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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines December 1968

I. ORGANIZATIONAL DATAA. Location: 1-31 December 1968 An Hoa, RVNB. Commanding Officer, Staff Officers, and Company Commanders

Commanding Officer	LtCol J. W. STEMPLE	1-31 December 1968
Executive Officer	Maj J. L. OWENS	1-31 December 1968
Adjutant	1stLt H. NAGAI	1-31 December 1968
S-2	1stLt G. B. M. WALKER JR.	1-15 December 1968
	1stLt D. L. LISTER	16-31 December 1968
S-3	Maj W. A. TILLEY JR.	1-31 December 1968
S-3A	1stLt P. PACE	1-31 December 1968
S-4	1stLt R. L. HORNER	1-15 December 1968
	1stLt J. J. UNGER	16-31 December 1968
S-5	1stLt H. NAGAI	1-31 December 1968
COMMO	1stLt R. C. MURPHY	1-31 December 1968
SUPPLYO	1stLt D. T. WELSH	1-31 December 1968
MTO	Capt G. A. ZURENDA	1-31 December 1968
ALO	Capt W. S. LAWRENCE	1-11 December 1968
	Capt L. B. EVANS	12-31 December 1968
FAC	1stLt R. S. DAVIS	1-31 December 1968
CO, H&S Co	Capt P. A. VANDERBERG	1-31 December 1968
CO, Co E	Capt J. A. WOGGON JR.	1-31 December 1968
CO, Co F	Capt D. B. BROWN	1-31 December 1968
CO, Co G	Capt H. J. POOLE	1-31 December 1968
CO, Co H	Capt R. J. DREZ	1-31 December 1968

C. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH:

USMC	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
30	1096

USN	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
4	55

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II. NARRATIVE SUMMARY.

During the period 1 December to 6 December 1968 the Battalion continued its participation in Operation Meade River. At 1800 on 6 December operational control of the Battalion was returned to the 5th Marines. During the period 7 to 8 December the Battalion as part of a larger force executed a combat sweep from Phu Loc (6) to the An Hoa Combat Base as Phase I of Operation Taylor Common. On 13 December the Battalion was helolifted to Hill 214 southwest of An Hoa, vicinity ZC 1945. The Command Group, Company C and two batteries from the 12th Marines began establishment of a Fire Support Base. The remaining rifle companies conducted extensive combat patrols within a 2,000 meter radius of the base.

III. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.A. Personnel and Administration.

1. The Battalion joined 7 officers and 165 enlisted men during the month. The Battalion transferred 4 officers and 152 enlisted men during the same period. Casualties sustained during the month were:

<u>BATTLE</u>					<u>NON-BATTLE</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>WIA&E</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>NED</u>	<u>NBC</u>	
14	62	0	57	0	0	14	147

2. Discipline, Law and Order.

a. During the month, no courts-martials were convened within the battalion. There are presently 9 Special and 1 Summary Courts-martial pending. The absence of the Battalion and the pace of operations continue to make preparations and scheduling of courts-martials difficult. During this same period, non-judicial punishment was awarded sixteen times to Marines, nine times by the Battalion Commander and seven times by Company Commanders.

b. Legal Assistance/Personnel Affairs. Most of the problems of individuals were handled at the Battalion level. One case was referred to the Division Legal Assistance Officer at the 5th Marines CP on a scheduled trip to An Hoa.

3. The steady flow of Christmas mail was systematically stored in the rear for processing to the field. Each Company received mail almost daily. All companies received mail on Christmas day.

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4. There were two awards of the Silver Star medal received and presented with appropriate ceremony during the month. During this same period thirty six U. S. Awards for meritorious service and heroism, as well as seventeen awards of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry were processed by the Battalion.

5. Chaplain Activities. Protestant worship services were held with 596 men in attendance. Three memorial services were held while the Battalion was in Regimental Reserve from 9 through 12 December 1968. The Chaplain interviewed and/or counseled 61 Marines. One visit was made to the various military hospitals at Danang.

B. Intelligence.

1. From 1 December to 6 December the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines participated in the final phase of the HEAD RIVER OPERATION. On 7 December the initial phase of OPERATION TAYLOR COMMON began with a multi-battalion sweep from the Liberty Bridge area of the 5th Marines TAOR to An Hoa Combat Base. This phase yielded no specific intelligence and only one POW who admitted being from the Group 44 Teaching Cadre.

2. On 13 December the second phase began with a helicopter lift to Hill 214, vicinity of ZC 1945 to establish a Fire Support Base. The initial contacts in the area were with trail watchers and short close range contact with reconnaissance units made up of security guards from local rest camps. A number of caves, and bunker complex were found in the area which are used as rest camps and not as base camps. They have trench lines and spider holes apparently for protection against air and artillery attack.

3. The following units are listed in the initial intelligence reports as known or suspected to be in the area of operation. The location of the 2nd Battalion, 141st Regiment is considered doubtful.

1. Group 44 Headquarters with support elements vicinity of ZC 1643.

2. 3rd Battalion, 68-B Artillery, vicinity ZC 1344.

3. 2nd Battalion, 141st Regiment listed as Ong Thu Slope.

4. 21st Regiment, 2 NVA Division in the An Hoa Basin.

5. 36th Regiment, Headquarters only, Ong Thu Slope.

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<u>KIA</u>	<u>DETAINEES</u>	<u>KIA (DISC)</u>
<u>NVA VC</u>		
74	5	16

a. Weapons

SKS Rifles	5
AK-47 Rifles	2
RPD	2
K-50	2
MAT-49	1

b. Ordinance.

Ghicom Grenades	16
AK Magazines	12
Carbine Magazines (US)	6
7.62mm rounds	110,457
38 Cal rounds	85
30 Cal rounds	106
30 Cal Carbine rounds	300
B-40 rounds	6
82mm Mortar rounds	90

c. Field Equipment

NVA Packs	18
Magazine Pouches	14
Green Uniforms	2
Khaki Uniforms	2
Black Uniforms	1
Civilian Clothes	1
Helmets	3
Wallets	1
Canteens	13

d. Food and Miscellaneous Items.

Rice, pounds	1,450
corn, pounds	100
salt, pounds	20
Eating Utensils	
Syringes	2
First Aid Pouches	5
Printing Blocks	5
Bottles of Ink	2
Tubes of Ink	3
Sewing Machine	1

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Recording Tapes 7"	20
Gallons of Kerosene	5
Boxes of BA-30	2
Leather Belt	1
Cartridge Belt	2
Oil Cans	3
Barometers, Russian	2
Hammock	1
Rain Coats	3
Entrenching Tools	4
Flag, USSR	1
Flag, EVA	1
Portraits	6
SMS Manual	1
Radios	6
Cameras	5
Flash Gun	1
Eye Glasses	5
Glocks	1
Gas Masks	2
Hand Drill	1
Typewriter Ribbon	1
Watches	4
ID Stamp	1

C. Training.

1. One hundred sixty Marines were processed through indoctrination training prior to their deployment to the field.

2. Division and higher level formal school training was as follows:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----|
| a. Division Leadership Schools | 10 |
| b. Basic Ammunition Tech | 1 |

D. Close Combat.

The 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines continued participation in Operation Meade River through 6 December 1968. See part IV.

Operation Taylor Common began 6 December, and on 13 December under the operational control of the 3rd Marines the Battalion was helolifted to Hill 214 vicinity of ZC 1945 to establish a Fire Support Base.

E. Fire Support.

1. Two firing batteries were in direct support of the Battalion, Battery A 1st Battalion, 12th Marines and a provisional battery of 155's from the 12th Marines from 13 December to 31 December 1968.

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2. General Support was provided by two platoons of 155 howitzers.

a. Significant Fire Support Events. Ammunition resupply in the early phase of Taylor Common was considered inadequate to support a Fire Support Base. Harassing and interdiction fires could not be fired because of low ammunition stocks on position. The only missions that could be fired were known enemy targets and contact missions. Additionally night defensive fires could not be registered for isolated companies. Insufficient helicopters were available to establish and resupply the Fire Support Base. Three other battalions were also in the field supported by the same helicopters. Later in the month, as the seriousness of the problem became apparent, additional helicopters were provided. At the end of the month stocks of ammunition had reached acceptable, if not ideal levels.

F. Air Support.

1. Tactical Air Support. A total of 6 tactical air support missions were flown in support of the Battalion consisting of 12 sorties.

2. Assault Helicopter Operations. The Battalion executed one helicopter assault consisting of 8 sorties.

3. Aerial Observation and Visual Reconnaissance. The Battalion utilized 15 aerial observation missions consisting of 15 sorties.

4. Medical Evacuations. The Battalion requested and received 24 missions consisting of 12 emergency, 15 priority and 19 routine medical evacuation. The elapsed time for these medical evacuations has become quite long. For example, emergencies during December averaged 1 hour and 45 minutes, priorities 4 hours and 15 minutes and routines 9 hours and 10 minutes. This was partly alleviated by the positioning of the MedEvac package at An Hoa.

G. Logistics.

1. During the early part of December the Battalion relocated south and adjacent to the An Hoa Combat Base.

2. Construction of the new camp was accomplished by detachments of the 1st, 7th and 9th Engineer Battalions and through self help. 59 tent decks and two new hard backs were built as well as a COO bunker, an ammunition bunker and four culvert bunkers for the perimeter. Two hard backs and thirteen SEA huts were salvaged from the old camp and set up at the new location.

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Temporary messing facilities were established until a new mess hall can be constructed.

3. A detachment from 1st Engineer Battalion installed a field shower unit.

4. All resupply requests for Operation Taylor Common were coordinated through the LSA at An Hoa.

5. All resupply in the field was coordinated by Helicopter Support Teams attached to each company and the Battalion Command Group.

