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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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LT. COL. USMC  
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA1. DESIGNATION

1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein)	Lt. Col. J. K. GRIFFIS JR 1-30 November 1969
H&S Company	Capt. L. C. BROADWELL 1-30 November 1969
Company A	1st Lt. P. M. WALLACE 1-2 November 1969 1st Lt. J. A. HEILIG 3-30 November 1969
Company B	Capt. D. L. MCINTURFF 1-30 November 1969
Company C	1st Lt. P. N. MEIER 1-30 November 1969
Company D	1st Lt. J. R. WEBB 1-19 November 1969 1st Lt. J. D. LENIHAN 20-30 November 1969

2. LOCATIONS

From 1-21 November 1969 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in search and clear and rice denial operations in the Northern and Southern Arizona Area.

From 22-30 November 1969 1st Battalion, 5th Marines assumed a new AO. F Company, assumed defense of Hill 52 with two platoons and Hill 25 with one platoon. A, C and H&S Companies located on Hill 65 began aggressive rice denial operations and long range recon operations on Charlie Ridge. Delta Company after very rewarding operations in the Arizona went OPCON to 5th Marines to augment An Hoa Base defense for the rest of the reporting period.

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. J. J. SHERIDAN 1-30 November 1969
S-1 Officer/Adjutant	Capt. E. W. HAUKAAS 1-30 November 1969
S-2 Officer	SSgt. J. F. WATSON 1-4 November 1969 GySst. J. W. LEBEAU 5-30 November 1969
S-3 Officer	Maj. R. G. CRABTREE 1-16 November 1969 1st Lt. G. J. AYERS 17-20 November 1969 Capt. D. L. MCINTURFF 21-30 November 1969
S-3A Officer	1st Lt. G. J. AYERS 1-16 November 1969 1st Lt. S. PAUL 17-30 November 1969
S-4 Officer	Capt. M. D. WYLY 1-30 November 1969
S-5 Officer (Phu Lac (6))	1st Lt. T. G. FONG 1-30 November 1969
S-5 Officer (Arizona Area)	1st Lt. T. SUMMERS 1-21 November 1969
S-5 Officer (Thong Duc Valley)	2nd Lt. T. DAVIDSON 22-30 November 1969
Communications Officer	Capt. L. C. BROADWELL 1-30 November 1969
Medical Officer (Arizona Area)	Lt. A. J. ALEXANDER (USN) 1-9 November 1969 Lt. L. W. BASSETT (USN) 1-30 November 1969

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<p>Medical Officer (BAS Am Hoa)</p> <p>Supply Officers</p> <p>Motor Transport Officer</p> <p>Assistant Adj/Legal Officer</p> <p>Chaplain</p> <p>Air Liaison Officer</p> <p>Forward Air Controller</p>	<p>Lt. L. W. BASSETT (USN) 1-9 November 1969</p> <p>Lt. A. J. ALEXANDER (USN) 10-19 November 1969</p> <p>1st Lt. M. J. KOCH 1-30 November 1969</p> <p>2nd Lt. T. E. ROBINSON 1-30 November 1969</p> <p>2nd Lt. J. A. MUEHLEISEN 1-30 November 1969</p> <p>1st Lt. T. A. POTTENGER 1-30 November 1969</p> <p>Lt. T. O. ATWOOD (USN) 1-30 November 1969</p> <p>Capt. R. R. RIVERS 1-15 November 1969</p> <p>1st Lt. S. PAUL 16-30 November 1969</p> <p>1st Lt. S. PAUL 1-15 November 1969</p> <p>1st Lt. J. V. DUNLAP 16-30 November 1969</p> <p>1st Lt. R. F. CURD III 29-30 November 1969</p>
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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
36	1184	3	56

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

From 1-21 November 1969 1st Battalion, 5th Marines participated in search and destroy and rice denial operations in the Arizona Area. Significant events of this period included:

- a. The denial of an estimated 10,000 pounds of rice to the enemy by:
  1. discovery of rice caches
  2. seed beds destroyed
  3. rice fields destroyed
  
- b. The tactics of ambushing the enemy while they tried to gather rice for the monsoon. During this period a total of 6 ambushes were sprung on the enemy which included:
  1. November 5 D1 ambushed 2 NVA moving down trail results 1 NVA KIA
  2. November 5 A1 ambushed 2 VC moving down trail results 2 VC KIA
  3. November 9 B3 ambushed 1 VC (hasty ambush) results 1 VC KIA
  4. November 20 Delta Company observed 40 NVA moving in column Company size ambush results 15 NVA KIA
  5. November 20 D3 ambushed 3 NVA moving down trail results 3 NVA KIA
  6. November 20 D1 ambushed 2 NVA moving into killing zone results 1 NVA KIA
  
- c. It is significant that while accounting for a considerable number of enemy KIA no Marines were KIA by hostile fire.
  
