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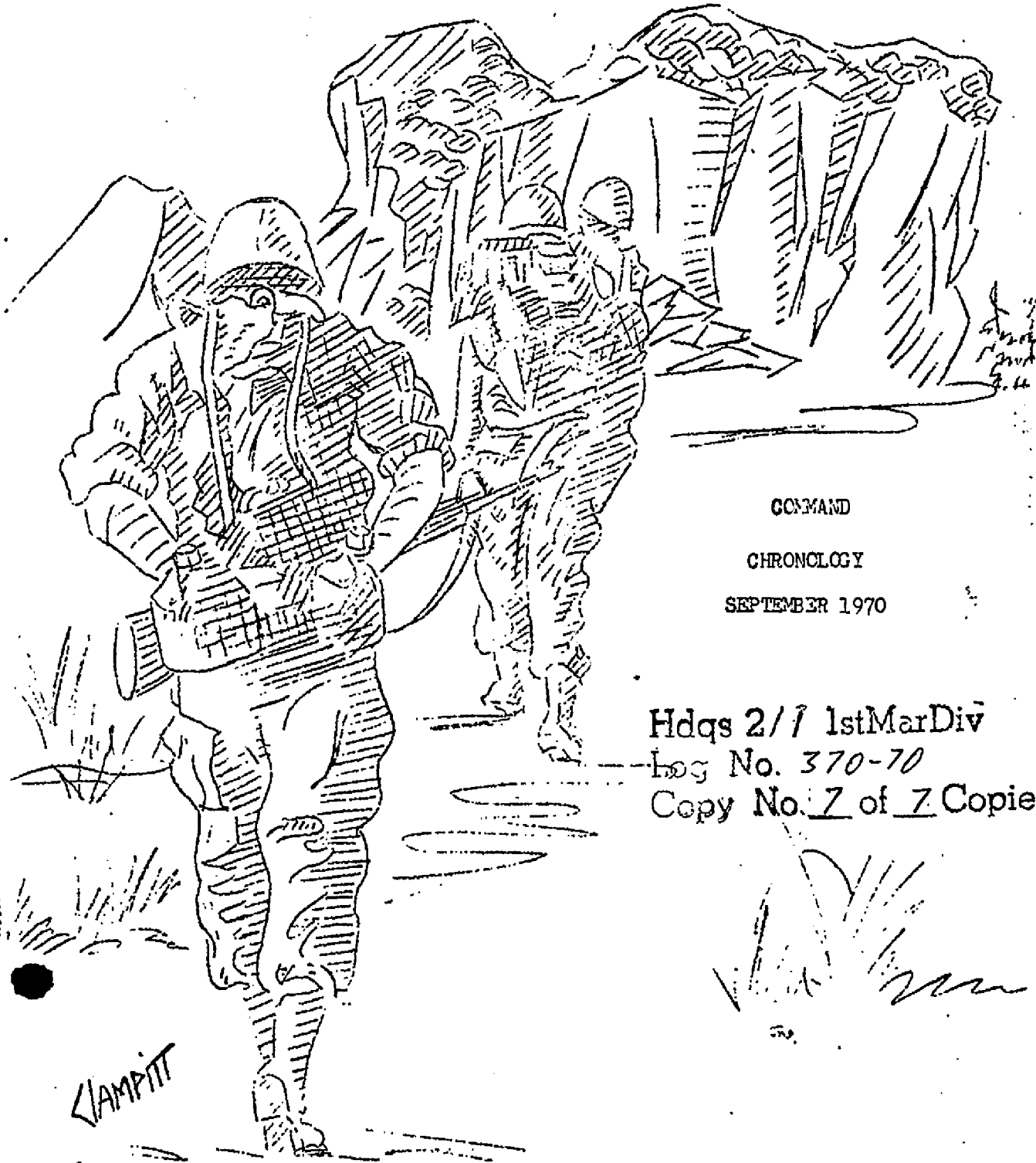
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1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Commanding</u>
2d Battalion, 1st Marines	1-12 Sept 70	LtCol. W.G. LEFTWICH, JR. USMC
	13-30 Sept 70	LtCol. D.J. NORRIS USMC

Executive Officer

1-30 Sept 70	Maj N.E. HENRY USMC
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Sergeant Major

1-3 Sept 70	1stSgt E.W. LANE, JR. USMC
4-30 Sept 70	SgtMaj C.V. IVINS USMC

Subordinate Elements

H&S Company	1-25 Sept 70	1stLt G.F. DAVIS USMC
	26-30 Sept 70	Capt D.W. FISTERO USMC
Company E	1-30 Sept 70	Capt D.G. POUND USMC
Company F	1-30 Sept 70	Capt E.T. NERVO USMC
Company G	1-30 Sept 70	1stLt R.D. MARLOW USMC
Company H	1-30 Sept 70	Capt V.E. O'NEILL USMC

Attached Units

None

2. Location. 1-30 Sept 70 Quang Nam Province

3. Staff Officers

S-1	1-30 Sept 70	Capt D.D. JOHNSON USMC
S-2	1-30 Sept 70	1stLt G.G. ROBINSON USMC
S-3	1-30 Sept 70	Maj J.S. GRIMMERS USMC
S-4	1-30 Sept 70	Capt R.A. MADDO USMC
S-5	1-30 Sept 70	1stLt G.V. SERVISS USMC

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4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC
OFF 42
ENL 1090

USN
OFF 3
ENL 55

OTHER
OFF 0
ENL 0

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PART II
SECTION A
PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnel and Administration

a. Number of personnel as replacements

- (1) Marine Officers - 10
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 226
- (3) Navy Officers - 1
- (4) Navy Enlisted - 10

b. Personnel received via Regiment via Division

- (1) Marine Officers - 10
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 226
- (3) Navy Officers - 1
- (4) Navy Enlisted - 10

c. Number of personnel Rotated

- (1) Marine Officers - 6
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 157
- (3) Navy Officers - 0
- (4) Navy Enlisted - 7

d. Casualties

(1) Battle

(a) KIA - Marine Officers - 1

Marine Enlisted - 1

Navy Enlisted - 0

(b) WIA - Marine Officers - 0

Marine Enlisted - 18

Navy Enlisted - 1

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(2) Non-Battalion

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- (a) Serious - 10
- (b) Non-Serious - 28
- (c) Deaths - 1

e. Number of Personnel dropped while sick

- (1) Marine Officers - 0
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 18
- (3) Navy Enlisted - 0

f. Morale and Welfare. The morale of the Battalion is excellent. In addition to the Rest and Recuperation (R&R) programs available to all Marines in Vietnam, the Battalion maintains and administers three clubs: Enlisted, Staff COO and Officer. The Enlisted Club has a large outdoor theater which features nightly movies and weekly floor shows. An outstanding beach on the South China Sea with facilities for parties is very popular. A Lifeguard is on duty and swimming is permitted at noon and late afternoon on a daily basis. In addition to nightly movies, Special Services provides a weight room, a well stocked reading room and a wide assortment of athletic equipment. Commercial services in the cantonment include a Marine Corps Exchange, Laundry, Photo Shop and Gift Shop. Camp Lauer has an efficient mess hall which provides three hot meals to approximately 600 men on a daily basis.

Rifle Companies deployed in the field are provided such items as pastries, milk, ice, juices as well as C-rations and water on a daily resupply. Socks and ice cream are provided on an as available basis, usually on a weekly basis. Recreational sports gear such as horseshoes and volleyballs are also utilized by Marines in the field. Field ranges are rotated among the deployed rifle companies in order to provide periodic hot meals. Mail is delivered on a daily basis to all Marines and Sailors in the Battalion.

g. Awards

- (1) The following recommended for higher approval
 - (a) Navy Cross - 0
 - (b) Silver Star - 0
 - (c) Bronze Star - 3
 - (d) Navy Commendation - 3
 - (e) Navy Achievement - 27

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(f) W. Cross of Gallantry - 4 -

h. Promotion

- (1) Corporal to Sergeant - 38
- (2) Lance Corporal to Corporal - 10
- (3) Private First Class to Lance Corporal - 75
- (4) Private to Private First Class - 11

i. Legal

- (1) Office Hours..... 44
- (2) Summary Court-Martial (Pending)..... 1
- (3) Summary Court-Martial (Completed).... 4
- (4) Special Court-Martial (Completed).... 4
- (5) Special Court-Martial (Pending)..... 7
- (6) General Court-Martial (Recommended). 0
- (7) Investigation (Completed)..... 7
- (8) Investigation (Pending)..... 7

j. Court-Martial Offenses

- (1) Summary Courts-Martial
 - (a) Viol. Art 86, UCMJ (2 Specs UA)
 - (b) Viol. Art 128, UCMJ (Assault)
 - (c) Viol. Art 134, UCMJ (Accidental Discharge)
 - (d) Viol. Art 134, UCMJ (Unauthorized use of Government Property)
- (2) Special Courts-Martial
 - (a) Viol. Art 92, UCMJ (Disobedience of a DivO 5100.9A, Carrying and Possession of a Weapon; and disobedience of a DivO 1746213, Purchase and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages).
Viol. Art 128, UCMJ (Assault)
 - (b) Viol. Art 91, UCMJ (3 Specs-Disrespect)
Viol. Art 134, UCMJ (2 Specs-Improper haircut and wrongful communication of a threat)
 - (c) Viol. Art 91, UCMJ (2 Specs-disobey lawful order)
Viol. Art 113, UCMJ (Sleeping on post)
- (3) Investigations
 - (a) Supply - 6
 - (b) Death/Injury - 0 death/1 injury

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PART II
SECTION B

ENEMY, WEATHER TERRAIN & S-2 FUNCTIONS

1. Enemy. Enemy activity this month remained at a low level with only nine (9) exchanges of fire. There were no launchings of rockets or mortars from the Battalion's TAOR this reporting period, which extends the number of days that no indirect fire attacks have been launched from within the TAOR to one hundred (100) days. There has been recent enemy activity in the village of Hui Kim Son consisting of NVA Propaganda and the setting of booby traps which were detonated resulting in RF and Vietnamese KIA's. There were no significant items of military intelligence reported.

2. Enemy Losses.

VC/NVA KIA	3
Detainees	58
Civil Defendants	0
IWC (Individual Weapons Captured)	2
Booby Traps Found	20
Booby Traps Detonated	9
Spider Holes Destroyed	3
Bunkers Destroyed	7
Tunnels Destroyed	2
LAAN's	2
Canteens	1
105mm Fusos	0
Boats	0
Rice	0

3. Order of Battle. On the 21st of September a change in the Battalion's TAOR was initiated and finalized on the 30th of September. This AO change did not affect the present Enemy Order of Battle within our TAOR. There are no North Vietnamese Army of Main Force units located as a unit in the Battalion's TAOR. The enemy is expected to follow its three phase offensive during the following months.

4. Weather and Terrain.

a. Weather. The average high temperature was 98 degrees and the average low temperature was 78 degrees with an average humidity of 82%. Rainfall for the month was 6.91 inches.

Due to the fact that the Battalion's TAOR is generally in a lowland area, flooding can be expected over 94% of the area during the monsoon. The flooding of the lowland areas will cause a channelization of both friendly and enemy travel. Based on past years experience it is felt that booby traps will become even more prevalent because of the restriction to predetermined routes. Special attention will be paid to the location of harbor sites, not only for tactical utilization by the Battalion but for location of the enemy during day light hours.

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b. Terrain. Movement will become restricted due to the flooding of lowland areas as the monsoon progresses. The monsoon can be considered in effect as of 26 September 1970.

5. S-2 Functions.

a. Security Clearances. Seven (7) security clearances were initiated and none were terminated. The seven (7) clearances initiated were required by Communications Sect on personnel.

b. ARVN Interpreters. The S-2 Section now has seven (7) interpreters who are assigned to different units to aid in the "on the spot" interpretation of detainee information and any documents which need an immediate readout.

c. S-2 Personnel. One (01) new person joined the section this month, (Cpl. D. G. KCCB 2192027/0331). The S-2 Scouts continue to be employed as a recon squad for the Battalion and conduct long range patrols throughout the Battalion TAOR.

d. VIP Funds. The allegation of Volunteer Informant Program Funds remains a part of the S-2 function. A total of 22,550VN\$ was spent during the month of September. The VIP Program not only helps to eliminate the availability of ordnance to the enemy but is also a source of intelligence information.

e. KCS Program. There are a total of eight (8) KCS which are assigned to the rifle companies. By walking with the point men on patrols, the KCS prove beneficial in acting as an early warning for booby traps and ambushes due to their familiarity with the enemy's tactics, habits and signs.

f. Training. The S-2 Section continued to furnish instructors on call for indoctrination training. At this time recently joined personnel are briefed on enemy, weather, terrain, and the capabilities and functions of the S-2 Section.

g. Maps. During the month of September there was shortage of maps. On 26 September 1970 Company I of the 7th Marines was OPCON to the Battalion during the High Threat period and the S-2 Section was unable to supply them with maps of our TAOR.

h. Patrol Debriefs. Patrol debrief forms have been disseminated to all company recon squads in order to maintain an up to date intelligence picture. These forms, when filled out, are returned to the S-2 Office for interpretation and reference.

i. Special Liaison Team. The S-2 has operational control of a Special Liaison Team located in Nui Kim Son. It consists of twelve (12) enlisted personnel. Their function is to act as a special intelligence gathering and pacification source. It has been shown by recent enemy activity that Nui Kim Son has become a center of enemy activity and propaganda efforts.

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SECTION C
OPERATIONS1. Operations

a. Mission. The 2d Battalion, 1st Marines was assigned the mission to:

(1) Conduct unilateral and combined offensive operations within the assigned TAOR to locate and destroy enemy forces, installations and LOC, with primary emphasis on those forces and bases which pose the greatest threat to GVN control of important population and economic centers and to the security of friendly military installations.

(2) Deploy forces throughout assigned TAOR to provide defense of the Da Nang vital area and military complex with emphasis on avenues of approach to known/suspected mortar/rocket positions, to include waterways.

(3) Be prepared to provide a reaction force for relief of Hoa Vang District Headquarters and CAP/CUPP's within the TAOR.

(4) In cooperation and coordination with FVMAF and District Headquarters, maintain continuous program to upgrade hamlets within the TAOR in accordance with the Pacification Program.

(5) Provide security for roadsweeps and other engineer projects as required.

(6) Support Revolutionary Development Program within TAOR.

(7) Be prepared to be reinforced and committed anywhere in RVN on 12 hour notice.

(8) Be prepared on 48 hour notice to be relieved of present mission and to assume the mission of either of the other battalions within the 1st Marine Regiment.

b. Operations.

(1) The overall concept of operation within the TAOR is for three rifle companies to conduct saturation patrol/ambush activity within their respective areas of operation, while the remaining rifle company conducts mobile operations within the Battalion TAOR.

(2) During September, the Battalion utilized both critical terrain and watch towers for observation posts during the hours of daylight. This tactic not only provided cognizance of many densely vegetated areas and thus potential enemy harbor sites, but also significantly reduced the number of Marine booby trap casualties.

(3) Long Range combat patrols continued to operate throughout the TAOR. Each rifle company operated such patrols on a continuing basis within their designated AO. The S-2 Scouts conducted long range patrols in those areas targeted by current intelligence information. Long range patrols are conducted in order to increase the amount of ground that is physically

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occupied and to depart from any possible routine that may be established by units departing from and returning to their Patrol Bases on a regular schedule.

(4) Operations were characterized by continued close cooperation and liaison with Vietnamese Military and Civilian Officials. The many Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) units located within the Battalion TACOR carried an ever increasing portion of the defense and safeguarding of their areas. Vietnamese civilians continued to turn in large amounts of ordnance to Marines and supplied periodic intelligence. This information coupled with the employment of aerial observers (AO's) and extensive U.S. intelligence efforts produced significant results in that as of 1 October, one hundred (100) days had passed without an indirect fire attack being launched from within the Battalion TACOR.

(5) On 2 September, a twelve man Special Liaison Unit began operating with local PF's in the village of Hui Kim Son which is adjacent to the main gate of the Battalion compound, Camp Lauer. Hui Kim Son has long been a center of prostitution, black market activities and drug traffic, as well as a sometimes haven for VC. By its presence, the Special Liaison Unit not only provides tactical security but curtails much of the aforementioned vice.

(6) With the continued drawdown of Allied Forces, a change of the Battalion's tactical boundary was necessitated. Area lost by the Battalion was in the south eastern part of the AO and included the Vien Dong and Cam Sa area (BT0864). Area gained included the area surrounding Hill 55 (AT9762). Operational Control of four (04) Combined Unit Pacification Program (CUPP) units was gained. The CUPP units are located at Cam Son (AT9560), Bic Nam (AT9963), Bic Bac (AT9863) and Thai Cam (AT9763). The Tang-1-CUPP unit at Lo Son (1), (AT984655) continues under OPCON of the Battalion.

