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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	LtCol J. H. HIGGINS 1-30 April 1969
H&S Company	1stLt M. R. BAGGS 1-30 April 1969
Company E	1stLt R. H. HENRY 1-30 April 1969
Company F	Capt R. N. KINGREY 1-30 April 1969
Company G	Capt R. W. POOLAW 1-30 April 1969
Company H	Capt W. C. FITE 1-25 April 1969 1stLt A. D. SKROCH 26-30 April 1969

2. LOCATION

1-30 April 1969 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines conducted search and clear operations in the eastern part of Duc Duc Districts in the Quang Nam Province RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj J. E. C. LEAVITT JR. 1-30 April 1969
Adjutant/Legal Officer	1stLt J. F. SHEEHAN 1-30 April 1969
S-1 Officer	SSgt M. A. MCKAY 1-30 April 1969
S-2 Officer	2ndLt T. F. KLIE 1-30 April 1969
S-3 Officer	Maj A. L. VALLESE 1-30 April 1969

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1stLt R. L. WING
1-30 April 1969

S-4 Officer

1stLt R. J. EARLY
1-30 April 1969

S-5 Officer

1stLt J. F. SHEEHAN
1-30 April 1969

Communications Officer

1stLt L. G. SHILTON
1-30 April 1969

Supply Officer

1stLt D. W. OLIPHANT
1-30 April 1969

Motor Transport Officer

1stLt D. E. MARTIN
1-30 April 1969

Air Liaison Officer

Capt L. L. TERRY
1-30 April 1969

Forward Air Control Officer

1stLt V. V. ASHFORD
1-30 April 1969

Medical Officer

Lt R. S. HAXTON (USN)
1-30 April 1969

Assistant Medical Officer

Lt F. H. MEYER (USN)
1-30 April 1969

Chaplain

Lt G. E. POWELL (USN)
1-30 April 19694. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
39	1,145	3	54

5. CHAPLAIN

Fifteen Catholic worship services were held with 255 men in attendance. There were also four protestant services held. The Chaplain counselled 10 Marines. The Chaplain administered Last Rites of the Church to four wounded men in the field. On 19 April 1969, memorial services were held for men killed in action from Company E.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1 to 6 April 1969, the Battalion continued search and clear operations in the southern portion of the Arizona Area encountering one to five man VC/NVA units.

The Battalion participated in Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW from 7 to 20 April. The Battalion's mission was rice denial and security for Vietnamese workers and harvested rice. A total of five thousand pounds of rice was collected in the vicinity of AT8448. The Battalion encountered light enemy contact from 7 to 11 April. On 12 April the Battalion conducted a sweep moving North in the Arizona Area and encountered heavy enemy contact. During the period 21 to 30 April, the Battalion commenced search and clear operations moving West, again encountering heavy enemy contact. On 26 April an NVA force of approximately 40 men attacked Company H in night defensive positions at AT822472. The Battalion Command Group and Company G at AT818484 and a squad size ambush from Company H at AT824466 received 60mm mortars, B-40 rockets and a ground attack from an undetermined size NVA force.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. TOPICS1. Personnel and Administration.

a. Strength. The Battalion strength at the beginning of the month was 40 officers and 1,150 enlisted. By the end of April, the strength was 38 officers and 1,177 enlisted. The Battalion joined 3 officers and 152 enlisted men during the month. Two officers and 125 enlisted men were transferred. Casualties sustained by the Battalion during the month were as follows:

<u>BATTLE</u>				<u>NON-BATTLE</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>WIANE</u>	<u>MBD</u>	<u>NBC</u>	
9	89	3	53	0	51	205

b. Discipline, Law and Order. During the month, 10 men were confined in the III MAF Brig, six of whom were confined as the result of previous courts-martial. The other four are awaiting courts-martial and are in pre-trial confinement status. There were two article 32 pre-trial investigations, one Special Courts-Martial and two Summary Courts-Martial completed during the month. The new JAG Manual investigations for the month are as follows: six missing personal effects and one accidental discharge of a .45 Caliber pistol.

c. Postal. Mail for the month of April was normal.

d. Awards. There were one Silver Star Medal, two Bronze Star Medals, six Navy Commendations Medals and ten Navy Achievement Medals received and presented with appropriate ceremony during the month. Six awards were readdressed and forwarded to former members of this command. During this same period 31 U. S. Awards for heroism and meritorious service were processed by the Battalion.

2. Intelligence.

a. Enemy. During the month of April, the enemy was very elusive. From 1 to 6 April contact with the enemy consisted mostly of one to five man contacts. The Battalion moved into the northern sector of the Arizona Area on 7 April, and contacts became more prevalent until 11 April when heavy contact was initiated. The 31st NVA Regiment was reported in the vicinity of AT845535, and an unidentified VC Battalion was reported in the vicinity of AT842545. On 10 April, two VC Chieu Hoi's stated that a squad from the Loc Thanh Village Force (A-70) was located in the vicinity of AT852504.

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b. Weather. The temperature and humidity for the month were extreme. The average high temperature for the month was 99 with the low of 74. Only .57 inches of precipitation was recorded during the month, which had little or no effect on operations.

c. Terrain. The natural boundaries of the Battalion's Area of Operation consisted of foothills to the south and west and rivers to the north and east. Terrain features included high ground (20 meters) running northeast to southwest, rice paddies covering 50 to 1,000 meters and streams fordable and unfordable. Types of vegetation included treelines, hedgerows, and straw grass which covered the majority of high ground and potatoes, rice, corn beans, pinapples, peanuts, tea and tapioca were found on the low-lying areas.

3. Organization and Operations.

a. Organization. The organization of the Battalion consisted of the following parent units being detached during the month of April.

Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 5th Marines from 051200H to 161000H April 1969.

Company E, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 5th Marines from 171200H to 280930H April 1969.

b. Operations. During the month of April, the Battalion's area of operation was in the Arizona Area, Duc Duc District. From 1 to 6 April the Battalion conducted search and clear operations. During the period 7 to 20 April the Battalion participated in Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW. From 21 to 30 April, search and clear operations were conducted in the western portion of the Arizona Area.

c. Supporting Arms.

(1) Air Support.

(a) Tactical Air Support. A total of 56 tactical air support missions were flown in support of the Battalion consisting of 79 sorties. Of these flights, 23 were controlled by an AO and 33 were controlled by means of an A6A beacon.

(b) Medical Evacuations. The Battalion requested and received 18 emergency, 20 priority and five routine medical evacuations.

(2) Fire Support.

(a) Supporting Elements. During the month of April, the Battalion was supported by Delta, Echo and Whiskey Batteries, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, and Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines.

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(b) Significant Fire Support Events. During the month of April, the overall fire support was very good. All fire missions were under the positive control of a forward observer; danger-close missions were executed with a high degree of proficiency. Target coverage was considered excellent.

(3) Tanks. During the period 22 to 30 April, the 2nd Platoon, Company B, 1st Tank Battalion was indirect support of the Battalion. The tanks were effective in close support for rifle companies on the offensive.

(4) During the period 2 to 30 April, two M116 Huskies were in direct support of the Battalion. The Huskies were effective in rice paddy terrain and were utilized as a floating LSA for 81mm mortar ammunition. The Huskies required little maintenance and were no problem to resupply with fuel.

4. Training.

a. During the month of April, 152 Marines were processed through indoctrination training prior to their deployment to the field.

b. Company E, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines completed a six day Regimental refresher training course.

c. Division and Higher Level school training was as follows:

Division Leadership School	12
Land-Mine Warfare, Demolition and Booby-Trap Training	18
Basic Infantry Weapons Repair School	1
Kit Carson Scout Orientation Course	1
Career Planning Orientation Course	2
Basic Organic Supply Accounting School	1
Registered Publication School	1

5. Logistics.

During the month of April, all resupply was made by helicopter from the LSA at An Hoa. There were no logistical problems encountered during the month of April.

6. Supply.

a. During the month of April, all crew-served weapons, individual weapons and communication equipment were technically inspected by LSU maintenance.

b. Due to the recent influx of med-evacs, lost weapons and new personnel, the contingency stock of rifles was depleted. However, a "walk through" requisition on 75 rifles eliminated this situation.

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c. The below listed supplies were received during the month of April alleviating a critical shortage.

(1)	Flak Jackets	300
(2)	Mimeograph Paper, reams	800
(3)	BA 505's	2,400
(4)	BA 399's	2,400

7. Motor Transport.

On 22 April, 5th Marines conducted a preliminary Command Material Management Inspection. Results were satisfactory.

One new M-37 truck was received through the exchange program.

During the month, twelve Marines completed a two day driver's orientation course and were issued operator's permits.

8. Medical.

The Battalion Aid Station consisted of two Medical Officers, one Chief Petty Officer and fifteen Hospital Corpsmen. One Medical Officer and three Hospital Corpsmen supported the Command Group in the field. Rifle companies were maintained at seven-eight Hospital Corpsmen.

One case of malaria was treated for this Battalion at the BAS.

Fourteen cases of venereal disease were seen this month. Ten of these were gonorrhea and four were chancroid.

Statistics.

	Total number of patients seen	864
A	Average number of patients seen per day	34

Routine Medical Complaints.

Gastroenteritis	46
Dermatological	81
Venereal Disease	14
Ear Disorders	39
Orthopedic	98

9. Communications.

During the month of April, field Communications continued to be reliable with some friendly interference caused by the change of frequencies and call signs the first of April.

During the month of April, PRC-88's were issued to Company F. The PRC-88's have been effective in control of small units.

A bunker is presently under construction that will contain the message center, switchboard and the Secret and Classified files. Permanent type electrical and communication wiring is presently being installed throughout the Battalion Area. The Battalion introduced a number system for the switchboard.

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During the month of April, 284 refugees from the Arizona Area were relocated in Thanh My and Go Chua refugee Hamlet. All refugees were given medical treatment and provided with food and clothing. On 14 April, the Battalion Commander and Sergeant Major distributed clothing to 800 Vietnamese in Go Chua Refugee Hamlet. A medical Civic Action Program was established on a continuing basis, along with a daily sick call.

During February 1969, a boy from Phu Da 1 was operated on to correct a cleft lip. The operation was successful and the boy returned home in April.

The below listed projects were constructed during April 1969:

Phu Da 2	24 homes repaired
	6 homes constructed
An Thanh Hamlet	6 homes repaired
Phu Da 1	7 homes constructed
	Philippine water toilets constructed
So Gap School	Well dug

The following items were distributed throughout the various villages during April 1969.

Cement	800 lbs
Soap	1,500 bars
Various Food Stuffs	1,300 lbs
Rice	400 lbs
Clothing	650 lbs

11. Psychological Operations.

During the month of April, movies were shown in Phu Da 1, Phu Da 2, and the Go Chua and Thanh My Refugee Hamlets. Hand leaflets and posters were distributed throughout the various villages.

12. Statistics of Equipment and Casualties.

a. Enemy Casualties.

NVA KIA	33
VC KIA	11
NVA POW	3
VC POW	1
VC Chieu Hoi's	4
NVA Chieu Hoi's	1

b. Weapons Captured.

12.7mm AA Heavy Machinegun	1
RPG-2 rocket launcher	1
AK-47 rifles	19
SKS rifles	4
M-16 rifles	3
K-44 rifles	5
AKM rifles	2



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c. Ordnance Captured.

