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FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division, (Rein), FMF,  
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Subj: Command Chronology for Period 1 July 1968 to 31 July 1968

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Encl: ✓(1) 9th Engineer Battalion Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

9th Engineer Battalion

COMMANDER

LtCol H. E. PEREA

Subordinate UnitsHeadquarters Company  
Service Company  
Company "A"  
Company "B"  
Company "C"  
Company "D"1stLt H. J. COLEMAN  
Maj. W. B. CHANNELL  
Capt. G. B. BARNEY  
1stLt. D. E. SIEGWALD  
1stLt. R. G. ERICSON  
Capt. R. G. RIZZOAttached Units3rd Bridge Platoon, 1st Bridge  
Company in direct support

1stLt. L. E. MORLAN

2. LOCATION9th Engineer Battalion  
Company "B"  
Company "C"  
  
Company "D"Chu Lai, RVN  
YD 893129  
Hill #10  
BT199390  
Hill #63  
BT1324541-31 July 1968  
1-31 July 1968  
1-31 July 1968  
  
1-31 July 19683. STAFF OFFICERSExecutive Officer  
S-1 Adjutant  
Personnel Officer  
S-2/3  
S-5  
S-4

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Maj. C. N. WALL  
1stLt. R. J. BURNS  
1stLt. R. J. BURNS  
Capt. W. H. SKIERKOWSKI  
1stLt. C. E. HUGHES  
Capt. C. H. ROYER  
\*Maj. W. B. CHANNELL

\* Assumed duties on 31 July 1968

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080668Sgt Maj.  
Motor Transport Officer  
Construction Officer  
ADM Officer

Maintenance Officer

Utilities Officer

Medical Officer  
Ordnance Officer  
Supply OfficerLegal Officer  
Embarkation OfficerNBC Officer  
Training Officer  
Education Officer  
ChaplainSgt Maj. D. K. CRAIG  
1stLt J. D. BUCHANAN  
Capt. W. H. SKIERKOWSKI  
2ndLt R. G. MAKELA  
\*Capt. W. H. SKIERKOWSKI  
WO-1 G. E. JOHNSON  
\*\*1stLt H. J. COLEMAN  
WO-1 F. A. R. LANDRY  
\*\*\*Capt. C. H. JONES  
Lt M. P. KOLSKY USN (MC)  
WO-1 F. A. R. LANDRY  
Capt. C. N. PASTINO  
\*\*\*Capt. S. W. FITZGERALD  
Capt. C. H. ROYER  
1stLt D. F. SIMSON  
\*1stLt H. J. COLEMAN  
1stLt C. E. HUGHES  
1stLt W. B. TOWNE  
Lt. M. P. KOLSKY USN (MC)  
Services conducted by  
visiting Chaplain Capt.  
C. J. RICHARDSON\*Assumed duties on 13 July 1968  
\*\*Assumed duties on 27 July 1968  
\*\*\*Assumed duties on 31 July 19684. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
38	935	1	18

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PART II

During the month of July 1968, the 9th Engineer Battalion, LtCol H. E. PEREA Commanding, continued as its primary mission the maintenance and upgrading of RVN Route #1 from Chu Lai (BT 520044) to the Song Cau Lau (BT 091554). The maintenance of road networks for the Americal Division, Supply Company (Rein) FLC, plus engineer support of free world forces in the Chu Lai TAOR continued to require a significant engineer effort.

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Company "A" continued maintenance and upgrading of RVN Route #1 between Chu Lai (BT 520044) and Tam Ky (BT 330209), a distance of 16 miles and engaged in vertical construction in support of the Americal Division.

Company "B" (-) was located in the Hue-Phu Bai area, RVN YD 893129, in direct support of Task Force X-Ray. First Platoon, Company "B" was located at Chu Lai (BT 520044) and is engaged in bridge and vertical construction.

Company "C" (-) was located at Hill #10 (BT 199390) and was in the process of maintaining and upgrading RVN Route #1 from Hill #29 (BT 226320) to Thang Binh (BT 175418) a distance of 11 miles. The 2nd Platoon, Company "C" was located on Hill #29 and was in the process of upgrading and maintaining RA Route #1 from Tam Ky (BT 300235) north to Hill #29 a distance of 8.2 miles.

