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1. The enclosed Command Chronology of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines is forwarded to be included as tab (21) to appendix (a) to enclosure (1) of the 1st Marine Division Command Chronology for October 1966.
2. Operational commitments prevented its inclusion when the Division Command Chronology was submitted.

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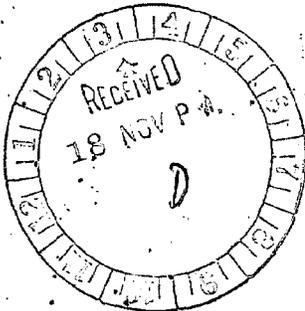
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(c) RegtO 5750.1A

Encl: (1) Organizational Data and Sequential Listing of Significant Events
From 1-31 October 1966

1. In accordance with reference (a) through (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMANDER'S NARRATIVE SUMMARY

a. The assigned mission of 2/5 during the early phase of employment in Operation PRAIRIE was "Reconnaissance in Force". Subsequent to 9 October 1966, the Battalion has operated from a patrol base located 3,000 meters from the western boundary and 4,000 meters from the northern boundary of the DMZ. Aggressive combat patrolling and ambushing dominated this phase of the months operation.

With a battery of 105mm Howitzers and two platoons of tanks attached at this forward location, it was necessary to maintain and operate out of a patrol base.

b. Normally, two Companies and a Battalion Command Group operate daily in the field at distances up to 5,000 meters, which permits complete coverage of the assigned TAO. Company and Company-minus size night ambushes have also produced gratifying results.

By rotating companies, every third day each company is at the patrol base, allowing continuous work on the perimeter, security for the camp and artillery, plus the conservation of the strength of the Battalion.

c. Almost daily contact with the enemy has produced a high degree of combat efficiency on the Company level and among the Companies working in a coordinated effort.

d. Outstanding supporting arms have been available throughout the month and maximum utilization has been employed. Fixed-wing aircraft support and Naval gun fire have played an important part in enemy encounters as well as providing defensive fires.

Summary, this Battalion has high morale and continues to demonstrate eagerness to close with the enemy. Replacements and wounded returning to duty have more than kept pace with losses for all reasons. The health of the Command is excellent.

Noteworthy is the performance of squad leaders, some of whom were recently promoted and assigned as squad leaders. Leadership on the squad and platoon level is a matter of continuing surveillance in this Command. The Battalion is facing its assignment with confidence and has no substantial problems at the present time.

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SECTION I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. LOCATION DURING REPORTING PERIOD

- a. Dong Ha, Vietnam 2ndBn, 5thMar(-) 1-31 October 1966
- b. Chu Lai, Vietnam 2ndBn, 5thMar(Rear) 1-31 October 1966

2. PERIOD COVERED BY REPORT

- a. 1 October - 31 October 1966

3. COMMANDER STAFF AND PRINCIPAL SUBORDINATES

<u>BILLET</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
Commanding Officer	Maj L E WOOD	1-31 October 1966
	LtCol W G AIRHEART	1-31 October 1966
Executive Officer	Capt R D HUGHES	
S-1	1stLt J J COWART	
S-2	Capt R L HEMENEZ	
S-3	Maj J L COOPER	
S-4	Capt J J ICEBERTY	
Communications Officer	Capt J L KEILLY	
Supply Officer	1stLt P L LUFKIN	
CO H&S Company	Capt A J BOCUFFI	
CO Company E	1stLt T J EBBERT	
CO Company F	Capt G S BURGETT	
CO Company G	Capt J M GRUMER	
CO Company H	1stLt J J KIRSCHKE	1-31 October 1966
	Capt J A GETCHELL	1-31 October 1966

SECTION II - S-1

1. PERSONNEL

- a. Average monthly strength. Task organization was as shown below during the period:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
H&S Co	18	313	3	48
CoE	3	183		
CoF	4	183		
CoG	3	185		
CoH	4	174		

b. Casualties:

<u>BATTLE</u>				<u>NON-BATTLE</u>			
<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Serious</u>	<u>Non-Serious</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Total</u>
22	137	2	0	2	41		182
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c. The following personnel joined during the period covered:

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Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
10	123	0	2		

d. The following number of personnel were transferred during the period covered:

USMC		USN	
Off	Enl	Off	Enl
3	33	0	0

(1) Although the preceding indicates relative stability during the period covered, chargeable strengths fluctuated greatly due to the number of casualties, most of which occurred during the early portion of the reporting period. During this period, the battalion joined 5 Lt's 1302 and 1 Lt 1802 for assignment in a O302 billet. This transfer helped in a small measure to alleviate the critical shortage of Lt's O302, but at this time, 4 of these officers are not yet ready to assume the duties of a Rifle Platoon Commander. Critical shortages are as follows: 1 Capt O302, 5 Lt's O302, 1 Lt 6707, 6 Sgt, 17 Cpl and 4 LCpl O331; 1 LCpl, 4 Pvt/PFC 2511, 11 Pvt/PFC 2531, 1 Cpl 2541; 2 Cpl, 1 Pvt/PFC 3041, 3 LCpl 3371.

e. Problem areas

(1) Lack of experienced NCO's to fill key billets continues to be the most critical problem.

(2) Acute shortage of administrative supplies continues to hamper administrative efficiency.

(3) This organization still has 230 chargeable personnel on rolls with February 1967 Rotation Tour Dates. A pending transfer of 68 Corporals and below, MOS 0311 with February RTD will reduce the balance to 162. The majority of these personnel are in H&S Company, in specialist MOS's. For example in February the Communications section, which is already critically short, will lose 35 personnel. The Mess section will lose 14 personnel, the Motor Transport section will lose 7 and the Battalion Supply section 7 personnel. These are all losses which the battalion can ill afford, especially during one month.

f. Discipline, Law and Order

(1) Courts Martials Tried: 1 Pending: 5

(2) Non-judicial punishment

(a) By Battalion Commander 0

(b) By Company Commander 3

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g. Morale, PX and Postal Services

(1) Morale is good. Troops are tired from continuous living in the field for the past 28 days and constant combat operations but overall morale is still good.

(2) PX service during the period was good.

(3) Postal service has been less than adequate. Mail forwarded from the rear to the forward elements was delayed for excessive periods of time. On several occasions mail received was wet. Rough handling of package mail has caused the contents of numerous packages to be lost or broken. Reworked mail, readdressed and forwarded to Division Postal has been returned on numerous occasions because Division Postal had not worked the PAR on which individuals had been dropped.

h. Chaplains Activities

(1) During the period covered by this report Chaplain E F KANE provided religious services in the field to members of this battalion's forward elements. Chaplain KANE continued to provide moral guidance, and religious support to members in the field until he was critically wounded by enemy sniper fire on 27 October 1966. Chaplain KANE's warm smile and comforting hand will be keenly missed.

(2) On 27 October 1966, Chaplain C J MECHAN joined the battalion in the field and provided religious services throughout the remainder of the period.

(3) Due to Chaplain KANE's evacuation, no record of the number of services conducted is available for submission with this report.

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Intelligence:

1. General: Intelligence was received from 3rd Marine Division, 5th Marine Regiment and CIT, ITT units with the 3rd Marine Division.

2. Reports: Reports were submitted by spot report, Intelligence summary, and briefings.

3. Misc: A. Several background investigations and national agency checks were submitted.

B. Scout teams were attached to three rifle companies during the month of October 1966.

Enemy Equipment and Personnel Losses1. Casualties:

KIA 89 (Conf)	WIA 17 (Conf)	Captive 1 (NVA) WIA
KIA 36 (Prob)	WIA 13 (Prob)	VCS 9

2. Weapons:

SG-43 Machine Gun	1
RPD Machine Gun	12
MAT-49 SMG	1
AK-47 Assault Rifle	25
SKS Assault Carbine	9
RPG-2 Rocket Launcher	22
German Mauser Rifle	1
Hand Grenades (Potato Masher)	64

3. Ammunition Destroyed

7.62Cal Chicom/Russ	7,710 rounds
.30Cal Chicom	750 rounds
RPG-2	115 rounds
82mm Mortar	12 rounds

4. Medical Equipment

Medical Kits	5
Dental Kits	1

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SECTION IV

General.

During the month of October the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) participated in Operation Prairie OPCON to the 3rd Marine Division, Northern I Corps area South Vietnam.

As of 312400H October 1966 the battalion continues to operate in the field minus Co. "E" remaining in the Chu Lai Combat Base OPCON to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

At 030130H Oct 1966, Major L.E. WOOD Commanding Officer 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines was wounded in action during an enemy mortar attack on the Battalion CP perimeter defense and evacuated. Capt. J. COOPER, Battalion S-3 assumed command until 021800H October 1966, when Lt Colonel W.C. AIRHEART became the Battalion Commander.

A chronological sequence of events outlining the Battalions course of action during the month of October follows.

CHRONOLOGICAL SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

On 29 September 1966, the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines were alerted for deployment to Dong Ha Vietnam. On 30 September 1966, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) including companies F,G,H and Battalion Command Group commenced departure from Hill 69 ChuLai Combat Base to Chu Lai Airfield for airlift to Dong Ha.

At 300530H Sept 1966 an advanced party consisting of Co. "H", and Bravo Command Group departed Hill 69.

At 300600H Co. "H", and Bravo Command Group arrived Chu Lai airfield and commenced airlift to Dong Ha at 300800H.

At 300900H Co. "H" and Bravo Command Groups leading elements arrived Dong Ha commencing to establish support base for subsequent operations.

At 301130H 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) departed Hill 69 for Chu Lai airfield.

At 302245H last elements of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) airlifted from Chu Lai.

At 302330H 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) arrived Dong Ha.

At 010001H October 1966, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) assigned OPCON TASK FORCE DELTA, OPERATION PRAIRIE.

At 010001H to 020840H 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) remained at Dong Ha establishing support base and orientation and briefings on operational commitments.

At 020840H commenced helift of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) into operational area YD 0806.

At 020915H Company "H" received sniper fire at YD 084064, searched area with no further contact. Air strikes were conducted at YD 0806.

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At 021000H all units into operational area consolidating position for subsequent operations.

At 021240H Company "E", in GS 1D 0600 established combat base to conduct aggressive patrols and ambushes.

At 021300H Company "G" discovered 28 fighting holes vic YD 083614 appeared to be 1 week old. Fighting holes were destroyed. Air strikes were conducted on Hill 100 YD 067607, Hill 190 YD 068592, Hill 124 YD 076622 prior to sweep of those objectives by all units. Air and artillery strike conducted on reported enemy radio position at YD 074620.

At 021601H Companies reported findings of fighting holes, viet newspapers and fresh camp fires.

At 021800H All units within friendly lines, setting up tight perimeter defense and improving fighting positions.

At 030130H Cass perimeter received approx 40 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic YD 085620 estimated 4-5 guns 82mm. Enemy position spotted by Cass Golf which fired 81/60mm mortars and MG fire, immediately an artillery mission was called on target with excellent coverage observed by Cass Golf, Friendly casualties were 1 KIA, and 38 WIA, only 17 WIA and 1 KIA were emergency med evaced. Enemy believed to have withdrawn in a N/E direction. Will remain present location, no change in mission or capability. Will conduct assault fire on suspected enemy withdrawal routes. Will require routine med evac for remaining WIA's. All emergency med evacs were completed at 030335H.

At 030915H Co "H" received 5 rounds S/A fire from 2 VC snipers who were carrying bushes on their backs. Hotel returned 15 rds S/A and searched area with negative results.

At 030920H Cass 6 request permission to extend Eastern boundary of TAOR for fire and maneuver to include North and South grid line 10.

At 031000H Air strikes were conducted at YD 067606 and YD 062617.

At 031030H Cass Golf found trail with evidence it was used recently, also found numerous articles, 7.62 short russian rds, wrappers for grenades, 2 enemy flashlights.

At 031050H 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) to conduct S/D toward right center of TAOR and establish combat bases vic YD 070635. Scheme of maneuver to be submitted on overlay.

At 031210H Cass CP received 5 round of 82mm mortar from grid square YD 1063 no casualties, returned fire w/150 105mm and 12 rds of 81mm mortars.

At 031330H Company Golf observed 5 N/Viet on trail to the north. Dressed in green uniforms, helmets and carrying submachine guns. Took enemy under fire, enemy fled to the north.

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At 031700H Present location of units, Co F YD 065618, Co G YD 085635, and Cass CP with Co H YD 070612. Companies G and F commenced moving at 031300H along routes shown on overlay. Cass with Co H departed CP approx 031545H, going is difficult due to terrain and heat, units presently holding up for air strikes. Utilizing air/arty fires along planned routes of advance. Air strikes were conducted at 031650H on coord YD 076627 continuing with several secondary explosions observed by AO. AO reported receiving heavy fire initially over target. Will move into assembly area and establish combat base if unable to link up with Co G by dark. Company G and F will also set up combat bases in their present locations.

At 032300H present locations of all units, Bn CP YD 064615, Co F YD 064620 Co G YD 068627, and Co H 063624. Set up combat bases and perimeter defense for remainder of the night. At 032120H Company G received 3 rds of 82mm mortar from vic 078630, returned fire with 68 rounds of 105mm, no casualties.

At 041100H Continuing sweep toward objective from North and South, Co G reached objective at YD 070636. Received Spar Report and fired arty on YD 050601.

At 041700H Cass CP and Co F set up at YD 070636, Co G YD 074643 and Co H YD 075624. Established combat bases at the above coord. A platoon from Co G cleared objective area upon arriving of Cass. Co H cleared high ground on right flank of sweeping unit and established a patrol base for subsequent operations in that area. Will conduct aggressive night patrols and ambushes from company patrol bases.

At 042300H Continuing night patrols and ambushes and preparing night H&I fires through our sector of operational area.

At 051100H Companies G and H sweeping north to set up combat bases, company F sweeping 2000 meters west of their positions. At 051015 Company G found an abandon mortar positions and trenches recently used at YD 057637.

At 051430H Company G observed one man jump out of tree and run at YD 058655, fired arty and air along tree line, AO observed movement in tree line during strike.

At 051700H Company F while on patrol discovered various abandon position and equipment consisting of 4 packs, 3 ponchos, 2 bags of rice, 5 rds of 82mm mortar canisters, 2 bottles of medicine, 2 uniforms and a few documents. All items appeared to be at least a month old.

At 052300H Preparing H&I fires and conducting night patrols and ambushes.

At 061100H Company G and H sweeping generally North East of present locations Co F (-) is sweeping West by North West of their position and is acting as Bn reserve. At 0815H Co H contacted 10 enemy and took them under fire at coord YD 084640, result of action was 3 enemy KIA and 3 sub machine guns captured. Enemy fled to the north around coord YD 083647.

At 061145H An arty FO with Co H observed 5 bodies after arty strike at coord YD 080649.

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At 061150H Company H pursuing enemy encountered enemy at YD 080647. 3rd Plt of Company H moved up to reinforce while 1 plt of Co F moved up in reserve. Total enemy KIA (Conf) was 6 and 2 USMC WIA. Also at this time Cass 6 received Frag Order 6-66.

At 061235H After complete search made by Company H total body count was 8 KIA (Conf) at coord YD 080647.

At 061700H All units located at coord YD 066654, Company G swept from former position to present, Company R swept w/2 plt (Rein) northeast to YD 058445 and returned to company position. Company H continuing contact made at 060815H continued to pursue enemy in a northern direction employing arty and mortar support. Fired 442 rds of arty and 18 rds of mortar. FO reported observing 5 enemy bodies. Following fire fight at coord YD 080647 1 USMC KIA and 4 USMC WIA all med evac and 3 enemy KIA also 3 weapons plus other equipment captured. At 061615 returned to CP, had 1 USMC WIA non evac at YD 080645.

At 062300H conducting night patrols and night ambushes, improving fighting positions and maintaining a tight perimeter defense.

At 070900H Company H at coord YD 080649 found 2 enemy bodies with out weapons who were a result of action the day before.

At 070930H Air Officer with Co H observed 2 enemy KIA and 8 KIA (Prob) as a result of air strike conducted at YD 086646.

At 071100H All units moving in accordance with Frag Order 6-66, see overlay submitted this date.

At 071200H Company H taken under fire from an estimated enemy rein plt at YD 094684, Company F moved up to reinforce Company H.

At 071330H Company H continued to advance to coord YD 099694, encountered enemy resulted in 10 USMC WIA and 3 USMC KIA. Company F moved through Company H and is continuing the advance. Company H is now the Bn reserve.

At 071410H The S-2 screened an old man who stated that 10 NVA usually stayed in hamlets vic YD 1068 but moved 2 days ago to vic YD 1070.

At 071800H 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) in a 360 perimeter around YD 095702 Bn encountered resistance at YD 094684 and YD 099644, continued to advance and arrived this location at 1800H. An armed UH1E was called in on enemy positions enroute to this location.

At 071845H Assumed OPCON of Permission Delta.

At 072300H Remaining in defense positions and have established night ambushes.

At 080945H A patrol from Company F found 2 packs and 10 lbs of rice at YD 097705.

At 081030H Fired 90 rds of 105mm zone fire at YD 0767 acting on info from AO.

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At 081100H Conducting extensive patrols around Bn Combat Base and making liaison with adjacent friendly units.

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At 081205H Company G encountered 2 enemy with AW at YD 094690, took enemy under fire resulting in 1 USMC WIA and a local villager was hit by enemy fire. Enemy broke contact and fled East into heavy brush. Area was searched but unable to reestablish contact. Discovered freshly dug fighting hole vic of where contact was first made. Also discovered another villager who was wounded by enemy fire. All WIA's were med evaced.

At 081330H Patrol from Company G continued on mission and at coord YD 088692 encountered 2 NVA believed to be same two who they encountered at YD 094690. NVA opened fire with AW's, patrol returned fire and assaulted aggressively resulting in 1 NVA KIA (Conf) and blood signs indicated 1 NVA WIA (Conf), unable to locate body of WIA. Also two AK-47's captured and other equipment.

At 081330H Company F at coord YD 089711 discovered elephant tracks leading along trail running NE from above coord. Trail is suspected to be used as a heavy supply route.

At 081335H Arty FC with CP Group spotted 4 enemy at coord YD 069699 digging in, called air strike and fired arty in that area. Resulted in 4 VC KIA (Prob).