(7) With advent of the monsoon season, increased emphasis has been placed on population and resources control as a tactic to interdict enemy activity in the new TACOR. This involves close coordination and cooperation with the 59th RF Battalion, Hoa Vang District PF Platoons, CACO-27, 1/34th RF Company Group, and units of the Vietnamese National Police, and National Police Field Forces. The tactic includes establishment of combined roadblocks and checkpoints to monitor civilian traffic, and censuses and combined cordon and search operations to identify and root out VC infrastructure and their logistical support from the populated areas of the TACOR.

c. Significant Actions and Events.

(1) Company D and Company I of the Seventh Marines were OPCON to the Battalion until 041000H September when the High Threat period that commenced on 28 August was terminated.

(2) On 3 September, at 0630H, the 3d Platoon of Company E 10-

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ated an enemy body and an AK-47 rifle; both resulted from the night's previous ambush initiated by the Second Squad.

(3) On 6 September at 2340H, in the vicinity of BT103669 a SEAL Team that was coming ashore to conduct an ambush had their boats breach in the surf and the mission was aborted. The SEAL Team is part of the Vietnamese Coastal Security Service and consists of twelve Vietnamese dressed in black pajamas and armed with AK-47 rifles. They are directed by U.S. advisors and are employed to interdict waterborne traffic and/or land from the water and conduct conventional ambushes.

(4) On 7 September, at 0150H, the Platoon Sergeant of Company B's Second Platoon picked up an enemy grenade that had landed in his unit's ambush position and threw it back; thus saving his fellow Marines from possible serious injury.

(5) On 7 September, at 2045H, the Second Platoon of Company B sprung an ambush at AT983667 that resulted in one (1) VC KIA and the capture of an enemy AK-47 rifle.

(6) On 9 September, Company H provided a blocking force for a sweep conducted by the 5th Battalion of the Korean Marine Corps. The block was in position at 090530H and remained in place until 091430H. The Koreans accounted for one enemy KIA and the capture of an enemy AK-47 rifle. Company H apprehended one Vietnamese female who was turned over to IIT for investigation. Nothing significant resulted from the interrogation.

(7) On 10 September, a Battalion Memorial Service was conducted in memory of those Marines and Sailors of the Battalion who died between 31 May and 31 August.

(8) On 11 September, at 0940H, a patrol returning from an ambush brought a booby trap to their Platoon Patrol Base. The Platoon Sergeant of the Second Platoon, Company H, ignored the warnings given by Platoon members and attempted to dismantle the booby trap. The grenade, which was the main component of the booby trap, exploded and wounded four (04) Marines including the Platoon Sergeant who subsequently died.

(9) From 11 September until 18 September, Company F was placed OPOON to Third Battalion, 1st Marines and participated in Operation Ballard Valley. The designation of the operation was later changed to Dubois Square. The operation was a reconnaissance in force and other than uncovering a few minor caches and bunker complexes produced negative results.

(10) On 13 September, Lieutenant Colonel D. J. MORRIS relieved Lieutenant Colonel W. G. LEFTWICH, JR. as the Commanding Officer of the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines.

(11) On 19 September, two (02) RF's from the 11th RF Company

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were killed just outside the containment at BT077697 when an unknown number of VC/NVA detonated one claymore type mine and then shot them in the head.

(12) On 20 September, the Battalion began furnishing security for the RMC-BRJ Construction Company as they commenced putting a hard surface on the MSR/Tu Cau Road. The road is being improved to provide an alternate access and egress route to and from Da Nang. Heavier traffic can be better supported by a more compact surface. Also, the uniform surface makes the emplacing of mines by the enemy much more difficult. Much of the construction equipment was parked aboard the containment during hours of darkness.

(13) On 20 September, at 0645H, the Special Liaison Unit operating in the village of Nui Kim Son (BT073704) investigated an explosion that had killed one (01) Vietnamese and wounded three (03) others. The area was searched and two (02) additional booby traps were located.

(14) On 20 September, at 1920H, a squad from the 1st Platoon of Company H detonated a booby trap at BT063648. Two (02) Marines were killed and seven were wounded. The explosion was heard for over 3,000 meters and after investigation, the booby trap appears to have been an M-26 grenade with explosive material and shrapnel packed around it. All members of the patrol were wounded and had they not been tactically dispersed, the results of the explosion could have been even more serious.

(15) On 20 September, the Battalion assumed control of the Hill 55 area (AT970621) and also assumed OPCOM of four (04) additional CLPP units located at Chau Son (AT9560), Bic Lam (AT9963), Bic Bac (AT9063) and Thai Cam (AT9763).

(16) On 21 September, a Culture Drama Team put on a performance for 315 people in Nui Kim Son (BT073707). On 22 September, the same Culture Drama Team put on a performance for 200 people in Lo Son (1) (AT987664). As both of these villages have a history of VC support, the presentation by the Team was considered appropriate as it stresses the history, traditions and glorious past of Vietnam as well as the promise of more good times in the future if the present government is given popular support.

(17) On 22 September, Company I of the 3d Battalion, 5th Marines became OPCOM to the Battalion in order to counter the likelihood of increased terrorism. As the terrorism was expected to be directed at populated areas and Combined Action Program (CAP) units, Company I's three platoons were located with the Special Liaison Unit in Nui Kim Son (BT071708), CAP 275 in Binh Ky (BT054696) and CAP 277 in Lo Giang (BT025716).

(18) On 23 September, at 2225H, an element of the 59th RF Battalion killed one (01) VC and captured an AK-47 rifle.

(19) On 25 September, at 0500H, the 3d Platoon of Company I, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, OPCOM to the Battalion killed one (01) VC just outside the village of Binh Ky (BT053700).

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(20) On 25 September, Company F of the 2d Battalion, 7th Marines replaced Company I, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines under OPCOM to the Battalion. Company F's platoons were deployed in the same manner as Company I's in (17).

(21) On 26 September, a High Threat period commenced. The High Threat period was precipitated by a suspected increase in terrorism centered against populated areas and CAP units. Termination is expected to be approximately 5 October.

(22) The monsoons commenced on 26 September with a steady down-pour that continued intermittently throughout the remainder of the month.

(23) On 28 September, at 0200H, two (02) Regional Forces Cadre members in the Tu Gia Kev Lifo Hamlet (BT048658) were killed by a grenade. Four (04) other Vietnamese were wounded in what appeared to be an act of terrorism.

(24) In response to an intelligence report that the Da Nang District 3 Headquarters was using An Tra fishing village (BT088698) as a staging area, a cordon and search was conducted on 30 September. The cordon was set in place by 300001H and secured at 300945V. Five (05) detainees were apprehended.

2. Air Support

a. The Battalion's air support remained consistent with the previous month's support with an increase in the number of Close Air Support (CAS) missions and the loss of one day's visual reconnaissance (VR) and resupply due to inclement weather. Because of the cancellation two companies were not resupplied and two were resupplied by Huskies. Liaison runs normally facilitated by the VR were either rescheduled or conducted by vehicle. Helicopters were obtained from MAG-16; OV-10 aerial observation aircraft from MAG-11; and other fixed wing support such as flareships and Close Air Support (CAS) missions flown by the Air Force and Marine Corps with direction furnished by Marine Aerial Observers.

b. The Battalion had a total of fifty-four medevac missions in September evacuating seventy-six personnel. There were twenty-nine U.S. emergency, twelve U.S. priority, nine U.S. routine, one U.S. permanent routine, nine civilian emergency, five civilian priority, four civilian routine, four ARVN emergencies, two ARVN priority and one ARVN permanent routine. The shortest delay for an emergency medevac was five minutes with the longest being twenty-seven minutes. The average time for all medevac missions was fifteen minutes. This time is computed by the time elapsing from the time the medevac is called into the Battalion OOC until the casualty is airborne and the helicopters conducting the evacuation commence moving toward medical facilities.

c. There were 387 resupply sorties flown totalling 612,748 pounds of cargo and 444 passengers carried.

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d. Five troop lifts were conducted for the Platoon Rehabilitation and Standown programs and for tactical and administrative purposes that totalled thirty-three sorties and 454 passengers.

One of those troop lifts was a quick reaction lift that was based on intelligence obtained by the Third Counterintelligence Team (CIT). Two reactionary squads from the 106 Recoilless Rifle Platoon, CIT personnel and one female guerrilla informant who was familiar with an enemy harbor site, were lifted into the target area. Although no enemy were found, one cave was destroyed and a large number of documents were captured.

e. Eleven (11) close air support missions were flown and expended 50,000 pounds of Napalm, 21,500 pounds of bombs and 3,060 20mm rounds. The targets consisted of bunker complexes, suspected VC/NVA haven sites and heavily booby trapped areas. Target destruction/c-verage was good to excellent. Clearance for close air support still remains a problem due to density of civilian and allied forces operating within the TMR. On one occasion a Klarschip was utilized to provide illumination for an engaged unit.

3. Artillery and Fire Support

a. Artillery fire support for 2d Battalion, 1st Marines was provided by: Battery B, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery W, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines in direct support; Battery F, 2d Battalion, 11th Marines and Battery K, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines reinforcing the fires of 1st Battalion, 11th Marines for 2d Battalion, 1st Marines; and the 3d 8 inch Howitzer Battery and 3d 175 Gun Battery in general support of 2d Battalion, 1st Marines.

b. 1st Battalion, 11th Marines remained in direct support of 1st Marines with Battery B collocated with 2d Battalion, 1st Marines until 240600H September 1970. Battery W, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines arrived at Camp Lauer (BT082703) on 231800H September 1970 to relieve Battery B. One 8 inch Howitzer Battery was collocated with 2d Battalion, 1st Marines until 091500H September 1970, with the specific mission of attacking enemy bunker complexes within the TMR. With the continued drawdown of U.S. forces, the 8 inch Howitzer was redeployed within the 1st Marine Division TMR. At this time it is difficult to determine the progress of Battery W, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines due to the fact that there have been limited opportunities to fire. Illumination capability has been reduced in that the area known as Christmas Island (BT037724) is not covered by artillery illumination. Also, recent experience has shown that for areas outside the illumination apron of 105mm artillery on Hill 55 (AT970620) and 4.2 inch mortar at Camp Lauer (BT083703), 155 Howitzers on Hill 55 are having difficulty obtaining clearance as the canisters impact in heavily populated areas. Pending canister impact clearance, a 2,000 meter wide strip in the center right of the Battalion TMR can possibly be without artillery illumination. It should be noted however that 81mm mortar illumination is available in this area.

c. Thirty-three observed artillery fire missions were shot, ten of which were contact illumination missions fired in support of 2d Battalion,

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1st Marines units initiating ambushes or being taken under fire by enemy forces. The total round expenditure on observed fire missions was 193 illumination rounds, 60 white phosphorus rounds and 1,390 high explosive rounds. Pro-emptive fires totalled 450 targets. The targets were planned on suspected enemy locations, suspected/known infiltration routes, known bunker areas and suspected rocket/mortar positions. The total expenditure for 105mm high explosive rounds on pro-emptive fires was 5,743 rounds. There were fourteen time on target (TOT) fire missions which Battery B, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines and the one 8 inch Howitzer of the 3d 8 inch Howitzer Battery participated in. The round expenditure was 109 high explosive 8 inch rounds and 1,326 high explosive 105mm rounds. The TOT's were directed at the bunker complex in the Viem Dong area (BT00656). The 8 inch Howitzer also shot a fire mission at a bunker area (BT096644) expending six high explosive rounds. Surveillance of these fire missions was negative due to a limitation of aircraft availability and limited deployment of ground troops.

d. The 81mm mortar platoon shot sixty-four contact illumination missions firing 1,128 illumination rounds and 123 preparation fires for a total of 155 white phosphorus rounds and 3,950 high explosive rounds. The mortar sections were located at Camp Lauer Combat Base (BT081703). One section at Man Quan Company Patrol Base (BT042608) and one section at the Company E CP on Hill 55.

e. Due to civilian population concentrations and ARVN activities, fires were restricted to several distinct areas. These areas are Cua Sa (1) (BT081604), Cua Sa (2) (BT095643), Ngua Trung (BT063643), Man Quan (1) (BT036087) and Viem Dong (BT00656).

On 20 September, 1970 the Company E CP moved to Hill 55 annexing this area into the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines TDR. With this move, pro-emptive fires along the Song Vinh Dien increased greatly.

f. The problem of obtaining political and military clearance is a significant problem in providing fire support. Constructive action has been taken to help alleviate the situation but there is still much room for improvement.

g. During the latter part of the month of September, the amount of HE rounds fired on pro-emptive targets was drastically reduced. As a result, the number of HE rounds expended amounted to roughly one-tenth or less of what was expended previously. This may lead to a dangerous situation, in that areas not covered by patrols/ambushes must be covered by pro-emptive targets. These areas must be covered by a sufficient amount of fire support to prohibit the free usage of these areas not physically occupied, since the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines AO is within the rocket belt to the south of the Da Nang Vital Area.

Further investigation will be directed into the results of pro-emptive fires in the Battalion TDR. As one hundred days have passed without an indirect fire attack being launched from within the Battalion TDR, it is believed that the significant amounts of ordnance expended in the past have provided positive results.

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SECTION D
TRAINING

1. Training

a. Training consists of indoctrination for replacements, refresher training as required, platoon rehabilitation training, Vietnamese Language Training and attendance at formal schools.

b. The orientation course is broken down as follows:

(1) 5 day course. Conducted for replacement personnel initially coming into the Republic of Vietnam.

(2) 3 day course. Conducted for replacement personnel joining this Battalion from other "in country" commands. This training is designed to disseminate requirements and tactics relevant to the Battalion's TAOR.

(3) Refresher Training. Conducted for personnel who need instruction on a specific subject or bank of subjects.

c. A three week Vietnamese Language School was conducted from 31 August to 19 September. Twenty Marines from the Battalion's five companies attended. The instructor who formerly taught at the now defunct III MAF Vietnamese Language School, was provided by the Division G-5 Section. Classes were held for five hours daily, five days a week and for three hours on Saturday. The objective of the instruction was to teach a 400-500 word vocabulary and provide a means of communicating with the Vietnamese. The goal of the Battalion is for each company to have fifteen to twenty language trained Marines in order to facilitate coordination between GVN and USMC forces and to extend language proficiency down to the fire team level in order to enhance tactical proficiency.

d. As of 30 September two classes have been graduated from the school. The forty (40) Marines who have completed the course give their units an increased communication ability that has proven beneficial in allowing Marines of the Battalion to coordinate the tactics and everyday working relationships with the Vietnamese soldiers and civilians in their areas. Another three week class was convened on 21 September. During the period of 7-9 September 1970 a Mine/Booby Trap Mobile Contact Team provided by the 1st Engineer Battalion presented classes on Mine and Booby Traps Countermeasures. A total of 429 Marines and Navy Corpsmen, including twelve Officers and thirteen Staff NCO's attended the seven different classes presented by the two non instructor team. Five of the seven classes were given in the field and two were presented in classrooms at the Battalion Command Post.

e. On 23, 24, and 25 September 1970, twenty-eight (28) Officers, thirty-one (31) Staff NCO's and fifty-eight (58) Squad Leaders attended training

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to acquaint and instruct them with tactics and problems peculiar to the monsoon season. In order to retain tactical integrity and proficiency among the deployed units during the instructional period, a different group was instructed on each of the three different days. Subjects covered were:

- (1) Special S-3 Brief presenting concept of monsoon operations.
- (2) Counterintelligence Brief covering roadblocks, checkpoints, searches, VCI methods of operations, Vietnamese police agencies and use of interpreters.
- (3) Civil Affairs Brief on use of armed propaganda teams, area studios, personal response and Vietnamese political organizations.
- (4) Tactics instruction included ambush and patrolling techniques applicable to the monsoon season. A water relief map was studied to better understand where drainage will and will not occur.
- (5) A seminar was conducted that featured a former VC in a lively exchange of questions and answers.

f. Seventy (70) Marines from the 7th Marines were transferred to this Battalion and underwent an intensive, comprehensive one and one-half day indoctrination program to acquaint and instruct them in the unique aspects of the Battalion TAOR. They were instructed in the following subjects: Tactical Update, Local Considerations, Vietnamese Relations, Religion and Personal Welfare, Quick Fire/Quick Kill, Military Bearing and Leadership, Booby Trap Lane, Countermasures for Mines and Booby Traps, Night Fire "X", COG Brief, Communications Security, Personal Affairs and Logistics.

g. During September, 175 Marines underwent Quick Fire/Quick Kill training as well as zeroing their weapons. One hundred and thirty (130) Marines from Company F fired individual and crew served weapons before commencing operation Ballard Valley. In all twenty-nine (29) hours of instruction were given on the Battalion 1,000 inch range.

h. The Battalion orientation course includes the following subjects: MPC and Piaster Spending, Pay and Allowances, Emergency Leave, Record of Emergency Data, Evac/Casualty procedures, CAP Program, R&R, Postal Regulations, Private Weapons, PX Facilities, Request Mast, Respect for Religious Beliefs and Customs of Vietnam, Moral Guidance, Red Cross, S-2 Mission, VC/NVA Mission, TAOR/Weather, Enemy Forces, Enemy Tactics, Rewards Programs, Handling of POWs, Care of Maps, VC/NVA Infrastructure, Interpreters and Kit Caravan Employment, Security Compromise, War Trophies, Scouting and Patrolling, Basic Map Reading and Aerial Photos, Password and Countersign, Terrain Analysis and Navigation, Employment of Snipers, Battalion Mission, Supporting

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Arms, Air Support, Rules of Engagement, Troop Conduct, MACV Rules of Engagement, Vietnamese Armed Forces, Spot Reports, Ambushes and Counter Ambushes, Demolitions and Destruction of Booby Traps, Booby Traps, Booby Trap Lane, Compass, Small Unit Tactics, Employment of Chemical Agents, Motor Transport, Supplies, Discarded Equipment, Armory, Engineers, Civil Affairs, Psychological Warfare, Vietnamese Customs/Personal Response, Chiou Noi Program, Scouts, Pacification, Assisting Vietnamese People, Conduct/Attitude toward Vietnamese Nationals, Vietnamese Political Parties, Off Limit Areas, Prostitution, Narcotics, Alcohol, Legal Assistance, Accidental Discharges, Loss of Weapons, Buddy Aid, Host Casualties, Personal Hygiene, Preventive Medicine, Venereal Disease, Anti-Malaria Measures, Military Decorum, Local Regulations, Military Courtesy and Discipline, Weapons Safety, 60mm Mortar, Claymore Mines, Grenade Safety and M-26 Fragmentation Grenade, M-16 AI Rifle, Care and Cleaning, Battalion Range Regulations, FAM-Firing, Zeroing Weapons, and Quick Fire/Quick Kill.

