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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 June to 30 June 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

| | |
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| 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines | LtCol J. H. HIGGINS 1-30 June 1969 |
| M&S Company | 1stLt M. R. BAGGS 1-30 June 1969 |
| Company E | Capt J. L. MCCLUNG 1-30 June 1969 |
| Company F | Capt R. H. KINGREY 1-30 June 1969 |
| Company G | 1stLt A. R. FILLYSON 1-30 June 1969 |
| Company H | Capt R. W. POOLAN 1-30 June 1969 |

2. LOCATION

1-30 June 1969, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines provided security for Liberty Bridge and Liberty Road in the eastern part of Duc Duc District in the Quang Nam Province RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

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|--------------------|---|
| Executive Officer | Maj R. E. LOEBE 1-30 June 1969 |
| Adjutant | 1stLt J. F. SHEEHAN 1-30 June 1969 |
| Assistant Adjutant | 2ndLt K. E. SHIPLEY JR. 1-30 June 1969 |
| S-1 Officer | 1stLt J. F. SHEEHAN 1-30 June 1969 |
| S-2 Officer | 2ndLt T. F. KLIE 1-30 June 1969 |
| S-3 Officer | Maj A. L. VALLESE 1-30 June 1969 |

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| S-3A Officer | 1stLt R. L. WING 1-30 June 1969 |
| S-4 Officer | 1stLt R. J. EARLY 1-30 June 1969 |
| S-5 Officer | 2ndLt T. F. KLIE 1-30 June 1969 |
| Communications Officer | 1stLt L. G. SHILTON 1-30 June 1969 |
| Supply Officer | 1stLt D. W. OLIPHANT 1-30 June 1969 |
| Motor Transport Officer | 1stLt D. E. MARTIN 1-30 June 1969 |
| Air Liaison Officer | Capt L. L. TERRY 1-14 June 1969 1stLt T. H. TANGUAY 15-30 June 1969 |
| Forward Air Control Officer | 1stLt V. V. ASHFORD 1-6 June 1969 1stLt T. H. TANGUAY 7-17 June 1969 1stLt J. P. BELLS 18-30 June 1969 |
| Medical Officer | Lt R. S. HAXTON (USN) 1-30 June 1969 |
| Assistant Medical Officer | Lt F. H. MEYER (USN) 1-30 June 1969 |
| Chaplain | Lt G. E. POWELL 1-30 June 1969 |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> | | <u>USN</u> | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> | <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> |
| 35 | 1,100 | 3 | 54 |

5. Chaplain. During the month of June, the Chaplain conducted 11 Sunday Catholic services with 239 men in attendance and 22 daily Catholic worship services with 191 men in attendance. He also conducted memorial services for Marines killed in action and visited 45 patients in hospitals in Danang. He handled 18 Red Cross calls and counselled 35 Marines. He arranged for 10 Protestant Sunday services to be held. 220 men attended these services.

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of June, the Battalion operated with two companies in the immediate area of Liberty Bridge and Liberty Road north. Very little enemy contact was encountered during the month. The majority of the enemy sightings were at long range and 81mm mortars, 106mm recoilless rifles, .50 caliber machineguns, snipers and artillery were the primary means of bringing the enemy under fire.

During the month, the permanent defensive positions at Henderson Hill were abandoned and the company now is billeted in the southern cantonment at Liberty Bridge. The daily road sweep found only two large booby traps on the road. A 250 pound and a 500 pound bomb were destroyed in place.

The Battalion suffered light casualties for the month with the majority of these caused by surprise firing devices.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. TOPICS1. Personnel and Administration.

a. Strength. The Battalion strength at the beginning of June was 35 officers and 1,131 enlisted. At the end of the month, the strength was 35 officers and 1,100 enlisted. The Battalion joined no officers and 135 enlisted men during the month. No officers and 166 enlisted men were transferred. Casualties sustained by the Battalion during the month of June were as follows:

| <u>BATTLE</u> | | | | <u>NON-BATTLE</u> | | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| <u>KIA</u> | <u>WIA</u> | <u>DOW</u> | <u>WIANE</u> | <u>FBD</u> | <u>NBC</u> | |
| 9 | 42 | 0 | 23 | 1 | 63 | 138 |

b. Discipline, Law and Order. Currently, there are six Marines confined in the III MAF Brig. Two Special Courts-Martial were completed during the month. There was one Article 32 pre-trial investigation held. Among the JAG Manual investigations were one accidental death and one motor vehicle accident completed with two accidental discharges of .45 caliber pistols pending.

