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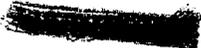
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August to 31 August 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

2nd Battalion, 5th Marines	LtCol J. H. HIGGINS 1-20 August 1969 Maj R. E. LOEHE 21-23 August 1969 LtCol J. T. BOWEN 24-31 August 1969
H&S Company	1stLt J. F. SHEEHAN 1-31 August 1969
Company E	Capt J. L. MCGILVER 1-31 August 1969
Company F	Capt E. R. FURR 1-31 August 1969
Company G	Capt A. R. FINLAYSON 1-31 August 1969
Company H	Capt R. W. POOLAW 1-31 August 1969

2. LOCATION

1-11 August 1969, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines operated in the Que Son Mountains southeast of An Hoa in connection with Operation DURHAM PEAK. 12-31 August, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines occupied Hill 65 in central Dai Loc District in the Quang Nam Province RVN and conducted company size reconnaissance-in-force operations in the northeast portion of the Arizona Area.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj R. E. LOEHE 1-20 August 1969 Maj R. E. LOEHE 24-31 August 1969
Adjutant	2ndLt J. H. STIEHL 1-31 August 1969
Assistant Adjutant	2ndLt K. E. SHIPLEY JR. 1-31 August 1969

S-1 Officer 2ndLt J. H. SHIMMEL
1-31 August 1969

S-2 Officer 1stLt T. F. KLINE
1-17 August 1969
2ndLt D. M. STORNI
18-31 August 1969

S-3 Officer Maj A. L. VALLESE
1-31 August 1969

S-3A Officer 1stLt R. L. WING
1-16 August 1969
2ndLt H. W. BROOKSHIRE
17-31 August 1969

S-5 Officer 1stLt T. F. KLINE
1-17 August 1969
2ndLt K. E. SHIPLEY JR.
18-31 August 1969

Communications Officer 1stLt L. G. SKILTON
1-20 August 1969
1stLt P. V. HACKBETT
21-31 August 1969

Assistant Communications Officer 1stLt P. V. HACKBETT
1-20 August 1969

Supply Officer 1stLt D. W. OLIPHANT
1-31 August 1969

Motor Transport Officer 1stLt D. E. HARTIN
1-31 August 1969

Air Liaison Officer Capt T. H. TANGUY
1-31 August 1969

Forward Air Control Officer 1stLt J. P. WELLS
1-31 August 1969

Artillery Liaison Officer 1stLt J. P. HARTHEADY
1-31 August 1969

Medical Officer Lt D. S. WHITNEY (USN)
1-31 August 1969

Chaplain Lt G. E. POWELL (USN)
1-31 August 1969

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
31	1,060	2	52

5. CHAPLAIN

During the month of August, the Chaplain offered Mass on Sunday 12 times with a total of 207 in attendance and on weekdays 27 times with 260 present. Arrangements were made for Sunday Protestant Worship to be held 8 times and 90 men attended. In addition, another Catholic Chaplain offered mass for the men in the Battalion rear area 6 times and 95 men were in attendance. 66 men were visited in hospitals, 40 men sought counseling and 15 Red Cross cases were handled by the Chaplain. On 6 occasions, the Chaplain offered mass for other Marine units with 84 participating. Protestant Lay Leader services were held twice with 30 men attending. One memorial service was held with 80 Marines attending.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the first 12 days of August, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation DURIAN PEAK in the Que Son Mountains south-east of An Hoa. The first four days of the operation, the Battalion served as a blocking force for 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines. From 5 to 12 August, the Battalion conducted sweep and block maneuvers during daylight hours and squad and platoon size ambushes at night. Contact with the enemy was frequent and at close range. The enemy was poorly equipped and refused to fight for any prolonged period.

On 12 August 1969, the Battalion was helilifted to An Hoa and went by truck convoy to Hill 65. With the exception of a two-company reconnaissance-in-force into the Arizona Area, operations were confined to company level activities north of the Vu Gia River.

Pacification of the villages around Hill 65 included numerous building projects and rec-caps. The 1st Marine Division Band played for the villagers on one occasion.

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A. TOPICS

1. Personnel and Administration.

a. Strength. The Battalion strength at the beginning of August was 35 officers and 1,101 enlisted. At the end of the month, the strength was 27 officers and 1,062 enlisted. The Battalion joined 2 officers and 76 enlisted. 10 officers and 115 enlisted men were dropped from the rolls. Casualties sustained by the Battalion during the month of August were as follows:

BATTLES				NON-BATTLES		TOTAL
NIA	POA	POV	WINDA	NBP	NBC	
4	42	0	30	1	190	267

b. Discipline, Law and Order. There were four Special Courts-Martial held during the month of August. One General Court-Martial was held. There were three Summary Courts-Martial held. Two Article 32 pre-trial investigations were conducted. One Battalion Commander's office hours was held. Four JAG manual investigations were completed during the month.

