huts. In one hut, they found one enemy in black PJs sleeping and captured him. He was about 25 years old and had a pack. In another hut they found one enemy about 20 years old wearing black clothing who upon discovery grabbed an AK-47 and attempted to flee. An alert rifleman from M CUPP brought this abortive attempt to escape to a halt when he cut down the enemy with a well aimed burst of automatic fire. In still another hut, they found another enemy suspect. This man was about 35 years old and was missing his left forearm. At this time, the search team, as they were approaching the village chief's hut, were taken under small arms fire and automatic weapons fire. The search team assaulted the position. The enemy fled leaving behind two packs and assorted documents. After completing their operation, M CUPP returned to FSE Ross with the captured equipment and detainees. As they were returning, M CUPP received sniper fire from the North about 150 meters away. M CUPP returned fire and continued the march.

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At 2130H on the same day M CUFP A, while in night defensive positions around their resettlement hamlet (Vic BT023345), observed a boy, 16 years old, fire two pop-ups. When he was apprehended, the boy stated he was told to fire the pop-ups by the P.F.s. The P.F.s denied this. The boy was then detained and sent to intelligence for questioning the next morning. This boy was suspected of removing booby traps from the wire around the village. His father and brother were VC until they were killed.

At 2215H on the same day M CUFP C, while in night defensive positions around their resettlement hamlet (Vic BT017336), had a man wounded by an accidental discharge. The Marine borrowed a rifle for hole watch. He sat down, placed the rifle in his lap and the weapon discharged wounding him in the side. An emergency medevac was called and completed.

On 17 August, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines was honored by a visit from General McCUTCHEON, CG, III MAF. The General toured and inspected the facilities at FSB Ryder.

On 17 August at 1000H, Lima Company upon moving to a new position (Vic BT017409), discovered one dead enemy wearing green shirt and black shorts and carrying a bag of punctured C-rats. He was killed by small arms fire with wounds in his back and head. It is believed that he was killed by a recon team which had made contact the previous night. The body was sent to DaNang for identification.

On the same day at 1100H I3C, while on a daytime patrol (Vic BT004408), detonated one SFD. It was tripped by the point man and wounded two men. One emergency medevac and one priority medevac were called and completed. The booby trap was a M-26 buried on one side of a hole with a trip wire rigged across to the other side. The hole was camouflaged and when the point man stepped in, the grenade detonated. A search revealed no warning signs and no other booby traps.

On the same day at 1215H Company M, while receiving resupply at their daytime position (Vic AT965335), received one round of sniper fire from the Southeast. Helicopter gunships and an OV-10A worked over the area where the sniper was believed to be. M Company then sent out a patrol to check out the area. The patrol found a bunker in the suspected sniper area and in it was one Vietnamese female about 25 years old. The woman was detained and sent to the Company position.

On the same day at 1425H Company M, while preparing to move from their daytime position fired 20 rounds from their mortars at an area where a sniper round had come from earlier. Almost immediately upon the completion of firing, the Company began taking incoming mortar rounds. Approximately six rounds impacted in the company position killing two Marines, one female detainee and wounding thirty Marines. Medevacs were called and swiftly completed and Company M began their Company move.

On the same day at 2000H M1, while on a night company move (Vic AT985346), received 50 rounds of AK-47 fire from about 200 meters to the North-east across a rice paddy. One corpsman was wounded in the leg. M1

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returned fire and broke contact. The corpsman was quickly medevaced and MI continued their movement.

On the same day at 2115H MI, while on a company move (Vic AT995354), detonated one SFD wounding four men. The point man saw a booby trap warning sign and while trying to locate the device, detonated it. Medevacs were called and completed. Mike Company returned to FSB Ross for a period the next morning.

On 18 August 1970, Mike Company returned to FSB Ross for a period of rehabilitation.

On 18 August at 0800H L3, while on a daytime patrol (Vic BT017409), found two SFD's. One was a claymore, the other was a M-26. Both were rigged with trip wires. L3 blew both in place and continued on patrol. Shortly afterward, L3 found an enemy base camp area consisting of one bunker (20X8) and three hootches (8X10). L3 then spotted three enemy wearing green uniforms with NVA helmets. L3 opened fire with small arms and received return fire. One Marine was wounded by small arms in the shoulder and one Marine wounded by grenade shrapnel. Both men were medevaced and L3 burned the hootches and pulled back to call in artillery.

On the same day at 1905H L1, while on a daytime patrol of a known enemy base camp searched it and found the following; one folding chair, one folding stock AK-47 rifle, one NVA/VC helmet, 40 pounds of rice, three pair of trousers, four shirts, a small bag of documents, 70 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition for AK-47, four chicom grenades, three M-26 grenades, 24 flashlight batteries, one gallon of fish oil, three hammocks, cooking gear, two 15 pound bags of salt, sugar, seven NVA packs and a large blood trail. L1 followed blood trail until it stopped. L1 sent all gear to the rear for evaluation and called artillery on the area. (Vic BT017409)

On 19 August 1970, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines was honored by a visit by Admiral McCain, CINCPAC. The Admiral toured and inspected the facilities at FSB Ryder, and spoke to the infantry and artillery units located at the FSB.

On 19 August at 0935H M1A, while on a daytime patrol (Vic AT976337), moved into a small hamlet and discovered two enemy with one rifle. M1A quickly overpowered the enemy and took them prisoner and searched the area. M1A found one woman in one of the hootches. The woman was about 25 years old. The men were between 20 and 30 years old. All three prisoners and all equipment were sent to the rear for interrogation and evaluation.

On the same day at 1200H Lima Company (-), while searching out an enemy base camp (Vic BT017409), where contact had previously been made, found 17 reinforced bunkers, cooking utensils, 100 pounds of rice, two chicom grenades and one NVA helmet. The base camp covered an area of about an acre. Artillery had demolished most of the bunkers and L (-) blew up the remainder. All equipment was evacuated to the rear for further evaluation.

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On the same day at 1700H M-CUPP C, while on a daytime patrol (Vic BT011332), found two documents nailed to a tree. The documents were in Vietnamese and were sent to the rear for translation.

On 20 August, Company M deployed to the field after a three day period of rehabilitation.

On 20 August, Company L returned to USB Ross for a period of rehabilitation.

On 20 August at 1210H I3, while on a daytime movement (Vic BT000408), tripped one SFD. The point man detonated the device and was the only casualty. The SFD was a hole with two M-26 grenades, one on either side, with a trip wire between them, and was covered with a piece of cardboard and was camouflaged. When the point man stepped on the cardboard, he tripped the wire and detonated the grenades. The Marine was medevaced and I3 continued their movement. Shortly afterward, I3 found three more SFD's and destroyed them in place.

At 1850H on the same day M3A, while acting as point squad for a daytime company movement observed four enemy in a treeline 40 meters to their front. M3A engaged enemy with small arms and assaulted the enemy position. The enemy fled West. M3A searching the area found one wounded enemy and six enemy packs. The enemy was medevaced and the packs and their contents sent to the rear for evaluation. (Vic BT006303)

On 21 August 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines was honored a visit from Admiral RAMARO. The Admiral toured and inspected facilities at FSB Ryder.

On 21 August at 0745H, H'S Company while on a road sweep (Vic BT042356), found a "coke" can in the road surrounded by rocks. On investigation, the sweep team found the can to be filled with Composition B and rigged for electrical detonation. The sweep team blew the device in place and continued with the road sweep.

On the same day at 0800H M1A, while on a daytime patrol (Vic AT989301), received heavy sniper fire from a hill to their South. M1A returned fire and continued to move. Shortly, M1A was again taken under fire. M1A returned fire and utilized an A.C. who was on station. M1A called in an air strike and an artillery fire mission and had six secondary explosions. M1A due to the distance and terrain did not sweep the target area.

On the same day at 0805H, India 2 while on a daytime Company movement, detonated one SFD. The device was a M-26 under a rock with a trip wire to another rock on the other side of the trail. When the Marine passed between the rocks, he tripped the wire and detonated the device wounding two men. Both men were medevaced and M1A searched the area for other SFD's. They found one more M-26 rigged for pressure detonation, which they blew in place. (Vic BT003404)

At 0900H on the same day M3A, while on a daytime patrol (Vic AT992310),

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received sniper fire from the Northeast about 200 meters away. M3A returned fire and continued to move. About five minutes later, M3A again received sniper fire, this time wounding a corpsman. M3A returned fire; then called an A.O. who worked over the area with his onboard ordnance; and called in an artillery fire mission. The corpsman was medevaced.

