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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION COMMANDER  
2nd Battalion, 7th Marines LTJG Col. V.A. ALBERS JR. 1-31 Aug 70

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	1stLt L.E. CIMAGLIA 1-21 Aug 70
"E" Co	1stLt L.P. OAKES 22-31 Aug 70
"F" Co	Capt. C.H. MULHERIN 1-28 Aug 70
"G" Co	1stLt S.M. PETTO 29-31 Aug 70
"H" Co	1stLt A.C. FLORENCE 1-12 Aug 70
	1stLt R.R. HAMBLETON 13-31 Aug 70
	1stLt L.P. OAKES 1-12 Aug 70
	1stLt J.W. GROUND 13-31 Aug 70
	1stLt C.A. EDWARDS 1-19 Aug 70
	1stLt L.H. SOBZAK 20-31 Aug 70

ATTACHED UNITS

None

2. LOCATION  
1-31 August 1970 L. Z. BALDY

3. STAFF SECTIONS

Executive Officer	Major T.G. MCFARLAND JR. 1-31 Aug 70
S-1	Capt. V.I. HEAP 1-31 Aug 70
S-2	1stLt T.S. KNOX 1-31 Aug 70
S-3	Major R.J. DRIVER 1-14 Aug 70
	Major M.T. COOPER 15-31 Aug 70
S-4	Capt. P.J. O'BRIEN 1-31 Aug 70
S-5	1stLt R.J. BAXTER 1-31 Aug 70
Legal Officer	Capt. V.I. HEAP 1-31 Aug 70
Comm. Officer	1stLt W.T. CROWDER 1-31 Aug 70
M. T. Officer	1stLt M.H. CASPERSEN 1-6 Aug 70
	1stLt T.H. REYNOLDS 7-31 Aug 70
Air Liaison Officer	1stLt T.D. JONES 1-31 Aug 70
Forward Air Control Officer	1stLt T.E. BURNS 1-31 Aug 70

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
37	1175	3	55

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PART II  
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. During the month of August the following gains and losses were reported:

	OFF	ENL
Joined	6	162
Dropped	-5	-123
	<u>+1</u>	<u>+39</u>

b. Promoted by rank were 0 to Sergeant, 82 to Corporal, 111 to Lance Corporal, and 5 to Private First Class.

c. Awards recommended during 1-31 August 1970 were as follows:

- 0 Silver Star
- 4 Bronze Star
- 1 Navy and Marine Corps Medal
- 7 Navy Commendation Medal
- 35 Navy Achievement Medal
- 36 Purple Heart

d. Awards presented during 1-31 August 1970 were as follows:

- 0 Silver Star
- 5 Bronze Star
- 7 Navy Commendation Medal
- 8 Navy Achievement Medal
- 27 Purple Heart

e. Casualties

- 34 WIA
- 97 MIA
- 0 DIA
- 0 MIA
- 2 DOW
- 1 KIA
- 1 WIANE

2. ENEMY, WEATHER, and TERRAIN

a. During the period of 1-31 August 1970, 139 incidents occurred in the Battalion TAOR. Of these 61 were initiated by the enemy as follows:

- 8 SA/AW/Grenades
- 52 Mines/Bobby Traps
- 0 Terrorism
- 1 Rocket/Mortars

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The most significant event occurred on 30 August when a squad-sized patrol from Fox Company, upon arriving at junction of a trail and stream, dispatched a fire team to check out the trail before proceeding further. As the fire team reached another junction of the trail and the stream, they spotted 3 VC and opened up with small arms fire. Flushed out from their hiding places by the fire, nine more VC ran into the open and eventually straight into the hasty ambush assembled by the remainder of the squad.

When the smoke had cleared, nine VC - eight males and one female lay dead. Another two had been wounded, and one taken prisoner.

Interrogation of the POW revealed the enemy unit to have been composed of members of the Xuyen Tan Village guerillas. The group had been on its way to an indoctrination meeting in the mountains. Killed in the ambush had been the VC Village Chairman.

Among the captured equipment were three AK-47's, one M-16, seventeen fragmentation grenades, and eight packs containing numerous documents pertinent to the internal workings of the village guerilla units.

b. Casualties inflicted on the enemy:

46 Enemy KIA  
 27 NVA KIA  
 19 VC KIA  
 120 Detainees  
 3 Civil Defendants  
 1 Chieu Hoi  
 2 POW  
 114 Innocent Civilians

c. Weapons and Equipment captured and destroyed included:

5 AK-47's  
 4 SKS's  
 1 M-1 Carbine  
 1 M-16

d. Most noteworthy this month was the great increase in the use of mines and booby traps by the enemy as both a delaying and harassing tactic. However there was a slight decrease in the intensity of small arms, automatic weapons, grenades and fire attacks by the enemy.

e. Weather had very little effect on our operations.

f. Terrain had very little effect on our operations.

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3. OPERATION. During the period of 1-24 August the Battalion participated in operation "Pickens Forest".

For the period of 1-11 August, three rifle companies, with the Alpha Command and W Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines occupied FSB on Hill 110 (211331ZC) to provide fire support for the companies while they conducted search and destroy operations.

There was no contact with any large enemy force during this period of time. Contacts were with enemy units in groups of 1 to 5. Taking these groups under accurate fire accounted for their disbanding and a substantial number of casualties.

While patrolling in their assigned AO, a platoon from Company E, on 1 August came upon 1000 lbs of corn, 500 lbs of rice, 250 lbs of polished and unpolished rice and 250 lbs of unidentified weed (016270ZC). On 3 August while on patrol a platoon from Company H heard movement in the brush (007352ZC), opened up with small arms fire resulting in 2 NVA KIA. Also on 3 August, Company H (-) spotted 1 NVA (201340ZC), took him under small arms fire and swept area finding 3 NVA KIA and capturing 1 AK-47. A sighting followed by an attack on 3 August by a squad from Company E of 3 VC (017293ZC) resulted in 1 VC KIA. On 6 August a platoon from Company F came across a base camp (005309ZC) 20x125 meters and found 1 SKS, 500 lbs of corn and rice, 500 lbs of tobacco and 200 lbs of beans. On 9 August Company E while establishing a defense position (017417ZC) received 5x82mm mortar rounds.

On 11 August the Battalion relocated from Hill 110 to FSB Hatchet (018418ZC) to continue search and destroy operations in the My Hiep area. On 20 August a squad from Company H encountered an "L" shape ambush (034447ZC). The patrol received heavy machine gun and M-79 fire. There were 3 enemy KIA known to have been sustained. On 21 August the CO, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines with Company G and H conducted a successful night attack on the area where the squad encountered the ambush, finding 1 NVA KIA and 12 bunkers. Company G on 22 August (013446ZC) came upon a harbor site. Site was 100x300 meters. Site also contained 6 bunkers size 9x15'. On 24 August, the Battalion ended operation "Pickens Forest." The Battalion accomplished its mission during the operation by depriving the enemy the use of the area and by uncovering their food caches, hospitals, and base camps. The Battalion disrupted the enemy's tactical scheme of maneuver. The harbor site uncovered by Company G on 22 August was later determined to have been a Headquarters for an element of the 38th NVA Regt.

On 24 August the Battalion was relocated to IZ Vulture (019396DT) to work in the Happy Valley area with three companies. The Alpha Command returned to IZ Daldy on 25 August, leaving the three companies, to continue operations in the Happy Valley area. On 26 August a platoon from Company E observed 20 NVA (001415DT) with packs and weapons. An AO was requested and came on station delivering ordnance with good target coverage. Company E was unable to sweep the area due to terrain and distance. A fire team from F Company on 30 August observed 3 NVA (036433DT), took them under fire resulting in 3 NVA KIA. The

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shooting flushed out 9 more NVA. The remainder of the squad established a hasty ambush and killed 6 NVA, wounding 2 and capturing 1 NVA, 5 AK-47's and 1 M-16.

Three companies conducted a 72 hour rehabilitation at LZ Baldy.

On 31 August, the Battalion with Command Group Alpha and all four rifle companies commenced operation "Imperial Lake" with a helicopter borne assault in the Que Son Mountains. The helicopter landings were preceded by six hours of artillery preparation of the AO followed by 2 hours of fixed wing air strikes.

4. FIRE SUPPORT

a. During the month of August, 365 fire missions were fired in the TAOR with a total of 5013 HE, 165 illuminations, and 330 W.P.

b. There was also 1 planned fire mission using a total of 18 HE rounds.

c. There was 1 enemy KIA by artillery.

5. NAVAL GUNFIRE. During the month of August, the Battalion was not supported by Naval Gunfire.

6. AIR SUPPORT

a. The Battalion submitted a total of 297 helicopter requests during the month of August, all of which were completed. Seventy-five of these helicopter requests were medevac missions.

b. During the same period, 24 close air support missions were flown in the TAOR dropping a total of 195,500 lbs of ordnance, utilizing D2's, D3's, D7's, and D9's. There were 0 TPQ-10 missions flown and 35 AO's were used.

c. Most significant BDA's:

2	Confirmed KPA's
150	Meters of Trenchline destroyed
7	Secondary Explosions
1	Dam destroyed
1	Hospital Destroyed
unk	Bunkers and Caves closed

e. For Operation Imperial Lake, 200,000 lbs of ordnance was dropped and is not included in section b above.

7. TRAINING. Formal school attended by 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines personnel during the month of August was negative due to operational commitments.

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8. LOGISTICS, During the period 1 through 5 August the Battalion continued to resupply the companies in the field from LZ Baldy. With the advent of Operation Pickens Forest II, and the added distance resupplies had to be flown, it was directed that Class I, III and V be resupplied from An Hoa. A logistics support team was sent to An Hoa to process the resupply. On several occasions, the Class II resupply sent to An Hoa to be staged with the regular resupply was never seen once it left LZ Baldy. On 25 August regular resupply was resumed from LZ Baldy.

a. Embarkation. During the month of August, extensive preparations were made to upgrade the Embarkation readiness of this Battalion, to include the following:

- 1) All mount out boxes were inspected and it was determined that all should be replaced prior to Keystone Robin redeployment. The following boxes were ordered and received.
  - a) 100x32 Cu. Ft. boxes for Battalion Supply
  - b) 150x4.2 Cu. Ft. boxes for Battalion Supply and Companies.
  - c) 25 miscellaneous boxes and crates for special type items i.e. decontamination units, ME-10's, MQ-51's, 106's, crew served weapons etc.
- 2) On 12 August a master deadline roster of vehicles was prepared for embarkation purposes, primarily for the agricultural inspection of those vehicles prior to redeployment. Preparations for such agricultural inspections are extensive and include complete painting and scraping of under-carriages. It is estimated that it takes 4 Marines three days to properly prepare a jeep (M-151) for agricultural inspection. The embarkation deadline for these purposes had been carried out on schedule.

b. Supply. Extensive preparations have been made in the area of general supply in view of Keystone Robin redeployment, to include but not limited to:

- 1) Turn in of all Class II, Type II excesses.
- 2) Turn in of all TE excess items for LTI and condition code.
- 3) Complete reconciliation and adjustment of individual memorandum receipts.
- 4) Individual weapons inventory.
- 5) Garrison property was inventoried and picked up on the garrison property account.

c. On 17 August an inventory team from Force Logistics Command made a complete inventory of all items held by the Battalion. From this listing

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changes were made on the Combined Allowance list in order to purify and reconcile the formal and informal supply accounts.

d. This command has received an increasing number of instructions for redistribution of TE equipment. Instructions for redistribution of equipment will continue to be received until 10 days prior to actual redeployment, at which time action will be taken to fill the "RVNAF want list".

## 9. CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTION

### a. Civil Affairs

- 1) Approximately 9 tons of corn were harvested in the "Pickens Forest" operational area by Vietnamese workers. The corn was distributed to the people of Phu Hiep, Phu Huong, Phu Phong, Phu Thanh, and Ba Ren Villages.
- 2) Soap, candy, toothpaste, and toothbrushes were distributed to people during the MEDCAPS and to some orphans living at a church nearby.
- 3) 4 loads of wood were distributed to the people in the area of Phu Hiep Village (BT: 145446) and Phu Phong Village (BT: 130475).
- 4) 10 cases of chocks vitamins, obtained from G-5, were given out on the MEDCAPS.
- 5) A long pole was obtained for use as a flagpole for a school.

### b. Civic Action

- 1) A Catholic Church was reconstructed at Phu Huong Village, Huong Xuan 3 Hamlet (BT: 148455), and a supervisors hootch was constructed as an annex to the church.
- 2) A hamlet office for Xuan Lu Hamlet, Phu Hiep Village (BT: 145446) is under construction.
- 3) 10 MEDCAPS were held this month, treating 538 patients, no DENTCAPS were held.

### c. Psychological Operations

- 1) Chieu Hoi broadcasts were made on 3 occasions during the Pickens Forest Operation. Another broadcast was aired in the new operational area, with both Chieu Hoi and Pro-GVN tapes being played. Chieu Hoi leaflets were also dropped in the same area.

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| 2) <u>Leaflet Drops</u>          | Date   |
| SP 2263                          | 26 August  |
| Mix 77                           | 29 August  |
| 3) <u>Aerial Tape Broadcasts</u> |  |
| Tape 121                         | 5 August   |
| Tape 121                         | 6 August   |
| Tape 121                         | 18 August  |
| Tape t7-602-70                   | 25 August  |
| Tape t7-13-70                    | 25 August  |
| 4) <u>Personal Response.</u>     | Personal Response lectures were given to all incoming personnel. |

#### 10. COMMUNICATION

a. General. A Communication Section was provided for Operation Pickens Forest securing on 24 August. Communication personnel were rotated to the Alpha Command Group for maximum participation of the platoon in the operation. A manning level of 23 communicators was maintained in the Command Group.

b. Radio Section. The Radio Section provided manual relay teams at FSB Ross and FSB Ryder to maintain communication with companies in the field during their deployment in Pagoda Valley. First echelon PM's were performed on radio's during company rehabilitation.

c. Wire Section. The Wire Section re-laid telephone lines for the perimeter security and continued to improve the telephone communications at IZ Baldy.

d. Communication Center. The Communication Center continued to provide incoming and out going message processing service for the Battalion. Approximately 900 messages were processed by the Communication Center during the month of August.

e. Technical Section. The Technical Section continued to perform second echelon PM's on company radios during rehabilitations. 114 items of Communication-Electronic equipment were repaired or evacuated for repair during the month of August.

f. Generator Section. They continued to repair and maintain power lines at IZ Baldy.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF EVENTS

1. Aug 70 E-1 while searching area found 2 females ages 20 and 70. The 20 yrs old had a shrapnel wound in the left ankle. Both claim to know nothing about the VC.

Road Test Charlie received 15 rounds of AK-47 fire. Returned fire and searched area finding 3 AK-47 rounds. Believed enemy fled in a westerly direction.

While on patrol, Road Test Charlie found 10 well camouflaged bunkers. Bunkers were approximately 4x3x3' in size.

While on patrol on west side of the Song Thu Bon River, E-3 came upon a village which had 18 females ages 20-30 and 1 male age 30. Male was wounded in the right leg and was found in a small cave. All VN had neg ID. Also in searching out the village, E-3 found 1000 lbs of corn, 500 lbs of rice, 250 lbs of polished and unpolished rice, and 250 lbs of unidentified weed.

- 3 Aug 70 H-4 while on daytime patrol found 500 lbs of unpolished rice. Rice was in a 55 gallon can and camouflaged in the grass.

H-2 while on patrol along the Song Thu Bon River heard movement in bushes, opened fire with small arms and M-79. Swept area finding 2 NVA KIA. Also found 5 NVA packs and 5 sets of green utilities.

H(-) while on patrol came upon a hootch on a hillside. H(-) spotted 1 NVA. Took enemy under small arms fire and enemy fled to the south. Enemy was pursued by fire and the area was swept finding 3 NVA KIA, 2 males were wearing kahkis, 1 female wearing green utilities. Also found 1 AK-47, 1 carbine and 5 packs. Packs contained assorted medical gear, clothing and rice, 500 lbs of unpolished rice.