- d. An innovation was the use of explosives and "Huskies" (M116) to destroy rice seedling beds, thereby denying rice before it has a chance to grow. This technique denies "en masse" what would become many acres of rice paddies thereby lessening future enemy harvests.
  
- e. During this period as a result of continual leaflet drops and propaganda loudspeaker broadcasts a large number of civilians requested to leave the Arizona to pacified areas and were evacuated by the 1st Battalion. This program also netted 4 Chieu Hois.

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f. At a period when monsoon rains were at their height with normal experience factors indicating high incidence of both malaria and immersion foot the highest standards of leadership at all levels in prevention resulted in no hospital cases thereby keeping the Battalion at maximum combat strength.

g. A total of 9 medcaps were held during this period, treating over 150 Vietnamese civilians in the Arizona Area alone.

h. The utilization of the XM-174 in defensive and offensive operations proved effective. Other uses included H&I's and "preping" treelines and areas of expected booby traps or enemy concentrations.

During the month of November H&S Company continued its role as "light infantry," manning its own perimeter on independent operations on the Razor Back. Cooks, communicators, and clerks were among the staff personnel who traded pencil and paper for claymores and cartridges. With slight effort but fine teamwork the men of H&S Company overcame their initial handicap of inexperience and became competent at patrolling and participating in defensive activities. During the same period all service and staff functions performed by H&S were unimpaired.

Later in the month the CP group and H&S were supported by the first platoon during the period and 2-8 November 1969 by the second platoon of Charlie Company. The Battalion CP was then rejoined by Delta on Hill Ten (AT855518), Bravo and Charlie Companies were based on the northeastern end of the Hot Dog (AT843494) in the Arizona Area. During the move back South to the Hot Dog the Battalion emergency med-evaced the S-3 Maj. Robert G. Crabtree for a heart attack. Two days later the S-3A 1st Lt. Gerald Ayers was priority med-evaced leaving the C.O. to run the S-3 shop. The ALO volunteered to duty as S-3A while other FSCC officers filled in. On 21 November 1969 Capt. D. L. McInturff, CO B Company was assigned to duties as S-3 and 1st Lt. Bill Harley took over B Company. Meanwhile on 20 November 1969 1st Lt. J. D. Lenihan relieved 1st Lt. J. R. Webb as CO of Delta Company. That day Delta added to her splendid record 19 NVA KIA, 15 in a company ambush. 1st Lt. John Heilig had relieved 1st Lt. Pat Wallace as CO of A Company on 3 November 1969 and led it very successfully in operations in the Northwest Arizona. On 20 November 1969 A Company was detached to OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines until 22 November 1969 making 3 more KIA during that period. During the entire period Bravo Company operated from the Hot Dog running constant patrols and ambushes in the Southern Arizona and totaling 12 enemy KIA. Charlie Company, with the exception of 1st platoon from 01 November to 02 November 1969 and 2nd platoon from 02 November to 08 November 1969 (with H&S Company), augmented An Hoa base defense. On 08 November 1969 Charlie Company moved into the Northern Arizona to

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patrol and ambush. They helo lifted to the Hot Dog on 16 November 1969 and started utilizing that patrol base along with Bravo, amassing 3 enemy KIA. Delta Company operating at a distance from the CP most of the period utilized many various inovative tactics to interdict and cause casualties to the enemy along and North of the Razor Back.

At months end, the transfer of AO's as 1st Battalion, 5th Marines moved to Hill 65 proceeded without incident. H&S, Charlie and Alpha Companies began an extensive program to build and improve facilities on Hill 65. Defensive wire was first priority of improvement along with improvement of the bunker system of the hill while Bravo, in its assigned AO, continued to run ambushes and patrols in conjunction with rice denial operation. Bravo Company also closed heads and garbage pits, set up a sanitation system and defensive and living portions on hills 52 and 25. At the close of the period the individual fighting holes were added to insure adequate protection for everyone in event of attack. At the close of the period the defensive posture of Hill 65 had greatly improved the safety of this Battalion.

