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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation

1st Battalion, 1st Marines 1-30 November 1970

Commander

LtCol. R. P. ROSE

Subordinate Units

H&S Company

1-30 November 1970

Capt. W. S. DEFOREST

Company "A"

1-30 November 1970

Capt. C. H. DENNIS

Company "B"

1-30 November 1970

Capt. B. E. FELLENGER

Company "C"

1-30 November 1970

1stLt. J. R. WOOD Jr.

Company "D"

1-30 November 1970

Capt. E. M. STCLAIR

Company "M"

1-30 November 1970

Capt. H. W. GARDNER

2. Location

1-30 November 1970: Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

1-30 November 1970

Major P. D. SLACK

Sergeant Major

1-17 November 1970
18-30 November 1970SgtMaj. W. R. JONES Jr.
SgtMaj. C. E. OTTO

S-1/Adjutant

1-30 November 1970

2ndLt. S. B. EDWARDS

S-2

1-10 November 1970
11-28 November 1970
29-30 November 1970Capt. D. W. PICKERSGILL
GySgt. C. E. DAVENPORT
1stLt. N. B. LOOMIS

S-3

1-30 November 1970

Major T. E. HEMINGWAY

S-4

1-10 November 1970
11-30 November 1970Capt. D. E. CHRISTY
Capt. S. W. LEACH

S-5

1-30 November 1970

1stLt. J. B. PHILIPS

CEO

1-30 November 1970

Capt. T. A. FARLEY

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|----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ALO | 1-30 November 1970 | 1stLt. R. E. SCAR |
| Chaplain | 1-30 November 1970 | ICdr. J. R. MORITZ |
| Surgeon | 1-30 November 1970 | Lt. S. P. KERNER |

4. Average Monthly Strength

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <u>OFFICER</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> | <u>OFFICER</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> |
| 41 | 1257 | 3 | 53 |

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PART II
SECTION A
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnel

a. Average Monthly Strength

| <u>Unit</u> | <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> | <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> |
| H&S Company | 16 | 314 | 3 | 53 |
| Company "A" | 5 | 175 | | |
| Company "B" | 5 | 178 | | |
| Company "C" | 5 | 174 | | |
| Company "D" | 5 | 176 | | |
| Company "M" | 5 | 240 | | |

b. Casualties

| <u>KIA</u> | <u>BATTLE</u> | | | <u>DOW</u> | <u>SERIOUS</u> | <u>NON-BATTLE</u> | | <u>DEATH</u> |
|------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | <u>WIA</u> | <u>MIA</u> | <u>MIA</u> | | | <u>MINOR</u> | <u>DEATH</u> | |
| 0 | 16 | 0 | 1 | | 2 | 24 | 1 | |

c. Replacements Received

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> | <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> |
| 3 | 69 | 0 | 1 |

d. Rotation During Month

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> | <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> |
| 6 | 85 | 0 | 2 |

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| 2. <u>Legal and Discipline</u> | <u>H&S</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>M</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| NJP | 9 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 7 |
| SCM (COMPLETED) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SCM (PENDING) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| SPCM (COMPLETED) | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SPCM (PENDING) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| GCM (COMPLETED) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| GCM (PENDING) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| INVESTIGATIONS (COMPLETED) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| INVESTIGATIONS (PENDING) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. <u>R&R Program</u> | <u>H&S</u> | <u>A</u> | <u>B</u> | <u>C</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>M</u> |
| Bangkok | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Sydney | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Taipei | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Hawaii | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Hong Kong | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Okinawa | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |

4. Awards

a. The following awards were recommended to members of this battalion during the month of November 1970:

| | |
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| (1) Bronze Star | 4 |
| (2) Navy Commendation | 9 |
| (3) Navy Achievement Medal | 3 |
| (4) Vietnamese Awards | 12 |

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b. The following awards were presented to members of this battalion during the month of November 1970:

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|------------------|----|
| (1) Purple Heart | 17 |
|------------------|----|

5. Promotions

a. The following promotions were effective within the battalion during the month of November 1970:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| (1) Staff Sergeant | 1 |
| (2) Corporal | 192 |
| (3) Lance Corporal | 43 |
| (4) Private First Class | 3 |

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SECTION B
INTELLIGENCE

1. During the month of November, the battalion participated in the Voluntary Informant Program with purchases totaling 6,250 Piasters. All purchases were made for ordnance/information brought out of the field by local Vietnamese.
2. During November, enemy sightings and contacts rose as the enemy moved back into the lowlands as the flood waters receded. As expected the enemy began the task of resupplying his beleaguered forces. On 12 November 1970, the battalion launched an operation to interdict the enemy's lines of communications and conduct rice denial in the Football Island area, vic. AT8952.
3. It is anticipated that the enemy will continue his attempts to resupply and counter pacification efforts while harassing FVMAF with stand-off attacks by fire, decreasing as lunar illumination increases.
4. Recapitulation of enemy activities during the month of November 1970.

| | |
|---|----|
| (1) Sightings and Contacts | 14 |
| (2) Small Arms and Harassing Fire Attacks | 42 |
| (3) Grenade Attacks | 7 |
| (4) Booby Traps found and destroyed | 14 |
| (5) Booby Traps detonated | 10 |
| (6) Mines found and destroyed | 2 |
| (7) Mines detonated | 7 |
5. Recapitulation of enemy equipment and personnel losses for November 1970.