1. The following quotas were filled for schools at FNF PAC level:

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| (1) Landing Force Medical School | 1 Navy Enlisted |
| (2) GER School | 2 Marine Enlisted |
| (3) Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course | 1 Marine Enlisted |
| (4) Embarkation School | 1 Marine Enlisted |

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PART II
SECTION E
LOGISTICS

1. Logistics

a. During September, resupply of Camp Lauer was accomplished by truck and resupply of organic and attached Rifle Companies was accomplished by helicopter, truck and huskies. There were 408 helicopter resupply lifts with a combined weight of approximately 685,525 pounds. A detachment of 2½ ton trucks from First Motor Transport Battalion covered 9,460 road miles and transported approximately 863,600 pounds of supplies in support of this Battalion. Resupply by huskies amounted to 276 road miles transporting approximately 60,000 pounds of supplies.

b. There were three work orders completed in September, the first was to construct and issue ten urinals. These new urinals are being used to replace unserviceable urinals and to increase the number of urinals at Camp Lauer. The other two work orders were in response to a water shortage problem at Camp Lauer. In accordance with the work orders, the well shafts of Camp Lauer's deep well and one shallow well were pulled, cleaned and shortened and both wells are now producing an adequate supply of water. Work was begun but not completed on three work orders during September. One of these work orders was to balance the load on the Camp Lauer electrical system and when completed, should reduce the significant power shortage at this Camp. A second work order, the construction of two Sea Huts on one of the Battalion's Observation Posts, (OP), Crossmoat, is about 60% completed. Construction of these huts on Crossmoat will eliminate the present dangerous living conditions at that OP. In order to preclude the closing of the Battalion Landing Zone, a request was submitted during September to fill the hole around the Landing Zone and to oil and gravel the area immediately surrounding it. The hole has been filled and some gravel has been placed around the Landing Zone. It is anticipated that this job will be completed during October.

c. During the month of September the Battalion Laundry Unit washed and dried approximately 12,000 pounds of clothing. The unit is operating inefficiently because of the Camp's power shortage. Steps have been taken to provide a generator to operate the Laundry Unit.

2. Motor Transport

a. The Battalion Motor Transport Section operates and is organized in accordance with the prescribed T/O of an Infantry Battalion. The various facets of Motor Transport include a dispatching window, records clerk, vehicle parking, maintenance, wash point, lubrication rack, tire repair shop, battery shop and living quarters for Motor Transport personnel. One vehicle and trailer has been assigned to Company E, on Hill #55 in support of the Company and CUPP's.

b. The vehicles organic to the Battalion Motor Transport are twenty M15A1 jeeps, thirty M27A2 mechanical mules, four M37E1 personnel carriers, eighteen M116 trailers, four M101 trailers and six M119 water trailers. The Communication vehicles include two MRC 123, two MRC 109 and one MRC 124.

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c. There are four key personnel that retain their vehicles twenty-four hours a day. These are the Battalion Commander, the Battalion Executive Officer, the Operations Officer and the H&S Company Commander. All other vehicles are dispatched on a twelve hour a day basis. Emphasis is placed on providing the companies with all the Motor Transport support necessary to support their operations in the field. The remainder of the vehicles are handled by task oriented vehicle request forms. These forms are submitted sixteen hours prior to the section or individual needing the vehicle. Upon receiving these requests a decision is made as to the tactical necessity and importance of the mission and the vehicles are dispatched accordingly.

d. Prescribed echelons of maintenance include first and second. Drivers' maintenance is performed daily by the driver of the vehicle. Once a week or when required, the driver pulls preventative maintenance on his vehicle. This includes a thorough lubrication of the vehicle and check of vital areas of a vehicle, such as the battery, gauges and air cleaner. etc.

e. Quarterly's and annuals are performed by trained Motor Transport personnel. They incorporate an extensive check of the vehicle to include spark plugs, wheel bearings, points, carburetor and numerous other items that are out of the realm of first echelon driver maintenance.

f. Spot checks are performed to insure that the drivers are performing their required echelon of maintenance. All weekly PM's are inspected and the PM sheet is signed by a qualified mechanic.

g. Supplies are requisitioned by a Motor Transport Supply man. He retains daily drop sheets as well as a requisitioning file. These files are reconciled on a weekly basis. A daily check is made of the Motor Transport issue point at Battalion Supply for incoming parts.

h. Current Status/Forecast

(1) As of 4 October 1970 two M274 milos are on deadline for third echelon MORS at FLC. Two M-37 Personnel carriers are on deadline for third echelon MORS at FLC. Two M-151 jeeps are deadline. One jeep is deadline for second echelon MORS awaiting an exhaust system. The other jeep is deadline for second echelon MORS awaiting a rear end that it needs to be a code E item.

(2) There is currently one minor problem in the Motor Transport Section. Maintenance is hindered by lack of adequate supply of parts for vehicles. These parts are generators, radiators and spark plugs. This problem is gradually being overcome because of a closer check on the status of parts put on order and better communication between Supply and Motor Transport.

(3) With the arrival of October, emphasis has been placed on Preventative Maintenance for the monsoon season. Parts such as brake shoes and U-joints are on order and are being received. The Motor Pool is receiving gravel to make a better hardstand during monsoon season and stalls are being constructed to protect vehicles during a rocket or mortar attack.

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3. Supply

- a. One (1) Marine with an MOS of 3051 rotated during the month of September while a Marine with the MOS of 3051 joined the section during September; as well as one (1) Marine with a 3041 MOS.
- b. Shortages are still apparent for Combat Boots sizes; 8R, 9R, 10R.
- c. Battalion Supply procured an additional tract of land adjacent to the S-4 office which will be used for outside storage of bulk items.
- d. The Warehouse Section of Battalion Supply is continuing with its efforts to inventory, water-proof and prepare all storage boxes for Embarkation. In anticipation of the monsoon season, outside storage covers are being procured by the Battalion to ensure better protection for completed embarkation boxes.
- e. Fifty (50) bags of charcoal which were originally to be routed to Stock Arms R&R Center were received. The charcoal was distributed among the companies of the Battalion and will be utilized by the platoons which rotate to the rear for standdown.
- d. The Section is experiencing problems in procuring trioxane (heat) for C-Rations. FLC's stock of trioxane has been depleted for 1 week. Concertina wire is also in short in supply at FLC. Previous problems experienced in procuring sand bags have been alleviated.
- e. The following items were invoiced to the Battalion during September:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
M/PRC-75	3
M/PRC-77	6
Chest Pistol	2
Tool Kit Gary	2
Cleaner Spark Plug	1
Office Sup/Set typewriter	2

- f. The following items were invoiced to other units:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Night Sight Vision	6
Cleaner Steam Cleaner	1

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PART II
SECTION F
CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTION

1. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

a. Public Works. The month of September was an active one in the area of public works. A total of sixty (60) culverts, twenty (20) 6x6's, six (6) 6x8's, and three (3) 8x8's were delivered to Nui Kim Son for construction of the new market place. Forty-six (46) 2x4's were delivered to Ngan Cau/Tu Cau New Life Hamlet which the people used to complete their new school. Ten truck loads of gravel were delivered to Yen Ho (NLH) for repair of the access road leading to the hamlet. An extensive drainage system was dug by 1st Engineers in the NLH's of Ngan Cau/Tu Cau, Xuan Tra, and Hai An, which should offer the people some relief from flooding which will result from monsoon rains.

b. Welfare. During September, a total of 38,050\$VN was paid for local hire under the AIK (Assistance in Kind) employment fund. This program accomplishes two basic things; first, it enables needy Vietnamese to earn money on a daily basis for their food, etc. and secondly, it provides a temporary work force that can perform many of the menial tasks throughout the containment such as police, burning feces, and carrying garbage which frees more Marines for other tasks. At present there are eleven (11) Vietnamese working for the Battalion under AIK (Assistance in Kind) program. They work and are paid on a daily basis, and receive a maximum of 150\$VN per day.

c. Agriculture. New Village Self Development (VSD) projects are generally centered around agriculture. The majority of the projects are for the raising of swine and cattle and installing water pumps to supply water for rice paddies. The pig project in Hoa Hai Village continues to flourish.

d. Social. Three (3) parties were attended by members of the Battalion last month. A party was given by Chief Trinh for the new Commanding Officer. Attending was the Battalion Staff. A party was given by Hoa Long Village officials for the new security unit and the Battalion Staff. S-5 gave a party at Stock Arms for the Battalions' excessed personnel.

e. Security. One case of hand held illumination canisters (white) was delivered to the PSEF (Peoples Self Defense Force) of Xuan Tra (NLH) to aid them in spotting the enemy during periods of poor illumination. 65 PSEF (Peoples Self Defense Force) personnel of Hoa Hai Village used the Battalions' rifle range for familiarization firing of their weapons.

f. Education. Last month two (2) personnel from MCB 62 assisted the Hamlet of Cam Ham in repairing their school. Lt. GELIN of Hotel Company donated a variety of much needed school supplies to the school in Khai Ty.

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The month of September witnessed the completion of the new three (3) room school at Ngan Cau/Tu Cau (NLH). The construction of the school in Tin Luu has been slowed because of a lack of materials.

g. Health. A daily MED CAMP was carried on in the S-5 office; this past month a total of 780 people were treated. In addition to this, field MED CAMPS/DENT CAMPS are held in the various hamlets several times a month. A total of 385 MED CAMP patients and 3 DENT CAMP patients were treated in the field during September. The two volunteer nurses in Ngan Cau/Tu Cau (NLH) have been treating people in the two hamlets; the S-5 supplies them occasionally with medical supplies. During the month of September there were a total of 11 civilians evacuated to local hospitals for treatment of serious injuries, severe illness, skin disease, and other minor medical problems. To aid in health improvements in the New Life Hamlets excess food from the Battalion messhall is distributed to the needy refugees from time to time. In September three (3) cases of meat and three (3) cases of colery were delivered to Lo Son (NLH).

h. Personal Response. A total of 236 enlisted men and 11 Officers joined the Battalion during the month of September and were given an indoctrination brief covering the many facets of Civil Affairs with emphasis placed on personal response. The Personal Response Contact Team from G-5 came to the Battalion and gave a presentation concerning the "attalion" during September. One tour was taken by the Tango-1 GUP Unit who took along 20 members of the Lo Son Chickens (Scout Group); several of these children had never been to Da Nang City. Twenty Marines from the Battalion graduated from the Battalion Vietnamese Language School during the month of September and were taken on the tour along with about 15 personnel from E&S Company.

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SECTION G
COMMUNICATIONS

1. Communications

a. During the month of September the Communications Platoon provided and maintained all normal and tactical communications for the Battalion. An inspection and inventory of AFS related material was conducted and minor discrepancies were noted and corrected. Additionally, the Platoon and area were visited by the Assistant Division Communication-Electronics Officer, LtCol Hale, on 10 September 1970. Training in operations and Communications, security were conducted, and positive results were noted as positive results were confirmed by the citing of only one (1) TRANSEC violation for the reporting period.

b. Radio Relay Section. Comprised of personnel and equipment detached from the 1st Marine Regiment, the section functioned in support of the Battalion, providing radio relay channels to Regimental Headquarters. Improved equipment maintenance and utilization resulted in a substantial decrease in down time during the reporting period, with the total time of non-availability a conservative 2.6%.

c. Radio Section. Operation and maintenance of all Battalion tactical, administrative and logistical radio nets were provided by the section. In addition, personnel and equipment were released in support of Battalion operations in the areas of Hill 55, Dien Bien and 170th RF Compound. Further support was provided to both the Battalion's OPCON Companies during periods of high threat. Acquisition of nine PASC/KY-38's raised the total on hand to thirty-one (31) units and provided the capability to cover all but Company Tactical nets. Marring an otherwise satisfactory month was the loss and possible compromise of GCRCK Code ADAC 801, Edition D by Company E. The issue was properly reported and investigated; with no further action indicated.

d. Wire Section. Activities of this section during the month were divided between marring of Battalion and Guard switchboards and the installation and policing of wire within the cantonment area. Realignment of the guard necessitated a re-wiring of the entire telephone system and location of AFS personnel in the Sec Anchor area required an emergency installation of a hot line between this position and the Combat Operations Center. In accordance with XXIV Corps message 310012Z Aug 70 (C), monitoring of internal telephone circuits was begun.

e. Message Center Section. During the month of September the Message Center processed thirty-five (35) outgoing and nine hundred (900) incoming messages. Down time was decreased from eighty-eight (88) hours in the previous month to sixty-two (62) hours for this reporting period. Power line fluctuation was the main factor of this non-availability. Teletype AN/TGC-29, a unit under temporary test, was recovered by 1st Marine Regiment and no further action is required.

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f. Generator/Electrical Section. This section came under the cognizance of Communications Platoon during the reporting period. As a result of a power failure and an apparent mismatched load, a request for assistance was generated. Currently, both Division and Engineer resources are involved in a study and updating of the system. In the interim, section personnel are rewiring various offices and work areas within the cantonment to effect a more efficient supply of electricity.

g. Electronics Maintenance Section. Normal repair operations and second echelon maintenance were performed during the month. The following equipment was repaired:

NOMENCLATURE	REPAIRED/TECH SHOP	EVAC/FSR/DX	RETURN/FSR/DX
TA-1/PT	7	30	21
TA-222/PT	5	7	7
RT-841	1	2	2
RT-505	7	4	4
KY-38	0	5	5
H-189	9	8	8
AN/UHM-43C	0	1	1
RT-524	1	0	0
H-138	1	1	0
AS-2236	0	1	1
AN/PIQ-5	2	1	1
TA-312	1	4	0
TL-182	0	1	1
AN/ORA-6	8	4	4
AN/PRC-41	2	2	0
LS-166	0	1	0
LS-154	1	0	0
TGC-144 (V)	0	2	1

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SECTION II
MEDICAL & DENTAL

1. Medical and Dental

a. The Battalion Surgeons are Lt. R.D. COX, MC, USNR and Lt. R.I. PROBE, MC, USN. The Battalion Chief is HMC G.L. DAVIS, USN. During this reporting period, the Battalion had four officers (2 Medical Corps and 2 Chaplain Corps) and sixty-one enlisted in the field and in garrison.

b. The Battalion Aid Station treated six hundred twenty-four patients during the month. Entomologists from Division Preventive Medicine Unit submitted their report on their previous inspection to the commandment with emphasis on malarial control during the monsoon season. The suggestions were noted and preventive measures are being implemented. The Division Preventive Medicine Unit's monthly Sanitation Inspection Report has not yet been submitted to the Battalion.

c. Analysis of mortality figures reveals that there were two USMC KIA, zero USMC POW, eighteen USMC MIA, thirty-eight USMC MDC, one USMC DLI, zero USMC LANA, and zero USMC MIA. There was zero USN KIA and one USN MIA.

d. Analysis of routine treatment revealed ten cases of diarrhea, two cases of upper respiratory infections, twenty-one cases of foot disorders, sixty-four cases of skin disorders, two cases of gonorrhea, six cases of fever of undetermined origin, and two new cases of malaria and no hepatitis. There were one hundred fifteen Dental Patients seen.

e. The civilian medical program was active. There were one thousand and fifteen Vietnamese civilians treated for medical reasons, four of which were due to combat related injuries. Five Vietnamese civilians were treated for dental reasons.

f. There were one USMC, eleven Vietnamese civilians, and no wounded Viet Cong evacuated.

g. There was a total of fifty-five patients sent on consultations to 1st Medical Battalion and eleven to 95th Evacuation Hospital and one patient sent to Camp Baxter for eye refraction.

h. There were ten dental patients sent to 1st Medical Battalion on consultation.