82mm rounds	3
2.75 US rockets	175
LAAW	1
M-26 grenades	1
ChiCom grenades	17
M-16 rounds	140
AK-47 rounds	655
B-40 tail assemblies	2
Satchel charges	1

d. Field Equipment Captured.

M-60 machinegun tripod	1
12.7mm AA machinegun sight	1
M-16 magazines	10
AK-47 magazines	23
AK-47 magazine pouches	2
M-14 magazine pouches	2
.45 Caliber magazine pouch	1
81mm canister	1
57mm RR canisters	19
Binoculars	1
Binoculars case	1
US cartridge belt	2
Belt suspender straps	1
NVA belt	1
Belt buckle	1
NVA Canteens	6
NVA Packs	6
NVA Ponchos	132
NVA E-tools	1
NVA Hammocks	2
NVA Helmets	3
M-16 Rifle sling	1
NVA Canteen covers	2
NVA mosquito nets	1
First aid pouch	2
First Aid Kits	5
Pocket Knife	1
Battle Dressings	6
Lighter	1
Flashlight	1
Cooking Pots	2
Wallet	3
Razor Blades	31
Gauze, roll	2
Comb	1

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Photo Album	1
Towels	4
Shirts	20
Trousers	15
Handkerchief	2
Toothbrush	1
String, feet	12
Black Cloth, yards	200

e. Foodstuffs Captured.

Rice, lbs	3,200
Salt, lbs	10
Sugar, lbs	15
Canned fish, lbs	10

f. Booby Traps Found.

M-26 grenades	3
105mm	1
60mm	2
M-79	4

g. Booby Traps Detonated.

M-26 grenades	10
81mm	1

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Tab "A" Staff Journal for period 1 April through 30 April 1969.
- ✓ B Muskogee meadow After Action Report

2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3
 Operation: SEA AND CLEAR
 Journal

Date: 1 April 1969

(DTG) From 0001 to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal opened
0830H	2	S-3	A patrol from Company H at AT867527 received sporadic automatic weapons fire from a treeline at AT871533. An air observer was fired upon by two NVA fleeing North. Company H returned fire with artillery and the air observer fired 200 rounds at the enemy. Results: One NVA KIA.
1110H	3	S-3	A patrol from Company E at AT839482 received sporadic automatic AK-47 fire from four VC/NVA concealed in a treeline at AT837480. The patrol returned fire with small arms and artillery. Results: One USMC WIA Non-Evac.
2400H	4	S-3	Journal closed

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TAB "A" TO ENCLOSURE (1) 2nd BN 5th MAR, Command Chronology

2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3
 Operation: SEA AND CLEAR
 Journal

Date: 2 April 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
1330H	2	S-3	Company E at AT835495 received AK-47 and M-79 fire from AT833497. Company E returned fire with 81mm and artillery. Results: Two USMC WIA Non-Evac.
1510H	3	S-3	Company G moving to a new position at AT824507 received small arms and B-40 rocket fire from AT822503 and AT827500. Company G returned fire with small arms, 60mm, 81mm and artillery and searched the enemy positions. Results: Three USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac.
2400H	4	S-3	Journal closed

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2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3
 Operation SEARCH CLEAR
 Journal

Date: 3 April 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
1400H	2	S-3	A squad sized patrol from Company E was approach- ing a village and treeline at AT807465 when it received small arms fire from one VC firing from a hootch 25 meters to its front. The squad re- turned fire with small arms and M-79 and maneuvered into the village finding two VCKIA with weapons. Results: Two VC KIA and capture of one AK-47 rifle, one M-16 rifle, one M-26 grenade, two ChiCom grenades, six loaded M-16 magazines, two NVA uniforms, one US cartridge belt and miscel- laneous documents.
1945H	3	S-3	The Battalion Command Group at AT838493 received small arms, automatic weapons and M-79 fire from the northwest at AT833496. The Command Group returned fire with small arms, M-79 and 81mm. Results: Four USMC WIA Evac and two USMC WIA Non-Evac.
2400H	4	S-3	Journal closed

2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3
 Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW
 Journal

Date: 7 April 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0800H	2	S-3	The 106mm Recoilless Rifle platoon apprehended one Vietnamese male and one female at AT842491. One Vietnamese was later classified a civil defendant and the other an innocent civilian. Results: Capture of one civil defendant.
1200H	3	S-3	While on sweep at AT831507, a Marine from Company H detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: Two USMC WIA Non-Evac.
1215H	4	S-3	A Marine from the Battalion Command Group at AT843492 found one K-44 rifle partially buried in a bomb crater. Results: Capture of one K-44 rifle.
1855H	5	S-3	While moving into an ambush site at AT852492, Third Platoon, Company G observed one Vietnamese male. The unit approached the male and the man ran. Company G opened fire with small arms. Results: One VC/NVA KIA
2400H	6	S-3	Journal closed

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 Operation MUSKOGEE SHADOW
 Journal

Date: 9 April 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0745H	2	S-3	On a sweep at AT870520, Company G observed five NVA moving North at AT869524. As Company G reacted with small arms, 81mm and artillery, a Marine detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: Three USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac.
1340H	3	S-3	Sweeping southwest at AT872499, Second Platoon, Company G received 20 rounds enemy small arms fire from a treeline to the northeast. The unit returned fire with small arms, 60mm and artillery and assaulted through the enemy position. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.
1715H	4	S-3	While returning from a patrol at AT837463, a Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: One USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac.
1725H	5	S-3	A Marine on patrol from Company G detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT856485. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.
2400H	6	S-3	Journal closed

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 Operation MUSKOGEE SHADOW
 Journal