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| (1) AK-47s | 2 |
| (2) M-14 | 1 |
| (3) .45 caliber pistol | 1 |
| (4) RPG launcher | 1 |
| (5) RPG rounds | 1 |
| (6) 82mm rounds | 12 |

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| (7) 82mm fuses | 18 |
| (8) Chicoms | 18 |
| (9) Blasting caps | 120 |
| (10) Foodstuff | 5200 pounds |
| (11) Fighting holes, caves and bunkers | 14 |
| (12) KIA | 1 |
| (13) Detainees | 132 |
| (14) POW's | 3 |

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SECTION C
OPERATIONS AND TRAINING1. Operations

a. Mission. From 1-30 November 1970, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was assigned the mission of conducting unilateral and combined offensive operations in cooperation/coordination with Vietnamese Forces within designated TAOR to search out and eliminate enemy forces and logistical installations. The primary emphasis was placed on those elements and base areas posing the greatest hazards to the Government of Vietnam's control of significantly populated areas and to the security of friendly installations, as well as the task of denying the enemy access to rocket sites against the Danang Vital Area.

b. Tasks. From 1-30 November 1970, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines was assigned the following tasks:

- (1) To occupy and defend USMC portion of Hill 37, vic. AT916581.
- (2) To occupy and defend Hill 65, vic. AT880580.
- (3) To occupy and defend Hill 52, vic. AT214554.
- (4) To occupy and defend Hill 10, vic. AT924690.
- (5) To provide one platoon OPCON to 11th Marines for security of the OP located on Hill 250, vic. AT795531.
- (6) To provide security for OP located on Hill 270, vic. AT865681.
- (7) From 1 to 30 November 1970, provide security for Engineer and SeaBee projects within our TAOR, to include daily mine sweeps along common access routes.
- (8) To be prepared to provide a reaction force capable of relieving the Hieu Duc and Dai Loc District Headquarters and Combined Action Company units within the TAOR.
- (9) To deny the enemy access to probable rocket launch sites against the Danang Vital Area.

c. Special Operations

(1) From 1 to 30 November 1970, Company "M" CUPP units conducted combined tactical, civil, medical and psychological operations with local RF/PF Forces in their assigned TAOR.

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(2) From 1 to 30 November 1970, elements of Company "M" and Company "C" provided day security and extensive night ambushes along Route 4 east to ensure safe passage of convoys.

(3) From 6 to 8 November 1970, Company "C", in coordination with Dai Loc District Forces, conducted a combined operation on "Charlie Ridge" to locate and destroy a suspected enemy harbor site. (See TAB A).

(4) On 13 November 1970, a reinforced platoon from Company "M" was inserted on "Charlie Ridge", vic. AT823605, to establish and provide security for a safe haven for recon units working in the vicinity. (See TAB B).

(5) From 12 to 15 November 1970 and 19 to 20 November 1970, a two company search operation was conducted in response to intelligence information indicating a concentration of enemy food supplies were located in "Football Island", vic. AT890520. The operation was conducted to locate and evacuate the food caches and to deny the enemy use of same. (See TAB C).

2. Training

a. A Mine/Booby Trap Contact Team from 1st Engineer Battalion held instructions on land mines and booby traps. Five classes were held with a total attendance of 231 personnel.

b. During the month, 70 personnel joining the battalion received the battalion orientation course.

c. Thirteen personnel successfully completed the one week Resident Land Mine Warfare School conducted by the 1st Engineer Battalion. Three personnel attended the Vietnamese Language School conducted by 1st Marine Division G-5.

d. A total of 5 personnel attended out of country schools:

| | |
|---|------------|
| (1) Embarkation School (Okinawa) | 2 Officers |
| (2) Registered Publication School (Japan) | 1 Officer |
| (3) Registered Publication School (Okinawa) | 1 Officer |
| (4) NBC Defense School (CBR) (Okinawa) | 1 Enlisted |

e. Company level training during the month of November placed emphasis on Patrolling Techniques, Land Navigation, Map and Compass Reading, Rules of Engagement, Personal Response and Mines/Booby Traps Countermeasures.