H(-) called in 4 flights of fixed wing on grids (211330, 196331, 199339). Approximately 200 feet of trench line and 2 caves were uncovered and destroyed. Artillery was also called on above grid. One secondary explosion was observed.

While on patrol E-1-2 came upon a group of 3 VC with packs. Took enemy under small arms fire and swept area finding 1 VC KIA.

- 4 Aug 70 G(-) observed 1 VN male moving along a trail. Company G sent a squad out to check him out. When the squad came upon the VN, he held up a Chieu-Hoi pamphlet and he wanted to Chieu-Hoi.

H-12 while on patrol observed 1 VC. Took him under fire with small arms killing him. VC was wearing a grey uniform.

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5 Aug 70 H-3/1 while searching area of bombing on the 3rd and 4th came across 4 enemy bunkers. Bunkers were made of thick rocks. Also found 2 trench lines approximately 200 meters in length. The smell of decaying bodies was strong but bodies could not be located.

F-2 while moving to a night defensive position, observed 2 VC in black pajamas with packs and weapons. F-2 immediately opened fire with small arms and M-79 killing 1 VC. Search of area revealed a blood trail, which led to 2 NVA packs which were full of bullet holes. A continued search of the area uncovered 2 hootches, and one more body. The search also revealed 1000 lbs of corn, 1000 lbs of rice and 500 lbs of tobacco.

F-2 while establishing night defensive position discovered a fresh grave. The grave contained 1 male body approximately 25 yrs old who appeared to have been killed by shrapnel approximately 2 days earlier.

G-1/2 while on patrol observed smoke 150 meters in a Easterly direction. The patrol discovered a hootch with 1 VN male sitting in front of it eating. Upon seeing the patrol the VN started to run. The patrol caught him. In searching the hootch, G-1/2 found 1 pack. The VN had an ID card but upon questioning him, he stated he worked for the VC.

F-1/2 while on patrol discovered a cave on side of hill. A smoke grenade was thrown into the cave with negative results, F-1/2 then threw a frag grenade into the cave to blow any possible booby traps. Upon hearing a cry from the cave, it was searched and the patrol discovered the body of an NVA approximately 20 years old.

H-3/3 while on patrol came across 2 graves 500 meters apart. Searching the graves revealed 1 body in each grave.

6 Aug 70 H-1/3 while on patrol spotted 5 VC/NVA. They were wearing blue shirts and shorts. H-1/3 opened up with small arms, M-79 and M-60 fire, killing 1 of the enemy. Other enemy fled to the southeast direction. H-1/3 swept area finding miscellaneous documents, 5 packs and assorted gear.

While on patrol, F-2 came across a base camp approximately 20 meters by 125 meters. Base camp contained 5 hootches that could accommodate 10-15 persons. Inside the base camp, F-2 found 1 SKS, 60 lbs of clothing and approximately 1300 lbs of rice and 865 lbs of corn.

7 Aug 70 F-2 continued to search out base camp that was found yesterday and uncovered 2 bunkers 4x4x15' in sizes. Inside the bunkers, F-2 found 500 lbs of corn and rice, 500 lbs of tobacco and 200 lbs of beans.

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8 Aug 70 G-1/2 while on patrol found 9 bails of tobacco, each weighting approximately 40 lbs.

F-1 while on patrol with CIT found 1 SKS with a broken stock. Also found 3 82mm mortar rounds and 12 chicom grenades.

9 Aug 70 H-2/3 while on patrol spotted 1 VC/NVA wearing black pajamas. Took him under small arms fire, resulting in 1 VC/NVA KIA.

E while establishing defensive position received 5x82mm mortar rounds from unknown direction. One ARVN Marine was KIA and one ARVN and one USMC were WIA.

G-2 spotted 5 NVA dressed in green utilities. G-2 requested a gunship which came on station and covered the target with his ordnance. Area was not swept due to distance.

F-3 while on patrol spotted 2 NVA wearing black pajamas. The patrol opened up with small arms fire resulting in 2 NVA KIA. Area search revealed 91 chicom grenades and assorted medical gear.

H-2/3 while in night ambush spotted 2 VC wearing black pajamas. VC were taken under M-60 and M-79 fire, received approximately 40 rounds of AK-47 automatic and semi-automatic fire. Results of action were 2 VC KIA.

10 Aug 70 H-1/1 while returning from night ambush spotted movement to their north. Opened up with small arms and M-79 fire. Swept area finding 1 VC KIA.

G-2/2 while in route to G(-) position, observed 3 NVA dressed in green utilities. Engaged them with small arms and organic weapon fire, killing one of the NVA.

G(-) observed 2 VC/NVA and requested an AO. AO directed two fixed wing air strikes. Area was not swept due to distance.

12 Aug 70 Gunbird requested permission to work out in F area. Gunbird spotted 1 NVA, dressed in green utilities engaged him with rockets and mini-guns killing 1 NVA.

13 Aug 70 G-2/2 while on patrol found a fresh grave inside a hootch. Investigating the grave, G-2/2 discovered 1 body. Close examination of the body showed multiple shrapnel wounds.

G(-) spotted 1 body floating in the Song Thu Bon River. Body was male wearing green shorts and believed to be victim of gunbird on 12 August.

H-2/3 while moving to night ambush spotted 4 VC/NVA. Opened up with small arms and M-79. Swept area with negative results.

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- 16 Aug 70 G(-) observed one boat in the Song Thu Don River. Boat covered 1 male dressed in brown kakis lying down trying to conceal himself. Boat was fired on with M-60 machine gun. Body was observed being pulled under by unknown agent.
- 18 Aug 70 H-1/1 while on patrol spotted 1 VC/NVA. Enemy was taken under small arms fire. Sweep of area revealed 1 VC/NVA KIA, and 1 pack with corn and a can of G-4.
- 20 Aug 70 H-3/1 while on patrol encountered an "L" shape ambush. The patrol received heavy machine gun and M-79 fire from the enemy ambush. Size of enemy ambush was believed to be a platoon or greater. There were 3 enemy KIA's known to have been sustained.
- 21 Aug 70 CO, 2/7, Company G and H conducted a successful night attack on area where H-3/1 was ambushed. After the final objective was taken 1 dead NVA and 12 bunkers were located.
- 22 Aug 70 G-2/3 while checking area around G(-) position found one bunker. Inside the bunker, they found 1 case of AK-47 rounds and 2 new AK magazines full of new rounds.
- G came across an area which may possibly be enemy harbor site. Area of site was 100 meters by 300 meters, contained 6 bunkers 9x15' in sizes. Bunkers all faced Northwest to the Song Thu Don River.
- 23 Aug 70 G-2/3 while on day patrol came upon a hootch. Checking out the hootch the patrol found 1 SKS leaning against the wall.
- 25 Aug 70 E-3 while sweeping area of early morning 81mm mortar mission by 2/7 discovered 2 bodies which had been killed by shrapnel from mortar mission.
- 26 Aug 70 E-2 while in defensive position, observed approximately 20 NVA with packs and weapons. Called in an AO and directed AO on target area. AO covered target well with his ordnance. Area was not swept due to distance.
- E-1 while on patrol observed 3 NVA dressed in green utilities and helmet. E-1 opened fire with small arms and M-79 fire. Area was swept with negative results.
- H-2 while on patrol received approximately 10-15 rounds of AK fire. Returned fire with small arms and swept area with negative results.
- 27 Aug 70 H-3/1 while on day patrol received 15-20 rounds of AK-47 fire from treeline. Returned small arms fire M-60 and M-79. Area searched with negative results.
- H(-) while establishing daytime position received 5-10 rounds of AK fire. Returned fire with M-79 and searched area with negative results.

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- 27 Aug 70 H-1 while moving into night position, received 10-15 rounds of sniper fire. Returned small arms and M-79 fire. Area was swept with negative results.
- H-2 while setting in night position, observed 1 VC/NVA. Enemy engaged with small arms fire and area was swept with negative results.
- 29 Aug 70 E-1 while moving into night position had approximately 6 grenades thrown into perimeter. Immediately retaliated with M-26 grenades, swept area with negative results.
- 30 Aug 70 E-3/2 while on day patrol came upon a stream. A fire team was dispatched to check out the area. Fire team observed 3 NVA and took them under small arms fire resulting in 3 NVA KIA. Shooting flushed out other 9 NVA. Enemy started running toward the rest of the members of F-3/2. They set up a hasty ambush killing 6 NVA, wounding 2 and capturing 1 NVA. Also captured assorted military gear.
- 31 Aug 70 H-2/1 while on patrol came across one bunker. Bunker appeared to be under construction. It was made of logs with dirt on top of it. The size was 12x4'.
- H-2/1 while on patrol found 2 caves. After checking out these caves a platoon size base camp was discovered. Checking camp site, H-2/1 found assorted gear and 2 AK-47.

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PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

## JOURNAL FOR MONTH OF AUGUST 1970 OPENED

- 0001 01 010001H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 010001 to 021730 OPENED
- 0850 02 010800H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)E1 B)010800H C)820275 D)While searching area, E1 found 2 females ages 20 and 70. The 20 yrs old had schrapnel wound in the left ankle. Both claim they know nothing about, the VC. E)E1 will send the detainees to the rear on first available trans. F-J)neg K)2 L-M)neg N)Coal.
- 1110 03 010930H YBRTC TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)RTC B)010930H C)810262-807204 D)While moving to the E took 15 rounds of AK-47 fire. E)RTC returned fire and searched area, found 3 AK-47 rounds. RTC believes the enemy, has fled in a W direction. F-M)neg N)Sunny, brush.
- 1115 04 010930H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H2 B)010930H C)808348 D)H2 while on patrol found 2 booby traps. One was pressure type buried in the ground. The other booby trap was a 4.2mm mortar round with trip wire. Both was placed in tall grass along trail, trip wire was across the trail. They were set to go off in a chain reaction. E)BOTH were blown in place. F-M)neg N)Sunny, brush
- 1220 05 011000H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)E3 B)011000H C)803293 D)E3 found body of the USMC that was listed as MIA. MIA was E-3 M 4558. Body was recovered from the Song Thu Bon River at above grid. E)E3 requested-permanent routine med at above grid. F)1 F-M)neg N)Sunny.
- 1230 06 011100H YBRTC TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)RTC B)011100H C)8114265 D)While moving to the E, RTC fd 10 well camouflaged bunkers. They were approx 4x3x3' sizes E)RTC searched area with neg results. Also destroyed the bunkers. F-M)neg N)Hot, brush.
- 1355 07 011330H YBH&S TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H&S B)011330H C)211331 D)H&S while working on the defense lines of Hill 100 found two Anti-personnel mines. E)H&S blew them in place. F-M)neg N)Hot, hill.
- 2050 08 011900H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G B)011900H C)206317 D)While in nite def pos, G3's plt guide noticed some very soft soil near his position, soil appeared to have been turned over recently. E)After digging approx 6' deep, discovered a plastic sheets, and a metal sheet covering 4x5 gallon cans of husked corn and 2 gallon cans of unpolished rice. Corn is estimated at 50 lbs. and rice 30 lbs. Cache appears to have been there 3 to 4 weeks. Request permission to destroy cache. F-L)neg M)50 30, lbs of corn, rice. Corn and rice will be given to corn pickers. N)Rainy, cloudy, valley.

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- 1200 09 020930H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H13 B)020930H C)215325 D)H13 while patrol came upon 2 hootches. There were 10 civilians living in hooches. E)H13 detained the people. VN were 7 females 2-70 of age and 3 males age 4-7. H13 destroyed the hootches and VN will be sent Baldy first available trans. F-J)neg K)10 L-M)neg N)Sunny.
- 1220 10 011215H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)E3 B)010945H C)816270 D)E3 while on patrol on W side of Song Thu Bon River came upon a ville had 18 females, ages of 20-30 yrs, 18 children, and 1 male adult age 30 yrs. Male, was wounded in the right leg, wound was approx 1 week old. The female and children were fd in a hootch. The male was in a small cave. All VN had neg ID's. E)VN people are presently being detained by E3 and will be sent to Baldy on 1st avail trans. Also in searching area fd pigs&chickens. 1000 lbs corn, 500 lbs rice, 250 lbs unpolished rice and polished. Also 200 lbs of unidentified weed. F-J)neg K) 37 L)neg M)Line E N)Sunny, ville.
- 1730 11 021730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 010001 to 021730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW  
 E1 fd 2 VN females. Detained them. One had wound on ankle. RTC rec'd s/a/f and ret'n s/a/f/w neg results.  
 H2 fd 2 booby traps. Blew in place.  
 H3 fd 1 listed as MIA. Body was from the Song Thu River.  
 RTC fd 10 bunkers. Destroyed them.  
 H&S fd two anti-personnel mines. Destroyed them.  
 G 3rd plt guide fd soft soil and dug the area finding food.  
 H13 came upon 2 hootches containing 10 VN. Detained the VN and destroyed hootches.  
 E3 came upon ville. Fd 37 VN w/neg ID's. Detained them/w food.
- 1735 01 021735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 021730 to 031730 OPENED
- 1000 02 030700H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H B)030700H C)214337 D)H4 while on day patrol fd approx 500 lbs unpol'd rice. Rice was in 55 gal can and was camoufl'd in grass. E)H4 will pick up rice on ret'n to H- pos. F-L)neg M)500 lbs of rice. N)Clear.
- 1200 03 030845H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H2 B)030845H C)807352 D)H2 while on day patrol along the Song Thu Bon River heard movement in bushes approx 10 meters, in front of them. E)H2 opened fire w/s/a and M-79 fire. H2 swept area finding 2 NVA KIA. NVA were swimming in river. H2 fd 5 NVA packs and 5 NVA gr'n utilities. F-H)neg I)2 J-L)neg M)5 NVA packs, 5 NVA utilities. N)Overcast, river bank.
- 1220 04 030900H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G B)030900H C)205315 D)G while searching area surrounding their perimeter fd an abandoned hootch, also fd 2 bear traps, 1 dud 81 ill rd, 1 2.5 WP rocket, the bunker was 4x6x3 in size. E)G blew in place all the ordinances and bear traps. Also destroyed the hootch. F-M)neg N)Sunny, hootch.

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- 1245 05 030930H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H- B)030930H C)201340 D)H- while on patrol came upon a hootch on a hillside. H- spotted 1 NVA approx 75 meters to the SW E)H- opened with s/a and enemy fled to the S. H(-) continued to fire and swept the area finding 3 NVA KIA. The two males were wearing kankis, the 1 female was wearing gr. utilities. Also fd 5 packs. Packs contained assorted clothes, medical gear and rice. Also fd 1 AK-47 and 1 carbine Found 500 lbs rice unpolished. F-H)neg I)3 J-K)neg L)01 AK-47, 1 carbine. M)5 packs, 500 lbs of unpolished rice.N) Overcast, heavy vegetation.
- 1730 06 031730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 021730 to 031730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW  
 H found 500 lbs of rice on patrol.  
 H2 heard noise and opened up with s/a/f and swept area finding 2 NVA KIA  
 G came upon a hootch and searched finding assorted ordinance  
 H- spotted 1 NVA and opened up w/s/a/f and swept area finding 3 NVA KIA.
- 1735 01 031730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 031730 to 041730 OPENED
- 1920 02 031230H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H B)031230H C)211330-19631199339 D)H called in 4 flights of fixed wing on the above grid due to trail complexes seen by H4 patrol earlier in the day. E)Approx 200ft of the trench line and 2 caves were uncovered and destroyed. Arty was called on above grids too. 1 secondary explosion was observed. Air was on station at 031230H and off at 031604. A total of 72 500 lbs were dropped. Arty was on call at 031200 and off at 031630H using a total of 168 HE and 9 WP. F-M)neg N)Cloudy, hill, brush.
- 2000 03 031545H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)E B)031545H C)817293 D)E12 while on patrol came upon a group of 3 VC with packs, E12 opened fire and swept areas, resulting in 1 VC KIA and finding 1 VN child that was wounded in the upper right arm. Child was approx 4 yrs old. E)E12 called in arty on the 2 VC that fled in a E direction. Also called in an AO with neg results. E12 found 5 lbs of rice, and 1 American silver dollar. Child was medvaced. F-H)neg I)neg J)neg K)1 L)neg M)1 pack, 5 lbs rice, 1 American-Silver Dollar. N)Cloudy, brush.