Date: 12 April 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0930H	2	S-3	While on sweep at AT870515, a Marine from Company H detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: One USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac.
0950H	3	S-3	While in night defensive positions at AT854517, Company G observed one VC/NVA carrying a weapon moving with civilians from East to West. Company G opened fire with automatic weapons, 60mm and artillery and assaulted the area. Results: One VC/NVA KIA.
1100H	4	S-3	While in a security perimeter for a medical evacuation at AT870517, a Marine from Company H detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: One USMC KIA.
1410H	5	S-3	A Marine from Company H on sweep at AT873514 detonated a booby trapped 81mm round hidden in brush and high grass with trip wire across the trail. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.
2400H	6	S-3	Journal closed

2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3
 Operation MUSKOGEE SHADOW
 Journal

Date: 13 April 1969
 (DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
1045H	2	S-3	Company E sweeping at AT833546 received accurate automatic weapons fire from three to four enemy 400 meters to the southeast at AT836541 and AT833547. Company E returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, 60mm, 81mm and artillery and secured the enemy positions. In preparation fires for further maneuvers to the east, one erratic artillery round wounded one man. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.
1100H,	3	S-3	The point elements of First Platoon, Company G at AT852544, came under fire from an estimated NVA platoon 20 to 30 meters to the north. Company G returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, 60mm, 81mm and artillery and made an assault. Results: One USMC KIA, two USMC WIA Evac and two NVA KIA.
1101H	4	S-3	On a sweep at AT862537, First Platoon, Company H observed approximately four NVA 200 meters to the northwest at AT860542. Firing small arms, Company H assaulted the enemy blocking the enemy routes of withdrawal with 60mm and artillery. After the First Platoon had seized the southern most bunkers, Third Platoon, Company H assaulted from the East.

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2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3
 Operation MUSKADOW
 Journal

Date: 13 April 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
			As the Third Platoon closed the cordon, enemy resistance stiffened, and the Company H units drew back 200 meters to call in artillery. Results: One USMC KIA, three USMC WIA Evac, four USMC WIA Non-Evac, six NVA KIA and capture of one AK-47, one M-16, two SKS rifles, four ChiCom grenades, three AK-47 magazines, three first aid kits, 300 rounds AK-47 ammunition and assorted medical and personal equipment.
1600H	5	S-3	After prepping suspected enemy positions at AT844545, Company E at AT841545, received intense automatic weapons and light machinegun fire from an enemy force concealed in bunkers, trenchlines and treelines. Company E assaulted and secured the enemy position. As Company E was searching the enemy positions, they received additional small arms fire. Second Platoon, Company G moved into a blocking position and called in fixed wing and artillery missions on the enemy. Results: Eleven USMC WIA Evac and capture of one AK-47 rifle.
1745H	6	S-3	The Second Platoon, Company H moving to night positions at AT857545, received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an estimated enemy platoon to the west. The unit returned fire with

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MUSKOGEE MEADOW
Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
			small arms, 60mm and artillery. Results: Two
			USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac.
2045H	7	S-3	A fire team listening post from Company G at
			AT854518 received 15 to 20 rounds small arms fire
			and two LAAW's from 300 meters to the South.
			One USMC WIA Non-Evac.
2400H	8	S-3	Journal closed

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14 April 1969

Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW
Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0700H	2	S-3	Searching enemy positions of previous evening's contact (Reference Spot Report DTG 131600H), Company E found two dead NVA, two AK-47 rifles and one K-44 rifle, and various equipment. Results: Two NVA KIA and capture of two AK-47 rifles, one K-44 rifle, fifteen ChiCom grenades, two AK-47 magazines, 100 rounds AK-47, one RPG-2 rocket launcher, two B-40 rounds and three B-40 boosters.
0800H	3	S-3	A patrol from Company H at AT860543, found one dismembered VC/NVA body recently killed by artillery. Results: One VC/NVA KBA.
1300H	4	S-3	Marines searching the area around the Battalion Command Group at AT857519, found two graves approximately one month old containing three bodies. Results: Three VC/NVA discovered.
1310H	5	S-3	A patrol from Company H at AT863546, received sniper fire from 500 meters to the northeast. Company H returned fire with small arms and artillery. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.
1500H	6	S-3	An Air Observer under control of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines observed 40 to 50 VC/NVA moving south in the areas of AT8752, AT8852, and AT8751. The AO directed artillery fire on the enemy. Results:

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Date: 14 April 1969

Operation MUSKOGEE WINDOW
Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
			Three VC/NVA KBA.
1530H	7	S-3	A Marine from Company E at AT858548 detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.
1612H,	8	S-3	Third Platoon, Company G observed two NVA with weapons moving from the south toward the units position. The enemy was within 30 meters of the platoon when the unit opened fire with small arms and automatic weapons. Results: Two NVA KIA and capture of two AK-47 rifles, one pack, miscellaneous documents and personal gear.
1650H	9	S-3	An artillery forward observer with Company G at AT884523 observed three NVA in a treeline at AT884520. Company G opened fire with small arms, automatic weapons, 60mm and artillery. Results: One NVA KIA.
1800H	10	S-3	The Battalion Command Group at AT856519 observed seven VC/NVA 600 meters to the north moving west. The Command Group fired seven rounds 106mm at the enemy. Results: Two NVA KIA.
2210H	11	S-3	The Battalion Command Group received incoming 82mm, B-40, automatic small arms fire and hand grenades from AT852527, AT862517 and AT853515. The Battalion Command Group returned fire with

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DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
			small arms, 60mm, 81mm, artillery and 106mm.
			Results: Three USMC WIA Non-Evac.
2400H	12	S-3	Journal closed

