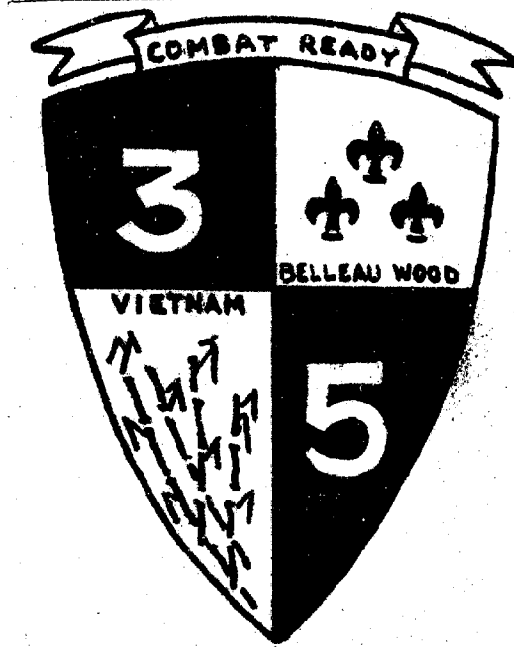


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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b)
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

LtCol H. E. ATKINSON

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Company H&S

1stLt H. E. OVERTON

Company India

Capt R. A. BEELER

Company Kilo

Capt K. L. HOCK

Company Lima

Capt J. M. PALCHAK

Company Mike

Capt T. P. BURNS

2. LOCATION. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines participated in Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW in the northwestern portion of the 3/5 AO. They now continue to conduct Search and Clear operations within the 3/5 AO and provide for the security of the An Hoa Combat Base in the Quang Nam Province of RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Exec0

Major R. L. VOGT To 3APR69
Major F. W. SAUCIER Fr 4APR69

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1stLt W. G. BINES

S-2

1stLt K. J. SALAMON

S-3

Major R. L. VOGT

S-4

1stLt A. B. BENZ

S-5

1stLt D. W. JAMIESON To 6APR69
1stLt W. R. PHILIPS Fr 7APR69

Supply0

1stLt G. C. FERREE

Comm0

1stLt D. W. RODDY

MTO

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Medical0's

Lt B. A. KROPSKY
Lt H. A. BENLER

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Air Liaison0's

Capt J. P. NOESON FAC
Capt M. J. LUCCI ALO To 24APR69
Capt J. E. SOWERS Jr Fr 25APR69

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
37	1,143	3	57

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The Battalion's Officer shortages are one Captin 0302 and one Lt 6708. The Battalion's Enlisted shortages are two GySgt's 0369, 14 SSgt's 0369 and 46 Sgt's 03. The Battalion has 100% of its M/L strength in Lt's 03, 39% of its M/L strength in SSgt's 03 and 45% of its M/L strength in Sgt's 03.

2. The 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines continues to conduct offensive operations in the southern portion of the 5th Marines AO. They also provide for the security of the An Hoa Combat Base and the Liberty Bridge Road. Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW, held during the month, was conducted to protect Vietnamese Nationals in collecting rice during harvest season and to deny food supply to VC/NVA in the area. Periodical AO extensions were used in order to clear suspected enemy positions and forces outside the 3/5 AO.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. TopicsA. Personnel and Administration

1. Strength. The Battalion began the month with an on board strength of 36 Marine Officers, 1,173 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers and 54 Navy Enlisted. The current on board strength of the Battalion is 36 Marine Officers, 1,138 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers and 56 Navy Enlisted.

2. Discipline, Law and Legal. During the reporting period of April, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines held two General Courts Martial and one Special Court Martial. There were three investigations held.

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

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

5. Awards. There were five Bronze Stars, eight Navy Commendation Metals, six Navy Achievement Metals, three Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry and 141 Purple Hearts awarded to personnel of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines this month.

6. Interior Management. Administration procedures and proficiency continued to be excellent.

B. Enemy, Weather and Terrain

1. Enemy. During the reporting period enemy activity consisted of small scale attacks against friendly units, harassment of friendly units through the use of mortars and rockets, continued use of mines and booby-traps, and recruitment and indoctrination of the local populace.

2. Weather.

- a. Rainfall: Negative
- b. Temperature:
 - 1. Avg high: 93
 - 2. Avg low: 77
- c. Light:
 - 1. Avg sunrise: 0620
 - 2. Avg sunset: 1910

3. Terrain. During the reporting period, flat lowlands and rice paddies were the predominant terrain features.

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C. Mission.

1. Continue Search and Clear operations in our sector of the 5th Marines AO. Block all enemy infiltration routes in the An Hoa area, and continue to provide for the security of the An Hoa Combat Base.

D. Logistics.

1. General. The overall logistics status of the Battalion is satisfactory at the present time. The Battalion S-4 has resupplied the Battalion in the field on a daily basis.

E. Significant Casualties Inflicted or Sustained:1. Friendly:

KIA	5	NBC	11
WIAE	25	NED	2
WIANE	22	DOW	2

2. Enemy:

11 VC/NVA KIA BNR

F. Significant Enemy Ordnance Captured

1 US Carbine

G. Significant Munitions Captured/Found and Destroyed

7	ChiCom grenades	1800	AK-47 rounds
1	60mm mortar round	80	30caliber rounds
1	2.5 rocket round	24	SFD's found
15	Blasting caps		

H. Significant Enemy Equipment/Food Found and Destroyed

12,000 pounds rice
 200 pounds potatoes
 30 pounds miscellaneous VC/NVA 782 gear
 10 pounds documents

I. Significant Enemy Caves, Buildings and Fortifications Destroyed

2 Bunkers
 4 Fighting holes

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J. Training

1. Regimental Indoctrination School. During the reporting period all new personnel reporting to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines attended Troop Indoctrination School held by the 5th Marine Regiment. There were six schools held during April.

2. Division Schools. Personnel attended the following Division Schools during the month of April.

NGO School
 Officer Leadership School
 SNCO Leadership School
 Embarkation School
 Land Mine Warfare, Demolitions and Booby Trap Training
 Kit Carson Scout Orientation Course

K. Supporting Units

1. Kit Carson Scouts. The Battalion is presently employing seven Kit Carson Scouts who have participated in 40 patrols conducted by this Battalion.

2. Interpreters. The Battalion is presently employing three interpreters.

3. Engineers. Company B, 1st Engineer Battalion supported 3/5 during the month of April.

4. Shore Party (HST). HST's were provided by Company B, 1st Shore Party Battalion.

L. Communications. The primary means of communications during the month were the AN/PRC-25, AN/PRC-88, AN/PRC-77 and the KY-38. The AN/PRC-41 and AN/PRC-47 were also used.