At 081700H Company H discovered a bulletin board at coord YD 100700 which was 4X4 and contained various anti US propoganda, bulletin board will be forwarded to higher authorities.

At 081700H Conducted extensive patrols around combat bases and established liaison with adjacent units.

At 082300 All units displaced as directed from former position to new location and set up tight perimeter defense. at coord YD 117705.

At 091100H Continuing to consolidate perimeter defense positions, and conducting extensive patrols around present position.

At 091700H Conducted patrols on road network around this position and continued to ~~consolidated~~ perimeter defense. Patrol from Company G discovered what appeared to be an anti tank mine at YD 110710, mine was blown in place.

At 092300H Conducting perimeter defense and conducting ambush activities around present position. Also at 091915 observed large amount of flack on a bearing of 05 degrees and at a distance of about 1500 meters.

At 100930H and 101115H at coord YD 089715 and YD 091715 Company F (-) while on patrol found fresh elephant tracks heading North at YD 089715 this is the same trail that elephant signs were found on the 8th of Oct which appeared to have been heavily used since. At 1115H patrol found at YD 091715 what might be an entrance to a cave caused by a bomb, unable to check out possible tunnel due to lack of equipment with patrol, will check at a latter date.

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At 101100H Conducting patrols and sweeps around area of responsibility, improving perimeter and fighting holes.

At 101500H Company G encountered less than a plt size force at coord YD 131673 with at least 4 AW, called in arty and mortar fire but enemy withdrew to the east into adjacent friendly units sector, did not pursue due to coordination problem with adjacent units.

At 102500H Conducted two Co (-) patrol sweeps west to YD 088715 and south to YD 135669. Conducting night ambush and preparing H&I fires for the night.

At 111100H Conducted patrol sweeps to the north and north west of present location. At 111010H Company H engaged 4 enemy vic YD 113713, currently firing 4.2 mortars and pursuing enemy to the north east. Called in air on village in which enemy fled to in vic YD 111719. After air strike, proceeded through village but came in contact with and estimated squad size unit of VC. Village is heavily fortified and tunneled. Suffered 5 USMC WIA at this time. Surrounded village and called in for another air strike. Still maintaining contact with 6 KIA (Conf) and 8 (Prob) KIA, captured one heavy machine gun and various types of weapons. At this time both Company H and Company F have linked up and are both engaged with the enemy. Suffered 2 USMC KIA and 6 USMC WIA and med evac.

At 111545H Enemy broke contact and fled to the north east, search of village resulted in capture of some enemy equipment, 7 AK-47, 1 SG-43, 2 RPD, 1 SKS, 1 RPG-2, 18 potatoe mashers, 10 rds RPG, 400 rds ~~chi com~~ ~~chi com~~, 250 rds ~~chi com~~ ~~chi com~~ 30 cal. 16 KIA (Conf) VC, 13 (Prob) KIA VC, 13 WIA (Prob), 2 USMC KIA, and 6 USMC WIA all med evacuated. Also captured 30 uniforms and 5lbs/documents.

At 111450H Three ARVN troops (1st Lt, 1 Sgt and 1 Pvt) turned into this unit. Claim to have escaped from NVA 5 days ago. Were captured approximately 3 months ago, will be sent to your location for questioning.

At 112140H Received message which states 3 battalions of 324 division located vic 1st Battalion YD 135725 to YD 122719 to 121715, 2nd Battalion located YD 125730 to YD 135735 to 140739, 3rd Battalion located vic YD 085697 to YD 095697.

At 111700H Total weapons and equipment captured as a result of today's actions: 7 AK-47, 1 SG-43, 2 RPD, 1 SKS, 1 RPG-2, 18 potatoe masher grenades, 10 rds RPG, 400 rds ~~chi com~~ ~~chi com~~-7.62, 250 rds ~~chi com~~ ~~chi com~~ cal.30, 12 packs, 30 uniforms, 1 medical kit, 1 dental kit, 7 canteens, 5lbs documents and various other personnel equipment.

At 112300H Conducting night ambushes and H&I fires around perimeter.

At 121100H Conducting sweeps to the South West of our position. At 1005 Company G encountered an estimated plt of enemy at YD 098685. Called air and arty missions on main enemy location which is believed to be YD 104693. Company G is now engaged with enemy, have encountered 2 machine guns and A/W.

At 121135H Company G still engaged with the enemy is preparing to move into the attack, received 1 hand grenade and encountered one booby trap resulting in 5 USMC WIA. Called in another air strike on enemy coord's YD 104693.

At 121245H Company G, is now moving into the attack, suffered 1 USMC KIA, and 17 USMC WIA, all have been emergency med evacs.

At 121420H Company G, now in pursuit of the enemy which is withdrawing to the South East, present location is YD 109678, enemy broke contact at 121350H. Results, 1 USMC KIA, 17 USMC WIA, 3 NVA KIA (Conf) and 4 NVA WIA (Conf). and also captured 1 RPD.

At 121155H Company H enroute to link up with tanks, received 1 USMC KIA, and 3 USMC WIA. Returned fire and proceeded with mission. Unable to search area because of unit's mission to link up with tanks. At 121130H 1st Plt Co A tank Bn at YD 123658 received fire from A/W and received 2 USMC KIA, and 5 USMC WIA. Two tanks were disabled but managed to proceed to YD 126666 where awaited infantry support from Co H, At 121245H received S/A and A/W fire, returned fire, enemy broke contact, results unknown.

At 121700H Plans for tomorrow to help lift Company F at 130730 to LZ YD 123735. Mission to sweep south, south-west to blocking position established by Company G (Rein) with tanks vicinity YD 114712. Will conduct NGF and arty fire on area throughout evening and night until 130700 followed by air strike prior to L hour, Bn reserve is Company H. Will be committed if necessary.

At 131028H Tank hit mine at YD 132719, sustained moderate damage

At 131345H Company F discovered 12 82mm mortar rds at coords YD 131726, will bring them to CP area.

At 131530H Company F engaged with enemy platoon size at coord YD 114723, returning fire and moving tanks up, enemy broke contact and withdrew to the North/East via YD 122723.

At 131800H A UH1E was hit by AW fire via YD 123724 and was forced to make an emergency landing at 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines CP area. UH1E caught fire and was extinguished, crew was unharmed.

At 131805H A second UH1E received fire from same location as the above UH1E while making a rocket run, sustaining 1 USMC WIA. Arty was called in on YD 122723.

At 132015H ARVN forces at this location fired their FPL and in the excitement 1 tank fired into friendly troops resulting in 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA.

At 132300H Conducted air strikes and fired 328 rds of mortars, arty and NGF on area of today's action.

At 140905H Company G, observed 2 NVA w/mg at coord YD 108720, fired on enemy and pursued, results: captured 1 WIA still alive, will med evac ASAP.

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At 140915H Company G, and Company H, Co. G, in blocking position captured 1 WIA, 1 mg barrel, ammo, 6 packs, ammo cans and other equipment in vic YD 108720. Company H, in LZ preparing to move out in according to plan. Made contact at 140945H with at least 1 plt NVA. A CE received fire from vic YD 110720. One camera man was a WIA, he was with Company H. Company H discovered three thousand rds of linked mg ammo vic YD 124737, destroyed ammo, were unable to carry it back to the CP. Company H received 2 USMC WIA, and 1 camera man WIA. At 141150H Company H still engaged with the enemy, results of days action: 2 USMC KIA, 5 USMC WIA, and 8 KIA NVA (Conf), captured various ammo and other equipment. At 141244, Company H conducting an air strike on YD 125725, still advancing against enemy. Now have 16 KIA NVA (Conf) and have captured 6 weapons.

At 141320H Company G, apprehended two female VCS's on trail at YD 110720, will be forwarded to PH-2 on first available helo.

At 141312H Company G, in blocking position observed 4 enemy at YD 110726, he appeared to be sitting up a gun position. Took enemy under fire, they took contact and withdrew to the North. 1 NVA KIA (Conf), Company G went in pursuit and at 141350 reestablished contact, resulting in 2 NVA, KIA (Conf) and 2 NVA KIA (Prob), also captured 2 AK-47's.

At 141400H Company G, in blocking position observed man crossing rice paddy at YD 108728 and 2 men in camouflaged position at YD 165730. Tank fired 50 ml. at man in rice paddy and a 90mm at camouflaged position. Man in rice paddy was seen to fall when fired upon and the 90mm was a direct hit on the camouflaged position. Results 3 NVA (Prob). Due to Company G's present mission, they were unable to search area.

At 141100 Message from ARVN advisor CAM LO stated that 60 VC with weapons in uniforms were sighted at YD 162649. The VC have 82mm mortars and 1 anti tank gun, when sighted VC took cover at above coord.

At 141700H Total casualties for the day were: 2 USMC KIA, 5 USMC WIA, camera man, 8 heat casualties and 1 snake bite victim. Enemy were: 3 KIA (Conf), 5 KIA (Prob), 7 WIA (Conf) and 1 WIA captured.

At 142300H Conducting night patrols and ambushes and improving fighting positions around the perimeter.

At 151100H Conducted two company size sweeps. Company G, with tanks swept West to YD 096704, South to YD 092687, East to YD 117688 then returned to Bn CP, neg enemy contact. Company F, swept West to YD 097704, North to YD 090725, East to YD 110723 then South to Bn CP.

At 151245H Company F, apprehended 1 VCS at YD 103728. VCS returned to Bn CP where he was screened and released. He was a local farmer.

At 151305H Company F, observed 1 armed enemy at YD 103728, attempted to apprehend but enemy fled and was shot. At the same time received sniper fire from estimated 2 enemy, returned fire and searched area. Apprehended 1 more enemy but he bit 2 Marines and fled, he was shot and killed. Could not locate other sniper.

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At 151315H While searching area of above action discovered 200 lbs of rice, rice was destroyed by burning. Captured as a result of today's action, 2 packs, 1 SKS, 4 grenades, and other equipment. Two USMC WIA (Bitten), 2 KIA (Conf) NVA, and 1 VCS who was released.

At 152300H Maintaining tight perimeter defense, conducting night ambushes and patrols.

At 160500H Maintaining tight perimeter defense, all night activities have returned this CP.

At 161100H Conducting limited patrol activities and improving perimeter defense.

At 161700H All patrols have returned to this CP, negative enemy contact.

At 162300H Conducting night patrols and ambushes, Plan an extensive sweep of the southern sector of our TAOR.

At 171100H All units on PL 300 meters south of grid line 69 conducting arty prep preparing to move south at 1100.

At 171140H Company G, made contact with an estimated 4 enemy at YD 096683, returned fire and searched area with negative results.

At 171400H Battalion CP Group encountered ambush at YD 117678, returned fire with small arms, m/gun, 1 90mm canister, searched area and found hole but unable to see into it. One sniper believed to be inside hole, hole was blown with grenades, other enemy couldn't be located. Results: 1 USMC KIA and 1 NVA WIA (Prob).

At 171700H Under OPCON of SUDEN DEATH, Company G, with tanks swept South East from PL, on 69 grid line to YD 107672 then North to PL. Company H, with tanks swept South West from PL to YD 120666 then North to PL from PL both Companies returned to CP.

At 172300H Maintaining a tight perimeter defense, conducting night patrols and ambushes.

At 180830H Company G observed 3 NVA dressed in Kacky shorts at YD 113724. When they saw Marines approaching they ran into the bush. Fired on fleeing NVA results 1 NVA KIA (Conf), other NVA escaped. Captured 1 hand grenade and a VC flag and various documents. The villagers in this hamlet have returned since last sweep of hamlet which took place 3 days ago indicating that the main force of NVA have moved out.

At 180930H Company G, apprehended a male VCS at YD 113721, VCS was brought to Bn CP for further forwarding to SD-2 on first available helo.

At 181105H Company G, observed 1 uniformed NVA with pack moving North on trail vic YD 114723, fired on NVA wounding him, attempted to capture and apprehend but he continued to flee so they fired again, results ... 1 KIA, NVA.

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At 181330H Company G, observed uniformed NVA moving toward the IMZ at YD 114725. Fired at NVA and he was wounded when area was searched could not find NVA body.

At 181700H Conducted patrols and ambushes North and South of present position, Company G, established Plt size ambushes at YD 114723, YD 117723, and YD 122724. Company F, established Plt size ambushes at YD 110688, YD 117683 and YD 124688, YD 117683 and YD 124688. Both companies returned to CP at 181600H.

At 182500H Maintaining a tight perimeter and improving fighting holes.

At 191100H Company F, presently at YD C94719, Company H, returned to CP area.

At 190945H Company F, encountered one NVA on trail, opened fire, resulting in NVA KIA (Conf). At YD 107713.

At 191255H Company F, encountered 1 NVA with weapon, NVA fired on patrol and patrol returned fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA (Conf) and 1 chicom carbine captured in vic YD 111717, at same coord captured one VCS, VCS was brought to CP for further forwarding to SD-2.

At 191530H Crate ~~arrived~~ arrived this position.

At 192300H Maintaining a tight perimeter defense conducting ambushes and night patrols and improving fighting holes.

At 200800H Crate ~~departed~~ departed this CP, conducting limited security patrols.

At 201100H Plan to conduct two company sweeps into grids squares 1272, 1273, 1372, 1373, 1472, 1473.

At 201700H Conducted 2 Plt size security patrols around our position.

At 201830H Company F found chicom ammo box at YD 118706, ammo was destroyed.

At 210915H Company G, observed 3 uniformed armed NVA at YD 119719, took enemy under fire, enemy fled into bush, searched area with negative results.

At 210955H Company G, found one pack containing medical supplies at YD 123721, also found some documents.

At 211100H Company G, encountered an estimated squad at YD 124727, took NVA under fire, resulting in 1 USMC KIA. Called in 81mm mortars very close to friendly troops resulting in 4 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA. After med evacs were completed, pursued enemy to the north. Received fire from YD 125724, searched area discovered house containing two females and VC documents. Two female VCS's and documents being forwarded to PJ-2.

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At 211200H Company G, completed sweep of area with signs of blood indicating 1 enemy WIA.

At 211200H 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines became OPCOM to PUN-JAB.

At 211200H Company H, encountered 3 armed enemy at YD 147733, fired on enemy, enemy fled north. Pursued enemy to the north unable to reestablish contact.

At 211700H All patrols have returned to this CP, continuing to improve CP area.

At 212300H Maintaining a tight perimeter defense and conducting night patrols and ambushes. Tomorrow will conduct two company size sweeps through the Eastern portion of assigned TAOR in area included in grid squares 1171, 1126, 1169, and 1469.

At 221045H Company H, encountered an estimated squad of enemy at YD 148680 took them under fire, observed 1 enemy fall, pursuing enemy in South West direction, at YD 134674, surrounded hamlet where enemy entered and searched area. Results were negative. 1 NVA (Conf).

At 231100H Company F, at YD 127708, picked up a Vietnamese girl that had been wounded by VC, will med evac ASAP.

At 221500H Company H, returning to CP received 10 rounds A/W fire from YD 125688, NVA broke contact and moved South East.

At 222125H A message from PJ stated that an interrogation of VC captured by this unit stated that a local force of VC operates in HOA AN hamlet at YD 140715.

At 222300H Preparing night activities and H&I Fires.

At 231100H Improving the perimeter and defense positions, continuing patrol sweeps to the North of our present position.

At 231335H Company G, received sniper fire at YD 114717, returned fire and searched out area with negative results.

At 231425H Company G, encountered 2 NVA on trail at YD 122723, took NVA under fire, observed 1 NVA fall but search of area could not locate body but found blood stains. Results 1 NVA WIA (Conf).

At 231500H Company G, found a VC body killed by Arty at YD 124717 and discovered a mine at 128717, mine was destroyed.

At 232300H Maintaining tight perimeter defense and improving positions. Plan to conduct sweeps by two companies through the Eastern sector of assigned TAOR, running generally to the North/South grid line 09 and from East/West grid line 72 to line 67. Each operating company will establish a patrol base in its assigned sector and will conduct subsequent patrol operations from its base.

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At 241100H Company H, encountered 7 enemy at YD 096674, took them under fire, enemy broke contact and fled south. Unable to reestablish contact called Arty on suspected location of enemy, searched area with negative results.

At 241330H Company H, received sniper fire from YD 111674, returned fire and searched area with negative results.

At 241450H Company H, made contact with 1 enemy sniper who fired five rds of S/A, returned fire, results were 1 NVA KIA (Conf) and captured one automatic weapon and various documents.

At 241745H Company H, at coordinates YD 125728, point 096680 fire on one NVA who was carrying cartridge belt and an M-1 ammo belt, 1 NVA WIA (Conf) will med evac ASAP.

At 241840H Company G, encountered 1 NVA in uniform with pack, was carrying no weapon and had grenades, 1 NVA WIA (Conf), administered first aid and will med evac at first light.

At 242234H Company G, at ambush site, two men walked into ambush site, opened fire and 1 NVA KIA (Conf) and 1 NVA WIA (Prob).

At 242300H Maintaining tight perimeter defense, also at this time, NVA WIA at company G's position died of wounds.

At 251700H Battalion CP vic YD 117705, Company F, found two new 57mm rds vic YD 135728. At first light will commence two company size sweeps through East/Central sector of TAOR. Company H will proceed from presnet location to the following coord YD 143716, YD 148690, YD 120688 and return to CP, check points along route of advance are located as follows CP 1 YD 135715, CP 2 YD 145690 and CP 3 YD 120688. Company F, will proceed from presnet location along following route of advance YD 117688 YD 144692 YD 145676, YD 137674, YD 130657, YD 119661. Check points are located as follows: CP 1 YD 116688, CP 2 YD 143692, CP 3 YD 147682 CP 4 YD 137673, CP 5 YD 136665, and CP 6 YD 130657, CP 7 YD 119660. Units are scheduled to return to CP area approx 251600H.

At 252300H Maintaining tight perimeter defense, negative contact for today's activity.

At 261020H Company F, received fire from sniper at YD 134673, returned fire, results were 1 NVA KIA (Conf), also captured one Khaki uniform and a light auto weapon.