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

d. Awards. There was one Navy Achievement Medal received and presented with appropriate ceremony during the month. Six awards were re-addressed and forwarded to former members of this command. During this period, 39 U. S. awards for heroism and meritorious service were processed by the Battalion.

2. Intelligence.

a. Enemy. The Battalion continued to operate as bridge security for Liberty Bridge and conducted small squad and platoon size patrols in the AO. Contact with the enemy was light and was usually with small groups and individuals. Numerous sightings of enemy were made with no predominate direction of movement. On the night of 7 June 1969, 15 enemy were observed in the defensive wire at Phu Lac (6) and were taken under fire with negative results.

b. Weather. The weather for the month of June was average. Temperatures ranged from a high of 98 degrees to a low of 82 degrees. 3.9 inches of rain was received during the month having no effect on operations being conducted.

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c. Terrain. Terrain consisted of rice paddies with high ground covered with treelines and undergrowth scattered throughout.

3. Organization and Operations.

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

Company F, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCOM to 5th Marines from 010001H to 141230H June 1969.

Company G, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCOM to 5th Marines from 010001H to 101600H June 1969.

Company E, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCOM to 5th Marines from 131600H to 271600H June 1969.

Company H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCOM to 5th Marines from 171430H to 271600H June 1969.

Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines OPCOM to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from 301000H to 302400H.

b. Operations. During the month of June, the Battalion provided security for Liberty Bridge, Liberty Road and conducted Company size search and clear operations in present area of operations.

c. Supporting Arms.

(1) Air Support.

(a) Tactical Air Support. Air support for the Battalion totaled 212 sorties. Of these, 143 were controlled by the Battalion Forward Air Controller, seven were controlled by Aerial Observers and 62 were controlled by means of an A6A Beacon. Marine air support delivered a total of 456 tons of ordnance on enemy targets resulting in 130 structures and 127 bunkers destroyed, 124 secondary fires, 25 secondary explosions and one enemy killed.

(b) Helicopter Support. A total of 52 medical evacuations were completed. Of these, 17 were emergency, 14 were priority and 21 were routine medical evacuations.

(2) Fire Support. During June, elements from 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines supported the Battalion with Battery E firing the majority of the missions. Rounds expended during the month were 3,610 rounds of 81mm mortars, 1,390 rounds of 105mm and 165 rounds of 155mm artillery. Overall artillery support was good, but, again there was a delay factor of about 10 minutes in getting the first round out.

4. Training.

a. During the month of June, 65 Marines were processed through indoctrination training prior to their deployment to the field.

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b. Company H, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines completed a six day Regimental refresher training course on 25 June 1969.

c. A refresher training program was established for the Battalion rear personnel.

d. Division and higher level school training was as follows:

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| Division Leadership | 6 |
| Land-Mine Warfare, Demolitions and Booby-Trap Training | 80 |
| I Corps Generator School | 1 |
| Embarkation School | 1 |
| Kit Carson Scout Orientation Course | 1 |

5. Logistics.

During the month of June, the Battalion continued to maintain security at Phu Lac (6). Resupply was made by truck convoy returning to DaNang from An Hoa. There were no significant resupply problems.

The messhall at the Battalion rear had no significant problems. The addition of two grease traps at Phu Lac (6) improved sanitation conditions.

A 100 kilowatt generator at Phu Lac (6) was replaced by a 36 kilowatt generator. There are presently two 60 kilowatt generators at Phu Lac. One operates on the south side of the river and the other is used to help carry some of the load on the 36 kilowatt generator.