2. AVIL PERSONNEL ATTACHED

a. Medical Officers	2
b. Chaplains	2

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- c. Corpsmen 61
- d. Dental Officers 1
- e. Dental Technicians 1

3. BREAKDOWN OF PATIENT LOAD

- a. Sick Call Patients Seen 624
- b. Evacuated 1
- c. Diarrhea 10
- d. Upper Respiratory Infections 2
- e. Foot Disorders 21
- f. Skin Disorders 64
- g. Gonorrhea 2
- h. Fever of Undetermined Origin 6
- i. Malaria 2
- j. Dental Patients Seen 115
- k. Immunizations 1,356

4. MED/CAP DENT/CAP PROGRAM

- a. Med/Cap Patients Seen 1,015
- b. Dent/Cap Patients Seen 5

5. BREAKDOWN OF V.D. CASES

- a. H&S Company One (1) New Cases 1 Camp Falukner
- b. Golf Company One (1) New Cases 1 Sidney

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PART II
SECTION I
CHAPLAIN

I. Chaplain

a. During September, the Battalion Chaplain offered a total of twenty Catholic Services with approximately three hundred and forty-eight personnel in attendance. The Regimental Chaplain was able to conduct eight Services for Protestant personnel of the Battalion with approximately one hundred and forty-six people attending.

b. Deep gratitude and appreciation are extended to L/Cdr Eli Pekesian, U.S.N., whose tour is now completed. While serving as Regimental Chaplain of 1st Marines he has conducted Protestant Services both at Camp Lejeune and in the field during the past three months. The new Regimental Chaplain, now serving with 1st Marines is Cdr. Eugene ADDRESS, U.S.N.

c. Lt. Frank D. MINNELL, CMC, USNR, arrived in Camp Lejeune on 30 September 1970. He will assume the duties as the new Battalion Chaplain for all Marines and Sailors of the Battalion.

d. During this month the Battalion Chaplain counseled sixty-four Marines and visited a total of thirty-four patients at the 1st Medical Battalion Hospital, 95th EVAC Hospital and USS SAMUELBY Hospital Ship. Six Marines were assisted in obtaining Health and Welfare Reports on their families and eight were helped in placing Priority MAIL Calls. Three visits were made to the Brig.

e. A Battalion Memorial Service was held on 10 September for Marines and Sailors of the Battalion who died within the past three months while in the service of their country. Approximately one hundred and fifty personnel were in attendance.

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01 September 1970 - 0117, Hotel 15 had an accidental discharge with an M-16, resulting in one USMC non-hostile MIA.
0030, Hotel 23 tripped a booby trap resulting in one USMC MIA.
1130, Echo 3 provided security for BOD personnel while they found and destroyed one dud bomb.
1245, Company E and four Rural Development Cadre detained three VC suspects.
2115, 5th Battalion, VMC Brigade received five incoming enemy grenades resulting in two VMC MIA's.
2130, Fox 24 spotted and engaged one VC suspect who fled into a village.
2215, India 3, 7th Marines OTCOM to the Battalion, had one personnel with a high fever of undetermined origin, (FUO). One USMC non-hostile medovac called in and completed.
0001 to 2400, Vietnamese civilians brought in two M-26 grenades, one 61mm HE round, three 61mm illumination rounds, one M-79 shotgun round, one 105mm HE round and two booby traps - C-ration cans filled with C-4. Civilians were paid a total of 1,400 piasters and all ordnance was destroyed.

02 September 1970 - 0030, Fox 3 medovaced one Vietnamese boy who had pneumonia.
0045, Delta 33, 7th Marines OTCOM to 2/1 received three incoming rounds or grenades resulting in two USMC MIA's.
0202, Fox 11 spotted and engaged two VC/NVA who fled to the northeast.
1020, India 1, 7th Marines, OTCOM to 2/1 had one Marine with a fever of undetermined origin (FUO) which resulted in one USMC non-hostile medovac.
1000, Delta 13, 7th Marines OTCOM to 2/1 hit a pressure type booby trap resulting in two USMC MIA's.
1050, Echo 3 medovaced two Vietnamese civilians with shrapnel wounds.
1055, Delta 31, 7th Marines OTCOM to 2/1, spotted and engaged four VC/NVA who fled to the southeast. Korean Marines and an Aerial Observer (AO) were notified.
2100, Golf 34 engaged suspected enemy movement and swept area finding two spider holes.
2115, Echo 1 provided a block north of Lo Son (1) in reaction to Tango-1-COM's report that three (03) VC/NVA were in the village. Resulted in one civilian being medovaced and two apprehended.

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- 2120, Echo 3 medevaced one Vietnamese woman.
2125, Echo 33 was alerted by a Scout dog and engaged one VC/NVA who fled into a tree line. A sweep was conducted with negative results.
0001 to 2400, India 1, 7th Marines OPCON to 2/1 had Vietnamese civilians bring in five 61mm illumination rounds, two M-26 grenades, one Chi-con grenade, four pounds of C-4, one M-79 bee hive round, one hundred (100) rounds of M-60 ammo, sixty (60) rounds of M-16 ammo, ten (10) rounds of .45 cal. ammo and one claymore mine. Civilians were paid 1,000 piasters.
- 03 September 1970 - 0630, Echo 33 resweeping area of contact of 021945H found one VC/NVA male KIA and one AK-47 rifle, two (02) AK-47 magazines and a billfold and a map.
0027, Company I, 7th Marines OPCON to 2/1 had a Marine with a high fever of undetermined origin (FUO) which resulted in one USMC non-hostile medevac.
2115, Company E heard an explosion south of Tu Cau Hamlet. No damage or casualties were reported.
2330, C/P 275 spotted and engaged two VC/NVA who fled to the north. Resulted in one USMC MIA non-medevac.
0001 to 2400, Children brought in two booby traps. One consisted of an M-26 grenade, the other was a C-ration can filled with C-4, six 61mm illumination rounds, one 60mm round, one 105mm HE round, one Chi-con grenade, 113 7.62 cal. rounds, 150 5.56 cal. rounds and 42 .45 cal. rounds. Children were paid a total of 1,000 piasters.
- 04 September 1970 - 1345, Fox 3 medevaced a Vietnamese woman who had swallowed some poison.
0001 to 2400, Vietnamese children brought in one Chi-con grenade, one 81mm HE round, three (03) 60mm HE rounds and two M-26 grenades. The children were paid a total of 4,350 piasters and the ordnance was destroyed.
- 05 September 1970 - 1130, Company G used 160 Bangalore torpedoes to destroy a tree line containing booby traps.
0001 to 2400, Vietnamese children brought in one 61mm HE round, two 61mm illumination rounds, one 60mm HE round, three M-26 grenades, one Chi-con grenade, one M-79 HE can and assorted small arms ammo. The children were paid a total of 1,300 piasters and the ordnance was destroyed.
- 06 September 1970 - 0935, Hotel 3 medevaced one Vietnamese female who stated she was wounded by the Korean Marines.
0925, C/P 273 received four incoming enemy grenades from six VC/NVA who fled to the north. Three USMC non-medevac MIAs resulted from the action.
0001 to 2400, Vietnamese children brought in one M-26 grenade and one 105mm HE round. A total of

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- 1,200 piasters was paid and the orchance was destroyed.
- 07 September 1970 - 0008, GAF 270 spotted and engaged two VC/NVA who fled to the north with negative results.
0150, Echo 23 received one incoming enemy grenade that was thrown back by the Platoon Sergeant. Area where grenade came from was swept with negative results.
0410, Echo 23 received five rounds of small arms fire from the west. Marines returned fire and swept the area with negative results.
1350, 106 Platoon found and destroyed one 60mm illumination dud.
1614, Echo 3 medevaced a Vietnamese female who was wounded by a booby trap.
2212, Echo 24 engaged five VC/NVA resulting in one VC/NVA KIA who had on him one AK-47 rifle, AK-47 magazines, a cartridge belt and one M-26 grenade. The other VC/NVA fled to the southeast.
2320, Crosspost OP received twenty to thirty AK-47 rounds and one M-79 HE round. Another unit swept the area with negative results.
0001 to 2400, Vietnamese children brought in one 60mm HE dud. The children were paid 600 piasters.
- 08 September 1970 - 0740, Echo 24 follow-up spot on 072212H. Area of contact was swept with negative results. VC/NVA KIA found previously was turned over to IFF.
- 09 September 1970 - 0535, Hotel 13 hit a booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA.
1230, Liaison OPOR to ROKMC reported one VC/NVA KIA and one M-16 rifle captured. One ROK Marine WIA and one Vietnamese was detained.
1900, H&S 2 hit a booby trap resulting in two USMC WIA's.
1925, Crosspost OP spotted and engaged four VC/NVA at the base of the OP. Special Liaison Team swept the area and found a bloody stretcher.
2220, Company H provided a blocking force for a ROKMC sweep. Unit detained one Vietnamese female who was turned over to IFF.
- 10 September 1970 - 1205, Echo 23 medevaced one Vietnamese woman who hit an M-79 dud with her leg.
1310, Echo 32 medevaced one Vietnamese male who hit a booby trap.
1500, Company E Recon Squad observed and pursued a Vietnamese male with a pack into a treeline with negative results.
1600, 27th ROKMC Company came upon two VC/NVA suspects who failed to halt; therefore, the VC/NVA were taken under fire resulting in one VC/NVA KIA and one VC/NVA WIA.

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- 11 September 1970 - 0800, Echo 3 had an air strike 500 meters west of designated target. No secondary explosions were observed. Ordnance dropped by F-4 Phantoms consisted of four D-4A's and ten D-9's.
- 0820, Echo 2 found and destroyed one booby trap.
- 0900, Company E searched the area of an 81mm fire mission with negative results.
- 0905, Company E found and destroyed one M-79 EE round.
- 0950, 27th ROKMC Company engaged several male VC/NVA resulting in one (01) VC/NVA KIA, also one 60mm Soviet made mortar tube was captured.
- 1100, Hotel 2, The actions of the Platoon Sergeant improperly disposing of a booby trap resulted in one USMC KIA and three USMC WIA's.
- 1300, Company E detained one Vietnamese woman who had many Communist Propaganda Leaflets in her possession.
- 1530, Liaison Team with ROKMC reports the 27th ROKMC Company captured two VC/NVA males, three M-26 grenades, one M-1 carbine, a cartridge belt and one Chi-com grenade.
- 1615, Special Liaison Unit and four National Police checked personnel and the area finding 100 rounds of 60mm Machine Gun ammo, one 60mm illumination round, one detonator origin unknown and one bunker position used for making booby traps.
- 1700, Company E utilized the services of a Coastal Survey Aircraft. The observer may have spotted a 150 to 250 pound bomb rigged as a booby trap along with two VC/NVA in the area. Search was conducted on the following day.
- 12 September 1970 - 0805, W/S 1&2 spotted and detained twenty-three civilians who were in a group and not engaged in normal activity.
- 0855, Echo 22, a LOR and two Lucy Cobras searched the area where bomb rigged as a booby trap was supposedly located with negative results.
- 0930, Echo 3 moved and three Vietnamese civilians, two with shrapnel wounds and one for stock.
- 13 September 1970 - 0720, Echo 3 controlled an air strike that had 100% of the ordnance on target. F-4 Phantoms dropped sixteen D-9's on the target.
- 1835, Hotel 3 spotted and detained two Vietnamese boys that were setting a foot trap.
- 0001 to 2400, Vietnamese children brought in one 105 EE dud and one 60 EE dud. The children were paid a total of 800 piasters and the ordnance was destroyed.
- 14 September 1970 - The Battalion received information from 1st Marines

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that the Korean Marines had spotted a possible rocket or mortar site. A 105mm HE fire mission was called in and area was searched resulting in the finding of one half of a poncho liner. 0710, Golf 12 searched a building and found an empty bunker. Both the building and the bunker were destroyed.

2120, Hotel 22 spotted and engaged two VC/NVA who fled to the south. Negative results.

2125, Echo 32 observed and engaged movement to the west with small arms, 60mm and 81mm HE.

The area was swept with negative results.

0001 to 2400, Vietnamese children brought in two 60mm HE rounds, two 60mm illumination rounds, one M-79 HE round, one claymore mine, two 105mm HE rounds, one 81mm HE round and two M-26 grenades. The children were paid a total of 2,400 piasters and the ordnance was destroyed.

15 September 1970 - 0001, Golf 23 tripped a booby trap resulting in one USMC KIA.

1900, Echo 2 had one man come down with a temperature resulting in one USMC non-hostile medevac.

1900, Battalion Liaison Team with 111th RF Company spotted and pursued one VC/NVA suspect and called 105mm and 60mm fire missions resulting in finding one pack and one glove.

2145, H&S 122 observed and engaged one male VC/NVA who fled from a house. A search of the house revealed eight (08) Vietnamese civilians who were detained.

0001 to 2400, Vietnamese children brought in two Chi-con grenades and two 60mm illumination rounds. Children were paid a total of 500 piasters and the ordnance was destroyed.

16 September 1970 - 0700, Hotel 22 hit a booby trap resulting in one USMC KIA.

0800, Golf 14 directed an F-4 Phantom over their target area and the Phantom dropped sixteen D-9's and fired 1,280 20mm rounds. One bunker destroyed and one secondary explosion were reported.

1110, Company E Recon Squad found and destroyed one bunker.

1330, Hotel 3 received one incoming 106 lob bomb (105mm HE) which failed to explode. The launch site was 360 meters away.

1400, H&S Company found and destroyed three booby traps on Post Eleven at Camp Laker.

1700, Company E Recon Squad tripped a booby trap resulting in one USMC KIA.

1740, Company E Recon Squad found and destroyed one booby trap.

2000, CAP 238 tripped a booby trap resulting in

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- the USMC WILL.
2208, 1st Special Liaison Unit detained ten Vietnamese civilians who were from another village.
2333, Echo CP observed one secondary explosion while firing an 81mm fire mission.
0001 to 2400, Vietnamese children turned in two 105mm HE rounds. The children were paid a total of 1,000 piasters and the ordnance was destroyed.
- 17 September 1970 - Golf 14 had two A-4 Aircraft drop eight (08) D-9's on target area. One hundred meters of trackline was cleared and one secondary explosion was reported.
0730, Golf 21 found and destroyed one "Bouncing Betty" mine.
1130, Golf 3 found and destroyed one mine.
1215, Golf 3 found and destroyed a booby trap and three 82mm HE rounds.
1850, 106 Recoilless Rifle Platoon was helolifted into a target area and found and destroyed a small bunker complex.
0001 to 2400, Vietnamese children turned in two 105mm HE rounds. The children were paid a total of 1,000 piasters and the ordnance was destroyed.
- 18 September 1970 - 0915, 111th Regional Forces had a man hit a booby trap with his motor-cycle resulting in one civilian mangled.
0950, Company E called a fire mission and reported observing five secondary explosions.
1215, Hotel 2 captured and detained two suspected VC males.
1300, Echo 2 medicated one Vietnamese female with a small arms wound.
1335, 170th Company, 131th Regional Forces Battalion found and destroyed two bunkers, one claymore mine, and one hundred 60mm mortar rounds.
1415, Hotel 2 detained one suspicious Vietnamese male.
1700, CHT/Hotel 2 found and destroyed a tunnel and also detained two Vietnamese females who were in the area.
1945, Echo Company Recon Squad observed and engaged three VC/NVA who fled into a trackline. Area was searched with negative results.
- 19 September 1970 - 1600, 111th Regional Forces had two soldiers who were wounded with a claymore mine and then were shot in the head and killed by an unknown number of VC. A sweep of the area was conducted with negative results.
1945, Echo 23 observed and engaged three VC/NVA who fled. Area searched with negative results.