At 261033H Company F, receiving continuing sniper fire from YD 134673, received two USMC WIA, returned fire and called in air strike and arty mission with good coverage on enemy positions. Company F, now proceeding with assigned mission.

At 261545H Company F, receiving S/A and A/W from from YD 118664 and YD 119664, returned fire and requested air strikes. Results, 4 USMC WIA, and 4 NVA KIA (Conf).

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At 261557H Company H, spotted 3 NVA with weapons on trail at YD 115688, opened fire with 60mm mortars with good coverage. Unable to check area, maintaining support for company F.

At 261638H Company F broke contact with enemy in vic YD 118665 and moved around ~~thakab~~ join Company H, forces joined up and returned to CP.

At 262300H Maintaining a tight perimeter defense, conducting night patrols and ambushes.

At 271103H Company H, searching area of last night's arty strike at YD 119664, found excellent coverage of area and 6 NVA KIA also documents, medical supplies and approximately 3 tons of rice.

At 271514H Battalion CP and CBattalion S-3 Officer observed a sweep wing, single engine jet aircraft, with its stabilizer located at the top of the rudder, no markings were observed. All personnel agree that it was not an US type of aircraft. The aircraft came out of the North West at about 1,000 feet, turned North of our position and went back North. The aircraft came within 1,000 meters of our location and afforded a good look by all personnel who saw it.

At 272300H Conducting limited ambush activities and maintaining a tight perimeter defense. One plt from Company F will set up an ambush at YD 116688.

At 281100H Company H, completed patrol sweep, and established 3 ambush sites in vicinity of YD 134719. Company F pulled back from planned patrol because of conflict with ARVN operation. Plans to comply with Seat Frag Order 173-66.

At 282300H Negative for to-day, maintaining tight perimeter defense.

At 291100H Battalion CP at YD 148682, other units moving according with operation overlay.

At 291700H Battalion CP, no change in location, all units are in a 360 perimeter around CP. Swept grid squares 1, 2, and 3, returned to CP location.

At 292300H No change in locations, maintaining tight perimeter defense, negative contact.

At 301100H Battalion CP located at YD 148683, Company F and Company G are conducting sweeps. according to operation overlay.

At 301700H Company H, to be helo lifted to vic YD 123737 at 0935, Company F (-) to sweep grid squares 93, 71, 60 and 57. Company G (-) to sweep grid squares 121, 47, and 138.

At 302300H Maintaining tight perimeter defense, negative contact throughout the day.

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At 311040H Company H, received sniper fire from approximately 4 VC at YD 126716; returned fire and conducted arty fire on area. Enemy broke contact, three more spotted withdrawing along road East. Company H, sweeping toward enemy. Gun ships are now firing on VC in trench line. Unable to discover any signs of KIA or WIA.

At 311430H Company H, received sniper fire from YD 125726, resulting in 1 USMC KIA. Returned fire, continuing to search area, found small arms ammo, Khaki uniforms. Were unable to close with enemy, conducted severallair strikes and fired arty. Company H, has returned to this CP at 1540, will continue to conduct fire on area including Naval Gunfire.

At 311700H Plan to execute helift into GS 93 with company F, and company G, sweeping South along two axis of advance through grid squares, 71, 5, and 57 and through 71, 60. Company G, will move overland and establish blocking position in grid square 60, and then conduct sweep in grid square 52, 145, and 109.

At 312300H Maintaining a tight perimeter defense and conducting night ambushes and patrols.

At 312400H 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines remains OPCCN to the 3rd Marine Division, 4th Marine Regiment. Operation "PRAIRIE".

Total amount of casualties for the month of October 1966:

	<u>Friendly</u>		<u>Enemy</u>	
KIA	22	KIA	89	(Conf)
DDW	12	WIA	36	(Prob)
WIA	95	WIA	17	(Conf)
WIA	42 Non Med evac	WIA	13	(Prob)
WIA	137 Total	VCC	1	
		VCS	9	

1. General

a. Company E, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines continued to operate under the operational control of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines in the rear area of the Hill 69 complex.

b. Company E, has operated in the whole TAOR depending upon its disposition. Many times it was broken down and dispersed because of the tactical situation. Company E, assumed the task of the Regimental Reserve on 6 Oct66 and has deployed twice on separate missions.

c. Formal training for new personnel arriving from CONUS has continued for both personnel from Company E, and the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines with Company E, providing the majority of the instructors.

d. Because of the heavy rains it was necessary to completely re-build the bunker system on the Hill 69 complex. 25 new heavy all weather bunkers were constructed which improved the defense of the area a great deal. Also over 110 rolls of Concertina barb wire was strung to reinforce the wire barriers of the complex. Barb wire was constructed for all openings in the wire.

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e. Heavy patrolling and ambushing was conducted in all areas where Company E, operated.

f. Throughout the period, Company E, provided many security patrols for anttracks and people traveling to and from the Hill 76 area.

g. The living area at Hill 69 improved by providing seabag walls around all tents to help keep out the rain. All tents were repaired.

h. Moral of the company is a little low as men feel like they were left behind to be a police detail when the Battalion went north.

i. The Company has performed its many and varied tasks in an outstanding manner and has upheld the reputation of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines in a fine manner.

2. Chronological Sequence of Events.

a. 10Oct-60Oct66 Assigned the responsibility for defenses at 5th Marine Regimental CP in Hill 35 Complex.

b. 60Oct-31Oct66 Assigned the responsibility for defenses of the Hill 69 Complex.

c. 80Oct-14Oct66 First Platoon moved to Hill 22 North for Operation GOLDEN FLEECE. Placed under control of Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

d. 10Oct66- Third Platoon flown out to protect downed Helo in Pineapple forest west of Tam Ky. Received fire and returned small arms and 81mm mortar. Stayed until Helo was lifted out.

e. 13Oct-20Oct66 Third Platoon moved to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines CP area to take over the Defenses.

f. 20Oct66- Company E, moved out on a mission to capture a beached fishing trawler west of Tam Ky.

1. Received fire after landing

2. Moved through area after landing

3. 1 VC KIA (Conf)

2 VC captured

7 VCS captured

4. 1 USA M-1 Rifle captured

1 USA carbine captured

1 ChiCom Rifle captured (not returned for war souvenir as

requested)

5. Many very valuable documents captured which showed names of all VC and VC sympathisers in Tam Ky area. One document disclosed an extensive spy ring in the city of Tam Ky.

6. Ship searched and burned with air strikes.

7. Swift boats helped by keeping the VC inland.

8. Company E, pulled out at dark with no friendly KIA's or WIA's.

g. 21Oct66- Company E, held sweep of all area surrounding Hill 69 for suspected VC massing in area.

h. 22Oct66- Third Platoon provided security for Engineer Platoon working on bridge south of Tam Ky.

i. 22Oct-24Oct66 Second Platoon moved to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines GP to take over the defenses.

j. 24Oct66 First Platoon provided security for convoy to Bin Son.

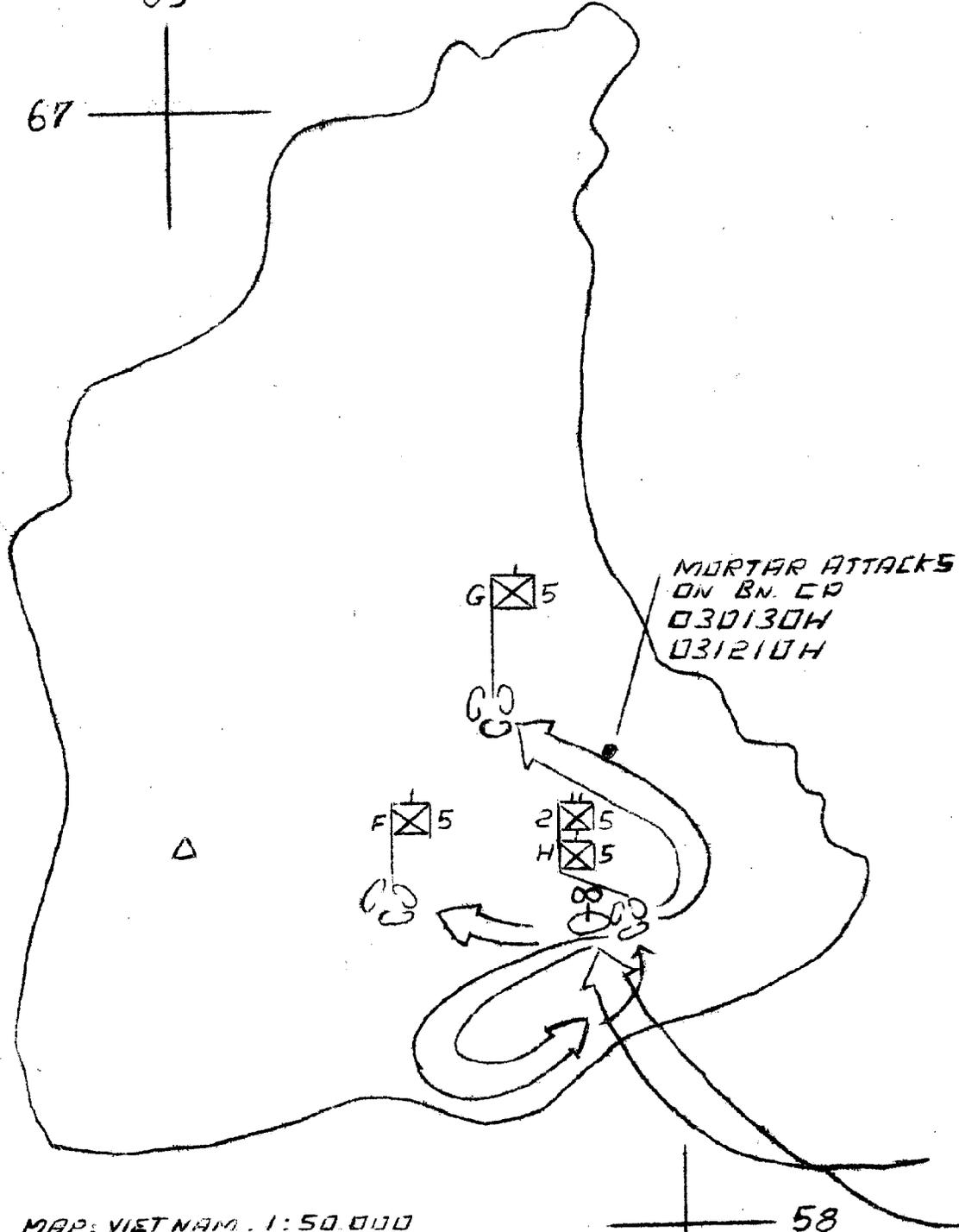
k. 25Oct-31Oct66 Third Platoon moved to Thanh My Trung #1 to take over all operations.

l. 31Oct66 First Platoon provided security for FMFPac at new life hamlet of Chu Lai.

3. S-4 Transportation - Company E, had to send its vehicle TAD with two drivers to Task Force X-Ray. There has been no transportation available.

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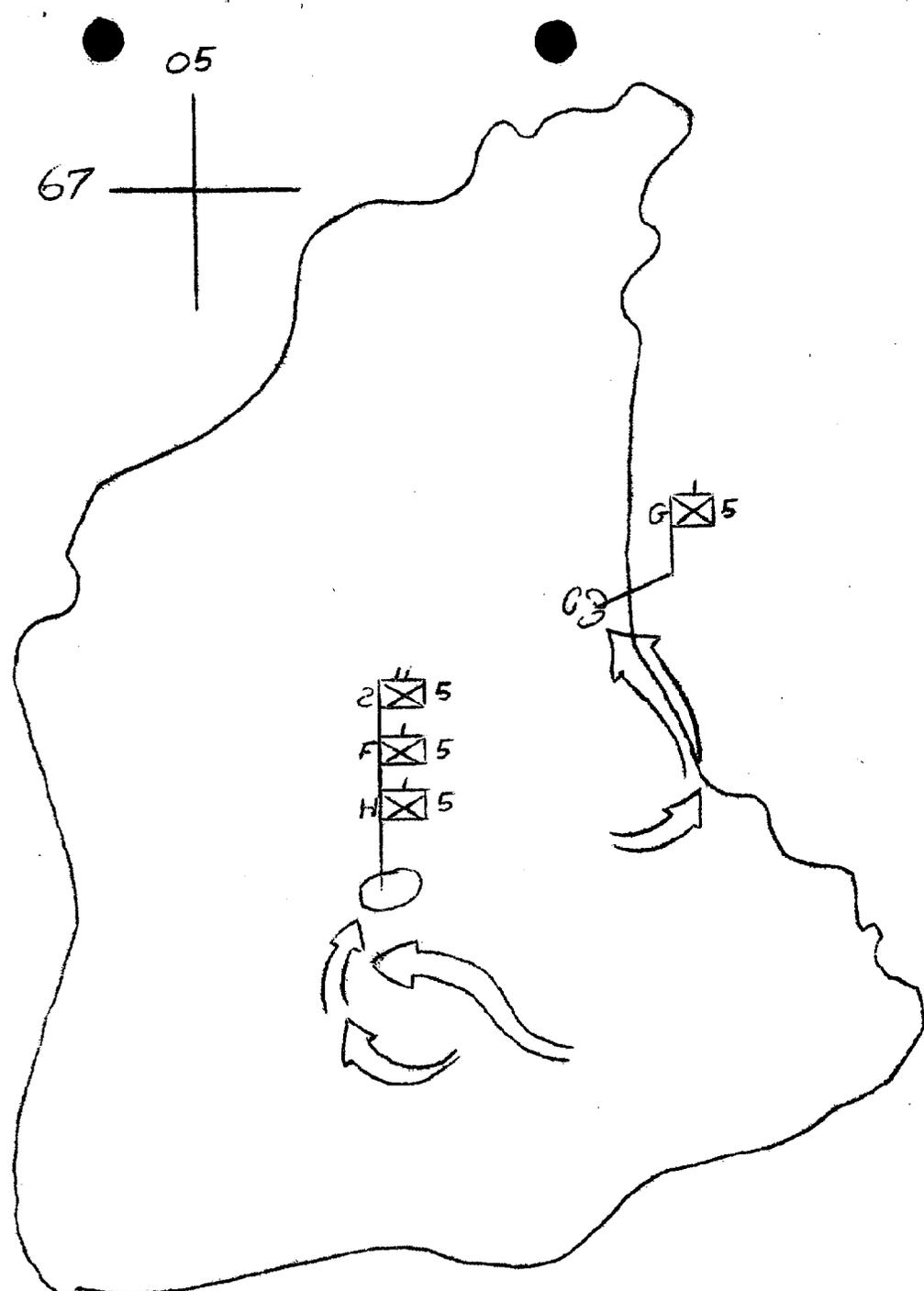
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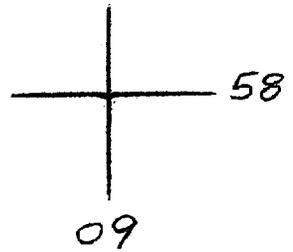
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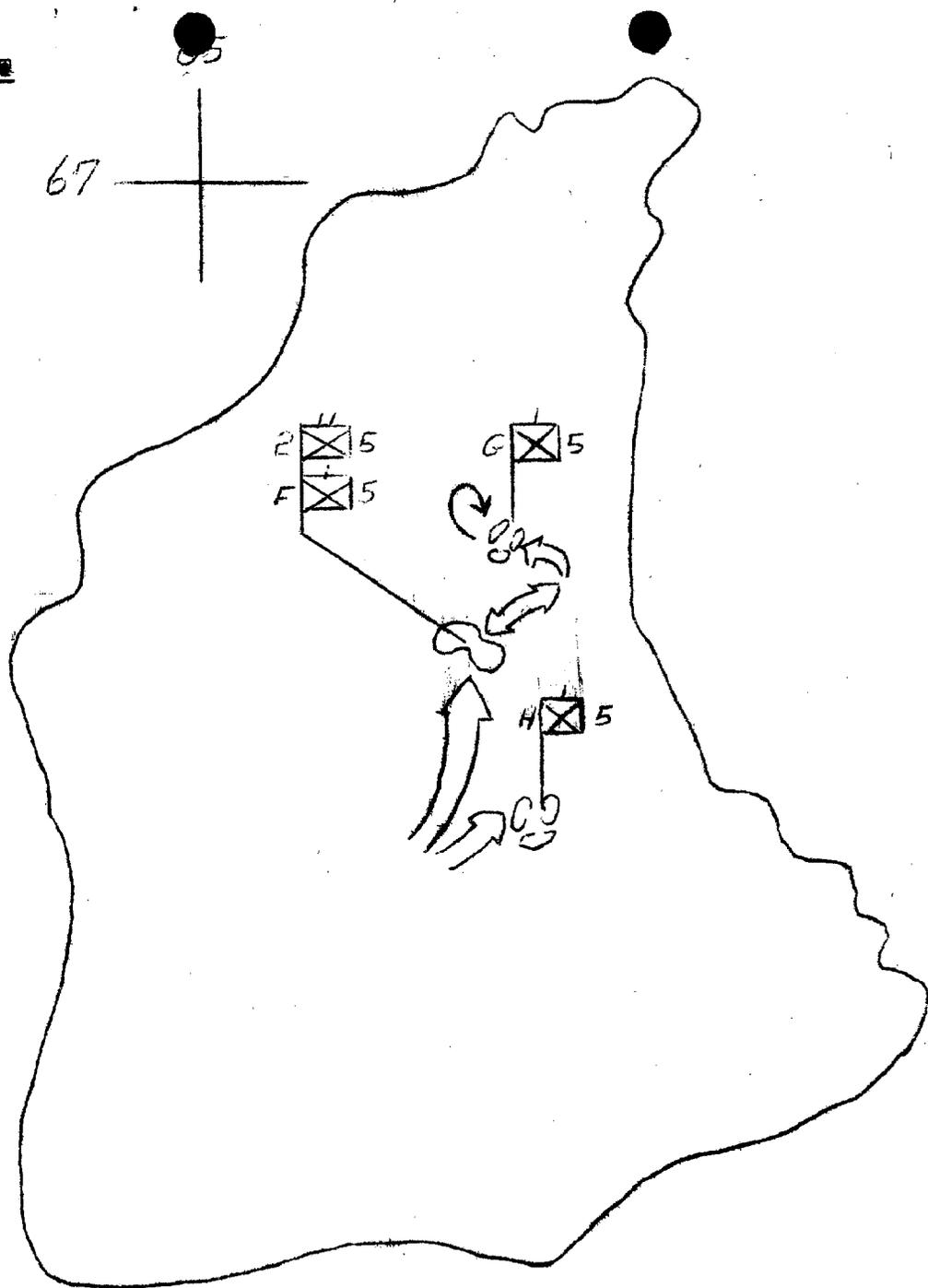