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

d. Awards. There were 22 awards received and presented with appropriate ceremony during the month. Among these, there were two Bronze Stars and two Navy Commendation Medals. Five awards were re-addressed and forwarded to former members of this command. During this period, 55 U. S. awards for heroism and meritorious service were processed by the Battalion.

2. Intelligence.

a. Enemy. During the month of August contact with the 36th NVA Regiment was made while operating in Operation DURHAM PMAK in the Que Son Mountains. During the period POW's from the 90th Regiment, 60th Regiment, 20th Transportation Battalion, 981, 983 and the 269th Regiment were captured although no confirmed contacts were made with these units. Also reported in the AO were the D-3 Battalion, T-09 Sapper Battalion, and the 121st Company. No confirmed intelligence indicated that these units were actually engaged during the operation. Upon termination of Operation DURHAM PMAK and the move to Hill 65 and assuming control of the Northern Arizona, contact was light with no specific units identified.

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b. Weather. The weather for the month was normal for this time of year. The average high was 97 degrees with an average low of 78 degrees. Humidity was about 70 per cent, which, added to the high temperatures, created some problems in operating patrols. Only .17 inches precipitation was received during the month.

c. Terrain. For the first part of the month, while in the mountains, the terrain was very rugged with steep, rocky, almost impassable areas. Double canopy was predominate in the mountains. Upon moving to the Northern Arizona, the terrain again consisted of rice paddies with patches of high ground covered with shrubs and treelines.

5. Organization and Operations.

a. Organization. The following units were attached or detached from the Battalion during the month of August 1969.

Company H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCOM to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines from 010001H to 050950H.

Company H, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCOM to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from 051300H to 121050H.

Company G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCOM to 7th Marines from 121200H to 141500H.

Company H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCOM to 7th Marines from 121200H to 141500H.

Company G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCOM to 1st Marine Division from 311300H to 312400H.

b. Operations. From 1-15 August 1969, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation DURHAM PEAK. On 12 August, Companies E and F were helilifted to An Hoa Combat Base to prepare for further operations in the newly assigned EMOR (Central Dai Loc District including the Northern Arizona Area) the 15th of August. On 12 August 1969, Companies G and H were helilifted to An Hoa Combat Base and then moved to Hill 65 by truck convoy. With the exception of a two-company reconnaissance-in-force into the Northern Arizona Area, operations were confined to company level activities north of the Vu Gia River.

c. Supporting Arms.

(1) Air Support.

(a) Tactical Air Support. Air Support for the Battalion totalled 70 sorties. Of these sorties, 51 were Tactical Air Strikes and 19 were A6A Beacon strikes. The Battalion utilized 24 aerial observers. Marine air support delivered 370.5 tons of ordnance on enemy targets resulting in 15 enemy killed, one enemy wounded, 103 structures and 56 bunkers destroyed, 16 secondary fires and 12 secondary explosions.

(b) Helicopter Support. In Operation DUREAN PALK, the Battalion utilized three troop lifts totalling 1,700 combat Marines. A total of 194 Marines were evacuated during the month. Average time for emergency evacuations was 37 minutes, with priority and routine evacuations being 55 minutes.

(2) Fire Support. During the month of August, the role of artillery support for 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines changed from firing in a free fire area to one of firing into a relatively pacified area.

During the first half of the month, the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines was engaged in Operation DUREAN PALK. The only problem, other than close proximity of the friendly units within the area of operations, was that of the continual poor communications on the conduct of fire and liaison nets. At one time sitting on a hilltop during the early stages communications were at no time good and for the most part poor. Other than using the 5th Marines Regimental Tactical Net, the Battalion Artillery Officer had no communications with 5th Marines BSCC.

After moving to Hill 65, the initial problem was that of establishing liaison with the Army advisor at Dai Loc. This problem was solved by establishing a liaison team at District headquarters consisting of an NCO and two radio operators. Without resorting to firing under the rules of engagement but in a contact situation, the time elapsed from the BSCC receiving the mission until it was cleared with all units was approximately two minutes.

Firing batteries that supported the Battalion during the month were Batteries E, F, D and W, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines; Battery K, 4th Battalion, 15th Marines; and 2nd Platoon, 8 inch Howitzer Battery. Total rounds expended for the month was 4,500 rounds.

4. Training.

During the month of August, 63 Marines were processed through indoctrination training prior to their deployment to the field.

Division and higher level schools attended by members of the Battalion were as follows:

Division Leadership School	12
Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	1
Basic Ammo Tech	2
Registered Publications School	1
Vietnamese Language Course	1
MST Course	1
Fiscal Clerk School	1
Mares Forstat School	3
Embarkation School (Okinawa)	1
Embarkation Course (An Hoa)	7
Kit Carson Scout School	1
KI-7 School	1
Land Mine Warfare School	48

5. Logistics.

No significant resupply problems were encountered during Operation DURHAM PEAK and all items of supply needed for mountain operations were available for distribution due to the planning and acquisition of these items in July.