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- 2145, Hotel 3A and 111th Regional Forces Company spotted and engaged three VC/NVA who were carrying weapons. Area searched with negative results.
- 2230, Echo 23 observed one secondary explosion while firing an 81mm mortar prop fire.
- 0001 to 2400, Vietnamese children brought in one 155mm HE round and one M-26 grenade. The children were paid a total of 900 piasters and the ordnance was destroyed.
- 20 September 1970 - 0700, 2/1 Special Liaison Unit investigated an explosion and found one civilian KIA, two PF MIA's and one civilian MIA. The explosion was two electrically detonated mines.
- 0715, Echo 23 found and destroyed one booby trap.
- 1950, 103d PF Platoon engaged four VC/NVA resulting in one VC/NVA KIA, four suspected VC/NVA captured, three PF MIA's and one M-47 rifle captured.
- 2125, Hotel 12 tripped a booby trap resulting in one USMC KIA and eight USMC MIA's.
- 2220, CUPP 13 and 927th RF Company received three M-26 grenades and four B-40 rockets resulting in one RF KIA and two RF MIA's. Unit returned fire and searched area with negative results.
- 21 September 1970 - 0055, Echo Company Recon Squad had one personnel come down with a high fever of undetermined origin which resulted in one USMC non-hostile medvac.
- 0840, Echo 2 had an air strike in which ten D-9 bombs covered the target area completely. No secondary explosions.
- 1010, Golf CP directed an air strike that dropped eight (08) D-9 bombs and nine (09) D-2 bombs. Target area was completely covered.
- 1105, Battalion Recon Squad spotted and engaged a total of ten VC/NVA suspects which resulted in one VC/NVA suspect MIA, five VC/NVA suspects detained and capture of two ammo boxes, one M-26 grenade, fishing line, one empty wallet, notebook, 2,200 piasters and miscellaneous clothing.
- 1740, Company E and 51st ARVN Recon Company spotted two VC/NVA and requested and received ARVN artillery with unknown results.
- 1940, COFFEE CUPP 13 detonated a booby trap resulting in one USMC KIA and the finding of three additional booby traps that were destroyed.
- 1940, Echo 33 found a Vietnamese woman with small arms wounds in face. Resulted in one Vietnamese female medevac.
- 2133, Golf CP and Golf 12 spotted and engaged four VC/NVA after an explosion of unknown type was heard twenty meters outside the wire. Negative results.

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- 22 September 1970 - 2245, Company E medevaced one Vietnamese female that may have been accidentally shot by a Marine.
- 2245, Echo CP while firing an 81mm fire mission observed one secondary explosion.
- 1820, Tango 1 CUPP had a Marine go into convulsions. Resulted in one USMC non-hostile medevac.
- 1845, Hotel 22 found and destroyed one 60mm booby trap.
- 1905, Echo 2 medevaced one Vietnamese female with shrapnel wounds received when her hoe hit an M-79 TE dud.
- 2130, Golf 12 fired at suspected enemy positions and searched the area with negative results.
- 2230, India Company, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines OPCOM to 2/1 spotted and engaged two VC/NVA who fled in an unknown direction. Area searched with negative results.
- 2235, Fox 32 and 59th RF Platoon spotted and engaged three VC/NVA. Area searched with negative results.
- 23 September 1970 - 1033, Hotel 1 received three incoming enemy grenades. Resulted in negative casualties. Area searched with negative results.
- 1235, Company I conducted an air strike resulting in five secondary explosions and several fighting holes and one trench line destroyed.
- 1745, CUPP 11 had one personnel trip a booby trap. Resulted in one USMC MIA.
- 1945, Hotel 22 found and destroyed one booby trapped LAAN.
- 2015, Hotel 13 reacted to suspected movement in a nearby treeline with small arms fire. Area was swept with negative results.
- 2025, India 31, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines OPCOM to 2/1 reacted to suspected movement with small arms fire. Swept area with negative results.
- 2225, Battalion Liaison, OPCOM to 59th RF Battalion, spotted and engaged four VC/NVA resulting in one VC/NVA female KIA, one AK-47 rifle and assorted documents captured.
- 24 September 1970 - 2005, Hotel 13 received four incoming M-79 rounds. Negative casualties. Unit returned fire and swept area with negative results.
- 2110, India 2, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines OPCOM to 2/1 opened fire on movement by motors to the southeast of position. Area was swept, finding a ditch and a fresh trail leading from the ditch.
- 2110, 59th RF Battalion, 591st RF Company spotted and engaged four VC/NVA resulting in the finding of one VC/NVA female KIA and one AK-47 rifle.
- 2150, Echo 32 had a scout dog alert unit of movement. Search of area located one box mine that

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- 25 September 1970-
- 2230, Golf 33 spotted and engaged an unknown number of VC/NVA. Swept area with negative results.
 - 0245, CUPP 11 had a personnel break his glasses and got glass in his eyes. Resulted in one non-hostile medevac.
 - 0500, India 3, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 2/1 spotted and engaged one VC/NVA. Resulted in one VC/NVA KIA.
 - 0755, Echo 32 was alerted by a scout dog and found and destroyed one 105mm HE dud.
 - 2100, CUPP 13 observed and investigated an explosion and found one Vietnamese male, age ten, wounded by a booby trap. Medevac was called in and later cancelled when the boy died.
 - 2315, Fox 3, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines OPCON to 2/1 had one personnel fire his M-16 at suspected movement which turned out to be another Marine in an adjacent position. Resulted in one USMC non-hostile WIA medevaced.
 - 0001 to 2400, Vietnamese children turned in one 81mm HE dud and two 60mm HE duds. The children were paid a total of 1,100 piasters and the ordnance was destroyed.
- 26 September 1970 -
- 0030, CUPP 11 received five M-79 rounds and AK-47 fire into their IP. Resulted in negative casualties. The area was swept with negative results.
 - 0600, 2/1 Special Liaison Team investigated an explosion on Marble Mountain and found two dead Vietnamese children and four wounded Vietnamese civilians. The four wounded were medevaced.
 - 1040, CAP 277 had one USMC pick-up truck receive fifteen AK-47 rounds. Resulted in negative casualties.
 - 1100, Echo 14 found and destroyed one booby trap.
 - 1320, Hotel 11 detained three Vietnamese females.
 - 2005, CAP 277 spotted two VC/NVA and received two incoming grenades and small arms fire. Unit returned fire and swept the area with negative results.
 - 0001 to 2400, Vietnamese child led Hotel 1 to a rocket pod from a F-4 Phantom. The child was paid 2,000 piasters and the ordnance was destroyed.
- 27 September 1970 -
- 0235, Golf 13 and Fox 22. Golf 13 spotted and fired on two sea-puns. Swept area with negative results. Fox 22 detained three Vietnamese civilians in the same area but they were later released.
 - 0705, Fox 3, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines OPCON to 2/1 had one Marine come down with a temperature resulting in one USMC non-hostile medevac.
 - 0001 to 2400, Vietnamese children brought in one 105mm HE dud. The children were paid 200 piasters and the ordnance was destroyed.

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- 28 September 1970 -1120, Hotel 21 found and destroyed one 60mm HE dud.
1540, Hotel 31 found and destroyed one M-26 grenade.
2000, CAP 278 investigated an explosion in Tu Cau Non Life Hamlet which was believed to be an M-26 grenade. The explosion resulted in two Regional Defense Cadre KIA's, one Regional Defense Cadre WIA, one RF WIA, and two civilian WIA's. Area was searched with negative results.
2205, COPP 23 received small arms fire from three VC/NVA. Returned fire with small arms and one claymore mine. Unit swept area with negative results.
2210, Fox GP had one Marine wrist ankle checking lines. Resulted in one USMC non-hostile medevac.
- 29 September 1970 -0220, Fox 1, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines, OPCON to 2/1 tripped a booby trap resulting in one USMC WIA and medevaced.
1245, Company G directed two F-4 Phantoms to drop twelve D-24's and eight D-9's and fire two bolts of D-4's. The bunkers were reported to be destroyed and two secondary explosions were heard.
1855, CAP 278 and ROK's investigated incident on night of 28 September 1970. In one house they found two M-26 grenades, six flashlight batteries, one thirty year old woman, a one year old baby and one seventeen year old male. Seventeen year old male was a confirmed VC and was detained.
2300, Fox 3h heard voices and then enemy initiated contact with grenades resulting in one USMC WIA.
0001 to 2400, Vietnamese children brought in one 105mm HE round, one 60mm WP round, and one 60mm HE round. Children were paid a total of 600 piasters and the orchard was destroyed.
- 30 September 1970 -0001, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines conducted a cordon and search operation of the An Tra fishing village. Resulted in five detainees.
1810, Fox 3 had three Marines come down with temperatures and chills. Resulted in three USMC non-hostile medevacs.
2100, Echo 21 observed and took under fire that appeared to be approximately three personnel lighting a fuse. Area was searched with negative results.

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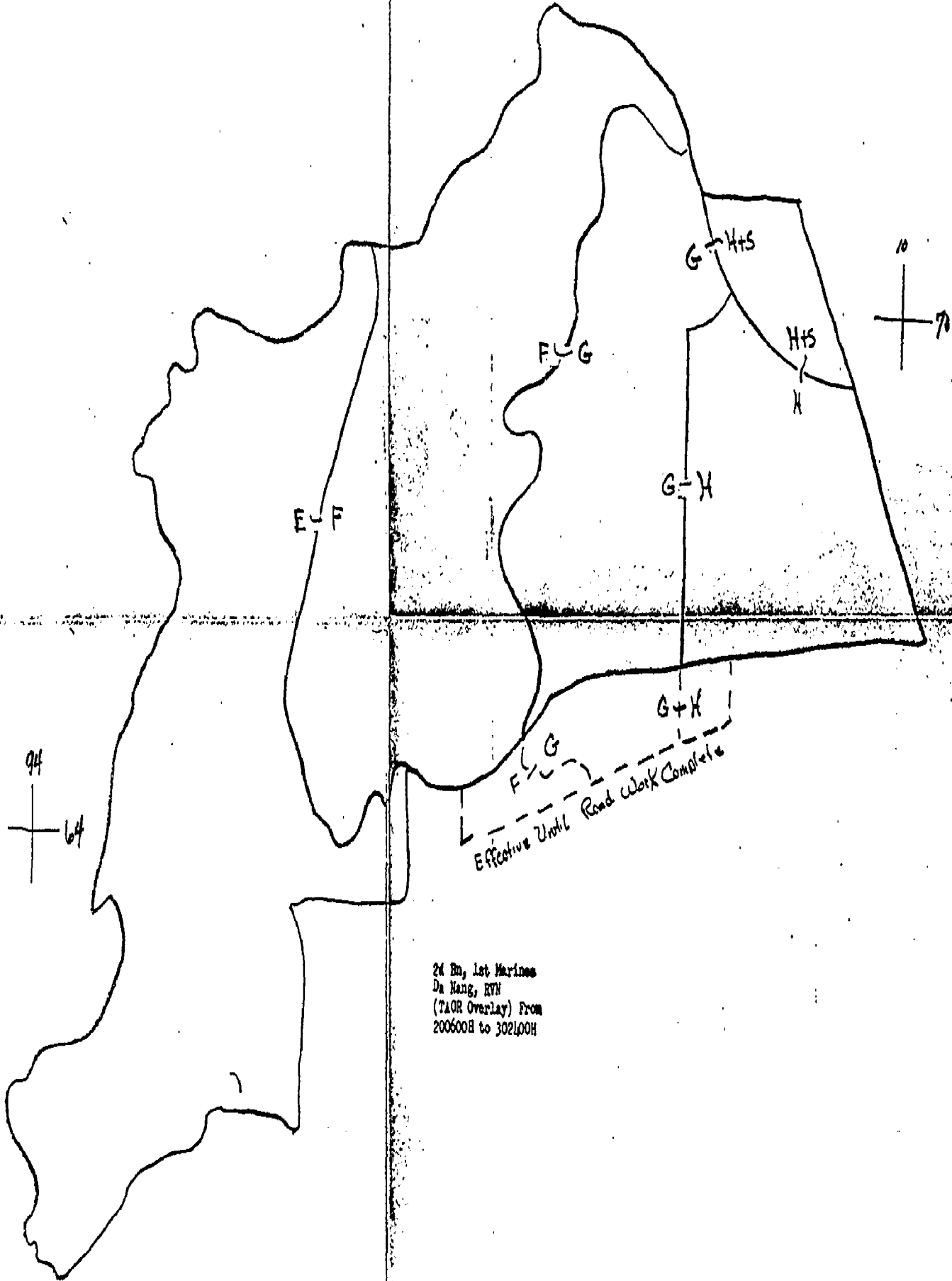
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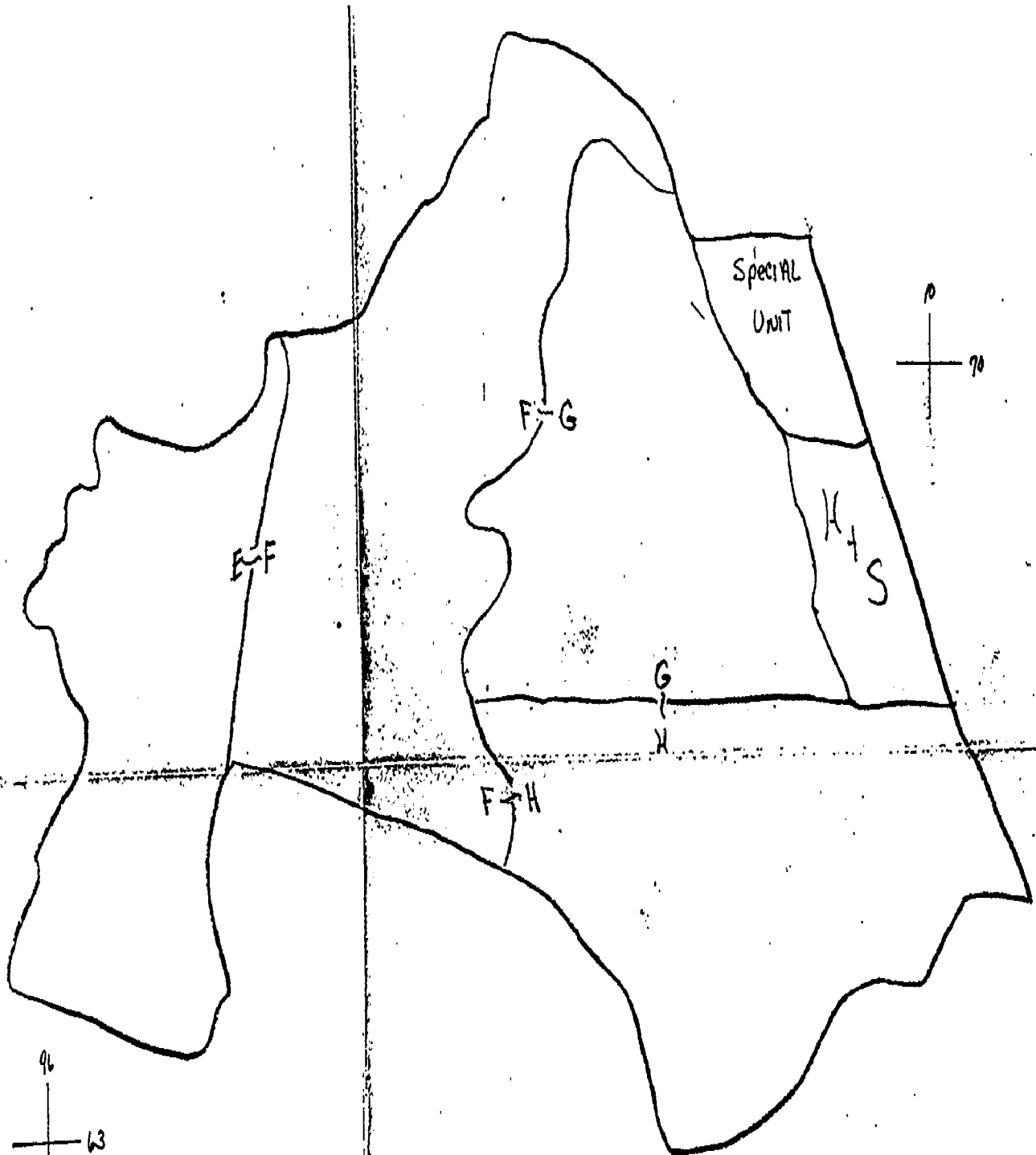
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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Current IN:SUMS and PERINTREPS

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 59th Regional Forces Bn
- (2) 134th Regional Forces Group
- (3) 17th ARVN Armored Cavalry Regt
- (4) RF Platoons: 35, 36, 40, 51, 54, 56, 58, 162, 181, and 182
- (5) CAP-275, 276, 277, and 278

c. Attachments and Detachments

- (1) Co. D, 1st Bn, 7th Marines, OPCON
- (2) Co. I, 3d Bn, 7th Marines, OPCON

2. MISSION. To conduct maximum patrolling and ambushing within the TAOR, interdicting waterways and known or suspected enemy LOC's in order to pre-empt enemy attacks by ground assault or indirect fire against PWMAF installations and local hamlets. To conduct intensified coordinated activities with RF, PF, and CAP units within the TAOR.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation

(1) Conduct maximum patrol/ambush activity concentrating major effort during hours of darkness within respective company areas of operations. During daylight hours substitute observation for movement whenever practicable. Also, react aggressively to unusual sightings or intelligence reports during the day or night. Harassing, interdicting, and pre-emptive fires will be utilized in those areas where there is minimal physical presence.

b. H&S Company

- (1) Maintain 3 night activities in AO for duration of high threat period. See Annex I (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Maximum coordination with the 11th RF Company as directed.
- (3) On order, react to all pertinent intelligence as directed.
- (4) Battalion recon patrol deploy to assigned area. See Annex I (Operation Overlay).

