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1st Marine Division (Rein), MAF
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Re: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), MAF
Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 Oct to 31 Oct 1967
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) MAFpacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: ✓(1) October 1967 Command Chronology
✓(2) Sit Rep's for October 1967
✓3 Opn Orders 1-67
✓4 " 2-67

1. In accordance with reference (a), (b), and (c), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.
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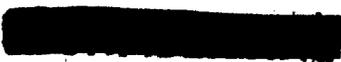
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COMBAND CHRONOLOGY
1 October to 31 October 1967

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PART I
ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER
 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein) 1-31 Oct: LtCol ROBERT L. SHUFORD

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn 1-31 Oct: Capt Michael L. CLUFF
 "A" Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn 1-28 Oct: Maj Robert D. DASCH
 29-31 Oct: Capt Gary D. SOLIS
 "B" Company, 3d Amphibian Tractor Bn 1-14 Oct: Capt P. H. VAN JANKER.
 15-31 Oct: Capt C. R. SMITH, Jr.

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Plt, Company "B", 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion OPCON 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion (Rein).

2. LOCATION.

1-31 Oct: Da Nang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer 1-31 Oct: Maj Raymond R. BERLING
 S-1 1-31 Oct: 1stLt Bernard G. BOWYER
 S-2 1-24 Oct: 1stLt James R. LYNCH
 S-3 1-3 Oct: Maj James E. SWAB
 4-31 Oct: Maj Pat S. GALLIGAN
 S-4 1-31 Oct: Maj Frank C. CHACE, Jr.
 S-5 1-31 Oct: Capt Charles W. ROSS

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>
26	624	2	14	NONE	NONE

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The Battalion was placed in an overall combat readiness of category 2 on 29 October 1967. The personnel status was placed in a category 2 with six (6) Officers and eighty-one (81) Enlisted rotating to CONUS. Two (2) Officers and twenty-two (22) Enlisted replacements were received. Receipt of two (2) combat replacement vehicles and OPCON of twelve (12) LVT's from 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion plus a significant reduction in the previous deadline has returned the Battalion to category 2 in supply and equipment. Influx of LVT spare parts greatly improved during this reporting period, however the increasing number of hours being placed on candidate R&E vehicles coupled with the receipt of twelve (12) LVT's from 1st Amphibian places an even greater demand on these assets. Accordingly, the input of these parts must continue in order to hold the Battalion in a combat readiness of category 2.

The Battalion continued its support of the 7th Marine Regiment and 2/5. In early October, when the 1st Marines were replaced by the 5th Marines with 1/5 assuming the 1/1 TAOR and 3/5 assuming the 2/1 TAOR and 3/1 coming under OPCON of the 5th Marines, Company B of this Battalion switched to direct support of the 5th Marines. One (1) platoon remains under operational control of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade in the Chu Lai TAOR. During this reporting period a platoon of vehicles remained in support of the 2nd ROKMC Brigade. Technique of employment consisted of one (1) platoon in support of each infantry battalion in the Da Nang TAOR, except 2/7 which is supported by a section, and 3/5 which has no LVT's.

The missions and the number performed by the Battalion were: Search and Destroy (19), Resupply (79), Waterway Denial and River Patrol (43), Blocking Forces (18), Med Evac (3), Convoy Escort (2), Security (73), Reaction Force (8), Ambush (31), County Pair (1), Recovery (10) and Administrative (36). The Battalion has an average of seventy (70) LVT's committed each day.

The continuation of operation "Dragon Fire" conducted by the 2nd ROKMC Brigade was the only Major Operation supported during this reporting period. The Battalion conducted two (2) sweep operations through the village of Nui Kim Son, one of which was in support of the 51st ARVN Regt. See enclosure (2) OP 1-67 and 2-67.

The LVT's fired no line changes during this reporting period.

The Battalion completed its move to the new camp at Marble Mountain on 14 October 1967 and formally accepted the camp from MCB 133 on 21 October. Three (3) standard 40' x 100' butler buildings are presently under construction. These will be assigned to Bn Maint, Bn Supply and Bn Motor Transport.

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Camp improvement continues, especially in the areas of troop supporting facilities. Extensive work has been accomplished on the perimeter wire and bunkers. The completion of one (1) 50 foot tower during November will greatly enhance observation of the Battalion's ACR.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. TOPICS.

a. Personnel and Administration.