At 1100H on the same day I2, while on a daytime company-move (Vic BT 003403), detonated a SFD. The device was a 50 caliber round detonated by a trip wire stretched across the trail. Two Marines were wounded by the device and were medevaced. A search of the area turned up one more booby trap, a chicom grenade with a pressure detonation fuze. I2 blew the device in place.

At 1430H on the same day I2, while on a daytime company movement (Vic BT005401), detonated a pressure type SFD. The device consisted of a charge of C-4 placed in a hole on a trail and a small amount of shrapnel. Some type of a pressure detonating device was used to detonate the SFD. One Marine was injured and speedily medevaced. A search of the area revealed no warning signs or other SFD's.

On 22 August at 0945H Mike Company, while in a daytime position (Vic AT985315) observed a Vietnamese female studying the perimeter. She was 100 meters to the North. Mike sent a fireteam to apprehend her. She was about 20 years old and was dressed in green and black clothing. The woman had no ID and was sent to the rear for interrogation.

On 23 August, Lima Company deployed to the field after a three day period of rehabilitation.

At 1030H on 23 August India 2, while on daytime patrol (Vic BT009413), discovered one cave complex close to the C.P. The cave complex was hidden in a natural rock formation. The dimension of the cave entrance was six feet by four feet. A thorough search of the cave resulted in the finding of two canteens, one NVA poncho, and various other personal gear.

At 1730H on the same day Kilo 1, while sitting in on Hill 270, spotted ten NVA/VC approximately 1800 meters to the Southwest carrying packs and weapons. K1 called for an artillery fire mission which came with good coverage. While sweeping the kill zone of the fire mission, K1 received approximately ten rounds of inaccurate sniper fire (Vic AT998297). K1 returned small arms fire and enemy fire ceased. A thorough search of the area revealed two packs, medical supplies, and various personal gear.

On 24 August, Company I returned to FSB Ross for a period of rehabilitation.

On 25 August, the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines was honored by a visit from Representative LANDGRABE. The honorable Mr. LANDGRABE toured and inspected facilities at FSB Ryder.

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At 0615H on 25 August Mike 3, while at blocking position (Vic AT 985330), discovered one booby trapped M-26 grenade with a trip wire tied to a branch that ran across the trail. The booby trap was wired so that a slight movement of the branch would detonate the booby trap. The grenade was blown in place.

On the same day at 0830H L3C, while on a Security patrol around platoon position (Vic AT988351), tripped one M-26 booby trap. The booby trap was lying in an old tank track with a one foot trip wire attached. The detonation of the grenade resulted in three USMC WIA. The medevac was called and promptly completed.

At 1040H on the same day, the Aerial Observer for Mike Company spotted three enemy (Vic AT978324). MIC was sent out to search the area which resulted in the finding of a variety of enemy personal gear and medical supplies. One pair of black PJs was found containing large blood spots.

At 1900H on the same day Company M, while moving to new company position, tripped one booby trap. The booby trap was lying on the deck and was set off by a pressure firing device. The result of the detonated booby trap was one USMC KIA and four USMC WIA. The medevac was called and completed. (Vic BT005330)

At 0200H on 26 August, a Marine, while on hole watch, heard a movement. The Marine, spending his first night in the bush, fired one round striking another Marine in the stomach. Kilo Company hurriedly called and completed one emergency medevac. (Vic BT000311)

At 0735H on 27 August M3B, while on daytime patrol, hit one booby trap (Vic BT005335), resulting in one USMC KIA, one USMC emergency medevac and one USMC priority medevac. The booby trap was a M-26 grenade with a two foot long trip wire across the trail. Medevac was called and completed.

On the same day at 0810H M3B, while continuing on daytime patrol (Vic BT005336), found two booby trapped M-26 grenades with five foot trip wires. One booby trap was hooked to tree limb while the other was stretched across the trail. M3B blew both grenades in place.

On 28 August, Company I was assigned OP CON to the Second Battalion, First Marines to bolster defense in the DaNang Vital area during a high threat period.

At 0730H on 28 August MIC, while on daytime patrol, stopped to search two hootches. At this time MIC spotted one male and one female fleeing from the second hootch. MIC opened up with small arms wounding one male enemy. At this time, MIC received 10-12 rounds of small arms fire from the North. MIC returned fire and enemy fled. A thorough search of the hootches resulted in the finding of three packs containing miscellaneous gear. The wounded POW was medevaced to the rear. (Vic BT005334)

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At 0815H on 29 August M3C, while on daytime patrol along a river, tripped one M-33 booby trap which did not detonate. The M-33 grenade was fixed with tripwire and set in front of a man-made cave which had been blown up. M3C blew the booby trap in place.

On the same day at 1315H MLB, while on a water run found one booby trap consisting of two M-26 grenades hooked together with trip wire. MLB blew in place. (Vic BT005336)

On 30 August at 0115H, Company L received two incoming rounds of unknown origin while set in night time position. The incoming resulted in three USMC WIA (non-evac). (Vic AT994345)

At 0545H on the same day, M CUPP C spotted one female walking outside the perimeter. The female was 53 years of age and had no ID. She was identified as the female caught trying to take bandages from the corpsman's kit the previous night. She was detained and sent to the battalion S-2 for interrogation. (Vic BT017335)

At 0830H on the same day LIA, while on daytime patrol (Vic AT982354), moving up a steep embankment, had the sixth man from the rear extend his rifle for help from another Marine. The rifle, handed butt first, discharged resulting in the Marine's death.

At 1400H on the same day M3C, while on daytime patrol (Vic AT990223), found one booby trapped M-26 grenade. The M-26 grenade had the pin pulled and was hanging half way out of a colored smoke can so that moving of the can would cause the booby trap to detonate. M3C blew the booby trap in place.

At 1850H on 31 August, a Vietnamese male, approximately 14 years of age, brought in a home-made chicom. The child gave his name only as NGUYEN and asked no reward. One Marine took the chicom to perimeter to dispose of it. As the Marine pulled the detonating cord, the chicom exploded causing one USMC emergency WIA. The wounded Marine was rushed to B.A.S and later medevac was called and completed. An investigation and search for the Vietnamese male followed. (Vic BT023345)

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TOPICS

a. Mission Assigned. From 1 - 31 August the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines continued its mission of providing security for FSB ROSS and FSB RYDER; and conducting rice denial operations and interdiction of enemy movement in the Western AO of the Seventh Marines TAOR. Also this month I and L Companies participated in a Pacifier Operation with First Battalion, Fifth Marines in the Que Son Mountains.

From 28 - 31 August India Company was assigned OPCON to the Second Battalion, First Marines where their mission was to reinforce the defenses around the DaNang Vital Area.

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

c. Personnel. The battalion's category of readiness was C-1 for the month of August. Total end of month strength was 36 Marine Officers, 1168 Marine Enlisted, two Navy Officers and 43 Navy Enlisted. The total end of month strength was 1249.

(1) Casualties Sustained:

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>WIANE</u>	<u>NBC</u>	<u>DAI</u>
H&S		6	1	13	
"I"	1	7		17	
"K"		4		20	
"L"		9	3	12	1
"M"	<u>3</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>4</u>
TOTAL	4	42	6	100	5

d. Intelligence(1) Enemy Situation 1 - 31 August 1970

(a) Enemy activity remained at a low level during this reporting period. Enemy contact was limited to chance sightings of small groups and on few occasions groups numbering approximately fifteen. There was no discernable pattern to the enemy's direction of movement. Enemy initiated contacts were restricted to sniper fire, harassing fire, and surprise firing devices.