6. Engineer Support consisted of a platoon with the command group and a team with each company. In addition to their normal duties they provided advise and assistance in establishing the Fire Support Base.

a. Supply.

1. During this reporting period, two requisitions for a quantity of three M60 Machine Guns each were filled bringing this Battalion up to T/E level for that item.

2. Five complete 81mm Mortars were received during the month bringing the command up to T/E level for that weapon.

3. Upon moving into the canopy for the current operation, the Battalion received and issued 850 pairs of the new light-weight tropical gloves.

4. Other critical items received during the month include 650 rainsuits, 125 machettes, 40 caliber .45 pistols and one M107 water trailer.

b. Motor Transport.

1. A roadmaster program was initiated to evaluate the effectiveness of first and second echelon maintenance and enforce existing traffic regulations.

2. Seven Marines completed a two day driver orientation course and were issued operators permits.

c. Medical.

1. The Battalion Aid Station consisted of two Medical Officers, one Chief Petty Officer and Fifteen Hospital Corpsmen. The letter companies were maintained at six or seven corpsmen per company. One Medical Officer and four Hospital Corpsmen were with the Command Group in the field.

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2. There were no cases of Malaria during December.
3. There were thirteen cases of Venereal Disease from the Battalion seen this month.
4. There were three patients treated for rabies.

5. Statistics.

Total number of patients seen1045
 Average number of patients seen per day48

6. Routine Medical Complaints.

Dermatological121
 Venereal Disease13
 Ear Disorders15
 Orthopedic49
 Rabies3

H. Communications.

Operation Taylor Common encountered no significant communications problems.

The relocation of the Battalion near in An Hoa required an entirely new communication installation. The camp receives limited electrical power from a 20 KW Generator until base power can be provided.

I. Civic Action.

During this reporting period 53 additional homes were rebuilt in the hamlet of Phu Da (1), with materials provided by the S-5. Construction continues on a church and school. Material was provided to build a casket for a Vietnamese woman who died in childbirth. Her surviving children were awarded scholarships.

In the village of My Son (2) materials were provided for the construction of a village market and several homes.

General Walt scholarships were awarded to 30 individuals in the An Hoa area.

Two Vietnamese girls began training as nurses aides during December. Instruction is provided by the 5th Marines Regimental Aid Station.

Many items of clothing were provided for needy children in the An Hoa area.

Psychological Operations were limited to distribution of hand leaflets, posters and use of HB Broadcast teams.

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 To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marine Regiment
 Subj: Combat Operation After Action Report, Operation HENDERSON
 HILL
 Ref: (a) AMS VietNam 1:50,000 Series L 7014 sheets 6640 I and
 6640 IV

1. Code Name: Operation HENDERSON HILL
2. Dates: 231200H October, 1968 to 062400H December 1968
3. Location: Dien Ban and Duy Xuyen Districts, Quang Nam
 Province, Republic of VietNam
4. Control or Command Headquarters.

2nd Bn (Rein), 5th Marines
 231200H Oct68-062400H Dec68 LtCol J. W. STEMPLE
 CoE, 2/5 231200H Oct68-062400H Dec68 Capt J. A. WOGGON JR.
 CoF, 2/5 231200H Oct68-062400H Dec68 Capt D. E. BROWN
 CoG, 2/5 231200H Oct68-062400H Dec68 Capt E. J. POOLE
 CoH, 2/5 231200H Oct68-312400H Oct68 Capt P. A. VANDERBERG
 010001H Nov68-062400H Dec68 Capt R. J. DREZ
 CoB, 1/5 011200H Nov68-030700H Nov68 Capt G. C. LAWTY

5. Task Organization.

2nd Bn, 5th Marines
 CoE
 CoF
 CoG
 CoH
 CoB, 1st Bn, 5th Marines
 Det, CoE, 1st Shore Party Bn
 Det, CoB, 1st Eng Bn

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6. Supporting Arms.a. Fire Support.

(1) Batteries D, E, and F 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines were in direct support of the Battalion and provided close and continuous fire support for the operation.

(2) General support was provided by a platoon of 155 howitzers.

b. Air Support.

Two Battalion size troop lifts were conducted during the operation.

7. Intelligence.

a. Fifth Marines' Operation. HENDERSON HILL opened 23 October 1968 with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines air lift into the TACR West Southwest of An Hoa Combat Area. Marines air lift into the TACR large unidentified force reportedly sighted in the area. Little contact was made and the Battalion was helolifted to the Northeast sector of the TACR as a blocking force to stop the withdrawal of the 1st Battalion, 36th Regiment, 308th NVA Division which was reportedly rice-harvesting in that area. Elements of the 1st Battalion, 36th NVA Regiment were engaged and dispersed.

b. Full use was made of all intelligence sources available to the unit from the local area as well as higher headquarters. After 13 November 1968, the Battalion did not participate in Operation HENDERSON HILL.

8. Mission.

a. Phase I (Arizona Area). Attack to destroy enemy forces in zone.

b. Phase II (An Tam/Go Noi Island) Support friendly operations North and East of Regimental AO by blocking and destroying enemy forces attempting escape.

9. Concept of Operation.

At 231200H October 1968, 2nd Battalion (-) (Rein) was helolifted into the Arizona area. There was no initial contact. After one week of extensive patrolling, the Battalion was lifted back to An Hoa and subsequently moved to the vicinity of Go Noi Island. Alternately establishing blocking positions for sweeps by ARVN, ROKMC and other Marine units, the Battalion attacked to seize and search pockets of enemy resistance.

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10. Execution.

At 241700H, while setting into night defensive positions at AT807488, Marines from Company G were approached by a Vietnamese male calling "Chieu Hoi". The Vietnamese was later classified as an NVA. Results: One NVA Chieu Hoi.

At 250705H, an NVA soldier came toward the Company G Command Post at AT807477 in an apparent attempt to Chieu Hoi. He was within 150 meters of the friendly position when he broke and ran in the other direction. He continued to run although ordered to stop, and at the last possible moment the Marines opened fire with small arms. A search team found the NVA wounded near a treeline. Results: One NVA POW.

At 251115H, a platoon from Company G found four bodies estimated to have been dead for a week at AT806466. Of the four, two were VC wearing khaki uniforms over black pajamas. Results: Two VC KIA.

At 261245H, a Company H patrol was led to a grave site at AT843490. A body with Marine uniform and equipment was discovered. Results: One USMC KIA.

At 311030H, Company E searching at AT957508 found one NVA killed by concussion. Results: One NVA KIA and capture of one AK-47 rifle and 782 equipment.

At 311145H, while sweeping the area at AT955515, Company E was taken under fire with small arms and B-40 rockets by a group of NVA behind a knoll at AT956515. Company E returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons and M-79 then swept through the enemy positions. Results: Five USMC WIA Evac, four NVA KIA and capture of one AK-47 rifle, one B-40 rocket launcher, three NVA packs, three AK-47 magazines, 100 rounds of AK-47 (7.62 short), two ChiCom grenades and miscellaneous 782 gear.

At 311530H, Company E setting into position at AT956513 found one wounded NVA. Results: One NVA POW.

At 311715H, Company E set in a blocking position at AT953513 received enemy small arms fire from AT957512. Company E returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons and M-79. A 155mm artillery mission was called. Results: One USMC WIA Evac and one Kit Carson Scout WIA Evac.

At 311830H, Company E at AT956513 saw one NVA cross the river and hide in the bush at AT956513. Company E opened fire with small arms and swept the area finding one wounded NVA. Results: One NVA POW.

At 312050H, Company H at AT954517 observed two NVA along the river at AT953516. Company H fired two M-79 rounds and observed one NVA fall into the river and float down stream. Results: One NVA KIA.

At 010100H, a Company H ambush set in at AT955517 engaged an NVA force of an estimated 15-20 men. Results: Four USMC WIA Evac.

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At 011230H, elements of Company F at AT998518, observed one VC running Southwest of its position and 20 VC crossing the river to its North. Company F opened fire with small arms and automatic weapons killing one VC. A fixed wing air strike and a 105mm mission of 136 rounds was called. Results: One VC KIA and capture of one ChiCom grenade, two carbine magazines and assorted documents.

At 011430H, while advancing through the area at AT964507, Company E received small arms, automatic weapons and B-40 rocket fire from an estimated platoon of NVA in a fortified village at AT966507. Company E returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, M-79, four rounds of 3.5 rockets and 16 LAWS. Five flights of fixed wing and 23 rounds of 105mm HE supported the Company. Because of darkness, Company E swept only part of the objective before moving back into night defensive positions. Results: ONE USMC KIA, 12 USMC WIA Evac, five USMC WIA Non-Evac, 11 NVA KIA, two wounded NVA POW's and capture of one SKS rifle, three AK-47's, one RPG rocket launcher and three rounds of RPG ammunition.

At 011510H, while attacking Northwest at AT966506, Company G received small arms and automatic weapons fire, seven B-40 rockets and eight 60mm rounds from an estimated platoon of NVA in a fortified village. Company G returned small arms, automatic weapons and M-79 fire and 24 rounds of 60mm HE. Four flights of fixed wing aircraft and a 105mm artillery mission of 17 rounds HE supported the company. Results: One USMC WIA Evac and three USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 011512H, while sweeping the area at AT961521, Company H engaged an enemy platoon in fortified positions in a treeline at AT962522. Company H received small arms, automatic weapons and B-40 rocket fire and returned small arms, automatic weapons and M-79 fire. One flight of fixed wing aircraft supported the Company. The enemy broke contact at dusk and Company H pulled back and set into night defensive positions. Results: Six USMC KIA, ten USMC WIA Evac, one USMC WIA Non-Evac, six NVA KIA, one detainee and capture of one AK-47 rifle, one ChiCom grenade and miscellaneous documents.