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3. Air Support

a. During the month of November 1970, 70 flights of fixed wing from Mag 11 were flown in support of the battalion. The aircraft expended a total of 629,000 pounds of bombs, 109,000 pounds of napalm and 5,000 rounds of 20 mm ammunition. The damage assessment included 4 bunkers destroyed and 210 meters of treeline with 13 secondary explosions.

b. OV10A Bronco aircraft from VM0-02 flew a total of 32 hours conducting aerial observation, artillery spotting missions and close air support. The aircraft expended five pods of rockets and 7,400 rounds of 7.62 ammunition.

c. In support of combat operations in the TAOR, a total of 70 sorties for 25 emergency, 24 priority and 32 routine med-evacs were flown. Also 74 sorties were flown by CH-46D and CH-53 helicopters lifting and extracting 1,840 troops. A total of six hours flight time was flown by "Cobra" gunships. Twenty-one visual reconnaissance missions were flown with a total of 25 hours and 10 minutes of flight time. Twenty-one resupply lifts with a total weight of 311,016 pounds were flown.

4. Artillery Support

a. During the month of November 1970, Battery "A" 1st Battalion, 11th Marines continued to give priority of fires to the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. Batteries "B" and "WY" with Battery "L", now OPCON to 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, Battery "C" of the 94th Army Artillery Brigade provided general support for the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

b. A total of 2,246 rounds were fired during the month of November in support of the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines. There were six contact missions in which 98 rounds were expended; 26 targets of opportunity in which 797 rounds were expended; 61 intelligence targets which accounted for 336 rounds and 13 illumination missions which accounted for 199 rounds. There were also 204 pre-emptive targets fired on during the month and this consumed 816 rounds.

c. There were no significant incidents occurring this month. Artillery fire is credited with three enemy KIA's and one probable.

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SECTION D
LOGISTICS

1. From 27 to 29 November 1970, "A", "B" and "C" Company rears were moved to Hill 37. The battalion is presently in the process of turning Hill 10 over to a RF Company and their U.S. Army Advisors.
2. Elements of Company "A", 7th Engineers are using the cantonment on Hill 37 as a base of operations. They are repairing the road bed on the Dai Loc Bridge. Engineers estimate 14 working days until repair work is completed, but present flood waters have halted repair work.
3. 1st platoon "A" Company, 1st Engineer Battalion have expanded LZ 432 by 327 feet. They have also cleared fields of fire on Hills 37, 65 and 52.
4. A detachment of SeaBees from MCB-3 are repairing MCB Dai Loc Bridge via AT914579. Estimated completion date is January 3, 1971.
5. Elements of Company "A" 7th Engineers, 1st platoon, "A" Company 1st Engineer Battalion and the detachment of SeaBees are currently billeted on Hill 37. The battalion is providing food, water, shelter and security for these units and will continue to do so until they depart Hill 37.
6. For the month of November, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines supplied its units out of Hill 37 LSU-5. A total of 279,936 pounds were lifted out of LZ 432 during the month.

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SECTION E
PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS/CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. PUBLIC WORKS
 - a. Provided six (6) truck loads of sand for the Dai Loc High School.
2. WELFARE
 - a. Distributed health and comfort items throughout the CAAOR.
 - b. Assisted in the evacuation of some 6,500 flood refugees.
 - c. This Battalion coordinated with both Marine and Army helicopter pilots, who continuously Helo-Lifted civilians from danger areas to collection points.
 - d. Provided housing and shelter for flood refugees, 4,500 at Hill 37 and 2,000 at Hill 65.
 - e. Provided medical care for those flood refugees who required it.
3. EDUCATION
 - a. Distributed 100 School Kits at Dai Loc School.
 - b. This Battalion has been providing Marines qualified to assist teaching English at the Dai Loc High School.
4. HEALTH
 - a. This Battalion treated a total of 980 Vietnamese civilians at our Battalion Med-Caps. Two (2) Mobile Med-Caps were held at various points within our CAAOR, treating a total of 130 Vietnamese civilians.
5. AGRICULTURE - Negative report for this month.
6. SOCIAL - Negative report for this month.
7. SECURITY - Negative report for this month.
8. PERSONAL RESPONSE
 - a. One (1) Personal Response class held.
9. SOLATIUM PAYMENTS - Negative report for this month.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS1. Radio

a. The radio section supported the battalion with reliable communications during the month of November 1970.

b. Call signs and frequencies were changed on 26 November 1970.

c. During this period, 1,528 incoming messages and 979 outgoing messages were processed through the COC.

2. Tech Shop

a. During the month of November 1970, the following pieces of equipment were processed through the Tech Shop:

| | |
|----------------------|-----|
| (1) Pieces turned in | 195 |
| (2) Pieces repaired | 113 |
| (3) Pieces from FSR | 19 |
| (4) Pieces to FSR | 22 |
| (5) Pieces from DX | 19 |
| (6) Pieces to DX | 60 |

3. Wire Shop

a. The switchboard at Hill 37 handled approximately 18,000 calls during the month.

4. Communications Center

a. Total messages processed for the month are as follows:

| | |
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| (1) Total messages outgoing | 62 |
| (2) Total messages incoming | 891 |

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b. Down time for this month is estimated at 112 hours and 30 minutes and is broken down as follows:

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| (1) Radio Relay | 44 hours 30 minutes |
| (2) Camp Power | 2 hours 30 minutes |
| (3) Communications Equipment | 60 hours |
| (4) Others | 5 hours 30 minutes |

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SECTION G
MEDICAL

1. Personnel. The battalion has one Medical Officer, one Chief Hospital Corpsman and 12 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to Hill 37 BAS; one Medical Officer and 2 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to Hill 65 BAS; 26 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to the rifle companies and 10 Hospital Corpsmen assigned to the CUPP units.