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- 1100 04 041000H YB<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)YB<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> B)041000H C)211331-199339 D)YB<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> called 1 flight of fixed wing on above grid to prep area before Hotel Co swept the area. E)AO observed 1 secondary explosion and 100m of trench line. Also uncovered 1 hootch and cave. Trenchline hootch, and cave were destroyed. F-M)neg N)Cloudy, hill.
- 1320 05 041130H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G B)041130H C)~~206317~~205317 D)G while in perimeter observed 1 VN male moving SW along a trail approx 100 meters, away. E)G sent a squad out to check the VN male. When the sq came upon the VN, he held up a Chieu Hoi pamphlet and he wanted to Chieu Hoi. G returned the VN to G- pos where he was sent to Baldy. The VC was wearing grey clothes also he was carrying a small amount of tobacco and 1 million unit of penicillan plus an extra set of grey clothes and had 8 ears of corn on him. F-H)neg I)neg J)neg K)1 L)neg M)1 set of clothes, tobacco, penicillan, 8 ears of corn. N)Overcast.
- 1650 06 041200H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)E21 B)041200H C)808297 D)E21 while on patrol came upon 1 VC pack. The pack contained 8 gas mask, 1 surgical mash, 2 panchos, 1 memo pad, 1 NVA uniform, 2 tin cans with alcohol and various clothing, 1 belt and 1 pair of glasses and various documents. F-L)neg M)Line D. N)Cloudy, stream.
- 1655 07 041500H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H12 B)041500H C)803334 D)H12 while on patrol observed, 1 VC approx 100 meters to S. The VC was wearing a grey uniform. E)H12 opened fire with s/a/f killing the VC. VC had a battle dressing on his left arm from previous wound. The VC had 1 wallet, 300 piasters, 1 cigarette lighter and 2 bottles of medicine. F-H)neg I)1 J-L)neg M)Assorted items N)Overcast, brush.
- 1730 08 041730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 031730 to 041730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW  
 H called air and arty on known trails. Observed 1 secondary explosion.  
 E spotted 3 VC w/packs. Opened up w/s/a/f/ and swept areas, finding 1 VN child wounded on upper arm.  
 YB<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> called in arty and air before H Co sweeping the area.  
 G spotted a VC with Chieu Hoi pamphlet. Detained him and sent to Baldy.  
 E21 came upon a pack containing various items.  
 H12 spotted 1 VC, opened up w/s/a/f killing, VC. VC had various items in his possession.

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- 1735 01 041735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 041730 to 051730 OPENED
- 0920 02 050800H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G3 B)050800H C)206317-206216 D)G3 found 30 gallons of corn and 30 gallons of unpolished rice in separate 5 gallon containers. Contents were found approx 100 meters SE of G pos in a ditch. Corn and rice were both camouflaged. Appeared to have been 4 weeks old. E)Rice and corn was collected and brought to G- pos. ~~Rice and corn was given~~ to corn pickers. F-M)neg N)Overcase, ditch.
- 1730 03 051730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 041730 to 051730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW  
 G discovered 30 gallons of corn and rice in separate 5 gallon cans. Distributed to corn pickers.
- 1735 01 051735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 051730 to 061730 OPENED
- 2120 02 051130H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H31 B)051130H C)208342 D)H31 while searching area of bombing on the 3rd and 4th, found across 4 enemy bunkers. Bunkers were made of thick rock. Also found 2 trench lines approx 200 meters in length. All had been destroyed/ by bombs. Also found a 500 lb bomb. E)H31 will search, area again in the morning and destroy the bomb. It was noted to that decaying bodies could be smelled but could not found as of yet. F-M)neg N)Overcast, hillside.
- 2130 03 051600H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)F2 B)051600H C)805309-805310 D)F2 while moving to a nite def pos observed two VC in blk pjs with packs and weapons moving in a NE direction, approx 100 meters away. E)F2 immediately opened fire with s/a and M-79, killing 1 VC. Fox began search area and found 1 fresh blood trail. F followed the blood trail and came upon 2 NVA packs. 1 pack was full of bullet holes. The pack contain a nylon cord, 1 NVA head net, the other pack contained 5 lbs of polished rice. Fox continued to follow the blood trail which led to 2 hootches. One more VC body was fd approx 25 yrs old male. F searched the hootches and sent element on to follow the blood trail. F came upon more hootches and F searched area and found another NVA pack which contained 1 pair of Ho Chi Minh sandel, 1 bra, 1 blk pjs. Also found 1000 lbs of corn, 1000 lbs rice, 500 lbs tobacco, and 1 new T.V. set. F will continue to search area. F-H)neg I)2 J-L)neg M)Line E N)Overcast.
- 2140 04 051805H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)F2 B)051805H C)805309 D)F2 while setting up nite def pos discovered a fresh grave. E)F2 dug up grave and discovered a male body approx 25 yrs old. The male appeared to have been killed by shrapnel and had been dead approx 2 days. F-H)neg I)1 J-M)neg N)Hot, brush

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- 2150 05 051815H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G12 B)051815H C)214313 D)G12 while on patrol observed smoke approx 150 meters in a E direction from them. E)G12 moved up to where the smoke was coming from and observed a hootch with 1 VN male setting ~~in front of~~ the hootch eating. G12 moved up on the VN. VN saw Marines and started running but G was to close to him and caught the VN. In searching the hootch G12 found a pack. The VN had an ID card but upon questioning said he worked for the VC. G12 took the POW back to the G- pos to send to Baldy first available trans. Also destroyed hootch. F-I)neg J)1 K-L)neg L)1 pack N) Dusk, brush, valley.
- 2200 06 052130H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G13 B)052130H C)207317 D)G13 while in night def position heard movement 50 meters to their E. E)G13 engaged/w s/a and swept area with negative results. Will resweep at first light. F-M)neg N)Dark, clear, brush.
- 1130 07 061045H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)F12 B)061045H C)805293 D)F12 while on day patrol noticed a cave on other side of Hill at above grid. F12 approached the cave cautiously and yelled loud. E)F12 threw, a smoke grenade in the cave with neg result. F12 then throw a frag into the cave to blow any possible booby traps. F12 heard a cry from inside the cave. In checking out the cave F12 found a body of NVA was approx 20 yrs old. Searched area with neg result. F-H)neg I)1 J-M)neg N)Hot
- 1120 08 061130H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H33 B)061130H C)195338 D)H33 while on day patrol checking out trail running into mountains came across 2 grave 500 meters apart. E)H33 searched grave and it was revealed 1 body in each grave. Both males approx 20-25 yrs old age Graves were approx 1 month old. F-H)neg I)2 J-M)neg N) Hot, heavy brush.
- 1130 09 061220H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G B)061220H C)206317-204316 D)G while in def pos observed 1 VC dressed in green shorts and shirt traveling East along river bed, approx 600 meters SW of G pos. E)Scout/ snipers at G pos watched the VC with binoculars then fired 2 rds wounding the VC. At the same time G31 was dispatch to area and found a large pool of blood and blood trails.. Blood trail stopped and G found 3 cooking pots containing, freshly cooked corn. Also there were fresh fires showing/ that 4 VC had recently been in the area. It is believed that the body was carried or drug off. F-M)neg N)Hot, bush

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1440 10 061230H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)HL3 B)061230H C)797303 D)HL3 while on day patrol spotted 5 VC/NVC approx 30 meters to SE. Enemy were sitting in hammocks. They were wearing blue shirts and shorts. E)HL3 opened up with M-16, M-60 and M-79 fire killing 1 enemy. The others fled to SE. HL3 swept area finding the 1 VC/NVA also 25 to 30 hootches. Hootches were destroyed and assorted of gears to be taken to H1 pos. Also documents were found in 5 packs that were found. F-H)neg I)1 J-L)neg M)Assorted med gear, 782 gear, 5 hammocks, 5 packs containing document N)Hot, high grass.

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 1730 11 061730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 051730 061730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW  
 H31 after bombing of area, searched area finding various of destroyed trench lines and bunkers.  
 F2 spotted 2 VC engaged them s/a/f killing one. Searched of area revealed blood trail. Followed it and found various no gears and 2000 lbs of rice and corn.  
 F2 found 2 graves with containing a body in each grave.  
 G12 observed smoke and searched area finding a VC who was eating. Detained him who later he worked for VCs.  
 G13 heard movement so f/s/a and swept area with neg results.  
 F12 spotted a cave. Threw a smoke grenade with neg results. So threw frag which had cry from inside. Searched the cave, finding 1 VN body.  
 H33 found graves; 2, which contained body in each graves.  
 G spotted 1 VC 600 meters away. Snipers took 2 rounds at him with neg results.  
 HL3 spotted 5 VC/NVA, engaged them with s/a/f/ resulting 1 VC/NVA KIA. Searched area finding assorted gears.

1735 01 061735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 061730 to 071730 OPENED

2215 02 061640H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)F2 B)061640H C)805309 D)F2 while on patrol came across a base camp approx 20 meters by 125 meters at the above grid This camp was in same general area that F2 found corn and--rice yesterday. Today's camp contained 5 hootches that could accommodate from 10 to 15 persons. The following items were found. 60 lbs of clothing consisting of uniforms, blk pjs, sweat shirts, civilian clothing, 1 complete khaki uniform, mosquito net, 15 pr shorts, also assorted documents, including a letter. A possible diary with pictures, a possible chinese document. Two med kit, pouch containing opium, 1 sewing machine, 1 SKS in good condition. The 3 basket of tobacco, 500 lbs of rice, 3-5 gallon containers of rice, 2-5 gallon containers of corn, 1200 lbs of rice and corn, 20 sand bags of rice, corn and 1x5 gallon container of rice and corn. E)F2 still continued to search out area and await to transport items to YB. F-K)neg L)1 SKS M)All items in D. N)Hot, sunny, brush.

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- 1355 03 071015H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H33 B)071015H C)217347 D)While on day patrol H33 came on across 1 VC body. Body had been dead approx 3 weeks. Body-- had blk top and white bottoms, approx 30 yrs old. Man had been shot and was partially buried. E)H33 searched out area w neg results. F-H)neg I)1 J-M)neg N)Sunny, clear.
- 1400 04 071235H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S03 SM  
 A)H22 B)071235H C)824363 D)H22 while on day patrol came on across a ville. E)H22 searched the vill thoroughly and found 1 U.S. suspect approx 20-22 yrs old. VN male said he was a PF but did not have ID, rifle or uniform. Man was wearing a white shirt and shorts, suspect was taken captive and detain. Detainee will be returned to rear as soon as possible.F-J)neg K)1 L-M)neg N)Sunny, heavy brush.
- 1420 05 071246H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)F B)071246H C)797307-805277 D)F CO. called in a flight of fixed wing on possible harbor site. E)Flight dropped 6 DA's 7xD9's and 1xD24 with a BDA Of 80/100. One secondary explosion was observed by AO. Flight was on station at 071240 and off 071246H F-M)neg N)Hot, brush.
- 1515 06 071400H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G32 B)071400H C)211317 D)G32 while providing security for corn pickers found a recently built hootch. E)G32 searched a hootch and found 6 pairs of blk pjs, 3 five gallon cans of corn. Also found a bunker under the hootch. Hootch was 4x8x3. G gave corn to corn pickers and destroyed the hootch and bunk F-M)neg N)Hot, valley.
- 1730 07 071730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 061730 to 071730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW  
 F2 came upon a base camp size of 20x125 meters. Searched the area finding great amount of various gears and 1 SKS.  
 H33 found a body on trail.  
 H22 spotted a VM who claimed he was a PF. Detained him and brought back to rear.  
 F Co. called in fixed air wing on possible harbor site. Observed a secondary explosion.  
 G32 came upon a hootch where they found various gears and items. Also great deal amount of food.
- 1735 01 071735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 071730 to 081730 OPENED
- 0030 02 072300H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)F2 B)072300H C)805309 D)F2 continued to search out base camp found yesterday. Found 2 bunkers 4x4x15'. In side was 500 lbs corn and rice, 500 lbs tobacco, 200 lbs beans, wallet with personal diary and pictures and documents. E)Will-- continue to helilift items out until complete. Will also send documents to S-2. F-L)neg M)1 wallet, document, 1200lbs of food and tobacco. N)Hot, sunny, brush.

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- 1030 03 080905H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G B)080905H C)205315 D)VN while picking corn tripped a M-26 booby trap. Booby trap was fastened to a corn stalk/w a 30" wire fastened to another corn stalk. 1 VN suffered a fasical wounds and sucking chest wounds. The other man was wounded in the left leg and stomach. E)Casualties were med F)neg G)2 VN H-M)neg B)Sunny, warm, cornfield.
- 1450 04 081230H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G12 B)081230H C)205314 D)G12 while,found 1 hootch, on a patrol, in the hootch was 9 bails of tobacco, each weightin approx 40 lbs. 3 of the bails had been broken open. E)G12 destroyed the hootch and tobacco that was broken open. G12 returned to G pos with the remaining 6 bails. Hootch showd no signs of being lived in. F-L)neg M)6 bails of tobacco. N)Hot, brush.
- 1540 05 081400H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)F1 B)081400H C)802228 D)F1 while on patrol w/CIT found 1 SKS with a broken stock. Also found 3 82mm mortar rounds 12 chicoms, All were in poor shape. E) CIT advised to bl-ow them in place, which was done. F-M)neg N)sunny, brush.
- 1730 06 081730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 071730 to 081730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW F2 in further search of camp base, found 1200 lbs of rice and corn and tobacco.  
 G, VN picking corns tripped a booby trap resulting 2 wounds. G12 found a hootch which contained 8 bails of tobacco. F1 found various ordinance and 1 SKS without stock. Blew in place.
- 1735 01 081735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 081730 to 091730 OPENED
- 1059 02 090825H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H23 B)090825H C)814338-814339 D)While on patrol spotted 1 VC/NVA 100 meters to the N wearing blk pjs. H23 opened up w/s/a/f. E)Swept area and found 1 VC/NVA KIA. Neg ID or a wallet. F-H)neg I)1 J-M)neg N)Overcast, flat, brush.
- 1435 03 091200H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S\*3 SM  
 A)G12 B)091200H C)208316 D)G12 while returning to G posi-tion from patrol, found a bundle of papers wrapped in plastic lying along the bank of a stream. E)G12 returned to pos and searched bag. G found a pay roster, personnel diary, letter from NVN and operations, entrys dated 3 June 70. Most paper type written with near personnel hand written notations. All documents will be sent to the rear. F-H)neg M)Documents.N) Sunny, hot, stream.