There were numerous fighting bunkers constructed on the defensive perimeter at An Hoa. There are two 10 feet by 24 feet bunkers under construction to be used to house supply records and equipment. There was an increased need for engineer items for the improvement of the cantonment defenses.

6. Supply.

During the month of June, one 60mm mortar was coded out and a new one received. Three M-60 machineguns were also received during the month. Two .50 caliber machineguns were loaned to the Battalion by 1st PSR to give the Battalion a total of three at Liberty Bridge. The guns are not rated by the Battalion but are necessary for bridge security. A total of 300 hunting knives were received. Two compressors were returned to the Battalion from Maintenance Battalion to bring the Flames Section back to operational readiness.

7. Motor Transport.

There were no significant problems encountered by motor transport. Quarterly preventive maintenance was performed on all vehicles required, and five cracked windshields were replaced on five M51A1 vehicles. Driver's school was held 14 June with ten men being issued licenses.

8. Medical.

The Battalion Aid Station consisted of two medical officers, one chief petty officer and twenty-one hospital corpsmen. A forward BAS consisting of one medical officer and three hospital corpsmen continually supported the Battalion Command Group in the field. Letter companies were maintained at five to eight hospital corpsmen.

Ten cases of malaria were treated for the Battalion at the Battalion Aid Station.

Eight cases of venereal disease were treated this month; all of these were gonorrhea,

Three cases of animal bite were treated during the month.

A program of general immunization was conducted on all Battalion personnel.

Statistics.

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| Total number of patients seen | 762 |
| Average number of patients seen per day | 24 |

Routine Medical Complaints.

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| Gastroenteritis | 30 |
| Dermatological | 103 |
| Ear Disorders | 37 |
| Orthopedic | 58 |

9. Communications.

Communications were satisfactory during the month of June as radio transmissions including the PRC-77 and KY-38 continued to be reliable. PRC-88's were issued nightly to the Battalion's defensive perimeter in An Hoa to supplement any communication difficulties.

10. Civic Action.

The Duy Xuyen District Advisor and District Chief met with Lieutenant Colonel J. H. HIGGINS, the Battalion Commander, to coordinate the planning of a New Life Hamlet to be built near Liberty Bridge. The Xuyen Hoa Village Chief completed a census of 200 families which are to be moved into the new hamlet. Material is continuing to be stockpiled for the construction of the hamlet.

Colonel HIGGINS and Sergeant Major BURKS had dinner with a family in Dai Loc Hamlet in joint celebration of a Vietnamese holiday. On 21 June, Colonel HIGGINS hosted a dinner for the Xuyen Hoa Village Chief, Assistant Chief and village elders.

A County Fair was held and approximately 600 persons were treated. The Fair produced two VC Cheu Hoi. Sick call was held three times a week with seven to twenty persons being treated each day sick call was held.

11. Psychological Operations.

Hand leaflets were passed out to the people in Xuyen Hoa Village during visits to strengthen the villagers acceptance of Vietnamese government officials and deter contact with the VC. Reward leaflets were used and some ordnance was turned in.

Air leaflet drops were used in the area as well as loudspeaker broadcasts.

Three Vietnamese shops operated within the cantonments of the Liberty Bridge area and were regulated by the S-5. The messhalls have civilian garbage service also controlled by the S-5.

12. Statistics of Equipment and Casualties.

a. Enemy Casualties.

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| NVA KIA | 1 |
| VC KIA | 39 |
| VC POW | 1 |
| VC Returnees | 2 |

b. Weapons Captured.

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| M-14 rifle | 1 |
| AK-47 rifle | 1 |
| K-44 rifle | 1 |

c. Booby Traps Found Detonated Total

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|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 500 pound bomb | 1 | | 1 |
| 250 pound bomb | 1 | | 1 |
| 155mm rounds | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| 105mm rounds | | 2 | 2 |
| 4.2 rounds | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 2.75 rounds | 1 | | 1 |
| 81mm rounds | 3 | | 3 |
| 60mm rounds | 3 | | 3 |
| M-79 rounds | 1 | | 1 |
| M-26 grenades | 9 | 4 | 13 |
| Chicom grenades | 4 | | 4 |
| Tomato cans | 1 | | 1 |
| Other | 8 | | 8 |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>35</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>43</u> |

d. Voluntary Informant Program Summary.