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## PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTSA. TOPICS1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Strength. The Battalion's strength at the beginning of the month was 35 officers and 1169 enlisted. On the 15th of the month the strength had changed to 37 officers and 1207 enlisted. By the end of November, the strength was 37 officers and 1177 enlisted. At this time there are 16 enlisted and 2 officers hospitalized.

b. Discipline, Law and Legal. Four Special Courts-Martial were convened during November. During the same period, four Company and three Battalion Officer hours (NJP) were also held. There were five completed investigations with two Special Courts-Martial and two Summary Courts-Martial pending.

On 18 November 1969, Legal had been inspected by Division and the results of the inspection was satisfactory with no discrepancies.

c. POW/Detainees. There were 103 detainees processed during this month. They were classed as follows:

POW's	19	VC	4	NVA	23	TOTAL
CHIEU HOI					17	TOTAL
CIVIL DEFENDANTS					14	TOTAL
INNOCENT CIVILIANS					49	TOTAL

d. Morale. Morale and fighting spirit continued to be excellent.

e. Postal. Postal service continued at the same degree of excellence.

f. Awards. During November, there were 7 Navy Commendation medals, 23 Navy Achievement medals, 8 Bronze Star medals submitted for heroism and meritorious service. There were 3 Navy Achievement medals and 1 Bronze Star medal awarded this month. There were 14 meritorious combat promotions submitted and 6 meritorious combat promotions were approved.

g. Interior Management. Administrative procedures and proficiency continued to be excellent.

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2. ENEMY, WEATHER AND TERRAIN

a. Enemy. The enemy continues to avoid large scale contact in this reporting period. The enemy is continuing to gather food supplies, while conducting light attacks and diversionary probes. Incidents of booby trapping have increased throughout the Arizona Area over the previous reporting period.

Booby-traps detonated

- 1 30 caliber round w/pressure release
- 13 M-26 grenades w/trip wire
- 2 M-26 grenades w/pressure release
- 1 60mm round w/pressure release
- 1 M-79 round w/trip wire
- 11 ChiCom grenade w/trip wire

Booby-traps found and destroyed

- 1 Dud 250 lb bomb
- 1 Dud 500 lb bomb
- 1 ChiCom grenade w/command det.
- 1 soda can w/explosive set w/trip wire
- 1 250 lb bomb set for command det.
- 2 82mm duds
- 1 155mm round
- 1 105mm round
- 1 500 lb bomb

b. Weather. The rain continued to be some hinderance in the troop movements and visibility, although not of the level experienced during the last reporting period. Humidity remained high during the month.

c. Terrain. During the period the active rice paddies were submerged with the streams and rivers at a high level causing crossing difficulties. This reporting period shows the dry ground to be paddy dikes, hills and treelines.

3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization. The organization of the Battalion consisted of the following units being detached from 1st Battalion, 5th Marines under the operational control of other units during following periods:

(1) Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from 200800H to 220800H November 1969 in rice denial and search and destroy operations in the Northern Arizona.

(2) Company C, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 5th Marines from 010001H to 070800H November 1969 and Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines OPCON to 5th Marines from 220800H to 302400H November 1969 who were utilized as An Hoa augmentation company in the following areas:

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1.) Providing daily and nightly: one platoon for Delta Sector defense and one platoon for Gulf Sector defense. They also provided mine sweep security and a security force on Nui Song Su, and numerous working parties for the 5th Marines.

b. Operation. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) from 1-21 November 1969, participated in unnamed rice denial operations and long range patrol and ambush operations in the Arizona Area. From 22-30 November 1969 they participated in base defense of Hill 65, Hill 52 and Hill 25. (Annex B) in Thong Duc AO.

c. Supporting Arms

(1) Air. The Battalion continued its policy of maximum employment of all available air power. With the increased dependence on aggressive small unit patrols and ambushes to thwart enemy rice gathering operations, reliance on OV-10 Aerial Observation Aircraft proved invaluable in expeditiously alerting friendly forces to the presence of enemy rice gathering personnel. In addition to the daylight operations of the OV-10's, resourceful employment of Basketball flareships denied the cover of darkness to enemy operations. Working in conjunction with artillery fires, A-6 Beacon flights were run on enemy staging areas, supply routes, and collection points with the primary purpose of denying the enemy entrance into the rice harvest areas, and secondary purpose of destroying rice already gathered. The intelligent and resourceful application of air power contributed significantly to the outstanding record the Battalion acquired during operations in the Arizona Area.