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 Journal

Date: 15 April 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
1030H	2	S-3	Second Platoon, Company E observed one NVA 300 meters to the East. Company E opened fire with small arms and killed the enemy. As the unit swept the area, they received small arms fire from an unknown enemy position. Attempting to move to the landing zone for a medical evacuation, the unit received automatic weapons fire, again from an unknown enemy position. The unit secured the landing zone, but as the helicopter took off, it received automatic and light machine-gun fire. On each incident, Company E returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, 60mm, 81mm and artillery. Results: One USMC WIA Evac, one NVA KIA and capture of one AK-47 rifle, one NVA pack, one pair NVA binoculars, one AK-47 magazine and documents.
1830H.	3	S-3	A squad sized ambush from Company E at AT862543, observed 10 to 12 NVA 75 to 100 meters to the northwest. The enemy opened fire with 200 rounds AK-47 and six ChiCom grenades. The ambush returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, M-79 and returned to the company patrol base to call in artillery. Results: Four USMC WIA Non-Evac

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Date: 15 April 1969

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(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
			and two NVA KIA.
2130H	4	S-3	The Battalion Command Group and Company G in night defensive positions at AT859519 received small arms, automatic weapons, 82mm and hand grenades from an undetermined enemy force at AT852527 and AT862521. Friendly units returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, 81mm and artillery. Results: Two USMC WIA Non-Evac.
2400H	5	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 16 April 1969
 (DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
2230H	2	S-3	A Company H ambush at AT863504, observed four VC/NVA 800 meters to the southwest at AT864505. The ambush opened fire with M-60 and small arms and swept the area finding two blood trails, three 80 pound bags of husked rice, two plastic bags containing eight sets of new civilian clothing, sleeping gear, toilet articles, three small portions of cooked rice, two battle dressings, medical gear, mess gear and miscellaneous documents. While Company H was searching the enemy positions, they received small arms and automatic weapons, small arms and artillery. A search of that enemy position revealed one VC KIA, one AK-47 rifle and an NVA pack containing three gallons of soybean oil, one bag salt, one AK-47 magazines and 30 rounds AK-47. Results: One VC KIA, one USMC WIA Non-Evac and capture of one AK-47 rifle and the above listed equipment.
2400H	3	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 17 April 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened.
1015H	2	S-3	Company G at AT825501 received incoming 60mm, B-40, small arms, and automatic weapons fire from 300 to 500 meters to the southwest. Company G returned fire with small arms, 60mm and artillery. Results: One USMC KIA, four USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac.
1730H	3	S-3	A Company H patrol screening for resupply helicopters, received approximately 20 rounds automatic weapons fire from 300 meters to the south. Company H returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, 60mm, 81mm and artillery. The enemy broke contact and fled south. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.
2400H	4	S-3	Journal closed.

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(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
1115H	2	S-3	On a sweep at AT806478, a platoon from Company H found one wounded NVA. Results: One NVA POW.
2010H	3	S-3	A Marine in a squad size ambush from Company G detonated a booby trapped 81mm round with pressure detonation at AT825496. Results: Two USMC KIA and three USMC WIA Evac.
2400H	4	S-3	Journal closed

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 Journal

Date: 19 April 1969
 (DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
1020H	2	S-3	A platoon from Company F at AT841495, received 35 rounds small arms fire from AT829498. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.
2400H	3	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 20 April 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

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

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Date: 21 April 1969
(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0002H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0730H	2	S-3	A Marine from Company H at AT837471 detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: Three USMC WIA Evac.
2400H	3	S-3	Journal closed

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 Journal

: 22 April 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
1455H	2	S-3	A Marine on patrol from Company F detonated an anti-personnel mine with pressure detonation at AT866514. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.
1655H	3	S-3	A Marine on patrol from Company F detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT846496. Results: One USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac.
1915H	4	S-3	In ambush at AT814527, a platoon from Company G observed an unknown size enemy unit 75 meters to its front. The ambush opened fire with small arms and automatic weapons. Results: One VC/NVA KIA and capture of one AK-47 rifle.
2400H	5	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 24 April 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER. NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0600H	2	S-3	Third Platoon, Company G at AT819531 observed one NVA with pack moving from North to South. The platoon opened fire with small arms and searched the area. Results: One NVA POW and capture of one NVA pack, one ChiCom grenade and miscellaneous documents.
1515H	3	S-3	Company G sweeping East at AT868817, received small arms fire from an undetermined enemy force 200 meters to the southeast. Company G returned fire with small arms, 81mm and artillery and assaulted through the enemy position. Results: One USMC WIA Evac, three NVA KIA and capture of one AK-47 rifle, one AK-50 rifle, nine 60mm rounds, six ChiCom grenades, eight AK-47 magazines, one M-60 tripod and miscellaneous documents and personal equipment.
1745H	4	S-3	A Marine on patrol from Company F detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT826488. Results: One USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac.
2400H	5	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 25 April 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0320H	2	S-3	A squad size ambush from Company H at AT832470, opened fire on four VC/NVA 20 meters to the East with small arms and M-79. The enemy returned fire with small arms and ChiCom grenades forcing the ambush to withdraw. Fire missions of 60mm mortars and 81mm mortars were called on the enemy positions. Results: One USMC KIA three USMC WIA Evac and capture of four ChiCom grenades.
1100H	3	S-3	On patrol at AT849485, First Platoon, Company H observed two VC with weapons moving southeast at AT853483. The unit opened fire with small arms and 3.5 inch rockets and searched the area. Results: One VC KIA.
1300H	4	S-3	Company F on sweep at AT844497, observed eight VC/NVA with weapons moving into a treeline to the northeast at AT840502. Company F opened fire with tanks and assaulted the area finding bodies, weapons and one Chieu Hoi. Results: Eight VC KIA, one Chieu Hoi, one SKS rifle, one AK-47 rifle, bag of rice, one AK-47 magazine, two ChiCom grenades, seven M-79 rounds, two Cartridge belts, one M-26 grenade, three pens, writing paper, medical supplies, one wallet and various clothing.