Total Piasters spent for the month of June \$68,300

Ordnance and equipment turned in:

Total ordnance 252
C-4, pounds 1
Composition B, pounds 8
K-44 rifle 1
Magazines, assorted 8

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

✓ Tab "A" Staff Journal for period 1 June through 30 June 1969.

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2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3

Date: 1 June 1969

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

| DTG | SER NO. | ORG | INCIDENTS |
|-------|---------|-----|---|
| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | Journal opened |
| 0845H | 2 | S-3 | A Vietnamese male, age 64, attempted to use a detainee card as a pass to cross Liberty Bridge. The gate guard from Company H apprehended the male who was then sent to IIT rear. Results: One male detainee. |
| 0930H | 3 | S-3 | Company E flank security for the road sweep at AT915504 found one Chicom grenade and one 155mm round marked with an illumination canister. All ordnance destroyed in place. |
| 1400H | 4 | S-3 | Personnel from Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines at AT926527 observed 15 VC/NVA with weapons moving into a village from the north at AT916524. A unit from Company E swept through the area with negative results. |
| 1430H | 5 | S-3 | A squad on patrol from Company E found 51 rounds of 105mm artillery at AT920525. Rounds were believed to have been dropped by helicopter. Results: Rounds destroyed in place. |
| 2400H | 6 | S-3 | Journal closed |
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Date: 4 June 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

| DTG | SER NO. | ORG | INCIDENTS |
|-------|---------|-----|---|
| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened |
| 0630H | 2 | S-3 | A platoon on patrol from Company E found one booby trapped M-79 round with pressure detonation. Results: Round destroyed in place. |
| 1125H | 3 | S-3 | A Vietnamese woman came to the Battalion Command Post at AT927527 and stated that her husband would Cheiu Hoi if she could stay at the Landing Zone and wait for him. Two hours later, her husband came walking in bringing with him one chicom and one M-26 grenade. Results: Cheiu Hoi and family sent to IIT Rear. |
| 1200H | 4 | S-3 | While conducting a county fair at AT913514, the village chief pointed out three female VC suspects, age 25, to Company E. Women were apprehended and sent to S-2 rear. |
| 1230H | 5 | S-3 | A 75 year old male attempting to cross Liberty Bridge was apprehended by the bridge guard from Company H. The male was identified by the village chief as being a VC suspect and was sent to S-2 rear. |
| 1500H | 6 | S-3 | Company E conducted a county fair and medcap at AT914513. 300 civilians were treated by doctors and questioned by S-2 and IIT representatives. |
| 1605H | 7 | S-3 | A Vietnamese boy turned in one 60mm and one 105mm round to Company E at AT913513. Results: Rewarded |

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Journal

Date: 6 June 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

| DTG | SER NO. | ORG | INCIDENTS |
|-------|---------|-----|--|
| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened |
| 1100H | 2 | S-3 | Scout snipers on patrol at AT936512 observed 15- 20 VC/NVA, three with packs and weapons at AT948513 fleeing to the northeast. Snipers opened fire killing four and called 81mm mission. Snipers observed three more enemy killed by 81mm through field glasses Results: Seven VC/NVA KIA. |
| 1425H | 3 | S-3 | A squad on patrol from Company E at AT921499 observed 19 VC 200 meters south of position at AT928494. The squad opened fire with small arms and assaulted the area. Villager said that enemy fled to the southeast carrying three KIA and four WIA. Company E captured one female VC. Results: Three VC KIA and one female detainee. |
| 1610H | 4 | S-3 | A squad from Company E searching a village at AT916509 was approached by a male VC who came up to the Kit Carson Scout and Cheiu Hoi. Results: One VC Cheiu Hoi. |
| 2400H | 5 | S-3 | Journal closed |
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2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3