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- 1730 04 091730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 081730 to 091730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW  
H23 spotted 1 VC/NVA, engaged him with s/a/f/ killing VC.  
G12 found bundle of papers in plastics. Opened up finding  
various documents and personnel letters and diary.
- 1735 01 091735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 091730 to 101730 OPENED
- 2020 02 091615H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
A)E B)091615 D)017417 D)E Co. while setting up def pos,  
rec'd 5 82mm rounds from unknown direction. 1 ARVN Marine  
was KIA and 1 ARVN and USMC were WIA. US WIA was attached  
to ARVN from 5th Marine H&T. E)Gun ships and fixed wings-  
were called in with unknown results. F)neg G)1 H-M)neg.  
N)Hot, jungle.
- 2030 03 091745H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
A)G2 B)091745H C)199314-204298 D)G2 def pos spotted 05  
NVA dressed in green utilities, approx 1200 meters away to  
the SE. 2 personnel had packs and no weapons. E)G2 reque-  
sted gunships. The gunships were on station from 1800-1815  
and fired 13 2.75" rockets. Gunships gave excellent cove-  
rage of target area but could not observe enemy movements.  
Upon completion of air strike, artillery was called in with  
4.2 firing 22 HE. There were negative sightings. F-M)neg  
N)Hot, hills.
- 2140 04 091945H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
A)H23 B)091945H C)797344 D)H23 while set in nite ambush  
spotted 2 VC approx 75 meters to the N. The 2 VC were in  
positions approx 20 meters apart. E)H23 opened fire w/ML6  
M-60, and M-79. H23 rec'd approx 40 rds of AK-47 auto and  
semiauto fire from approx 100 meters to NE of H23. There-  
appeared to be more than 1 weapon firing. During fire fi-  
ght H23 heard movement from 2 different pos both approxi-  
mately 100 meters to NE. H23 continued firing and began to  
sweeping area. Sweep revealed 2 VC KIA. VC were wearing-  
blk pjs and had 1 pack. H23 continued sweep w/neg results  
They will sweep again at first light. F-H)neg I)2 J-L)-  
neg M)1 packing of corn. N)Overcast, night, cornfield.
- 2220 05 091100H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
A)F3 B)091100H C)799321 D)F3 while on day patrol, sweep  
down blue line, spotted 2 NVA approx 50M away, sitting on  
side of stream, eating chow. NVA wearing grn pjs and their--  
ages were 25. They had an NVA hammock containing 1 grn NVA  
uniform, 1 khaki uniform also civ'n clothing. F3 also fd  
91 chicom, assorted med gear, 2 notebook and notes, 1 fla-  
shlight, 4 canteens, 20 lbs corn, 5 small bags of VBL, VB2  
1 lb tobacco, 30 ft trip wire, and 1 NVA cartridge belt.

uniform, 1 Kha

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E)F3 opened fire w/s/a/f, killing 2 NVA, F3 searched area and continued sweep. F3 destroyed corn and tobacco, all other gear was brought back to F- position and sent to LZ BALDY on C&C bird. F-H)neg I)2 J-L)neg M)All items in line D except corns and tobacco. N)Hot, sunny, brush.

- 0820 06 100630H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H11 B)100630H C)219333-219334 D)H11 while returning, from nite ambush spotted movement 100 meters to North.H11 opened up w/M-16, M-79 frie and grenades. Swept area and found 1 VC KIA. Approx 30 yrs old. F-H)neg I)1 J-M)neg N)sunny, grassy area.
- 0930 07 100730H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G22 B)100730H C)202318-202319 D)G22 while in route to G pos, observed 3 NVA dressed in green utilities moving in a NW direction approx 100 meters away. E)G22 engaged the enemy with s/a and organic weapons, immediately killing a 3rd NVA. G- was called to set up a blocking force, also, arty was called in with good coverage at grid 194324. G- searched area finding a small bag of rice, 2 packs with as assorted gear and the body of the NVA KIA, which was approximately 28 yrs old. The other two enemy was believed, to have fled in a NW direction. F-H)neg I)1 J-L) neg M)Items in line E. N)Sunny, valley.
- 1540 08 101320H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G6 B)101320H C)193320-206317 D)G6 called in AO for 2 VC/NVA observed by G-, at the above grid. Enemy were approximately 1400 meters away traveling in a SE direction. G could only tell that the enemy were wearing dark cloth E)AO called two flights of fixed wing. The fix wing dropped D2 500 lbs and 14 napalms. F-M)neg N)Hot, brush.
- 1730 09 101730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 091730 to 101730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW  
 E rec'd 5 82mm incoming rounds. resulting 1 USMC WIA.  
 G2 spotted 5 NVA, called in bird which covered area excellent.  
 H23 spotted 2 VC 20 meters apart, engaged them w/s/a/f resulting 2 VC KIA.  
 F3 spotted 2 NVA near stream eating, engaged them w/s/a/f resulting 2 VC KIA. Searched area and found assorted gear and items.  
 H11heard movements, opened up with s/a and M-79, and grenade. Searched area finding 1 VC KIA.  
 G22 spotted 3 NVA, engaged w/s/a/f killing 3rd NVA. Also called in arty and air which covered area excellent. Searched area and finding various gears.  
 G6 called in AO on 2 VC/NVA. Fixed wing worked over target area with excellent coverage.

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1735 01 101735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 101730 to 111730 OPENED

2030 02 101800H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H33 B)101800H C)216356-194347 D)H33 while in day pos observed 3 VC/NVA walking into a cave 2000 meters to SW. A cave which 3 VC/NVA entered was 2000 meters away. H33 could not, observe uniforms/weapons because of distance. E)Called in a arty mission with neg results observed. F-M)neg N)Rain,bush

2040 03 101815H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)F3 B)101815H C)805298 D)F3 while on day patrol, was moving S on trail, and discovered 1 booby trap consisting of M26 frag and trip wire 30-35 in. long. Trip wire was tied to the bush, on one side of trail and stake on the other. E)F3 blew it in place. F-M)neg N)Sunny, Hot, trail.

1730 04 111730H JOURNAL FOR THE PERIOD OF 101730 to 111730 CLOSED SUMMARY  
 H33 spotted 3 VC/NVA walking into a cave, called arty in, with negative results.  
 F3 discovered one booby trap, M-26 frag tied to bush. F3 blew it in place.

1730 01 111730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD ~~111730~~ TO 121730 OPENED

2330 02 121000H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H B)121000H C)790333 D)H13 while on day patrol spotted 13 VN moving North to South. H13 was moving South to North. E)H13 set up hasty ambush, but saw most of the VN were women with baskets. H13 detained all of them, 2 had ID's. One ID stated that the women was from QueSon. H13 while bringing detainees to H1 pos. spotted 1 VN male about 25 yrs. old. A search produced an ID stating he was 40 yrs. old. He was deatined and classified VCS. All1 are presently held at H1 pos. F-I)neg. J)1 K)13 L)neg M) 3 farm tools and ID cards. N)hot sunny flat.

1730 03 121730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 111730 TO 121730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW  
 H13 detained 13 VN and 1 VCS while on day patrol.

1730 01 121730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 121730 TO 131730 OPENED

2330 02 121530H YBG TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G22 B)121530H C)218314 D)G22 while waiting on beach to link up with G11 saw 8 bandoleers of M-16 rds. in the sand, as if discarded. E)Upon close observation of the bandoleers G22 found that they were booby-trapped with 1 M-26 frag, lying under bandoleers with pin pulled. G22 blew in place. F-M) neg N) hot cloudy beach.

2340 03 121910H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G13 B)121910H C)211331-212333 D)G13 while moving to night pos. saw movement 75 meters NW of the trail. G13

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estimated unit to be of squad size from what they saw and heard. E)G13 opened up with small arms fire in return, and called in for illumination. Under illumination G13 swept area, found blood trails and tunnels. Enemy were believed to have fled in a North West direction. Tunnels were about 2'x4' and empty. G13 will sweep area again at first light. F-M) neg. N)night, trail cool.

- 2345 04 120945H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3  
 A)G B)120945 C)211331-795295 D)Gun Bird notified G14 and requested permission to work out in the area once occupied by Fox Company. While working on the above grid gunship saw 1 NVA male running west from river, wearing green utilities with no pack or rifle. E) Birds engaged with rockets and mini-guns, killing him. G14 then requested AO who looked over the area and called in a flight of fixed wing. F-H)neg. I)1 J-M)neg N)hot sunny flat.  
 Fixed Wing:  
 On: 1120  
 Off: 1140
- 1730 05 131730H JOURNAL FOR THE PERIOD 121730 to 131730 CLOSED SUMMARY  
 G-found bandoleers booby trapped, blew in place with negative results.  
 G- spotted squad size enemy patrol, called in gunbirds resulting in one NV& KIA.
- 1730 01 131730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 131730 to 141730 OPENED
- 2330 02 131430H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G22 B)131430H C)213309-213309 D)G22 while on patrol found a fresh grave inside a hooch. G22 investigated and discovered a body hastily buried, 2-5 days in the ground. E)Grave was fully uncovered and found to be a male approximately 25 years old and nude. A close examination showed multiple shrapnel wounds. Death was believed to be from arty, called in on this area several days earlier. Hooch was also checked out. Search uncovered several rags and a bunker big enough for two men. The bunker was destroyed. F-H)neg I)1 J-L)neg M) 1 canteen N) hot, sunny, hooch.
- 2330 03 132330H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G- B)131700H C)211331-213328 D)G while in defensive position observed one body floating in the Song Thu Bon river. Body was a male wearing green shorts and believed to be victim of gunbirds on 12 August. E)Golf notified Hotel and they dispatched a squad to observe the body. Death was believed to be from multiple bullet wounds

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F)neg G-H)neg I)1 J-M)neg N)hot, sunny, river

- 2330 04 131945H YBH to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H23 B)131945H C) 799344-798345 D) H23 while on the move to night ambush spotted 4 VC/NVA approximately 125 meters to the North East. E) H23 opened fire with M-16, M-60, and M-79, they swept area with negative results, will sweep area at the first light. F-M)neg N)clear, grassy.
- 0040 05 140040H YBH to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H2 B)131100H C)804356 D)H2 while sweeping area with two RF platoons, coordinate with PF's spotted 2 NVA. E) Engaged enemy with small arms killing both and capturing 2 AK47's. H2 was not in the area and wasn't involved when the 2 NVX were killed. F-H)neg I) 2 J-K)neg L)2 AK47 M) neg N)sunny, rice paddies, corn field.
- 1110 06 140700H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G21 B)140700H C)211315-210314 D)G21 while returning to platoon position from night act observed a civilian cover in a cornfield. G21 felt the cover might be booby-trapped. E)G21 checked cover out carefully and found that there was a M-26 frag with a wire tied to the cover from the frag to a stick in the ground. G21 blew cover in place. F-M) neg N)sunny warm in cornfield.
- 1150 07 140900H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G13 B)140900H C)210335 D)G13 while on patrol tripped a booby trap while going down a trail in a North Westerly direction. E) The pointman tripped the booby trap, the booby trap exploded between pointman and second man in line. Due to distance between the individuals, the blast knocked the Marines down but failed to injure them. The booby trap was a M-26 on the field, left side of the trail with a trip wire running across the trail to vines on the right side of the trail. G13 searched area and found an arrow made of bamboo pointing toward the booby trap approximately 500 meters from the trap. F-M) neg N) sunny, hot trail.
- 1730 08 141730H JOURNAL FOR THE PERIOD ~~131730 to 141730~~ CLOSED SUMMARY  
 G-found dead male 25 years old in grave, believed to have died from arty.  
 G-found dead body floating in River believed to be killed by gunbirds.  
 H-spotted 4 NVA/VC opened up with small arms with neg results.  
 H-PF's working with H engaged two NVA and killed them, capturing two AK47's.  
 G-found booby trapped cover, blew in place with neg results.  
 G-tripped booby trap but due to distance between no one was injured.

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1730 01 141730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 141730 to 151730 OPENED

0755 02 150600H YBE to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)E B)150600H C)019418 D)While on hole watch 2400-0200 Marine kept hearing movement to his front, Marine put rifle on semi-automatic and threw frag. Movement ceased. Marine went off and came back on at 0200-0400 Marine was sitting in hole with legs propped up on edge, rifle resting on legs, finger on trigger. About 0530 a 105mm fired and the Marine jumped causing rifle to fire and wounding him in the right foot. Corpsman treated the Marine and he will be Med-evac. Investigation is being conducted by Echo 6 to determine if round was AD or if the Marine shot himself. F)neg G)1 NBC H-M)neg N) dark and foggy.

1730 03 151730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 141730 to 151730 CLOSED SUMMARY  
 E- While on hole watch Marine shot himself in the right foot. Investigation is underway.

1730 01 151730H JOURNAL FOR THE PERIOD 161730 to 161730 OPENED

1720 02 161300H YBG to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)G B)161300H C)Hill 110, 214324 D)G- while awaiting transportation to IZ Baldy observed one boat heading south upstream in the river approximately 600m east of G- position. In the boat was one man dressed in brown Kakias, lying down trying to conceal himself. E) G-machine gun squad engaged the boat cutting it in half sinking it. The NVA soldier inside was observed being carried downstream until the undercurrent pulled him under. The boat was sunk. The man appeared to be 30 to 35 years old no weapon was spotted. F-H) neg. I) 1 J-M)neg. N) sunny warm in river.

1730 03 161730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 151730 to 161730 CLOSED SUMMARY  
 G-spotted boat in river below Hill 110, opened up with machine gun squad cutting the boat in half and killing the NVA soldier inside.

1730 01 161730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 161730 to 171730 OPENED

2307 02 162110H YBF to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)F B)162110H C)008389-007389 D)F32 while in night pos. heard movement 50-75m east. Threw frag and called arty illumination. Sent out patrol to search area E)Results one KIA wild boar. 130-135lbs. F-M)neg N) dark.

1730 03 171730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 161730 to 171730 CLOSED SUMMARY  
F- heard movement in night pos. threw frag resulting in one KIA boar.

1730 01 171730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 171730 to 181739 OPENED

1645 02 181015H YBH to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
A) H11 B) 181015H C) 030445 D) H11 while on patrol spotted one VC/NVA with pack wearing black P J's. Enemy was 15 m to the east going in a easterly direction. E) Enemy spotted H11 and attempted to flee east, H11 opened fire with small arms killing the man. Swept area finding one VC/NVA with pack with corn and one can of C-4 in it. 21-23 years old. F-H) neg I) 1 J-L) neg M) pack, corn, can of C-4. N) rainy in high grass.

1730 03 181730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 171730 to 181730 CLOSED SUMMARY  
H- spotted VC/NVA in open, fired s/a resulting in one VC/NVA KIA.

1730 01 181730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 181730 to 191730 OPENED

0945 02 190815H YBH to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
A) H11 B) 190815H C) 032449-023446 D) H11 while on patrol observed one VC/NVA approximately 300m away across the river. Enemy was wearing black PJ's but because of the fog could not tell if the enemy had pack or weapon. E) H11 opened fire with s/a on the enemy, he fled into a treeline to the west. H11 could not sweep area because of the river. F-M) neg N) fog, along the river.

1400 03 191145H YBDP to YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
A) DP B) 191145H C) 017417-005434 D) DP observed 1 VC/NVA on rock ledge, appeared he was hanging clothes out in front of the cave. E) DP fired 10 106 rounds on the cave destroying it. Could not tell or check area because of the location across river and on the mountain ledge. F-M) neg N) misty, on the ledge.

1400 04 191330H DPH to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
A) H B) 191330H C) 031446 D) Hotel searched area of intell that was sent out by HeadCold 3. E) Found one hooch but no one was in the area. Appears tht no one has lived in the area for the last few days. Hotel will continue to check the area. F-M) neg N) misty, brush.

1730 05 191730H JOURNAL FOR THE PERIOD 181730 to 191730 CLOSED SUMMARY  
H-spotted one VC/NVA across river, engaged the enemy with s/a but enemy fled into treeline. neg results.  
DP-observed enemy hanging out clothes on a ledge, fired 106 at the cave destroying the cave. Could not sweep the area.  
H-searched area of intell with neg results.

1730 01 191730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 191730 to 201730 OPENED

1435 02 200915H DPH to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)H31 B)200915H C)034447-038450 D)Patrol H31 while moving in a North easterly direction encountered an "L" shaped ambush. The squad size patrol received heavy machine gun and M-79 fire from the enemy ambush. The patrol sustained three WIA's. E)H31 immediately returned fire with small arms and M-79 fire. The remainder of the 3rd platoon, Co. H led by the 6 moved to reinforce H31. An arty mission of 10 rounds was fired and six air strikes three by fixed wing and three helo strikes were directed against the enemy force. The size of the enemy force is unknown but it is believed to be of platoon size or greater. Two NVA are known to have been killed by frags, One by air. The bodies were not recovered. Co. H has Reinforcements from Fox which is moving by foot from 007398 and Co G which is moving via helo from LZ Baldy. A total of nine WIA's were sustained, six were medevac. Elements of H were in contact from 0915 until 1015. More contact was reported from 1200-1300. F)neg G)6 medevac, 3 not evac. I)3 J-M)neg N)clear hot.

1730 03 201730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 191730 to 201730 CLOSED SUMMARY:  
 H-caught in "L" shaped ambush by NVA sustained 9 WIA's 6 medevac. Three enemy KIA's are known to have been sustained.