At 011530H, a unit from Company F at AT990515 observed two enemy running from a treeline. The unit opened fire with small arms and searched the area. Results: Two NVA KIA, one NVA POW and capture of two AK-47 rifles.

At 011537H, while moving against enemy positions, a Marine from Company G detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT966506. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.

At 012015H, Company B at AT956517, observed four Vietnamese males. One of the males raised his arms and surrendered but the other three fled into the bushes. The detainee wounded in the arm admitted to being an NVA. Results: One NVA POW.

At 012030H, Company G at AT976510 received seven rounds of 60mm HE. Return fire of 36 rounds of 105mm HE resulted in three secondary explosions at AT971517.

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At 020125H, the eighth round of a 10 round 60mm mission fell 175 meters short onto a Company G position. Results: Three USMC Evac.

At 020730H, Company F positions at AT987518 received four probes of 10 rounds of small arms. Company F returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons and M-79. The area was searched. Results: One VC KIA, one detainee and capture of three SKS's and one RPD.

At 020731H, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT995515. Results: Two USMC WIA Evac.

At 022130H, Company H night position at AT979515 fired small arms and automatic weapons at movement to its front. Results: One NVA KIA and capture of one AK-47 rifle, two AK-47 magazines and 25 rounds of AK-47 (7.62 short).

At 030930H, Company E captured one Vietnamese male wearing khaki shorts with bushes on his head hiding in the bushes at AT982518. Results: One NVA POW.

At 031000H, while sweeping the area at AT982518, Company H observed one NVA with weapon along a stream bed. When persued, the NVA dropped the weapon in the stream. Results: One NVA POW.

At 031025H, a patrol from Company F at AT990516 discovered one NVA along the trail. Results: One NVA POW and capture of four ChiCom grenades.

At 031030H, a flight of fixed wing aircraft accidentally bombed and napalmed two platoons of Company E located at AT975516. Results: Six USMC KIA and eight USMC WIA Evac.

At 031420H, a Company F reconnaissance patrol observed four VC fleeing into the brush. The patrol fired small arms and automatic weapons. Results: One VC KIA and three VC POW (two males and one female).

At 041200H, a patrol from Company E found an enemy equipment cache at AT986517. Results: One NVA KIA and capture of one NVA pack, three sets of NVA utilities, 1,000 feet of communication wire and various medical supplies.

At 051300H, Company E sweeping through the area at BT000547, received enemy sniper fire and then heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from an estimated squad of VC. Company F returned fire with 500 rounds of small arms, 260 rounds of automatic weapons and 10 rounds of M-79. After two flights of fixed wing aircraft and a 30 round 81mm HE mission, Company F swept the area finding blood soaked equipment. Results: Two AK-47 rifles, one AK-50, two NVA packs, two ChiCom grenades, 100 AK-47 rounds and 30 rounds of 12.7mm antiaircraft ammunition.

At 051600H, a Marine from Company G detonated a booby trapped grenade with pressure type detonator at BT015518. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.

At 061420H, a Vietnamese male with a Chieu Hoi leaflet in hand surrendered to Company H at BT012518. Results: One Chieu Hoi.

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At 061715H, a Marine from Company G detonated a booby trapped ChiCom grenade with trip wire while clearing fields of fire for night positions at AT980525. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.

At 062200H, a Company H ambush at BT012519 opened fire on suspected enemy movement. A search of the area at first light yielded negative results, but a detailed search made later that day produced one VC/NVA body hidden in the bush about 100 meters from the ambush site. There were drag marks on the ground coming from the vicinity of the ambush. Results: One VC/NVA KIA and capture of one pack.

At 062345H, the Company E Command Post set in at BT002544 received two incoming grenades. Results: Three USMC WIA Evac.

At 071645H, an Aerial Observer observed three Vietnamese males at AT981529. A squad from Company F was sent to investigate. The squad fired 50 rounds of small arms and captured one NVA. The other two fled into the bush. Results: One NVA POW.

At 111545H, while setting in as security at AT982487, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire located in the bush. Results: Seven USMC WIA Evac.

At 111745H, while enroute to a night defensive position at AT976501, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped 105mm round with trip wire. Results: Two USMC KIA.

At 120945H, while searching area prior to setting up an outpost at AT952483, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: Two USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 121300H, a Marine from Company G detonated an unknown type explosive device with trip wire at AT965514. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.

11. Results.

a. Enemy Personnel.

NVA	27
VC	6
Total	33

b. Friendly Personnel.

KIA	22
WIA	55
WIA Non-Evac	33
NBC	23
Total	133

c. Detainees.

POW	10	(6 NVA and 4 VC)
Returnee	3	(2 NVA and 1 VC)
Civilian Detainees	2	
Total	15	

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d. Weapons.

SKS	6
AK-47	12
RPG-2	2
RPG-7	1
RPD	3
SK-44	1
U. S. Carbine	1
U. S. M-14	1
Total	27

e. Ordinance.

ChiCom Grenades	122
M-33 Grenade	1
M-26 Grenade	3
12.7mm Rounds	150
7.62 Rounds	250
RPG-2 Rounds	3
AK-47 Magazines	8
.45 Magazine	1

f. Field Equipment.

NVA Uniforms	8
Gas Masks	3
Binoculars	1
Soviet Compass	1
Assorted Clothing	

g. Communications Equipment.

1,000 Feet Communications wire

h. Food and Miscellaneous Items.

Rice	103,600 Pounds
Canned Food	500 Pounds
Canned Milk	50 Pints
Cigarettes	30 Cartons

12. Administration and Logistics.a. Supply.

(1) Helicopter Support Teams attached to each company and the Battalion Command Group coordinated all resupply for Operation HENDERSON HILL. All resupply was made by helicopter from the LSA at An Hoa.

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b. Treatment of Casualties and Hospitalization.

(1) There were no significant problems encountered during the Operation.

c. Transportation.

(1) Transportation of personnel and equipment to and from the AO was accomplished exclusively by helicopter.

d. Communications.

(1) Communications were outstanding throughout the Operation.

13. Commander's Analysis.

The Battalion conducted operations in two areas. The first, the Arizona Area, found the local population very poor, lacking in food, and in extremely bad health. The second, near and on Go Noi Island, resulted in the capture of 10 prisoners and large rice caches. Again, as with Operation SUSSEX BAY monsoon rains terminated sweep operations on Go Noi Island. Discovery and recovery of rice caches deprived the enemy of a much needed food supply. Enemy prisoners provided substantial intelligence information concerning the 36th NVA Regiment. Both areas of Operation sadly reflected the lack of GVN presence.

The lack of operations on Go Noi Island since September has resulted in an extensive VC oriented population buildup in that area, particularly West of the railroad berm. If not in fact now, the area will soon be developed to provide an extensive staging area and safe haven for VC/NVA forces operating within the DaNang TAOR. The rapid re-vegetation of the area will complicate further friendly operations on the island and is presently aiding the illegal civilian population buildup.

14. Recommendations.

a. That Government of Vietnam forces establish a base camp in the Arizona area to provide physical government presence in that area or, at least that they be tasked to conduct periodic sweep operations in the area for the same purpose.

b. That in any future operations conducted by U. S. Forces, extensive use be made of Government of Vietnam Armed Propaganda Teams, Provincial Reconnaissance Units and Psychological broadcast teams to assist in countering Viet Cong propaganda and in identifying and rooting out the Viet Cong infrastructure.

c. That prompt action be taken to relocate the civilian population buildup in Government of Vietnam prohibited Go Noi Island area.

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d. That prompt and aggressive action be taken to again defoliate Go Noi Island.

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding Officer, 1st Marine Regiment

Subj: Combat Operation After Action Report, Operation MEADE RIVER

Ref: (a) AMS VietNam 1:50,000 series L 7014 sheets 6640 I and 6640 IV
 (b) First Marines Operation Order 315-68

1. Code Name: Operation MEADE RIVER
2. Dates: 200800H November 1968 to 061700H December 1968
3. Location: Dien Ban District, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam
4. Control or Command Headquarters.

2nd Bn (Rein), 5th Marines

	200800H Nov68-061700H Dec68	LtCol J. W. STEMPLE
CoE, 2/5	200800H Nov68-061700H Dec68	Capt J. A. WOGGON JR.
CoF, 2/5	200800H Nov68-061700H Dec68	Capt D. B. BROWN
CoG, 2/5	200800H Nov68-061700H Dec68	Capt H. J. POOLE
CoH, 2/5	200800H Nov68-061700H Dec68	Capt R. J. DREZ
CoA, 1/7	281630H Nov68-061700H Dec68	Capt J. FOSTER

5. Task Organization.

2nd Bn, 5th Marines (Rein)

H&S Co
 CoE
 CoF
 CoG
 CoH
 CoA, 1st Bn, 7th Marines
 Det, CoB, 1st Shore Party Bn
 Det, CoB, 1st Eng Bn
 Det, Headquarters Co, 3rd H. P. Bn

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6. Supporting Arms.

a. Fire Support.

(1) Batteries from the 1st, 2nd and 4th Battalion 11th Marines provided direct support for the Operation.

(2) All fire missions within the Battalion SOA were under the positive control of a forward observer; danger close missions were common and were executed with a high degree of proficiency. Target coverage was considered excellent.

b. Air Support.

(1) Air Support was considered outstanding throughout the operation.

(2) Rotary wing was utilized for medical evacuations, passenger and supply lifts and visual reconnaissance missions. There was one Battalion size helicopter assault.