(a) Fixed Wing. Fixed wing support includes "Hostage" OV-10 aircraft and "Basketball" C-130 flareships as well as close air support by jet attack aircraft. This support is summarized in the table below.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Flights</u>
Hostage (OV-10)	34 hrs 45 min	51
Basketball (C-130)	9 hrs 40 min	3
Close air support		
F-4		10
A-1		5
A-6		17

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The battle damage assessment from the above flights is tabulated as follows:

Structures Destroyed	59
Structures Damaged	7
Bunkers Destroyed	46
Bunkers Damaged	9
Trenchline Destroyed	0
Trenchline Damaged	50 meters
Secondary Fires	10
Secondary Explosions	4
Killed By Air	17
Total tonnage of ordnance dropped (86 Flights)	190.5 tons

(b) Rotary Wing. The Battalion employed helicopters to the fullest advantage; and enjoyed timely and efficient med-evacs.

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>DETAINÉES</u>	<u>CIVILIANS</u>
Emergency	18	0	0
Priority	19	6	2
Routine	12	9	0

(a) Significant Development. During November the Battalion continued to develop and refine its use of A-6 Beacon Strikes in support of operations in the Arizona Area.

(2) Artillery. During the month, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was rendered artillery support by 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. Most missions were fired by Foxtrot and Delta Battery's of 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines.

The Battalion continued its policy of maximum employment of artillery support to destroy the enemy after they were found and fixed by the infantry. There were a small number of contact missions, most however, were day and night harassment and interdiction fires plus registration of night defensive fires and prep fires.

A considerable curtailment of fire missions resulted from the Battalion taking over an AO in a "pacified" area.

H&I fires were rendered more valuable by requesting that they be fired at intervals throughout the night rather than all at once as had been the previous practice. Also during this period the amount of H&I's requested were raised from 25-30 to as many as 40-45. Although not all of these requested were fired, the additional number requested did result in more, organic indirect fire weapons, our AO was thoroughly saturated.

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Though the list of Confirmed KIA is 0, this is not indicative of the support rendered by 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. There were undoubtedly several KIA resulting from artillery fire that were never found and the loss of life of Marines on patrols and lack of success of enemy operations can be partially attributed to extensive use of H&I's and prep fires.

The following is a summary of rounds expended and types of missions fired.

In firing the above mentioned targets 2044 HE rounds were expended on fire missions, 250 WP, 8291 H&I's and 347 illumination. There were a total of 239 missions fired.

Confirmed KIA	0
Probable KIA	4
Bunkers Destroyed	1
Houses Destroyed	2
Contact Missions	10

(3) Engineers. Excellent support was again provided by Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion. Engineers were employed primarily to destroy duds, booby traps, captured enemy ammunition, enemy bunkers and fortifications. Loss of lives and the number of wounded was considerably reduced by detailed searching efforts employed by the engineers and there was no loss of wheeled or tracked equipment.

(4) Shore Party (HST). HST's were provided by Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion. These teams provided outstanding support in coordinating and effecting helicopter re-supply and Med-Evacs.

(5) Scout Snipers. Detachment Scout Sniper Platoon, Headquarters Company, 5th Marines continued to provide outstanding support for the Battalion, resulting in 3 enemy kills during the month.

(6) Motor Transportation. A light section of Marginal Terrain Platoon, Company B, 11th Motor Transport Battalion consisting of four M116 Huskies and one M733 armored husky was assigned to 1st Battalion 5th Marines. They were of invaluable assistance in transporting equipment and supplies during moves, resupply and Rat Patrols on rice, seed bed destruction operations.

(7) Scout Dogs. Detachment from 3rd MP Battalion provided marginal support to the Battalion.

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4. TRAINING

a. The following training was conducted by the Battalion during the month:

- (1) Weapons Safety
- (2) Weapons Inspection, Care and Cleaning
- (3) Familiarization firing of Individual and Crew Served Weapons
- (4) Mapping and Compass
- (5) Grid Elevation
- (6) M-60 Machine Gun technique of Fire
- (7) 60mm Mortar Firing and Crew Training
- (8) Disassembly and assembly of M-60 Machine Gun
- (9) Venereal Disease
- (10) Arty FO Procedures
- (11) 81mm Mortar FO Procedures
- (12) Company Supply
- (13) Personal Hygiene
- (14) AN/GRA-39A Operation
- (15) AN/MRC-109 Operation
- (16) Field Message Preparation
- (17) Field Message Files
- (18) Field Messages; Requirements for
- (19) Field Messages; Security for
- (20) Installation/Operation of TA-1
- (21) Wire Installations
- (22) Installation/Operation of TA-312
- (23) Installation/Operation of SB-22 (Switch Board)
- (24) Pole Climbing; safety of
- (25) Use of SL-1-2, 1-3
- (26) Communication Security
- (27) Licensing Session for M2742 (Mule) and M151A1 (Jeep)
- (28) Drug Abuse
- (29) SMR Codes and Use of (Source Maintenance Recoverability)
- (30) Inventory Control
- (31) Accountability
- (32) Embarkation
- (33) Warehouse Issue Procedures

b. Replacement personnel received five (5) days training at 5th Marines Headquarters Indoctrination School prior to being committed to the field.