1730 01 201730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 201730 to 211730 OPENED

1750 02 201600H DPH to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)H- B)201600H C)032446-039448 D)Choppers coming into H- pos received approximately 2 sniper rounds from 700m to the South. E)Gunbirds worked out on the hill. F-M)neg N) overcast heavy brush and trees.

2030 03 201200H DP to DP (SPOT REPORTED) S-3 HC  
 A)DP B)201200H C)037448-038450 D) PFC Mana was last seen at 1200 assisting other members of H Co (WIA's) aboard the chopper for medevac. E) Search was made of immediate area with negative results. Check was also made with med Bn to determine if the individual had been medevaced. Also negative results, PFA Mana was declared MIA at 1900 this date. F-M)neg N) clear, hot.

0445 04 210445H DP to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)DP B)210445 C)043453 D)Co G H and the Bn Command Group conducted a sweep of the area in which H squad had been ambushed., on the 20th. The sweep commenced at 202200. Co G and H abreast from grid 032446. Three objectives were established. Objective #1 (grid 038450) #2 (grid 040448) and #3 (grid 043453).

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E) All objectives were secured by 0330. During this sweep the body of the Marine reported MIA was found, at grid 038450 this man died of a gunshot wound in the head. A PRC-77 which was lost during the ambush the 20th was recovered. During the sweep one NVA body was discovered. This man was recently killed by wounds from arty prep fired prior to the assault. The body was found at objective #3, also found at that objective were 12 bunkers. Five booby traps were encountered, 4 were blown in place one was tripped resulting in three WIA's. All were chicom grenades rigged with trip wire. PFC Mana was killed during second med evac of Co H on 20th. Because of 5-8 ft. high elephant grass this man was not found until the sweep of the area. F) neg G) 3 H) neg I) 1 J-M) neg N) dark rugged, poor visibility.

Arty ON: 2125

Arty OFF: 2155

1730 05 211730H

JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 201730 to 211730 CLOSED SUMMARY:  
H-Choppers received 2 sniper rds. gunbirds worked out with negative results.

DP-PFC Mana was declared MIA.

DP-Two Companies and Command Group conducted sweep of area. Found the MIA Marine, killed by a wound in the head.

Also found one NVA KIA killed by arty prep. Three Marines were WIA by booby traps.

1730 01 211730H

JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 211730 to 221730 OPENED

2100 02 211100H

DPH to DP (SPOT REPORT)

S-3 HC

A) H2 B) 21100H C) 038448 D) While on day acts H came across 4 bunkers 3x3', Inside the bunkers H2 found 14 AK magazines with 200-250 rounds, new ammo and Chi Com grenade. At grid 039450 H found 1 bunker 3x3½' and 20' long. At grid 045452 H found 2 booby traps, 60mm rds. tied to a tree trunk, nose up and set with trip wire. At grid 045452 came across two hooches heavily booby trapped. Traps were approximately 8 chicom grenades rigged with comm wire in and around the hooches. A wooden stool booby trap with 81mm rd. rigged underneath by wire. Found five water cans one had a chicom grenade set half way inside can. Hooches were well camouflaged, 1 hooch contained NVA equipment. Bayonet, 2 canteens, Kaki uniforms and ammo boxes. Had larger tunnel under hooch approximately 3½ft Ht. 4 ft wd. unable to give length. E) H2 destroyed the bunkers booby traps and chicoms. Established high pos in the tunnel and will check tomorrow at first light. F-L) neg M) listed N) clear heavy vegetation.

0610 03 230535 DP to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)DP B) 230535 C)018418-016416 D)one NVA observed about 50-75m on front of perimeter positions while area was illuminated by 81mm. E)18 rds of illum. and EE fired into area on NVA and likely escape route. Area will be swept then at first light. F-M) neg N) dark, cloudy.

0905 04 220850H DPG to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)G B)220850H C)037443 D) G- while on the move found a M-26 booby trap set up with trip wire across a trail. E)G- blew the booby trap in place. F-M) neg N) overcast.

1015 05 220905H DPH to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)H33 B)220905H C) 032445-038448 D) H33 while on day patrol found 1 60mm booby trap and 2 82mm booby traps all three traps were set up with cumm wire strung across trail, 100 meters apart. Traps were set off trail about 1 ft. they were tied to a tree. E) H33 blew all in place F-M)neg N)along a river bank.

1045 06 221000H DPH to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)H B) 221000H C) 035450 D)H1 discovered 6 caves. First two appeared to be billeting areas, first cave was large enough to hold 10-12 people, and was not booby trapped. Second cave was large enough to hold 16-20 people and was booby trapped. There were three wires across the entrance and they were tied to buckets inside the cave. There appeared to be some kind of booby trap inside the bucket. The ptrol did not look inside the cave but looked inside with a flashlight. Cave appeared to be 12-18'. 4 more caves were found about 50m NW of the first two caves, these were about 9x5' and were not booby trapped. E)Caves and booby traps were destroyed. Unable to observe if any secondary explosions occurred. F-M)neg N)sunny.

1445 07 221130H DPG to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)G B)221130h C) 043448 D)G23 while on a short day act checking area around G def pos found a bunker with enemy gear and rds. in it. E) G23 set up security and send two Marines down to check it out. They found two command detonated directional mines, 1 case of AK rounds, ~~1200~~. 2 new AK magazines, full of new rounds, and some sandals. G23 brought gear to G pos for retrograde to DP pos. The bunker was approximately 15' deep 9' wide and big enough for 5 people. Directional mines were not hooked up. F-M)neg. N) sunny, warm in brush.

- 1620 08 221139H DPH to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)H22 B)221130H C) 029439 D) while on patrol near cp 3 pointman tripped wire. There was a loud pop and a few fragments flew. One man received minor wounds in right leg. Under investigation and booby trap showed it did not detonate. E) Investigation showed booby trap was a 82mm round H22 picked up the remains and continued the patrol. Booby trap was 2 ft off the trail and trip wire was 46 inches off the trail, WIA was able to walk. F)neg G)1 nonevac H-M) neg N) clear, hot heavy vegetation
- 1715 09 221120H DPH to DP (SPOTREPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)H B) 221120H C)042454 D)Cave located under hooch discovered on Aug 21 by H Co was explored, by H3 after being observed all night by an ambush. Cave had a sharp turn about three feet from entrance. E)Nothing was found, cave was approximately 30 ft. long and ran parallel to the trail. F-M)neg N) sunny. clear.
- 1730 10 221730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 211730 to 221730 CLOSED SUMMARY  
 H-came across hooches and booby trapped area, and AK ammo and magazines. destroyed all.  
 DP-observed one NVA outside perimeter fired 81's on area will check in the morning.  
 G-found booby trap and blew in place at 037443.  
 H-Found three booby traps at 038448 blew in place.  
 H-found caves and booby trapped cave, blew all in place at 035450.  
 G-found bunker with gear in it, retrograded all gear.  
 H-Pointman tripped booby trap but failed to go off, one WIA nonevac from slight fragments.  
 H-Explored cave found the 21st, with neg results,
- 1730 01 221730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 221730 to 231730 OPENED
- 1757 02 220930H DPG to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)G B)220930H C)041453 D)G31 while walking point element for Co to new pos. discovered one 60mm and 81mm booby trap. Both rounds were set about a foot off the side of the trail and were pressure detonated. G31 moved into a gully up the trail to find cover while blowing the mortar rounds. As they moved into gully point man detonated a M-26 Booby trap wounding two Marines, the trap appeared to have been set in a tree about three feet above the ground, probably pressure detonated. As Corpsman moved to aid wounded Marines he too set off a M-26 booby trap wounding 4 additional Marines.  
 E)Called in medevac and destroyed the 60mm and 81mm rounds in place. F)neg G)7 H-I)neg J-M)neg N)sunny, heavy vegetation.

1855 03 221030H

DPG to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)G B)221030H C) 042449-043446 D)Co searching out the area which may possibly be enemy harbor site. Area may site and is 100m x 300m, 1/3 of the entire area. E) Found 6 bunker 40-50m apart ranging in size 9x15' the bunkers appeared to be shelters from arty as well as fighting positions. Bunkers all faced NW to the Song GRA river. Equipment found was in good condition and indicates enemy left in a hurry. Also in area were tracks and were beleived to be 4-5 hours old. Area was not searched further because of order to assume defensive posture in preparation for enemy attack on FSB Hatchet. All bunkers were destroyed. Captured equipment will be retrograded to rear or Baldy, on first available transportation. F-L)neg M)Black PJ's, belts, wallet with a picture of NVA uniform, documents, overlay paper, newspaper letters, syringe, flashlight, det cord, blasting caps. N)sunny.

2115 04 221800H

DPH to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A) H3 B)221800H C)041457 D)H3 while on day patrol found 4 60mm rounds rigged as booby trap. All had trip wires rigged to them rounds were just off the side of the trail. 1st round was tied to a tree, wire across trail 4" above the ground. The other three were just lying on the side of the trail with trip wire running parallel to the trail. In the same vicinity a 81mm booby trap was found with a trip wire attached to it parallel to the trail. Also 1 500 lb. bomb and 1 boat were discovered in the area. There were two bunkers about 50m away, these were about 5x8' and were 20m apart. In the bunker a bag was found with wallet and pictures and receipts and various papers with numbers on it. The bag also contained shirts, shorts, trousers, and a medical kit, det cord and blsting caps. E) boobytraps were destroyed in place bomb and boat were destroyed. Other was retained for forwarding to DP-2. F-L)neg, M) above N)sunny, warm.

2142 05 221500H

DPH to DP (SPOTREPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)H11 B)221500H C)037452 D) H11 while on move to day pos came across four enemy bunkers. In making a thorough sweep of the bunkers they found AK rounds and numerous 82mm mnds boxes which were empty. Bunkers were 8x12' and 12x16' in size. They were 15 to 20 meters apart and faced the vines. They had fresh cigarette butts in them and looked as if they were used in the last 24 hrs. It is thought that these are resting places and shelters from air and arty. E) Bunkers were destroyed with C-4. Ammo is retained for forwarding to DP -2. F-M)neg N) hot hilly, grassy area.

0610 06 230515H DP to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)DP B)230515H C) 018418-017419 D) One NVA was observed running away from perimeter. Beleived the individual to be reconing the FSB Hatchet. E) 5 rds. of M-79 was fired at the enemy, 2 60mm illum. and 6 81mm HE on the likely escape route. Area will be swept at first light. F-M) neg. N) dark, cloudy.

0930 07 230535 DP to DP  
 FOLLOW-UP  
 A)DP B) 230535 C)018418-016416 D)Patrol check on the area that NVA was observed. One trail showed recent use Also found one fighting hole 3x4' with a pallet top. Hole had been used to cover trail leading from Hatchet and a mark was found near a hole where a rifle was laying. E-M) neg N) hill, cloudy.

FOLLOW-UP  
 A)DP B)230515 C)018418 D)Patrol set out to check the area of NVA observed the night before, with negative results. E-M)neg N)hill, cloudy.

1345 08 230940H DPE to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A) E B)230940H C) 017420-013432 D)E22 while on day patrol observed 4 VC moving South, 1200m to the NW. Two VC were wearing white and two were wearing black. E) Called in 81mm mortars but were forced to go into check fire because of a resupply chopper. After the chopper left, gunbirds checked the area and found trails but no VC. 106's were called in with good coverage, Gunbirds then came back on station and delivered all their ordanance. E22 was unable to see results because of the heavy brush. F-M)neg N)overcast, hilly, bushes.

1410 09 231130H DPG to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A) G B)231130H D) 031443 D) G23 while on day patrol came upon a hooch. Carefully checking out the hooch they found one SKS. Rifle was leaning against the wall inside the hooch. E) G23 checked for booby traps, before taking the SKS. Returned to G pos. Area appeared to be deserted for around 5 days. F-K)neg L)SKS M)neg N)cloudy, bushy, old hooch.

1730 10 231730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 221730 to 231730 CLOSED SUMMARY:  
 G- tripped two booby traps wounding 7 Marines.  
 G- searched out area of harbor site and found some bunkers and gear.  
 H- found bunkers and booby traps in the same vicinity. Also 500lb. bomb and boat were found. All were destroyed in place.  
 H-Found 4 enemy bunkers with signs of recent use, H destroyed all.  
 DP-Observed NVA on perimeter, Called in 81mm with neg result.  
 E-spotted 4 VC in open called in 81, 106, and gunbirds with negative results.  
 G-Found SKS in old hooch returned to G- position.

1730 01 231730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 231730 to 241730 OPENED

2050 02 231330H DPG to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)G B)231330H C)032445-036432 D)G--while shooting arty mission observed secondary explosion. E)Patrol sent to check out the area, with negative results. F-M) negative N) sunny.

0504 03 222130 DPG to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)G B)232130 C)041116 D)As G33 ambush departed frm G pos a dog began to follow the squad. The squad leader observed that as long as the squad was on the move the dog followed quietly. However as soon as the squad attempted to stop the dog began to bark. E)The squad attempted to lose the dog, but could not and eventually the dog came to the ambush position. Late in the evening someone or something set off a trip flare beyond the Co perimeter, and a frag was thrown. A patrol was sent to check the area and found a dog KIA by the frag. The dog was a mongrel about 1 foot high and 10-15lbs. F-M)neg N)cloudy, in the jungle.  
 Note: It is believed that the dog was brought into the area by enemy personnel because not any domestic dogs had been observed in the area until this incident.

1730 04 241730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 231730 to 241730 CLOSED SUMMARY  
 G-while shooting arty mission, observed a secondary explosion, checked area with negative result.  
 G-Killed dog during night ambush, believed that dog was brought into area by enemy.

1730 01 241730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 241730 to 251730 OPENED

1730 02 251730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 241730 to 251730 CLOSED SUMMARY

1730 02 251730 JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 251730 to 261730 OPENED

2200 02 251230H DPE to DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)E B)251230H C)004393 D)Echo 3 while sweeping the area of a early morning 81mm mortar mission, by Date Palm, discovered a cave approximately 5'x10'. Inside the cave the patrol discovered three USMC utility caps, and one set of NVA utilities. About 50m west of this cave the patrol discovered two bodies which had been killed by shrapnel from the mortar mission. The bodies appeared to be six hours old. The body was dressed in NVA utilities and the other in black PJ's. The NVA and VC were carrying two diaries and 10lbs of rice. About 15 meters from the two bodies the patrol discovered a booby trapped M-26 grenade. The grenade was tied to a tree and had a trip wire attached to it across a small path. A further sweep of the area revealed a 250 lb. bomb about 30 to 40 meters from the bodies but in a different direction. It appeared that

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someone had been dragging the bomb. The bomb was not booby trapped. It appeared quite obviously that the two VC/NVA were killed trying to carry the bomb by the 81mm mortar mission. E) The booby trap and bomb were both destroyed on spot, the gear was sent back to 2/7 S-3. F-H)neg I)2 J-L)neg M)listed above N)Hilly, bush

- 2340 03 251620H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)E3 B)251620H C)007396 D)E3 while on patrol discovered on one hootch under rock ledge. There were sandal prints out side doorway. They led in no definite direction. E3 searched area and hootch with neg results. They continued patrol came across more foot prints approx 20 meters E of hootch near stream. Foot prints were fresh, headed North west direction. E3 searched area with neg results. They continued on patrol and came across another hootch which appeared to be freshly vacated. E3 checked out area, found 10 lbs of rice in clothing bag. There were freshly cultivated fields of rice and corn to W of hootch. Searched hootch found neg documents or military gear. E)E3 destroyed rice, continued on patrol. F-M)neg N)Hot, hill
- 1555 04 261000H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)E2 B)261000H C)001397-001415 D)E2 while in def pos observed approx 20 NVA with packs and weapons. Enemy were moving S to N. E)E2 called in an AO. and directed AO on target area. AO had good coverage on targeted area. AO was on station on 1020 and off 1400. F-M)neg N)Sunny.
- 1600 05 261200H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)E1 B)261200H C)996288-000386 D)E1 while on patrol observed 3 NVA in the open. The enemy were wearing green utilities and helmets. No weapons were sighted. Enemy were approx 400 meters away. E)E1 opened fire with s/a and M-79 and swept area with neg results, enemy was believed to have fled in a S direction. F-M)neg N)Hilly, sunny.
- 1730 06 261730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 251730 to 261730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW  
 E3 came upon two bodies of dead enemies. Believed to be killed by 81mm mission. Continued patrol finding hootches with neg documents or military gear.  
 E3 while on patrol came upon rock sledge and hootches. Searched area out with neg results.  
 E2 Observed 20 NVA with packs. Called in AO which covered targeted area excellent.  
 E1 observed 3 NVA 400 meters away. Opened up w/s/a/f with neg results.