M. Civil Affairs

1. Med Caps. There were four Med Caps held during the month. 562 people were treated and 32 were evacuated to the German Hospital.

2. Contributions. 20 pounds of soap and 50 pounds of candy were distributed throughout the local villages.

N. Supporting Arms

1. Air. During the reporting period the First Marine Air Wing provided support for the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines as follows:

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A. Helicopters flew 44 Medivac missions to evacuate 38 Emergency, 29 Priority and 33 Routine Casualties.

B. Helicopter support was used in one troop lift and two Huey Gunship strikes on the 28th of May.

C. Fixed wing air support was used in seven tactical air strikes which were TACA controlled.

D. 32 aerial observation missions were flown during the month.

E. Fixed wing support was also utilized through the use of two Flaeships and two Spooky Gunships.

1. Artillery

A. During the reporting period 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines derived artillery support from 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. Artillery personnel came from 'F' Battery 2/11.

B. A total of 99 missions were fired. 97 were observed and two unobserved. Only two of those were contact missions. A total of 1,480 were fired, 1,234 were HE, 149 WP and 97 Illumination.

C. A total of approximately 1,500 additional rounds were fired for H&I's.

D. 81mm mortars fired a total of 2,920. Of these 1,722 were HE, 273 WP and 925 Illumination.

2. Entries

A. See Tab 'A' to Enclosure (1) (Staff Journal for the period of 010001H through 302400H April 1969)

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. ✓ Tab 'A' to Enclosure (1), (Staff Journal for the period of 010001H through 302400H April 1969)

✓ " B Muskogee Meadow After Action Reports

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		010001H	012400H APR 69
DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
011030H	1	Co M (S&D) at (AT889480) Found miscellaneous medical gear and took nine detainees. Results: Nine detainees and medical gear captured	S-F
011750H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT897500) Received 25-30 rounds of small arms fire. Returned fire with small arms. Results: 2 USMC WIANE	S-F
012000H	3	Co M (S&D) at (AT900504) While sending out ambush received five incoming ChiCom grenades. Returned small arms and Blooper. Results: Neg	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
022045H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT895495) Received small arms fire and approximately 8-10 incoming 60mm mortar rounds. Returned fire with 60-81mm mortars. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
030835H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT895498) Found one M-1 Carbine wrapped in plastic. Results: One M-1 Carbine	S-F
030850H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT895500) Found one booby-trap will destroy in place. Results: One booby-trap blown in place	S-F
031100H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT895499) Found miscellaneous documents. Results: Will forward to S-2	S-F
031130H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT896498) Found ammo and documents Results: Will blow ammo and forward documents	S-F
031245H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT888497) Spotted two armed VC and opened fire with small arms. Results: Neg	S-F
031300H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT891504) Found 782 gear and ammo. Results: One 2.75 Rocket round, 3 US gas masks, one M-16 magazine and a helmet liner captured	S-F
031315H	7	Co I (S&D) at (AT891501) Found one mortar position with fresh foot prints. Results: Neg	S-F
031515H	8	Co M (S&D) at (AT912488) Received approximately 20-25 rounds of small arms fire. Returned fire with 81's. Results: Neg	S-F
031745H	9	Co I (S&D) at (AT894504) Found ammo boxes filled with medical gear. Results: Documents and gear forwarded to rear.	S-F
031840H	10	Co I (S&D) at (AT891504) Found large amount of small arms ammo. Results: 80 30caliber rounds, 200 5.56 rounds, 200 .62 rounds, 50 M-1 rounds	S-F
031845H	11	Co I (S&D) at (AT898490) Spotted approximately seven NVA running into a treeline. Received sniper fire. Called in Air. Results: Neg	S-F
032015H	12	Co I (Night Positions) at (AT899507) Received three incoming ChiCom grenades. Pulled back to prep treeline. Results: Neg	S-F

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040850H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT896503) Received automatic weapons fire. Returned fire with small arms. Results: Neg	S-F
041220H	2	Co I (Night Positions) at (AT889505) Found one 60mm booby-trap with tripwire and one ChiCom grenade. Results: Both blown in place	S-F
041315H	3	Co I (Night Positions) at (AT890502) Found 782 gear and ammo. Usefull gear will be turned in and the rest destroyed. Results: 782 gear and 10 AK rounds captured	S-F
041320H	4	Co I (Night Positions) at (AT888505) Found one 155mm booby-trap with trip wire. Will blow in place. Results: Negative	S-F
041415H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT890505) Captured one VCS where India was hit last night. Turned man over to ITT Results: One detainee	S-F
041640H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT890505) Found one 105mm booby-tap with trip wire attached. Results: Blown in place	S-F
041955H	7	Co I (S&D) at (AT898499) Received four rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Called in 81's and Arty. Results: Negative	S-F
042125H	8	Co I (S&D) at (AT892496) Received one incomming ChiCom grenade and sniper fire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F

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050710H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT889505) Received five rounds of AK fire. Returned fire with M-79's and small arms. Results: Neg	S-F
051030H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT874460) Found three males. One didnt have papers so company forwarded one detainee to Battalion Forward. Results: One male detainee	S-F
051530H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT893495) Found one 60mm mortar round, 300 AK rounds, one magazine drum, five ammo boxes with cleaning gear. Results: Gear captured will be destroyed	S-F
051645H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT897494) Found 248 30 caliber rounds and two bloody battle dressings. Results: Will destroy in place	S-F
051700H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT898499) Found one large crock of rice. Results: One large crock of rice	S-F
051700H	6	Co L (S&D) at (AT921493) Found one 250 pound bomb. Results: Will blow in place	S-F
052000H	7	Co I (Ambush) at (AT898498) Opened fire on three VC. Enemy returned fire with six ChiCom grenades Results: 3 USMC WIAE, 1 VC KIA/BNR	S-F

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060950H	1	Co M (OP) at (AT913489) Received 10 AK rounds. Results: Negative	S-F
061015H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT914503) Tripped one ChiCom grenade with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
061200H	3	Co M (S&D) at (AT925493) Apprehended five detainees. Results: Five detainees (4 females, 1 male)	S-F
061200H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT899495) Dug up a large amount of ammo and 782 gear. Results: 1 175 round, 3 ChiCom grenades, 1 bottle of explosives, 10 M-16 magazines with rounds, 1 pair jungle boots, 1 NVA belt, 1 pouncho, miscellaneous documents	S-F
061230H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT895498) Dug up ammo and one box of documents including a map of Danang. Results: Will destroy, documents will be forwarded on	S-F
061445H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT891495) Dug up ammo and documents. Results: Will blow ammo and forward documents	S-F
061740H	7	Co I (S&D) at (AT895497) Dug up ammo, medical gear, documents. Results: Ammo blown and documents forwarded	S-F
062015H	8	Co I (Night Positions) at (AT897496) Received two incoming 60mm mortars. Returned fire with 81's and Arty. Results: Negative	S-F