On 14 August, the Battalion had completed its move to Hill 65, relieving 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. The move was accomplished by helicopter and truck convoy with no major problems encountered. Resupply of the Command Post located at Hill 65 and the companies operating north of the Vu Gia River was difficult because dump levels had to be established at Hill 65 utilizing the Battalion's organic motor transport and 2 1/2 ton trucks from 1st Motor Transport Battalion. An additional 2 1/2 ton truck is required to shuttle supplies from An Hoa to Hill 65 and will be provided in early September. Resupply of companies operating south of the river was accomplished by helicopter from the LSU at An Hoa.

Sections began preparing for the CIMEI inspection scheduled for 22 September. Courtesy inspections were given the Mess Hall, Ordnance, Engineer and Embarkation. Discrepancies noted will be rectified prior to 22 September.

Motor Transport was satisfactory during the month despite the fact that 50% of the assets were sent to Hill 65 with the Motor Transport Chief.

The Mess Hall continued to provide three hot meals a day at An Hoa. An additional Mess Hall was established at Hill 65 and the three ME-10 reefers were sent to that position.

On 24 August, a fire in the An Hoa cantonment destroyed three Sea Huts, one hardback and one GP tent with deck; two Sea Huts were damaged. The Company E Office, Supply and Personnel Effects were completely destroyed. Company F was able to evacuate all but a few minor items prior to its office being burned down.

Police of the burned area started 25 August and was completed in the shortest possible time. The dedication, rapid response and an all-hands effort prevented the fire from being much worse. There were no casualties.

There were no significant engineer, ordnance, supply, or embarkation problems during the month.

6. Supply.

The recent relocation of Battalion Supply from the Regimental area to the Battalion cantonment materially enhanced the operational effectiveness of the entire Battalion. In addition to being more accessible to using units, Battalion Supply was able to systematically set up an office, armoury, operational stock and bulk storage. The additional space is an asset in that there is room for expansion.

Forty-five caliber pistols, which were in short supply for the past few months, were received giving the Battalion sufficient on-hand quantities. Five gallon water cans, a critical Logistics Summary Item in the past, were received providing the Battalion with sufficient stock for the next operation.

The fire that destroyed Company E's office and supply hut and Company F's office at An Hoa destroyed a substantial amount of supplies organic to the Battalion. All formal account items will be dropped from the formal property records. Replacements will be procured as expeditiously as possible to bring the unit back up to T/E strength.

7. Motor Transport.

The Battalion Motor Transport Section was divided between Hill 65 and An Hoa during August. Facilities were split evenly between the two areas, with the exception of the supply and records section which is still located at An Hoa. A maintenance problem caused by a shortage of qualified mechanics and equipment, was compounded by the operation of two separate motor pools.

During the month, a driver's orientation course was held with a total of 15 Marines receiving driver's licenses upon completion.

8. Medical.

a. Battalion Medical Strength. The BMS consisted of one Medical Officer, one Chief Petty Officer, and thirteen Hospital Corpsmen. A forward BMS, located on Hill 65, consisted of one HML and six Hospital Corpsmen and continually supported the Forward CP and the companies in the Operational Area. Letter companies were maintained with six to eight Hospital Corpsmen.

b. Malaria. There was an upsurge in malaria incidences with twenty-three cases seen at the Rear BMS and many more evacuated from the field and Hill 65. These cases were mainly the Falciparum variety. Some of these patients had never been out of the rear area. Prophylactic measures have been stressed.

c. Veneral Disease. There were twelve cases of VD, most of which were gonorrhoea. Some were NSU.

d. Rabies. Two animal bites (1 dog and 1 rat)

e. Significant Events. A program of general immunization was conducted on Battalion personnel. Med-Caps in coordination with Regiment were conducted around An Hoa on a regular basis. Approximately 200 patients were seen per week. An active Med-Cap program was initiated around Hill 65.

f. Heat Casualties. Only one heat casualty was treated at the rear BMS.

g. Statistics. A total number of 918 patients were seen with an average of 30 per day.

h. Routine Medical Complaints. Dermatitis - 96, Gastroenteritis - 46, Orthopedic - 85, Ear Disorders - 43.

9. Communications.

In conjunction with Operation DURHAM PEAK, a radio retransmission site was established on Hill 425. Tests shots from Hill 425 to Phu Lao 6 were exceptionally clear in reception. However, due to operational commitments the retransmission site was relocated to Hill 845. Through trial and error it was proven that in order to have any amount of success with retransmission, a radio set, AN/PRC-77, had to be employed on one end of the retransmission cable.