(1) During the reporting period six (6) MC Officers, zero (0) Navy Officers, eighty-one (81) MC Enlisted, and zero (0) Navy Enlisted related to CONUS. Two (2) MC Officers, zero (0) Navy Officers, twenty-two (22) MC Enlisted and zero (0) Navy Enlisted replacements were received.

(2) During the reporting period the Battalion had the following casualties: One (1) KIA and eight (8) WIA.

b. Intelligence.

(1) Normal administrative and combat intelligence functions were carried out during the month.

(2) There were eight (8) other contacts during the reporting period. They consisted of five (5) mining incidents, damaging three (3) LVT's and destroying two (2) motor transport vehicles, one of which belonged to LCB 128; and three (3) sniper fire incidents. Twenty-four (24) detainees, of which two (2) were on the Black List and one (1) confirmed VC WIA were apprehended.

(3) The Battalion's patrols and ambushes encountered no enemy activity in this area during the month of October. The village chief at Nui Kim Sen has been cooperative toward U.S. Forces in this area but he resides in Da Nang. The people of the village still show indifference toward troops in the area.

c. Training.

(1) Formal training was conducted throughout the month of October in conjunction with operational commitments.

(2) OJT and normal maintenance procedures were conducted during the month.

(3) Familiarization Firing of the M14, M16, and 30 cal machine gun was conducted for the guard personnel and new personnel joining the Battalion

d. Schools.

(1) Personal Response Course

(a) One (1) Officer on 23 Oct to 25 Oct 67.

(b) One (1) Enlisted man on 23 Oct to 25 Oct 67.

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TO OO FIRST MAR DIV
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SIT REP #332 FOR PERIOD ~~040000H~~ TO ~~042000H~~ OCT 1967

1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.
2. CONTACTS.

A. AT ~~040900H~~ OCT, AT COORD AT985707 ONE OF 3AMPREN'S ROUTINE PATROLS DISCOVERED A CAVE. ONE MARINE THREW A GRENADE IN THE CAVE. AFTER THE GRENADE EXPLODED THE MARINE STARTED THROUGH THE ENTRANCE OF THE CAVE - AT THIS TIME A SECONDARY EXPLOSION CAME FROM INSIDE THE CAVE. NO ENEMY PERSONNEL WERE SEEN IN THE AREA. ONE (1) USMC WIA.

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- 1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.**
- 2. CONTACTS. (LATE ENTRY)**

A. AT ~~0420~~50H OCT, AT COORD AT994715 ONE OF 3AMTRN'S NIGHT PATROLS RECEIVED ONE (1) GRENADE. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PATROL WAS ENROUTE TO AMBUSH SIGHT. ONE (1) USMC WIA.

B. AT ~~0410~~40H OCT, AT COORD BT~~0410~~40 TWO (2) LVTP5 (3-B-16 & 17) RECEIVED TWENTY-FIVE (25) RDS SNIPER FIRE WHILE RETURNING FROM A RESUPPLY RUN IN SUPPORT OF 3/1. VEH'S RETURNED ~~4~~ ROUNDS ~~3~~ CAL. MG, ~~6~~ RDS M16 AND ~~5~~ RDS M-14. VEH'S THEN CONTINUED TO 3/1 CP. NO DAMAGE TO VEH AND NO PERSONNEL INJURED.

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FM CO 3AMPBEN
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
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SIT REP #334 FOR PERIOD ~~060001H~~ TO ~~062400H~~ OCT 1967

1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.
2. CONTACTS. (LATE ENTRY)

A. AT ~~041500H~~ OCT, AT COORD ~~05301234~~ TWO (2) LVTP5'S (3-B-22 & 07) WHILE IN SUPPORT OF ~~RODOL ON OPERATION DRAGON PEARL~~ RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE. RETURNED ~~200~~ RDS 7.62 AND ~~500~~ RDS ~~30~~ GAL. MG. WOUNDED AND MED EVACED ONE (1) VC (OCCUPIED). NO DAMAGE TO VEH'S AND NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL. CONTINUED ON MISSION.