Company "D" continued maintenance and upgrading of RVN Route #1 from Thang Binh (BT 175418) to the Song Cau Lau (BT 091554), a distance of 11.1 miles and engaged in construction in support of Free World Military Forces.

During the month of July, upgrading and repair of RVN Route #1 was broken down into three areas of responsibility; Chu Lai to Tam Ky, Tam Ky to Thang Binh, and Thang Binh to the Song Cau Lau.

Between Chu Lai (BT 520044) and Tam Ky (BT 330209), 9th Engineer Battalion personnel expended 3570 man hours and 2428 equipment hours in hauling 10,247 cubic yards of rock and placing 24,450 gallons of asphalt.

Between Tam Ky (BT 330209) and Thang Binh (BT 175418), the 9th Engineer Battalion personnel expended 4452 man hours and 2735 equipment hours in hauling and placing 2817 cubic yards of rock and 7325 cubic yards of fill.

Between Thang Binh (BT 175418) and the Song Cau Lau (BT 091554), 9th Engineer Battalion personnel expended 1748 man hours and 1553 equipment hours in hauling and placing 5823 cubic yards of rock and 706 cubic yards of fill.

During the month of July, the 9th Engineer Battalion units replaced, installed or repaired four (4) culverts along RVN Route #1. This required 208' of 60" culvert as shown below.

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<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Man Hours</u>	<u>Equipment Hours</u>
BT 208375	4	52'	60"	200	15

During the month of July 1968, Company "C" repaired the following bridges.

<u>Bridge #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Man Hours</u>	<u>Equip Hours</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>
41	BT 283252	79'5"	Steel String- er, Concrete Pier, Timber Deck	18	3	
37	BT 268273	34'8"	Steel String- er, Timber Deck	52	4	

During the month Company "A" constructed the following bridges.

<u>Bridge #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Man Hours</u>	<u>Equip Hours</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>
49	BT 379174	380'	Steel String- er, Pile Bent, Concrete Abut- ment	12,298	5049	21 July 1968
51	BT 430109	228'	Steel String- er, Pile Bent, Concrete Abut- ment	6,018	2135	21 July 1968

During the month Company "B" constructed the following bridge.

<u>Bridge #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Man Hours</u>	<u>Equip Hours</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>
52	BT 498066	270'	Steel String- er, Timber Pile Abutment and Bent	3210	744	21 July 1968

During the month of July there were two (2) culverts destroyed by enemy demolitions. There were four (4) incidents where mines were found and blown in place; four (4) incidents where mines were found and removed; and six (6) incidents where boobytraps were found.

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The culverts destroyed by enemy demolitions are shown below.

<u>Culvert Location</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Date Destroyed</u>
BT 178415	1	20 July 1968
BT 102513	1	23 July 1968

In addition to the major road and bridge work being done on RVN Route #1 the 9th Engineer Battalion was responsible for the repair and maintenance of other sections of road as shown below:

Company "A" continued (1) the maintenance of 2.0 miles of roadway within the supply Company (Rein) FLC-C (BT 532111); (2) the maintenance of 3.5 miles of roadway within the Supply Company (Rein) FLC ASP (BT 550044); (3) the maintenance of 1.6 miles of roadway on Route #22W (BT 512053)-(BT 493037); and (4) the maintenance of 0.6 miles of roadway on Route #22E (BT 538027)-(BT 549049).

Headquarters Company Heavy Equipment Platoon retained the responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the Americal Perimeter road (BT 521071)-(BT 519049) a distance of 8.5 miles.

Since 1 July 1968, the 9th Engineer Battalion has provided the following additional engineer equipment support for U. S. Army, U. S. Navy, U. S. Marine Corps and Korean Marine Corps units within its area of responsibility.

(1) Hauled tractors to LZ Colt for the 26th Engineer Battalion. Date Started 2 July 1968; Date Completed 4 July 1968; Man Hours 12, Equipment Hours 12.

(2) Hauled laterite fill to "C" Battery, 2nd LAAM Battalion. Date Started and Completed 11 July 1968; Man Hours 13, Equipment Hours 5.