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071045H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT897488) Tripped one ChiCom booby trap with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIANE	S-F
071130H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT897487) Found one booby-trapped 82mm mortar round. Will blow in place. Results: Neg	S-F
071400H	3	Co L (S&D) at (AT892498) Tripped one 60mm mortar booby-trap causing a secondary explosion of the Marines M-79 rounds. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
071605H	4	Co L (S&D) at (AT885499) Found one home made anti personnel mine. Blown in place. Results: Neg	S-F
072050H	5	Co L (S&D) at (AT888488) Received one round of sniper fire.. Returned fire. Results: Neg	S-F

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080810H	1	Co L (S&D) at (AT905506) Received sniper fire. Results: Neg	S-F
081050H	2	Co L (S&D) at (AT894506) Apprehended four detainees and found miscellaneous gear. Results: Four detainees and miscellaneous gear captured	S-F
081050H	3	Co L (S&D) at (AT894506) Found miscellaneous NVA 782 gear and ammo. Results: Neg	S-F
081120H	4	Co L (S&D) at (AT898507) Found approximately 1000 pounds of rice. Results: 1000 pounds of rice captured	S-F
081349H	5	Co K (S&D) at (AT916488) Found two booby-traps. Results: One 60mm and one anti-personnel mines destroyed	S-F
081430H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT) Apprehended two detainees. Results: Two detainees	S-F
081450H	7	Co K (S&D) at (AT915490) Found one dud 8 inch illum round. Results: Neg	S-F
081500H	8	Co L (S&D) at (AT900509) Found approximately one ton of rice. Results: One ton of rice captured	S*F
081500H	9	Co K (S&D) at (AT915500) Found one 155mm round. Blown in place. Results: Neg	S-F
081545H	10	Co L (S&D) at (AT898504) Tripped one 81mm mortar booby-trap. Results: 3 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
081605H	11	Co K (S&D) at (AT918497) Found one M-33 type booby-trap. Blown in place. Results: Neg	S-F

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090845H	1	Co L (S&D) at (AT898508) Captured VC suspect. Results: 1 VCS	S-F
090945H	2	Co L (S&D) at (AT899516) Found one 105mm round. Results: Blew in place.	S-F
091745H	3	Co K (S&D) at (AT905505) Tripped one M-26 pressure device booby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
091930H	4	Co L (S&D) at (AT897517) Received four rounds 60mm mortars, five rounds M-79, and 100 rounds small arms fire. Return fire with small arms and M-79. Results: 3 USMC WIAE	S-F
091930H	5	Co L (S&D) at (AT894465) Received four rounds 60mm mortars, five rounds M-79, and 100 rounds small arms fire. Results: 6 USMC WIA	S-F
092250H	6	Co Y (Night Position) at (AT894465) Enemy tripped one trip flare. Open fire with small arms. Results: Neg	S-F

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100945H	1	Co K (S&D) at (AT923493) Spotted two enemy. Sniper shot one than saw three more run from tree line. Persued physically. Results: 1 VC BNR	S-F
101020H	2	Co K (S&D) at (AT925495) Tripped 105mm round booby trap detonated by M-26. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
101215H	3	Co L (S&D) at (AT907505) Discovered 1800 pounds of rice and picked up two detainees. Results: 2 VCS, 1800 LBS RICE	S-F
101315H	4	Co K (S&D) at (AT924494) Found eight inch dud, two 105mm dud rounds, and gear. Results: Blew duds and brought in gear. (1 USMC PONCHO LINER & VC TROUSERS)	S-F
101316H	5	Co K (S&D) at (AT930497) Spotted enemy with weapons, shot and saw two drop. Results: 2 VC BNR	S-F
101345H	6	Co K (S&D) at (AT924494) Found five personnel without ID cards. Results: 5 FEMALE DETAINEES	S-F
101410H	7	Co L (S&D) at (AT896489) Tripped booby trap home made pressure detonated fire mechanism. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
101800H	8	Co K (S&D) at (AT931494) Found 2100 pounds of rice and 10 items of 782 gear with assorted medical supplies. Results: 2100 LBS RICE, 782 GEAR, AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES	S-F
101800H	9	Co K (S&D) at (AT931494) Picked up two detainees. Results: 2 DETAINEES (1 mother, 1 baby)	S-F
102010H	10	Co L (Night Position) at (AT894492) Received four incoming 60mm mortar rounds. Friendly ambush received 10 rounds small arms fire. Results: Neg	S-F

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111300H	1	Co M (S&D) at (AT858456) Found suspected mortar site. Results: BLEW SITE	S-F
111330H	2	Co K (S&D) at (AT924494) Sniper saw three enemy in treeline, fired and saw them drop. Results: 3 VC BNR	
111430H	3	Co I (Strong Point) at (AT873463) Caught PF trying to smuggle gear out gate. Sent to CI in An Hoa. Results: AMMO BOX, 3 M-26 GRENADES, 2 USMC PONCHOS, and some C-RATIONS	S-F
111700H	4	Co K (S&D) at (AT917483) Found native personnel carrying body. Results: 2 VCS	S-F