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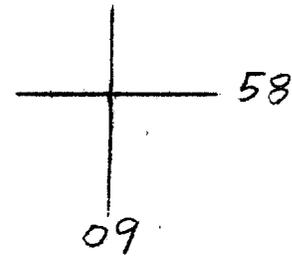


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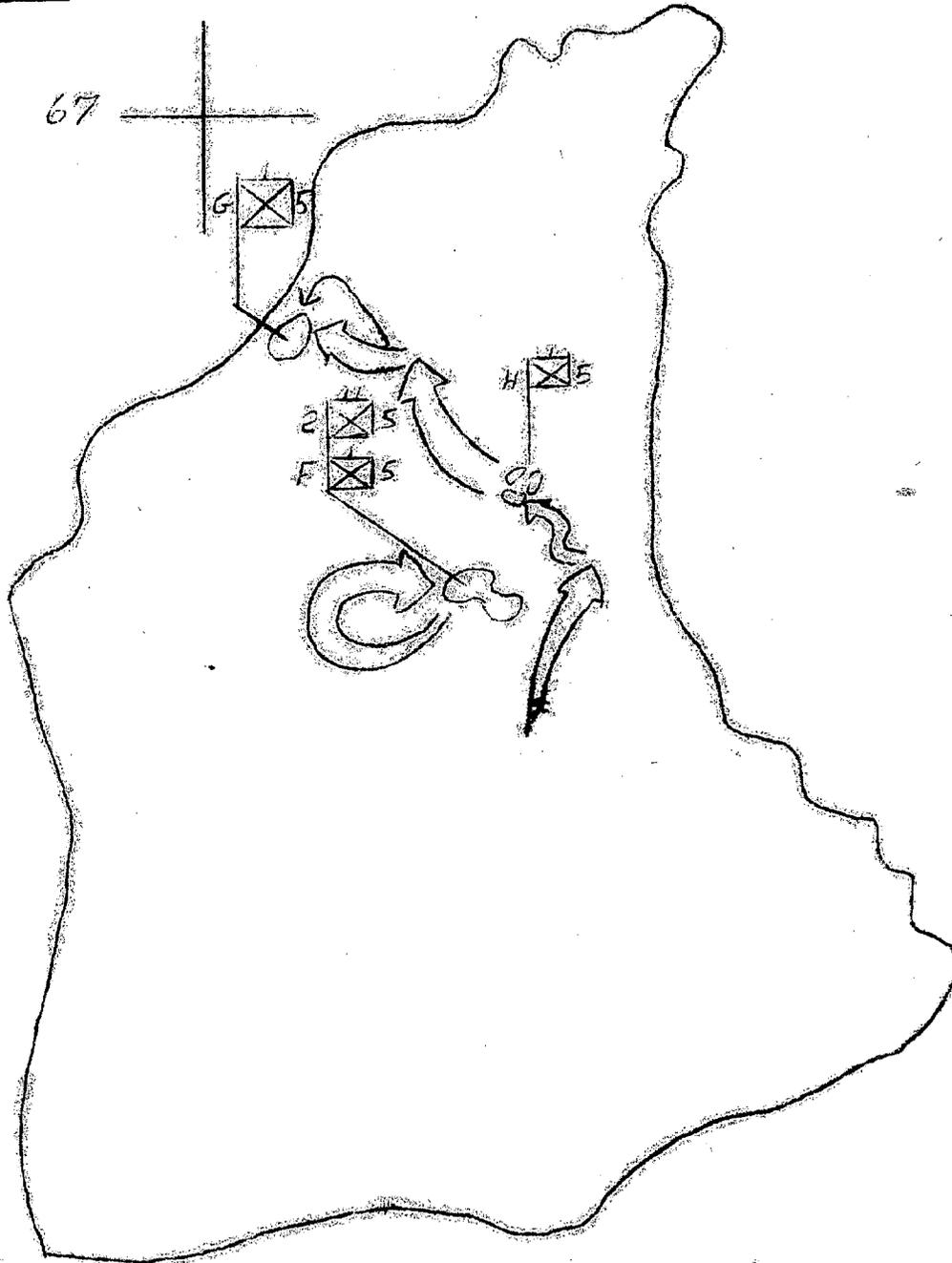


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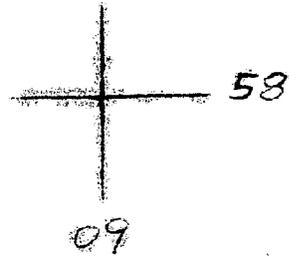


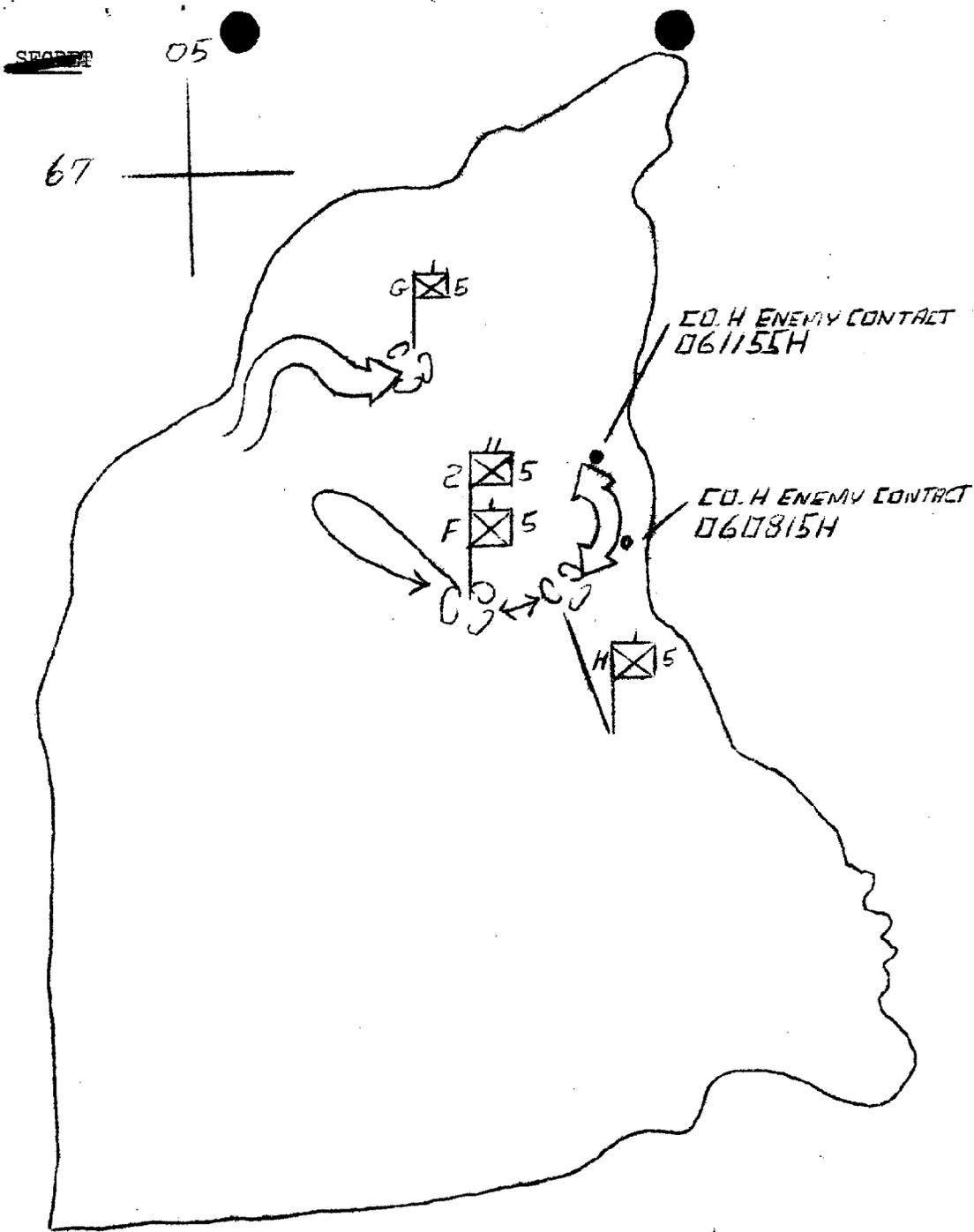
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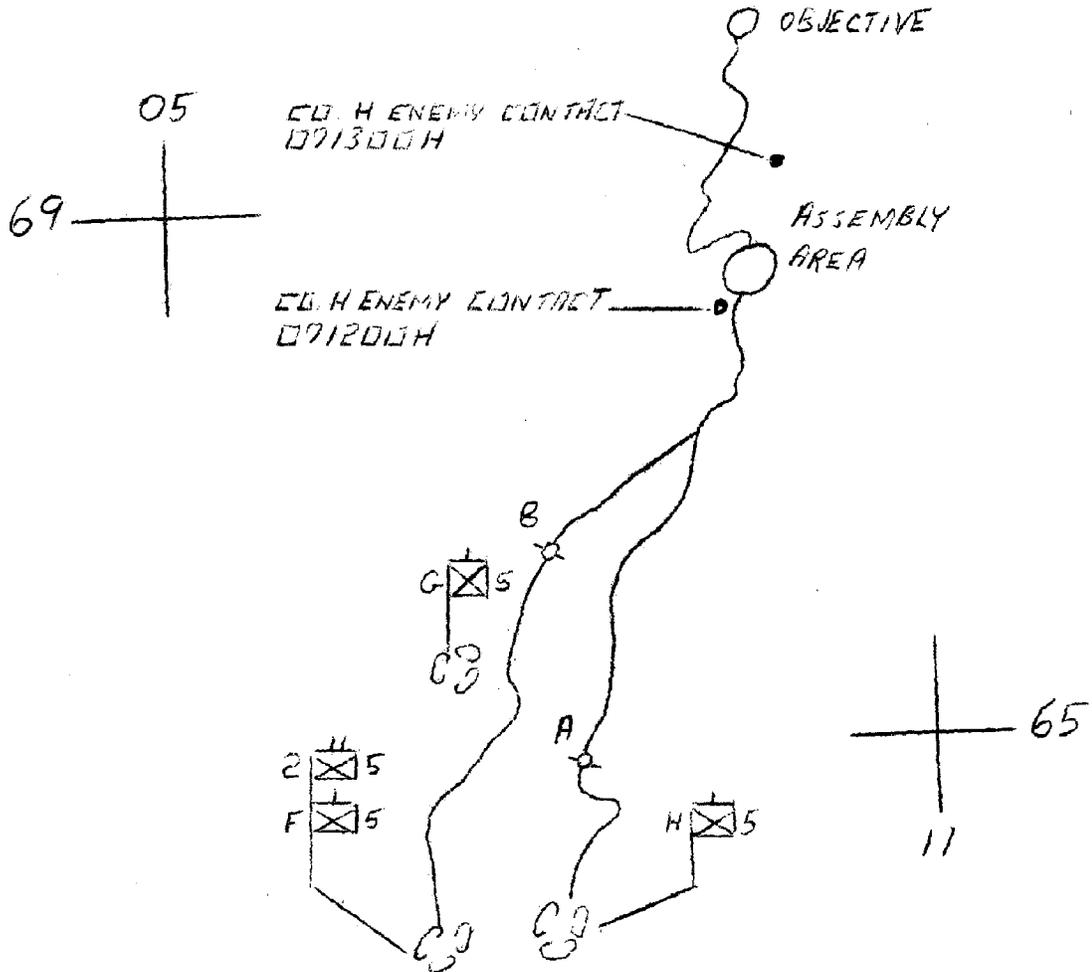


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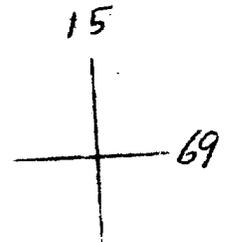
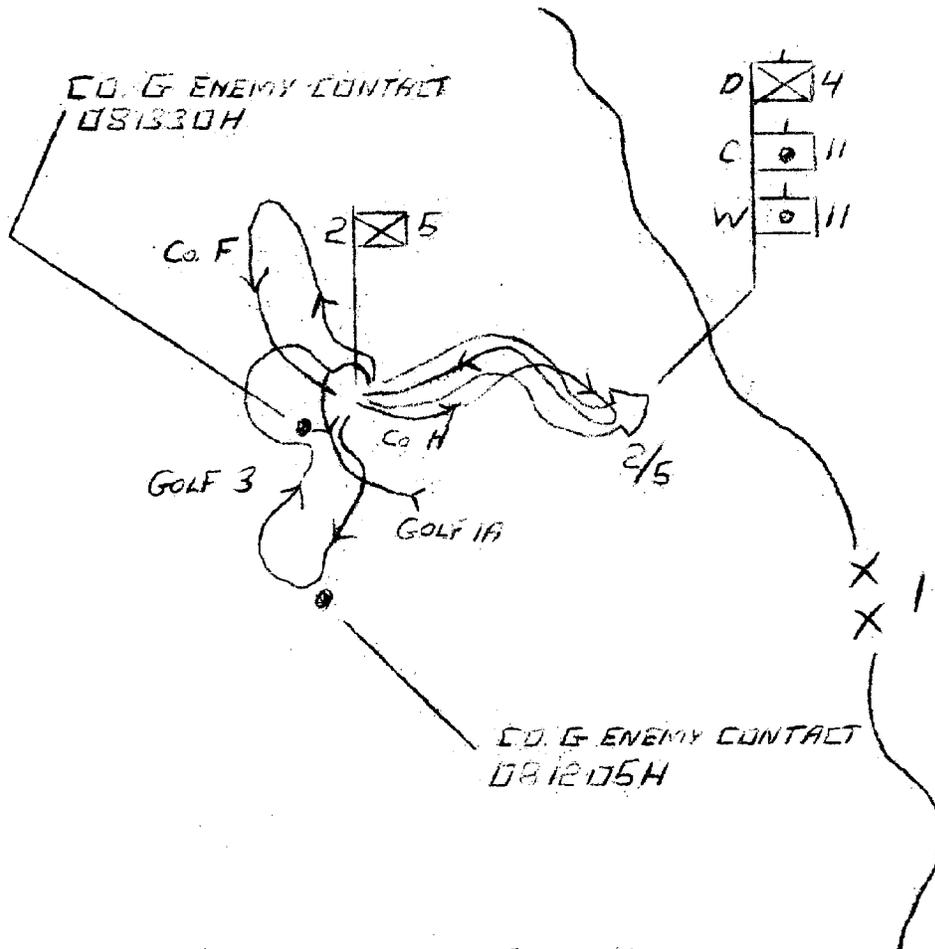
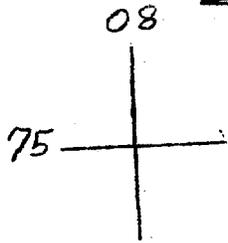


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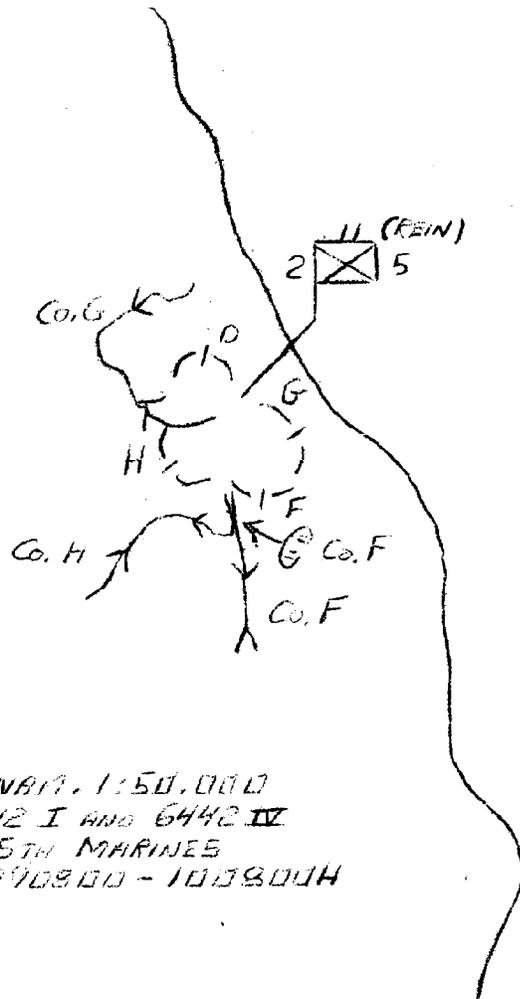