Date: 8 June 1969

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(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

| DTG | SER NO. | ORG | INCIDENTS |
|-------|---------|-----|--|
| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened |
| 1040H | 2 | S-3 | Snipers on patrol at AT923505 observed 8 VC/NVA with weapons moving south at AT933502. Snipers opened fire with small arms and observed one enemy fall. An 81mm mission of 100 rounds was called. Results: One VC/NVA KIA. |
| 1515H | 3 | S-3 | A Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire located in a treeline at AT939508. Results: Two USEC WIA Non-Evac. |
| 1700H | 4 | S-3 | A Vietnamese boy turned in two 60mm rounds to Company E at AT913513. Rewarded boy 300 Piastres. |
| 1800H | 5 | S-3 | A Vietnamese boy turned in two M-79 rounds to Company E at AT913513. Rewarded the boy 300 Piastres. |
| 1900H | 6 | S-3 | The tower watch at the Battalion Command Post at AT926527 observed four to five VC/NVA with weapons at AT928507. Supporting arms were called in with unknown results. |
| 2400H | 7 | S-3 | Journal closed |
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Date: 19 June 1969

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(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

| DTG | SER NO. | ORG | INCIDENTS |
|--------|---------|-----|--|
| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened |
| 0630H | 2 | S-3 | A squad from Company E at AT894514 observed two VC/NVA with packs and weapons moving north at AT894526. The squad opened fire with organic weapons at a range of 900 meters and observed one enemy fall. Artillery was called in with unknown results. Results: Negative |
| 0700H | 3 | S-3 | A squad from Company E at AT894514 observed one VC/NVA with pack moving southwest at AT888507. The squad called artillery with unknown results |
| 0900H | 4 | S-3 | A squad from Company E at AT895515 observed 15 to 25 enemy carrying packs moving southwest at AT881507. Artillery was called in and area was searched with negative results. |
| 1130H | 5 | S-3 | A Marine from Company L, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines disembarked from tanks being used as security for the road sweep at AT909494 and detonated an unknown size booby trap wounding Marines from Company E riding on the tanks. Results: One USMC KIA, three USMC WIA Evac and one USMC WIA Non-Evac. |
| 1200H. | 6 | S-3 | A Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped 105mm round with pressure detonation located in an open area at AT890508. The Marine was carrying M-79 rounds which exploded upon detonation. Results: |

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 Journal

Date: 10 June 1969

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

| DTG | SER NO. | ORG | INCIDENTS |
|-------|---------|-----|---|
| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened |
| 0700H | 2 | S-3 | A Vietnamese male approached the Battalion Command Post at AT926527 and Cheiu Hoiid. Results: One Chieu Hoi. |
| 1700H | 3 | S-3 | An 81mm mission was fired on suspected enemy positions at AT944513. The tower watch observed one VC/NVA fall. Several minutes later two VC/NVA dragged the body into a treeline. Results: One VC/NVA KIA. |
| 1715H | 4 | S-3 | Helicopters resupplying 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines dropped supplies at AT945502. A platoon From Company E retrieved the supplies and sent them back to An Hoa. |
| 1800H | 5 | S-3 | A Vietnamese boy turned in two M-26 grenades and one Chicom grenade to Company E at AT913513. Child was rewarded 400 Piastres. |
| 2400H | 6 | S-3 | Journal closed |
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2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3

Date: 14 June 1969

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Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

| DTG | SER NO. | ORG | INCIDENTS |
|-------|---------|-----|---|
| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened |
| 0900H | 2 | S-3 | The flank security for the road sweep found one booby trapped 60mm round with trip wire located next to a paddy dike at AT925522. Results: Round destroyed in place. |
| 1220H | 3 | S-3 | An aerial observer working with the Battalion observed one VC/NVA moving southwest at AT895529. The AO directed fixed wing on the enemy. Results: One VC/NVA KIA. |
| 1235H | 4 | S-3 | Company H at AT958508 found one homemade surprise firing device. Results: Device was destroyed. |
| 1330H | 5 | S-3 | The tower watch at the Battalion Command Post at AT925527 observed 15 VC/NVA moving south at AT934489. An 81mm mission was fired on the enemy with unknown results. |
| 1430H | 6 | S-3 | Company F at AT933520 found two booby trapped explosive devices, one an M-26 grenade and the other a five pound satchel charge. Both were set with trip wire detonation. All ordnance was destroyed in place. |
| 1430H | 7 | S-3 | A scout dog working with Company H at AT946504 became a heat casualty. Results: One USMC K-9 NBC Evac. |
| 2400H | 8 | S-3 | Journal closed |