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120755H	1	Co L (S&D) at (AT897477) Found one dud 81mm illumination canister. Results: Blew in place	S-F
121130H	2	Co K (S&D) at (AT901498) Spotted enemy in tree line. Pursued physically. Results: Neg	S-F
121230H	3	Co K (S&D) at (AT901498) While interrogating detainees received sniper fire. Results: 2 Vietnamese women KIA	S-F
121245H	4	Co K (S&D) at (AT897483) Set off pressure release M-26 booby trap. Results: 2 USMC WIAE	S-F
121700H	5	Co K (S&D) at (AT924500) Took one male detainee. Results: 1 DETAINEE	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
130730H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT850448) Observed two vietnamese digging up what appeared to be a mortar tube than rebury it 50 meters away. Unable to check out because it is out of AO. Results: Neg	S-F
130830H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT850448) Tripped M-26 trip wire type booby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
130945H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT850447) Found male detainee without ID card. Results: 1 VCS	S-F
131700H	4	Co K (S&D) at (AT899498) Found three females without ID cards. Villagers say the females know something about VC. Results: 3 Detainees and baby,	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
140945H	1	Co K (S&D) at (AT892505) While moving to set up security for down chopper received small arms fire. moved in and set up security and directed gunship on enemy. Results: Neg	S-F
141045H	2	Co K (S&D) at (AT896488) Spotted nine enemy in the open. Opened fire with small arms. Results: Negative	S-F
141200H	3	Co M (S&D) at (915886) Apperhended four detainees Results: Neg	S-F
141720H	4	Co M (S&D) at (AT926475) Opened fire on one enemy. Results: Neg	S-F
141955H	5	Co K (S&D) at (AT893506) Received small arms fire while moving. Results: Neg	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
150845H	1	Co K (S&D) at (AT897487) Spotted 40 VN civilians. Sent fire team to check it out. Four people ran so fire team shot over thier heads, one continued to run so team opened fire. Results: 1 VN KIA	S-F
150930H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT939499) Received small arms fire and returned small arms fire. Results: Neg	S-F
151000H	3	Co L (S&D) at (AT908494) Tripped one pressure type booby-trap. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
151000H	4	Co K (S&D) at (AT891499) Found one 500 pound bomb. Results: Blown in place	S-F
151115H	5	Co K (S&D) at (AT891501) Found miscelleaneous NVA 782 gera and one ChiCom grenade. Results: Gear sent to rear and grenade detonated	S-F
151350H	6	Co K (S&D) at (AT889507) Found ammo box with ChiCom grenades and miscelleaneous NVA gear. Results: Gear sent to rear and ChiComs destroyrd	S-F
151150H	7	Co M (S&D) at (AT895466) Apprenended one VCS. Results: 1 VCS	S-F
151200H	8	Co K (S&D) at (AT889507) Marine detonated a pressure type 105mm booby-trap. Results: 2 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIAE	S-F
151700H	9	Co K (S&D) at (AT890504) Found one 500 pound bomb pressure type. Results: Blown in place	S-F
151800H	10	Co K (S&D) at (AT898498) Apperhended one male detainee. Results: 1 male Detainee	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
161040H	1	Co K (S&D) at (AT881500) Tripped one M-26 type booby-trap with trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIAE, 1 USMC WIANE	S-F
161210H	2	Co K (S&D) at (AT880498) Found one 105mm round. Results: 1 105mm round	S-F
161630H	3	Co M (S&D) at (AT966492) Found one new type round. Results: Blown in place	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
170700H	1	Co M (S&D) at (AT953499) Found one new type munition. Results: Blown in place	S-F
170800H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT943497) Found one 105mm round. Results: Blown in place	S-F
170940H	3	Co M (S&D) at (AT907498) Tripped one 105mm booby- trap and found one 60mm booby-trap. Results: 60mm booby-trap blown in place, 2 USMC WIAE	S-F
171750H	4	Co M (S&D) at (AT903495) Blew one 82mm mortar booby-trap. Results: Negative	S-F
171850H	5	Co M (S&D) at (AT903495) Found one M-26 type booby-trap. Results: Blown in place	S-F
171955H	6	Co M (Night Positions) at (AT904495) Received automatic weapons fire and semi-automatic weapons fire. Returned small arms and grenades. Results: Negative	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
180930H	1	Co M (S&D) at (AT905483) Found one home made ChiCom grenade. Results: Blown in place	S-F
181100H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT895500) Found two heavy blood trails and miscellaneous 782 gear. Results: Checked out area and forwarded gear to rear	S-F
181810H	3	Co M (S&D) at (AT887485) Found one tomato can booby-trap. Results: Blown in place	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
190745H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT880437) Found one M-26 grenade in a tree. Results: Blown in place	S-F
190900H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT876437) Stopped 30 wood cutters two females didnt have ID cards, forwarded to rear. Results: two VCS	S-F
190915H	3	Co M (S&D) at (AT879495) Apprehended two male civilian because of improper ID cards. Results: Two detainees	S-F
191145H	4	Co K (S&D) at (AT910490) Spotted 10 VC carrying weapons. Sniper opened fire. Results: 3 VC KIA BNR	S-F
191200H	5	Co I (S&D) at (AT885443) Tripper one homemade booby-trap pressure type. Results: 1 USMC WIAE	S-F
191231H	6	Co M (S&D) at (AT878507) Opened fire on 11 VC crossing river. Fired with 60mm mortars and small arms. Results: 6 VC KIA Confirmed	S-F
191245H	7	Co K (S&D) at (AT910490) Sniper fired at six VC. Results: 1 VC KIA BNR	S-F
191600H	8	Co K (S&D) at (AT923494) Apprehended two VCS. Results: 2 VCS	S-F
191700H	9	Co L (S&D) at (AT867453) Received automatic and small arms fire from unknwn enemy. Results: Negative	S-F
191715H	10	Co M (S&D) at (AT874500) Started a brush fire which set off two booby-traps. Results: Negative	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
200800H	1	Co M (S&D) at (AT890506) Spotted four VC but were unable to fire. Results: Negative	S-F
200845H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT920472) Opened fire on one VC carrying a SKS. Results: Negative	S-F
200930H	3	Co M (S&D) at (AT490506) Spotted three VC but were unable to shoot. Results: Negative	S-F
201010H	4	Co M (S&D) at (AT874505) Found one 175mm booby-trap that was pressure detonated. Results: Blown in place.	S-F
201430H	5	Co L (S&D) at (AT865445) Apprehended four male detainees carrying a 250 pound bomb. Results: Four detainees	S-F
201615H	6	Co I (S&D) at (AT913448) Called in 81's on two VC in cave and observed 10 secondary explosions. Results: Search area	S-F