2. Facilities. The Battalion Aid Station on Hill 37 consists of 4 buildings and 1 bunker which are utilized for storage, sleeping quarters, sick-call, administration, supply and emergency bunker. The BAS on Hill 65 consists of 2 buildings and 1 bunker.

3. Daily Activities

a. Sickcall is held from 0830 to 0930 and 1300 to 1400 daily. Emergencies are seen at any time.

b. A total of 629 patients were seen during the month of November. Ailments are broken down as follows:

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| (1) Fever Unknown Origin | 37 |
| (2) Unanalysis | 36 |
| (3) Skin Disorders | 121 |
| (4) Venereal Disease | 17 |
| (5) Malaria | 9 |
| (6) Lacerations | 14 |
| (7) Diarrhea | 72 |
| (8) Consults | 45 |
| (9) Physicals | 36 |
| (10) Other | 172 |

c. Transportation is provided for patients referred to other medical facilities. The BAS ambulance is utilized for emergency and administrative runs as required. Medical evacuation by helicopter is used when the time element is vital or the roads are closed.

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- d. A total of 1129 immunizations were given in November.
 - e. 980 Vietnamese civilians were treated by Med-Cap personnel.
4. Weekly Activities. Sanitation inspections of the cantonments and messing facilities are conducted at weekly intervals.

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SECTION H
RELIGIOUS SERVICES

1. There were 31 Protestant Services conducted for the battalion during the month of November. The total attendance was 968. The total number receiving communion was 740.
2. There were 4 services conducted by the Battalion Chaplain for other units. The total attendance was 63. The number receiving communion was 54.
3. There were 3 Catholic masses conducted for the battalion by other chaplains. The total attendance was 48.
4. Twenty-two men were visited in the hospital. The total of those visited in the brig was 15.
5. Two Division Chaplain's meetings were attended.
6. Three men of the battalion were notified regarding Red Cross cases.
7. There were 205 men that received private counseling by the Battalion Chaplain.
8. There were 4 Bible classes held with 21 persons in attendance.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 011020H IOD located on Hill 65, vic. AT880580, observed Vietnamese towing one USMC body. Upon investigation, body was identified as that of L/CPL MICKO reported MIA 291700H October 1970.
- 030810H While conducting a road sweep on Route 540, vic. AT924533, an Engineer unit received 30 rounds of sniper fire and one 60 mm mortar round from vic. AT921530. To prevent possible friendly or friendly as PF's had been working in that vicinity, unit took cover and withdrew. Negative casualties sustained.
- 041501H A convoy was moving west on Route 4, vic. AT928578, when the third vehicle in the convoy, a 6X6 truck, detonated a mine resulting in extensive damage to the vehicle and wounding 04 USMC. The mine was estimated to be approximately 70 pounds and was apparently pressure detonated.
- 050800H "C" Company was conducting a platoon inspection of 782 gear in Company "C" rear area, when an explosion occurred in the immediate area designated as a collection point for unserviceable ordnance resulting in 12 USMC med-evacs and 02 USMC non-evac. A ground incident report was initiated to determine the cause of the explosion.
- 052145H D23, while in ambush position, vic. AT794548, heard VC voices and observed some flickering lights approximately 200 meters to the northwest. Fired 60 mm mortars on the position. The VC moved toward the ambush site. D23 initiated contact with claymores and small arms fire. The VC returned fire with small arms and 3 chicom grenades resulting in 01 USMC non-evac. A sweep of the area produced negative results.
- 062113H Two men on Hill 65, vic. AT880580, were emergency medevaced because of fragmentary explosion of undetermined source. The area of incident was frozen by staff and officers, and personnel present were questioned. A Ground Incident Report was initiated.
- 070830H M4 while on patrol, vic. AT808564, found approximately 400 pounds of rice, a plastic bag of blasting caps, tar, wax, and a booby trap consisting of a chicom with a tripwire. All of the materials were destroyed.