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Date: 25 April 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
2110H	5	S-3	First Platoon, Company G at AT819531 observed one VC with pack moving North to South 20 meters to the front. Company G opened fire with small arms.
			Results: One NVA KIA and capture of one pack.
2400H	6	S-3	Journal closed

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(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0400H	2	S-3	Company H in night defensive positions at AT822472, received small arms fire, 20 to 25 ChiCom grenades, 20 to 25 60mm mortars and a ground attack by 30 to 40 VC and NVA. Company H reacted with small arms, 81mm and artillery. Results: Seven USMC WIA Evac, five USMC WIA Non-Evac, two VC KIA, four NVA KIA and capture of one AK-47 rifle, four AK-47 magazines, six ChiCom grenades, two concussion grenades and miscellaneous equipment.
1200H	3	S-3	An Aerial Observer working with the Battalion, directed air strikes on structures, treelines and enemy in the vicinity of AT825477. Results: One VC/NVA KIA.
1405H	4	S-3	An Aerial Observer working with the Battalion observed two VC/NVA with weapons at AT861520. The AO fired rockets and M-60 machineguns at the enemy. Results: Two VC/NVA KBA.
2400H	5	S-3	Journal closed

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Date: 28 April 1969
 (DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	New Journal opened
0300H	2	S-3	A squad size ambush from Company H at AT824466 received B-40, small arms and grenade fire from an undetermined enemy force at AT824465. The ambush reacted with small arms, grenades, 60mm and artillery. Results: Two USMC KIA, one USMC WIA Evac, five USMC WIA NON-Evac and one VC/NVA KIA.
0500H	3	S-3	The Battalion Command Group and Company G in night defensive positions at AT818484 received small arms, 60mm, and B-40 rocket fire and ChiCom grenades from undetermined enemy forces at AT822484, AT819487 and AT814485. The Command Group and Company G returned fire with small arms, 106mm, 60mm, 81mm, artillery and 90mm. Results: Three USMC WIA Evac, four NVA KIA and capture of two AK-50 rifles, two AK-47 rifles, three ChiCom grenades and miscellaneous clothing.
0545H	4	S-3	The Battalion Command Group at AT818481 observed one NVA running into a bunker at AT821479. Tanks fired one HE delay round and one round canister. A search of the area produced one NVA KIA. Results: One NVA KIA.
1445H	5	S-3	On sweep at AT820469, Company H found one NVA body killed by a claymore and had been dead for 24 hours.

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(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
			Results: One NVA KIA.
2010H	6	S-3	Moving to an ambush site at AT604515, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: One USMC WIA Non-Evac.
2400H	7	S-3	Journal closed

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1. Code Name. Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW
2. Dates. 070800H to 202400H April 1969
3. Location. Duc Duc District, Quang Nam Province, Republic of VietNam
4. Control or Command Headquarters.

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5. Task Organization.

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6. Supporting Arms.a. Fire Support.

(1) Battery K, 4th Battalion, 13th Marines and Batteries from the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines were in general support of the Battalion and provided close and continuous fire support for Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW.

(2) All fire missions within the Battalion's Area of Operations were under positive control of a forward observer; danger close missions 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) There was a total of forty-three (43) tactical air missions flown in support of the Battalion during the operation. Twenty-five (25) of these flights were controlled by means of an A6A Beacon.

(3) CH-46 Helicopters were utilized for medical evacuations, passenger lifts and supply lifts.

7. Intelligence.

a. As reported by S-2, 5th Marine Regiment, the 31st NVA Battalion was located in the vicinity of AT845535. In addition, three VC squads of the Loc Thanh Village Force (AKA A-70) were reported by two VC Chicou Hoi's on 10 April 1969 as being in the vicinity of AT849502, AT832503 and AT851505.

b. The enemy avoided any significant contact for the first few days of the operation. During the period 11 to 16 April, the Battalion made heavy contact with NVA forces in the vicinity of ~~AT8554~~. From 17 to 20 April the Battalion moved southwest in the vicinity of AT8345 and encountered light enemy resistance.

c. The Battalion encountered thirteen (13) surprise firing devices.

d. The terrain in the Battalion Area of Operations consisted of rice paddies with small areas of high ground covered with shrubs and treelines.

8. Mission.

To provide security for Vietnamese workers harvesting rice during daylight hours in southern portion of the Arizona area (vicinity AT8448). Assist in transportation and security of harvested rice.

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a. At H-Hour on D-Day screening positions were established with three companies on the North, East and West flanks of AT8448 to prevent enemy infiltration and harassment to the rice harvesters.

b. On D plus four, the Battalion moved Northwest and conducted a search and clear operation in the vicinity of AT8655. On D plus nine, the Battalion returned to the vicinity of AT8448.

10. Execution.

At 070800H, the 106mm Recoilless Rifle platoon apprehended one Vietnamese male and one female at AT842491. One Vietnamese was later classified a civil defendant.

At 071200H, while on sweep at AT831507, a Marine from Company H detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: Two USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 071215H, a Marine from the Battalion Command Group at AT843492 found one K-44 rifle partially buried in a bomb crater. Results: Capture of one K-44 rifle.

At 071855H, while moving into an ambush site at AT852492, Third Platoon, Company G observed one Vietnamese male. The unit approached the male and the male ran. Company G opened fire with small arms. Results: One VC/NVA KIA.