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Date: 17 June 1969SEARCH AND CLEAR
Journal(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

| DTG | SER NO. | ORG | INCIDENTS |
|----------|---------|-----|---|
| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened |
| 0800H | 2 | S-3 | A Marine en route to an observation post found a booby trapped 60mm round with trip wire detonation at AT924517. Results: Round was destroyed in place. |
| 2105H | 3 | S-3 | A squad at AT920517 en route to an ambush site from Company G observed three VC/NVA attempting to bury homemade explosive devices at AT919517. The squad opened fire with small arms and swept the area. Results: Capture of two 81mm illumination canisters filled with explosives, two entrenching tools, three straw hats and one pair of saddles. |
| 2200H to | | | |
| 2400H | 4 | S-3 | Company H observed 30 rounds of 81mm fire fall into a friendly village at AT914514. A crater analysis revealed that the rounds had been fired from the southwest. Results: One civilian WIA Non-Evac. |
| 2400H | 5 | S-3 | Journal closed |
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2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3
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Date: 19 June 1969(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

| DTG | SER NO. | ORG | INCIDENTS |
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| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened |
| 0810H | 2 | S-3 | Company G on road sweep at AT919517 found a box mine on the side of the road in soft dirt. Results: Mine was destroyed in place. |
| 0845H | 3 | S-3 | A squad from Company G setting into an OP site at AT912513 found a booby trapped M-26 grenade inside a tin can with trip wire. Results: Grenade was destroyed in place. |
| 0930H | 4 | S-3 | A squad on patrol from Company G found a booby trapped 4.2 round at AT907514. Results: Round was destroyed in place. |
| 1429H | 5 | S-3 | A platoon from Company G on patrol at AT947519 surprised four VC in a bunker and apprehended them before they could react. Two were armed and all were of military age. Results: Four VC POW and capture of one M-14 rifle, one M-26 grenade, one cartridge belt, two M-14 magazine pouches, cleaning gear, one M-14 magazine, one air panel, two battle dressings and two bags of rice. |
| 2400H | 6 | S-3 | Journal closed |
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2nd Battalion, 5th Marines S-3
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Date: 21 June 1969

Journal

(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

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| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened |
| 0815H | 2 | S-3 | A squad from Company G set in outpost at AT915505 found a booby trapped 81mm illumination round filled with C-4 set with trip wire. Results: Ordnance was destroyed in place. |
| 1030H | 3 | S-3 | A platoon from Company G on patrol at AT914500 observed 40 to 50 VC with packs moving east at AT928493. The platoon called supporting arms and observed one enemy being hurled through the air. Results: One VC KIA. |
| 1030H | 4 | S-3 | A platoon from Company G on patrol at AT916501 observed 20 to 25 VC moving east at AT916495. The patrol opened fire with small arms and snipers and observed two VC KIA. Results: Two VC KIA. |
| 1100H | 5 | S-3 | Snipers at AT936511 observed two groups of VC moving northeast at AT944514 and AT931505. The snipers opened fire with small arms killing nine and wounding two of the enemy. Results: Nine VC KIA. |
| 1420H | 6 | S-3 | A squad from Company F on patrol at AT915547 found a booby trapped 155mm round with pressure detonation. Results: Round was destroyed in place. |
| 2030H | 7 | S-3 | A squad from Company G in ambush at AT935524 |