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c. The Battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher headquarters in the DaNang area and Okinawa. During the month, 76 members of the Battalion attended schools in the DaNang area and Okinawa. The value of the schools is recognized; however, this had an adverse effect on the rifle-company-in-the-field strength.

5. LOGISTICS. During the period 1-21 November 1969, the Battalion continued its operations in the Arizona area. Resupply continued to be accomplished by helicopter. Resupply missions were made more difficult by the continuing monsoon rains and the characteristic seasonal low ceilings; however, resupply was accomplished nearly every day. Four M116 Huskies and one M733 Armored Huskie were employed to counter the marginal terrain characteristics of the Arizona. These were used primarily to transport 81mm mortars, 106mm recoilless rifles, and their ammunition and equipment when the Battalion CP displaced.

On the Marine Corps Birthday, the Battalion was provided by helicopter with a hot steak dinner, and soda, and individual company-size birthday cakes.

On 21 November 1969, the Battalion was relieved in place by the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines and moved to Hill 65, where it remained through the end of the month. An advance party was dispatched to Hill 65 on 12-14 November 1969 to prepare the area for the arrival of the Battalion. When the Battalion arrived at Hill 65 from the Arizona, steaks were provided for cookouts, clean clothes were distributed, and weapons and gear were cleaned, repaired, or surveyed as necessary.

On Hill 65, resupply was accomplished by road, utilizing 1st Motor Transport Battalion trucks. Class I, III, and V supplies were provided by LSU #1 in An Hoa. Resupplies were then moved by road from Hill 65 to the outlying companies. While the S-4 office remained at An Hoa, an S-4 representative was sent to the forward CP at Hill 65 to coordinate logistic operations there. Two vehicles from 1st Motor Transport Battalion were permanently assigned to the garrison at Hill 65 as "housekeeper" vehicles and for resupply of outlying companies. All motor transport operations were made difficult by the heavy rain and profuse mud. Motor pool personnel were required to put forth a major effort to keep vehicles off deadline as mud-clogged brakes rapidly caused vehicles to be in need of maintenance.

An engineer platoon from Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion was placed in direct support of the Battalion.

To facilitate the maintenance of communications equipment, the Communications Platoon Repair Section, was moved from An Hoa to Hill 65. Only a skeleton crew of technicians were left in the Battalion rear at An Hoa to maintain the few pieces of communications equipment located there, and to accomplish the clerical work attendant to MAREB/TORSTAT reporting.

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A forward motor pool was established at Hill 65 consisting of jeeps and mules and one M-37 personnel carrier. Limited shop facilities were established to maintain the vehicles placed there, and a driver pool set up to provide adequate first echelon maintenance.

A forward supply issue point was established to facilitate the distribution of small quantities of clothing and 782 gear sent out from An Hoa. This was to make possible small scale replacement of lost or unserviceable items without delay when patrols returned to the cantonment.

6. CIVIC ACTION. To this reporting period the Battalion S-5 is still OPCON to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines at Phu Lac (6) in order to continue the three (3) New Life Hamlet projects underway.

QM83, a PF platoon assigned to Giao Thuy, AT922543 and Hoa Yen, AT920543 New Life Hamlets from Dai Loc, has been conducting regular day/night activities initiating from Dai Loc Headquarters. QM83 has provided security for the hamlets.

QM69, a PF platoon assigned to New Life Hamlet at Phu Lac (6) AT926529 from Duc Duc has conducted limited day activities as attachments to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines operations. No regular day/night activities has been received as of this date from Duc Duc Headquarters, except to provide general security for the village chief of Phu Lac (6).

Progress on home building in Giao Thuy and Hoa Yen Hamlets has been slow this month due to lack of roofing and other building materials from Province. Building materials from Province is much over due and is impending progress in hamlet building. On 25 November 1969 this office began turning material, at the north cantonment of Liberty Bridge is being torn down, to Dai Loc District Headquarters to be redistributed to families of Giao Thuy and Hoa Yen Hamlets for home building. Hopefully this will speed the building of the two hamlets.

Duc Duc District has entered into its final phase of pacification for fiscal year 1969. Phu Lac (6) New Life Hamlet is involved in this phase. However, little progress is being made in home building or resettling people into Phu Lac (6), Duc Duc's reason for the delay is lack of building and resettlement supply from Province.