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

(a) Weapons

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- 16 AK-47's
- 1 B-40 Rocket Launcher
- 1 B-41 Rocket Launcher
- 1 SKS
- 1 US Carbine
- 1 M-79 Grenade Launcher

(b) Supplies

- Medical Gear
- Forge
- Salt
- Sugar
- Tobacco
- Potatoes
- Clothing
- 1 Poncho
- 2 US Canteens
- 18 Packs
- 1 Cartridge Belt
- 700 Pounds of Rice
- 1 Bicycle
- 2 Helmets (NVA)
- 41 AK Magazines
- 22 M-16 Magazines
- 1 Folding Chair

(c) Equipment

- Hellbox
- 1 Claymore
- 1 8" Arty Round
- 4 M-26
- 21 Chi-coms
- 15 M-79 Rounds
- 700 AK Rounds

(3) Enemy Personnel Losses

(a) VC/NVA KIA by 3/7	<u>18</u>
(b) VC/NVA KIA by Arty	<u>00</u>
(c) VC/NVA KIA by Air	<u>01</u>
(d) VC/NVA KIA by ARVN/CAP	<u>N/A</u>
(e) Detainees	<u>22</u>
(f) Chieu Hoi	<u>00</u>
(g) Refugees Evacuated	<u>00</u>
(h) POW's	<u>02</u>

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e. Weather

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

(2) Statistics

(a) Maximum temperature	<u>95</u>
(b) Minimum temperature	<u>73</u>
(c) Mean temperature	<u>85</u>
(d) Average humidity	<u>70%</u>
(e) Rainfall	<u>2.79</u>

f. Terrain

(1) The 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines operated in the lowlands during this reporting period. Movement was over rice paddies and small hills and was fair to good.

g. Organization and Operations.

(1) Command and Control. The Third Battalion was under the operational control of the Seventh Marine Regiment from 1 - 31 August. I and L Companies were under the operational control of the Fifth Marine Regiment from 13 August until 20 August. Company I was under the operational control of the First Marine Regiment for the period 28 - 31 August.

(2) Significant Operations Conducted. The Third Battalion, Seventh Marines operating in the Western AO conducted numerous screening and blocking operations and extensive patrolling in support of the defense of FSB ROSS and FSB RYDER. On 13 August, Company I and L assisted the "Pacifier" unit, First Battalion, Fifth Marines in an operation in the Que Son Mountains. The operation was in response to hard intelligence developed by the First Marine Division. Mike CUPP continued their mission of assisting in the training of Popular Forces in our AO, providing added security to the villages surrounding FSB ROSS, and conducting Pacification operations in the area adjoining FSB ROSS.

h. Artillery Support

(1) Golf Battery, Third Battalion, Eleventh Marines was in direct support of Third Battalion, Seventh Marines from 1 August through 9 August and 24 through 31 August. During the period 10 August through 23 August, Golf Battery was on an operation in direct support of Second Battalion, 7th Marines. Kilo Battery, Fourth Battalion, Eleventh Marines maintained the direct support role for 3/7 from 10 through 23 August while Golf Battery was on an operation in direct support of 2/7.

(2) General reinforcing fires were provided by the First 8th Battery (C Platoon), located at FSB ROSS from 1 - 18 August and at LZ

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BALDY from 19 - 31 August 1970. Kilo Battery 4/11 was in general support of 3/7 from 1 - 9 August and 24 - 31 August 1970.

(3) During the month of August, artillery provided close and continuous support to 3/7 in the battalion's AO around FSB RCSS. Coordination of the fire missions called for in support of 3/7 was done by the fire direction centers of the supporting batteries and the 3/11 fire direction center.

i. Air Support

(1) Number of fixed wing missions flown: 13

(2) Number of AO and Recon missions flown: 72

(a) Total number of hours flown: 75

(3) Helicopter missions flown:

(a) Medical Evacuation Missions:

1. USMC Personnel: 170

2. Civilian: 4

2. NVA/VC POWs: 1

(b) Logistical missions

1. 159,00 lbs. cargo

2. 1150 troops

(4) Six flare ship missions were flown with a total time on target of 7 hours and 10 minutes.

j. Formal Training

(1) All personnel joining the battalion during the month of August received a five day Orientation and Indoctrination Course. Total personnel receiving this course for the month was 226 enlisted and four officers. Instructions include care, maintenance, safe handling, day and night familiarization firing of the M-16 rifle. Firing for battle sights was also conducted. The newly joined personnel were given classes and demonstrations on the claymore mine, M-26, CS grenades, E-8 gas launcher, M-79, M-72, M-60, XM 191 and .45 cal. pistol. Classroom and practical work with the map and compass was accomplished by each replacement. Instructions in detecting the various types and methods of employment of enemy and friendly mines and booby traps were given. The Commanding Officer briefed each Orientation and Indoctrination class on the mission and role of the Seventh Marines, techniques of operation in

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the Que Son Valley, and Supply discipline. A Malaria lecture was also given.

(2) Due to cancellation of Land Mine Warfare and Booby Trap School, NCO Leadership School, and Officers and SNCO's Advanced Orientation Course, the formal schools attended were limited to one NCO graduating from CBR course on 15 August 1970.

(3) On 26 August, a human relations seminar was held by the Battalion X.O. to H&S Company personnel, Corporals and below. On 31 August, a drug abuse lecture was given to 194, 3/7 personnel by Dr. THOM.

k. Supply and Equipment

(1) Supply support remains satisfactory. Problems still exist in obtaining embarkation material for future deployment and also paint for vehicle painting as well as mount out box painting.

(2) 3rd Platoon, "C" Company, 1st Tanks and 1st 8" Howitzer Battery, "C" Co. Platoon 1st Battalion left the cantonment during the month, leaving their area in satisfactory condition.

(3) Sanitation in the Battalion is satisfactory with continued improvement on urinals and heads.

(4) Police of the cantonment is also satisfactory with renewed emphasis on the police of grade three ammunition.

(5) Communications for the month of August were satisfactory.

(6) Motor Transport for the month of August was satisfactory with the following being scheduled for next month.

(a) Fainting and washing of vehicles for redeployment to CONUS.

(b) Continued work on all scheduled maintenance.

(7) The health of the Battalion continues to be good. A lot of skin problems were seen this month including jungle rot, contact dermatitis and heat rash.

(8) The procurement of medical supplies for the month of August was satisfactory.

(9) Evacuation of personnel from the field continued to operate smoothly. In the Battalion, we had 39 cases of Malaria, 59 cases of FUO and 15 cases of VD. The Battalion Aid Station Joined 5 new corpsmen to bring the total to 50. At present six are in the hospital with an average of five corpsmen per company.

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(10) Negative USO shows were held this month with three shows scheduled for September.

(11) There was 140,00 pounds of supply gear, ammunition, water and food lifter off FSB ROSS during the past month.

(12) Supply discipline improved during the month with companies retrograding plastic water containers and dirty utilities.

1. Civial Affairs

(1) Material Distribution

(a) 115 ammunition boxes to village chief for building of school in Son Thanh.

(b) 50 pounds of clothes to village chief for distribution of refugees of Son Thanh.

(c) 500 pounds of rice to Que Son Refugee Center for the people of Que Son District.

(d) Two trucks of lumber to village chief of Son Thanh.

(e) 250 lbs of food to the people of the village of Son Thanh and surrounding hamlets.

(2) Psychological Operation

(a) A seven member Cultural Drama Team performed in the following village and hamlets in the AO during a five day period:

1. Que Son
2. Thuan An
3. Son Lanh

(b) Med Cap

1. A total of 13 Med Caps were held and 1,700 people were treated.

2. A total of 5 Dent Caps were held and 200 people were treated.

(c) Projects

1. Building a Market - - - - Planned
2. Repairing Church - - - - Planned

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(1) General. The health of the battalion continues to be good. There are more cases of malaria this month, but the increased number of cases has been mostly of the Falciparum species, a species difficult to control. Increased emphasis will be placed next month on reduction of the number of preventable Vivax cases.

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

(3) Supply. Battle Dressings have been unavailable; in general, most medical supplies have been procurable.

(4) Incidences Report

Malaria 39

FUO 59

V.D. Cases 16

(5) Sanitation. The sanitation situation has been good through the month of August.

(6) Battalion Aid Station. During the month we received six new corpsmen, rotated none from the field, had seven transferred out of the Battalion, leaving a total of 50. The present company strength is 05.8 corpsmen, excluding noneffectives. With noneffectives it is 07 per company.

n. Communications. Communications for the month of August were satisfactory with the following notations:

(1) On 23 August, a class was held at 7th Marines Headquarters on the AN/PRC-75, a small multi-channel UHF radio for use by the Tactical Air Control Party section. Delivery of this item for field use is expected soon.

(2) During this month the battery BA-386 issue was ceased and the BA-4386 battery was issued as replacement. The BA-4386 generates hydrogen gas while in use and presents an explosion hazard, but this is being avoided by proper usage and handling procedures. This battery is not activated until installed in a radio which gives it an unlimited shelf life which is not effected by heat of the SEA climate. In operation, the BA-4386 has double the life of a BA-386, and its use has approximately halved our previous battery usage figures, a considerable saving of time and effort.