(3) Upgraded four miles of road for CAP Unit 1-2-6. Date Started 24 June 1968; Date Completed 7 July 1968; Man Hours 514, Equipment Hours 209.

(4) Construction of berms and trash pits for the 1/1 Cavalry. Date Started 8 July 1968; Date Completed 11 July 1968; Man Hours 10, Equipment Hours 10.

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(5) Extension of the compound at Tam Ky for MAC-V. Date Started 8 July 1968; Date Completed 11 July 1968; Man Hours 140, Equipment Hours 69.

(6) Construction of a 100'x100' parking area for 8th Support Battalion. Date Started 9 July 1968; Date Completed 10 July 1968; Man Hours 16, Equipment Hours 16.

(7) Construction of 50'x100' track positions for the 1/1 Cavalry. Date Started 15 July 1968; Date Completed 19 July 1968; Man Hours 34, Equipment Hours 27.

During the month of July 1968, the 9th Engineer Battalion completed the following vertical construction:

(1) One 20'x14'x8' bunker for MASS-3. Date Started 28 June 1968; Date Completed 3 July 1968; Man Hours 240, Equipment Hours 15.

(2) One 15' gun tower for ROE Marine Corps. Date Started 24 June 1968; Date Completed 5 July 1968; Man Hours 450, Equipment Hours 6.

(3) Four (4) hole latrines for the 174th Field Service Company. Date Started 18 June 1968; Date Completed 5 July 1968; Man Hours 340, Equipment Hours 27.

(4) Two (4) hole latrines and one (2) hole latrine for the 26th Engineer Battalion. Date Started 18 June 1968; Date Completed 4 July 1968; Man Hours 323, Equipment Hours 12.

(5) A 30'x30'x4" concrete pad for 2nd Surgical Company. Date Started 27 June 1968; Date Completed 4 July 1968; Man Hours 366, Equipment Hours 57.

(6) Bunkers and fighting holes for the 198th Infantry Brigade at LZ Ryder. Date Started 2 July 1968; Date Completed 4 July 1968; Man Hours 127.

(7) One 4'x8'x4" flag stand pod for 3/18th Artillery Battalion. Date Started 1 July 1968; Date Completed 3 July 1968; Man Hours 34, Equipment Hours 2.

(8) One 40'x100' messhall for "A" Battery, 2nd LAAM Battalion. Date Started 14 June 1968; Date Completed 15 July 1968; Man Hours 635, Equipment Hours 17.

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- (9) Four 8'x8'x6' bunkers for CAP Unit 1-3-3. Date Started 17 June 1968; Date Completed 15 July 1968; Man Hours 168.
- (10) Sliding windows for the General's Mess at the Americal Division. Date Started 11 July 1968; Date Completed 14 July 1968; Man Hours 96, Equipment Hours 4.
- (11) Doors for the 26th Engineer Battalion. Date Started and Completed 12 July 1968; Man Hours 6, Equipment Hours 1.
- (12) Ten 4'x8'x30" tables for the Americal Division Training Center. Date Started 6 July 1968; Date Completed 7 July 1968; Man Hours 44, Equipment Hours 1.
- (13) One 16'x32'x7' bunker for 8th Support Battalion. Date Started 27 June 1968; Date Completed 14 July 1968; Man Hours 44, Equipment Hours 2.
- (14) 8'x8'x6' bunkers for CAP Unit 1-1-2. Date Started 17 June 1968; Date Completed 20 July 1968; Man Hours 240.
- (15) Repair buildings for the 1/1 Cavalry. Date Started 15 July 1968; Date Completed 20 July 1968; Man Hours 75.
- (16) One (2) hole latrine for the 26th Engineer Battalion. Date Started 16 July 1968; Date Completed 20 July 1968; Man Hours 69, Equipment Hours 12.
- (17) One (2) hole latrine for the Americal Division. Date Started 15 July 1968; Date Completed 19 July 1968; Man Hours 69, Equipment Hours 12.
- (18) Support to finish two 16'x32' recreation buildings. Date Started 15 July 1968; Date Completed 26 July 1968; Man Hours 180, Equipment Hours 10.
- (19) One 20'x30' concrete 300 bunker. Date Started 22 April 1968; Date Completed 22 July 1968; Man Hours 2324, Equipment Hours 317.
- (20) Four 8'x8'x6' bunkers for CAP Unit 1-1-3. Date Started 18 June 1968; Date Completed 23 July 1968; Man Hours 491.
- (21) Four 8'x8'x6' bunkers for CAP Unit 1-1-4. Date Started 29 March 1968; Date Completed 26 July 1968; Man Hours 126; Equipment Hours 2.