On 14 November 1969 Solatium was paid for Serious Incident of 30 September 1969. Mrs. Tran Thi Xanh (ID #1586889) was presented 7000 \$VN; 4000 \$VN for the death of Tran Mui, her brother and 3000 \$VN for the injury of Tran Nuoi, her nephew. Miss Nguyen Thi Kha (ID #283265) was presented 4000 \$VN for the death of Le Duc Khai, her nephew. The serious incident was caused by the Tactical Air Strike error called in by 3rd Battlaion, 5th Marines. Total solatium--18000 \$VN.

This office transferred a total of 83 refugees, generated by the military operations in the "Arizona Area", to Dai Loc District Headquarter for processing and aid.

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Twelve (12) Vietnamese have been medically treated through this office this month.

7. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS. During this reporting period, numerous items of ordnance were turned into the S-2 at Liberty Bridge by Vietnamese youths.

A total of 2 ½ hours of air broadcast on 5 different days were conducted over the Liberty Bridge area. Themes were on Chieu Hoi, rewards for ordnance and information leading to killing or capture of VC and VCI, rice denial, rally to the GNV, and mining and booby-traps.

A HB (Ground Broadcast) Team was attached to India Company, 3rd Battalion 5th Marines on 26 November 1969 for four days. The company is occupying Liberty Road. The HB Team broadcasted from OP's to targets on both sides of the road. Three major themes were employed; Chieu Hoi, rally to the GVN and a special theme warning against further mining of the MSR.

During this period the remainder of the Battalion was heavily engaged in rice denial operations conducted throughout the Arizona Area. To insure an aggressive, professional civic action program would be pursued in conjunction with military operations, the Battalion secured the service of Lt. Timothy Summers. Lt. Summers had just completed a tour in the Arizona with 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, serving as that Battalion's S-5. His previous experience in dealing with the local populace, good judgement, and enthusiasm aided immeasurably to this Battalion fulfilling its mission.

Through judicious use of leaflet drops, ground broadcast and air to ground broadcast units the Battalion received 17 Chieu Hoi's in an area which has in the past proven to be hard core VC territory. In addition to the Chieu Hoi's these methods proved to be effective in reaching these in need of medical care and those wishing to be evacuated to pacified areas. The Battalion's Medical Team held 9 medcaps, treating over 150 civilians, with another 49 civilians requesting transportation to pacified area.

On the lighter side, Lt. Summers devised a method of remedying two of the Battalion's bothersome problems. In order to appease the constant horde of children requesting food and to dispose of "C" Rations which would otherwise have been discarded by Marines. Lt. Summers allowed Marines to hire the children for menial tasks, upon satisfactory completion of their jobs the S-5 would supervise the Marines payment in assorted "C" Rations. To insure against stockpiling these rations Lt. Summers opened all rations delivered for services performed. The results of this program were very satisfying, it substantially reduced the number of children underfeet and introduced them to the finer points of bargaining.

8. COMMUNICATIONS. During the month of November Communications personnel literally shouldered a new burden, and made that burden pay good dividends in technical improvements in the field. AN/PRC 88's, AT292's, and other supporting equipment were carried in greater numbers on operations to assure

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swift and more reliable communications. The number of field telephones was quadrupled and a switchboard (SB-22) was installed in the COC to provide both alternate and supplementary means of communications.

Working with Huskies offered both tremendous assistance and a few technical problems. On one hand the tracked vehicles were invaluable when it came to transporting all the gear, and they provided alternate means communications with their powerful vehicular radios. On the other hand, however, the Huskies were the wiremen's worst enemy when new CP's were being set in. As quickly as comm wire was laid the Huskies would grind over them. Before long, procedures were formulated to restrict Husky routes and safeguard comm wire at crossing points.

Good communications were maintained during the move from Arizona to Hill 65. An additional net is now being monitored by the TACP at Hill 65. The net is being used as an emergency backup in the high frequency band, utilizing an AN/PRC 47.