(3) On 28 August the battalion received its initial issue of components of the Telephone-Telegraph Terminal Set AN/PCC-1, a force-fed

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item. We received two (2) Control Unit-Rectifiers C-7673/PCC-1. When the battalion receives the complete end items, we will have a radio-relay capability of transmitting simultaneously four (4) lines of telephone communications and four (4) lines of telegraph/teletype communications. Five radio operators have been trained in the employment of this gear in classes given at Regimental Headquarters in June.

(4) During August one letter company was responsible for the loss of a complete book of numerical shackles and one AE/FRC-25 radio. To counter this, Communications Platoon has initiated an improved system of accountability of all communication gear issued for field use. Classes are being conducted stressing the importance of proper handling of confidential materials.

o. Chaplain

(1) The Battalion Chaplain for the period 1 - 10 August, Lt Francis L. CRUVENS, CHC, USNR, performed the following in support of the battalion:

- (a) Sunday services for the battalion numbered three with 68 attending and 50 communing.
- (b) Sunday services on the company level numbered three with 45 attending and 31 communing.
- (c) Two Sunday services were held for other units with 45 attending and 31 communing.
- (d) Weekday services for companies of 3/7 numbered four with 124 attending and 100 communing.
- (e) Weekday services for other units numbered one with 20 attending and 14 communing.
- (f) 40 hospital visits were made during two trips to DaNang.
- (g) One American Red Cross message was sent and one was received.
- (h) Counselling interviews numbered 32.
- (i) Three Orientation lectures were given with a total of 97 attending.
- (j) The Chapel reading area has been restocked with paperbacks. One box of paperbacks was also delivered to FSB RYDER.
- (k) Four days were spent visiting with units in the field.
- (l) The chaplain attended the dedication of the new

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Sunday School Building in Que Son Village.

(m) The chaplain spent one afternoon in DaNang doing research work on adoption of Vietnamese children by American personnel, as a result of inquiries on this matter.

(2) Services for Protestant personnel were covered during this period by Chaplain Eugene LANDRY (Regimental Chaplain) and Chaplain Larry BOYETTE (Battalion Chaplain 2/7).

(3) On 10 August, Lt Francis L. CRAVENS, was relieved by LCDR Marvin L. EYLER, CHC, USN, as Battalion Chaplain. During the period 10 - 31 August, Chaplain EYLER performed the following in support of the battalion.

(a) Six Sunday Services were conducted with 215 attending and 175 communed.

(b) Three weekday services were conducted with 165 attending and 130 communed.

(c) Four Memorial Services were conducted with 525 attending.

(d) 95 men were visited in hospitals.

(e) 42 counseling interviews were conducted.

(f) Five Orientation lectures were given with 145 men attending.

(g) Four Red Cross messages were handled.

(h) 400 "Freedom Packs" were procured and distribution to India and Lima Companies.

(i) Two visits were made to Reverend NGUYEN VAN SY in the village adjacent to FSB ROSS.