B. AT ~~041510~~ OCT, AT COORD ~~05301234~~ TWO (2) LVTP5'S (3-B-22 & 07) WHILE IN SUPPORT OF ~~RODOL ON OPERATION DRAGON PEARL~~ RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE, (APPROX ~~100~~ RDS). VEH'S RETURNED ~~400~~ RDS 7.62 AND 5 RDS ~~4000~~ MORTAR. NO DAMAGE TO VEH'S AND NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL. VEH'S CONTINUED MISSION.

C. AT ~~051800H~~ OCT, AT COORD ~~055649~~ TWO (2) LVTP5'S (3-B-07 & 410) IN SUPPORT OF 3/1 RECEIVED ~~200~~ RDS SNIPER FIRE WHILE RETURNING FROM MED EVAC RUN. RETURNED ~~600~~ RDS ~~30~~ GAL MG AND ~~500~~ SMALL ARMS. NO DAMAGE TO VEH'S AND NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL. VEH'S RETURNED TO 3/1.

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1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.
2. CONTACTS. (LATE ENTRY)

A. AT ~~0816~~55H OCT AT COORD BT~~347~~293 AN LVTP5 (3-B-25) IN SUPPORT OF 196TH LIGHT INFANTRY BRIGADE DETONATED A MINE APPROX 20' LBS WHILE ON A VEH RECOVERY MISSION. DAMAGE TO VEH CONSISTS OF STARBOARD IDLER DESTROYED AND TRACK BROKEN. VEHICLE BEING REPAIRED AND RETURNING TO OP. ONE (1) USMC WIAE.

B. AT ~~0820~~10H OCT AT COORD BT~~946~~76 AN LVTP5 (3-B-47) IN SUPPORT OF 3/1 DETONATED A MINE WHILE ON A RESUPPLY RUN. DAMAGE TO VEH CONSISTS OF TRACK BLOWN OFF ON PORT SIDE. SET UP SECURITY AND REPAIRED VEH. ONE (1) USMC WIAE.

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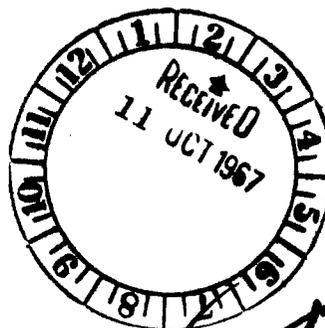
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1. BN OPER. NO CHANGE.

2. CONTACTS. (LATE ENTRY)

3/1 sector
9400 A. AT 092140H OCT AT COORD BT088642 AN LVTP5 (3-B-410)
Bar Run

DETONATED A MINE WHILE ON A RESUPPLY RUN. VEH WAS THIRD VEH IN COLUMN.

MINE BELIEVED TO BE COMMAND DETONATED . DAMAGE TO VEH CONSIST OF
THREE (3) ROAD WHEEL ASSEMBLIES BLOWN OFF ON PORT SIDE, CREASE IN
HULL AND POSSIBLE FUEL LEAK. ONE (1) USMC WIA.

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TO CG FIRST MAR DIV
BT
SIT REP #537 FOR PERIOD 110001H TO 112400H OCT 1967

1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.
2. CONTACTS.

A. AT 111230H OCT AT COORD BT347297 TWO (2) LVTP5'S (3-B-21 & 22) WERE ON A SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION. WHILE INTERROGATING VC SUSPECTS ON BEACH WHEN ONE (1) SUSPECT ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE INTO THE WATER. AN LVTP5 (3-B-21) WAS SENT TO RETRIEVE ESCAPED SUSPECT. WHILE IN WATER A WAVE BROKE ACROSS THE VEH WASHING ONE (1) MARINE OVERBOARD. RESCUE WAS ATTEMPTED BY LVT AND HELICOPTER FOR THREE (3) HOURS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ONE (1) M CAL MG WITH TRIPOD AND TWO (2) M-14 WERE ALSO WASHED OVERBOARD. ONE (1) USMC MIA (PRESUMED DROWNED).