(5) Plan reaction support for CAP 276. Report routes of approach ASAP.

c. Company E

(1) Continue assigned mission in new area. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

(2) Conduct intensified patrol/ambush activities concentrating acts during hours of darkness.

(3) A maximum number of coordinated joint activities with RF's is directed.

(4) Continue to clear booby trapped areas in company AO.

(5) Take OPCON of Battalion Recon Squad for employment in designated area throughout high threat period. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

d. Company F

(1) Continue assigned mission in new area. See Annex A (Operation Overlay)

(2) Conduct intensified patrol/ambush activities concentrating acts during hours of darkness.

(3) A maximum number of coordinated joint activities with RF's is directed.

(4) Plan reaction support for CAP 277. Report routes of approach ASAP.

(5) Establish PPL and conduct activities from point within grid square BT0066. Direct liaison authorized for coordination with 59th RF Battalion.

e. Company G

(1) Continue assigned mission in new area. See Annex A (Operation Overlay)

(2) Conduct intensified patrol/ambush activities concentrating acts during hours of darkness.

(3) A maximum number of coordinated joint activities with RF's is directed.

(4) Plan reaction support for CAP 275. Report routes of approach ASAP.

f. Company H

(1) Continue assigned mission in new area. See Annex A (Operation Overlay)

(2) Conduct intensified patrol/ambush activities concentrating act during hours of darkness.

(3) A maximum number of coordinated joint activities with RF's is directed.

(4) Coordinate with CAP 278 and 170th RF Platoon for effective defense of Tu Cau Hamlet (BT052659).

g. Company D, 1st Bn, 7th Marines

(1) On arrival, move to assigned AO. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

(2) Conduct intensified patrol/ambush activities concentrating acts during hours of darkness.

h. Company I, 3d Bn, 7th Marines

(1) On arrival, move to assigned AO. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

(2) Conduct intensified patrol/ambush activities concentrating acts during hours of darkness.

i. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) H-Hour: 1200H
- (2) D-Day: 29 August 1970
- (3) OPCON effective H-Hour, D-Day or upon arrival of attached companies in TAOR.
- (4) Special overlays to be provided OPCON companies include:
 - (a) Booby Trap Experience
 - (b) Trail Patterns
 - (c) Landmarks and Watch Towers

(5) Caution all personnel on presence of booby traps and continuous requirement for probing and cautious movement to avoid pitfalls, mines, and trip wires. Avoid well worn or obvious routes.

(6) Land navigation techniques and coordination of activities and fires in accordance with reference (a) (passed separately).

(7) Each platoon will provide at least three night activities during high threat period. These activities will reach final positions by 2300 and remain at 100% alert until 0200.

(8) Commence movement to new AO's at 290800H to be completed by commencement of resupply in afternoon.

ii. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply

(1) Norml. Co. D, 1st Bn, 7th Marines and Co. I, 3d Bn, 7th Marines will be supplied from Camp Lauer with all classes.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Battalion Command Group will be located at Camp Lauer (DT063705).
- b. Signal to cease fire will be Green star cluster.
- c. Necessary radio frequencies and call signs will be provided for 7th Marines' companies OPCON of 2d Bn, 1st Mar.
- d. Current CEOI will be utilized.
- e. COMSEC will be strictly enforced.
- f. Ensure all activities have reliable communications.

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✓A. Operation Overlay

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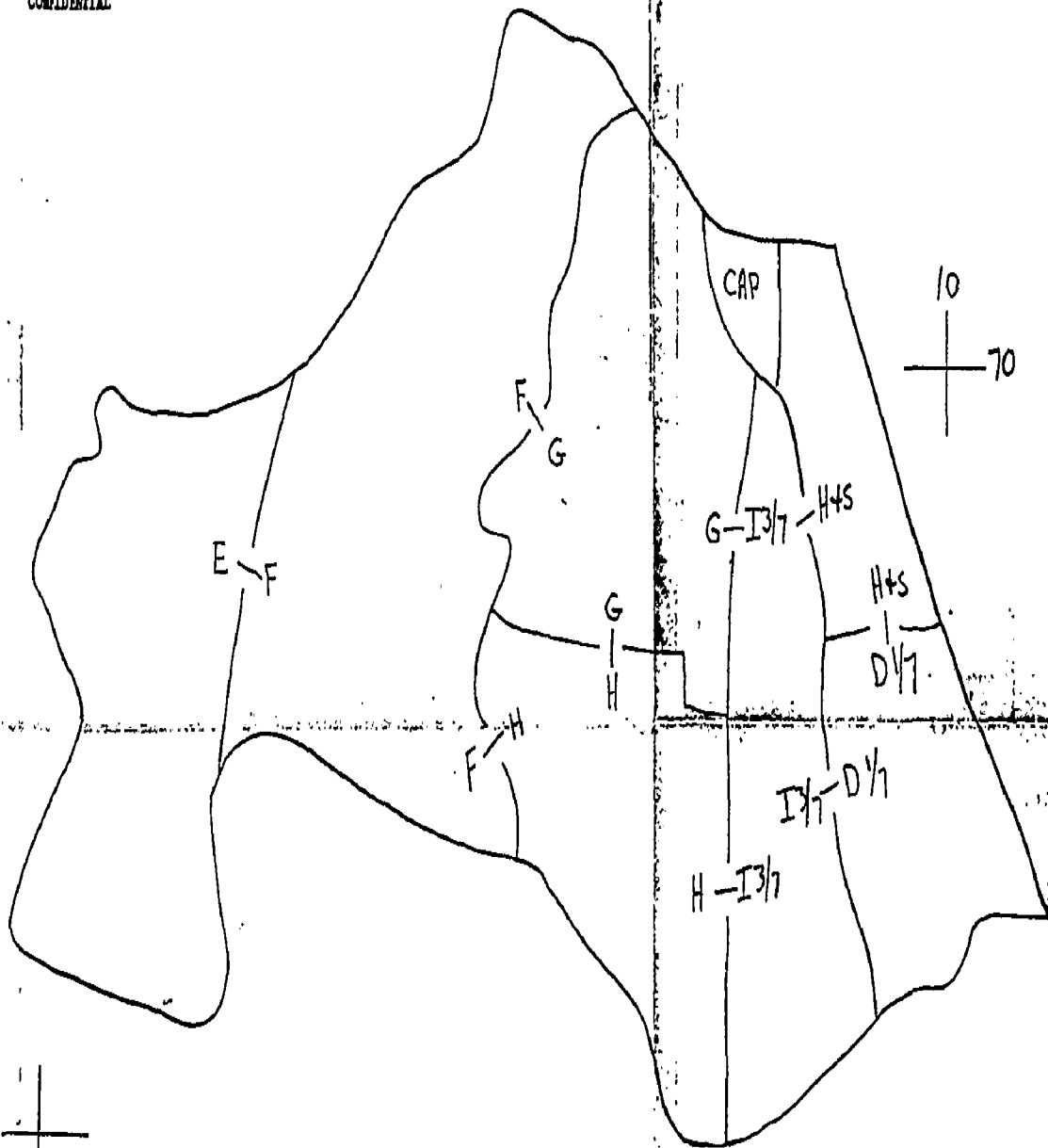
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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) High threat period ends 040800H September 1970.
- (2) A serious threat still remains in the form of attacks by fire on 2d Battalion, 1st Marines installations, increased mining of traveled routes, sniping or ambushes, and concentrated attacks against isolated activities.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Det. 3d 8" Howitzer Battery co-located with 2d Battalion, 1st Marines Command Post.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

- (1) Company D, 1st Bn, 7th Marines (OPCON) detach on order.
- (2) Company I, 3d Bn, 7th Marines (OPCON) detach on order.

2. MISSION. No change

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation.

- (1) 2d Battalion, 1st Marines continues assigned mission within its TAOR. When Company D, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines and Company I, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines depart, companies shift to assigned areas of operation and continue missions of interdicting enemy water and land LOC's, destroying enemy personnel and installations, and denying opportunities for enemy to launch indirect fire attacks against the vital area of Da Nang as well as ground and indirect fire acts against friendly installations within the TAOR.

b. H&S Company

- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay)
- (2) Area of Operation for Woodstock unit will be differentiated from H&S AO. See Annex A (Operation Overlay)

c. Company E. No change.

d. Company F.

- (1) See Annex A (Operation Overlay)
- (2) One platoon will be required to maintain a presence in the Dia An area.
- (3) Continued coordination of activities with respective RE/PF's units within the area of operation is mandatory.

e. Company G.

- (1) See Annex A (Operation Overlay)
- (2) Continuo coordination of activities with the 157th and 170th RF Companies is mandatory.

f. Company H.

- (1) See Annex A (Operation Overlay)
- (2) Coordinate activities with the RF's and CAP 278 in and around Tu Cau Hamlet. Be prepared to provide a reaction force for same.
- (3) Concentrate night activities along routes of approach and egress to bunker complexes allowing general support weapons to attack bunker complexes.

g. Company D, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.

- (1) Detach on order.
- (2) Withdraw according to orders from parent battalion.

h. Company I, 3d Battalion, 7th Marines.

- (1) Detach on order.
- (2) Withdraw according to orders from parent battalion.

i. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) All companies increase local security, limit number and increase protection of admin runs to and from the field. Avoid continued use of same routes and strengthen activities; advise troops of continued enemy threat.
- (2) Annex A (Operation Overlay) for new company boundaries to be effective on order. Plan activities accordingly.
- (3) Reminder: coordinate directly with adjacent companies and activities located in respective AO's (RF Co's, CAP's, and PF Flts.) for identification of day and night activities located within 500 meters of each other or mutual boundaries. This process is duplicated by the COC.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: No change

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS: No change

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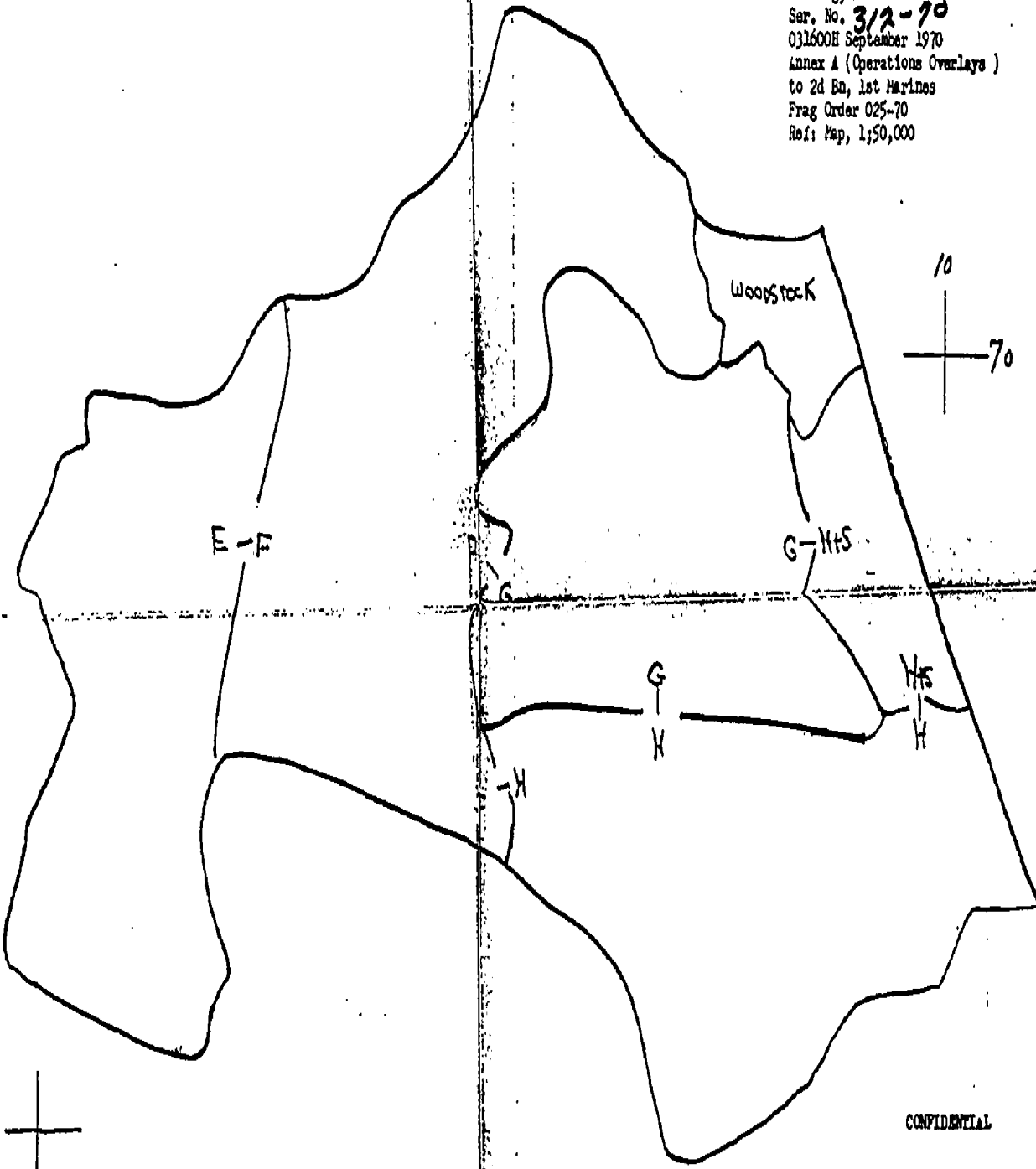
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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Recent enemy sightings in vicinity of Viem Dong trails (LT097659).

b. Friendly Forces

(1) SEAL Team and "D" Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines in direct support of 2d Battalion, 1st Marines.

2. MISSION

a. 2d Battalion, 1st Marines conducts ambush operation night of 6-7 September to kill/capture enemy traversing Viem Dong trail.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation, Annex A (Operation Overlay)

b. SEAL Team

(1) Set ambush by 222200H.
(2) Kill or capture all enemy traversing Viem Long trail.

c. Huskies Platoon

(1) On order, depart Camp Lauer with two squads of infantry aboard and proceed to Viem Dong area via beach. Support SEAL Team as directed.

d. Company F

(1) Keep activities clear of SEAL Team AO. (See Annex A (Operation Overlay)).
(2) Be prepared to move one platoon from West into Viem Dong area to support SEAL Team as directed.

e. 106 R.R. Platoon

(1) Keep normal night activities North of SEAL Team AO.
(2) Provide two squads of infantry. Squad join Huskies at Camp Lauer and, on order, proceed to Viem Dong area via beach. Support SEAL Team as directed.

f. "D" Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.

(1) Provide artillery support for operation.
(2) Prepare on-call concentrations for SEAL Team as requested.

g. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay)
- (2) SEAL Team consists of twelve Vietnamese and two U.S. advisors. Uniform is black pajamas, armed with AK-47's.
- (3) Flare ship and armed helicopters on-call.
- (4) Briefing for participating commanders at 2d Battalion, 1st Marines COG at 061530H September.
- (5) SEAL Team distress signal is red star cluster.
- (6) Friendly identification signal is green star cluster.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply

- (1) Normal

5. COMBAT AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. SEAL Team report when ambush set.

b. Operation to be conducted on Battalion Admin Net 56.65. Alternate net is Battalion Tac Net 45.65. Air requests go through TLR Net 36.00. SEAL Team Local to be announced at briefing. Call signs as follows:

2d Battalion, 1st Marines COG
Huskies
106 R.R.