As in the past, the Battalion again encountered the problem of friendly interference due to one station overriding another. This interference was caused by the frequency allocation in which frequencies assigned to the Battalion were within interference range. To minimize this interference, it was necessary to flip-flop the assigned frequencies. Due to the limited number of frequencies assigned to the 1st Marine Division, it is almost impossible to obtain any spare frequencies.

The move to Hill 65 presented almost the same problems found on Phu Lao 6. The communications system, wire in particular, had to be revamped. Five pair cable was employed and terminal frames relocated.

Radio transmission within the MAOR continues to be 95% reliable. No dead spots have been encountered and very little antenna orientation is required.

On 25 August 1969, a fire broke out in both offices of Companies E and F at An Hoa. A number of telephones and PRC-88 radios were destroyed by fire. Their loss, however, did not affect the operational readiness of the communications section.

10. Civic Action.

From 1-12 August 1969, the Battalion Civil Affairs Section rendered support to the villagers in My Son and Phu Da (1). Ammunition boxes were provided to rebuild and repair homes in those villages. On 13 August, the Battalion's Civic Action Area of Responsibility changed from the An Hoa area to the area surrounding Hill 65. The Battalion B-5 immediately contacted the officials at Loc My and Loc An Villages and Tam Hoa Hamlet to offer any assistance needed. On 16 August 1969, a meeting was held with all Vietnamese civilians working on Hill 65 to establish the manner in which they would conduct business in a concession and employment requirements if employed by the Battalion. The Battalion was allotted a quota of 11 persons for which 5th Marines appropriated funds for wages. Gate and work passes were made and are used by all civilians employed on Hill 65. A record book was started for each of these persons.

Three men, two women, and fourteen children were treated for injuries and wounds at the Hill 65 Battalion Aid Station. Of these persons, eight were evacuated to DaNang for further treatment.

An American male pig was brought to My Son. Once the pig is old enough for breeding, it will improve the size and value of the Vietnamese stock in the area. Corn meal was furnished to feed the pig.

The 1st Marine Division Band played in Tam Hoa Hamlet, Loc My Village on 18 August 1969.

11. Psychological Operations.

Aerial broadcasts and aerial leaflet drops were used in all areas in which 2nd Batt Lian, 5th Marines had responsibility.

12. Statistics for the month of August.

a. Enemy Casualties.

NVA KIA	22
VC KIA	13
NVA POW	12
VC POW	6
NVA Returnees	6
VC Returnees	3
Civil Defendents	7

b. Weapons Captured.

AK-47 Rifles	9
SKS Rifles	15
60mm Mortar Tube w/base plate	1
AK-50	1
M-1 Carbine	1
9mm Pistol	1

c. Ordnance Captured.

60mm Rounds	29
B-40 Rounds	4
Chicom Grenades	48
M-26 Grenades	2
Assorted Small Arms Ammunition	756

d. Equipment Captured.

AK-47 Magazines	20
M-16 Magazines	3
Unknown Type Communication Radio	1
NVA Packs	26
NVA Hammocks	1
NVA Helmets	8
NVA Poncho	9
NVA Utilities	22
NVA First Aid Kits	7
NVA E-Tools	5
NVA Mochete	1

e. Surprise Firing Devices.

(1) Found.

M-26 Grenades	8
ChiCom Grenade	1
Bouncing Betty	1
25 pound box mine	1

(2) Detonated.

60mm Mortar	3	(10 USMC WIA Evac)
M-26 Grenades	8	(10 USMC WIA Evac)

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ Tab "A" Staff Journal for period 1 August through 31 August 1969.

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ENCLOSURE (1)

2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3
 DURHAM PEAK
 Journal

Date: 2 August 1969(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened
0800H	2	S-3	Company G on patrol at AT990398 apprehended a wounded NVA. The POW indicated the location of 160 NVA, 40 of them wounded, at AT990396 and that 200 NVA were in the area the day before. Results: One NVA POW.
0900H	3	S-3	While continuing pursuit of the enemy, the lead elements of Company G observed a ten-man ambush on the trail at AT988394. Company G opened fire with small arms and automatic weapons. Company G assaulted the area driving the enemy up the hill to the northwest. Results: Two USMC WIA Evac.
1250H	4	S-3	Sweeping to the east at AT994394, Company G (-) observed five NVA with camouflage on their backs moving northeast away from them. Company G opened fire with small arms and M-79 and the enemy ran into very thick undergrowth. Results Unknown.
1430H	5	S-3	An AO supporting Company G fired rockets into Company G's position at AT000397. Results: Four USMC NBC Evac and one USMC NBC Non-Evac.
1445H	6	S-3	Company G at AT990398 observed approximately 20 NVA moving southeast away from them.