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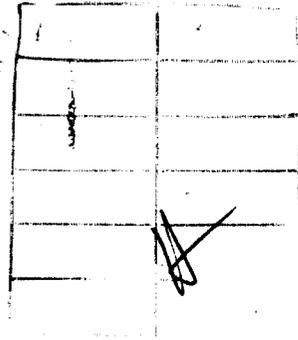
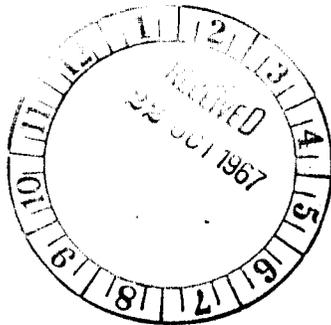
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- 1. BN OPER. NO CHANGE.
- 2. CONTACTS.

311
A. AT 221000H OCT AT COORD BT 075 708 A M-35 (188637) DETONATED
A MINE APPROX 50 LBS WHILE ON A GARBAGE RUN. FRONT END OF VEH
COMPLETELY DESTROYED. NED AID WAS SENT FROM BN AREA ALONG WITH A
SQUAD FOR SECURITY. VEH WAS TOWED BACK TO AREA. ONE (1) ISMC WIAE
AND ONE (1) USMC WIANE.

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SITREP NR 339 FOR PERIOD 240001H TO 242400H OCT 1967
BN OPER. NO CHANGE.

CONTACTS.

AT 241029H OCT AT COORD BT078708 A CB TRUCK NR 95123148
DETONATED A MINE APPROX 75 LBS CMD DETONATED, WHILE LEAVING
AMTRBN CP. FRONT END OF VEH COMPLETELY DESTROYED. MED AID WAS
SENT FROM THIS CP ALONG WITH A PLT FOR SECURITY. VEH WAS TOWED
BACK TO THIS CP. THREE (3) VC SUSPECTS WERE ALSO CAUGHT. ONE (1)
USN WIANE. LATER DOW ON ARRIVAL TO MED STATION.

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TO OO FIRST MAR DIV
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SITREP #346 FOR PERIOD 250000H TO 252400H OCT 1967

1. REL OVER. NO CHANGE.
2. CONTACTS. (LATE ENTRY)

A. AT 242200H OCT AT COORD 28075705 ONE OF JANTREN'S NIGHT PATROLS CAME UPON A VC SUSPECT. THE SUSPECT TRIED TO ESCAPE - THE PATROL SHOT ONE (1) M79 RD MISSING THE VC SUSPECT. SUSPECT RAN INTO A HOUSE - PATROL FOLLOWED AND CAPTURED HIM. PATROL BROUGHT V. C. SUSPECT BACK TO OP AND HELD HIM FOR INTERROGATION. ITEMS FOUND ON SUSPECT WERE A BILLFOLD W/ID CARDS AND PASSER. SUSPECT WAS TURNED OVER TO 3/1.

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BT
SIT REP ~~FOR~~ FOR PERIOD ~~270001N~~ 272400N OCT 1967

1. IN OPER. NO CHANGE.
2. ADD IN OPER.

A. IN CONDUCTED A SWEEP OPERATING AT 270430N OCT AT COORD 110767N (NUI KIN SON VILLAGE). FIVE (5) SUSPECTS WERE APPREHENDED - TWO (2) OF WHICH WERE LATER RELEASED AFTER BEING QUESTIONED BY 3/1 JET TEAM. THE OTHER THREE (3) WERE TAKEN TO 3/1. IN CAPTURED ASSORTED MAPS, BATTERIES, WIRE, TUNES, TEN (10) RDS 7.62 AMMO, BOOTS, A TAIL FIN, TWO LANTERNS, WRENCHES, CANTENS, 100MM BRASS AND ASSORTED MESS GRAB. NO INJURIES TO PERSONNEL USMC OR VIETNAMESE. SWEEP WAS COMPLETED AT 271130N OCT.

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 SIT REP NR 342 FOR PERIOD 300001H TO 302400H OCT 1967

1. BN OPER, NO CHANGE
2. ADD BN OPER.

A. (AT 300400H TWO (2)) FLT'S OF 3DAMTRBN IN SUPPORT WITH 3D BN

51ST ARVN REGT CONDUCTED A COUNTY FAIR OPERATION IN THE VILLAGE

OF NUI KIM SON. PICKED UP THIRTEEN (13) DETAINEES AND TWO SUSPECTS ON

BLACK LIST. OPERATION WAS CONDUCTED FROM COORDINATES BT083709
 TO BT081719.