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- 071500H Lieutenant General MCCUTCHEON visited M4 units' PPB. He talked to the troops and departed at 1510H.
- 081400H While moving west on Route 4, a 6X6 truck hit an estimated 70 pound box mine, vic. AT942582, resulting in destruction of the vehicle, one USMC KIA and one USMC WIA emergency med-evac.
- 081520H While G14 was searching a cave area, vic. AT810580, a Marine detonated a booby trap of unknown type, resulting in 01 USMC WIA med-evac.
- 081600H While moving down a stream bed, vic. AT815517, C3 came under sniper fire resulting in 01 USMC WIA med-evac.
- 090333H "C" Company on Hill 52, vic. ZC214552, received two rounds of 60 mm mortar fire, resulting in 01 USMC WIA. They immediately engaged the enemy with small arms and mortar fire.
- 121235H While in convoy on Route 4, the fourth truck hit an estimated 50 pound box mine, vic. AT956587, resulting in 01 USMC WIA non-evac.
- 121510H Brigadier General JONES and party visited LSU on Hill 37.
- 121730H Hill 37, vic. AT916582, received 02 rounds of 82 mm mortar incoming. There were negative casualties and damage.
- 141150H Hill 37, vic. AT916582, received 01 82 mm mortar round outside of the defensive wire. There were negative casualties or damage.
- 142144H M31 while in ambush site, vic. AT944581, spotted 12 enemy moving south. M13 took the enemy under small arms fire resulting in 01 VC/NVA KIA.
- 150830H "C" Company while searching the area vic. AT878520, found a series of small rice and corn caches totaling approximately 2,000 pounds and evacuated it to Hill 37.
- 151210H M32 uncovered a small staging area, vic. AT937595, and found 100 pounds of rice, 100 pounds of bananas, assorted foodstuffs, 02 M-16 magazines and 03 RPG rounds. Foodstuffs and ordnance were destroyed.
- 151345H C3 while searching river bank, vic. AT882517, uncovered numerous documents in a plastic container. Documents were forwarded to the Battalion S-2 for action.

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- 161100H A convoy from 11th Motors was moving west on Route 4, vic. AT950583, when the lead vehicle and the second vehicle hit two mines estimated to be a 100 pound and a 40 pound box mines, resulting in three USMC WIA med-evac.
- 161540H A wrecker from 11th Motors detonated an estimated 25 pound box mine, vic. AT950583, while attempting to remove vehicles damaged earlier, 161100H November 1970. Wrecker sustained partial damage to the front end, there were negative casualties.
- 180505H ML2 while in ambush site, vic. AT958584, spotted 12-15 enemy moving north to south, vic. AT956583. ML2 engaged the enemy with small arms fire resulting in one VC/NVA KIA and one VC/NVA POW (female) plus capture of documents, foodstuffs and assorted ordnance.
- 191445H While conducting an on line sweep, 01 USMC from Company "F", vic. AT897529, tripped a booby trap of unknown type resulting in one USMC emergency med-evac.
- 201205H C3, while moving through a village, vic. AT863516, observed 05 VC/NVA with weapons talking with the villagers. C3 engaged the enemy with small arms fire. A sweep of the area resulted in 01 VC/NVA KIA and 01 VC/NVA WIA who was taken POW. In addition, 02 AK-47 rifles, 01 M-14, 01 .45 caliber pistol, 01 RPG launcher with 02 rounds, 18 chicom grenades, 02 M-26 grenades, 120 blasting caps, 02 RPG boosters, assorted documents and clothing were found.
- 201525H F1, was sweeping area, vic. AT873525, when a Marine tripped an M-26 booby trap, resulting in 01 USMC WIA med-evac and 02 USMC WIA non-evac.
- 201730H "F" Company, while being extracted, vic. AT875524, received small arms and M-79 fire from vic. AT875522. Marines returned small arms fire and gunships fired on board ordnance. The extraction was completed with negative casualties.
- 251400H A32, while on patrol, vic. AT898703, stopped at a stream to replenish water supply. The squad leader moved away from the other members of the squad to dispose of an M-26 grenade, an explosion occurred resulting in 05 USMC WIA. A ground accident report was initiated to determine the cause of the explosion.
- 261751H Dai Loc District Headquarters received 02 61 mm mortar rounds impacting vic. AT917576, resulting in 09 Vietnamese civilian casualties, 07 of the Vietnamese were med-evaced. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post Hill 37 set Condition 2 and cleared grids for countermortar fire.

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280950H M32, while on patrol, vic. AT929597, had a patrol member detonate a booby trap resulting in 01 USMC WIA med-evac. Booby trap was an M-26 grenade with tripwire.