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		210001H	212000H APR 69
DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
211010H	1	Co M (S&D) at (AT891499) Tripped one 155mm booby-trap. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIAE, 1 USN WIAE	S-F
211015H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT927446) Found fighting holes and bunkers. Results: Holes and bunkers destroyed	S-F
211100H	3	Co M (S&D) at (AT891499) Found three ammo cans filled with VC cloths and gear. Results: Gear was burned	S-F
211135H	4	Co M (S&D) at (AT901492) Set a fire to brush which set off two 105mm booby-traps and one 82mm booby-trap. Results: Negative	S-F
211655H	5	Co M (S&D) at (AT891499) Found fishing leader used for trip wire. Results: Destroyed in place	S-F
211700H	6	Co M (S&D) at (AT901498) Set a fire causing multiple explosions of hidden booby-traps. Results: Negative	S-F
211945H	7	Co M (S&D) at (AT897494) Opened fire on two VC. Results: Negative	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
221645H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT912492) Received small arms fire and returned small arms fire. Results: Negative	S-F
222045H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT850450) Spotted enemy firing at aircraft. Called in artillery. Results: Neg	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
231120H	1	Co K (S&D) at (AT920498) Found papers buried in treeline. Results: Forwarded to rear	S-F
231110H	2	Co K (S&D) at (AT916498) Detonated one M-26 type booby-trap. Results: 2 USMC WIANE	S-F
230815H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT865443) Observed rounds being fired and hitting An Hoa. Checked out area. Results: Negative	S-F
230930H	4	Co K (S&D) at (AT918494) Found 500 pounds of rice. Results: Negative	S-F
231030H	5	Co K (S&D) at (AT918496) Found 660 pounds of rice, 200 pounds of potatoes and four PRC/25 batteries	S-F
231130H	6	Co L (S&D) at (AT905459) Apprehended one male VCS, Results: 1 Male VCS	S-F
231215H	7	Co M (S&D) at (AT860453) Found one 60mm booby-trap with trip wire. Results: Blown in place	S-F
231215H	8	Co K (S&D) at (AT918494) Apprehended two male VCS. Results: 2 Male VCS	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
241230H	1	Co L (S&D) at (AT931455) Found tunnel complex with numerous fighting holes and bunkers and one 50caliber position. Results: Positions destroyed	S-F
241840H	2	Co L (S&D) at (AT939459) Found one tomato type booby-trap. Results: Destroyed in place	S-F
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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
251000H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT909482) Apprehended one male VCS burying grenades. Results: Turned over to ITT	S-F
251045H	2	Co L (S&D) at (AT931505) Spotted 8-12 enemy and opened fire with small arms and called in Arty. Unable to observe due to terrain. Results: Negative	S-F
251400H	3	Co K (S&D) at (AT900498) Apprehended three female VCS's while searching villiage. Results: 3 female VCS's turned over to ITT	S&F
251700H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT916484) Apprehended one detainee. Results: One detainee sent to ITT	S-F

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		260001H	262400H APR 69
DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
261845H	1	Co K (S&D) at (AT885490) Found one 105mm pressure type booby-trap along a trail. Results: Blown in place	S-F
261850H	2	Co I (S&D) at (AT873446) Called in Arty on suspected rocket launching site. Results: Neg	S-F
262040H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT907447) Received small arms fire and returned small arms fire. Results: Negative	S-F
261700H	4	Co L (S&D) at (AT957429) Received small arms fire and returned small arms and called for air and arty. Results: 1 USMC WIANE	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
270335H	1	Co L (Night Positions) at (AT950437) Received five incoming ChiCom grenades. Returned small arms and M-79's. Results: 1 USMC WIANE	S-F
271610H	2	Co K (S&D) at (AT885490) Found one booby-trapped 106 round. Results: Blown in place	S-F
271630H	3	Co K (S&D) at (AT876492) Apprehended one male detainee. Results: 1 male VCS	S-F
271710H	4	Co I (S&D) at (SP Delta) Explosion occurred in a ammo bunker. Results: 1 USMC KIA	S-F
271715H	5	Co K (S&D) at (887494) Found assorted ammo and gear. Results: 150 rounds of 30caliber, three battery cells and one PRC/25 battery	S-F
271750H	6	Co L (S&D) at (AT947443) Opened fire on 10 enemy with 60mm mortars and called in AO. Results: Negative	S-F
272105H	7	Co L (Night Positions) at (AT947443) OP reported enemy movement. OP was told to pull back to friendly lines when a small fire fight occurred. Results: Negative	S-F
272230H	8	Co L (Night Positions) at (AT947443) Spotted five enemy. Spooky sprayed area. Results: Neg	S-F

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281630H	1	Co I (S&D) at (898487AT) Detonated one 165mm SFD. Results: Negative	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
291100H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT888505) Found one 60mm booby-trap. Results: Blown in place	S-F
291308H	2	Co M (S&D) at (AT954422) Recieved small arms fire and returned same. Results: Negative	S-F
291500H	3	Co M (S&D) at (AT956423) Found four huts and two tunnels. Results: Negative	S-F
291900H	4	Co I (S&D) at (AT887495) Spotted six VC with packs. Opened fire with small arms. Results: Negative	S-F

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DTG	#	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION
300700H	1	Co I (S&D) at (AT891493) Found fighting holes and trench line. Results: Destroyed same	S-F
300920H	2	Co L (S&D) at (AT911493) Found one 81mm Illum round booby-trapped. Results: Blown in place	S-F
301045H	3	Co I (S&D) at (AT900487) Detained one 30 year old woman. Results: 1 female detainee	S-F

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1. Name of Operation: Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW
2. Dates of Operation: 090700H April to 212400H April 1969
3. Location: Duc Duc District, Quang Nam Province
4. Control of Command Headquarters: 5th Marine Regiment
5. Reporting Officer: LtCol ATKINSON
6. Task Organization: 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines
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7. Supporting Forces:a. Artillery

(1) During this operation, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines provided artillery support.

(2) A total of 25 observed and five unobserved missions were fired: 1350 rounds of HE, 65 rounds of WP, and 25 rounds of illumination.

b. Air

(1) Negative troop lifts

(2) A total of three fixed wing missions were flown, all TACA controlled:

(3) Medevacs:

(a) Missions- 31

(b) Personnel medevaced

17 Emergencies

20 Priority

19 Routine

8. Intelligence

a. During Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines held search and destroy missions for the purpose of rice denial. The Battalion provided rapid movement of detainees to collection points as required.

b. Collection and Dissemination

(1) During the reporting period, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines had 32 detainees. 22 were innocent civilians while the other 10 were civil defendants.

(2) Captured documents included: A note book with poems and songs, personal letters, and propaganda papers.

(3) Captured weapons: None

(4) Other captured gear included:

a. Ordnance- 14 SFD, one 81mm Mortar round, and three ChiCom grenades.

b. Captured equipment- six NVA packs, six NVA gas masks, five pounds 782 gear, five pounds NVA clothing, and two pounds medical gear.

(5) Total enemy losses were: 10 VC BNR

9. Mission

Conduct operations to protect Vietnamese Nationals in collecting rice during harvest season, assist in rice removal from VC controlled/contested areas to be placed in secure storage facilities in order to deny food to VC/NVA and aggravate enemy logistical problems.

10. Concept of operations

Originally ROSKOPFE MEADOW involved one rifle company and one rifle company (-) to act as a screening force to provide security for rice harvesters in the Phu Nhuan area. However once the operation had begun, 3/5's mission was modified such that a cordon was established around the rice harvesters rather than a screen. Inside the cordon, search and seizure operations were conducted by platoon size units.

11. Execution

a. 09 April 1969

(1) At 090845H Lima 3/5 at coord. AT898598. Captured VC suspect tried to escape. Was apprehended and brought back to be turned over to ITT. Results: 1 VCS

(2) At 090945H Lima 3/5 at coord. AT899516. While setting in blocking position, found one 105mm round. Will destroy in place prior to leaving area.