7. Intelligence.

a. Initial Intelligence for Operation MEADE RIVER indicated that elements of the X-16 Local Force Company, the Q-82 Local Force Company and the R-20 Main Force Battalion were within the Operations area. Also, it was known that the area contained a large number of VCI who provided tactical, logistical, and intelligence support for transient units; consequently, there existed a strong possibility of unknown units of up to battalion size harboring the area. During the first phase of the operation, the Battalion expedited the removal of a large number of indigenous personnel from the hamlets in close proximity to its positions for screening by higher headquarters. The Battalion also captured one detainee who claimed that his unit was the R-20 MF Battalion which had been located shortly before in the operations area and which was trying to exfiltrate in small groups. A number of documents were also found on enemy the Battalion had killed.

b. The second phase of the operation yielded no specific intelligence. During the third phase of the operation, the Battalion encountered minor resistance and found little information of intelligence value. As the fourth phase was initiated, it became evident that an unknown unit was harboring in the Dodge City Area. As the Battalion blocked along the Eastern edge of this area, psyops units were used extensively in Chieu Hoi appeals. On 3 November, one Hoi Chanh was taken claiming that he was from the 3rd Bn, 36th Regiment, 308th Division and that his unit was in the path of adjacent sweeping units. Also during this phase of the Operation, the Battalion found a minor amount of assorted enemy equipment and documents. All enemy documents, equipment and weapons were forwarded to 1st Marines Forward Command Post. Close liaison was maintained to expedite the flow of intelligence information acquired.

8. Mission.

a. Move by helicopter to cordon Southeast sector of 1st Marines Regimental AO. Provide for rapid movement of refugees/detainees to collection points. Search and clear in assigned AO.

9. Concept of Operations.

a. At L-Hour on D-Day, 2nd Bn, 5th Marines conduct helolift to cordon assigned sector of 1st Marines Regimental AO. Maintain visual contact with BLT 2/26 on East and ROK Marines on the West. Provide for rapid movement of refugees/detainees East along Route #4 to collection points.

b. Be prepared on order, to assume operational control of reaction force to fix, capture and/or destroy enemy forces found in assigned sector.

c. Be prepared, on order, to conduct search and clear operations in assigned AO.

10. Execution.

At 210830H, a Company H platoon at BT027573 fired at suspected enemy movement. Results: One VC KIA and capture of one AK-47 rifle, one pack and documents.

At 211730H, a platoon from Company F gathered a total of 1,500 Vietnamese refugees. There were no detainees and transportation was provided.

At 212000H, a Company H listening post at BT031573 received two incoming grenades. Marines returned fire with small arms and four M-33 grenades. Results: One USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 221300H, while on a sweep through a village at BT047579, Company G found a Vietnamese/English translation book, medical gear and 245 NVA dollars.

At 221900H, Company F gathered a total of 468 Vietnamese refugees for the day. There were no detainees and transportation was provided.

At 230830H, a Company H patrol at BT028576, threw four M-26 grenades at enemy movement in the bush. A search of the area produced one wounded VC/NVA carrying Chinese Communist documents. The VC/NVA died of wounds on the Med-Evac. Results: One VC/NVA KIA and capture of Chinese Communist documents and map overlays.

At 232000H, a Marine from Company E set into night defenses at BT040578 was struck on the hand by an enemy sniper round. Results: One USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 240015H, Company G set in night defenses at BT047580 received 10 incoming 60/81mm mortar rounds. Results: Negative

At 250230H, Company F sitting in night defensive positions at BT057586 received 10 rounds of incoming 82mm mortars from the vicinity of BT056585. Results: Negative.

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At 260530H, Company E sitting in night defensive positions at BT041577 observed movement outside its perimeter. Company E fired 50 rounds of small arms and received 10 incoming small arms rounds. Results: Two EVA KIA and capture of one NVA WIA, one SKS, one AK-47 and two ChiCom grenades.

At 261000H, while sweeping through a village at BT045584, Company F found three 15 pound box mines and two dud 105mm M1 rounds hidden in a treeline. The ordnance was not booby trapped. Results: All ordnance was blown in place.

At 261900H, Company F searching in the vicinity of BT040598 to BT054934 found 25 rounds of 30 caliber, six clips for an M-1 rifle, notes on B-40 rockets and propaganda leaflets.

At 262230H, Company F sitting in night defensive positions at BT039594 observed two people moving toward its position. Company F detonated a claymore mine then searched the area. Results: Two VC KIA (One male and one female).

At 271610H, while searching a house at BT023502, a Marine from Company F opened a booby trapped ammo can. The ChiCom grenade inside the can exploded. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.

At 271800H, Company F sweeping through area from BT028590 to BT040590 found various clothing and equipment and one eight foot tunnel with two camouflaged entrances. Ten spider holes, fresh blood trails, footprints and cooked rice were near the tunnel indicating recent enemy activity.

At 280335H, after setting into a night position at BT025594, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: One USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 280530H, a squad from Company F sitting in defensive positions at BT026593 observed three figures moving in the treeline to their immediate front. At the same time the squad received one incoming ChiCom grenade. The squad fired 30 rounds small arms, seven M-79 and hand grenades at the enemy as they fled deeper into the treeline. The squad pursued by fire and searched the area finding an NVA pack. Later that day, another squad from Company F setting in at BT025596 discovered a wounded VC hiding in the bushes. Results: One VC POW and capture of one NVA pack.

At 281350H, a Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at BT015760. Results: One USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 281540H, while sweeping area, Company E found two booby trapped grenades, one at BT011578 and one at BT011575. Both grenades were blown in place.

At 281800H, Company F on a sweep found one booby trapped 175mm round with pressure release detonator at BT024594 and one booby trapped M-26 grenade in an ammo can with the spoon attached to the can cover at BT025592. Both were blown in place.

At 282000H, Companies E and F sitting in night defensive positions at BT020597 observed small groups of enemy attempting to cross the river. Both Companies opened fire with small arms, automatic weapons, M-79 and 3.5 rockets. The enemy returned small arms and automatic weapons fire and fled back into the bush. Results: 12 VC/EVA KIA.

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At 290900H, a Company F platoon observed one VC across the river, wounded and unable to move. A fire team crossed the river and captured the enemy. Results: One VC POW Med-Evac and capture of two packs with clothing, rice, an identification card and six rounds of 5.56mm ammunition.

At 291100H, while sweeping through the area at BT005590, a Marine from the Battalion Command Group was wounded by sniper fire. Results: One USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 290600H-291700H, Company A 1st Battalion, 7th Marines searching from BT012573 to BT018577 found two booby trapped M-26 grenades rigged with trip wires and one punji stake screwed into a block of wood. Company A also received small arms fire from a treeline at BT018577. The Company returned fire and swept the treeline finding a small quantity of rice, 15 rock mines, eight blasting caps with detonating cord, two bags of beans, two green shirts (one NVA and one USMC), one fishing net and a box of documents.

At 290601H-291700H, the Battalion found the following: Company E searching at BT015583 found six 60mm mortar rounds, one box of 5.56mm ammunition, four sticks of TNT, two B-40 rocket rounds, three B-40 rocket boosters and one claymore mine. Company F searching at BT017593 found three M-26 grenades and assorted medical gear. And, Company G searching at BT022590 found one 4.2 inch round and three bunkers. Results: All destroyed in place.

At 292000H, the second platoon of Company E sitting in night positions at BT015586 heard movement on the opposite side of the river at BT014587. The platoon opened fire with 12 M-79 rounds and eight M-26 grenades and received two incoming ChiCom grenades. Results: One USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 292100H, the third platoon of Company E in night positions at BT008577 observed movement across the river at BT007577. The Platoon fired 20 M-79 rounds, 10 grenades and 200 rounds of small arms and received one incoming grenade. The area was searched at first light. Results: Two USMC WIA Non-Evac, three NVA KIA and capture of 286 .30 caliber M-1 rounds, three grenade adapters, one M-26 grenade, two ChiCom grenades, documents, clothing and plasters.

At 300600H, the first platoon of Company H sitting in night positions at BT009576 observed movement on the other side of the river at BT006576. The platoon fired one claymore mine, 20 M-79 rounds, 10 grenades and 100 rounds of small arms. Results: Two VC/NVA KIA.

At 301445H, a security patrol from Company F at BT026593 observed three VC at BT033588. A sniper with the patrol fired five rounds killing one VC. An artillery forward observer saw the VC fall. The remaining two dragged the body into the tree-line. An artillery mission of 38 HE 105mm rounds was fired into the tree-line. Results: One VC KIA.

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At 301630H, Company E at BT015586 received approximately 50 rounds small arms and four B-40 rocket fire from an estimated reinforced squad of enemy at BT012587. The Company returned fire with 500 rounds small arms, 10 rounds M-79, two rounds 60mm and three 3.5 inch rockets and observed enemy bodies being carried into the treeline. Results: One USMC WIA Non-Evac and three VC/NVA KIA.

At 301715H, a Marine in a Company F outpost at BT021596 was wounded by a sniper round. Results: One USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 302330H, a listening post from the Battalion Command Group at BT015574 received two incoming ChiCom grenades. The listening post returned fire with small arms. Results: Two USMC WIA Evac.

At 010900H December 1968, a detailed search was made of the Command Post area at BT015585. Results: Two rock mines and six ChiCom grenades discovered and destroyed.

At 011115H, Company E in night defensive positions along the river at BT015586 received small arms, automatic weapons and grenade fire from across the river at BT012587. Company E returned fire with M-79, automatic weapons and small arms. The enemy withdrew deeper into the treeline dragging three bodies with them. Results: Two USMC WIA Evac, two USMC WIA Non-Evac and three VC/NVA KIA.