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REP NR 343 FOR PERIOD 310201H TO 312400H OCT 1967
BN OPERATION, FOLLOWING BN OPERATION ARE CONDUCTED ONLY A COMBAT
DAILY BASIS.

- 1. ONE (1) PLATOON IN SUPPORT OF 3/20
- 1. ONE (1) PLATOON IN SUPPORT OF 1/20
- 1. ONE (1) PLATOON IN SUPPORT OF 2/20
- 1. ONE (1) PLATOON IN SUPPORT OF 3/20
- 1. ONE (1) SECTION IN SUPPORT OF 3/20
- 1. ONE (1) PLATOON IN SUPPORT OF 3/20
- 1. ONE (1) PLATOON IN SUPPORT OF 5TH LIGHT INFANTRY BRGDE.
- 1. ONE (1) PLATOON IN SUPPORT OF 100MC BRGDE.
- 2. ADD BN OPER.
- 1. PROVIDED TWO (2) LVTEP'S IN SUPPORT OF 1/5 ALSO ONE (1) LVTEP
- 1. CONTACTSSS.
- 1. (LATE ENTRY) AT 281130H OCT AT COORD AT 014322 THREE (3) LVTEP'S
(2-A-02, 04 & 07) IN SUPPORT OF 2/7 SPOTTED FIVE (5) VC SUSPECTS
CROSSING RIVER TO THEIR LEFT FLANK. VEP'S TOOK USUSPECTS UNDER FIRE
KILLING TWO (2) VC CONFIRMED. VEP'S FIRED 142 RDS. NO DAMAGE TO VEH
OR INJURIES TO SER UNDEB. LVTEP'S CONTINUED ON 1RCCP MOVEMENT.

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Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, Sheet 6640 I and Sheet 6641 II
 (b) 1st Mar Division CSOI P0200.2

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

H&S Co (-), 3d AmTracBn
 "A" Co (-), 3d AmTracBn
 "B" Co (-), 3d AmTracBn
 ITT, 3d Bn 1st Marines
 PSYOPS Team, 3d Bn 1st Marines
 3d MP Co. Dog Teams

Capt ~~CLIFF~~
 Major DASCH
 Capt SMITH
 Lt FLECK
 Sgt BUYERS

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Suspected light guerrilla activity within area of operation.
- (2) Tunnels are located throughout village area.
- (3) Threat of mines and booby traps exists throughout area of operation.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) CAP Delta 1 located 50 meters south of Marble Mountain will be notified of operation, but, will not take part.
- (2) SEA ANCHOR located south of present Bn CP will be notified of operation, but, will not take part.
- (3) ANGLICO located top of Chin Strap will observe operation and report significant events as they occur.

c. Attachments.

- (1) ITT, 3d Bn 1st Marines attached effective 261800H.
- (2) PSYOPS Team, 3d Bn 1st Marines attached effective 261800H.
- (3) Dog Teams, 3d MP Co, remains attached.

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2. MISSION

Cordon and conduct search/surveillance operation within NUI KIM SON.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. ANNEX A (Operation Overlay).

b. H&S Co (-) 3d AmTrac Bn (-)

- (1) Cordon Platoon depart Bn CP 270445H and be in cordon position NLT 0530.
- (2) Sweep Platoon depart Bn CP 270552H and begin sweep operation through Village.
- (3) Patrol Squad move to cordon position at 0520.

c. Company A (-) 3d AmTrac Bn (-)

- (1) One platoon, on call at Company CP will act as reaction force for operation.

d. Company B (-) 3d AmTrac Bn (-)

- (1) One Cordon Platoon, to depart Bn CP 270445H and be in cordon position NLT 0530.

e. ITT, 3d Bn 1st Marines

- (1) ITT will accompany Sweep Platoon, H&S Company on sweep through village.

f. 3d MP Co Dog Team

- (1) Two teams will accompany Cordon Platoon, H&S Company.
- (2) Two teams will accompany Cordon Platoon, Company B.

g. 3d Bn 1st Marines PSYOP Team

- (1) At 0550 the team will announce to the village that they are surrounded and request the villagers to remain in their houses. The head of the house to meet the Sweep Team. Notify villagers that there are Sentry Dogs present and that anyone trying to leave the area will be apprehended by a dog or run the risk of being shot if they fail to halt when ordered to do so.