(3) At 091745H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT905505. While moving to night position, point element tripped one M-26 pressure device booby trap. Called in medevac. Results: 1 USMC WIA

(4) At 091930H Lima 3/5 at coord. AT897503. While setting in night position received four rounds 60mm mortars, five rounds M-79, and 100 rounds small arms fire. Returned fire with small arms and M-79. Results: 3 USMC WIA

(5) At 091930H Lima 3/5 at coord. AT894465. Received four rounds 60mm mortars, five rounds M-79, and 100 rounds small arms fire. Searched entire area at first light with negative results. Results: 6 USMC WIA

(6) At 092250H Yankee 3/5 at coord. AT894465. Enemy tripped one trip flare. Opened fire with small arms. Results: Negative.

b. 10 April 1969

(1) At 100945H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT923493. Sniper spotted two visitors, one with a weapon and one without weapon. Sniper saw the visitor with a weapon drop and the other one run. Three more visitors ran from tree line. Sent squad out to search for body. Squad was unable to find body. Results: 1 VC BNR

(2) At 101020H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT925495. While moving Marine stepped on suspected 105mm round detonated by M-26. Found frag pin in hole. Results: 1 USMC WIA

(3) At 101215H Lima 3/5 at coord. AT907505. While searching area discovered 1800 lbs of rice. Picked up two detainees. Rice is going in along with detainees. Results: 2 VCS, 1800 lbs of rice

(4) At 101315H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT924494. While making a sweep of village found 8 inch dud, two 105mm rounds, and gear. Blew rounds in place, bringing in gear.

(5) At 101316H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT930497. Snipers spotted visitors with weapons. Shot and saw two drop. Out of our AO. Unable to send squad out to check area. Results: 2 VC BNR

(6) At 101345H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT924494. While sweeping village found five personnel without ID cards. Detainees were question and sent to ITT. Results: 5 Female Detainees.

(7) At 101410H Lima 3/5 at coord. AT896489. While on sweep man tripped one booby trap homemade pressure detonated fire mechanism. Results: 4 USMC WIA

(8) At 101800H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT931494. While sweeping village found approximately 2100 lbs of rice. Rice was hidden in ground behind hooch. Also found items of 782 gear and medical supplies, all anti-biotics. Rice will be bagged and sent to An Hoa along with gear and medical supplies. Results: 2100 lbs rice, 782 gear, and medical supplies.

(9) At 101800H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT931494. While on sweep picked up one mother and baby at the above coord. Sent the detainees in to ITT.

(10) At 102010H Lima 3/5 at coord. AT894492. While in night position received four incoming 60mm mortar rounds. Friendly ambush between Lima's position and the enemy attempted to move towards enemy. Received approximately 10 rounds AK-47 fire. Ambush withdrew after firing claymore. Artillery mission called with negative results. Will search area at first light. Results: Negative

c. 11 April 1969

(1) At 111300H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT858465. While on patrol found a suspected mortar site shaped similar to a figure eight. Hole is two weeks old. Destroyed hole and searching out area. Results: Negative

(2) At 111330H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT924494. While preparing to move heard fire fight in AO and snipers noticed one enemy in tree line, shot and saw him drop. Saw two more, shot saw them drop. Leaving platoon as blocking force for sweep. Results: 3 VC BNR

(3) At 111430H India 3/5 at coord. AT873463. One PF was leaving compound carrying an ammo box, sentry stopped PF and searched box. 3 M-26 grenades were found covered by two USMC ponco liners and some C-Rations. Man is being sent to CI at An Hoa.

(4) At 111700H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT896494. In reference to Spot Report 111330H, negative results.

(5) At 111700H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT917483. While on search of three bodies found native personnel carrying a body. S-2 interrogated wounded personnel who claims to be discharged ARVN soldier. Raising suspicion because of area found in and nature of wounds, sent suspect to An Hoa. Wounds were fresh and minor. Results: 2 VCS

d. 12 April 1969

(1) At 120755H Lima 3/5 at coord. AT897477. While moving found one dud 81mm mortar round illumination canister. Will detonate in place.

(2) At 121130H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT 901498. While initiating day acts spotted enemy in tree line approximately 500 meters to northwest. Sent two squads out to search area they received small arms fire, took enemy under pursuit. Results: Negative

(3) At 121230H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT901498. While interrogating four vietnamese women, position received sniper fire. Two women killed, other civilian fled area. Will sweep area from where fire was received. Results: Two Vietnamese women KIA

(4) At 121245H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT897483. While moving within perimeter set off pressure release M-26. Results: 2 USMC WIA

(5) At 121700H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT924500. Found one male detainee. He was near a hole with shrapnel in it that appeared to be at one time a booby trap. Detainee said it was incoming that made the hole. Results: 1 Detainee

e. 13 April 1969

(1) At 130730H India 3/5 at coord. AT850448. At the above grid noticed two vietnamese digging up what appeared to be a mortar tube. Then rebury it 50 meters away. Then proceed down river to village at 843438. Unable to search area because is out of AO.

(2) At 130830H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT850448. Man tripped M-26 type booby trap-trip wire. Results: 1 USMC WIA

(3) At 130945H India 3/5 at coord. AT850447. On the above date found male detainee without ID card. Man is 35 years old. Sent man in at 140840H to ITT. Results: 1 VCS

(4) At 131700H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT899498. While sweeping village found three females without ID cards. Villagers say the females know something about VC. Detainees are being delivered to ITT at this time. Results: 3 female detainees

f. 15 April 1969

(1) At 140945 Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT892505. While on patrol was distracted to provide security for a down CH 46. When moving to the bird received small arms fire from northwest. Moved in and secured the bird. Directed the gunship on the enemy. Results: Negative

(2) At 141045H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT896488. Saw about nine visitors crossing open area. Shot over their heads, and they didn't stop so opened fire on them with M-16 and 60mm mortars. Sent squad out with four men and found nothing. Results: Negative

(3) At 141200H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT915486. While on patrol detained four male civilians. They have ID'S but KCS believes they may be VC. Patrol will bring detainees to road at vicinity of 910486 to be packed up by vehicle. Results: Four Detainees.

(4) At 141720H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT936475. While on patrol point man spotted one man in brown uniform. Man saw patrol first then started running. Opened fire with small arms and searched area for possible results. Results: Negative.

(5) At 141955H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT893506. While moving to night position received approximately 10 rounds AK-47 fire from southwest 150 meters away with negative results. Return fire with small arms fire and continued to night position. Results: Negative

g. 15 April 1969

(1) At 150930H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT939499. Received automatic fire from two weapons from treeline 500 meters away. Return fire with M-16. Results: Negative

(2) At 151000H Lima 3/5 at coord. AT908494. While providing flank security for road sweep Marine tripped one pressure type booby trap possible 81mm mortar round or 105mm artillery round. Results: 1 USMC WIA

(3) At 151000H Kilo 3/5 at coord. 891499. Found 500 lb. bomb in village stripped of explosives. Cleared village of all civilians. Bomb will be blown in place.