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- 1735 01 261735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 261730 to 271730 OPENED
- 1810 02 261415H YBH TO BY (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H1 B)261415H C)025394 D)H1 while setting in plt pos observed 4 VN walking toward their pos. H1 detained 1 VN female and 3 female children. They had neg ID. Adult was approx 60 yrs of age, children from 7 to 15 yrs in age. E)VN will be detained and sent to the rear on first available trans. F-J)neg K)4 VNFemales. L-M)neg N)bush
- 1820 03 261430H YBH TO BY (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H12 B)261430H C)043397 D)H12 while on day patrol, point man tripped 1 tripwire booby trap M-26. Booby trap was a trip wire across a trail, E)H called in medevac and completed medevac. F-M)neg N)Sunny, low ground.
- 1950 04 260830H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H12 B)260830H C)048395-050393 D)H12 while on patrol received approx 10-15 rounds of AK fire. Fire came from 2 VC/NVA in tree line approx 150 meters to E. E)H12 returned with s/a/f and swept area with neg results. H12 returned to H1 pos. F-M)neg N)Hot, sunny, treeline.
- 2035 05 262000H DATEPALM TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)DATEPALM B)262000H C)Baldy D)Post's 3-16 and 3-17 have auto burst with tralers and extremely close to their position. Also heard M-79 rds several hundred meters away. Fire came from E. E)Posts were instructed to notify guard shack if it happens again. F-M)neg N)dark, line.
- 0920 06 261430H DATEPALM H TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)DATEPALM H B)261430H C)051394 D)While on moving E to new pos, point element came across 22 VN women and children living in what appeared to be a deserted area. E)VN were rounded up and brought along with company and will be detained and returned BN S-2. F-J)neg K)22 VN L-M)neg N)Dusk, trail and level ground.
- 0930 07 261830H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H1 B)261830H C)035394 D)While wet in plt. pos spotted 2 VN waking into perimeter and searching trash pits. VN had no ID cards. E)VN will be detained and returned to S-2 F-J)neg K)2 L-M)neg N)Dusk, perimeter.
- 0950 08 261830H YEH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H1 B)261830H C)039397 D)While moving E to new pos H1 came across 1 VN. He did have an ID. E)He will be detained and returned to Bn S-2 F-J)neg K)1 L-M)neg N)sunny

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- 1310 09 270730H YBH TO YB (SPCT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H31 B)270730H C)050392 D)While on day patrol, H31 received 15-20 rds from AK-47 in traeline approx 300M from pos in a NE direction. E)H31 returned s/a/f and M-79, 60mm HE, and searched area with neg results. F-M)neg N)sunny, flat.
- 1340 00 270730H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H3 E)270730H C)052391 D)H3 was establishing a PPB for todays activities. H31 squad leader was preparing to brief his squad when one member of squad tripped a tripwire attached to an unknown explosive device. The explosive device was located rear a tree and ~~th~~ose to the ground. E)The explosion resulted in one emergency med, 1 priority and 4 routine med. F)neg G)6 E-M)neg N)Clear, hot,
- 1350 11 271045H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H(-) B)271045H C)058096-061397 D)H(4\*) while set in day time pos received 5-10 rds from AK-47 coming from hillside NE about 250 meters. E)H(-) returned fire with approx 40 M-79 rds and searched area with neg results. F-M)neg N)Sunny, hot, hillside.
- 1730 12 271730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 261730 to 271730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW  
 H1 came upon 4 VN with neg ID. Detained them will brought back on lst available transportation.  
 H12 point man tripped a booby trap resulting 1 Medevac.  
 H12 received 10-15 rds or AK fire. Returned fire with neg results.  
 Datepalm H came upon 22 VN in deserted area. Detained them and brought back to rear.  
 H1 spotted 2 VN in trash pits with neg ID. Detained them.  
 H1 came across 1 VN with ID. Detained him and will sent to rear on lst available transportation.  
 H31 received 15-20 AK fire. Returned fire and swept area with neg results.  
 H3 H31 squad leader was preparing to give brief, one of his man tripped a booby trap resulting 6 USMC WIA. All medevacs.  
 H(-) received 10-15 rds of AK fire. Returned with 40 rds of M-79 and swept area with neg results.
- 1735 01 271735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 271730 to 281730 OPENED
- 1840 02 271615H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H1 B)271615H C)049389 D)H1 while moving to day pos discovered a series of hootches in perimeter. Hootches contained detainees that were choppered out, hootches also contained family bunkers 4x8x6' long. E)Detained them and sent to ITT for interrigration and disposition. F-M)neg N)Overcast, level ground.
- 2113 03 271650H YBH

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- 2120 03 271850H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H1 B)271850H C)065395-065390 D)H1 while moving into night pos received 10-15 rds sniper fire from elephant grass 200 meters from S. E)H1 returned small arms fire and M-79 fire and swept area with neg results. F-M)neg N)Night, bush.
- 2115 04 271810H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H2 B)271810H C)059401 D)H2 while moving into night pos, point man discovered M-26 frag with a tripwire. Booby trap was tied to a tree, with tripwire across the trail lied to other tree about 3" off the ground. E)H2 blew in place with C-4. F-M)neg N)Overcast, trail.
- 2350 05 272130H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H2 B)272130 C)054410-062397 D)H2 while sitting at night pos observed 1 VC/NVA in open rice paddy of approx 200 meters away moving E. H2 could not tell if he had pack or weapon. E)H2 open up w/s/a/f. Also fired M079 and 60mm Ill, and swept area with neg results. F-M)neg N)Night, rice paddy.
- 1730 06 281730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 271730 to 281730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW  
 H1 came upon hootches where they found same VN that were choppered out. Detained them again and sent them to ITT. H1 received 10-15 rds of sniper fire. Returned fire with small arms and swept area with neg results. H2 point man discovered a booby trap. Blew it in place. H2 observed 1 VC/NVA. Opened up with s/a/f with neg result.
- 1735 01 281735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 281730 to 291730 OPENED
- 1800 02 281645H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)E B)281645H C)060395-059393 D)E3 while moving to nite pos entered a ville and while checking it out fd 8 hootches, 6 females, 20 children. Upon questioning by KCS determined that 2 women were VCS. Upon returning to take suspect into custody 1 female had left area with 6 month old child. Detained other VCS who claimed she worked with Marines in Que Son District. She identified herself as Tran Tra but had no ID Cards. E)Took 1 VN female detainee awaiting disposition from rear. Will return them to Bn S-2. F-J)neg K)1 VCS L-M)neg N)ville
- 1730 03 291730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 281730 to 291730 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW  
 E came upon 26 VNs. After KCS questioning them, found out 2 females were VCS. While talking one of the VCs left area with 6 month old child. Detained rest of VN and returned them to rear.

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- 1735 01 291735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD 291730 to 301730 OPENED
- 1820 02 291715H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)E1 B)291715H C)032388 D)E1 while checking ville in area of day pos came across a VN family bunker approx 8x10' in searching found and 8x16" box with 40 paders inside. Papers looked like they were land documents. E)E1 took papers into custody and will turn to S-2. F-L)neg M)document N)Sunny, ville.
- 2120 03 291930H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)E1 B)291930H C)055401 D)E1 while moving to night pos had approx 6 grenades thrown into perimeter from a NW direction resulting in 6 WIA. E)Immediately returned fire with 12xM-26 frags to the west area and area was swept with neg results. Medevac birds were called in and received neg fire. 3 emergency and 3 routine. F)neg G)6 H-M)neg N) Dark, brush.
- 0820 04 292300H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)E1 B)292300H C)055401 D)1 Marine sustained frag wound in left temple in nite def pos wounded due to short fuze on thrown frag. 10 frags were thrown during the night and 2 had short fuzes and 2 failed to explode Not No. PA/3217. E)E Co. will collect entire lot of frag and return to Bn supply. Routine med was called for wounded Marine. F)neg G)1 H-M)neg N)Cool, brush
- 1140 05 300835H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H11 B)300835H C)009395 D)H11 while on day patrol observed 2 caves. H11 started moving toward the caves to search them out. The point man tripped a M-26 booby trap which was a tripwire across the trail. E)H11 called a emergency med and was completed. H11 will continue to check out cave. F)neg G)2 H-M)neg N)Sunny, trail
- 1140 06 300915H YBF TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)F32 B)300915H C)036433 D)F32 while on day patrol going up a gorge came upon a stream. F32 sent out a fire team to check out a trail and observed 3 NVA. E)F32 opened up with s/a killing all 3 NVA. F32 shooting flushed out other NVA that started running down the stream toward the rest of F32. F32 squad hearing the shooting immediately set up a hasty ambush along the stream. The fleeing NVA ran into the ambush. F32 killed 9 NVA KIA and one of them were female, 2 NVA WIA and capturing 1 NVA male POW. F32 also captured the following gear. 3 AK-47, 1 M-16, 17 frags, 8 packs, 6 cartridge belt, 5 AK-47 mag, 1 M-16 mag, 5 blasting cap, 3 feet of detcord, 8 M-79 rds, 35 bottles med, 100 lbs of rice, 2 chicom, 2 med packs, 3 electrical blasting caps and assorted papers and documents. F-H)neg I)9 J)3 K)neg L)3 AK-47 and 1 M-16. M)Line E. N)Warn, sunny,

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- 1630 07 301525H YBE TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)E22 B)301525H C)044394 D)E22 while on day patrol found 1 M-26 booby trap. The booby trap was on the left side of the trail with a tripwire running across the trail about a light green fish line and was tied to a small tree on the other side of the trail. E)E22 destroyed the booby traps in place. F-M)neg N)Cloud
- 1730 08 301730H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 291730 to 301730 CLOSED SUMMARY  
 E1 came across VN family. Searched area finding the what seemed like land documents.  
 E1 while on move received 6 frag resulting 6 WIA's. E1 Marine was wounded due to short fuze of grenades. H11 observed 2 caves and attempted to search it out, while they were head for cave, point man tripped a booby trap resulting 2 USMC WIA.  
 F32 came upon a trail, sent a FT who came upon 3 NVA immediately killing all 3 NVA's. This action lead to another group of NVA (9) who were fleeing down trail to rest of squad where 6 of them were Killed and 2 of them were wounded and 1 was captured. Also captured great amount of military gear.  
 E22 came upon a booby trap, M-26 frag. Blew it in place.
- 1735 01 301735H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 301730 to 312359H OPENED
- 2130 02 301525H YBH TO YB (SPOT REPORT) S-3 SM  
 A)H11 B)301525H C)002392 D)H11 returned to cave site mentioned in spot report 300835H to blow caves. Caves were approx 10x5' and another 10x15'. the smaller cave had a tunnel 15x2' leading to the larger cave. Also H11 found another cave 20x10' which had a grave inside of it. Grave contained 2 male bodies of NVA/VC. Bodies were to decomposed to tell exact cause of death. Bodies were naked and in a sack, age unknown. Also found the following items; 1 USMC Haversack, 1 USMC E-tool, 1 USMC helmet 1 USMC bayonet, and 1 green T-shirt, also assort dishes and 1 AK-47 mag with no ammo.E)Brought captured gear to Hotel pos and blew caves with C-4. F-H)neg I)2 J-L)neg M) Line E. N)Hot, sunny, brush.
- 1500 03 311315H DPH TO DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)H21 B)311315H C)991456 D)H21 while on day patrol found 2 caves, in searching cave revealed a bunker complex also a dried blood approx 10 hours old. Also discovered assorted gear and servicable AK-47. F-K)neg L)AK-47 M)assorted gear. N)Hot, brush.

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- 1555 04 311140H DPH TO DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)H21 B)311140H C)991456 D)H21 while on day patrol came upon 1 bunker. Bunker appeared be under construction. It was made from logs with dirt on it and was 12x4" in size. H21 found the following gear, 1 helmet, 1 cantee, 20 lbs corn, 15 lbs rice and various packs and papers. Also fd 1 set of green pjs and 1 blk pair of pjs. Bunker appeared to have been used as a makeshift hospital. E)Blew in place with C-4 and returned gear to H2 Pos. F-L)neg M)Line D N)Hot, brush.
- 1630 05 311530H DPA TO HC (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)DP B)311530H C)982432 D)DP command group, while on Operation "Imperial Lake", found 2 60mm mortar rds, 2 chi-coms grenades and 1 B-40 rocket round booby trapped. All booby traps were on LZ vulture and all were pressure detonated. E)I.O.D. Team disarmed and destroyed all the booby traps. F-M)neg N)Hot, hill.
- 2050 06 311315H DPH TO DP (SPOT REPORT) S-3 HC  
 A)H21 B)311315H C)989458 D)This is a follow up to 311315H. H21 while on continuing activities on Operation Imperial Lake spotted trails leading to 2 caves. After checking out these caves a platoon size NVA/VC base camp was discovered. Several blood spots approx 10 hours old were found. Area was searched turning up following gear; 1 AK-47, 1 mag, 300 rds of AK-47, 6 M-16 rds, 5 VC pjs tops, 2 VC blk shorts, 2 VC trousers, 4 NVA grenades, 2 NVA Long trousers(green), 3 NVA shorts (green), 3 NVA/VC ponchos, 1 NVA pack, 3 sac packs, 1 med kit, 2 shovels, 1 cycle, 20 lbs rice, 35 lbs salt, 5 lbs sugar, 2 NVA canteens, 1 USMC canteen, 3 rice bowls, 3 large dishpans, 1 satchel with document containing names dates, 1 ID card, Also found 1 82mm booby trap (trip wire type). Trip wire was approx 3 feet off of deck, Booby trap was in front of cave secured to 2 trees. E)Area was searched with neg body findings. F-K)neg L)1 AK-47/w mag. M)Line D N)Sunny, hot, brush.
- 2359 08 312359H JOURNAL FOR PERIOD OF 301730 to 312359 CLOSED SUMMARY FOLLOW  
 H11 came upon a cave, searching revealed 2 male bodies. Also various gear.  
~~JOP H21 came upon a cave, searching revealed 1 AK-47 and assorted gear.~~  
 H21 came upon a cave, searching revealed 1 bunker and various gear.  
 DP found 4 booby traps, destroyed them in place.  
 H21 came upon a cave, searching revealed various gear, 1 AK-47 and 300 rounds. Also found 1 82mm booby trap which was blown in place.

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 Det 81mm Mortar Plt. H&S Co.  
 Det 106mm RR Plt. H&S Co.

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1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces. Annex A (Intelligence)b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 5th Marines conduct operations North of 2/7.
- (2) 3/51 of 1st ARVN Armored Brigade conducts operations East of 2/7.
- (3) 2/51 of 1st ARVN Armored Brigade conducts operations South of 2/7.
- (4) W. Btry (-) provides D/S Artillery fire.
- (5) K. Btry 4/11 provides reinforcing fires for W. Btry.
- (6) 1st MAW provides air support.

2. MISSION. On order on D-day, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines (Rein) conducts category III operations to locate and destroy the Headquarters of the forward elements of Front Four and such other NVA/VC forces as are encountered.