(j) Services for Catholic personnel were provided by Lt Francis CRAVEN, CHC, USNR.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ TAB A Journals for the month of August 1970
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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
010800H	0923	K Co, 3/7, F(AT981326). While on Letter move, K2 found OI B/T m-26 w/trip wire one meter off trail. B/T was blown in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
011100H	0924	I Co, 3/7, F(AT976375). I3 while moving to objective spotted one NVA/VC in green utilities, neg wpn, standing near bunker. I3 took under fire. Result one NVA/VC KIA. Search produced one B-40 rocket launcher and assorted documents and clothing. Gear will be sent to battalion rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
	0925	FOLLOW-UP-TO 011100H. I Co, 3/7, F(AT976375). I3 while searching area found one NVA/VC KIA believed to have been killed in initial contact. Neg further findings.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
011200H	0926	I Co, 3/7, F(AT976375). India, while searching hospital spotted four NVA/VC and took under fire w/s/a. Result four NVA/VC KIA. Search of area produced 11 AK-47s, 01 SKS, 01 M-1 Carbine, 01 M-79, large quantity of documents, clothing, personnel gear, foodstuffs, and medical gear. Will be sent to Battalion rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
011200H	0927	I Co, 3/7, F(AT976375). I2, while searching hospital area spotted two NVA/VC in black PJs 30 meters to East Took under fire w/s/a. Result two NVA/VC KIA. Neg further findings.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
011500H	0928	K Co, 3/7, F(AT989313). K2 while on move, checked out bunker along side of trail and found one B/T m-26 w/trip wire inside bunker. Blew B/T in place, searched bunker w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 S-3
011600H	0929	K Co, 3/7, F(AT997306). K1 while sweeping PPB site, found two NVA/VC packs in hole covered with grass. Packs contained misc. clothing, neg documents. Will be sent to Battalion rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
011905H	0930	Mike CUPP, 3/7, F(BT021334) to En(BT020333). M2C while in N/T pos, received 30-40 rds incoming AK-47 fire from 200 meters away to SW. Returned s/a fire and LAAWs. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
011945H	0931	I Co, 3/7, F(AT976375). I2 while in N/T pos spotted one NVA/VC in green utilities w/wpn 200 meters away to E. Took under fire w/s/a. Swept area finding one NVA/VC KIA plus wpn AK-50 and cartridge belt.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
012140H	0932	L Co, 3/7, F(AT980354). L during link-up of two friendly units, had one unit take other unit under fire. Result one USMC WIA (Emer). Medevac called and completed. Units made link and continued to NTP.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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020230H	0933	K Co, 3/7, F(AT994305). KIA while on move to N/T A/C spotted two NVA/VC in treeline 400 meters to NW. Took under fire w/s/a. Received 05 rds AK-47 fire. Enemy fled to NW. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
030730H	0934	L Co, 3/7, F(AT993343) to En(AT991345). L2B while on DTP, received approximately 125 rds auto and semi-auto fire from NW 200 meters away. 05-07 NVA/VC in green utilities, in treeline. L2B returned fire w/s/a swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
030830H	0935	K Co, 3/7, F(AT991306). While on DTP, K2 found small base camp 50m X 50m consisting of seven caves large- enough to hold 10-12 NVA/VC and misc. gear. Gear will be destroyed.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
030910H	0936	L Co, 3/7, F(AT998328). LIA while on DTP, spotted one NVA/VC in white clothing 200 meters away. LIA detained man. Neg ID, approximately 55. Also found Hell-box. Will send to ITT.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
030930H	0937	L Co, 3/7, F(AT993327). LIA while on DTP, entered ville and saw one NVA/VC in green utilities running from ville. LIA captured NVA/VC, neg ID, age approx. 28. Will send to ITT.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
030945H	0938	K Co, 3/7, F(BT004304). K1 while on DTP, found one bunker 3' X 15', found misc. gear, tobacco. Bunker and contents destroyed w/demo.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
031000H	0939	L Co, 3/7, F(AT996346) to En(AT997346). L2 OP spotted 25 NVA/VC moving SW into treeline 100 meters away carrying wpns. At same time unknown personnel opened fire to E. L2 OP returned fire and received M-16, M-60 and M-79 fire. L2 checked fire on chance they were friendly unit.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
031830H	0940	K Co, 3/7, F(BT002305). K1C while set in A/C spotted four males in black PJs neg pks and wpns, age approx. 20, high-tight hair cuts. K1B pursued and detained one male while other three fled. Also detained four baby- sons age 6-9 and one mama son age 20. Will send to ITT.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
040730H	0941	L Co, 3/7, F(AT986347) to En(AT985347). L3C while on DTP, spotted four NVA/VC with pks and wpns moving East 100 meters away wearing green utilities. L2C took under fire w/s/a and pursued to NW. At same time received heavy volume fire from from another enemy pos inflicting two USMC WIA. L2A joined L2C and swept area w/neg results. Medevacs called and completed.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
040830H	0942	K Co, 3/7, F(AT997302) to En(AT999300). K1B while on patrol received approx. 70 rds of fire from SE. Result one USMC WIA. Gun birds for medevac worked area over. Medevac completed.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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040930H	0943	K Co, 3/7, F(AT995302) to En(AT999299). K1 while sweeping area of previous contact, received sniper fire from hill 441. Called gun birds on station and expended ordnance on target. AO and fixed wing on station however cancelled due to danger close. Neg sweep due to mission.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
041200H	0944	Mike CUPP Alpha, 3/7, F(BT022345). Young Vn male brought \$2 R.R.R to M2AC pos and was paid 200 P's. Stated he found it by blue Line.	S-F/S-2
041400H	0945	K Co, 3/7, F(AT986307). K2 while on DTP spotted one NVA/VC in black PJs w/wpn 200 m away moving W. K2 took under fire w/s/a, neg return fire. Enemy fled to West. Swept area finding hootch 15'L X 3' H w/tunnel inside containing misc gear and chow. All was destroyed.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
041615H	0946	K Co, 3/7, F(AT995306) to En(AT 995315-989310). K2 while on DTP, received one or two rounds sniper fire from both enemy grids. Every time K2 tried to move, snipers fired one or two rounds. K2 called for gun birds and moved out under cover of gun birds. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
041630H	0947	Mike CUPP Charlie, 3/7, F(BT023334). M2CC while on Sec Patrol, found one CID device uncovered on trail. M2CC returned it to S-2 LZ ROSS.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
041820H	0948	L Co, 3/7, F(AT987374) to En(AT986348). L(-) while in NTB, received 30-50 rds auto fire from 100-150 meters to the N and NW. L(-) returned fire w/s/a and 60mm. Also utilized air and arty w/neg sweep.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
051440H	0949	K Co, 3/7, F(AT984308). K2A while on DTP, was checking out hootches and discovered numerous rice catches containing 15-100 lbs. Total cash was over 500 lbs rice 40 lbs tobacco, and 30 lbs potatoes. Also found was one 50 cal. ammo box containing numerous tools possibly to build booby traps with these tools. With findings and O2 detainees, K2A moved to pos. Will send detainees to rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
051930H	0950	K Co, 3/7, F(AT975315) to En(AT976317). K1 while moving to new pos took approximately 15 rds sniper fire from 200 meters to NE. K1 opened up with S/A/F and swept treeline w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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052220H	0951	M CUPP Alpha, 3/7, F(BT017345). M2CA sprung ambush on one NVA/VC who was lighting a cigarette. At same time AC and AC's perimeter started receiving s/a/f and two grenades. Started to sweep area and received 30-40 rds from rear. HE mission called and completed with good coverage. Will sweep in A.M.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
060810H	0952	L Co, 3/7, F(AT990352) to En(AT988347). L2B while on DTP received 20 rds AK-47 fire from 300 m to SW. L2B returned fire and called arty mission. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
060825H	0953	K Co, 3/7, F(AT992325). K2B while on DTP moving S to N, tripped one B/T. B/T was m-26 and wounded two Marines. One priority and one routine. Medevac called and area checked out w/neg further findings.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
061100H	0954	K Co, 3/7, F(AT975366). K2 while on DTP, found one man in hootch. Man had small pack and military haircut. Man stated he had no ID, but upon searching K2 found one ID card, pictures, small amount of money and two papers with Vn writing. Man was detained and will be sent to rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
061230H	0955	K Co, 3/7, F(AT983328). K2 while on DTP found what appeared as a B/T warning. Was a piece of brown paper with Vn writing. Search of area revealed one B/T m-26 with green trip wire across trail. K2 blew B/T in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
062035H	0956	M CUPP C, 3/7, F(BT015335) to En(BT014337). MCUPP C spotted three NVA/VC 150 meters in front of NTP. C CUPP fired four M-79 HE rds and two Ill rds. At 2115H, A/C was sent out. Spotted one VC and fired 10 rds M-60. Could not sweep at present time due to PFs in area so will sweep in A.M.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
062150H	0957	M Co, 3/7, FSB Ryder. Mike had trip flare go off. M-3 swept through area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
070940H	0958	I Co, 3/7, F(AT954415). India, while being inserted by helicopter (gbid AT954415) received 15-20 rds enemy fire from 100-150 m to SW, wounding one USMC. I-1 laid down base of fire and allowed the remainder of India to land. Gun birds worked over probable escape route.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
071130H	0959	K Co, 3/7, F(AT973334). K2B while set in DT OP, spotted two NVA/VC w/neg wpns. K2B verbally told them to stop and enemy ran to the SW. One dropped the gear he was carrying which turned out to be misc. medical gear. K2B pursued enemy w/neg results. Gear will be sent to rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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071230H	0960	M CUPP Alpha, 3/7, F(BT025346). One Vn female, working in field, hit one DUD M-79 rd. Two corpsmen from BAS rushed to the area and found one Vn female dead due to multiple body wounds. The body was taken to Que Son.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
071500H	0961	I Co, 3/7, F(AT957417), En(AT958416). IIA, while on DTP, spotted one NVA/VC moving W to E, approximately 100 m away. Unable to observe pk or wpns. IIA called in arty. After arty mission, swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
080930H	0962	K Co, 3/7, F(AT984325). K2C, while on DTP, came upon what looked like a chicom factory. It consisted of one 8" round halfway buried, with explosives removed, which could be used as an anvil. Also found one hand tool of unusual nature, a forge used for heating implements, and numerous shrapnel. Will destroy.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
081915H	0963	K, 3/7, F(AT990330) to En(AT990330). K1 while setting in PPB, received approx. 30 rds AK-47 fire from N. K1 prepped area w/M-79, M-60 and called FM. Did not sweep due to possible B/T area.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
082130H	0964	L Co, 3/7, F(BT035374) to En(BT036374). L3A while set in NTP, spotted approx. 11 NVA/VC wearing black PJs, carrying pks and wpns, and moving from W to E. L3A threw frags and opened up w/s/a. Also called arty illumination and then basketball. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
090630H	0965	K Co, 3/7, F(BT000315) to En(AT999304). K3C, while on DTP (AT999504), spotted six NVA/VC congregating 75 miles to the S of a ville. Packs and three AK-47s were observed. K3C opened fire and took 15-20 rds AK-47 fire. Enemy fled S and K3C called in 20 rds of 60mm HE. Swept area and found one enemy KIA. At this time, spotted one enemy 75 m away fleeing S. K3C opened fire killing enemy. AO then came on station and called air strike. Will resume sweep.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
090700H	0966	K Co, 3/7, F(BT000315) to En(AT999300). FOLLOW-UP TO 090630H. K3C while sweeping area of previous contact, spotted one female, age 20, fleeing S from ville. She had been observed earlier at time of contact. K3C pursued and captured female. Will send to rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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091000H	0967	K Co, 3/7, F(AT999304) to En(AT993303-AT994297). K3C, while sweeping area of previous contact of arty, and air strikes, took sniper fire from SW. AO was on station, so it directed 106 fire and called in fixed wing.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
091130H	0968	FOLLOW-UP-TO 091000H. K3C while sweeping area of previous contact found one VC/NVA KIA from small arms. KIA was wearing black PJs and was approx. 20 yrs old. Swept area w/neg further results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
092030H	0969	K Co, 3/7, F(BT000315) to En(AT990302). K3 observed 20 NVA/VC through Big Eyes. They were moving E to W in groups of three or four. K3 called in FM on enemy and will sweep in AM.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