At 011120H, Company G in defensive positions at BT015594 received small arms and automatic weapons fire from a treeline at BT012586. Company G returned fire with 60mm mortars, 3.5 rockets and automatic weapons. Results: One USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 011830H, while setting into night positions at BT015586, Company E received small arms fire and ChiCom grenades from an undetermined enemy force across the river at BT012586. Company E returned fire with small arms, M-79 and 37 rounds of 81mm EE. Results: Three USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 011845H, while setting in night positions at BT015594, Company G received sporadic small arms fire and grenades from BT012588. Company G returned fire with small arms with undetermined results. Results: Two USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 021230H, a Company E outpost at BT015588 received small arms fire and three B-40 rockets from BT014588. The outpost returned fire with small arms. Results: Two USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 021500H, the Battalion at BT011581 to BT022594 received sporadic small arms and grenade fire from the west side of the river. The Battalion suppressed the enemy fire with small arms and automatic weapons fire. Results: Six USMC WIA Non-Evac

At 021700H, a Company F outpost at BT020596 observed 20 enemy in green utilities and black pajamas at BT013594. The outpost opened fire with 500 rounds small arms, 15 rounds M-79 and five rounds 60mm mortars. The enemy fired 700 rounds small arms and three B-40 rockets. An 81mm mortar mission of 39 rounds was called and an aerial observer fired on the area with rockets. Results: One USMC WIA Evac and four USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 022045H, Company E sitting in night positions at BT013585 received one incoming ChiCom grenade. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.

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At 031030H, a Company E outpost at BT015586 was called to by a Vietnamese male on the other side of the river. The male was calling "Chieu Hoi". Results: Capture of one VC Chieu Hoi, one M-16 rifle, one NVA pack, one entrenching tool, one gas mask, pouch, one USMC raincoat, one poncho and one poncho liner.

At 031910H, while acting as security for retrograde of Command Group ammunition, an EMS Company outpost received one incoming ChiCom grenade. Results: One USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 041100H, Company F at BT020596 received 100 rounds of machinegun fire from a VC gun crew at BT017596. Company F fired four 3.5 rocket rounds killing both the enemy and destroying the machinegun. Results: Two VC KIA.

At 051030H, a Marine on patrol from Company F detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at BT022592. Results: One USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 052345H, the rear element of Company E at BT013585 was attacked by a well organized reinforced enemy squad at BT019585. The enemy fired three B-40 rockets, 12 HE 60mm mortars and 300 rounds of small arms. Company E returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, M-79, six rounds 60mm and 41 rounds 81mm mortars. Spooky gunships and a 20 round 155mm artillery mission fired on the suspected enemy routes of withdrawal. Results: Two USMC KIA, one USMC WIA Evac and 10 USMC WIA Non-Evac.

11. Results.

a. Enemy Personnel.

KIA	73
POW	1
Total	74

b. Friendly Personnel.

KIA	2
WIA	9
WIA/NE	39
WBC	8
Total	58

c. Weapons.

AK-47 Rifles	2
SKS	1
M-16	1
M1A1 Grenade Adapters	3

d. Ordinance.

Chicom Grenades	43
60mm Rounds	9
Box Mines (1516)	3
30 Caliber Rounds	311
M-26 Grenades	8
5.56 Rounds	1,440
M-1 Clips w/ammo	6
Claymore	1
Blasting Caps	8
TNT Sticks	8
RPG-2 Rounds	2
RPG-2 Boosters	3
ROCK Mines	3
175mm Rounds	1

e. Miscellaneous Field Equipment and Clothingf. Undetermined amount of rice, beans, sardines and documents.12. Administration and Logistics.a. Supply.

(1) During Operation MEADE RIVER, the Battalion was under the operational control of the 1st Marine Regiment. All resupply requests were coordinated through the ISA at Hill 55.

(2) Personnel from Battalion Supply and S-4 were sent to Hill 55 with the necessary equipment and vehicles to support the Battalion from that location. All personnel and equipment being sent between An Hoa and the Battalion had to be routed through Hill 55.

(3) Helicopter resupply from Hill 55 was supplemented by motor vehicle convoy and use of two others attached to the Battalion.

(4) All resupply in the field was coordinated by Helicopter Support Teams attached to each company and the Battalion Command Group.

(5) Engineering support consisted of a team attached to each company and four attached to the Battalion Command Group. In addition to their normal duties, they were tasked with sweeping a section of Route #4 during the early stages of the Operation.

b. Treatment of Casualties and Hospitalization.

(1) There were no significant problems encountered.

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c. Communications.

(1) Communications were excellent throughout the operation.

13. Commander's Analysis.

Initially assigned a sector of the Regimental Cordon, the Battalion took part in a successful helolift which trapped the enemy within the cordon. With this type of operation it is essential that the search and sweep be conducted in detail and with the patience required to thoroughly cover the area. Unique and sustained alertness especially during the hours of darkness is required and resulted in containment of the enemy within the cordon and destruction of forces attempting to escape and capture of documents and personnel of substantial intelligence value. Close coordination of supporting arms with other friendly units in close proximity compounded operations. This close proximity of friendly/enemy units as the cordon was tightened unduly restricted the use of heavy ordnance; resulting in casualties from enemy fire which might otherwise have been avoided. Visits by the regimental commander and his staff officers to the field materially facilitated coordination between adjacent commands and accomplishment of assigned tasks on a timely basis.

14. Recommendations.

a. That areas of known or suspected enemy concentrations be prepared with heavy ordnance prior to closing the cordon.

b. That a more accurate survey of civilians within the cordon area be accomplished prior to commencement of the operation to determine more realistic areas of preparatory fire.


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Date: 1Dec68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0600H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
0605H	3	S-3	Units secured night activities and
Ø	Ø	Ø	commenced day activities
0900H	4	TPGP	Found 2 ROK mines and 6 ChiCom gre-
Ø	Ø	Ø	nades inside perimeter
1100H	5	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
1315H	6	S-3	Spot Report DTG 011120H sent
1345H	7	S-3	Spot Report DTG 011115H sent
1730H	8	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
1800H	9	S-3	Units secured day activities and
Ø	Ø	Ø	commenced night activities
1900H	10	S-3	Spot Report DTG 011830H sent
1915H	11	S-3	Spot Report DTG 011845H sent
2200H	12	S-3	All units ambushes set in
2359H	13	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
2400H	14	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 2Dec68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0600H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
0601H	3	S-3	Units secured night activities and
Ø	Ø	Ø	commenced day activities
1139H	4	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
1320H	5	S-3	Spot Report DTG 021230H sent
1610H	6	S-3	Night activities sent to TP and PH
1700H	7	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
1800H	8	S-3	Units secured day activities and
Ø	Ø	Ø	commenced night activities
1830H	9	S-3	Spot Report DTG 021500H sent
2030H	10	S-3	Spot Report DTG 021700H sent
2110H	11	S-3	Spot Report DTG 022045H sent
2300H	12	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
2400H	13	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 3Dec68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0530H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
0600H	3	S-3	Units secured night activities and
∅	∅	∅	commenced day activities
1115H	4	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
1315H	5	S-3	Spot Report DTG 031030H sent
1500H	6	S-3	Night activities sent to TP and PH
1800H	7	S-3	Units secured day activities and
∅	∅	∅	commenced night activities
1815H	8	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
2020H	9	S-3	Spot Report DTG 1910H sent
2310H	10	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
2400H	11	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 4Dec68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0545H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
0600H	3	S-3	Units secured night activities and
∅	∅	∅	commenced day activities
1030H	4	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
1753H	5	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
1755H	6	S-3	Night activities sent to 1st Marines
1800H	7	S-3	Units secured day activities and
∅	∅	∅	commenced night activities
1820H	8	S-3	Spot Report DTG 041100H sent
2230H	9	S-3	6 hour sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
2400H	10	S-3	Journal closed

2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3

Date: 05Dec68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0555H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
1125H	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
1150H	4	S-3	Spot Report DTG 051030H sent
1800H	5	S-3	Units secured day activities and
Ø	Ø	Ø	commenced night activities
1801H	6	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
2345H	7	CoH	In contact
2350H	8	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
2400H	9	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 06Dec68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0555H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
0600H	3	S-3	Units secured night activities and
∅	∅	∅	commenced day activities
1130H	4	S-3	6 hour SitRep sent to 1st Marines
1600H	5	S-3	TP (-) helolifted to Phu Lac (6)
1601H	6	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 1st Marines
1700H	7	S-3	TP returned to operational control
∅	∅	∅	of 5th Marines
1701H	8	S-3	Journal closed

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Date 07Dec68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0450H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 5th Marines
0810H	3	S-3	Bn leaving Phu Lac (6.)
1054H	4	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 5th Marines
1110H	5	S-3	Bn commences sweep along river
1600H	6	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 5th Marines
1747H	7	S-3	Bn set in night activities
1942H	8	S-3	All companies' activities set in
2230H	9	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 5th Marines
2400H	10	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 08Dec68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0430H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 5th Marines
0815H	3	S-3	Bn commenced sweep
1048H	4	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 5th Marines
1135H	5	S-3	CoF detonated booby trap at 948499: 1 USMC WIAE
1200H	6	S-3	CoG observed enemy at 970495
1230H	7	S-3	CoF detonated booby trap at 948499: 2 USMC WIAE
1315H	8	S-3	CoG found 1 VC KIA and 3 detainees
1420H	9	S-3	CoF detonated booby trap at 928490: 1 USMC WIAE
1515H	10	S-3	CoE received small arms fire from 947513
1615H	11	S-3	CoE detonated booby trap at 944500: 1 USMC WIAE
1630H	12	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 5th Marines
1700H	13	S-3	CoG detonated booby trap at 928469: 2 USMC WIAE
1800H	14	S-3	Bn set in night activities
2010H	15	S-3	All companies secure in night defensive posits
2230H	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 5th Marines
2400H	17	S-3	Journal closed