At 090745H, on a sweep at AT870520, Company G observed five NVA moving North at AT869524. As Company G reacted with small arms, 81mm and artillery, a Marine detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: Three USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 091340H, sweeping southwest at AT872499, Second Platoon, Company G received 20 rounds enemy small arms fire from a treeline to the northeast. The unit returned fire with small arms, 60mm and artillery and assaulted through the enemy position. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.

At 091715H, while returning from a patrol at AT837463, a Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: One USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 091725H, a Marine on patrol from Company G detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire at AT856485. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.

At 100900H, while on patrol at AT822492, Third Platoon, Company H received AK-47 and M-79 fire from seven VC/NVA in a treeline to their North. Company H returned fire with 60mm, 81mm and 106mm and assaulted the enemy position at AT822495. Results: Two USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 101645H, two VC/NVA approached a Company H observation post and surrendered themselves and their weapons. Results: Two VC/NVA Chieu Hoi's and capture of one AK-47 rifle and one M-16 rifle.

At 110850H, sweeping through a village at AT856503, Company G apprehended one Vietnamese Civil Defendant. Results: Capture of one Civil Defendant.

At 111630H, while escorting M16 Huskies across the Tinh Yen River at AT846475, First Platoon, Company E received small arms fire from a treeline 300 meters northwest of their position. Company E returned small arms fire. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.

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At 120930H, while on sweep at AT870515, a Marine from Company H detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: One USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 120950H, while in night defensive positions at AT854517, Company G observed one VC/NVA carrying a weapon moving with civilians from East to West. Company G opened fire with automatic weapons, 60mm and artillery and assaulted the area. Results: One VC/NVA KIA.

At 121100H, while in a security perimeter for a medical evacuation at AT870517, a Marine from Company H detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: One USMC KIA.

At 121410H, a Marine from Company H on sweep at AT873514 detonated a booby trapped 81mm round hidden in brush and high grass with trip wire across the trail. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.

At 131045H, Company E sweeping at AT833546 received accurate automatic weapons fire from three to four enemy 400 meters to the southeast at AT836541 and AT833547. Company E returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, 60mm, 81mm and artillery and secured the enemy positions. In preparation fires for further maneuvers to the east, one erratic artillery round wounded one man. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.

At 131100H, the point elements of First Platoon, Company G at AT852544, came under fire from an estimated NVA platoon 20 to 30 meters to the north. Company G returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, 60mm, 81mm and artillery and made an assault. Results: One USMC KIA, two USMC WIA Evac and two NVA KIA.

At 131101H, on a sweep at AT862537, First Platoon, Company H observed approximately four NVA 200 meters to the northwest at AT860542. Firing small arms, Company H assaulted the enemy blocking the enemy routes of withdrawal with 60mm and artillery. After the First Platoon had seized the southern most bunkers, Third Platoon, Company H assaulted from the East. As the Third Platoon closed the cordon, enemy resistance stiffened, and the Company H units drew back 200 meters to call in artillery. Results: One USMC KIA, three USMC WIA Evac, four USMC WIA Non-Evac, six NVA KIA and capture of one AK-47 rifle, one M-16 rifle, two SKS rifles, four ChiCom grenades, three AK-47 magazines, three first aid kits, 300 rounds AK-47 and assorted medical and personal equipment.

At 131600H, after prepping suspected enemy positions at AT844545, Company E at AT841545, received intense automatic weapons and light machinegun fire from an enemy force concealed in bunkers, trenchlines and treelines. Company E assaulted and secured the enemy position. As Company E was searching the enemy positions, they received additional small arms fire. Second Platoon, Company G moved into a blocking position and called in fixed wing and artillery missions on the enemy. Results: Eleven USMC WIA Evac and capture of one AK-47 rifle.

At 131745H, the Second Platoon, Company H moving to night positions at AT857545, received small arms and automatic weapons fire from an estimated enemy platoon to the west. The unit returned fire with small arms, 60mm and artillery. Results: Two USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 132045H, a fire team listening post from Company G at AT854518 received 15 to 20 rounds small arms fire from 300 meters to the South. Results: One USMC WIA Non-Evac.

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At 140700H, searching enemy positions of previous evening's contact (Reference Spot Report DTG 131600H), Company E found two dead NVA, two AK-47 rifles and one K-44 rifle, and various equipment. Results: Two NVA KIA and capture of two AK-47 rifles, one K-44 rifle, fifteen ChiCom grenades, two AK-47 magazines, 100 rounds AK-47, one RPG-2 rocket launcher, two B-40 rounds and three B-40 boosters.

At 140800H, a patrol from Company H at AT860543, found one dismembered VC/NVA body recently killed by artillery. Results: One VC/NVA KBA.

At 141300H, Marines searching the area around the Battalion Command Group at AT857519, found two graves approximately one month old containing three bodies. Results: Three VC/NVA discovered.

At 141310H, a patrol from Company H at AT863546, received sniper fire from 500 meters to the northeast. Company H returned fire with small arms and artillery. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.

At 141500H, an Air Observer under control of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines observed 40 to 50 VC/NVA moving south in the areas of AT8752, AT8852 and AT8751. The AO directed artillery fire on the enemy. Results: Three VC/NVA KBA.

At 141530H, a Marine from Company E at AT858548 detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.

At 141612H, Third Platoon, Company G observed two NVA with weapons moving from the south toward the unit's position. The enemy was within 30 meters of the platoon when the unit opened fire with small arms and automatic weapons. Results: Two NVA KIA and capture of two AK-47 rifles, one pack, miscellaneous documents and personal equipment.

At 141650H, an artillery forward observer with Company G at AT881523 observed three NVA in a tree line at AT884520. Company G opened fire with small arms, automatic weapons, 60mm and artillery. Results: One NVA KIA.