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2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3

Date: 4 August 1969DURHAM PEAK
Journal(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
0830H	2	S-3	On patrol at AT973587, a platoon from Company M, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines found one dead NVA killed by small arms fire one day prior. Results: One NVA KIA and capture of one chicom grenade, one M-26 grenade, two AK-47 magazines, one magazine pouch with 50 rounds AK-47 ammo and a pack of documents.
0850H	3	S-3	While searching the area at AT937387, a platoon from Company M surprised an NVA walking on the trail. The point man opened fire on the enemy. Results: One NVA KIA and capture of one AK-47 rifle, two chicom grenades and three AK-47 magazines.
0945	4	S-3	While moving to his objective, a Marine from Company F detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade set with trip wire at AT980402. Results: Three USMC WIA Non-Evac.
1700H	5	S-3	While moving at BT004402, a platoon from Company E discovered an NVA base camp consisting of 18 hootches. Results: Capture of one map of Danang, one hand written map, five sand bags of salt, three cans of fish sauce, one can of kerosene, two bottles of malaria tablets, two

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2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3
 DURHAM PEAK
 Journal

Date: 5 August 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0615H	1	S-3	While returning from an ambush, a unit from Company M heard someone talking in Vietnamese at AF970389. A Vietnamese male stood up and said Chieu Hoi. The unit escorted the male to the lines and was questioned by the S-2 scout. The Vietnamese said that he was an ARVN PFC who had been captured by the VC in Antenna Valley and taken to the mountains under guard where he escaped. Results: One Detainee.
0900H	2	S-3	A helicopter coming into Company G's position at AF992384 to pick up a med-evac, received small arms fire from an enemy unit at AF992384. A platoon from Company G assaulted the enemy and the enemy fled south. 81mm and artillery missions, and two flights of fixed wing were called on the enemy. As the platoon searched the area, they found one NVA hiding behind a rock. The platoon opened fire with small arms. Results: One NVA KIA.
1045H	3	S-3	A platoon from Company M was setting into local security at AF971383 when they heard voices and movement. A patrol was sent out to investigate and found an abandoned OP site. Results: Capture of one NVA pack with medical

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2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3

Date: 5 August 1969

DURHAM PEAK
Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
			equipment, clothes, one hammock, five pounds of sugar, one sphygmomanometer (instrument for checking blood pressure), one U. S. Army medical kit complete with sophisticated surgical equipment and ten pounds of rice ready to eat.
1215H	4	S-3	While clearing an LZ at AT971384, Company M found one bouncing betty in the middle of a large clearing which was destroyed in place.
1300H	5	S-3	While moving at AT970392, a platoon from Company F found one dead NVA killed by artillery. Results: One NVA KBARTY.
1330H	6.	S-3	While searching an area at AT993385 that had previously been hit with air strikes, a platoon from Company C found a small enemy harboring site consisting of three caves. Results: Capture of three AK-47 magazines.
1845H	7.	S-3	An OP from Company M at AT974384 observed enemy movement. The OP opened fire with small arms and searched the area. Results: One NVA POW and capture of assorted 762 equipment.
2400H	8.	S-3	Journal Closed.

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2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3
 DURHAM PEAK
 Journal

Date: 6 August 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
0730H	2	S-3	A med-evac helicopter received fire from an unknown enemy position as it entered Company G's LZ at AT992384. Supporting Gunships returned fire on the enemy and the evacuation was completed.
0810H	3	S-3	While on patrol at BT002393, a platoon from Company E found a recently used NVA staging area consisting of three hootches and four tunnels. Results: Capture of one NVA pack.
0845H	4	S-3	A patrol from Company H was sent out to search for two NVA who wanted to Cheiu Hoi at AT968384. The patrol found the men and escorted them back to friendly lines. Results: Two NVA Cheiu Hoi's.
0915H	5	S-3	While on patrol at BT005390, a platoon from Company E found an enemy base area consisting of ten hootches and four caves. Results: Capture of one NVA HELMET, one pair of NVA utilities, one NVA poncho, time table, map, medical equipment, one bottle of malaria pills, one bottle of vitamins, mor hine, 56 rounds of AK-47, one medical scrub shirt, one NVA pack and assorted medical equipment and clothes.

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2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3
 DURHAM PEAK
 Journal

Date: 6 August 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0930H	6	S-3	While moving to the objective, Company G was hit by friendly air strikes (HELIBORNE 020). Results: Two USMC NBC Evacs.
1020H	7	S-3	The point man of a Company M patrol encountered an NVA. The Marine opened fire on the enemy. Results One NVA KIA.
1100H	8	S-3	While on patrol at BT009391, a platoon from Company E observed 11 NVA standing in two separate groups. The patrol opened fire and swept the area finding three blood trails but no bodies.
1145H	9	S-3	While preparing an LZ at AT972384, a Marine from Company M found a pressure type box mine weighing approximately 25 pounds.
1415H	10	S-3	A platoon on patrol from Company E observed two NVA, one male and the other female, at BT007397. The patrol opened fire on the enemy killing the female as the male fled north. Results: One NVA KIA.
1615H	11	S-3	A squad on patrol from Company F found a dead NVA dressed in utilities killed by small arms at AT969388. Results: One NVA KIA.
1645H	12	S-3	While on patrol, a platoon from Company E discovered an old corn field at AT995377. A