282130H H2 while in night position, vic. AT974522, observed 02 VC/NVA approximately 15 meters away, moving west to east. Engaged enemy with small arms and M-26 grenades, resulting in 01 VC/NVA KIA.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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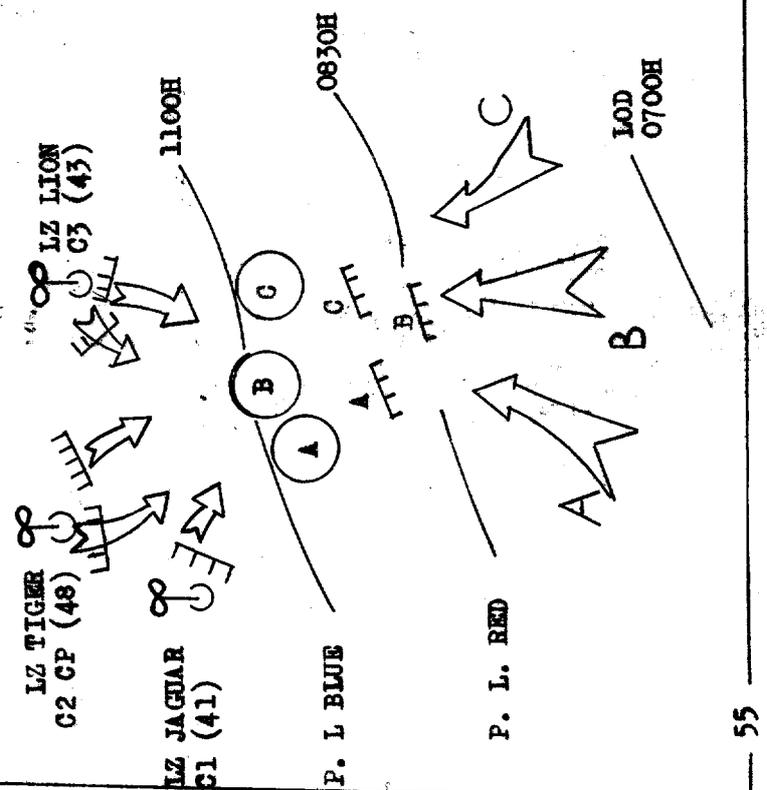
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| A | B | C | D |
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| 2 PVT 193 RF | 1 PVT 185 PF | 3 PVT 111 RF | 3 PVT'S "C" |
| | 1 SQD CAP | 2 SQDS M-4 | |

ARMY SUPPORT PLAN (ALL GRIDS PREF: A. T.)

| | | |
|-----------|------------|------------|
| 1) 812582 | 7) 801587 | 11) 794591 |
| 2) 813576 | 8) 805589 | 12) 798596 |
| 3) 818577 | 9) 808591 | 13) 808604 |
| | 10) 811592 | 14) 825605 |
| 4) 805585 | | |
| 5) 808586 | | |
| 6) 812587 | | |

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FM: SM

TO: A, B, C, D, M, H&S

INFO: 1ST MARINES

D. S. A. DAI LOC

FRAG 0 028-70

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES: INTELL ESTAB EN BASE CAMP AT HC. EST STRENGTH 25. AREA WILL BE BOOBY TRAPPED.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES

- 1) DAI LOC DIST FORCES COM SATURATION OF LOW LANDS.
- 2) 2 PPTS 193RD RF, 1 PVT 117 RF, 1 PVT 185 PF.
- 3) 1 SQD CAP 224

C. IN SUPPORT: 4 X CH46, 1 HCA, 2 X GUNSHIPS, 1 X OV10A.

2. MISSION: TO CONDUCT A 2 CO(-) COMBINED SEARCH OPN OF OBJECTIVE AREA, DEST EN, HIS BASE CAMPS, CONDUCT DENIAL OPNS.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT: LAND 1 CO BY HELO ASSLT IN 3 ZONES SIMULTANEOUSLY ON HIGH GND TO FORM SCREEN. MANUEVER SCREEN DOWN PROBABLE ENEMY ROUTES OF EXIT TOWARD BLOCKING FORCE.

B. A, B, D, M CO'S - NO CHANGE.

C. CHARLIE SQ

- 1) LAND IN LS'S JAGUAR, TIGER, LION AS INDIC OPN OVERLAY.
- 2) ESTAB BLOCKS I.A.W. OPN OVERLAY.
- 3) BE PREP TO MANUEVER/MOVE TO S.E. ON ORDER. (SEE OVERLAY)

D. HAS CO

- 1) STAGE 50 X 2 1/2 GAL WATER CONTAINERS LZ 432.
- 2) PROV C/S CRYSTALS, STAGE AT LZ 432.

E. CO-ORD INSTR

- 1) D-DAY
- 2) L-NOON 0700H
- 3) DURATION OF OPN 2 DAYS
- 4) REPORT: MOVING, LOD, PIC, BLOCKS IN, LIFTS COMPLETE.
- 5) 20 RD ARTY AND GUNSHIP PREP ON LZ'S.
- 6) PICKUP 1ST WAVE - 0700H
- 7) PICKUP PT. HILL 65.

4. ADMIN & LOG

- A. 2 DOS
- B. 1 BIA
- C. CARRY C/S GREEN
- D. HELMETS, FLAKS, GAS MASKS WILL BE WORN.
5. COMMAND/COMM/BLK
- A. DAI LOC TO COMMAND ELEMENTS A, B, C.
- B. CG TO COMMAND ELEMENT D
- C. DISTRICT ADVISORY TEAM D TRAVEL W/TH CP GROUP, ELEMENT "B".
- D. DISTRICT ADVISERS TO MONITOR AND COORDINATE USING "C" CO INTERNAL FRAG 35.05.