092045H	0970	OD, 3/7, LZ ROSS, Hole 19 took approximately eight rds of AK-47 fire. Through illumination from Cyclops one personnel was spotted. Fired two gas M-79 HE rds w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
092130H	0971	M Co, 3/7, F(BT022345) to En(BT015349). M2 A/C, while in NTP, spotted two VC 300 m NW running across rice paddy to a house by the road. M2 A/C opened up w/s/a and LAAWs. Swept w/neg results. Will resweep in morning.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
100600H	0972	Mike CUPP, 3/7, F(BT022345) to En(AT995345). At 092400H, Aug 70, PF Plt Cmdr set up an ambush in conjunction with PRU team. Two separate ambush sites were set in. At approximately 0600H, both ambushes were sprung. 1st ambush spotted and opened fire on one VC. The other ambush spotted and opened fire on three NVA/VC. A rapid sweep revealed two VC KIA and one detainee, all with high and tight haircuts. Two packs containing food, tobacco, and clothing and one AK-47 were found.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
100830H	0973	L Co, 3/7, F(BT027384). I1 and I2 conducted search of Box Canyon, finding few civ, in area. Checked civilians and gassed bunkers. Fields contained potatoes and rice. Returned to pos w/neg further incidents.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
100845H	0974	K Co, 3/7, F(AT998312). K3B, while moving off pos, spotted smoke coming from campfire. K3B moved quietly in on smoke and found one cave believed to be sleeping qtrs. K3B threw two m-26s and fired four M-79 in cave. The search that followed revealed sign showing cave was recently used. Also found 03 hammock, clothes, 01 canteen and cooking utensils.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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101125H	0975	K Co, 3/7, F(AT980338) to En(AT980340). K2B, while on DTP, spotted four NVA/VC fleeing from hootch 200m N. They were wearing black PJs w/wpns and pks. K2B opened fire w/s/a and enemy fled to North. Sweep of area revealed blood traces, but neg further findings.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
101200H	0976	K Co, 3/7, F(AT995305) to En(AT991305). K3B, while moving back to pos after completing sweep, received 12 rds sniper fire from 400 m to the West. K3B called in 60mm and 106 HE rds and snipers fled West. Swept w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
101145H	0977	K Co, 3/7, F(AT995305) to En(AT991305). K3B, after completing sweep, received five rds sniper fire. K3B called in FM and pursued the enemy w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
101720H	0978	K Co, 3/7, F(AT991327) to En(AT992327). K1C, while on DTP, spotted one NVA/VC w/pk and neg wpn 100 m to E. K1C took under fire w/s/a and enemy fled into treeline. K1C swept area and found blood traces, but neg further results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
102030H	0979	M CUPP C, 3/7, F(BT017336) to En(BT014331). C CUPP while on patrol, found disbanded hootch with large amount of chow cooking. C CUPP suspected this to be VC/NVA and called in HE fire mission on area above. Will sweep at first light.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
102345H	0980	K Co, 3/7, F(AT976336). K2 heard movement approximately 50 m NE of pos. K2A did not know position. One m-26 was thrown resulting in six USMC WIA. K2 called in medevac which was completed at 2415H.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
110830H	0981	M CUPP, 3/7, F(BT018336) to En(BT014333). M CUPP C was informed by civilians of a female who had escaped from VC after being held for 30 days. While escaping, she tripped a m-26 B/T resulting in injuries. Was taken to BAS then taken home. Will return for further treatment on 12 Aug and will also be questioned again.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
120900H	0982	K Co, 3/7, F(AT977345). K2A, while on DTP, found ammo box containing tools in a hut. Also found four mackerel cans, string, and eight live aircraft Ill. cannisters. Evidence pointed toward the making of chicoms. Flares were destroyed and tools sent to rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
121330H	0983	M CUPP, 3/7, F(BT023345). A ten yr old Vn female brought in three B-40 rockets and three B-40 rocket boosters. Female to be questioned by S-2 in rear. Destroyed one rocket and brought two to the rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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121530H	0984	K Co, 3/7, F(AT968331). K2 while on patrol, came across a deserted ville with a piece of bamboo across trail. Written in Vn were the words "danger, do not enter". S-2 rep. and KCS thought ville to be heavily Booby Trapped so K2 did not enter ville.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
121700H	0985	K Co, 3/7, F(AT988323) to En(AT988323). K1, while digging in NTP, received approx. 40 rds incoming AK-47 and M-16 fire from 400 m to NE. K1 fired into treeline with M-60, 60mm and M-79. Attempted to sweep, but do to much brush, called actual back in.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
130500H	0986	M Co, 3/7, F(BT013336). M2CC spotted one personnel 30 meters in front of their line. They blew three claymores and shot 11 60mm ILL. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2
130530H	0987	I Co, 3/7, F(AT998394). I2, while on DT move, spotted two NVA/VC in dark clothing, 75 m to SE. I2 opened up w/s/a. Enemy seperated and fled. Sweep of area revealed foot prints. No further results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
130900H	0988	K Co, 3/7, F(AT990320) to En(AT990322). KIA while setting at daytime OP, spotted one NVA/VC camouflaged in dry hay, 150 m to West. Neg pk or wpn. KIA opened up on treeline and swept w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
131415H	0989	C CUPP, 3/7, F(BT018336) to En(BT013330). One of C CUPP's PF teams found an 82 mortar rd buried w/tail fin facing up. It had a shotgun shell in tail fin, primer flash w/ground. C CUPP sent a team out which pulled it up and brought to rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
132000H	0990	M CUPP, 3/7, F(BT018336) to En(BT017233). C CUPP while on security patrol, found and blew two bunkers. Moving on, they spotted one personnel and called for him to stop. Personnel fled and C CUPP pursued. They found two hootches containing three USMC detainee cards dated 6/02/70. Also found approximately 100 lbs of rice, and black clothing.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
140805H	0991	H & S Co, 3/7, F(BT055357). While Y1 was on daily road sweep, a machine gunner, during a break, had an accidental discharge. Discharge of one M-60 rd hit deck and threwed shrapnel wounding two civilians. Y1 called medevac birds and medevacs were completed.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
150945H	0992	M Co, 3/7, F(AT953333). M3, while on daytime move, spotted one NVA/VC in green utilities in a hospital type bunker. M3 found medical gear and documents. Result of contact one NVA/VC KIA. Checked out area w/neg results marking itemized list of medecal gear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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162045H	0993	K Co, 3/7, F(BT003314). K2C spotted two NVA/VC approaching their LP. No pks or wpns were observed. Direction of flight not accountable due to darkness. Action taken and results were, K2C opened fire w/s/a at NVA/VC 25-40 m to E. K2C swept area under 60mm Ill.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
162113H	0994	M CUPP A, 3/7, F(BT023345). One 16 yr old male shot two pop-ups in ville toward West. Suspect said PFs told him to shoot pop-up. PFs said that was an neg. One per is suspected by ville of removing B/T from W. Personnel being held in ville till tomorrow. Will be brought in to S-2 tomorrow.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
162215H	0995	M Co, 3/7, F(BT017366). E-2 ANDERSON D. M. 5160, B D 25 May-51 was shot in left side by a rifle he was using on perimeter watch. E-2 ANDERSON is a MG thus had to use another Marine's rifle, the rifle belonging to E-3 WHITLOCK, C. F. 4845. ANDERSON was an Emer. evac. M CUPP Actual informed E-3 WHITLOCK of Art. 31, USMJ over the radio. E-3 WHITLOCK states his rifle was on safe. He said that the accident occurred approx 15 min after he gave his rifle to ANDERSON.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
171000H	0996	L Co, 3/7, F(BT017409). L Co, entering new pos, found one dead NVA/VC in black shorts and gray T-shirt with WP bag containing assorted "C" rats. Was killed by s/a fire in back of head by recon the previous night. L Co will bury body.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
171100H	0997	I Co, 3/7, F(BT004408). I3C point man on DTP tripped one B/T m-26 resulting in one emer and one priority medevac. I3C searched area and found neg signs of any other B/T. Medevac called and completed.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
171215H	0998	M Co, 3/7, F(AT963335). to En(AT968332). M Co, accepting resupply from bird, received one burst of sniper fire from S - SE. Gun birds and AO worked over area. Search resulted in one detainee, a 25-30 yr old female who will be sent to rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
171425H	0999	M Co, 3/7, F(AT967337). Friendly DTP came into CP with POW. At this time the 60mm were firing in S direction, rounds hitting in rice field and treeline. Tubes traversing L to R and rounds began hitting on the finger of the hill to the W. Check fire was given at 1426H. The result was some short rounds resulting in one USMC KIA, 31 USMC WIA and one POW KIA. A total of 8 rds. impacted the pos.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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181530H	1000	L Co, 3/7, F(BT017409). I1 while on DTP of known enemy base camp, Found one AK-47 type 56, 782 gear and chow. I1 returned to IP w/gear. Called in arty mission. Gear was sent to rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
171630H	1001	I Co, 3/7, F(AT997398) to En(AT946399). On DTP, I2 took two enemy under observation. Enemy 100 m away moving E To W carrying radio and weapon w/bipod. Action taken was enemy was pursued by I2 w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
172000H	1002	M Co, 3/7, F(AT985346) to En(AT987345). M1 on night move received approximately 50 rds incoming AK-47 fire. M1 returned s/a/f and O5 enemy fled to E. Corpsman was hit in leg by one round.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
172115H	1003	M Co, 3/7, F(AT995354). M1, walking point for Co move, detonated B/T m-26 set w/trip wire. Saw sign indicating B/T. Medevac called and completed.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
180800H	1004	L Co, 3/7, F(BT017409) to En(BT008408). I3, while on DTP, found two B/T m-26 and blew in place. I3 continued on patrol and found one bunker, 20' X 8' and gear. I3 spotted enemy personnel and opened up w/s/a and frags, destroying bunker. I3 received approx 30 M-60 rds and 30-40 s/a/f. Result was one USMC WIA from s/a fire and one USMC WIA from fragmentation.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
180915H	1005	I Co, 3/7, F(AT996397) to En(AT991391). I1 while on DTP, spotted three to five NVA/VC approx 600 m away. I1 called in 60mm. Enemy fled to South. I1 set in and sent out recon patrol.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
1812015H	1006	I Co, 3/7, F(AT993404). I2A while set in NT IP, had movement in front of them. I2A opened up w/s/a. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
190935H	1007	M Co, 3/7, F(AT976337). M1A while on DTP, moved into small village spotting two NVA/VC with one weapon. Were wearing black PJs. M1A detained the two and also one female age 25-30 and also found one NVA/VC pack containing misc gear and food stuffs. Perg will be sent to Bn rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
191200H	1008	L Co, 3/7, F(BT017409) to En(BT008407). L, while searching base camp found 17 bunkers which contained misc gear and food stuffs. Lima plus arty destroyed base camp which was approx one acre in size.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
191700H	1009	Mike CUPP C, 3/7, F(BT011332). MCC while on DTP, found documents tacked to tree at intersection of two trails. Papers sent to S-2 for interragation.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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201210H	1010	I Co, 3/7, F(BT00408). I3 point man while on DTP tripped one B/T. B/T was believed to have been two m-26 in hole on trail. Found five possible B/T 400 meters to E. B/T set up so when stepping on card board grenade goes off. Resulted in one USMC WIA. I blew three B/T in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
201850H	1011	M Co, 3/7, F(BT006303). M3A while walking point, spotted four enemy in treeline with rifles. M3A opened fire wounding one enemy. Rest fled as M3A assaulted pos. M3A found 782 gear and blood trail leading to the West.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
210745H	1012	ENG Sweep Team, 3/7, F(BT042356). Found one coke can filled w/C-4 and set up for command detonation, covered over w/rocks. Blew in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
210800H	1013	M Co, 3/7, F(AT989301) to En(AT984297). While on DTP, MIA came under sniper fire from S by six NVA/VC. MIA returned fire w/s/a and called for AO. AO utilized Air/Arty on target. AO observed six secondary explosions. Neg sweep due to distance and ammo shortage.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