(4) At 151115H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT891501. While moving found six gas masks, six NVA packs, assorted clothing and one ChiCom grenade. ChiCom will be detonated in place and the other gear will be sent to rear. Results: 6 gas masks, 6 NVA packs, and assorted clothing.

(5) At 151150H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT945490. While searching village found and apprehended one young male. He had no ID card and woman in hocch help pull him out claiming him to be VC. KCS are convinced man is VC. Took detainee to OP along road for vehicle pick up. Results: 1 VCF

(6) At 151200H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT889507. While setting in M-60 hit booby trap. Booby trap located on edge of bomb crater. There was a way around it but it was buried so no one could see it. Booby trap was 105mm round pressure detonated. There was a marker about 200 meters from booby trap what read Cam Ai. Results: 2 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA

(7) At 151350H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT889507. While setting in found a 50 cal. box with two ChiCom grenades, NVA clothing, picture of NVA, 30 cal. and M-16 ammo, hammock and belt.

(8) At 151700H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT890504. While setting in found one 500 lb. pressure type detonated bomb. Bomb was destroyed.

(9) At 151800H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT898498. While searching village found one vietnamese male without ID card. Detainee is about 40-45 years old. Results: 1 Male Detainee

h. 16 April 1969

(1) At 161040H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT881500. While on patrol tripped one M-26 trip wire detonated booby trap. Results: 2 USMC WIA

(2) At 161210H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT880498. While on patrol found one 105mm round. Destroyed in place.

(3) At 161630H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT966492. Found explosive part to improved conventional weapon of either artillery or air type. Blew in place.

i. 17 April 1969

(1) At 170700H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT953494. While preparing to move found part of improved conventional weapon munition. Destroyed in place.

(2) At 171800H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT943497. While on daytime sweep found 105mm round. Blew in place.

(3) At 170940H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT907498. While on sweep to road set off 105mm round trip wire booby trap. Also found a 60mm booby trap at 906498. Destroyed 60mm round. Results: 2 USMC WIA

(4) At 171750H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT903495. While searching area found 82mm mortar round ready to be set in. Has a trip wire booby trap nose and tail assembly was gone. Wire was leading out of the tail section. It had a Russian type fuze. Destroyed round.

(5) At 171850H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT903495. Found one M-26 grenade booby trap when detonated large explosion as if 105mm round was under it. Booby trap was destroyed.

(6) At 171955H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT904495. While in night position as night activity was moving out it received fire from seven automatic and semi-automatic weapons. Returned fire with grenades small arms and called artillery mission. Results: Negative

j. 18 April 1969

(1) At 180930H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT905483. While sweeping area found booby trap looked like bouncing betty. It was over size homemade ChiCom. Placed on paddy dike where someone could set it off, had pressure type release. Destroyed in place.

(2) At 181100H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT895500. While searching area found two heavy blood trails at 902497. Villagers said VC came from the north. Villagers have hostile attitude. Found one grey khaki NVA uniform, one hammock, and two shirts in ammo cans hidden in bunker at 894505 also found two USMC steel pots, and one camouflage cover hidden in bushes, villagers have more friendly attitude in vicinity of 895500, and also said VC came from area at 894505. Checked out all bunkers in area and sending gear to rear.

(3) At 181810H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT887485. While sweeping area found tomatoe can booby trap hidden in weeds. Fuze was set. Booby trap was destroyed.

k. 19 April 1969

(1) At 190745 India 3/5 at coord. AT880437. While checking out movement reported by LP last night found one M-26 grenade in the fork of a tree with the pin straightened. Heard Vietnamese moving off hill as they approached. Believes they scared them off before they could attach the trip wire. Destroyed the grenade.

(2) At 190900H India 3/5 at coord. AT876437. While on swinger stopped 30 wood cutters. Two females had no ID cards. Will send the two in on resupply chopper. Results: 2 VCS

(3) At 190915H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT829495. While on sweep found two young male civilians. Had ID card but no picture on them. Will send them in on first available bird. Results: 2 VCS

(4) At 191145H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT910490. While on Liberty Bridge Road spotted 10 VC running across field all carrying weapons. Snipers shot and got three kills. Will search area completely. Results: 3 VC BNR

(5) At 191200H India 3/5 at coord. AT885443. While moving hit a homemade pressure device booby trap. Results: 1 USMC WIA

(6) At 191231H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT878507. While on sweep saw eleven males crossing river with four boats. Attempted to have them cross river to this side but instead they ran. Fired small arms and 60mm mortars. Called in artillery mission, unable to cross river, AO called in to check area. Results: 6 VC confirmed

(7) At 191245H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT910490. While on OP 6, spotted six VC in open carrying weapons. Snipers shot and got one wounded and one killed. Searched area with negative results. Results: 1 VC BNR

(8) At 191600H Kilo 3/5 at coord. AT923494. Found two 105mm rounds in front of hooch. Two detainees in hooch. One without ID and one with but looked suspicious. Blew rounds in place and will send detainees in to IPT. Results: 2 VCS

(9) At 191700H Lima 3/5 at coord. AT867453. While manufacturing to night position took eight-ten rounds of small arms fire. Was unable to pinpoint origin of fire. Suspect PF's firing in area. Results: Negative

(10) At 191715H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT874500. While on daytime sweep set fire to brush. Set off two booby traps. One at 874500 was a M-26 booby trap, the second one at 869500 was a 155mm booby trap. Results: Negative

1. 20 April 1969

(1) At 200800H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT890508. OP spotted four VC, three were carrying weapons and one was carrying a bag. One was wearing black trousers, white shirt other three wore shorts and all wore straw hats. The VC were moving in a northwestern direction. Continuing to observe area not able to get a clear shot.

(2) At 200845H India 3/5 at coord. AT920472. While conducting patrol saw one Vietnamese male dressed in black shirt with purple trousers carrying a SKS and wearing a cartridge belt. Man ran in northerly direction. Open fire and searching area.

(3) At 200930H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT890506. Spotted three VC moving in a north by north west direction. One was carrying a rifle. Unable to get clear shot.

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(4) At 201010H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT874505. While on patrol found one 175mm round booby trap. Pressure detonated found on old trail. Destroyed in place.

(5) At 201430H Lima 3/5 at coord. AT865445. Found four Vietnamese males between 50 and 60 carrying one 250 lb. bomb in basket. Called EOD to destroy bomb and sent detainees to rear. 4 male detainees.