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Date 09Dec68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2000H

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0446H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 5th Marines
0700H	3	S-3	Bn moves out to continue sweep
0755H	4	S-3	CoG detonates booby trap at AT922462: 2 USMCWIAE
1030H	5	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 5th Marines
1126H	6	S-3	Bn enters An Hoa combat base
1127H	7	S-3	Journal closed

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Date 10Dec68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened.
2400H	2	S-3	Journal closed

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Date 11Dec68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
2400H	2	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO	ORG	INCIDENT
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
2400H	2	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 1100H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
1100H	1	S-3	Journal opened
1110H	2	S-3	Bn arrived at HILL 214
1120H	3	S-3	Spot Report DTG 131420H sent
1615H	4	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1730H	5	S-3	Follow up Spt Rep sent DTG 131420H
1800H	6	S-3	Units secure day act and commence
ø	ø	ø	night activities
1845H	7	S-3	Bushmasters report sent
2215H	8	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	9	S-3	Journal was closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0445H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0835H	3	S-3	TPE moved out
0900H	4	S-3	TPF2 found a tunnel and bunker, (Ref
Ø	Ø	Ø	Spot Report DTG 140900H) sent
1100H	5	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1310H	6	S-3	TPF3 passed thru lead elements at
Ø	Ø	Ø	Obj Bravo
1440H	7	S-3	Spot Report DTG 141345H sent
1550H	8	S-3	TPE at Obj A
1630H	9	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1645H	10	S-3	Spot Report DTG 141600H sent
1830H	11	S-3	G3 (-) left friendly lines for
Ø	Ø	Ø	night ambush
1845H	12	S-3	E2A left friendly lines for night
Ø	Ø	Ø	ambush
1941H	13	S-3	Night and Day activities sent
1955H	14	S-3	Day activities from F sent to H and
Ø	Ø	Ø	sent H to F
2200H	15	S-3	Called in all Spt Rep to TPR
2230H	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400	17	S-3	Journal was closed

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Date: 15Dec68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0445H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0845H	3	S-3	E1 and 2 moved out from base
0850H	4	S-3	F2A moved out from base
0900H	5	S-3	H2 moved out from 201454
0915H	6	S-3	H2A #2 205457
0918H	7	S-3	E1 #1 184446
0923H	8	S-3	F2A #1 196446
0930H	9	S-3	F2A in contact with enemy
0945H	10	S-3	G1 #1 189458
1015H	11	S-3	G1 #2 191461
1025H	12	S-3	H1 moved out from base
Late entry 0940H	13	S-3	Spot Report DTG 150940H sent
1045H	14	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1048H	15	S-3	G1 #3 195462
1055H	16	S-3	H2 #3 206458
1100H	17	S-3	H1 setting in on Blue line
1135H	18	S-3	Follow up Spot Report DTG 150940 sent
1145H	19	S-3	E1 at CK PT #2, E2 between CK PT 2
∅	∅	∅	and 3
1205H	20	S-3	H2 back, H3 left on patrol
1225H	21	S-3	F2 at #4 194448
1235H	22	S-3	F1A at #1 198437
1245H	23	S-3	E2 at #2 178439

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
1310H	24	S-3	H1 back at base
1318H	25	S-3	FLA at #2 204438
1345H	26	S-3	H3 back at base
1350H	27	S-3	FLA at #3 203436
1351H	28	S-3	Spot Report DTG 150940 and follow up
Ø	Ø	Ø	sent to TPR
1425H	29	S-3	F2B at #1 198449
1427H	30	S-3	FLA returned to CP
1430H	31	S-3	G1 returned to CP
1520H	32	S-3	F2B returned to CP
1645H	33	S-3	E1 returned to CP
1650H	34	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1730H	35	S-3	G3 left for ambush 197449
1800H	36	S-3	G2 ambush left friendly lines
1832H	37	S-3	G's ambushes set in
1843H	38	S-3	Bushmasters report sent in
1917H	39	S-3	E's ambushes set in
1922H	40	S-3	H's ambushes set in
2220H	41	S-3	Spot Report sent to 3rd Marines
2225H	42	S-3	All Spot Reports sent to TPR
2230H	43	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	44	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H-	1	S-3	Journal opened
0445H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0600H	3	S-3	All units secure night activities
Ø	Ø	Ø	and commenced day activities
0836H	4	S-3	H3 combat patrol left friendly lines
0846H	5	S-3	H3 at CK PT #2
0846H	6	S-3	F1A combat patrol left friendly lines
0847H	7	S-3	E1 combat patrol left friendly lines
0908H	8	S-3	E1 at CK PT#1
0909H	9	S-3	H3 at CK PT#3
0915H	10	S-3	F2A leaving for patrol
0927H	11	S-3	G1 at CK PT#1
0930H	12	S-3	E3 combat patrol left friendly lines
0940H	13	S-3	F1B at CK PT#1
0942H	14	S-3	F3A at CK PT#1
0945H	15	S-3	H3 at CK PT#1
0956H	16	S-3	E3 at CK PT#1
1005H	17	S-3	H3 at CK PT#5
1050H	18	S-3	E3 at CK PT#2
1050H	19	S-3	F3A at CK PT#2
1055H	20	S-3	F1B at CK PT#2
1105H	21	S-3	E1 at CK PT#2
1107H	22	S-3	G1 at CK PT#3
1108H	23	S-3	H3 back in friendly lines

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
1109H	24	S-3	E1 at CK PT#3
1110H	25	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1215H	26	S-3	Spot Report sent to 3rd Marines
1355H	27	S-3	Spot Report Sent to 3rd Marines
1642H	28	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1730H	29	S-3	Spot Report sent to 3rd Marines
1800H	30	S-3	Units secure day activities and
Ø	Ø	Ø	commence night activities
1810H	31	S-3	Spot Report Sent to 3rd Marines
1915H	32	S-3	Bushmaster report sent to 3rd Marines
1935H	33	S-3	All Spot Reports sent to TPR
2025H	34	S-3	Bushmaster report sent to TPR
2230H	35	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	36	S-3	Journal was closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0500H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0700H	3	S-3	Spot Report sent to 3rd Marines
0830H	4	S-3	E2 left for combat patrol
0830H	5	S-3	E3 left for combat patrol
0850H	6	S-3	Spot Report DTG 170745H sent
0945H	7	S-3	E2 CK PT#2
1000H	8	S-3	F1A at CK PT#1
1015H	9	S-3	E3 at CK PT#1
1045H	10	S-3	E3 at CK PT#2
late entry 0815H	11	S-3	Spot Report sent to 3rd Marines
1020H	12	S-3	Spot Report sent to 3rd Marines
1050H	13	S-3	F2B combat patrol left 206436
1110H	14	S-3	F2B at CK PT#1
1130H	15	S-3	E2 at CK PT#2
1145H	16	S-3	F1A at base
1155H	17	S-3	F2B at CK PT#2
1215H	18	S-3	F2B at base
1228H	19	S-3	F1B moving out
1230H	20	S-3	G3 at base
1300H	21	S-3	H1 at CK PT#1
1300H	22	S-3	F1B at CK PT#1
1320H	23	S-3	E2 at CK PT#3
late entry 1100H	24	S-3	Spot Report sent to 3rd Marines

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
1335H	25	S-3	H1 at CK PT#2
1400H	26	S-3	F1B at CKPT#2
1430H	27	S-3	G1A moved out on combat patrol to
Ø	Ø	Ø	check over ambush
1450H	28	S-3	F1B at base
1540H	29	S-3	G1 at base
1610H	30	S-3	H1 at CK PT#1
1610H	31	S-3	E3 at base
1615H	32	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1800H	33	S-3	Units secure day activities and
Ø	Ø	Ø	commence night activities
1830H- Late entry	34	S-3	Night activities sent to 3rd Marines
1730H	35	S-3	G@s ambush left and G's LP is set in
1915H	36	S-3	H1 and H2 set in ambushes
1916H	37	S-3	G2 set in and E2 set in
2335H	38	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	39	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001	1	S-3	Journal opened
0020H	2	S-3	Spot Report sent
0450H	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0730H	4	S-3	H1 changed from ambush to combat
Ø	Ø	Ø	patrol and is at GK PT#4
0730H	5	S-3	G's LPs in and OPs out
0820H	6	S-3	E1 combat patrol left
0800H Late entry	7	S-3	G3 combat patrol left
0810H Late entry	8	S-3	Follow up Spot Report sent
0920H	9	S-3	E1 at CK PT#1
0921H	10	S-3	G3 at CK PT#1
1015H	11	S-3	F3A combat patrol moving out
1100H	12	S-3	E2 at CK PT#7
1110H	13	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0900H Late entry	14	S-3	Spot Report sent
0930H Late entry	15	S-3	Spot Report sent
1207H	16	S-3	F3A at CK PT#1
1208H	17	S-3	E2 at CK PT#8
1255H	18	S-3	G3 combat patrol at CK PT#3
1300H	19	S-3	E1 at CK PT#2
1304H	20	S-3	H1 in friendly lines
1355H	21	S-3	E2 at CK PT#10
1356H	22	S-3	G3 at base
1425H	23	S-3	F3A at CK PT#2