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| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened |
| 0830H | 2 | S-3 | A squad on patrol at AT934512 from Company G was taken under fire with small arms and automatic weapons from 10 to 15 VC in a tree line west at AT928516. The squad returned fire with small arms and set up a blocking force for the road sweep. The road sweep with tanks in support swept through the area with negative results. Results: Negative. |
| 1430H | 3 | S-3 | While on patrol at AT904508, a squad from Company G found a booby trapped 105mm artillery round with pressure detonation. Results: Round was destroyed in place. |
| 2200H | 4 | S-3 | While on a night move at AT928536, a squad from Company F met an unknown size enemy unit set in ambush. The squad opened fire with M-79 and small arms before the enemy could launch their attack. Results: Negative. |
| 2400H | 5 | S-3 | Journal closed |
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| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened |
| 0930H | 2 | S-3 | A squad from Company F set in ambush at AT937547 opened fire on two VC carrying small arms. Results: One VC KIA, one USMC WIA Non-Evac and capture of one AK-47 rifle and one chicom grenade. |
| 0945H | 3 | S-3 | While on road sweep at AT915503, engineers found a booby trapped 500 pound bomb with command detonation. The also observed one VC with weapon fleeing northwest. Results: Bomb was destroyed in place. |
| 1930H | 4 | S-3 | The Battalion Command Group at AT926528 observed nine VC/NVA with packs and weapons attempting to cross the river from the south at AT946544. The Command Group opened fire with 50 caliber machine-guns and called air strikes on both banks of the river. Results: One VC/NVA KIA. |
| 2000H | 5 | S-3 | While moving to an ambush site at AT925550, a squad from Company F observed two VC/NVA 200 meters north at AT930545. The enemy saw the squad at the same time and fled into a treeline. Results: Negative. |
| 2400H | 6 | S-3 | Journal closed |
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| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened |
| 0930H | 2 | S-3 | The flanks from the road sweep at AT915514 found a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire next to a paddy dike at AT910514. Results: Ordnance destroyed in place. |
| 1047H | 3 | S-3 | A squad size ambush from Company F set in at AT939541 observed six VC/NVA wearing helmets and carrying weapons at AT935553. The squad directed an 81mm mission on the enemy and searched the area finding numerous blood trails. Results: Negative. |
| 1100H | 4 | S-3 | A squad from Company G at AT941518 observed four to six VC with weapons in a village at AT943523. The squad opened fire with small arms and automatic weapons and the VC moved into a treeline. Supporting arms and fixed wing was directed on the treeline, then the squad assaulted and searched the area finding three blood trails and dragmarks. Results: Negative. |
| 1445H | 5 | S-3 | A squad on patrol from Company G found a tunnel with the aid of a Hoï Chanh at AT914523. Results: Capture of one K-44 rifle and two LAAW's. |
| 1515H | 6 | S-3 | A Vietnamese brought in four M-79 rounds and three pounds of composition B. Results: Paid the |

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(DTG) From 0001H to 2400H

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| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened |
| 1430H | 2 | S-3 | A Vietnamese boy turned in three chicom grenades to the Battalion Command Group at AT923539. Results: Child was rewarded 1,000 Piastres. |
| 1535H | 3 | S-3 | A Marine from Company G on patrol at AT903516 detonated a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire located on paddy dike. The Marine outran the blast. Results: Negative. |
| 1800H | 4 | S-3 | The village chief pointed out a 15 year old VC to S-5 at AT923539. Results: One VC Detainee. |
| 2000H | 5 | S-3 | The Battalion Command Group at AT927527 observed 20 VC crossing a river at AT960552 from the north. 81mm and 106mm missions were directed at the enemy. Results: Unknown. |
| 2215H | 6 | S-3 | A squad from Company G in ambush at AT926519 received one incoming artillery round from an unknown source. A crater analysis team and an Explosive Ordnance Demolitions team were unable to determine if the round was friendly or enemy. The round came from a direction in which no friendly units are located. Results: One USMC KIA and one USMC WIA Evac. |
| 2400H | 7 | S-3 | Journal closed |