9. SIGNIFICANT CASUALTIES INFLICTED OR SUSTAINED: VC/NVA CAPTURED

a. Friendly Casualties  
1st Battalion, 5th Marines

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
KIA	0	0
WIAE	3	3
WIANE	8	0
DOW	3	0
DOD	0	0
NBC	12	0
NBD	1	0

b. Enemy Casualties

KIA	48 VC	66 NVA	114 TOTAL
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10. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ORDNANCE CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH

2 M-72 LAAWS      12 AK-47 Rifles      4 SKS Rifles

11. SIGNIFICANT MUNITIONS (OTHER THAN EMPLACED MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS) CAPTURED/FOUND AND DESTROYED DURING THE MONTH

1 60mm Mortar Round	1 Claymore mine	3 M-26 Grenades
16 ChiCom Grenades	1 Pop-up Illumination	4 12.7mm Rounds
10 AK-47 Magazines	500 Round Soviet 1908 model	cartridges

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12. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY EQUIPMENT/FOOD STORES CAPTURED DURING THE MONTH

4670 lbs of Rice	21180 Piasters
3 NVA Belts	5 Cartridge Belts
21 Packs	3 NVA Helmets
16 Rice Belts	1 12 foot Boat
10 Ponchos	6 Canteens
1 NVA Flag	Several Hammocks
1 VC Flag	Sandals
Miscellaneous Documents	3 Blue Arm Bands
24 Radio Batteries	3 Packs of Tobacco Paper
5 Gallons of Fish Sauce	Miscellaneous Clothing
Photo of Ho Chi Minh	Miscellaneous Medical Gear

13. ENTRIES. See Tab "A" to Enclosure (1) (Staff Journal for period of 010001H November through 302400H November 1969).

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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

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030001H Nov FROM 032400H Nov 1969 TO

TIME		SER NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
				Journal Opened	
0645		1	030645H	Co B plt at (AT823475) spotted 3 VCS coming down trail towards them. Opened fire killing 1 wounding 1. Results: 1 VC KIA; also, 1 detainee.	S.F.
1100		2	031100H	Co A plt (CP) at (AT867504) observed 10 enemy moving South along blue line with packs. Opened fire. Results: 2 VC KIA; also 1 pack and medical gear captured.	S.F.
1240		3	031240H	Co B plt at (AT828482) enroute to new position when 3 VC opened fire on rear element wounding 1 USMC, captured 1 VC. Called in 81mm mission. Fired 30x81mm. Results: 1 VC KIA; also 1 USMC WIAE and 1 POW.	S.F.
1630		4	031630H	Co A plt at (AT882518) observed 3 VC going across rice paddy dike w/pack. Opened fire. Results: 1 VC KIA; also 2 packs and medical gear captured.	S.F.
				Journal Closed	



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050001H Nov FROM 052400H Nov 1969 TO

TIME		SER NO	DATE/TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
1200		1	051200H	Co D sqd at (AT858548) observed 1 NVA w/packs and rifles moving E at (AT857550) opened fire. Results: 1 NVA KIA; also, 1 NVA pack, 1 hammock, 1 mess gear, chow and 5 empty rice bags captured.	S.F.
1300		2	051300H	Co B sqd (Search) at (AT854-501) spotted 5 to 7 VC standing in village; fired 2 LAWS and small arms. Results: 3 VC KIA; also 2 POW's.	S.F.
1405		3	051405H	Co B (CP) at (AT844495) spotted 15 to 20 VC fleeing from area. at (AT845520). Called in 81mm and arty. Fired 165x81mm mortars and 108x105 rounds. Results: 3 VC KIA.	S.F.
1430		4	051430H	Co A plt (Patrol) at (AT879-514) found 2 VC bodies, that had been dead for 2 days. Results: 2 VC KIA.	S.F.
1630		5	051630H	Co A plt at (AT883522) observed 5 VC coming down trail w/packs. Opened fire killing two (2). Results: 2 VC KIA; also, 2 VC packs, documents and wallet captured.	S.F.









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091000H Nov FROM TO 092400H Nov 1969

TIME		SER NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
				Journal Opened	
1000		1	091000H	Co C plt at (AT885544) Checked fields of fire, Results: 1 NVA Flag, 1 VC Flag, 3 Blue arm bands, 1 red arm band, 1 Photo of Ho Chi Minh and 15 writing tablets captured.	S.F.
1100		2	091100H	Co C plt (Patrol) at (AT900559) found 2 VC Bodies that had been dead for approximately 12 Hours. Results; 2 VC KIA; ALSO 3- M-26 Grenades, 1 Claymore, 1 -K-bar, 1 Cartridge belt, 1-AK Magazine (with 30 rds.) 1 White star pop-up captured.	S.F.
1115		3	091115H	Co B plt (Patrol) at (AT824493) Spotted 1 VC coming down trail towards them. Set up a hasty ambush killing the VC. Results; 1 VC/KIA; Also 1-AK 47 1 Magazine, 1 green uniform, 1 utility belt captured.	S.F.
1230		4	091230H	Co B plt (Patrol) at (AT808498) received 20 rounds of small arms fire and 1 -40mm-M-79 rd from (809505) Results; 2 USMC KIA.	S.F.
1240		5	091240H	Co B plt (Patrol) at (AT824508) found grave with one male body still bleeding Results; 1 VC/KIA.	S.F.
1300		6	091300H	Co A sqd (Sweep) at (AT878523) spotted 3 VC wearing green utilities, yelled but VC disregarded it. Results 2 VC KIA	S.F.