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
1500H	24	S-3	E1 at CK PT#3
1519H	25	S-3	E1 at CK PT#4
1548H	26	S-3	E1 at CK PT#5
1558H	27	S-3	E1 in friendly lines
1625H	28	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1710H	29	S-3	Spot Report sent
1730H	30	S-3	F's ambushes are set in
1745H	31	S-3	G's ambushes are set in
1748H	32	S-3	G's OPs are in friendly lines
1810H	33	S-3	GLB OP now in CP
1820H	34	S-3	Day and Night activities sent to
Ø	Ø	Ø	3rd Marines
1800H Late entry	35	S-3	Units secure day activities and
Ø	Ø	Ø	commence night activities
1855H	36	S-3	E Day Act sent to F, F Day Act sent
Ø	Ø	Ø	to E, G Day Act sent to H, H Day Act
Ø	Ø	Ø	sent to G
2230H	37	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	38	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 19Dec68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1=	S-3	Journal opened
0457H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0600H	3	S-3	Units secure night activities and
Ø	Ø	Ø	commence day activities
0830H	4	S-3	E2 and E3 left friendly lines
0900H	5	S-3	F3A left friendly lines
0920H	6	S-3	H3 at CK PT#3
0930H	7	S-3	E3 at CK PT#1
0945H	8	S-3	E2 at CK PT#1
1030H	9	S-3	E3 at CK PT#2
1115H	10	S-3	E2 at CK PT#2
1100H			
Late entry 11		S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1215H	12	S-3	E3 at CK PT#3
1255H	13	S-3	Spot Report sent
1455H	14	S-3	E3 at CK PT#4
1500H	15	S-3	Spot Report sent
1650H	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1705H	17	S-3	G1 LP leaving friendly lines
1812H	18	S-3	H2C LP set in
1830H	19	S-3	G1 and G2 OP
1835H	20	S-3	E LP set in
1905H	21	S-3	H1 LP set in
1925H	22	S-3	Received change of night act for G2
1930H	23	S-3	Night act and Day act sent

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
1945H	24	S-3	All SptRep and SitRep sent to TPR
2000H	25	S-3	Spot Reports sent to 3rd Marines
2010H	26	S-3	Spot Reports sent to 3rd Marines
2100H	27	S-3	Spot Reports sent to TPR
2230H	28	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	29	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 20Dec68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0218H	2	S-3	Spot Report sent DTG 200130H
0455H	3	S-3	Spot Report sent DTG 200410H
0455H	4	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0745H	5	S-3	G2 LP releived by G2 OP
0755H	6	S-3	E3 at CK PT#5
0830H	7	S-3	E1 combat patrol leaving
0845H	8	S-3	G3 set in ambush
0930H	9	S-3	E1 at CK PT#1
1000H	10	S-3	E1 at CK PT#2
1040H	11	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1105H	12	S-3	H3 at CK PT#2
1200H	13	S-3	FLA leaving friendly lines
1224H	14	S-3	E1 at CK PT#4
1225H	15	S-3	H3 at Obj 197463
1310H	16	S-3	F2 at CK PT#1
1311H	17	S-3	E1 at CK PT#5
1315H	18	S-3	Spot Report sent
1336H	19	S-3	FLA at CK PT#2
1347H	20	S-3	F2 at CK PT#2
1400H	21	S-3	HCP at CK PT#2
1410H	22	S-3	E3 at 184444
1430H	23	S-3	FLA at CK PT#3
1500H	24	S-3	E3 at CK PT#8

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
1525H	25	S-3	Spot Report sent
1530H	26	S-3	H CP at 196462
1535H	27	S-3	E3 at CK PT#9
1630H	28	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1631H	29	S-3	Spot Report sent
1632H	30	S-3	F2 set in LP
1800H	31	S-3	Units secure day activities and
∅	∅	∅	commence night activities
1830H	32	S-3	E2A set in LP
2015H	33	S-3	All Spot Reports sent to TPR
2020H	34	S-3	All day and night activities sent to
∅	∅	∅	Head Cold
2150H	35	S-3	Spot Reports sent to 3rd Marines
2210H	36	S-3	Spot Reports sent
2215H	37	S-3	Day and night activities sent to HM
2400H	38	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 21Dec68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0012H	2	S-3	Follow up Spot Report sent
0015H	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0020H	4	S-3	Follow up Spot Report sent
0500H	5	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0600H	6	S-3	Night activities secured and day
Ø	Ø	Ø	activities begin
0750H	7	S-3	F1 leaving friendly lines
0900H	8	S-3	F1 at CK PT#1
0925H	9	S-3	E1 at CK PT#8
1005H	10	S-3	E2 at CK PT#2
1047H	11	S-3	F1 at CK PT#1
1050H	12	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1205H	13	S-3	F1 at CK PT#3
1235H	14	S-3	H2 and 3 at CK PT#1
1245H	15	S-3	H3 at CK PT#3
1248H	16	S-3	E1 at CK PT#12
1259H	17	S-3	H3 in friendly lines
1445H	18	S-3	E1 at CK PT#13
1446H	19	S-3	E2 at CK PT#2
1452H	20	S-3	H2 entering friendly lines
1600H	21	S-3	E1 back at base
1615H	22	S-3	Spot Report sent
1630H	23	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines

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Journal

(DTG) From 0003H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
1720H	24	S-3	Follow up Spot Report sent
1802H	25	S-3	G3 set in LP
1845H	26	S-3	day and night activities sent to HM
1900H	27	S-3	Spot Report sent
1930H	28	S-3	All activities sent to TPR and Head
∅	∅	∅	Cold
2000H	29	S-3	Follow up Spot Report sent
2230H	30	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	31	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0500H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0740H	3	S-3	G LP replaced by OP
0840H	4	S-3	E3 combat patrol leaving base
0918H	5	S-3	F3A combat patrol leaving base
0920H	6	S-3	E3 at CK PT#1
0930H	7	S-3	E2 between CK PT#4 and #5
0950H	8	S-3	H3 leaving base
1000H	9	S-3	E3 at CK PT#2
1100H	10	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1110H	11	S-3	G1 at CK PT#1
1320H	12	S-3	E3 at CK PT#3
1325H	13	S-3	H3 backat base
1325H	14	S-3	G1C at CK PT#2
1418H	15	S-3	E3 at CK PT#4
1419H	16	S-3	Spot Reports sent
1545H	17	S-3	G1C entering friendly lines
1550H	18	S-3	E3 at CK PT#5
1630H	19	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1730H	20	S-3	E3 at CK PT#6
1730H	21	S-3	G2A left for LP
1800H	22	S-3	Secure day and begin night activities
1800H	23	S-3	H2 and 3 left for LP's
1900H	24	S-3	Activities sent to HM and TPR

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
2100H	25	S-3	Spot Report sent
2230H	26	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	27	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0000H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0447H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0500H	3	S-3	New York Yankees T.P. sent to HM
0600H	4	S-3	Night activities secured day begin
0750H	5	S-3	Spot Report sent
0910H	6	S-3	G2 leaving friendly lines
0920H	7	S-3	H3 leaving friendly lines
0955H	8	S-3	F1C at CK PT#1
1000H	9	S-3	F1A at CK PT#1
1005H	10	S-3	G2 at CK PT#1
1006H	11	S-3	E3 at CK PT#8
1023H	12	S-3	F1C at CK PT#2
1045H	13	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1150H	14	S-3	E3 at CK PT#9
1151H	15	S-3	E1 at CK PT#1
1300H	16	S-3	E3 staying at CK PT#9
1335H	17	S-3	G2 at CK PT#2
1345 H	18	S-3	Spot Report DTG231125 sent
1355H	19	S-3	F1A reported their activities
1400H	20	S-3	G2 at CK PT#3
1435H	21	S-3	E1 at first enemy base camp
1450H	22	S-3	E3 at CK PT#10
1510H	23	S-3	G2 entering lines
1640H	24	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
1800H	25	S-3	Day activities secure, nights begin
1915H	26	S-3	Night and Day activities sent
2230H	27	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	28	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0002H	2	S-3	Lynch Law replaces Texas Pete
0530H	3	S-3	6 hour Sit Reussent to 3rd Marines
0745H	4	S-3	G2 LP in lines
0745H	5	S-3	G2 OP setting in
0818H	6	S-3	F2 moving out
0858H	7	S-3	E2 moving out
0940H	8	S-3	F2 at OP site
1000H	9	S-3	E2 at CK PT#1
1030H	10	S-3	6 hour Sit Reus sent to 3rd Marines
1210H	11	S-3	E2 at CK PT#2
1240H	12	S-3	F2B at CK PT#2
1410H	13	S-3	E2 at CK PT#4
1435H	14	S-3	F2B entering friendly lines
1530H	15	S-3	F2 back in base
1630H	16	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1645H	17	S-3	H3 in CP, H2 still with gear
1850H	18	S-3	E's LP's are set in
1855H	19	S-3	Day/night activities sent to HM
1935H	20	S-3	Spot Report sent
2230H	21	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	22	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0430H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0705H	3	S-3	G1B LP now in CP
0745H	4	S-3	H1 LP now in CP
0908H	5	S-3	E2 and E3 leaving lines
0944H	6	S-3	F2 moving out on ambush
0945H	7	S-3	F1 entering friendly lines
1030H	8	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1141H	9	S-3	G OP leaving lines
1645H	10	S-3	Spot Report sent
1700H	11	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1720H	12	S-3	H3 combat patrol now leaving
1730H	13	S-3	G1 LP left friendly lines
1730H	14	S-3	G3 back in, night activities sent
1900H	15	S-3	E's LP set in, day activities sent
1930H	16	S-3	day and night activities sent to Head
Ø	Ø	Ø	Cold
2010H	17	S-3	G1A set in
2040H	18	S-3	Spot Report sent
2145H	19	S-3	Follow up Spot Report sent
2230H	20	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	21	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 26 Dec 68