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TAB B

FRAG O 030-70

FM: SM
TO: A, B, C, D, M, H&S

INFO: 1ST MARINES: 1ST RECON BATTALION

FRAG ORDER 030-70
ENCL: (1) OPN OVERLAY 030-70

1. SITUATIONA. ENEMY:

- 1) ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA AS REPORTED BY AGENTS INDICATES A BUILD UP OF TROOPS TO SUPPORT THE 31ST NVA REGT. AND THE NVA ROCKET/ARTY BATTALIONS COMMON TO THE 1/1 TAOR.
- 2) 1ST RECON BATTALION HAS BEEN WORKING NORTH AND EAST OF THE OBJECTIVE AREA AND HAS MADE CONTACT WITH SMALL ENEMY UNITS.
- 3) INTELLIGENCE OVERLAY TO BE PROVIDED BY 1ST RECON BATTALION ON ENEMY SIGHTINGS AND BASE CAMPS.

B. FRIENDLY:

- 1) 1ST RECON BATTALION WILL INSERT FOUR TEAMS INTO THE OBJECTIVE AREA TO WORK FROM THE PPB TO BE ESTABLISHED.
- 2) AIR SUPPORT TO CONSIST OF 2 X CH46 AND 2X GUNSHIPS.
2. MISSION: TO ESTABLISH A PLT (REINFORCED PATROL BASE IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA TO CONDUCT PATROLS, TO DEFEND THE PPB AND TO PROVIDE A SECURE HAVEN FOR RECON UNITS.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT: ON D-DAY, LAND A PLT REINFORCED IN LZ APACHE BY HELICOPTER ASSAULT ESTABLISH A SECURE PPB AND THEREAFTER TO PATROL AGGRESSIVELY TO THE EAST AND TO PROVIDE SECURITY, LOGISTICS AND FIRE SUPPORT AS REQUIRED FOR RECON ELEMENTS.

B. ALPHA CO.

- 1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

C. BRAVO CO.

- 1) PASS OPCON ONE 81MM MORTAR SQD TO H&S CO. ON D-DAY TO BE LOCATED AT HILL 37.
- 2) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

D. CHARLIE CO.

- 1) ON D-DAY BE PREPARED TO ASSUME NEW ROLE AS CO. QUICK REACTION FORCE.
- 2) DETAILED INSTRUCTION TO FOLLOW IN SEPARATE FRAG ORDER.

E. DELTA CO. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

F. MIKE CO.

- 1) ON D-DAY LAND ON REINFORCED PLT IN LZ APACHE. PLT TO CONSIST OF FOUR FILE SQDS, 2 X 81MM MORTARS, COMMAND GROUP.
- 2) ESTAB AND DEFEND PPB VIC LZ APACHE.
- 3) PROVIDE SECURITY, LOGISTIC AND FIRE SUPPORT FOR RECON ELEMENTS IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA.
- 4) CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE SQUAD SIZE DAY PATROLS TO THE EAST OF PPB.
- 5) COORDINATE PATROL AND FIRE PLANNING WITHIN 1,000 METERS OF THE PPB.
- 6) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OR ASSIST IN THE EMERGENCY EXTRACTION OF RECON TEAMS AND PPB UNDER ADVERSE COMBAT AND WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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- G. H&S CO: SUPPORT LOGISTICALLY THE RECON AND MIKE CO. UNITS
- H. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
- 1) D-DAY - 11 NOV.
 - 2) I-HOUR - 1000H.
 - 3) PRIMARY: LZ APACHE (AT797613). OBJECTIVE AREA: UL 2064 LR 8260
 - 4) ALTERNATE: LZ CHEROKEE (AT822605). OBJECTIVE AREA: UL 8064 LR 8460
 - 5) RECON INSERT OFFICER TO SELECT LZ PRIOR TO INITIAL INSERT OF MIKE CO. ELEMENTS.
 - 6) ALL OPCON CHANGES EFFECTIVE 1200H D-1.
4. ADMIN & LOGISTICS
- A. I/I TO PROVIDE ALL SUPPLY EXCEPT FOR INITIAL INDIVIDUAL LOADS CARRIED BY RECON PERSONNEL.
- B. 10 DAYS SUPPLY TO BE LANDED AT LZ APACHE ON D-DAY .
- C. SUPPLY TO BE BASED ON TOTAL OF 80 PERSONNEL.
- D. ALL INDIVIDUALS CARRY 2 DOS, 1 BIA, 2 DOA.
5. COMMAND COM/ELECT
- A) CALL SIGNS OF RECON ELEMENTS:
- 1) ROCKMAT - RECON COMMANDER
 - 2) LITTLE ABNER - RECON TEAM
 - 3) HANDWORTH - RECON TEAM
 - 4) AIR HOSE - RECON TEAM
- B. FREQ OF RECON ELEMENTS
- 1) PRIMARY 37.60 D - 24
 - 2) ALTERNATE 44.20 D - 190
- C. SUBMIT SIT REPS EVERY 12 HOURS COMMENCING AT 2000H D-DAY
- D. REMAINDER UNCHANGED.