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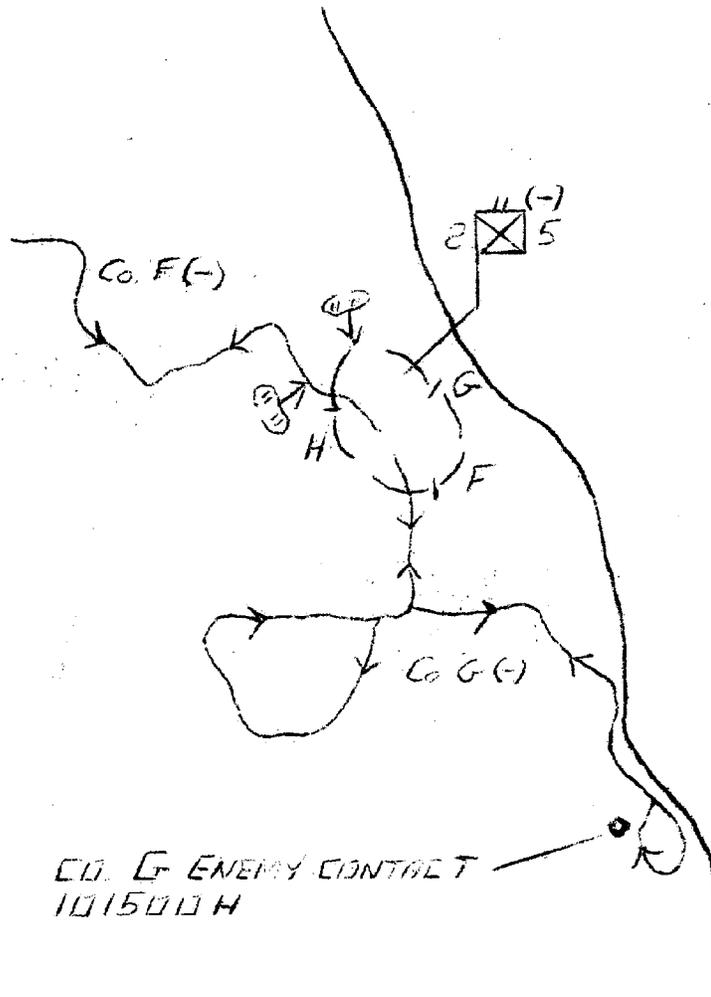
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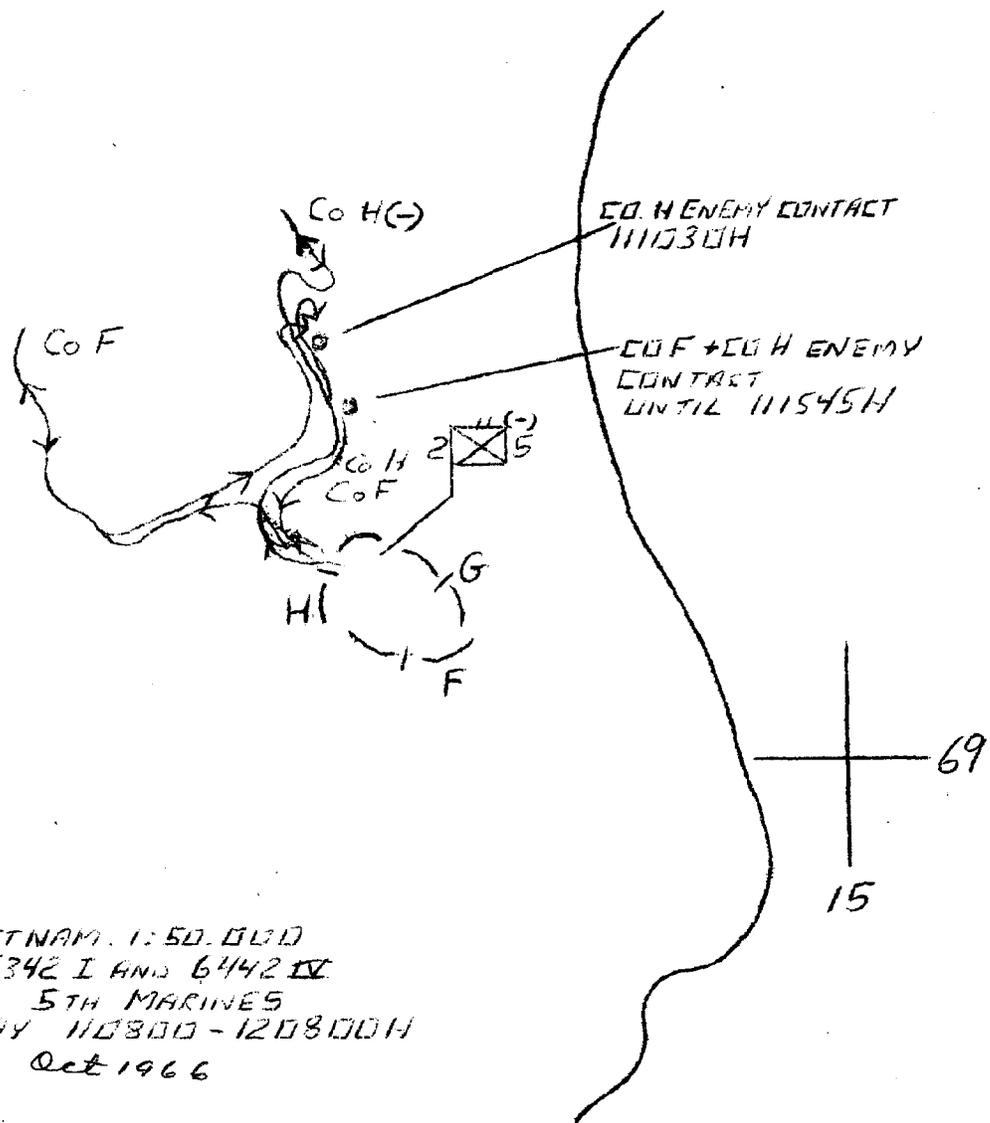


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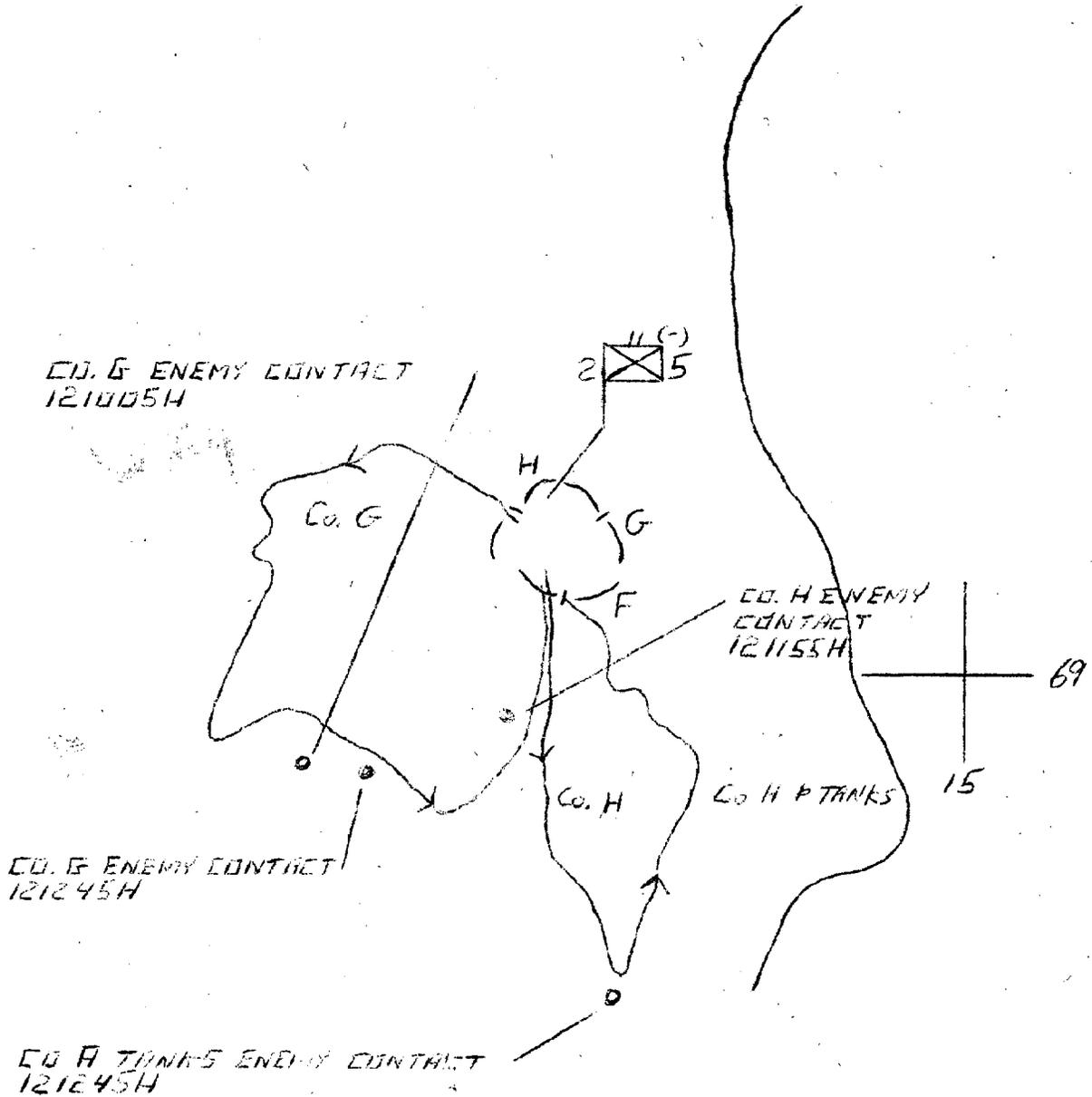


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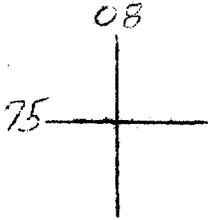
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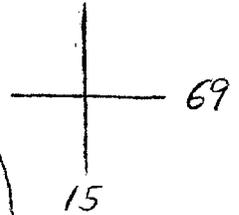
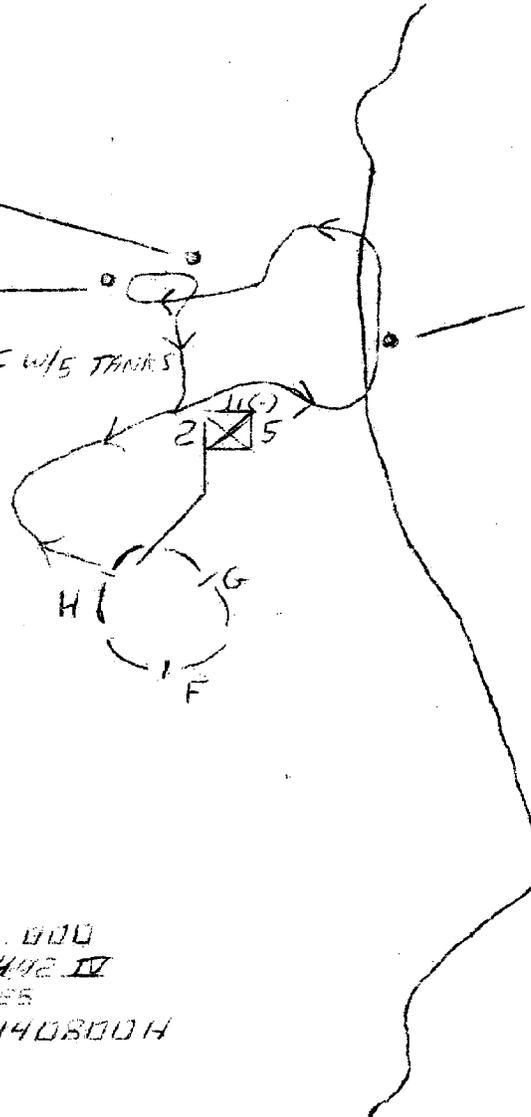
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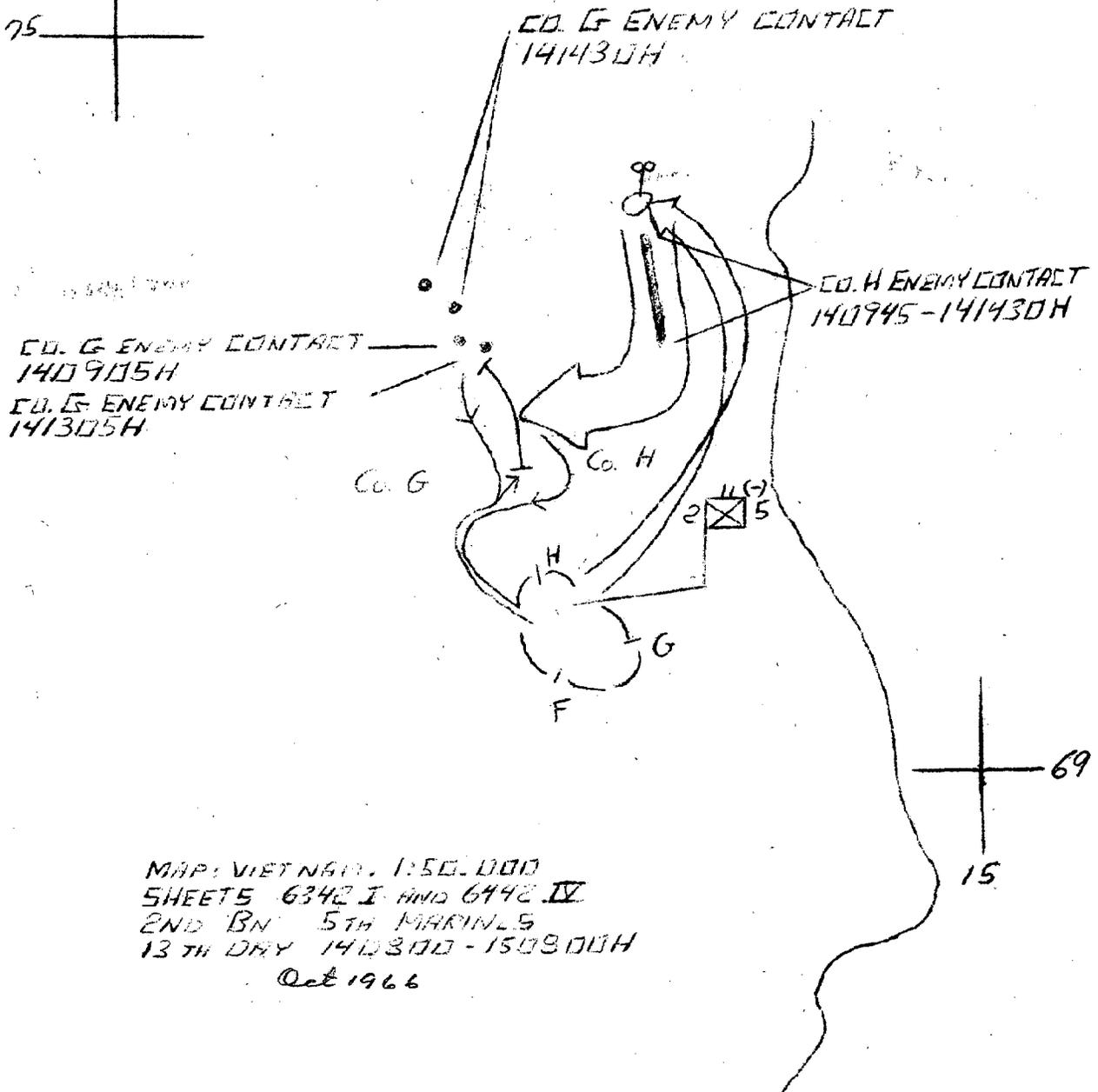
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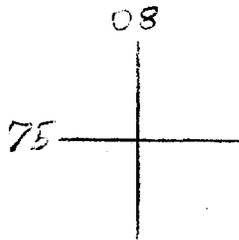
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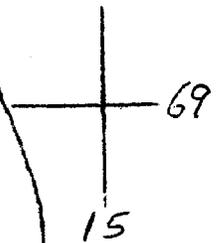
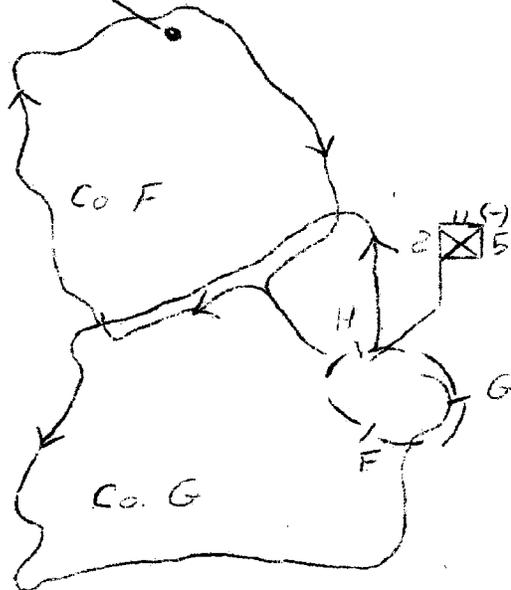


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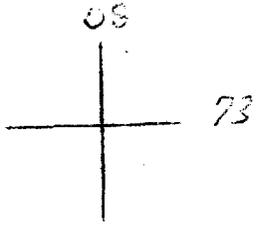