h. Coordinating Instructions

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- (1) Cordon elements will maintain contact left to right.
- (2) Battalion Surgeon will provide one corpsman for each platoon.
- (3) Operation Commander report to Battalion S-3 prior to departure and on return for debriefing.
- (4) Reports.
 - (a) Spot Reports - submitted as action is encountered, ie; PW's, explosives, intelligence.
 - (b) Location of Sweep Platoon - report hourly, made by percentage of sweep completed.
- (5) Sweep Platoon - carry gas masks, pistols, K Bars, and flash lights.
- (6) Sweep Platoon will be only unit authorized to carry grenades.
- (7) During this operation the Battalion Administration and services routine will be as near normal as possible.
 - (a) Mess Hall will open on schedule.
 - (b) Bn Guard will function as usual.
 - (c) Battalion Offices will be manned during normal working hours.
 - (d) Essential motor transport operations will be accomplished ie, pick up Vietnamese workers, mine sweep, water and trash runs.
 - (e) Battalion Guard will provide traffic control assistance on order commencing about 0600.
 - (f) In order to maintain the element of surprise all personnel assigned to this operation will:
 - 1 Prepare their equipment prior to taps 26 Oct 67.
 - 2 Not turn on any lights other than those normally used during the morning of 27 Oct 67.
 - 3 Remain silent, make as little noise as possible in preparing to leave Bn CP and in route to assigned position.

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- (1) BA for all weapons.
- (2) One meal "C" Rations.
- (3) Normal arms and equipment except for Sweep Platoon which will not wear helmets and flack jackets.

b. Enemy personnel and documents will be returned to PW collection point located out side main gate to Bn CP.

c. Bn motor transport furnish one 2½ ton 6x6 with driver to PW collection point and one 2½ ton 6x6 with driver to Sweep Platoon.

d. Medical Evacuation.

- (1) Through corpsman on the scene to Battalion Aid Station.
- (2) Med Evacs will be placed through Battalion COC giving the following information.

(a) TYPE - EMERGENCY, PRIORITY, ROUTINE.

1 EMERGENCY - CRITICAL LIFE OR DEATH.

2 PRIORITY - SERIOUS INJURY, LIFE NOT IMMEDIATELY THREATENED.

3 ROUTINE - MINOR INJURIES, ALSO DEAD.

(b) REQUESTING UNIT

(c) PICK-UP COORDINATES BTO79706.

(d) NUMBER OF PERSONS TO BE EVACUATED.

1	USMC/ARVN/PF/CIV	WIA
2	" " " " " "	KIA
3	" " " " " "	ILL

(e) AIRBORNE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED/NOT REQUIRED. USE ONLY IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY - IT MAY DELAY THE MED EVAC.

(f) LANDING ZONE SECURE/NOT SECURE.

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- (1) LANDING ZONE FREQUENCY AND CALL SIGN. FREQUENCY M-231
CALL SIGN (FUDGE CAKE).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION

a. Reference (b).

- | (1) Call Signs H&S Co. ✓ | Fudge Cake Yankee | Freq. |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) 1st Platoon H&S | Yankee 1 <i>Hobart</i> | M- 221 231 |
| (b) 1st Sqd 1st Plt | Yankee 11 | "
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| (c) 2d Sqd 1st Plt | Yankee 12 | " |
| (d) 3d Sqd 1st Plt | Yankee 13 | " |
| (2) Call Signs Bravo Co. ✓ | Fudge Cake Bravo | M- 221 231 |
| (a) 1st Platoon Bravo Co | Bravo 1 <i>A. Mason</i> | " |
| (b) 1st Sqd 1st Plt | Bravo 11 | " |
| (c) 2nd Sqd 1st Plt | Bravo 12 | " |
| (d) 3rd Sqd 1st Plt | Bravo 13 <i>Marante</i> | " |
| (3) Call Signs for patrol is Fudge Cake Delaware. <i>Baine</i> | | |
| (4) Call Signs for Sweep Team is Fudge Cake Maine 1 & 2. | | |
| (5) Equipment. | | |
| (a) One PRC-25 per squad and 2 PRC-25's for Sweep Team. | | |
| (b) Radio will be drawn at 1800 D-1. | | |
| (6) All nets will be activated by 0430 D.-day. | | |
| (7) Med Evac, transmit required information to Bn CP via M- 221 . | | 231 |

b. H&S Company Commander will be Operation Commander.