At 141800H, the Battalion Command Group at AT856519 observed seven VC/NVA 600 meters to the north moving west. The Command Group fired seven rounds 106mm at the enemy. Results: Two NVA KIA.

At 142210H, the Battalion Command Group received incoming 82mm, B-40, automatic small arms fire and hand grenades from AT852527, AT862517 and AT853515. The Battalion Command Group returned fire with small arms, 60mm, 81mm, artillery and 106mm. Results: Three USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 151030H, Second Platoon, Company E observed one NVA 300 meters to the East. Company E opened fire with small arms and killed the enemy. As the unit swept the area, they received small arms fire from an unknown enemy position. Attempting to move to the landing zone for a medical evacuation, the unit received automatic weapons fire, again from an unknown enemy position. The unit secured the landing zone, but as the helicopter took off, it received automatic and light machinegun fire. On each incident, Company E returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, 60mm, 81mm and artillery. Results: One USMC WIA Evac, one NVA KIA and capture of one AK-47 rifle, one NVA pack, one pair NVA binoculars, one AK-47 magazine and documents.

At 151830H, a squad sized ambush from Company E at AT862543, observed 10 to 12 NVA 75 to 100 meters to the northwest. The enemy opened fire with 200 rounds AK-47 and six ChiCom grenades. The ambush returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, M-79 and returned to the company patrol base to call in artillery. Results: Four USMC WIA Non-Evac and two NVA KIA.

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At 152130H, the Battalion Command Group and Company G in night defensive positions at AT859519 received small arms, automatic weapons, 82mm and hand grenades from an undetermined enemy force at AT852527 and AT862521. Friendly units returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, 81mm and artillery. Results: Two USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 162230H, a Company H ambush at AT863504, observed four VC/NVA 800 meters to the southwest at AT864505. The ambush opened fire with M-60 and small arms and swept the area finding two blood trails, three 80 pound bags of husked rice, two plastic bags containing eight sets of new civilian clothing, sleeping equipment, mess gear and miscellaneous documents. While Company H was searching the enemy positions, they received small arms and automatic weapons fire from 100 meters to the north. Company H returned fire with automatic weapons, small arms and artillery. A search of that enemy position revealed one VC KIA, one AK-47 rifle and an NVA pack containing three gallons of soybean oil, one bag salt, one AK-47 magazine and 30 rounds AK-47. Results: One VC KIA, one USMC WIA Non-Evac and capture of one AK-47 rifle and the above listed equipment.

At 171015H, Company G at AT825501 received incoming 60mm, B-40, small arms and automatic weapons fire from 300 to 500 meters to the southwest. Company G returned fire with small arms, 60mm and artillery. Results: One USMC KIA, four USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac.

At 171730H, a Company H patrol screening for resupply helicopters, received approximately 20 rounds automatic weapons fire from 300 meters to the south. Company H returned fire with small arms, automatic weapons, 60mm, 81mm and artillery. The enemy broke contact and fled south. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.

At 181115H, on a sweep at AT806478, a platoon from Company H found one wounded NVA. Results: One NVA POW.

At 182010H, a Marine in a squad size ambush from Company G detonated a booby trapped 81mm round with pressure detonation at AT825496. Results: Two USMC KIA and three USMC WIA Evac.

At 191020H, a platoon from Company F at AT841495, received 35 rounds small arms fire from AT829498. Results: One USMC WIA Evac.

11. Results.

a. Enemy Casualties.

VC KIA	2
NVA KIA	21

b. Friendly Casualties.

USMC KIA	6
USMC WIA Evac	44
USMC WIA Non-Evac	21

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c. Weapons Captured.

AK-47 rifles	5
SKS rifles	2
K-44 rifles	2
M-16 rifles	2
12.7mm machinegun	1

d. Ordnance Captured.

M-26 grenades	1
ChiCom grenades	4
82mm rounds	3
LAAWS	1

e. Food Stuffs Captured.

Rice, pounds	1,500
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f. Booby Trapped Ordnance Detonated.

M-26 grenades	5
81mm mortars	1

g. Booby Trapped Ordnance Destroyed.

60mm mortars	2
105mm mortars	1
M-79 rounds	4

12. Administration and Logistics.a. Supply.

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

(2) Two (2) M116 Huskies were used to transport 106's and retrograde excess equipment, increasing the mobility of the Battalion Command Group.

b. Treatment of Casualties and Hospitalization.

There were no significant problems encountered during Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW.

c. Transportation.

Transportation of personnel and equipment to and from the AO was accomplished by helicopter.

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d. Communications.

(1) Communications were considered outstanding throughout the operation with minor interference caused by a monthly change-over of frequencies.

(2) Two companies employed the squad radio (PRC-88), 30 to a company. The PRC-88 proved to be of value in controlling small units.

13. Commander's Analysis.

Initially, the Battalion was assigned an area of operations in the southern portion of the Arizona area with a two fold mission: (1) rice denial (2) find, fix and destroy enemy forces located primarily near large village complexes.

Vietnamese workers from the Duc Duc district were used to harvest the rice. Of the approximately five tons of rice collected, a large portion was already harvested and hidden in the villages prior to the operation. Villagers were often mistreated by the National Police. Food products other than rice and grain were taken and in some instances, money was extorted from the villagers. When these actions were discovered, the food and money were returned, and the National Police were returned to Duc Duc District Headquarters.

The secondary mission of fixing and destroying the enemy was marked by heavy contact with NVA forces in the northern portion of the Arizona area. These forces were well trained and well equipped. Light contact was encountered in the southern portion of the Arizona area.

14. Recommendations.

Rice denial operations should have been started three weeks earlier.

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