(6) At 201615H India 3/5 at coord. AT913448. Spotted two Vietnamese enter cave carrying rifles. Five minutes later spotted two more Vietnamese outside the cave carrying what looked like a tube and two water bulbs. Called in 81mm mortar mission, saw 10 secondary explosions with black smoke. Searching area.

m. 21 April 1969

(1) At 211010H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT891499. While on day patrol hit one 155mm booby trap. Trap was pressure released and was located on trail near ditch. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 3 USMC MIA

(2) At 211015H India 3/5 at coord. AT927446. Searched area and found ruins, bunkers, fighting holes. Looked to be about six months old. The ruins looked like they were French. Destroyed bunkers, fighting holes, and ruins.

(3) At 211100H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT891499. While on patrol found three ammo cans filled with VC gear. Found 200 meters from booby trap. Destroyed gear.

(4) At 211135H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT901492. While on patrol set fire to treeline. The fire set off two 105mm rounds booby traps and one 82mm booby trap. Continued on with mission.

(5) At 211655H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT891499. Fire set off three booby traps. Two 155mm rounds and one 81mm round. Also found green fishing leader used for trip wire on booby traps. Destroyed wire.

(6) At 211700H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT901498. After setting fire set off the following-one 175mm casing and fuze, two 105mm rounds possible booby traps pressure type release, one M-26 grenade short fuze, two 60mm rounds were set off, and one 60mm illumination round. Also found one six gallon can full of C-4, one rocket projectile, two small tomatoe cans of explosives, one homemade bomb, it was a juice can filled with C-4 and had a blasting cap attached to it. Will destroy all booby traps found.

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(7) At 211945H Mike 3/5 at coord. AT897494. Two VC approached ambush position and opened fire with small arms. Returned fire and moving ambush. Results: Negative

12. Results:

a. Enemy

(1) Personnel. 16 VC BNR, 32 detainees

(2) Material.

(a) Rifles: None

(b) Ammo: 14 SFD's, 1 81mm round, 3 ChiCom grenades

(c) Equipment: 6 NVA packs, 6 NVA gas masks, 5 lbs 782 gear, 5 lbs NVA clothing 2 lbs medical gear

b. Friendly:

(1) KIA 3

(2) DOW 1

(3) WIAE 15

(4) WIANE 9

(5) NBCE 1

13. Administrative Matters

a. Resupply. The Battalion was resupplied from the LSA at An Hoa. Resupply was accomplished by helicopter and vehicle.

b. Maintenance. There were no major problems in maintenance.

c. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation and Hospitalization. Casualty evacuation was accomplished with minimum loss of time.

d. Transportation. There were no major problems in transportation, but insufficient working hours with helicopters cause delay in Tactical deployment of units.

e. Communication.

(1) Supported operation primarily with AN/PRC-25 FM communications. The AN/PRC-77 and KY-38 was used on the Regimental tactical net. Friendly interference was heavy due to closeness of all frequencies assigned to the Battalion. Company frequencies were changed from time to time to compensate for the friendly interference.

(2) AN/PRC-25's, AN/PRC-93's and AN/PRC-41's were used by the TACP and FAC teams for coordination of AO's, Tactical air, Spookies, Flare Ships, and Medevacs.

(3) Extensive wire communications were employed within the Battalion Command Post down to and including local security. Switchboard facilities were located at the Battalion Command Post Forward and Rear with numerous trunk lines. Mortars were supported by Gun Loops.

(4) Four AN/PRC-1's were employed at the Battalion Command Post to increase the effectiveness of the local security of the Battalion Command Post.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques. There were no special equipment or special techniques used during Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW.

15. Commander's Analysis.

a. In operations of this nature extensive liaison is necessary between Marine Units and PF and RF Forces.

b. In conjunction with direct liaison at Battalion level with indigenous personnel, physical liaison between Marine Units and local Indigenous Units is also necessary. This liaison should manifest itself in the form of interpreters and/or American Advisors.

16. Recommendations. None

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Frag Order #1-69 Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW

Ref: (a) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheet 6640 IV

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. No Change
- b. Friendly. No Change

2. MISSION. No Change

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. With one company and one company (-) provide security for Vietnamese harvesting rice in vicinity AT8950.

b. India Co. No Change

c. Kilo Co. With company (-) conduct night movement and establish screen from 900517 to southeast to 903500. With one platoon continue present mission.

d. Lima Co. With one company establish screen from 890510 to 900517. Establish coordination with Kilo.

e. Mike Co. No Change- Battalion Reserve

f. 106's Plt. Direct support as required.

g. 81's Plt. Direct support as required.

h. Coordinating Instructions

(1) D-Day 09 April 1969, H-Hour 0800-1800

(2) Advisory team from District will effect liaison with Lima Co.

(3) Maintain communications with Forgery.

(4) Any rice caches discovered will be retrograded to An Hoa.

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS. No Change

5. COMM/COMM. no Change

3rd Battalion, 5th Marines
 Quang Nam Province
 111330H April 1969

Frag Order #2-69 Operation MUSKOGEE MEADOW

Ref: (a) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheet 6640 IV

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. No Change
- b. Friendly. No Change

2. MISSION. No Change

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept. Companies rotate to respective AO's.
- b. India Co. Move to An Hoa and assume Mike Co. mission. Provide Battalion reserve as necessary.
- c. Kilo Co. Move west across white line and assume Lima Co. mission.
- d. Lima Co. Move to Battalion CP location and assume India Co. mission. Coordinate with Yankee (6) upon reaching this destination.
- e. Mike Co. Assume Kilo Co. mission in eastern portion of Battalion AO to ensure the coverage of area vicinity 884438.
- f. Yankee Co. No Change
- g. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) D-Day 12 April 1969
 - (2) Lima will coordinate with India prior to Lima moving to Battalion CP.
 - (3) Mike coordinate with India prior to India moving to An Hoa.

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS. No Change

5. COMM/COMM. No Change

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1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. No Change
- b. Friendly. No Change

2. MISSION. No Change

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept. Companies will rotate to new AO's
- b. India Co. On D-Day assume Mike Co. mission in southeast and east portion of Battalion AO.
- c. Kilo Co. On D-Day move to Battalion CP location and assume Lima Co. current mission.
- d. Lima Co. Move to An Hoa and assume India Co. current mission.
- e. Mike Co. Move to western portion of Battalion AO and assume Kilo Co. current mission.
- f. Yankee Co. No Change
- g. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) D-Day 17 April 1969
 - (2) Companies moving to CP and An Hoa coordinate as necessary.
 - (3) Rules of engagement remain the same.

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS. No Change

5. COMM/COMM. No Change