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2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3

Date: 7 August 1969DURHAM PEAK
Journal(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
0830H	2	S-3	While on patrol at AT995375, a platoon from Company G discovered an old man and a young boy hiding under a rock. Results: Two detainees.
0845H	3	S-3	While on patrol at AT996371, a platoon from Company G found a hooch containing mackerel cans, eating utensils and one NVA uniform.
1000H	4	S-3	While on patrol at AT997399, a platoon from Company E discovered three caves and two huts not recently used.
1140H	5	S-3	While on patrol at AT996398, a platoon from Company E found five caves and five huts containing one pistol holster with belt and 100 feet of single strand communication wire.
1410H	6	S-3	While on patrol at AT994397, a platoon from Company E found four bundles of double strand communication wire. A further search of the area revealed 10 caves and bloody battle dressings along the trail.
1430H	7	S-3	While on patrol at AT992379, a squad from Company E observed two NVA moving in a northeasterly direction. The squad opened fire with small arms and M-79 and assaulted. A search revealed blood trails leading to three caves. The

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Date: 7 August 1969

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(DTG) From 0600H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
			caves were searched with negative results.
1600H	8	S-3	While on patrol at AF998397, a platoon from Company E found 20 NVA utility shirts, 11 trousers, 8 ponchos, 7 NVA first aid kits, 8 NVA mosquito nets, five chicom grenades, 150 AK-47 rounds, 5 NVA entrenching tools, 2 medical packs, one NVA pack, miscellaneous documents and one AK-47 rifle.
1630H	9	S-3	The point man of a platoon patrol from Company H heard movement and saw two NVA in a clearing at AF974373. The patrol opened fire with small arms and searched the area. Results: Capture of one radio resembling a PRC-25, 28 chicom grenades, eight SKS rifles, one AK 50 rifle, three AK-47 rifles, one 9mm pistol, 20 NVA packs, seven helmets, 12 NVA canteen covers, six AK-47 magazines, 500 rounds of SKS and AK-47, one NVA machete, three M-16 magazines, two 60mm mortar rounds (chicom), one pound TNT, eight mortar charges, one head set, assorted documents and one mortar sight.
1700H	10	S-3	While on patrol at AF979382, a squad from Company F opened fire on an NVA as the enemy jumped into heavy vegetation fleeing northwest. Results

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Date: 9 August 1969(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
0715H	2	S-3	While on patrol at AT990362, a platoon from Company G observed eight NVA with large packs and rifles. The patrol called in artillery on the enemy. Results: Unknown.
0800H	3	S-3	As Company H moved into the area at AT974373, they received sporadic small arms fire. Company H returned fire with small arms killing two NVA and searched the enemy base camp. Results: Two NVA KIA, one NVA Cheu Hoi, four detainees and capture of one 60mm mortar tube with base plate, two 60mm rounds, two AK-47 rifles, six SKS rifles, one M-1 carbine, one M-26 grenade, eight AK-47 magazines, 75 rounds of assorted NVA utilities, increments for 60mm rounds and assorted medical equipment.
1000H	4	S-3	Company G at AT996373 observed one NVA in green utilities hiding among rocks below air strikes. The air strikes were adjusted on the enemy. Results: Unknown.
1100H	5	S-3	While moving into position at AT979384, a platoon from Company F found an enemy base camp last used over a month ago. The base camp was complete with a deep well, command bunkers,

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(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
			kitchen area, classroom training aids of friendly defensive wire, a hospital area built in rocks and a living area large enough to house 300 to 400 men. Trails leading into the area were old but well beaten down.
1145H	6	S-3	An AO in su-port of the Battalion Command Group at AT994390, observed two NVA running from air strikes. The AO adjusted the air strikes killing the enemy. Results: Two NVA KIAir.
1200H	7	S-3	While on patrol at AT984357, a platoon from Company G observed a female Vietnamese in an area recently occupied by NVA. The patrol apprehended the female. Results: One detainee.
1200H	8	S-3	While on patrol at AT990361, a platoon from Company G observed a female Vietnamese running into a cave. The patrol apprehended the Vietnamese. Results: One detainee.
1210H	9	S-3	While on patrol at AT988397, a squad from Company E found an SKS rifle lying on a trail. Results: Capture of one SKS rifle.
1645H	10	S-3	While on a sweep, a platoon from Company F found an NVA regimental command post and training area at AT983381. The area consisted of four sleeping areas, one large hut used for the