210805H	1014	I Co, 3/7, F(BT003404). I2 point man while on move tripped one B/T, unknown type, resulting in two USMC WIA. Medevac called and completed. Swept area finding one BT m-26. Blew in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
210900H	1015	M Co, 3/7, F(AT992310) to En(AT995314). M3A while on DTP received sniper fire from 200 m away to NE. Result one USN WIA. Medevac called and completed. AO on station and called arty. Swept w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
211100H	1016	I Co, 3/7, F(BT003403). I2 while on Co move, tripped one B/T toe popper set off by tripwire. Result two USMC WIA. Medevac called and completed. Swept area finding one B/T chicom. Blew in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
211430H	1017	I Co, 3/7, F(BT005401). I2 while on Co move, point-man tripped one B/T fragmentation, pressure detonated. Medevac called and completed. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
220945H	1018	M Co, 3/7, F(AT985315). While on Co pos, one female observing pos, 100 m to North. M Co, 3/7, apprehended female and two yr old child and sent to rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
222015H	1019	M CUPP A, 3/7, F(BT023345) to En(BT017345). MCA while moving to NT A/C spotted four NVA/VC 100 m to S - SW. MCA opened fire with m-16, M-79. NVA/VC fled to South. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
222445H	1020	M Co, 3/7, F(BT023345) to En(BT028348). M2 A/C while in NTP received word from PF that three NVA/VC were trying to get into Lanh Thuong (5). PFs and M2 A/C fired pop-ups. PFs then fired M-79 into area. M2 then got on line and swept through w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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231030H	1021	I Co, 3/7, F(BT009413). I2 while on DTP discovered one cave complex at CP#3. Cave was in rock formation and was 5' X 10' X 6'. I2 searched cave area and kept gear. Will destroy cave.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
231130H	1022	L Co, 3/7, F(AT994362) to En(AT987364). L while moving to DTP spotted four NVA/VC with two packs, 800 m to NW, moving N. L called in arty and L1 will sweep after arty mission.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
231535H	1023	K Co, 3/7, F(BT000315) to En(AT997298). While sitting on hill 270, K Co spotted ten NVA/VC with packs and rifles, 1800 m to the SW. K1 called FM and fired 17 HE rds and two Bee Hive from 106. Found 782 gear while searching kill zone. K1 took 10 rds of indirect sniper fire.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
240200H	1024	H & S Co, 3/7, FSB ROSS. Condition 2 set at 240030H upon receipt of A-1 Intl. At 240200H, Scout Dog Pat. SW Perimeter, sensed movement outside wire. Men on lines also heard movement. Cyclops and Xenon Light on tanks used to light area. 28 M-79 HE and Bee hive rounds used to H & I. No enemy seen. Cond. 3 set LAW 7th Mar 231530H Aug 70.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
240430H	1025	M Co, 3/7, F(AT975324). M1C while on patrol came upon four women at AT975324, and ten children. Women were from 20-40 yrs old. M6 called Coffee Time 3 and ask what to do with them. Sent four women and six children in for questioning.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
240700H	1026	M Co, 3/7, F(AT978315). M Co, while on move, found one cave and tunnel. The tunnel was 5' high and the tunnel was large enough for 5 to 6 people to meet in. M Co plans to blow as much of complex as possible.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
240745H	1027	M Co, 3/7, F(AT980313). M3C, on DTP took four sniper rds from S. M3C swept area spotting one woman 1200 m to S carrying rifle. She had black PJs on. M3C swept area finding four women, one who had strap marks on shoulder. Three women were sent to rear.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
240830H	1028	L Co, 3/7, F(AT994362) to En(AT998367). L2A, on DTP discovered one B/T m-26 w/trip wire. B/T was marked. L2A blew B/T in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
241000H	1029	M CUPP C, 3/7, F(BT016336). VC suspect information came from ville chief. VC suspects were a man and and wife. Suspects were taken to S-2 at Ross.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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241030H	1030	K Co, 3/7, F(AT990315). While on DTM, K1C point man tripped one m-26 B/T. The m-26 B/T was in a can buried on the trail with a trip wire across the trail. While setting up security for medevac, they found another m-26 B/T, which consisted of a 105 DUD round. Medevac called and completed. Second B/T blown in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
241305H	1031	M Co, 3/7, F(BT241335) to En(AT978315). M Co found one hammock, two fires and some 782 gear and tunnels. M Co will blow these tunnels.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
241810H	1032	M Co, 3/7, F(AT982327). M3 while on SP, hit a B/T in the middle of trail. The B/T was a m-26 buried in the deck with a can pushed down on top of it. The 4th man kicked the can and three seconds later B/T went off. Result was three WIA. Medevac called and completed.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
241930H	1033	M Co, 3/7, F(AT978326). M Co, while in NTP took two mag of AK-47 sniper fire from NW 400 meters away. Was not able to spot snipers.	/S-2 S-F/S-3
250200H	1034	K Co, 3/7, F(BT000311). K1 personnel on hole watch heard movement and fired into perimeter wounding one USMC in stomach. Medevac called and completed. C.A.R. initiated.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
250615H	1035	M Co, 3/7, F(AT985330). M3 while in block pos, found one B/T m-26 w/tripwire. B/T was blown in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
250830H	1036	L Co, 3/7, F(AT998351). L3C while on sec patrol around pos tripped one B/T m-26. Result three USMC WIA. Medevac called and completed. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
251040H	1037	M Co, 3/7, F(AT978324). A0 while in support of Mike Co spotted three NVA/VC. M1B swept area of sighting and found one small bag containing misc pers. effects which were destroyed.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
251635H	1038	M Co, 3/7, F(BT023345) to En(BT019349). M CUPP A, while on DTP, found freshly built bunker 5' X 12'. Bunker was blown in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
251900H	1039	M Co, 3/7, F(BT005330). M while on move to new pos tripped one B/T claymore resulting in one USMC KIA and four USMC WIA. Medevac called and completed. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
261900H	1040	L Co, 3/7, F(AT991362). L1B while on NT A/C spotted seven NVA/VC proceeding E approx. 25 m away. Neg pks and wpns observed. L1B took under fire w/s/a and 60mm. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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261915H	1041	M Co, 3/7, F(BT005335) to En(BT007335). M1 while setting in Co pos spotted four NVA/VC w/neg pks and wpns. Enemy moving W to E 200 m away. M1 dispatched squad to intercept. M1 took four NVA/VC under fire. Enemy fled and M1 swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
261925H	1042	M CUPP, 3/7, F(BT017335) to En(BT015333). MCC while in NTP, observed two NVA/VC in tree line 150 meters West of perimeter. MCC took under fire w/s/a and M-79. Enemy fled to West. Did not sweep due to friendly A/C in area of pursuit.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
262045H	1043	M Co, 3/7, F(BT023345) to En(BT017348). M2 A/C while in position, spotted fire 350 meters away to the West. Fired 81 HE mission. Did not sweep due to mission.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
270755H	1044	M Co, 3/7, F(BT005335). M3B while on DTP, tripped one B/T m-26 w/trip wire, resulting in one USMC KIA and two USMC WIA. Flak gear and helmets were worn. Medevac called and completed.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
270810H	1045	M Co, 3/7, F(BT005336). M3B while on DTP, found two B/T m-26 w/trip wire. Two B/T blown in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
271915H	1046	M CUPP, 3/7, F(BT016336). MCC while on Sec Patrol found bunker that they had fragged two days prior. It showed signs of recent. Blew bunker w/demolitions.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
271945H	1047	M CUPP, 3/7, F(BT017335) to En(BT021329). M2CC while set in NTP, spotted seven flash lights 500 m to S SW. M2CC fired 60mm mission. While sweeping area, spotted one NVA/VC fleeing into hootch. Pursued w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
271945H	1048	L Co, 3/7, F(AT991354) to En(AT998337). L while set in DTP, spotted seven NVA/VC in open w/neg pks and wpns. Called arty mission. Enemy fled to SW.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
280730H	1049	M Co, 3/7, F(AT005334). M1C while on DTP checking hootches, spotted one male age 25 in black trousers and green shirt. One female age 10 fleeing to SE. M1C took under fire w/s/a wounding one male and female escaping. At same time M1C received 10 - 12 rounds of fire of fire from N. M1C returned fire w/neg results. While searching hootch found three pks containing misc gear. Wounded VC was medevaced. Gear sent to FSB ROSS.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
281815H	1050	L Co, 3/7, F(AT999345) to En(AT994338). L2C while on move to NTP, spotted three NVA/VC moving E to W w/pks and wpns. L2C took under fire w/s/a. Swept area and received fire from six NVA/VC. Returned fire and swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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281927H	1051	M Co, 3/7, F(BT023346) to En(BT019347). While M2 A/C was in NTP spotted one NVA/VC 350 meters to the West. M2 A/C called 81mm FM. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
290815H	1052	M Co, 3/7, F(AT993335). M3C while on DTP tripped one B/T m-33 which did not detonate. M3C blew in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
291315H	1053	M Co, 3/7, F(BT005336). M1B while on water run found one B/T consisting of two M-26 w/trip wire. M1B blew in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
292215H	1054	L Co, 3/7, F(AT995345) to En(AT991335). L2A while set in A/C heard s/a fire coming from S, 150 meters away. This was accompanied by screaming. L2A called FM. Will not sweep due to mission.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
300045H	1055	Mike CUPP, 3/7, F(BT017335) to En(BT019336). M2C spotted one NVA/VC 200 meters away to the East. M2C took under fire w/s/a. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
300115H	1056	L Co, 3/7, F(AT994345). L while set in NTP, received eight incoming chicom, two which were DUDs, causing three USMC WIA non evac.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
300725H	1057	Mike CUPP, 3/7, F(BT017335) to En(BT016335). M2C while in NTP, spotted one female age 53 in black trousers and maroon shirt, 50 meters away moving West. M2C detained her and will send to battalion S-2. Neg ID card.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
300830H	1058	L Co, 3/7, F(AT982354). L1A while on DTP, moving up steep embankment, had one Marine extend wpn butt first to Marine in front of him for assistance. Wpn discharged causing one USMC WIA (Emer). Medevac called and completed.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
301400H	1059	M Co, 3/7, F(AT990223). M3C while on DTP, found one B/T m-26 in can, set in middle of old company pos. M3C blew B/T in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
301500H	1060	M Co, 3/7, F(AT988333). M3C while on DTP heard two warning shots, spotted one NVA/VC 50 meters away to South, approx 20 yrs old. M3C took under fire w/s/a. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
301700H	1061	K Co, 3/7, F(BT000315) to En(AT991305). K1 while in DTP, spotted two NVA/VC in black PJs moving S to NW carrying pks and wpns. K1 fired 106 FM w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
301900H	1062	Mike CUPP, 3/7, F(BT023345) to En(BT015346). M2 A/C while in NTP, spotted one NVA/VC in black PJs, 400 meters to the West. M2 A/C sent patrol to check area and found two holes, 18" diameter and five to seven meters apart. M2 A/C blew in place and returned to pos.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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302200H	1063	Mike CUPP, 3/7, F(BT023346). Mike CUPP spotted one male 50 meters from pos. Took under fire w/M-79 and s/a. Swept area w/neg results. Will sweep again at first light.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
302230H	1064	Mike CUPP, 3/7, F(BT018332). M2CC while in NT A/C, heard movement in brush. Fired one claymore and saw three NVA/VC flee. M2CC A/C pursued w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
	1065	FOLLOW-UP-TO 302200H, Mike CUPP, F(BT015345). M2AC swept area of contact, found seven hootches and one bunker 8' X 5' X 15'. Found pool of blood in bunker, neg further findings.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
311850H	1066	Mike CUPP, 3/7, F(BT023345). M2AC while in NTP, had one male approx age 14 bring one chicken to pos to turn in for no reward. Marine took grenade to perimeter to dispose of it. When Marine pulled detonating cord, the grenade exploded causing one USMC WIA. Medevac called and completed.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
311945H	1067	Mike CUPP, 3/7, F(BT023345) to En(BT019345). M2AC while in NTP spotted two NVA/VC 350 meters away to the West, wearing black PJs, neg pks or wpns. M2AC took under fire w/s/a. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
312010H	1068	L Co, 3/7, F(AT980357). L2B, while on move to NT A/C, spotted nine NVA/VC w/wpns 75 meters away. L2B took under fire w/s/a and received return fire. Enemy fled to the West. Swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Mike Company
 Mike CUPP