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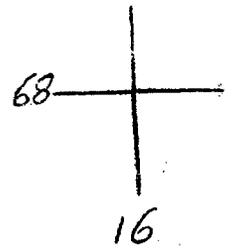
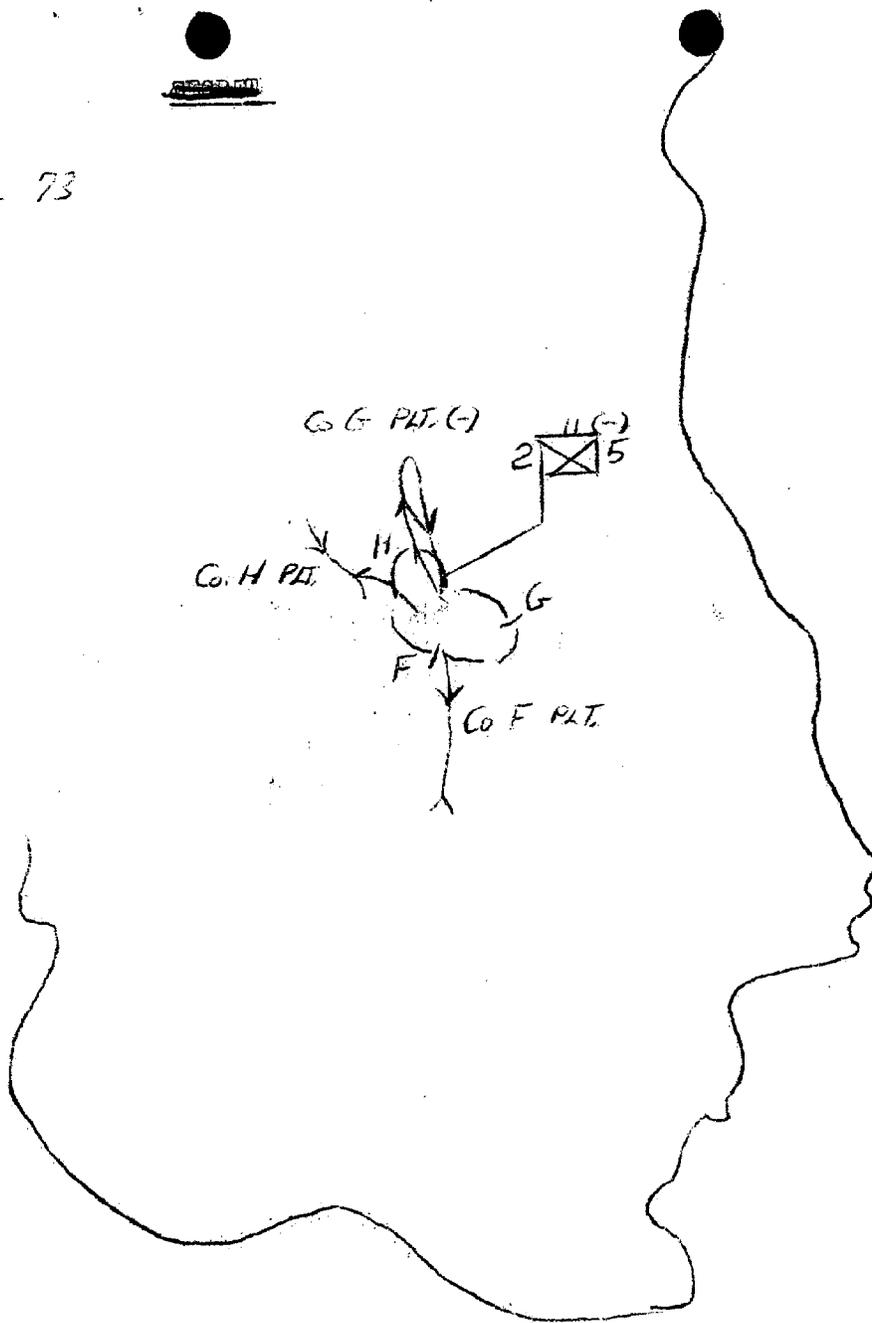


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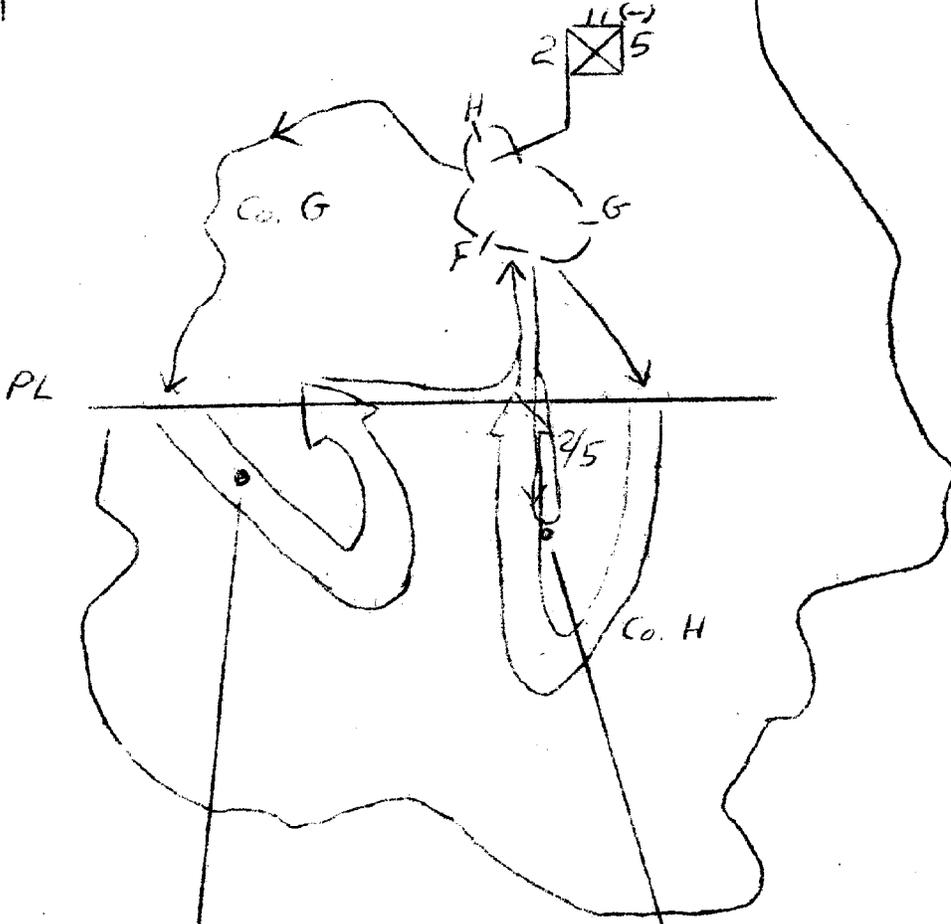


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 2ND BN 5TH MARINES
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CO G ENEMY CONTACT
171140H

2/5 CP ENEMY CONTACT
171400H

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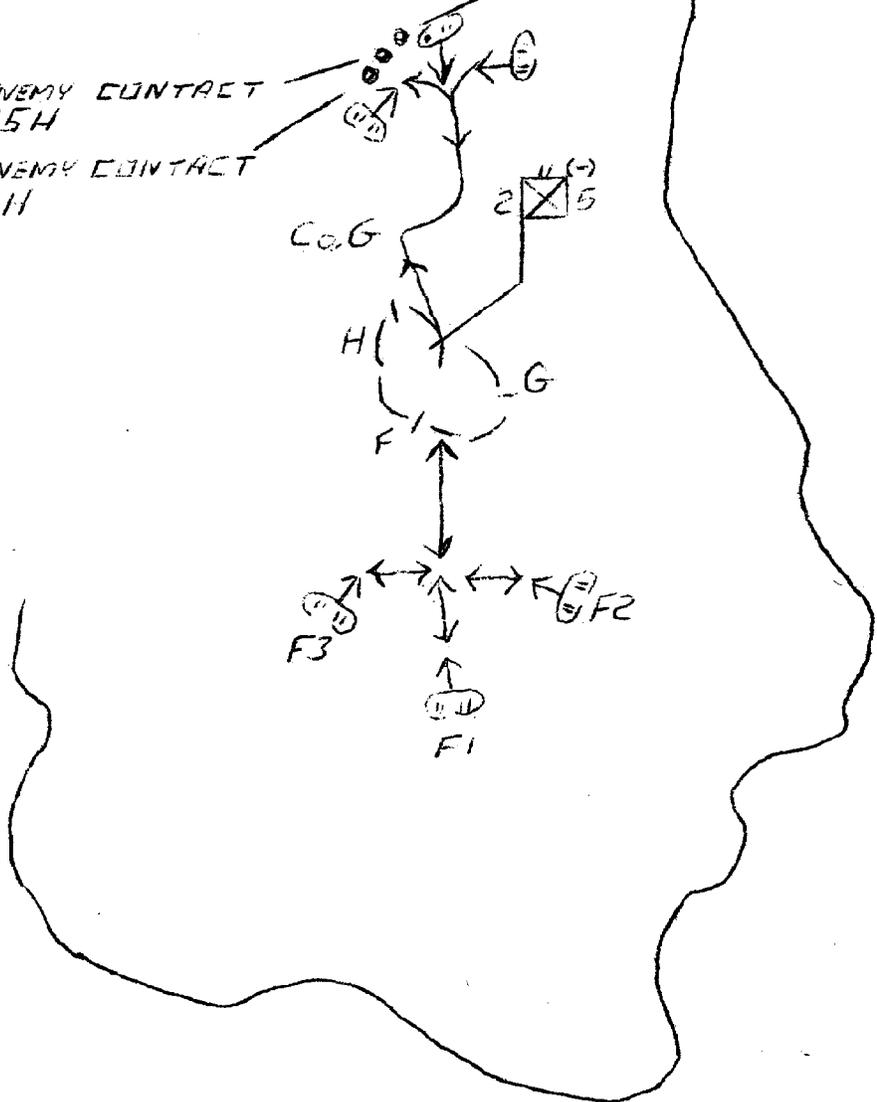
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181145H

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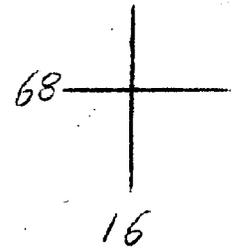
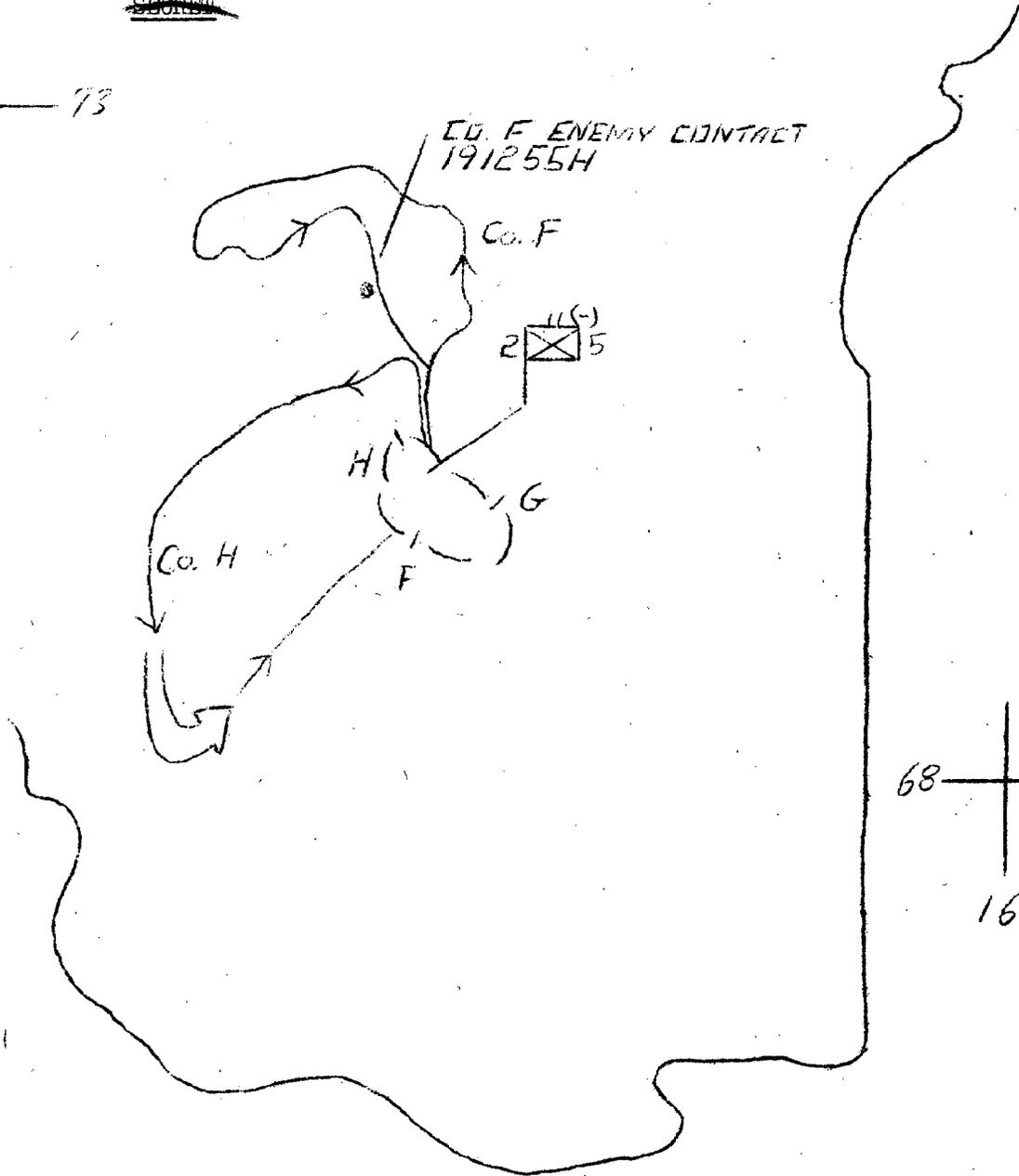
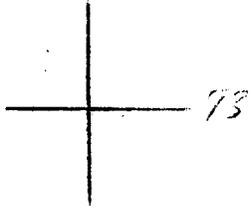
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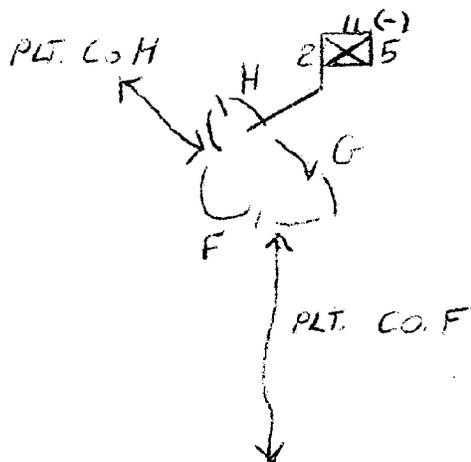


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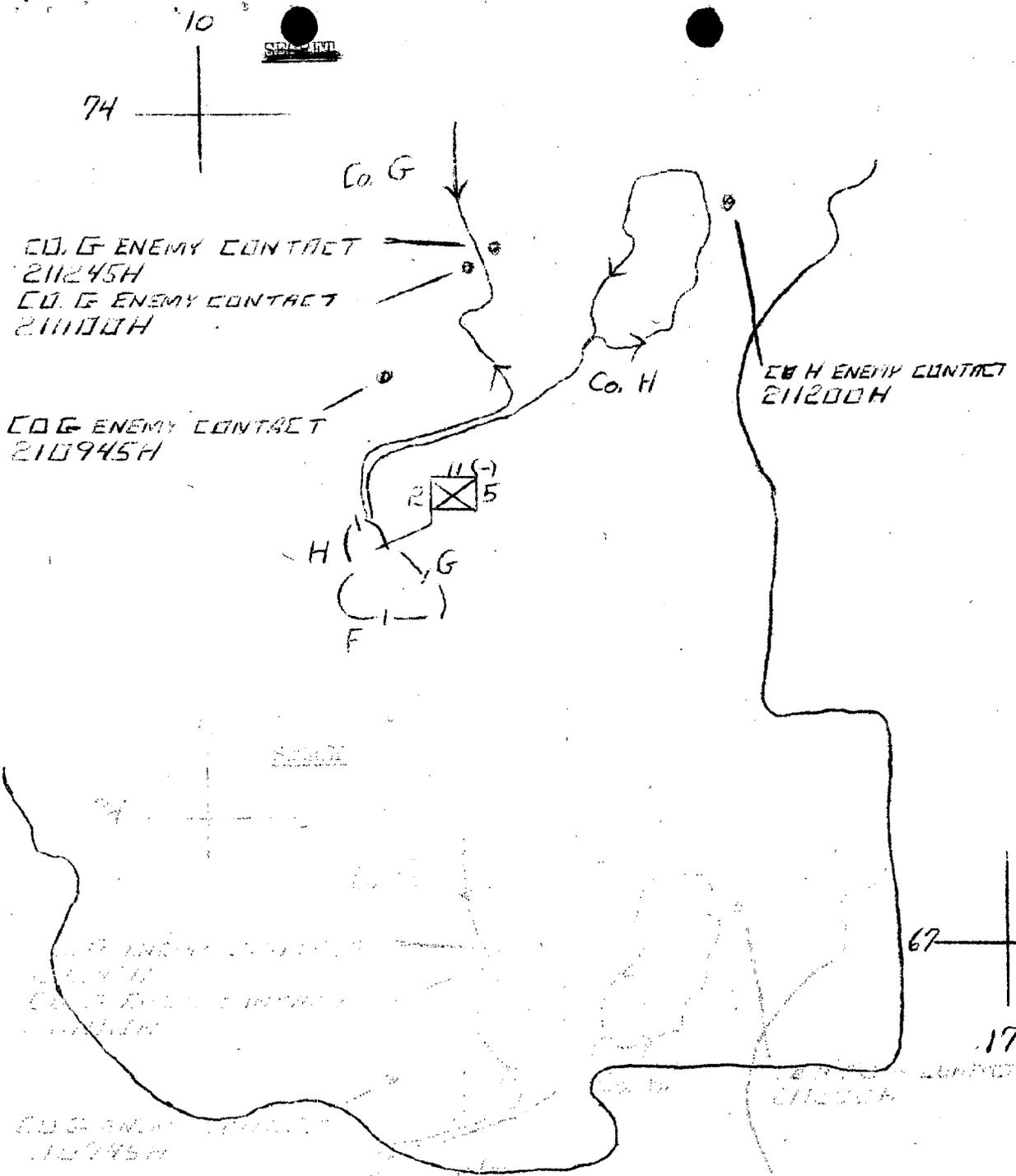
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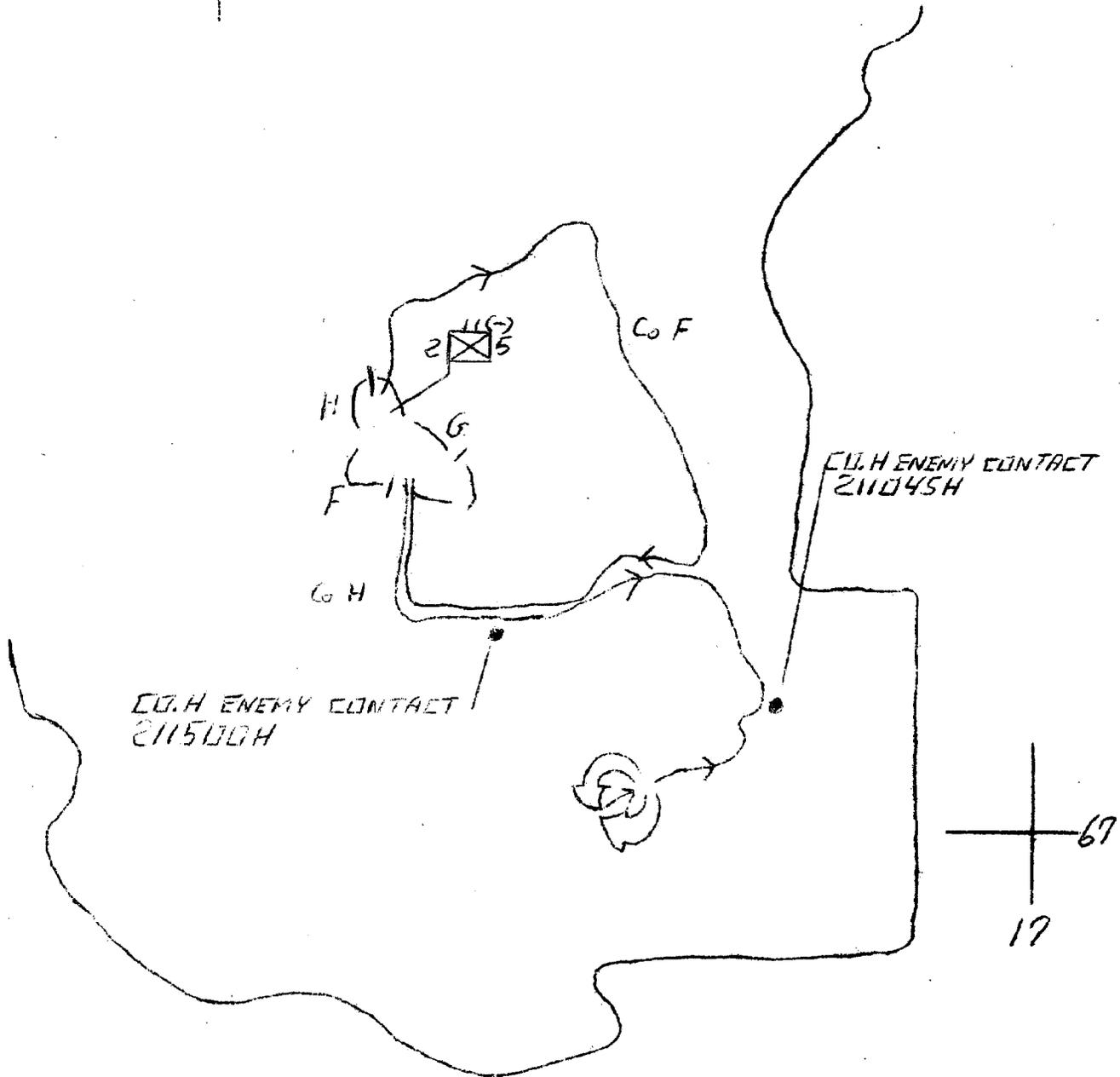