Platoon, Company H
SEAL Team

ALA 105.
ALL KING
H&S -1
H&S -2
HOTEL 1
To be announced
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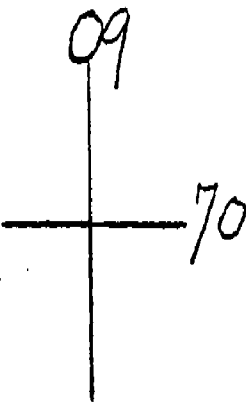
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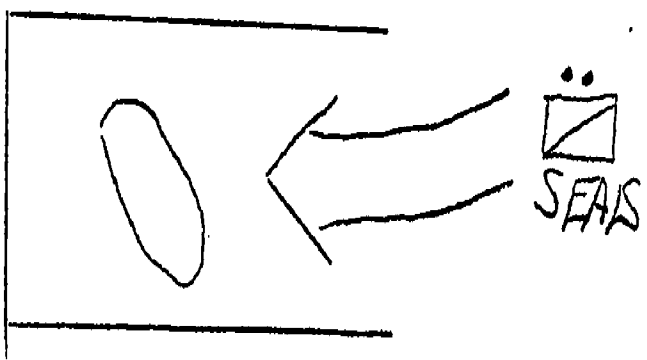
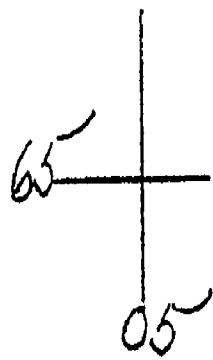
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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 5th Battalion, 2d ROKMC Brigade
(2) 111th RF Company
(3) CAP 278

c. Attachments and Detachments

(1) Huskie Platoon, H&S Company, 11th MT Battalion
(2) Detachment, 3rd CIT
(3) Detachment, 3rd ITT
(4) Detachment, 1st Engineer Battalion (TENTATIVE)

2. MISSION

a. To provide a blocking force on D-Day for the 5th Battalion, 2d ROKMC Brigade in a cordon and search of Cam Sa, Ngan Cau and Vien Dong.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. At H-Hour on D-Day 2d Battalion provides two company block force facing South along Tu Cau Road-Leprosarium line. C/CO 27 provides block along west bank of Vinh Dien River. 5th Battalion sweeps North against 2d Battalion block.

b. H&S Company

(1) Provide Alfa Command Group.
(2) Provide one infantry squad to work with Detachment, Huskie Platoon as reaction force to collect VCS and one infantry squad to secure Engineer road sweep team.
(3) S-2 establish and operate detainee center East of Tu Cau New Life Hamlet.
(4) S-4 Provide truck to transport S-2, CIT and ITT personnel and material.
(5) S-5 provide loudspeaker team to warn citizens of Tu Cau New Life Hamlet not to move South of Tu Cau Road. Conduct MEDCAP/DEMOCAP in Tu Cau Hamlet on D-Day.

c. Golf Company

(1) At H-Hour on D-Day set block with two platoons from BT040651 to MSR-Tu Cau Road intersection. Put OP in RF Compound tower at Tu Cau Hamlet.

d. Hotel Company

(1) At H-Hour on D-Day set block from MSR-Tu Cau Road intersection to BT104665.

e. Huskio Platoon

(1) Provide detachment to lift one infantry squad as reaction force to collect fleeing VCS.

f. Detachment, CIT

(1) Assist S-2 in establishing and operating detainee center.

g. Detachment, IIT

Assist S-2 in establishing and operating detainee center.

h. Detachment, 1st Engineer Battalion

(1) Sweep road from Camp Lauer to Tu Cau Hamlet by H-Hour on D-Day.

i. CAP 278

(1) At H-Hour on D-Day warn citizens of Tu Cau New Life Hamlet not to move South of Tu Cau Road.

j. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Annex A. (Operation Overlay)
- (2) H-Hour: 0530H
- (3) D-Day: 9 September 1970.
- (4) Operation will continue through 11 September. 2d Battalion, 1st Marines will participate only on 9 September.
- (5) Do not fire unless cordon is assaulted directly by enemy.
- (6) Allow no one to enter or leave cordoned area.
- (7) Report immediately upon setting block positions.
- (8) Briefing for all participating commanders at 1030H on 8 September in Officers Club, Camp Lauer.
- (9) Insure strict fire discipline is enforced.
- (10) Move all detainees to detainee center vicinity BT058661.
- (11) Insure all detainees are properly tagged with all information pertaining to situation in which they were detained.
- (12) ERI's for Detainee Interrogators:

(a) Do you know where any VC and/or weapons caches are hidden?

- [REDACTED]
- (b) Do you know any VC tunnels? Where?
 - (c) Are there VC in Tu Cau Hamlet?
 - (d) Who are they?

(13) Signal to cease fire will be green star cluster.

(14) Liaison with ROKMC will be through 2d Battalion Liaison Team with 5th Battalion. Each ROKMC Company will have ANGLICO team attached with whom Romeo will have communications..

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply

- (1) Normal

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

a. Communications-Electronics

- (1) C&IO in effect. Operation will be conducted on frequency to be announced at briefing.
- (2) Detainee Center will have PRG-25 and operate on operation frequency.

b. Command Posts

- (1) Alfa Command Group will be located at intersection of MSit-Tu Cau Road.

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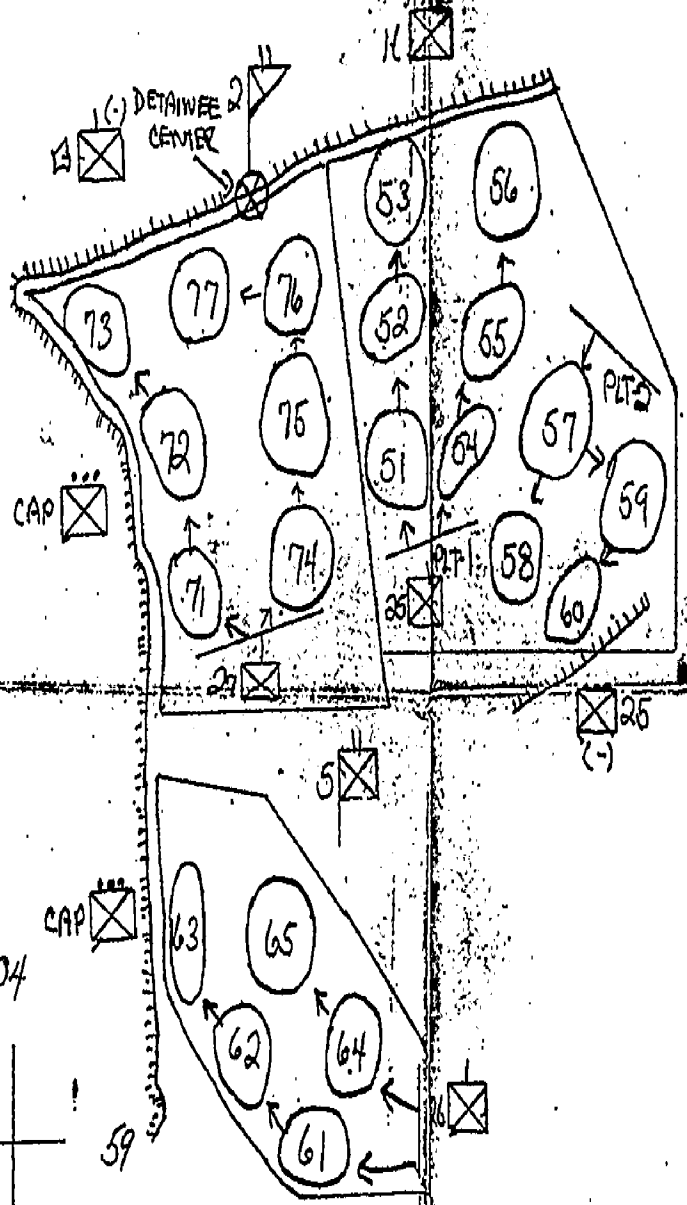
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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) VC will attempt to confiscate rice now being harvested in Hoa Vang and Dien Ban Districts.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Hoa Vang and Dien Ban District units will conduct rice harvest protection operations from now through approximately 5 November.

2. MISSION

a. 2d Bn, 1st Marines assists Hoa Vang and Dien Ban District units in operations.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. 2d Bn units in or adjacent to Target Areas depicted in Annex A (Hoa Vang Target Areas) and Annex B (Dien Ban Target Areas) will coordinate with pertinent Vietnamese units in conducting day OP's and night ambushes and patrols to protect rice harvesters and interdict VC attempts at night to confiscate and move rice.

b. Company E

(1) Assigned Target Area A.

c. Company F

(1) Assigned portion of Target Area B in Company AO.

d. Company G

(1) Assigned portion of Target Area B in Company AO.

e. Company H

(1) Assigned portion of Target Area B in Company AO and portions of Dien Ban Target Areas (to be announced) in Company AO.

f. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Emphasis will be placed on controlling lines of communications:

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- (a) into populated areas where rice will be concentrated and stored;
 - (b) out of rice fields being harvested;
 - (c) at main river crossing points leading out of target areas where VC may attempt to enter or exit.
- (2) Emphasize use of periodic day air observer coverage.
- (3) Direct liaison authorized with RF units involved: Company E with 59th RF Bn units; Companies F, G, and H with 1/31st RF Company Group units.
- (4) Annex A (Hoa Vang Target Areas).
- ~~(5) Annex B (Dien Ban Target Areas). Dien Ban concept of operations is not yet firm; to be announced.~~
- (6) Operations will be terminated on order.
- (7) Close coordination of activities is directed.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: No change.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. No change.

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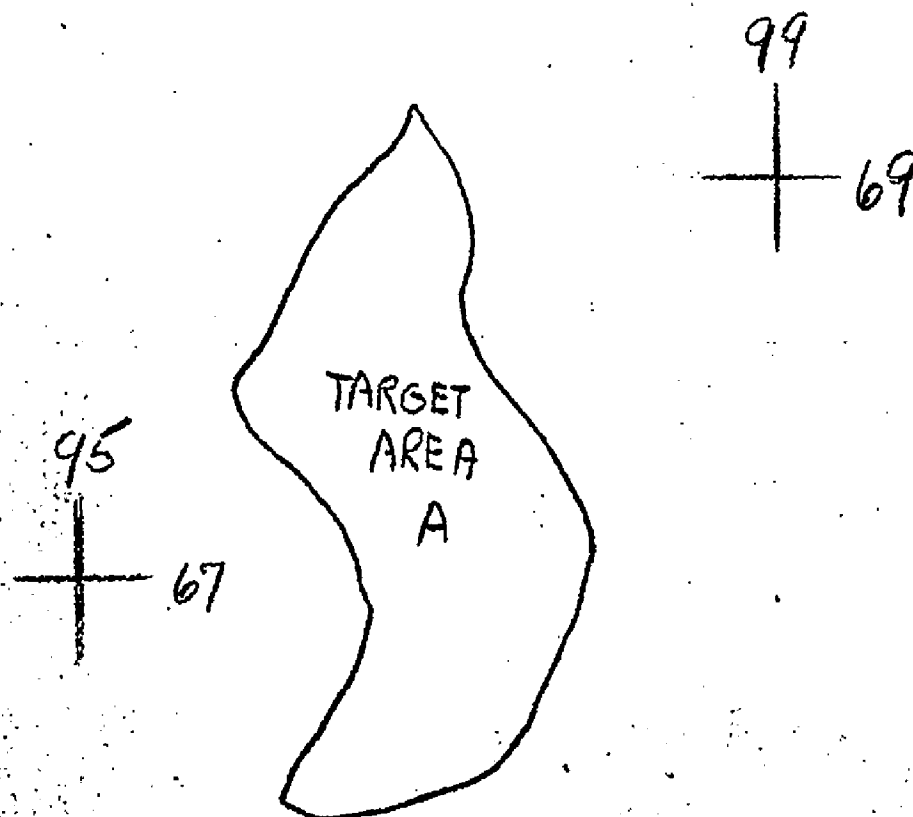
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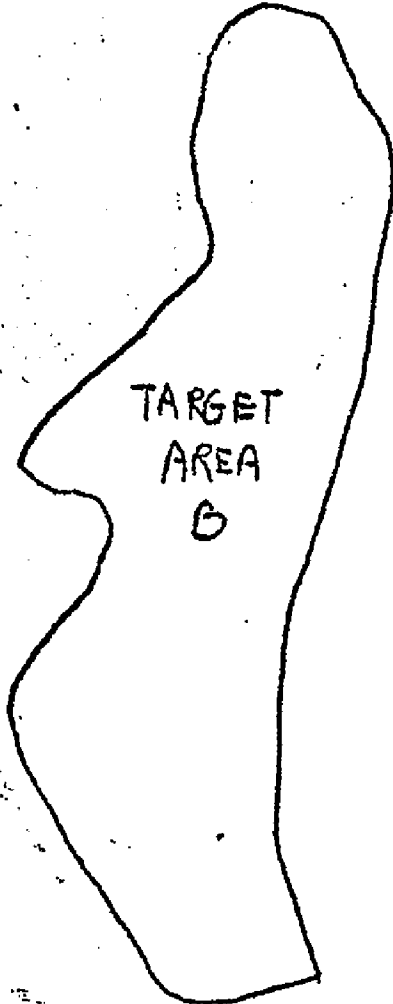
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1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Situation: Enemy forces in 2d Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein), TAOR consist primarily of VCI supported by VC guerrilla security units. Enemy location is in and among populated areas and hamlets. Rocket and mortar ordnance exist in caches and are available for employment in indirect fire attacks on the vital area of Da Nang. Rising water level during monsoon season will constrict VC LOC's and impose greater reliance upon populated areas for logistic and political support. Proximity of U.S. departure creates requirement for increased enemy proselyting and strengthening of VCI ranks to fill vacuum when U.S. forces depart.

(2) Capabilities: Enemy forces can attack allied units by fire and/or ground attack, remain completely dormant, conduct operations solely against Vietnamese and/or combined units to hamper Vietnamization program, and/or conduct increased psychological operations and proselyting among people to discredit GVN in favor of VC.

(3) Indications: VC will attempt indirect fire attacks on Da Nang vital area, conduct operations against combined VN/U.S. units, and increase activity among population to gain logistical, political, and personnel support.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1st Marines assumes new TAOR on 20 September in accordance with reference (a).

(2) 7th Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines in DS of 2d Battalion, 1st Marines from Hill 55 commencing 20 September. 42nd Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines relocates to Camp Lauer on 20 September and reinforces fires of 7th Battery.

(3) Allied units in new 2d Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein) TAOR to include:

- (a) 1/34 RF Company Group
- (b) 59th RF Battalion
- (c) 17th Armored Cav Regt (ARVN)
- (d) CPT's 275 and 277
- (e) RF Platoons 34, 35, 36, 38, 40, 51, 56, 58, 59, 162, 182, 182
- (f) 51st ARVN Regt (-)
- (g) ARVN 105mm How Btry
- (h) Section, U.S.A. 40mm AA guns (22) 11th Corps, Army
- (i) H Btry, 3rd In, 11th Mar (departs 28 September)
- (j) M-1-1 GUPP (w/Plat, 927th RF Company)
- (k) M-2-3 GUPP (w/Plat, 927th RF Company)
- (l) M-1-3 GUPP (w/Plat, 706th RF Company)
- (m) M-1-2 GUPP (w/Plat, 706th RF Company)
- (n) Platoon, MCB-62 w/Dot, 7th Engr Bn

(4) 1st Coastal Zone, WVN in DS when available on a cooperation-coordination basis. Forces include UDT, SEAL Teams, Yobuta Junks, PBR, Swift Boats, and Air Observers.

c. Attachments and Detachments

- (1) Attached: Det, 3rd CIT
Det, 3rd ITT
Huskie Platoon, M&S Company, 11th MT Bn

2. MISSION. 2d Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein) continues present assigned mission, assumes new TAOR and takes command of M-1-1, M-1-2, M-1-3, and M-2-3 GUPP's; All effective 20 September 1970.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation

(1) Phase 1: 2d Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein) takes command of designated GUPP's on 20 September and assumes new TAOR shown in Annex 2 (TAOR Overlay); carries out present assigned missions.

(2) Phase 2: 2d Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein) changes TAOR as shown in Annex 2 (TAOR Overlay) on order; carries out present assigned missions.

(3) Key Emphasis: The concept of operations in the new TAOR will respond to the enemy situation and approaching monsoon. Counter mortar/rocket operations will remain paramount and be effected through saturation night patrolling and ambushes throughout the mortar/rocket belts. Population and resources control operations will be emphasized to control LOC's in the TAOR and detect movement and activity of VGL in the civilian populations. This will be effected through increased coordination-cooperation with WVN,

RE, PF, MPF, and National Police forces in daytime operations to conduct riverine operations, roadblocks, checkpoints, censuses, OP's, and cordon and search operations. Intelligence information collection, psyops, and civic action will all be coordinated towards neutralization of VCI in the TAO. Battalion training programs will be modified to reflect this emphasis in operations.

b. N&S Company

(1) Be prepared to reconstitute two squads of 106mm R.R. Platoons as reaction/reconnaissance force during Phase 2.

(2) Establish 61mm Mortar section and Liaison Team on Hill 55 by 20 Sept.

(3) Continue present assigned missions.

c. Company E

(1) Assume Phase 1 AO on 20 September.

(2) Take OPCON of CUP's M-1-1, M-1-2, M-1-3, M-2-3. Provide for reaction force to support CUP's.

(3) Move CA and security element to Hill 55 by 20 September.

(4) Continue present assigned missions.

d. Company F

(1) Assume Phase 1 AO on 20 September and Phase 2 AO on order.

(2) Continue present assigned missions.

e. Company G

(1) Assume Phase 1 AO on 20 September.

(2) Assume Phase 2 AO on order.

(3) Continue present assigned missions.

f. Company H

(1) Assume Phase 1 AO on 20 September.

(2) Assume Phase 2 AO on order.

(3) Continue present assigned missions.

g. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Phase 2 begins when ROKMC units move north from Phase 1 boundary and take responsibility for the area between the Phase 1 and 2 boundaries. Phase 2 begins on order.