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1. Situation

a. Enemy. See Current Intsums and Perintreps.

b. Friendly. No change except;

- (1) Mike CUPP Alpha provides sweep force.
- (2) Mike CUPP Charlie provides sweep force.
- (3) National Police (Que Son District)
- (4) 1st ~~MAW~~ provide aerial observation.

c. Attachments/Detachments. None

2. Mission. Conduct a block and sweep operation in the Southwest portion of the Que Son Valley and engage enemy forces therein.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation. With one Company (-) and two CUPP Units a Block and Sweep operation will be conducted. M Company (-) will establish blocking positions in the vicinity (AT969334) at H-Hour + 3 on D-Day. Mike CUPP Alpha and Mike CUPP Charlie with National Police from Que Son District will commence sweeping towards (AT973335) at H Hour on D-Day.

b. Mike Company (-).

(1) On D-1 Day proceed by foot march to the base of the Eastern slope of FSB Ryder vicinity (AT961339).

(2) Be prepared to establish blocking positions from (AT967331) to (AT973338) at H-Hour + 3 on D-Day.

c. Mike CUPP.

TAB 'B'

(1) Move by tactical foot march from present location to (AT981335) at H-Hour on D-Day.

(2) Be prepared to conduct sweeping operations from (AT981335) to (AT973335).

(3) Notify Mike Company (-) when sweep of objective area commences.

d. Coordinating instructions

(1) D-Day - 15 Aug 1970

(2) H-Hour - 0300H

(3) Make maximum use of pyrotechnics to ensure close coordination.

(4) Use smoke to mark friendly position when required.

(5) This Fragmentary order is effective on receipt.

(6) Position reports required every 60 minutes until Command Posts are established.

(7) Operation will terminate on order of this Headquarters.

4. Administration and logistics. No change

5. Communications.

a. Mike (-) Frequency - 71.85

b. Mike CUPP Frequency - 43.25

c. Each Unit will maintain at least one radio on each frequency until otherwise directed.

d. Command Post Locations will be submitted when established.

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