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| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened |
| 0715H | 2 | S-3 | Company G on road sweep found a booby trapped coke can packed with C-4 with trip wire detonation at AT912502 and two enemy mortar base plates, one at AT911500 and the other at AT909482. Results: Ordnance destroyed in place and capture of two enemy base plates. |
| 0810H | 3 | S-3 | A platoon from Company H on patrol found a booby trapped Chicom grenade set with trip wire in a ditch at AT882509. Results: Grenade was destroyed in place. |
| 0833H | 4 | S-3 | A platoon from Company H on patrol at AT883512 found a booby trapped sardine can packed with C-4 with trip wire detonation. Results: Ordnance was destroyed in place. |
| 0845H | 5 | S-3 | A Marine from Company H detonated a booby trapped 105mm round with pressure detonation set in a treeline at AT887503. Results: Three USMC WIA evac. |
| 1010H | 6 | S-3 | A platoon on patrol from Company H found a booby trapped corfram with pressure detonation on a trail at AT892500. Results: Ordnance was destroyed in place. |
| 1245H | 7 | S-3 | A Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped |

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| 0 | | | 250 pound bomb with trip wire detonation located in an open area of a treeline at AT903498. Results: Five USMC WIA Evac. |
| 1440H | 8 | S-3 | A platoon on patrol from Company H found a booby trapped M-26 grenade set in the ground so as to detonate when lifted at AT923518. Results: Grenade was destroyed in place. |
| 1445H | 9 | S-3 | Company H found two box mines on top of a ridge at AT901506. The mines were not fused. At the same grid, Company H also found a booby trapped 155mm round buried between two amtrack tracks with two trip wires for detonation. Results: All ordnance was destroyed in place. |
| 1555H | 10 | S-3 | Company H on sweep at AT912518 detained four VC suspects, two males and two females. Results: Four VCS detainees. |
| 2120H | 11 | S-3 | A squad from Company F in ambush at AT920534 observed lights and one tracer round coming from AT910532. Company F returned fire with 81mm, .50 caliber, 106mm and small arms. Results: Unknown. |
| 2400H | 12 | S-3 | Journal closed |

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| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened |
| 0940H | 2 | S-3 | A squad from Company G on sweep at AT911502 found a booby trapped 81mm illumination canister packed with explosives set with trip wire detonation. Results: Ordnance was destroyed in place. |
| 1000H | 3 | S-3 | A child turned in a 4.2 round to the Battalion Command Group at AT925527. Results: Child paid 200 Piastres. |
| 1035H | 4 | S-3 | A platoon on patrol from Company H at AT913537 observed 10 to 12 VC some with packs moving east. The patrol fired upon the enemy with small arms and artillery. Results: Two VC KIA. |
| 1230H | 5 | S-3 | A platoon on patrol from Company H at AT905537 found a LAAW packed with C-4 apparently lost or abandoned. Results: Ordnance was destroyed in place. |
| 1345H | 6 | S-3 | A Vietnamese child turned in a 105mm round to the Battalion Command Group at AT925527. Results: Child was rewarded 200 Piastres. |
| 1400H | 7 | S-3 | Company F found three hootches with booby trap markings on the outside at AT950525. The hootches were set on fire and secondary explosions were heard. |
| 1530H | 8 | S-3 | A Marine from Company E detonated a booby trapped |

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| 0001H | 1 | S-3 | New Journal opened. |
| 1030H | 2 | S-3 | A platoon from Company E on patrol at AT930519 found a booby trapped M-26 grenade with pressure detonation. Results: Grenade was destroyed in place. |
| 1030H | 3 | S-3 | Company G on road sweep found propaganda sheets along the road from AT917515 to AT917513. Results: Sheets were sent to S-2 rear. |
| 1045H | 4 | S-3 | A platoon from Company E on patrol at AT930519 found a homemade booby trap buried in the ground with trip wire across the trail. Results: Ordnance was destroyed in place. |
| 1140H | 5 | S-3 | A platoon from Company E on patrol at AT930519 found two dud 81mm rounds and one dud 60mm round. The patrol also found a booby trapped M-26 grenade with trip wire located on the side of a rice paddy dike. Results: All ordnance was destroyed in place. |
| 1540H | 6 | S-3 | A jeep traveling approximately 250 meters from OP number five at AT915505 received small arms and automatic weapons fire from four VC at AT900500. Results: Negative. |
| 2400H | 7 | S-3 | Journal closed |