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0430H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0700H	3	S-3	G1 LP in lines
0730H	4	S-3	G2 LP in lines
0735H	5	S-3	H units leaving G lines
0737H	6	S-3	G2 OP set in
0740H	7	S-3	H3 leaving LL CP on way to H CP
0815H	8	S-3	H3 at H CP
0915H	9	S-3	E's combat patrols leaving lines
0920H	10	S-3	G1C at CK PT#1
1025H	11	S-3	E1 at CK PT#1
1026H	12	S-3	D3 at CK PT#1
1032H	13	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1033H	14	S-3	F2 at CK PT#2
1210H	15	S-3	F2 at CK PT#2
1220H	16	S-3	E1 at CK PT#3
1230H	17	S-3	G1C At CK PT#3
1340H	18	S-3	E1 at CK PT#4
1430H	19	S-3	G1C 100 meters from CP
1440H	20	S-3	G1C in CP
1450H	21	S-3	G3 recon patrol in CP
1530H	22	S-3	E1 at CK PT#5
1630H	23	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1730H	24	S-3	G2B leaving friendly lines

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
1735H	25	S-3	G3C leaving friendly lines
1745H	26	S-3	G3 OP now in
1815H	27	S-3	F2 at CK PT#2 and set in
1825H	28	S-3	G3E now at side and set in
1825H	29	S-3	Day and night activities sent to HM
2030H	30	S-3	Spot Report sent
2230H	31	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	32	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0500H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0600H	3	S-3	Night activities secured and days begin
0740H	4	S-3	G1B PB leaving friendly lines
0835H	5	S-3	H3 leaving friendly lines
0840H	6	S-3	E2 leaving friendly lines
0841H	7	S-3	G1B set in, G3A and G2A set in
0846H	8	S-3	E3 at CK PT#5
1000H	9	S-3	F1 and F2 moving out
1050H	10	S-3	H3 at CK PT#3
1045H	11	S-3	Spot Report DTG 270930H sent
1100H	12	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1120H	13	S-3	EB at CK PT#6
1135H	14	S-3	E2 at CK PT#1
1215H	15	S-3	Follow up Spot Report sent
1300H	16	S-3	E3 at CK PT#8
1315H	17	S-3	F3 leaving base
1320H	18	S-3	F2 returning to CP
1345H	19	S-3	F3 at CK PT#1
1450H	20	S-3	E3 at CK PT#9
1455H	21	S-3	F1 at CK PT#1
1500H	22	S-3	E2 at CK PT#3
1530H	23	S-3	F1 still at CK PT#2
1730H	24	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
1735H	25	S-3	E3 returned to base
1750H	26	S-3	G3 OP returning to base
1830H	27	S-3	Spot Reports sent
1930H	28	S-3	Day/night activities sent to HM and LLR
2135H	29	S-3	E's activities sent to Bus Stop Bravo
2230H	30	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	31	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0500H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0600H	3	S-3	Night activities secured, days begin
0815H	4	S-3	G3B leaving friendly lines
0830H	5	S-3	E1 leaving friendly lines
0832H	6	S-3	G1C and G2B leaving friendly lines
0910H	7	S-3	F3 left friendly lines
0915H	8	S-3	E1 at CK PT#1
0925H	9	S-3	F3 at CK PT#1
1035H	10	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1053H	11	S-3	E1 at CK PT#2
1055H	12	S-3	G1C and G2B set in
1100H	13	S-3	G3B at CK PT#1
1101H	14	S-3	E1 returning to CP
1115H	15	S-3	G3B at CK PT#2
1130H	16	S-3	H2 at Obj 182473
1150H	17	S-3	E1 at CK PT#3
1200H	18	S-3	F3 at CK PT#3
1220H	19	S-3	G3B returning to CP
1345H	20	S-3	E1 at CK PT#4
1450H	21	S-3	F2 leaving friendly lines
1815H	22	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1815H	23	S-3	G1 OP in friendly lines
1820H	24	S-3	G2 and G3 leaving friendly lines

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
1825H	25	S-3	G1 OP in friendly lines
1845H	26	S-3	Day/night activities sent to HM and LLR
2030H	27	S-3	Spot Report sent
2130H	28	S-3	Follow up Spot Reports sent
2305H	29	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	30	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0500H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0600H	3	S-3	Night activities secured, days begin
0720H	4	S-3	G2 OP leaving friendly lines
0730H	5	S-3	G1 OP leaving friendly lines
0825H	6	S-3	Spot Report sent
0830H	7	S-3	F1 leaving friendly lines
0831H	8	S-3	E3 LPs left friendly lines
0832H	9	S-3	G3 left friendly lines
0835H	10	S-3	G1 and G2 set in
0838H	11	S-3	F2 at CK PT#1
0930H	12	S-3	H at CK PT#1
0935H	13	S-3	E1 OP set in
0945H	14	S-3	G2 at CK PT#1
1000H	15	S-3	F2 at OP
1020H	16	S-3	F1 at CK PT#1
1045H	17	S-3	G2 at CK PT#2
1048H	18	S-3	Spot Report DTG 290850H sent
1160H	19	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1140H	20	S-3	F1 at CK PT#2
1220H	21	S-3	F1 at CK PT#3
1300H	22	S-3	E3 at CK PT#1
1305H	23	S-3	G2 at CK PT#2
1347H	24	S-3	F (-) starting move

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
1400H	25	S-3	G2 entering friendly lines
1505H	26	S-3	E3 at CK PT#2
1507H	27	S-3	F (-) at CK PT#1
1510H	28	S-3	Spot Report sent
1515H	29	S-3	Spot Report sent
1530H	30	S-3	F1 CK PT#4
1531H	31	S-3	E3 CK PT#3
1540H	32	S-3	E3 CK PT#4
1610H	33	S-3	F (-) at CK PT#2
1700H	34	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1820H	35	S-3	G2 LP left for lines
1830H	36	S-3	Emergency Pyrotechnic signal system sent
1850H	37	S-3	E Day activities sent to Bus Stop
1855H	38	S-3	Follow up Spot Reports sent
1900H	39	S-3	G1 PB site retired
2000H	40	S-3	Day/night activities sent to HMC
2145H	41	S-3	Follow up Spot Report sent
2230H	42	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep Sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	43	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0115H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0720H	3	S-3	G1 PB and G2 LP returning to CP
0730H	4	S-3	G3 PB in CP lines
0735H	5	S-3	G2 LP in CP lines
0807H	6	S-3	G3 set in
0815H	7	S-3	F Co in on the move
0830H	8	S-3	G1 leaving the lines
0831H	9	S-3	E2 combat patrol and E2 LP leaving lines
0910H	10	S-3	G1C at CK PT#1
0915H	11	S-3	F Co moving out past friendly lines
0940H	12	S-3	All E's OPs are set in
1015H	13	S-3	E2 at CK PT#1
1045H	14	S-3	Spot Reprot DTG 300945H sent to HM
1100H	15	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1220H	16	S-3	Frag Order DTG 301000H sent to HM/LL units
1230H	17	S-3	G1C at CK PT#2
1233H	18	S-3	F with G departed
1300H	19	S-3	G1C at CK PT#3
1400H	20	S-3	E2 at CK PT#2
1420H	21	S-3	G1C entering friendly lines
1600H	22	S-3	E2 at CK PT#4
1630H	23	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1800H	24	S-3	G1 leaving friendly lines

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
1900H	25	S-3	Night activities sent to HM/LL
2300H	26	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	27	S-3	Journal closed

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0500H	2	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
0700H	3	S-3	G1 and G2 in CP
0800H	4	S-3	G1 LP in CP
0815H	5	S-3	G1 OP leaving friendly lines
0825H	6	S-3	G1 OP set in
0845H	7	S-3	G1C moving out to check lines
0910H	8	S-3	G2 LP set in
0925H	9	S-3	F2 Combat patrol moving out
0950H	10	S-3	E at CK PT#1
0951H	11	S-3	F3 left friendly lines
1010H	12	S-3	G3 At CK PT#1
1011H	13	S-3	F(-) moving out
1025H	14	S-3	F(-) at patrol base
1027H	15	S-3	E at CK PT#2
1045H	16	S-3	Spot Report Sent
1052H	17	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1100H	18	S-3	F3 at CK PT#1
1110H	19	S-3	F3 at CK PT#2
1115H	20	S-3	Spot Report sent to LLR
1125H	21	S-3	F3 at CK PT#3
1230H	22	S-3	E at CK PT#3
1300H	23	S-3	G3 at CK PT#3
1400H	24	S-3	E at CK PT#4

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H To 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
1403H	25	S-3	G3 at CK PT#4
1404H	26	S-3	F2 at CK PT#1
1435H	27	S-3	F2 at CK PT#2
1515H	28	S-3	E at CK PT#5
1550H	29	S-3	F2 and F3 entering friendly lines
1610H	30	S-3	G3 at CK PT#6
1612H	31	S-3	Spot Reports sent
1615H	32	S-3	E at CK PT#6
1635H	33	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
1640H	34	S-3	G3 returning to friendly lines
1700H	35	S-3	Spot Report DTG 311415H sent
1730H	36	S-3	Spot Report DTG 311500H sent
1750H	37	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to LLR
1755H	38	S-3	G1 returning to friendly lines
1755H	39	S-3	G1 LP left friendly lines
1820H	40	S-3	G1C and G2 set in
1905H	41	S-3	All of G activities set in
1935H	42	S-3	Day/night activities sent to HM/Head Cold
2300H	43	S-3	6 hour Sit Rep sent to 3rd Marines
2400H	44	S-3	Journal closed

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