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DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
			Main CP, one cooking hut capable of feeding 100 to 150 men, two very large outdoor tables, 40 bunkers, and a bamboo pipeline from a stream to the main area. Results: Capture of one AK-47 magazine with pouch and rounds and miscellaneous documents.
1915H	11	S-3	While moving to night positions, a platoon from Company G had an NVA come out of the bush onto the trail and Chein Hoi. The platoon also captured a Vietnamese male who was acting suspiciously. The Kit Carson Scout with the platoon said that the male was definitely a VC. Results: One NVA Chein Hoi and one VC POW.
2015H	12	S-3	While setting in an ambush at AT983358, a squad from Company G heard an unknown number of NVA moving along the trail. The squad opened fire with small arms and the enemy fled. Results: Two NVA KIA and capture of two AK-50 rifles, one SIE rifle and one NVA pack.
2030H	13	S-3	Company G at AT996474 observed seven lights in a ravine at AT984373. Company G opened fire on the enemy with 22 rounds of 106mm. Results: Unk.
2400H	14	S-3	Journal Closed.

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Journal(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
0600H	2	S-3	An NVA soldier gave himself up to a Company F observation post. Results: One NVA Cheiu Hoi and capture of one SKS rifle.
1000H	3	S-3	While on patrol, a platoon from Company E found a booby trapped M-26 grenade set with trip wire at the entrance to a cave at AT988398. Destroyed in place.
1115H	4	S-3	A further search of the enemy base camp at AT978373 by Company H revealed a small hospital complex complete with records, test tubes and bandages.
1130H	5	S-3	While on patrol at AT988355, a squad from Company G apprehended a Vietnamese male wearing black pajamas who resisted capture. Results: One Detainee.
1500H	6	S-3	An NVA soldier walked into a squad patrol from Company F at AT984381 and Cheiu Hoi. Results: One NVA Cheiu Hoi.
1810H	7	S-3	The point man of a squad ambush moving from Company G observed three NVA on the side of the trail at AT995374. The squad opened fire with small arms, 106mm and 60mm. Results: Negative.
1910H	8	S-3	While moving at AT978358 to a night position, a

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Date: 10 August 1969DURHAM PEAK
Journal(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER. NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
1030H	2	S-3	While moving to the objective, Company G found a human large intestine approximately 24 hours old at AF990366. Results: One NVA KIA.
1150H	3	S-3	While on patrol at AF977576, a platoon from Company M observed an NVA at the bottom of a ravine. The patrol opened fire with small arms wounding the NVA in the head. Results: One NVA POW.
1345H	4	S-3	Company G at AF988361 observed two NVA wearing green utilities at AF906376. Company G opened fire with 106mm and snipers. Results: Unknown.
1400H	5	S-3	The point man of Company M patrol walked up on an NVA at AF979373 who attempted to flee to the east. The Marine opened fire with small arms and the NVA stopped and surrendered. Results: One NVA POW.
1530H	6	S-3	A Marine from Company M observed an NVA fleeing into a cave. The platoon opened fire with small arms and assaulted the area finding two NVA KIA and assorted equipment. Results: Two NVA KIA and capture of two chlorine grenades and one U.S. Canteen.
1700H	7	S-3	A platoon on patrol at AF988379 from Company P

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Date: 11 August 1969BURHAM PEAK
Journal(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
0400H	2	S-3	While in ambush at AT986580, a squad from Company F heard two NVA about 15 meters from their position. The ambush opened fire with small arms and M-26 grenades. Results: One NVA KIA and capture of one NVA pack.
0930H	3	S-3	On sweep at AT989375, Company H found a harboring site consisting of natural crevices and overhanging rocks. A search of the area revealed three NVA KBAIR and various equipment. Results: Three NVA KBAIR and capture of food stuffs and farming equipment.
1030H	4	S-3	On patrol at AT978370, a squad deployed and opened fire with small arms. Results: Capture of one AK-47 rifle.
1200H	5	S-3	On sweep, Company H found numerous abandoned harbor sites from AT984375 to AT983373. Company H also found one wounded NVA and one dead NVA. Results: One NVA KIA and one NVA POW.
2400H	6	S-3	Journal Closed.