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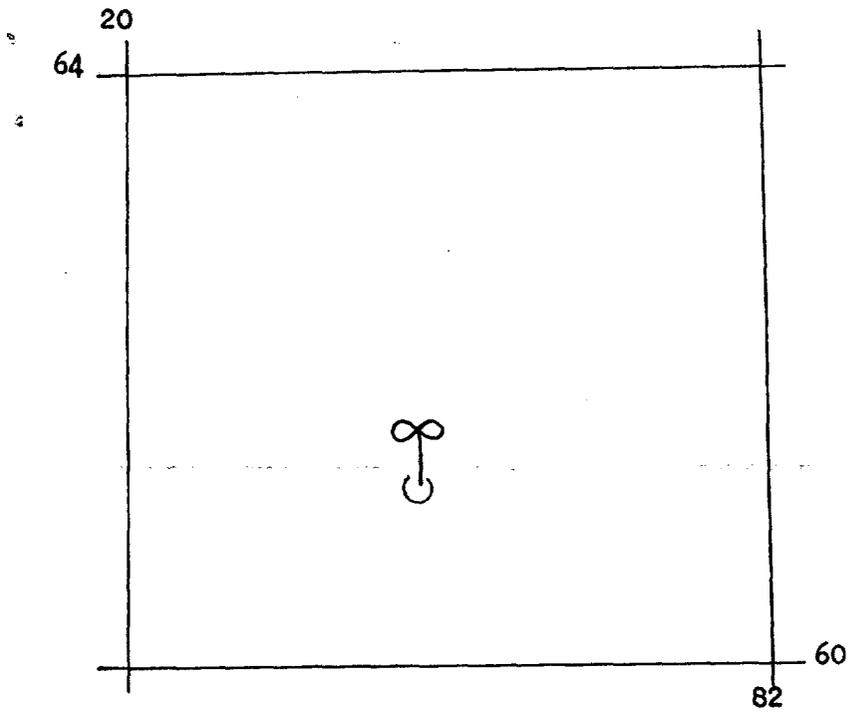
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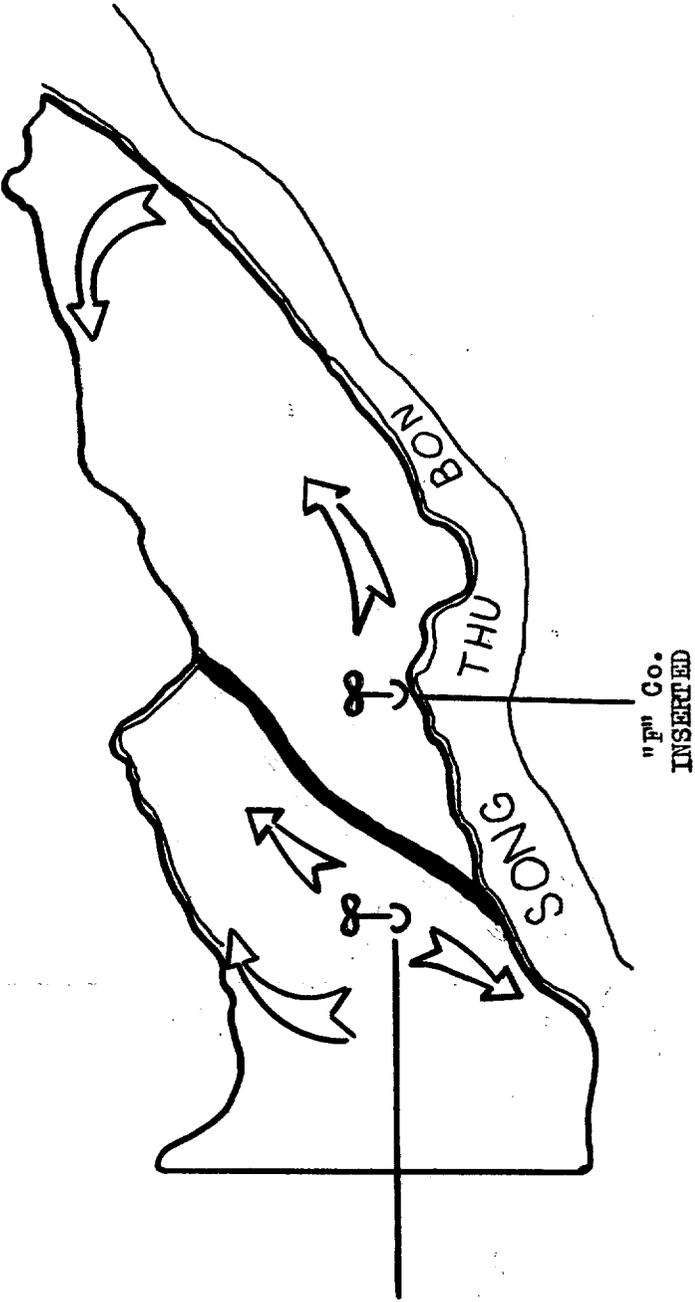
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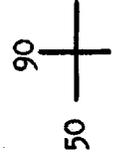
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