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(22) One 16'x32' bunker for the 196th Infantry Brigade. Date Started 22 July 1968; Date Completed 26 July 1968; Man Hours 195.

(23) Three 16'x32' tropical huts for MAC-V at Tam Ky. Date Started 17 July 1968; Date Completed 29 July 1968; Man Hours 458, Equipment Hours 28.

(24) Raise roof on Comm bunker for 1/1 Cavalry. Date Started 29 July 1968; Date Completed 31 July 1968; Man Hours 45.

During the period, the 9th Engineer Battalion water points produce 6,759,500 gallons of potable water and expended 3240 Man Hours and 5927 Equipment Hours.

During the same period the 9th Engineer Battalion conducted daily mine sweeps from (BT 520044) to (BT 092549).

During the month of July mine sweep personnel expended 8069 Man Hours and 718 Equipment Hours on RVN Route #1 and were responsible for locating previously mentioned mines.

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>METERS COVERED</u>	<u>COMPOSITION</u>
"A"	Co BT 520044	BT 330235	26,000	4
"C"	Co BT 300235	BT 259289	7,000	4
"C"	Co BT 242318	BT 259289	3,600	4
"C"	Co BT 242318	BT 226347	3,700	4
"C"	Co BT 198389	BT 226347	5,000	5
"C"	Co BT 198389	BT 175418	3,800	4
"D"	Co BT 144457	BT 175418	5,000	10
"D"	Co BT 144457	BT 113497	5,200	12
"D"	Co BT 113497	BT 092549	6,800	12
		Total	66,100	

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## PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Personnel & Administration

1 July 1968	Dropped GySgt ENGLEHART
3 July 1968	Dropped 1stLt BAILEY
3 July 1968	Dropped SSgt BAKER
3 July 1968	Dropped SSgt KAMP
3 July 1968	Dropped SSgt CHAMBERS
3 July 1968	Dropped GySgt COLANGELO
3 July 1968	Dropped WO GLEYZAL
4 July 1968	Dropped Capt PETERS
4 July 1968	Dropped WO JOHNSON
6 July 1968	Dropped 1stLt HINDS
7 July 1968	Joined 1stLt BURNS
8 July 1968	Dropped SSgt MOSLEY
8 July 1968	Joined 1stSgt BRAVO
8 July 1968	Joined 1stSgt BARNES
8 July 1968	Joined SSgt NEHILA
9 July 1968	Joined GySgt LANFAIR
14 July 1968	Dropped Capt PASTINO
16 July 1968	Joined SSgt BURGESS
16 July 1968	Joined 2ndLt URROZ
17 July 1968	Joined SSgt MALUIA
18 July 1968	Joined MSgt STURSA
20 July 1968	Joined SSgt WYNN
21 July 1968	Joined Capt JOHNSON
22 July 1968	Joined 2ndLt PACK
23 July 1968	Joined SSgt TARVER
23 July 1968	Joined 1stLt FOO
26 July 1968	Joined 2ndLt GREEN
26 July 1968	Joined 2ndLt HALES
27 July 1968	Joined Capt JONES
31 July 1968	Joined 2ndLt EHRBART

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2. Civic Action

Eight (8) MEDCAPS were held this month in Tich Tay. The MEDCAPS treated 152 Vietnamese people; 25 men, 27 women, and 100 children. The 9th Engineer Battalion donated 800 lbs. of 60d nails, three (3) masonry kits, three (3) carpenters kits to Tich Tay. 9th Engineers also donated 40 bags of cement and 20 pieces of lumber to Tich Tay for a "public improvement project" which is a Buddhist Temple. This project is 90% complete. In addition, a veterinarian team treated three (3) water buffalos, which were given inoculations against rabbies.