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Date: 16 August 1969SEARCH AND CLEAR
Journal(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
0245H	2	S-3	A Company F squad ambush at AT881557 fired on 4 NVA/VC leaving a cornfield and received two chicom grenades resulting in two USMC WIAEvac's. Search of the area resulted in 2VC KIA's approximately 20-25 years old, 1 AK-47 rifle and two NVA packs with rice.
0330H	3	S-3	A Company F squad ambush at AT890561 fired on 10 VC/NVA moving south to north along a river bank. The enemy returned fire and threw chicom grenades resulting in three USMC WIAEvac's and two USMC WIANonEvac's and broke contact. Their position was assaulted and 2 NVAKIA's, several chicom grenades and one M-26 grenade were found.
0800H	4	S-3	An F Company platoon sweep at AT890559 took sniper fire from an estimated one VC/NVA resulting in one USMC WIAEvac.
0845H	5	S-3	A squad blocking force of F Company received small arms fire from approximately 10 NVA at AT897567 resulting in one USMC KIA and four USMC WIAEvac's. Small arms fire was returned with negative results.
1125H	6	S-3	An F Company platoon sweeping an S1mm impact

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

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
0745H	2	S-3	A platoon of E Company received fire at AT843545 from enemy at 846544 resulting in one USMC WIA&vac. Return fire and search resulted in one VC WIA POW.
1015H	3	S-3	A platoon OP of E Company at AT844545 received fire from an estimated two VC at AT842542 resulting in one USMC WIA&vac and one USMC WIA Non&vac. Fire was returned with negative results.
1030H	4	S-3	A platoon sweep of E Company at AT845545 apprehended four male detainees approximately 30 years old. Detainees were sent to the rear for interrogation.
1200H	5	S-3	A squad OP of E Company had a sniper fire at and kill one VC AT84543. OP's location was AT842546.
1200H	6	S-3	A platoon patrol of G Company apprehended one 40 year old male wearing black pajamas and carrying a pack containing food and clothing. Detainee was returned to rear for interrogation from AT876555.
1300H	7	S-3	A squad of G Company apprehended one female identified as a VC nurse by a Cheiu Hoi from

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

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
			her village at AT880553. Detainee was returned to rear for interrogation.
1300H	8	S-3	A platoon sweep of E Company at AT855545 received small arms, MG, and B-40 fire from an estimated 10 VC/NVA resulting in 2 USMC Non-Evac. Small arms fire was returned and A0 called fixed wing and observed enemy fleeing to the N.E. Unit swept the area with negative results.
1730H	9	S-3	A platoon patrol from E Company at AT855543 received small arms fire from approximately ten meters resulting in one USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac. Small arms fire was returned and the area was assaulted resulting in one VC KIA, one male detainee WIA and one other male detainee. Also one USMC KIA.
2030H	10	S-3	E Company received small arms, MG, and B-40 fire at AT845545 from an estimated 25 VC/NVA at AT848546 resulting in three USMC WIA Non-Evac's. Small arms, 61mm, Arty (approx. 140 rds.) and Spooky were utilized in return fire. Negative results.
2400H	11	S-3	Journal Closed.

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Date: 22 August 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0001H	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
0200H	2	S-3	H Company's night defensive perimeter at AT604548 received two to three hundred rds of small arms, approx. sixty rds 60mm and approx. 20 rds B-40 from AT614556 resulting in one USMC WIA NonEvac. Unit returned small arms fire, 60mm and 136rds arty and 170 rds 81mm. Spooky was on station for approx. one and one-half hour. Subsequent search of the area resulted in two NVA WIA POW's, eleven chicom grenades, 2 AK-47 magazines with 60 rounds and four B-40 rounds.
0720H	3	S-3	A G Company sweep at AT875554 received small arms and B-40 fire from AT874556 resulting in one USMC WIA Evac and three USMC WIA NonEvac's. Gunchips, 81mm, and 60mm returned fire with negative results.
0945H	4	S-3	A G Company point man detonated an M-26 grenade with tripwire on trail at AT873556 resulting in three USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA NonEvac.
1420H	5	S-3	A platoon patrol from G Company detonated an M-26 grenade under concrete chunks with trip wire at AT871554 resulting in one USMC WIA Evac.
2400H	6	S-3	Journal Closed.

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Date: 23 August 1969SEARCH AND CLEAR
Journal(DTG) From 0600H to 2400H

DTG	SER NO.	ORG	INCIDENTS
0600H	1	S-3	Journal Opened.
0700H	2	S-3	An E Company sweep at AT86551 apprehended a 59 year old female who indicated during field interrogation that she had information on VC working in that area. Detainee sent to rear for further interrogation.
0815H	3	S-3	E Company detonated an M-26 grenade with trip wire while on sweep at AT864544 resulting in three USMC WIAEvac's. Grenade was three feet above ground between two bamboo poles.
0920H	4	S-3	A platoon of E Company found a booby trapped M-26 grenade in open brush with vine used as a trip wire at AT865543. Ordnance destroyed.
0930H	5	S-3	A platoon of E Company detonated an M-26 grenade trip wired with a vine at AT864543 resulting in one USMC WIAEvac.
0945H	6	S-3	A platoon patrol from G Company received sniper fire at AT872547 resulting in one USMC WIAEvac. Small arms fire was returned with negative results.
0950H	7	S-3	A helicopter resupplying G Company at AT873556 received small arms and B40 fire from AT876555 resulting in one USMC WIAEvac. Gunships, small arms, 81mm and 60mm used with unknown results.

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