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3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operation

- (1) Annex B (Operation Overlay)
- (2) 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines (Rein) using artillery fire and air strikes to fix the enemy in place and with one reserve company at LZ Baldy conducts simultaneous heliborne landing in three LZ's to encircle the enemy for subsequent category III operations within the area of operations.

b. Co. E. (Rein)

- (1) On order move by tactical helilift and land in LZ Eagle 1,2 & 3.
- (2) Conduct Category III operations in ZOA.
- (3) Establish defensive position IAW Annex B (Operation Overlay).

c. Co. F. (Rein)

- (1) On order move by tactical helilift and land in LZ Falcon 1,2 & 3.
- (2) Conduct Category III operations in ZOA.
- (3) Establish defensive position IAW Annex B (Operation Overlay).

d. Co. H. (Rein)

- (1) On order move by tactical helilift and land in LZ Hawk 1,2 & 3.
- (2) Establish blocking position IAW Annex B (Operation Overlay).
- (3) Conduct Category III operations in zone with platoon landed in LZ Hawk 3.
- (4) Effect linkup of all platoons and block escape of enemy from encirclement.

e. Provisional Security Platoon

- (1) On order move by tactical helilift from LZ Baldy and land at LZ Vulture.
- (2) Provide security for "W" Btry, 3/11 and Command Group A.

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f. 1st Plt. Co. D. 1st Recon Bn.

- (1) On order move by tactical helilift from LZ Baldy, land and establish OP's vicinity 997448, and 013433, and 002424.

g. Battalion Reserve(1) Co. G.

- (a) Be prepared to move by tactical helilift from LZ Baldy to LZ Goose, 1,2,& 3 to establish defensive position IAW Annex B (Operation Overlay) and to conduct Category III operations in zone.
- (b) Be prepared to land in LZ to be designated in order to reinforce/assume mission of Co. E, F, or H.
- (c) Be prepared to helilift one platoon to establish blocking position, conduct Category III operations in designated area or reinforce elements of Co. E,F, or H.

h. Coordination Instruction

- (1) L-hour - TBA
- (2) D-day - TBA
- (3) Move on and off helos expeditiously and tactically (offload time for CH-46 is 5 seconds and CH-53's is 15 seconds).
- (4) Emphasize tactical dispersion at all times.
- (5) Observe fundamental tactical principles in order to avoid friendly on friendly fire.
- (6) Observe active and passive defense against mines and booby traps.
- (7) Emphasize heat and malaria control procedures.
- (8) All civilians will be detained and evacuated.
- (9) POW's will be evacuated to 1st ITT.
- (10) All NVA/VC bodies will be evacuated to LZ Baldy. NVA/VC bodies will not be placed on medevac helos. Units will request evacuation of NVA/VC bodies by requesting a "dead duck" mission which will pick up enemy bodies and deliver them directly to LZ Baldy. "Dead duck" missions will not be diverted to any other task until "dead duck" mission is completed.

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- (11) There will be no RF's, PF's or other Vietnamese units operating in the AO.
- (12) Do not destroy rice, ammunition or weapons caches without prior approval of this Headquarter.
- (13) Fire support coordination: (See Annex C. Fire Support Coordination)
- (14) There will be no firing across FCL's when units are closing. All fires must be coordinated between units. Fires must be parallel to the FCL in order to avoid friendly on friendly fires.
- (15) Report IAW reference (b).
- (16) Contact will be left to right.
- (17) Moving units will coordinate actual linkup.
- (18) Code name for operation "Imperial Lake".

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Each man carry BA and 2 DOA of ammunition and minimum of two fragmentation grenades.
- b. Each man carry four full canteens of water, four MCI, and two long rations.
- c. Wear Flak jackets and helmets at all times, carry gas masks.
- d. Retain weapons of medevacs in the field.
- e. Resupply will be on D+2.
- f. Submit resupply request to Command Group A on D+1 no later than 1000.

#### 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

- a. Bn. CP will be at coordinates 982433.

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## b. Call signs and frequencies:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CALL SIGN</u>	<u>FREQUENCIES</u>
W. Dtry 3/11	Mayflower Whisky	39.65
K. Dtry 4/11	Achilles Kilo	39.65
1st Plt. Co. D. 1st Recon Warcloud Delta I Battalion		TBA


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## Annexes:

- /A - Intelligence
- /B - Operation Overlay
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Annex A ( Intelligence) to Operation Order 12-70

- Ref: (a) Map: Edition 2-TPC, Series L7014, 1-50,000 Vietnam, Sheet 6640 I,  
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- (b) Map: Edition 1-AMS, Series L7014, 1-50,000 Vietnam, Sheet 6640 II,  
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- (c) Map: Edition 1-AMS, Series L7014, 1-50,000 Vietnam, Sheet 6640 III,  
 Hiep Duc.
- (d) Map: Edition 3-TPC, Series L7014, 1-50,000 Vietnam, Sheet 6640 IV,  
 Dai Loc.

Time Zone: H

### 1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

- a. See current Intsums.
- b. See Appendix 1 ( Enemy Situation)

### 2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

- a. Determine if enemy will attempt to defend or withdraw. If withdraw, in what direction?
- b. Determine location of trails not marked on map or on overlay.

### 3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION TASKS

- a. Orders to subordinate and attached units.

#### (1) 1ST RECONNAISSANCE BATTALLION

- (a) Conduct observation of possible enemy escape routes from assigned OP's.

#### (2) ALL COMPANIES

- (a) Provide all information obtained on EEI's listed in paragraph 2 above.
- (b) Maintain surveillance activities over routes of approach into the operation area and report suspected or detected enemy movement as obtained.

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- (c) Make maximum efforts to take prisoners and forward by the fastest means available to this command.
- (d) All captured documents, equipment, and weapons will be forwarded by the capturing unit to this command immediately.
- (e) Submit by FLASH MESSAGE to this command the first sighting of or positive identification of enemy artillery, rockets, anti-aircraft, and other heavy weapons.
- (f) Any contacts or sightings of the enemy to include size, activity, location, uniform, time, and equipment will be reported in regular spot report.
- (g) Any unusual activity which appears to represent a threat, either immediate or potential to friendly forces will be reported to this command immediately.

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

(1) 7TH MARINES

- (a) Provide information as obtained on all enemy forces within the operation area.
- (b) Provide aerial reconnaissance as requested.
- (c) Provide aerial observation support as requested.
- (d) Provide CIT and IIT support as required.
- (e) Provide interpreters as requested.
- (f) Provide Kit Carson Scouts as requested.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS, AND MATERIALS

a. Prisoners of war, deserters, repatriates, inhabitants, and other persons.

- (1) Capturing units will tag individuals with information indicating time, date, and location of capture, circumstances of capture, and identity of capturing unit. Capturing units will return individuals to LZ Baldy with escort unless otherwise directed. When possible, S-2 Scouts will take charge of captured personnel.

b. Captured Documents:

- (1) Capturing units will tag documents with information described in sub-paragraph a. above and forward to rear. S-2 Scouts will take charge of documents.

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- c. Captured Equipment. Capturing units will tag equipment with information described in sub-paragraph(a) above and forward to rear. No captured weapons will be kept in the field.

5. DOCUMENTS AND/OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRES

- a. References (c) and(d) are designated standard maps for this operation.
- b. Maps and charts will be issued as required.

6. COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE

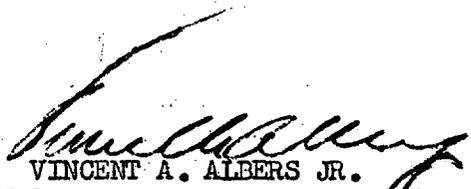
- a. Classified material will not be carried outside of the Battalion Command Post except when essential for the conduct of the operation.
- b. While it is not covered in current security regulations that unclassified maps and other publications be treated with utmost care, it is suggested that care be provided and sufficient care be taken to prevent it from falling into enemy hands.
- c. Upon displacement, command post will be thoroughly policed to insure that nothing of intelligence value remains.

7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION

- a. As stated in paragraph 2 concerning EMI's, all information will be reported as soon as possible.
- b. All information of intelligence value will be disseminated to all subordinate units as required.

8. MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS

- a. All attempts at jamming or deception of communications will be reported to the S-2 immediately.



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## Appendix

- 1 - Enemy Situation
- 2 - Tactical Study of Weather and Terrain
- 3 - Overlay, Trails/Enemy positions
- 4 - Coordinates of Built Up Area

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Appendix 1 ( Enemy Situation) to Annex A ( Intelligence) to Operation Order 12-70

1. Targeted force

A. Front 4, Also known as Front 44, Group 44.

The Front 4 constitutes the command group for all enemy units in Quang Nam Province. One element of the Front 4 numbering approximately 15-20 men and including the Commanding Officer, Major General Binh, is believed sequestered in the vicinity of grid square AT 9845 and the immediate surrounding grid squares. Major General Binh is 58 years old, but youthful in his appearance. He stands 5' 4" - 5' 6" in height and is heavy-set by Vietnamese standards. His face is slightly pock-marked and he is distinguished by the following features: eyes more deeply set than the average Vietnamese; a high-bridged slightly hooked nose; and numerous gold teeth.

2. Main Force Units

- A. R20th Infantry Battalion, is believed to be headquartered in the Que Sons with the main ~~portion~~ of its 175 troops deployed in the lowlands to the North.
- B. T-89th Sapper Battalion, is believed to be disposed similarly to the ~~R-20th~~ R-20th, with headquarters in the mountains and the main force elements in the lowlands to the North.
- C. V-25th Infantry Battalion, is located in the vicinity of AT 9638. It numbers approximately 100 men.

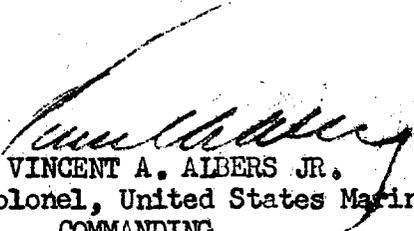
3. NVA Units

- A. 3rd Sapper Battalion, one of the two NVA battalions in the area, it has a strength of 130 men. The majority of these are positioned around Hill 845 ( AT 983433).
- B. D.3 Infantry Battalion, Reported to be deployed in the lowlands to the North, while maintaining a headquarters element in the Que Sons.
- C. 160th Transportation Battalion, is primarily a logistical unit, with a strength of 300 men. Two companies, however, are reported to have moved recently to Happy Valley, leaving behind a force of about 150-200 men. Of these, the majority are support, not combat troops. The unit does possess local security, however, equipped with weapons normally associated with an infantry battalion.

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4. Enemy Capabilities

- a. Based upon continuous evaluation of the enemy situation and disposition of enemy forces within and adjacent to the area of interest, the enemy courses of action in probable order are:
- (1) Avoid or penetrate the sweeping FWNAF forces.
  - (2) Harass friendly units with sniper fire in a delaying action.
  - (3) Initiate ambushes and heavy small arms/RPG attacks on FWMAF Units operating in the area.
  - (4) Mass and counterattack against a specific of the sweeping forces in order to break through and escape.
  - (5) Initiate heavy mortar/RPG attacks on FWMAF units.
  - (6) Withdrawal to base camps for a final defensive stand.


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Appendix 2 (Tactical Study of Weather and Terrain) to  
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1. General Summary. The Que Son Mountains constitute the dominant terrain feature in Quang Nam Province, as well as the principle haven for enemy forces. It's proximity to the populated and fertile lowland rice-growing areas North, East, and West makes it a natural link in logistics/transportation routes of the enemy.
2. Lunar illumination will be low for the duration of the operation running less than 10%. The weather will be hot, and humid in the lowlands, lesser in the highlands. Occasional showers in the afternoon can be expected.
3. Terrain. The steep, well-wooded hillsides favor a small unit which attempts to evade a conventional military force. The heavy brush constitutes good concealment for bunker and cave openings, while rocky promontories overlooking streambeds and trails provide excellent sniper positions. Water is plentiful in the lower valleys, but practically non-available in the highlands.

  
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## Appendix 4 (Built up Area Overlay)

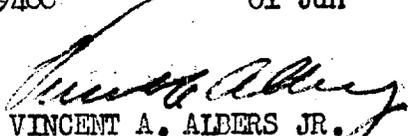
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<u>NO.</u>	<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>DATE SIGHTED</u>
1	Fighting Holes	AT943420	17 Jul
2	Cave, small cache	AT950428	03 Jul
3	Base Camp	AT957424	02 Jul
4	Base Camp	AT959428	08 Jul
5	Base Camp	AT954433	23 Jul
6	3 Caves	AT950450	16 Jul
7	Huts	AT957450	24 Jul
8	2 Bunkers	AT951455	10 Jun
9	25 Fighting Holes	AT952455	11 Jun
10	Caves	AT958446	10 Aug
11	Caves	AT958478	24 Jul
12	Bunkers & Fighting Holes	AT969385	15 Jul
13	4 Bunkers	AT968379	01 Aug
14	Bunker	AT968383	14 Aug
15	Fighting Holes	AT969385	15 Jul
16	Bunker	AT969385	15 Jul
17	Base Camp	AT961428	04 Jul
18	5 Caves	AT966427	23 Jun
19	3 Caves, 1 AA Position	AT962439	07 Jul
20	Base Camp	AT965436	05 Jun
21	Base Camp	AT965438	06 Jun
22	Base Camp	AT967433	01 Jul
23	Base Camp	AT968436	06 Jun
24	Base Camp	AT968437	06 Jun
25	Supply area	AT969438	14 Jun
26	Caves	AT963444	01 Jun
27	2 Bunkers	AT967447	16 Jun
28	Bunker	AT971376	20 Jul
29	Bunkers	AT978376	03 Aug
30	Bunker & Hootch Complex	AT970380	01 Aug
31	Bunker	AT970381	11 Jun
32	Heavy Trail Activity	AT970370	01 Aug
33	Trail Junction	AT973375	15 Jun
34	Hospital Complex, Medical Cache	AT976375	01 Aug
35	Hospital Complex	AT979374	02 Aug
36	Cave	AT971385	15 Jul
37	5 Harbor Sites	AT975383	21 Jul
38	Trail	AT974402	31 Jul

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39	2 Dunkers	AT974402	29 Jul
40	2 Caves	AT972416	14 Jun
41	Caves	AT972418	14 Jun
42	Hootch	AT974411	31 Jul
43	Trail	AT975414	31 Jul
44	6 Fighting Holes	AT976418	31 Jul
45	POW Complex	AT978419	14 Jun
46	Hospital Complex	AT971426	24 Jul
47	Hospital Complex	AT973424	26 Jul
48	Bunkers	AT973433	12 Jun
49	Base Camp	AT973438	01 Jun
50	2 Base Camps	AT973438	14 Jun
51	Base Camp	AT978436	08 Jul
52	Base Camp	AT979439	08 Jul
53	Hootches	AT974442	08 Jul
54	Hootch	AT977447	03 Jun
55	Base Camp	AT978441	25 Jun
56	Hospital Complex	AT981376	02 Aug
57	Base Camp	AT982377	06 Aug
58	Caves	AT978442	24 Jun
59	Dunker	AT988374	31 Jul
60	Base Camp	AT987386	12 Jul
61	Hootch	AT986415	29 Jul
62	Hospital Complex	AT981428	14 Jun
63	Base Camp	AT981429	18 Jun
64	20-30 Caves	AT984426	16 Jun
65	Hospital Complex	AT984429	14 Jun
66	Complex, Tunnel	AT985428	05 Jun
67	Cave	AT984434	14 Jun
68	Base Camp	AT984454	27 Jun
69	Cave	AT985479	16 Jul
70	Base Camp	AT990396	10 Jun
71	Base Camp	AT998425	16 Jun
72	10 Hootches, Bunker Complex	AT996438	12 Jun
73	Base Camp	AT996438	14 Jun
74	3 Fighting Holes	AT999439	16 Jun
75	Cave	AT997460	10 Jun
76	Tunnel	AT997461	29 Jun
77	Bunker	BT010453	11 Aug
78	Concrete Box	BT015400	01 Jul
79	Base Camp	BT021424	26 Jul
80	Base Camp	BT023425	06 Aug
81	Cave Complex-	BT025467	13 Jun
82	2 Caves	BT029466	01 Jun



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Annex C (Fire Support Coordination) *to*

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Annex D (Air Support)

(2) W. Btry 3/11

(3) K. Btry 4/11

(4) M. Btry 4/11

2. MISSION. The 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines FSCC will exercise overall responsible for planning, coordinating and controlling the fire of supporting artillery and CAS in the AO in order to ensure maximum effective fire support and troop safety throughout the operation.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Artillery support will consist of close and long range fire support to be accomplished by appropriate and thorough prep fires, rapid response for fire missions, night defensive fires, H&I fires and counter mortar/counter rocket fires. (CAS will be IAW Annex D (Air Support)).

b. W. Btry 3/11 will be in direct support of 2nd Bn. 7th Marines with four 4.2 in. mortar located at IZ Vulture.

c. K. Btry 4/11 will reinforce the fires of W. Btry 3/11.

d. M. Btry 4/11 will be in general support of 7th Marines with priority of fires to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines.