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- 3 July 1968 Company "C" found three (3) 20lb., pressure/electric, concrete mines at BT283251.
- 4 July 1968 USA truck hit a mine at BT372182. Six (6) Vietnamese civilians were wounded and medevaced.
- 6 July 1968 Company "A" minesweep found a boobytrapped ChiCom grenade at BT474077.
- 10 July 1968 A member of Company "C" minesweep tripped a boobytrapped grenade at BT201383. Negative casualties.
- 12 July 1968 Company "G" minesweep found two boobytrapped grenades at BT275261.
- 16 July 1968 Company "D" minesweep found two M16s with fuses at BT134472
- 19 July 1968 Company "A" minesweep found one boobytrapped hand grenade at BT450090.
- 20 July 1968 One 60" culvert blown at BT178415.
- 22 July 1968 Company "C" minesweep found one pressure/electric mine at BT255295. At the same location a Lambretta hit a mine wounding three (3) Vietnamese civilians.
- 23 July 1968 A crater was blown at BT093534 and BT101517. A culvert was blown at BT102513. Company "D" minesweep received sniper at the same location.
- 25 July 1968 Company "C" minesweep found one 50lb pressure/electric mine at BT255295. A tank hit a mine and another mine detonated killing three (3) USA and one (1) U. S. Marine personnel at the same location.
- 28 July 1968 Company "C" minesweep found one (1) mine with pressure/electric fuse at BT290243.
- 29 July 1968 Company "D" minesweep found one boobytrapped grenade at BT165432.
- 31 July 1968 Company "C" minesweep found one boobytrapped 7.62mm round at BT277258. The same minesweep found two pressure/electric concrete mines at BT259288.

4. Training.

- 1 July 1968 1 man to NCO Leadership Course, DaNang
- 1 July 1968 1 man to Officer Leadership Course, DaNang
- 1 July 1968 1 man to Division Embarkation School, DaNang
- 7 July 1968 1 man to Basic Organic Supply Accounting School, DaNang
- 7 July 1968 1 man to SNCO Leadership Course, DaNang

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8 July 1968 1 man to Career Advisor School, Okinawa  
 13 July 1968 1 man to Vietnamese Language Course, DaNang  
 15 July 1968 1 man to Military Justice School, Okinawa  
 15 July 1968 1 man to NCO Leadership School, DaNang  
 15 July 1968 1 man to Officer Leadership Course, DaNang  
 21 July 1968 1 man to Basic Organic Supply Accounting School, DaNang  
 22 July 1968 4 men to Special Weapons Training Course, Okinawa  
 23 July 1968 1 man to 16mm Projectionist School, DaNang  
 27 July 1968 2 men to Embarkation School, Okinawa  
 30 July 1968 1 man to Nuclear Weapons Supply Procedures Course, Japan

5. Patrols

1 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
 012400H to 020600H  
 2 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
 022230H to 030430H  
 3 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
 032100H to 040300H  
 4 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
 042300H to 050430H  
 5 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
 052300H to 060430H  
 6 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
 062400H to 070400H  
 7 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
 072330H to 080430H  
 8 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
 082130 to 090300H  
 9 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
 092200H to 100400H  
 10 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
 102300H to 110400H  
 11 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
 112300H to 120500H  
 12 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
 122300H to 130500H  
 13 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
 132330H to 140400H  
 14 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
 142200H to 150400H  
 15 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
 152400H to 160500H

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16 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
162230H to 170330H

17 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
172330H to 180400H

18 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
182200H to 190400H

19 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
192230H to 200430H

20 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
202100H to 210330H

21 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
212100H to 220500H

22 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
222200H to 230400H

23 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
232330H to 240430H

24 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
242100H to 250300H

25 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
252130H to 260330H

26 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
262130H to 270300H

27 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
272300H to 280400H

28 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
282400H to 290500H

29 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
292330H to 300400H

30 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
302200H to 310330H

31 July 1968 Night Reinforced Fire Team Recon Patrol with ambush from  
312300H to 010500H

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