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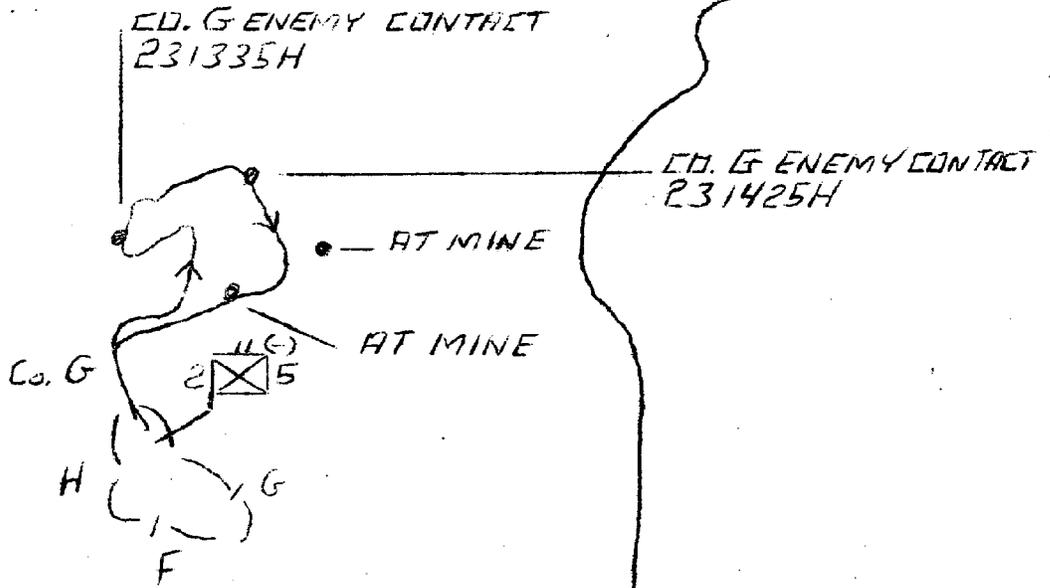
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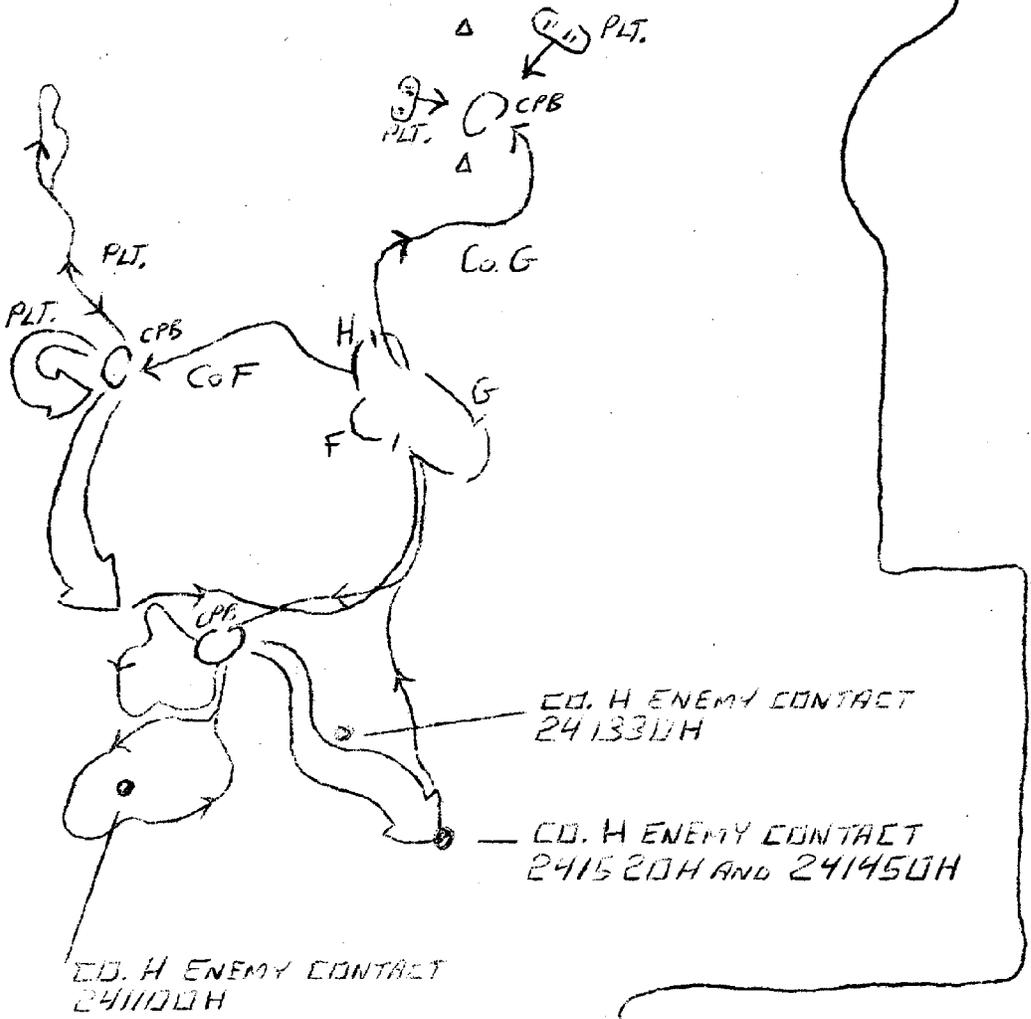


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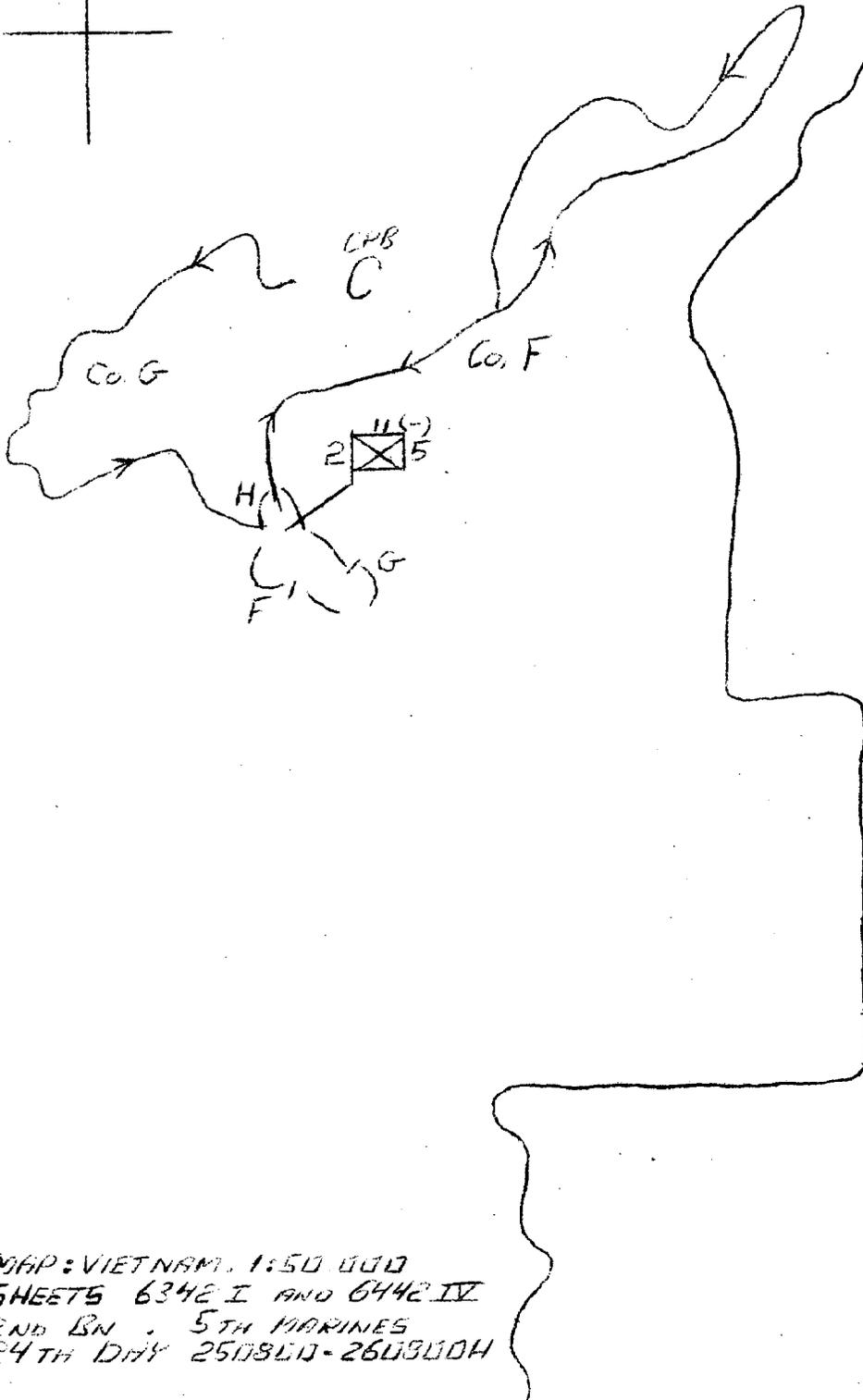
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23RD DAY 240800 - 250800H
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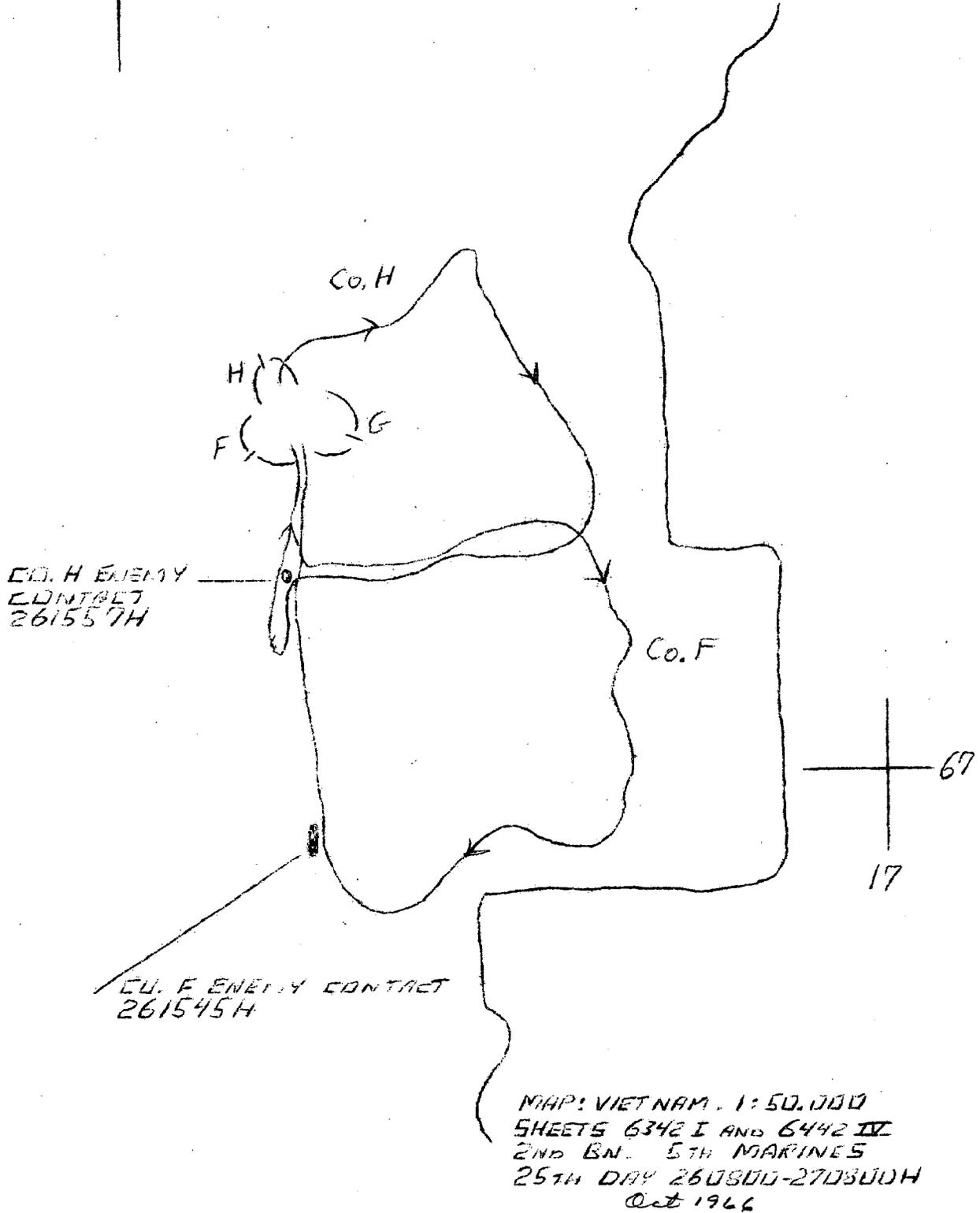
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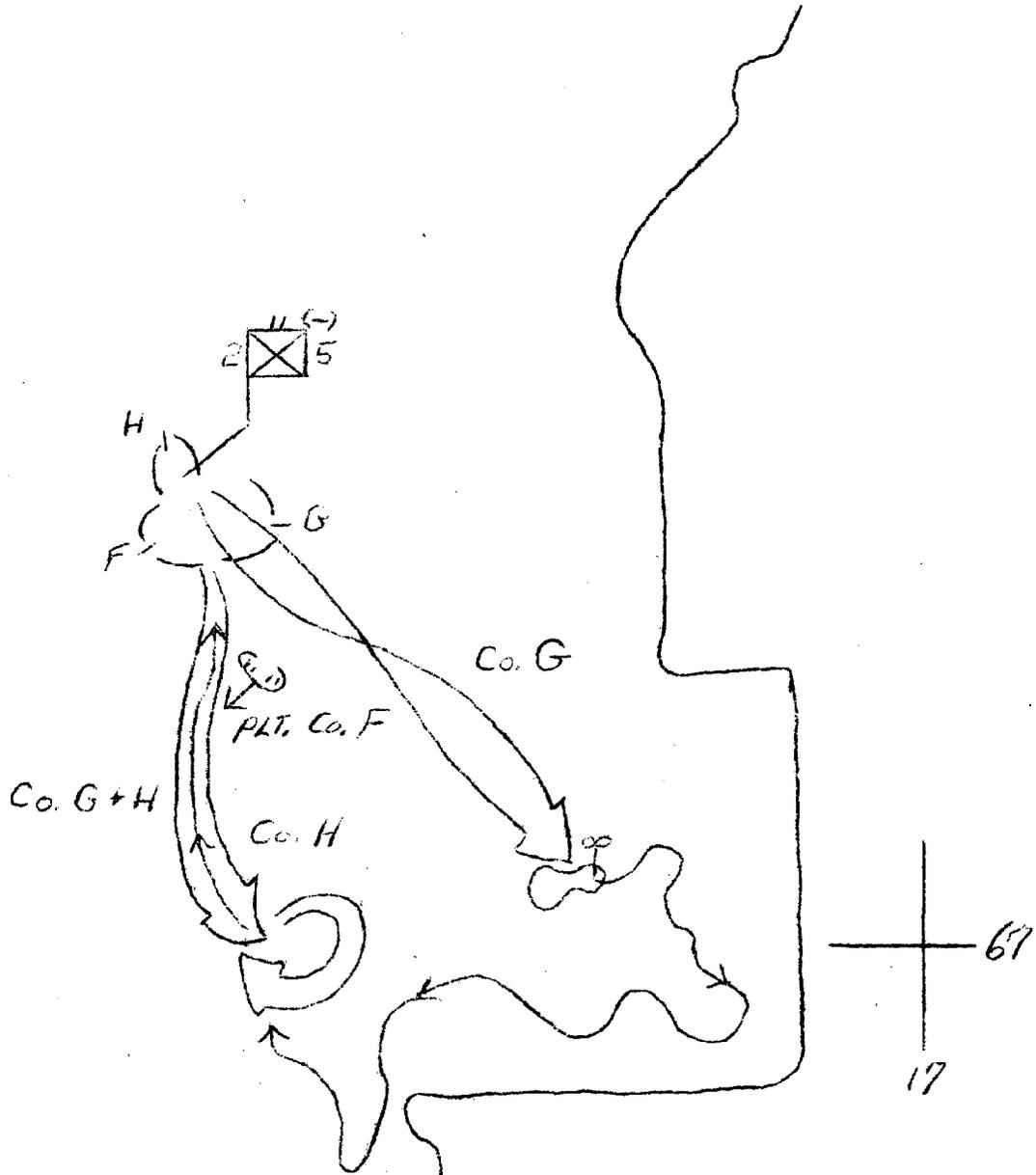