4. TARGET INFORMATION

a. Preparation Fires

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- (1) Prep fires will be accomplished by such heavy, medium, and light artillery as is available, to include; 8 inch, 155mm, and such 105mm howitzers that are within range of the target areas.
  - (2) The primary prep fire target area is bounded by coordinates: 977453, 986460, 990445 and 991438.
  - (3) The secondary prep fire target area is bounded by coordinates: 985430, 004449, 010443, and 991424.
  - (4) The prep fires will commence at L-8 hours and continue until L-2 hours.
- b. Known Targets (See Annex D (Air Support)).
  - c. Restricted Fire Zones. Organic 60mm mortar fire will be carefully monitored to ensure that impact is within company ZOA. Firing outside Co. ZOA must be approved by FSCC.
5. AIRCRAFT SAFETY. Artillery forward observers and infantry personnel with access to radios will check fire when it appears that the trajectories of artillery will endanger friendly aircraft.
  6. OBSERVED FIRE MISSIONS
    - a. The initial rounds for observed fire missions must impact at least 600 meters from any friendly troops.
    - b. The same unit will be used during fire for effect as was used during adjustment when adjustment is made within 400 meters of friendly troops (for example: The battery cannot fire for effect if center platoon adjusted within 600 meters of friendly troops).
    - c. Night defensive fires can be no closer than 600 meters to friendly troops.
    - d. Canister for Illumination can be no closer than 400 meters from friendly troops.
  7. UNOBSERVED FIRE MISSIONS
    - a. Unobserved fire missions will be fired at least 1500 meters from friendly troops.
    - b. H&I fires will be planned for every night.
    - c. Counter mortar/counter rocket fires.
      - (1) The primary targets (short/medium range counter mortar fires) are as follows:

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Grid.	984485	974402	992472	971414
	002471	956430	015454	962440
	037422	950454	033415	958459
	014410	966464	018402	979474
	992415			

- (2) The secondary targets (long range counter mortar and short/medium range counter rocket fires) are as follows:

Grid	987499	005381	012477	002389
	018468	994384	025477	969387
	043462	953401	034453	956410
	042430	938422	043410	947437
	046402	942453	027401	933464
	026396	94472	018381	962479
	013375	955491		

#### 8. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

- The 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines FSCC will be established at the position of Command Group Alpha at all times.
- Communications will be monitored at all times with "W" Btry FDC/forward observers within the rifle companies and with the Regimental FSCC.
- Such equipment as is necessary to establish communication will be acquired and will at all times be capable of rapid mobility.



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Annex D (Air Support) to 2/7 Operation Order 12-70

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See Annex A (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Fixed Wing close air support and aerial observation will be provided through normal requests channels by the 7th Air Force.
- (2) Helicopter support will be provided by the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

2. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. Immediately after intensive artillery and air strikes of preplanned targets and the coordinated preparation of LZ's by air, a simultaneous helolift of platoon size elements of 3 companies will be inserted into three separate LZ's. Subsequent to the lift of the companies, Alpha Command Group will be lifted into LZ Vulture. These initial landings will be followed by an intensive air strike on a second predesignated target. Following the last fixed wing strike, Company G will be landed into the zone just prepped by the A/S, and 3 Recon Teams will be landed on their OP's.

3. PROCEDURES

a. General

- 1) All normal, preplanned and on-call air support will be available to all companies and Alpha Command Group.
- 2) All units will be resupplied by helicopter from LZ Baldy. All requests must be sent to ALO(Rear) via Alpha Command Group by 1000 the day before.
- 3) Zone briefs will be in accordance with current SOP. All air requests will be channelled through and monitored by the ALO/FAC with Alpha Command Group using TACP (local).
- 4) Medevacs will be submitted to the ALO/FAC on TACP local and run on medevac common (lemon). Requests for night medevacs will be emergency only.

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5) All artillery and air support will be coordinated by Command Group Alpha FSCC. Sav-a-planes will be passed to all aircraft operating in TAOR by ALO/FAC.

b. Lift Requirements

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NO. PAX</u>	<u>NO. A/C</u>
Co. E.	152 Pax + 3 dogs	16-46's
Co. F.	149 Pax + 3 dogs	15-46's
Co. G.	137 Pax + 3 dogs	14-46's
Co. H.	139 Pax	14-46's
Alpha Command Group	55 Pax	5-46's
1st Flt., D.Co.	18 packs (3x6men teams)	2-46's
1st Recon Bn.		
W. Btry, 3/11	4x4.2 Tubes+35 Pax+Ammo	3-53's

c. Troop Embarkation Zones

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>PRIMARY ZONE</u>	<u>ALTERNATE ZONE</u>
Co. E.	EMU--(036392)	BlueBird (110425)
Co. F.	Flamingo--(066463)	RedBird(080475)
Co. G.	Baldy--(134453)	Baldy(134453)
Co. H.	HEN--(015398)	Baldy(134453)

d. Landing Zone

<u>LANDING ZONE</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
Eagle--1	993414
Eagle--2	985414
Eagle--3	978426
Falcon--1	016464
Falcon--2	007453
Falcon--3	012443
Goose--1	999435
Goose--2	996433
Goose--3	994431

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Hawk--1	977453
Hawk--2	989452
Hawk--3	998458
Vulture	983433
OP#1	996447
OP#2	012432
OP#3	001425

e. Target List

## 1) Fixed Wing Targets

<u>Target</u>	<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Ordnance</u>	<u>Priority</u>
Bunker/cave	984454	HE/NAP	1
Bunker/cave/fox hole	996438, 999439	HE	2
Draw	993456	NAP	3
Dunker/Cave	998425	HE	3
Hosp/Complex	981428	HE	4
Dunker/Cave	981429	HE	4
20-30 caves	984426	HE	4
Hosp/complex	984429	HE	4
Tunnel complex	985428	HE	4
Caves	974402, 972416	HE	5
Bunker	010453	HE	6
Bunker/Cave	979439	HE	7
Hootches	974442	HE	7
Hootches	977447	HE	7

## 2) IZ Preparation/Suppression Targets.

<u>IZ</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>SEQUENCES (if required)</u>
Hawk--1	997453	2
Hawk--2	989452	1
Hawk--3	998458	1

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Eagle--1	993414	2
Eagle--2	985414	2
Eagle--3	978426	1
Falcon--1	016464	1
Falcon--2	007453	3
Falcon--3	012443	2
Goose--1	999435	4
Goose--2	996453	4
Goose--3	994431	4
Vulture	983433	3
OP#1	996447	3
OP#2	012432	3
OP#3	001425	3

f. Fixed Wing Flight Schedule

<u>Flt#</u>	<u>Time Station</u>	<u># &amp; Type A/C</u>	<u>Type Ord</u>	<u>Tot Wt.</u>
1-1	0700	3-A6	15-D3/X/T	45,000
2-1	0715	3-F4	5-D3/X/T	15,000
3-1	0730	3-A4	4 NAP/2-D2/X	9,000
1-2	0745	3-A6	15-D3/X/T	45,000
2-2	0800	3-F4	5-D3/X/T	15,000
3-2	0815	3-A4	4 NAP+2-D2/X	9,000
1-3	0830	3-A6	26-D2/X	39,000
2-3	0845	3-F4	7 NAP	10,000
3-3	0855	3-A4	4 NAP+2-D2	9,000
4-1	0905	2-F4/A4	6-10 rockets	10,000
4-2	0915	2-A4/F4	6-10 rockets	6,000
5-1	0930	2-F4/A4	NAP & D1/A+D2/A	
6-1	On Call	2/F4	NAP & D-2	10,000

Note: Aircraft on call on Hot Pad. D3+D4/6 interchangeable at units discretion on A-6's, with D 3 preferable. Utilize maximum loading on all A/C.

g. Schedule of Events

L-2 hours to L-3 min. - A0 Controlled air strikes on preplanned targets.  
 L-3 min to L-hour - IZ prep by A0 and helicopter escort (Scarface & Comprise)  
 L-hour to L+2 hours - Helolift of E, F, H, Alpha Command Group with W Btry using CH-46's and CH-53's.  
 L+2 hours to L+3 hours - A0 controlled air strikes on preplanned targets.

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L+3 hours to L+4 hours - Helolift of G Co. and 3 Recon units using CH-46's.

L+4 hours to termination of operation - helicopters and AO support.

4. COMMAND & COMMUNICATIONS

- a. All TACP units will monitor IZ Common (clear) and TACP (local) on secure 24 hours a day.
- b. The following are the Squadrons and call signs of fixed wing and helicopter units in Support.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CALL SIGN</u>	<u>TYPE A/C</u>
HMM-161	Cattle Call	CH-46
HMM-262	Chatter Box	CH-46
HMM-263	Peach Bush	CH-46
HMM-264	Swift	CH-46
HMM-463	Dimmer	CH-53
VMO-2	Hostage	OV-10
HML-367	Scarface	COBRA
HML-167	Comprise	HUEY
VMA-242&225	Ringneck	A-6
VMA-122	Ringneck	A-4
VMFA	Lovebug	F-4

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Ref: (a) Maps AMS L7014 Sheet No. 6640 III, 6640 II 1:50,000  
 (b) BnO P3000.1H (SOP for Operation)

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:2nd Battalion, 7th Marines

Co. E  
 Co. G  
 Co. H  
 1st Section, 81mm Mortar Plt H&S  
 1st Section, 106mm RR Plt H&S  
 Command Group "A"

Det Comm Plt.  
 Det HQ Plt.  
 Det Med Plt.

Battalion Reserve  
 Co. F

Lt. Col. Albers

1st Lt. Petto  
 1st Lt. Ground  
 1st Lt. Sopchek  
 Sgt. Clark  
 Sgt. William  
 1st Lt. Harrison

1st Lt. Hamilton

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. The Happy Valley area is a vital link in the enemy's transportation resupply routes. Supplies flow out of Antenna Valley through the mountains and eastward through Happy Valley. The mountains to the northwest of the Valley possibly contain the enemy's district headquarters. The most serious threat to friendly forces is posed by booby traps. Because of the frequency, with which the Happy Valley area has been worked, practically all preferable tactical positions have been occupied at one time or another. Since the enemy has had the opportunity to booby trap extensively known FWMAF positions. Enemy encounters will probably consist of squad-size elements of the 105th LF Bn.

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 1st ARVN Armored Brigade conducts operations adjacent to and North of 2/7.

(2) ~~1/7~~ conducts operations adjacent to and East of 2/7.

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- (3) 3/7 conducts operations adjacent to and South of 2/7.
  - (4) Co. I. 3/7 secures LZ Vulture until responsibility is assumed by 2/7.
  - (5) M/4/11 provide D/A.
  - (6) 3/11 will reinforce M/4/11 as required.
  - (7) Air support as required will be provided by 1st MAW.
2. MISSION. At H-hour on D-day, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines conducts tactical helilift from FSB Hatchet to new AO (See Annex A (Operation Overlay)) and conducts category II and III operations.
3. EXECUTION.
- a. Concept of Operations.
    - (1) See Annex A (Operation Overlay).
    - (2) 2/7 with three Companies and Command Group "A" moves by helo from FSB Hatchet to new AO and conducts operations in the periphery of populated areas and in remote highlands to locate and destroy/capture all enemy forces, fortifications, LOC's and useful material and neutralizes VCI.
  - b. Co. E
    - (1) Provides security for Command Group "A" and Battery "G" during extraction from FSB Hatchet.
    - (2) When all units have withdrawn from FSB Hatchet move by helo to LZ Vulture and establish hasty defense in assembly area vicinity 016395 (200m W of LZ) pending further brief.
    - (3) Detach one platoon to OPCON Command Group "A" for security of Battalion Command Post.
    - (4) On order Co(-) conduct category II and III operations in assigned AO.
  - c. Co. G
    - (1) At H+ 30 moves by helo to LZ Vulture and establish hasty defense in assembly area vicinity 019398 (200m N to LZ) pending further brief.
    - (2) On order conduct category II and III operations in assigned AO.

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d. Co. H

- (1) At H+ 30 move by helo to LZ Vulture and establish hasty defense in assembly area vicinity 021395 (200m E to LZ) pending further brief.
- (2) On order conduct category II and III operations in assigned AO.

e. 1st Section, 81mm Mortar Plt. H&S

- (1) At H+ 90 move by helo to LZ Vulture and establish hasty defense in assembly area, vicinity 018395 (W side of LZ) pending further brief.
- (2) Provide general support for 2/7.

f. 1st Section, 106mm RR Plt. H&S

- (1) At H+ 90 move by helo to LZ Vulture and establish hasty defense in assembly area vicinity 019394 (S side of LZ) pending further brief.
- (2) Provide general support for 2/7.

g. Command Group "A"

- (1) At H+ 90 move by helo to LZ Vulture and establish hasty defense in assembly area vicinity 019396 (N side of LZ) pending further brief.

h. Reserve

- (1) Co. F
  - (a) At H-hour on D-day move by helo to LZ Baldy for 3 days of REHAB.
  - (b) Be prepared to assume mission of Co. E, Co. G, or Co. H.

i. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) H-hour, 0730.
- (2) D-day, 24 Aug 1970.
- (3) Do not commence position breakdown until day break on D-day.
- (4) Security of unit on night of D-1 is of prime importance and D-day anticipation must not compromise this.

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- (5) Maintain security throughout withdrawal.
- (6) Move on and off helo's expeditiously. (Troops should offload a CH-53 in 15 seconds).
- (7) Emphasize tactical dispersion during offload.
- (8) Observe active and passive defense against mines and booby traps.
- (9) Reports will be IAW reference (b).
- (10) Code name for operation - "Shamrock".

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. First resupply will be D+ 1.
- b. Submit supply request as required.
- c. Co. G have two boats ready for helolift to LZ Baldy at H-hour on D-day.
- d. Each man carry BA of ammunition and a minimum of two fragmentation grenades.
- e. Police area and ensure that no 782 gear, food, ammo, clothing, etc. is left behind.
- f. The order of withdrawal will be:

<u>TIME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
H-hour	Co. F	Boats from Co. G position	LZ Baldy
H+ 30	Co. H		LZ Vulture
H+ 30	Co. G		LZ Vulture
H+ 60	Btry. G		LZ Ross
H+ 90	Command Group "A"		LZ Vulture
H+ 90	81mm Mortar Plt		LZ Vulture
H+ 90	106mm RR Plt		LZ Vulture
H+ 120	Co. E		LZ Vulture

- g. LZ Vulture - 019397

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Battalion Command Post will be in vicinity 019396 (N side of LZ initially).



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## Annexes:

- ✓ A - Operation Overlay

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APPENDIX A (BREAKDOWN OF STATISTICS) TO ENCLOSURE (1) (COMMAND CHRONOLOGY)

	<u>ECHO</u>	<u>FOX</u>	<u>GOLF</u>	<u>HOTEL</u>	<u>H&amp;S</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
NVA KIA	1	12	4	10	0	27
VC KIA	2	3	1	13	0	19
Detainees	40	3	1	70	0	114
PW/VCS	0	3	3	1	0	7
I.W.C.	0	6	1	6	0	13
C.S.W.C.	0	0	0	0	0	00
USMC KIA	0	0	1	2	0	3
USMC WIA	8	2	5	20	0	35
USMC NBC	23	18	26	17	13	97

WEAPONS EFFECTIVENESS

Small Arms	1	13	2	13	0	29
M-79	0	0	0	0	0	00
81mm	2	0	0	0	0	02
M-26	0	1	0	2	0	03
Arty	0	1	1	1	0	03
Air	0	0	2	1	0	03
Other	0	0	0	0	0	00
Unk	0	0	0	6	0	06
Total	3	15	5	23	00	46

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