- (1) Operation Commanders CP will be located in trace of Sweep Platoon.

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- c. Battalion CP - no change.
 - (1) Battalion COC will be manned and fully operational.
- d. Subordinate elements report command post locations to Operational Commander.

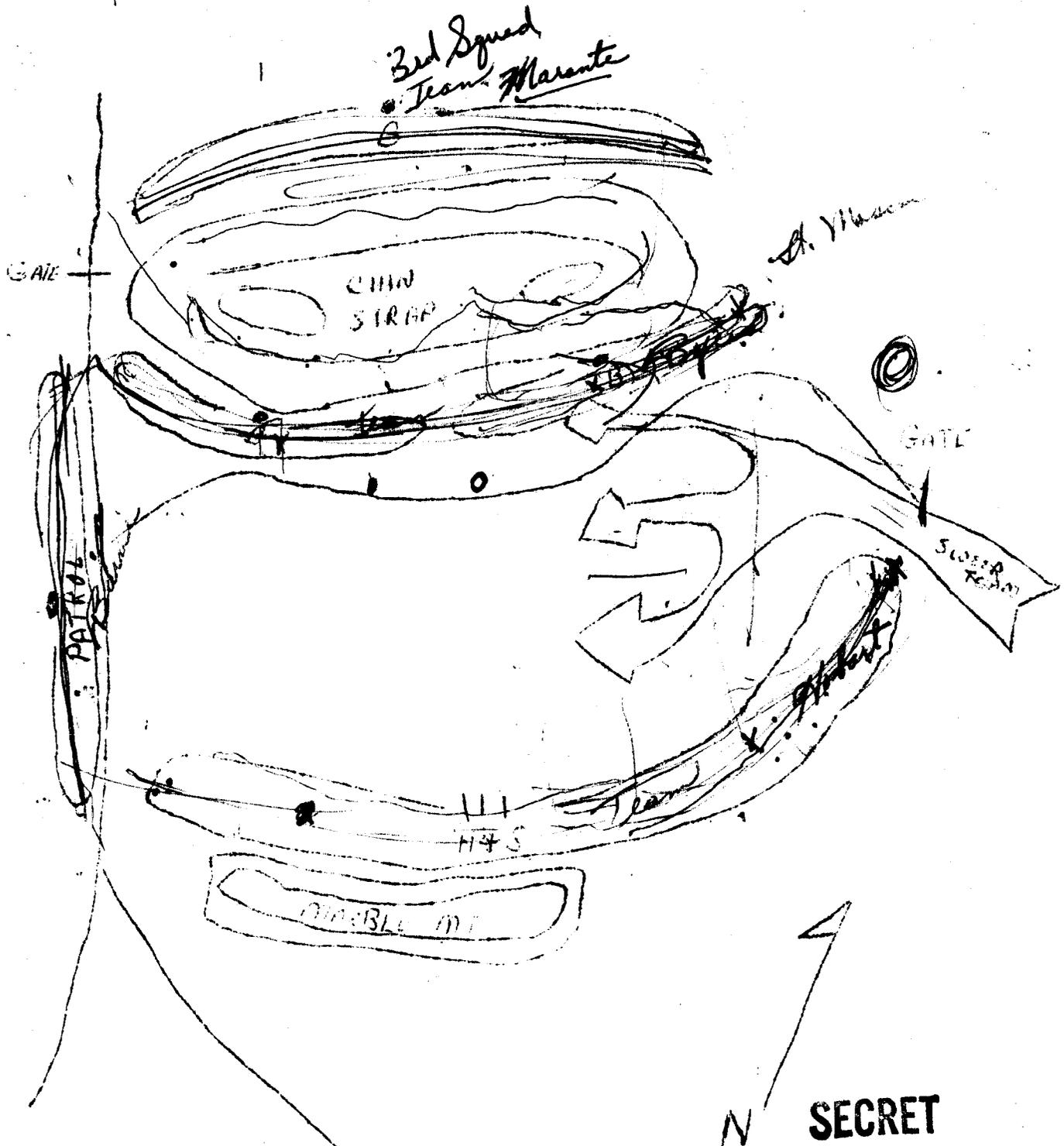
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