(2) Increased combination-coordination of operations with VNA, RF, PF, NFF, and NF forces contingent upon support arrangements to be made with respective Vietnamese agencies.

(3) Training Program changes to be announced.

(4) All companies be prepared to provide a relief force to proximate CUP and/or C/L units.

(5) Policies on coordination of fires and maneuver remain the same.

(6) Artillery liaison team from "D" Battery will remain at Camp Lauer and FO teams will remain with companies. 11th Marines will provide artillery liaison team at Hill 55 to coordinate U.S./ARVN fires and maneuver in vicinity.

(7) Annex A (TAOR Overlay).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supply. Normal, except that Company E will request and direct distribution of resupply to CUP units. All companies be prepared to maintain up to twelve days of supply at company positions in the event weather or availability of helicopters and trucks prevent regular resupply.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communication-Electronics. Current CEOT.

b. Command Posts. Report establishment of permanent company field CP'S.



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1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Intelligence sources indicate increase in terrorist incidents in Da Nang vicinity.

b. Friendly Forces. "B" Battery, 1st Bn, 11th Marines is relieved by "F" Battery (-), 1st Bn, 11th Marines on 24 September 1970.

c. Attachments and Detachments. Company I, 3d Bn, 5th Marines, OK(XN).

2. MISSION. To continue present assigned mission and also interdict enemy attempts to attack combined units and populated areas in northern portion of 2d Bn, 1st Marines TACR.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. No change from current concept except that the reinforcing company will be employed by platoons as reinforcements to the units in hamlets targetted by the enemy.

b. H&S Company.

(1) Battalion recon squad deploy as directed.

(2) 106 RR Platoon provide reinforcing squad to 111th RF Company compound and one night activity.

(3) Continue present assigned missions.

c. Company E. Continue present assigned mission.

d. Company F.

(1) Take OPCON of 2d Platoon, Company I, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines. Deploy platoon to support CAP 277 at Lo Quiang (BT033713).

(2) Plan reaction support for CAP 277.

(3) Continue present assigned missions.

e. Company G.

(1) Take OPCON of 3d Platoon, Company I, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines. Deploy platoon to support CAP 275 at Binh Ky (BT049703).

(2) Plan reaction support for CAP 275.

(3) Plan night activities to interdict enemy approach to Xuan Tra and 1/3rd HF Company Group Compound.

(4) Continue present assigned missions.

f. Company H.

(1) Plan night ambushes and patrols to interdict enemy approach to Tu Cau.

(2) Plan reaction support for CAP 278 at Tu Cau.

g. Company I.

(1) GHP designated platoons to Companies F and G.

(2) Deploy company (-) to Nui Kim Son Hamlet and operate from Old French Fort in coordination/cooperation with Special Liaison Unit.

(3) Plan night ambushes and patrols to interdict enemy approach to Nui Kim Son.

(4) Plan reaction support for Special Liaison Unit.

h. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) H - Hour: 1800H

(2) D - Day: 22 September 1970

(3) OPOCN effective H - Hour, D - Day

(4) Special overlays to be provided OPOCN company include:

(a) Booby Trap Experience.

(b) Trail Patterns

(c) Landmarks and Watch Towers

(5) Caution all personnel on presence of booby traps and continuous requirement for probing and cautious movement to avoid pitfalls, mines, and trip wires. Avoid well worn, obvious routes.

(6) Land navigation techniques and coordination of activities and fires in accordance with reference (a) (passed separately).

(7) Submit all activity plans to include IP's, CP's every 500 meters, ambush sites, start and finish times.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supply. Normal. Company I, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines will be supplied from Camp Lator with all classes.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Signal to cease fire/identify friendly activity will be green star cluster.

b. Current CEOI in effect. Extracts will be provided for Company I, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines.

c. COMSEC will be strictly enforced.

d. Ensure all activities have reliable communications

e. Company I, 3d Battalion, 5th Marines Call Sign is SHAVING MUG LINDA. Company Tac Net is 71.10.

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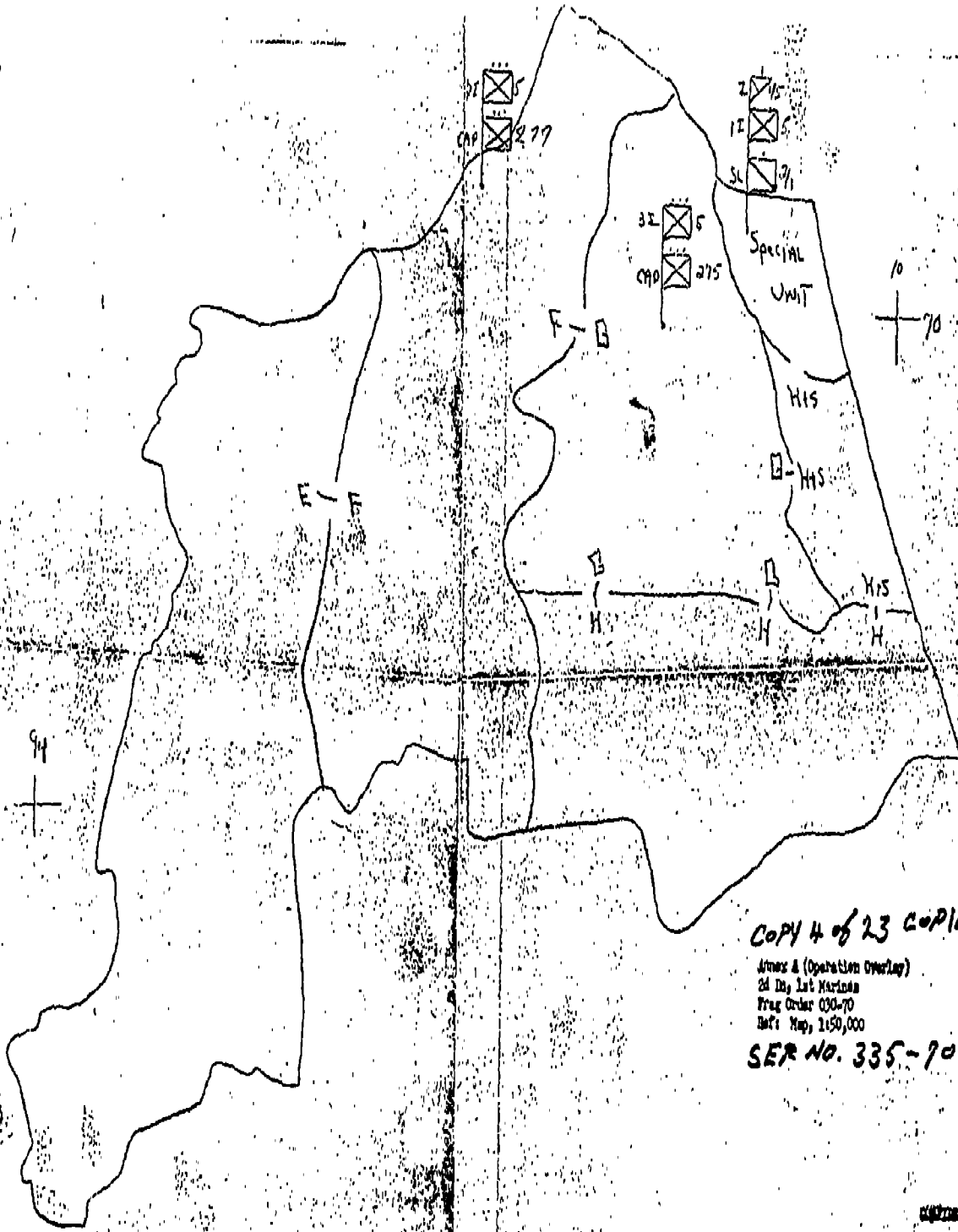
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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Recent enemy sightings in vicinity of Vlam Dong trail (BT097659).

b. Friendly Forces

(1) SEAL Team and "WW" Battery (-), 1st Battalion, 11th Marines in direct support of 2d Battalion, 1st Marines.

2. MISSION

a. 2d Battalion, 1st Marines conducts ambush and reconnaissance operation on 24-25 September to kill/capture enemy traversing Vlam Dong trail.

3. EXECUTION

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

b. SEAL Team.

(1) Enter AO at BT108660 at 250100H September 1970 by boat.

(2) Establish ambush in vicinity of BT103656 until daylight and then conduct reconnaissance of Vlam Dong Trail area.

(3) Link up with 1st Platoon, Company H by 251800H and proceed to MSR/Tu Cau road junction for truck transportation to home base.

c. SEAL Advisor Team

(1) Link up with 1st Platoon, Company H via Visual Reconnaissance (VR) flights on 24 September 1970.

(2) Maintain contact with and provide liaison for SEAL Team with Company H.

(3) Provide truck for return transportation of SEAL Team.

d. Company H

(1) Keep activities clear of SEAL Team AO. (See Annex A, Operation Overlay).

(2) Receive SEAL Advisor Team via Visual Reconnaissance (VR) flights on 24 September 1970 at 1st Platoon PPB

(3) Provide reaction force to support SEAL Team if required.

a. Mortar Battery (-), 1st Battalion, 11th Marines

- (1) Provide mortar support for operation.
- (2) Prepare on-call concentrations for SEAL Team at following registration points: DT108650, DT103656, DT090658, DT088657, DT092653.

f. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay)
- (2) SEAL Team of fourteen Vietnamese. Uniform is black pajamas, armed with AK-47's.
- (3) SEAL Team will wear one inch white band on upper arms for identification.
- (4) Aerial Observer and flare ship will be on fifteen minute call.
- (5) Friendly identification during daylight hours will be green smoke and during darkness will be green star cluster.
- (6) SEAL Team distress signal is red star cluster.
- (7) Strobe light will mark night LZ.

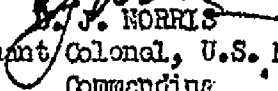
h. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply

- (1) Normal

i. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. SEAL Team report when ambush established.
- b. Battalion Tactical Net is 58.95, alternate is 61.90. Air requests go through Tactical Air Request Net, 36.00.
- c. Advisor call sign is Golf Bravo 3. SEAL Local Net is 48.60.


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/ A-Operation Overlay

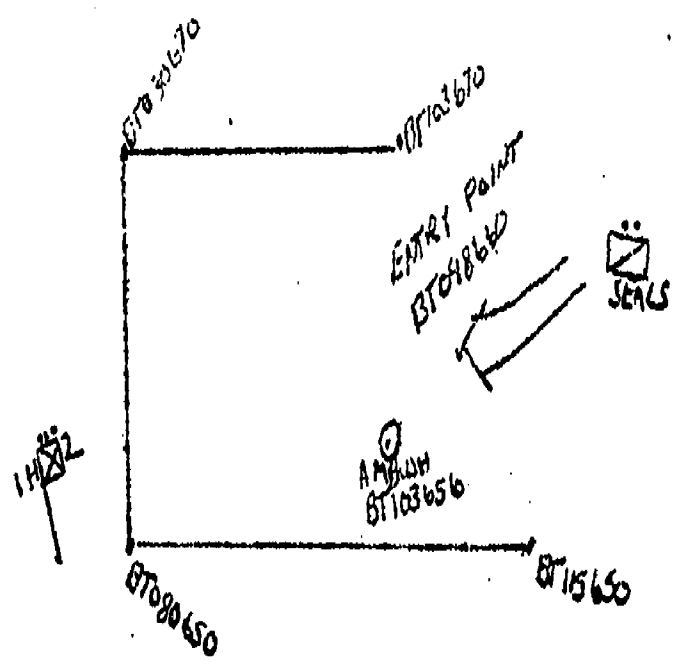
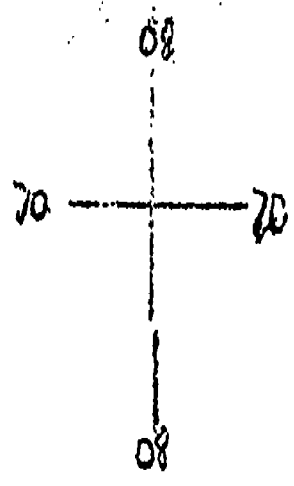
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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Intelligence reports indicate that the enemy is attempting to rebuild District 3 Da Nang Headquarters. Enemy personnel and weapons are being staged in An Tra Hamlet via BT090690.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) "W" Battery (-), 1st Battalion, 11th Marines (DS).
- (2) Special Liaison Team w/38th PF Platoon and one squad NPF (Cooperation/Coordination).
- (3) Armed Propaganda Team, Quang Nam Province (Cooperation/Coordination).
- (4) Det, 2nd Platoon, Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion (DS)
- (5) Platoon, 111th RF Company (Cooperation/Coordination)

c. Attachments and Detachments. Det, Subteam C, 3d CIT and 1st Platoon, Company F, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines OPCON to Company H for duration of operation effective 291800H September 1970.

2. MISSION. 2d Battalion, 1st Marines conducts cordon and search operation to find and capture enemy personnel and weapons hidden in An Tra Hamlet.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. One Company (-) sets in night cordon around hamlet and prevents any Vietnamese from either entering or leaving. One RF patrol enters the hamlet after cordon is set to prevent movement among houses. At first light a USMC/PF/NPFF search force conducts a search of the hamlet, screens all villagers, captures weapons and contraband, and detains all VCS. While search force works in hamlet, a USMC/RF patrol screens the area north and west of the hamlet. A CIT detachment, an Armed Propaganda Team and medical team support the operation with respective functional capabilities.

b. Cordon Force. (Company H (-) reinforced with 1st Platoon, Company F, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines).

- (1) Take OPCON of Search Force at 291300H.
- (2) Set cordon by 292400H around An Tra. Detain all persons attempting to cross the cordon.
- (3) Coordinate RF patrol activity in An Tra from 292400H to first light.
- (4) Conduct search of An Tra beginning at first light and terminating by 301800H.
- (5) Coordinate USMC/RF screen north and west of An Tra.

c. Search Force. (Special Liaison Team reinforced with Det, Subteam C, 3d CIT; Armed Propaganda Team; and Det, 2nd Platoon, Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion).

- (1) Assemble at COC at 300h00H.
- (2) Move to Link up with Cordon Force as directed by Cordon Force Commander.
- (3) Set up detainee collection point, screening and interrogation point and medevac point.
- (4) Search An Tra as directed by Cordon Force Commander for weapons, contraband and VCS.

d. 7th Battery (-), 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. Provide mortar support as requested.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Cordon Force will not fire unless receiving fire and enemy can be positively identified.
- (3) Friendly identification is green star cluster.
- (4) Units of Search Force and Cordon Force moving through Camp Lauer after dark will coordinate with Camp Lauer guard (H&S Company) as to routes and times of entry and departure.
- (5) Stress fire discipline.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Normal.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Command Posts. Cordon Force report CP when established.

b. Communications-Electronics.

- (1) GEOI in effect except that operation will be conducted on frequency 441.30.
- (2) Call Signs as follows:

Company H	CLAYPIPE HOTEL
1st Platoon, Co. F, 2d Bn,	PATTIE SHELL Fox 1
7th Marines	
Det, CIT	CLAYPIPE SLEUTH
Special Liaison Team	WOODSTOCK
Liaison Team, 11th RF Co.	CLAYPIPE MIKE

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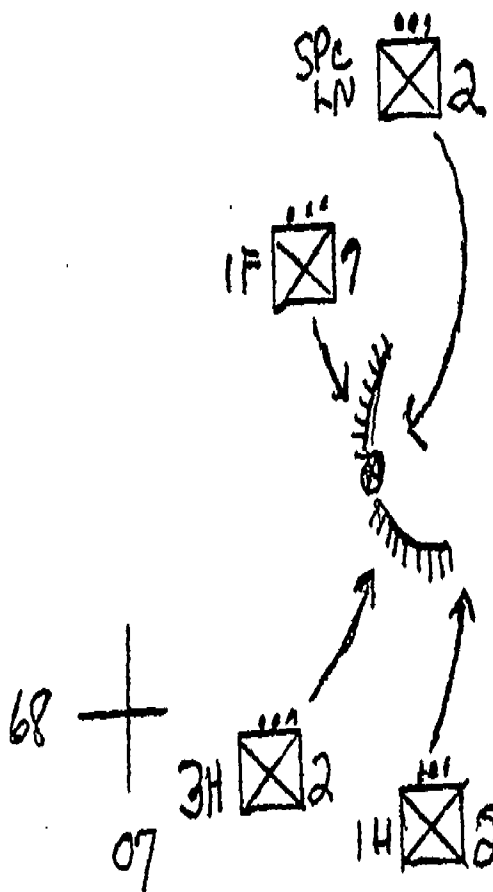
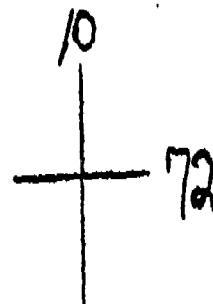
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