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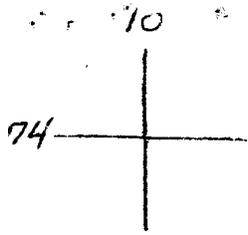
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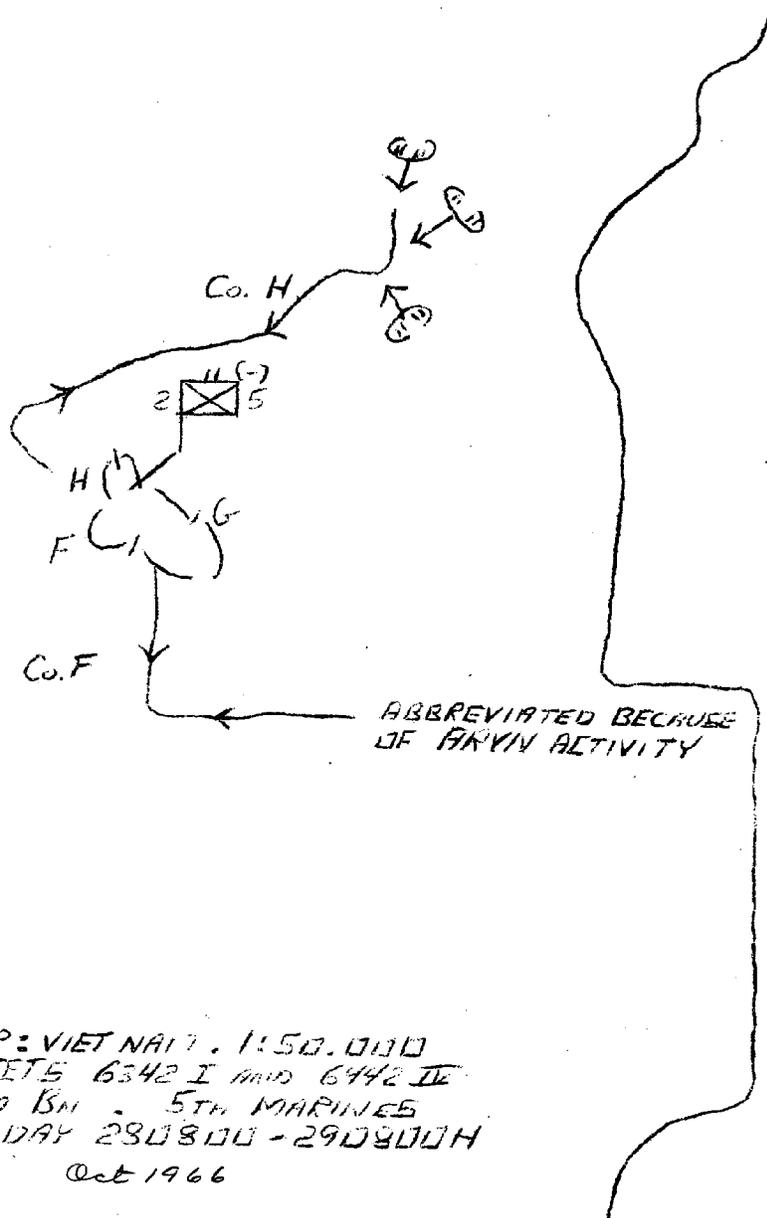


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 26TH DAY 270300-280300H
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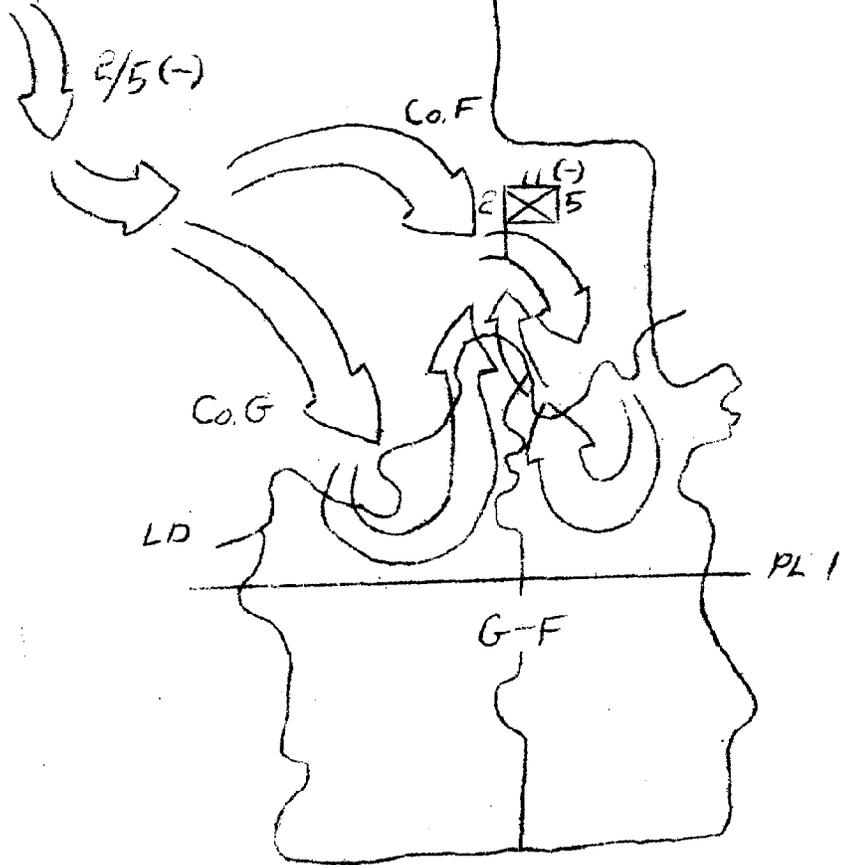


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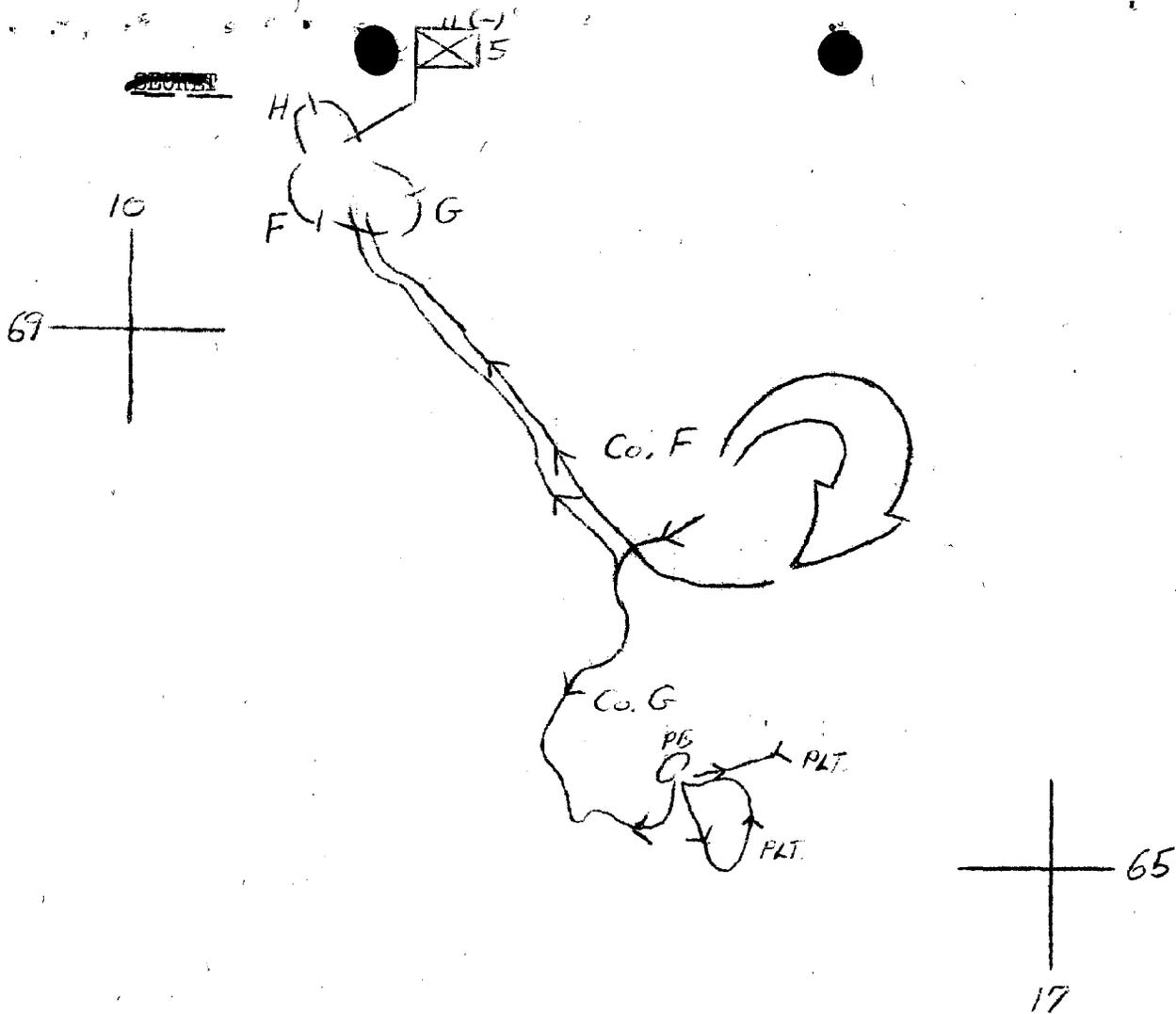
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 2ND BN, 5TH MARINES
 28TH DAY 290300-300800H
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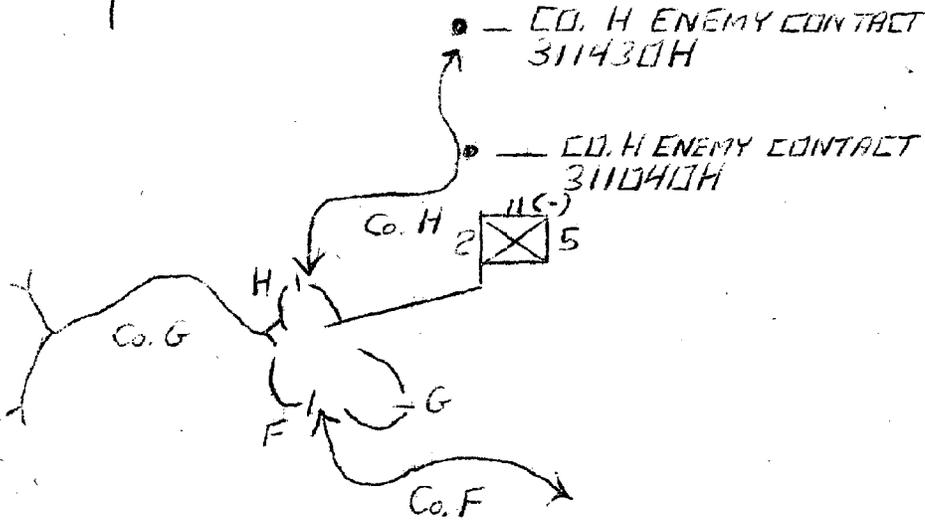
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 SHEETS 634C I AND 644C II
 2ND BN. 5TH MARINES
 29TH DAY 300500-310300H
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SHEETS 6342 I AND 6442 II
2ND BN, 5TH MARINES
30TH DAY 310800-010800H
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AIR

1. Helicopter

- (1) Number of requests - 29
- (2) Number of troops lifted - 921
- (3) Number of pounds lifted in conjunction with (1) and (2) - 12,150

2. Tactical Air

- (1) Number of requests - 21
- (2) Number of flights utilized - 44
 - (a) Flights controlled by TACA - 36
 - (b) Flights controlled by FAC's - 8
- (3) Hue gunship flights utilized - 5
- (4) "Spooky" (Puff the magic dragon) - 1

The flights controlled by the TAC(A)'s (OLE's - Dreamhor/Sacred aircraft) were run in a highly professional and most expediate manner. Their capability of aerial reconnaissance and controlling aircraft (fixed wing) certainly was a definite asset to the operation.

3. Medevacs

- (1) Number of medevacs requested - 20
- (2) Number of US evacuated - 131
- (3) Number of NEA's evacuated - 2

4. AN/TPQ - 10

- (1) Number of TPQ's dropped - 109½

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UNCLASSIFIED SUPPORTING ARMS

1. Artillery

A. Total Missions 845
 B. Observed 97
 C. Unobserved 84
 D. H&I 664

2. Ammunition expended:

105mm		155mm		4.2"		175mm
8158	HE	189	HE	1324	WE	284
68	WP			22	WP	
22	Illum					
7	SMK					

3. 81mm Mortars

A. Total Missions 117
 B. Observed 9
 C. Unobserved 31
 D. H&I 77

4. Ammunition expended:

A. Total rounds 2121
 B. HE 2047
 C. WP 59
 D. Illum 15

5. Naval Gunfire

A. Total Missions 19
 B. Observed 11
 C. Unobserved 3
 D. H&I 5

6. Ammunition expended:

A. H&I 419

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Communications during the month of October has been good to excellent. support in communications supply and maintenance has been good. This can be attributed to the fact that two technicians are working at the repair facility at Dong Ha. Operationally radio communications have been primarily on FM/PRC-25. The problems encountered have been minor. The H-138lu handset is particularly liable to moisture damage; however when proper precautions are taken to waterproof the handset it performs very well. The whip antenna is also susceptible to moisture. The connection between the rubber base and the whip antenna collects water and dirt which is not visible unless the connection is taken apart. When water collects in this connection the set will remain keyed and cut out other stations in the area.

The communications section is split as is the rest of the battalion. All vehicles, the message center, techshop, and generator section remain in the rear and must be maintained. This situation causes a shortage of personnel where operational commitments require them. Communications guard has been maintained by the Fourth Marine Regiment since the arrival of the battalion on 1 October at Dong Ha. Messages are being maintained by the S-1 section forward at Dong Ha.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Oct 2-3 On the night of the 3rd of October, the battalion sustained a mortar attack. One (1) PRC-25 was damaged beyond repair and (1) RC-292 was also damaged to a great extent. The PRC-25 was code X at Dong Ha and a float item was issued by the LSA at Dong Ha.

Oct 5-6 The battalion CP was located on the north west military crest of hill 162. Communications from this position were excellent. A wire system was installed with 15B22 and 10 TA's. The longest line from the ~~main~~ board was 1 1/2 miles long; this line was laid over a map distance of 800 meters but jungle terrain dictated an ~~unconventional~~ route

Oct 8-30 The battalion set up a high plateau which is the commanding terrain in the area, hill 158 YD 115705. Radio communications to Dong Ha and to most areas that the battalion has worked in have been well within the ~~range~~ of the PRC-25. The tape antenna has been used at distances of 6000 meters often in dense jungle terrain. The dense jungle does cause a 50% loss in signal strength especially during heavy rain. Loss of direct communications was experienced occasionally but this was usually due to the fact that units were on the move in dense terrain and could not use whip antennas.

During the period of 8-31 October, the wire system has been more extensive than is usual for the battalion in the field. Six miles of wire are installed in the CP hot lines to C battery 1/11 and the mortar battery 3/2 were installed. The normal interval wire system was also installed. On October 20 a radio relay team was attached to the battalion and hot channels to the regimental S-3 and FSCC were installed; two common bear lines were also installed. Using the integrated radio-relay-land line system of the 1st and 3rd Marine Division, was established between 2/5 on Hill 158 near the IRE and the 5th Marines CP in the Chu Lai area.

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1. General: The highlight of activity for October was the displacement of the Battalion Command Group and three rifle companies supported by elements of H&S Company from Chu Lai to Dong Ha, RVN. No difficulties were encountered in embarking the command aboard aircraft as ordered. Because the situation required immediate embarkation of the Battalion, the logistics section divided into two groups sending representatives with the battalion and leaving the S-4 officer to prepare follow up T/E items as requested. This required approximately one week. For the remainder of the period the logistics section was split into three groups: (1) The S-4 forward with the S-4 Officer in the field. (2) The S-4 rear with the S-4A at Dong Ha, (3) A clerk section at Chu Lai to handle administrative reports. The logistic support of field operations was provided by the 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division (Rear) from an LSA maintained at Dong Ha. The 4th Marines provided support on class I, III, KV, and V items through the 3rd Marine Division (Rear). Class II items were obtained through 1st Marine Division (Rear) channels at Chu Lai.

2. LSA: Support has been satisfactory in all respects.

3. BEA: Medical evacuations were sent to "A" Company Medical facilities at Dong Ha. The USS Repose being on station near this area for further evacuation of wounded.

4. Mess Hall: Units in the field subsisted on "C" rations with "B" rations supplements provided through the LSA. On 28 October 1966 a field mess was set up to support the battalion and attached units with one "A" ration meal a day.

5. Supply: The supply section sent representatives forward to Dong Ha with the section itself providing support on T/E and class II items from Chu Lai. Support from battalion supply for units in the field has been satisfactory, however, in general one week was required to draw organic equipment or from stocks on hand due to time, distance factors. Requisition of combat essential items was done by message with no time lag involved.

6. Transportation: Support has been dependent on helicopters and has been satisfactory.

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