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110740H Nov FROM 112400H Nov 1969 TO

TIME		SER NO	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
				Journal Opened	
0740		1	110740H	Co B (Ambush) at (AT856502) Spotted 10 15 VC at (AT858500) opened fire Results 2 Packs and 1 battle dressing captured	S.F.
1215		2	111215H	Co A at (AT854547) received small arms fire and 40 MM fire. Returned fire and called med-evac for 2 USMC. Results 2 USMC WIA*-E.	S.F.
1530		3	111530H	Co C (Ambush) at (AT871546) captured 1 Male. Results; 1 detainee	S.F.
1730		4	111730H	Co A (Patrol) at (AT856544) Point man was shot by sniper. called for Med-Evac While attempting to pick up WIA choppers Co-Pilot was shot. Med-Evac was not completed at this time. Results 1 USMC WIANE.	S.F.
1730		5	111730H	Co A (CP) at (AT859541) had 2 VC Chieu Hois One was critically wounded. results 1 VC KIA, also 1 Chieu Hoi.	S.F.
1830		6	111830H	Co A (Follow up to 111730H) at (AT856 544) moved WIA to secure position then completed med-evac. observed 9 VC KIA's unable to recover due to contact. Results; 9 VC/NVA KIA's.	S.F.
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1000		1	161000H	Co B sqd at (AT861493) while approaching village had 1 Vietnamese woman started screaming warning VC that the unit was approaching. Sent woman to ITT. Results: 1 detainee.	S.F.
2000		2	162000H	Co D plt at (AT850482) while shifting night time position took S/A fire from 10-14 NVA from (AT849484). Returned fire and assaulted enemy position. Results: 4 NVA KIA; also assorted clothing, food, 2 ponchos, 3 canteens, 782 gear, medical gear, razor blades, and rusty nails captured.	S.F.
2030		3	162030H	Co C plt (Movement) at (AT820-500) while on move to night time position took sniper fire from treeline 200 meters North of their position. Opened fire with S7A killing 2 VC. Results: 2 VC KIA; also 1 pack and assorted papers captured.	S.F.
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1010		1	171010H	Co D plt (Patrol) at (AT861499) while moving through treeline came upon 7 enemy dressed in green utilities sitting in their homes. Enemy saw patrol and threw 5 ChiCom grenades to break contact and fled to the East. Patrol returned fire and pursued capturing 1 enemy. Had 1 USMC WIA by ChiCom grenade. Results 1 USMC WIAE; also 1 POW.	S.F.
1915		2	171915H	Co D plt (Ambush) at (AT868507) while moving to ambush site lost contact with last 3 men. Sent fire team back to make contact with the 3 men but spotted 3 NVA walking towards them. Opened fire killing 3 NVA and 1 fled to the North. Linked up with the 3 men. Took approximately 6 NVA under fire during move. Results: 3 NVA KIA; also medical gear, sandals, poncho, pack, food captured.	S.F.
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IN	OUT				
2110		4	202130H	Co D sqd (Ambush) at (AT846-509) while set in nite time position 3 NVA moved across their front wearing packs and carrying rifles. Opened fire with S/A. Results: 3 NVA KIA; also 2xAK-47 rifles, 2xAK-47 magazines, 2 ponchos with 15 lbs of rice, and 1 hammock captured.	S.F.
2100		5	202100H	Co D (CP) at (AT856514) while set in block position spotted approximately 40 NVA moving in a column across our front headed South, dressed in black pajamas and dark NVA uniforms. Unit opened fire with M-16's, 60mm mortars, M-60 machine guns, M-79's, and 3.5's. Enemy returned fire with approximately 2 magazines of AK-47 and 2 ChiCom grenades resulting in 1 USMC WIA. The enemy being caught completely by surprise broke formation and fled in all directions. Following 81mm and arty missions a plt moved in for a thorough search, that swept the area. Results: 1 USMC WIAE; also 11 NVA KIA; 2xAK-47, 2xAK-47 magazines, 4 bags of rice, 1 mess kit, 1 pack, 3 ponchos, clothing, 2 pair sandels, 2 NVA belts	





















