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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c),
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 July to 31 July 1970

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PART I

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein)	Lt. Col. C. F. SAVAGE JR. 1-31 July 1970
H&S Company	1st Lt. P. G. WINSTEAD 1-21 July 1970 1st Lt. J. J. HENRY 22-31 July 1970
Company A	Capt. J. A. KELLEY 1-31 July 1970
Company B	1st Lt. B. J. CATE JR. 1-31 July 1970
Company C	1st Lt. S. D. GREEN 1-6 July 1970 Capt. R. C. MADONNA 7-31 July 1970
Company D	1st Lt. G. F. ST. JOHN III 1-31 July 1970

2. LOCATIONS. During the month of July the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines operated in the DaNang Southern Sector Defense Command and throughout the Division TAOR on Pacifier Operations. The responsibilities of the Battalion required units of various sizes to be positioned in several locations.

H&S, Bravo and Charlie Companies located at Hill 34 (AT989709) along with the Battalion CP. Alpha and Delta Companies located at Dai La Pass Cantonment (AT939748). One reinforced platoon was located at Hill 55 from 1-31 July 1970 OPCON to Mike 3/1. One reinforced squad was located at Cobb Bridge from 1-15 July 1970. Two reinforced squads were located at Cau Do Bridge from 1-20 July 1970. Two Platoons operated in the Northern AO and three platoons in the Central AO. One platoon remained at 1st Battalion, 5th Marines CP for cantonment security and one platoon at Dai La Pass for cantonment security.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Maj. G. V. JEFFREYS JR. 1-31 July 1970
S-1 Officer	2nd Lt. R. B. TEDRICK II 1-31 July 1970

3. STAFF OFFICERS (cont.)

S-2 Officer

1st Lt. J. B. SWARTZENBERG
1-31 July 1970

S-3 Officer

Capt. B. H. BAILEY
1-9 July 1970
Maj. W. M. ANDERSON
10-31 July 1970

S-3A Officer

1st Lt. B. E. HEATH
1-9 July 1970
Capt. B. H. BAILEY
10-31 July 1970

S-3B Officer

2nd Lt. B. L. DENES
1-9 July 1970
1st Lt. B. E. HEATH
10-31 July 1970

S-3C Officer

2nd Lt. B. L. DENES
10-31 July 1970

S-4 Officer

1st Lt. D. M. THINSCHMIDT
1-31 July 1970

S-5 Officer

1st Lt. G. C. MCMAHON
1-15 July 1970
1st Lt. S. D. GREENE
16-31 July 1970

Communications Officer

Capt. F. R. SUTHERLAND
1-31 July 1970

Medical Officer

Lt. J. R. CUNNINGHAM (USN)
1-27 July 1970
Lt. C. W. COUCH (USNR)
28-31 July 1970

Supply Officer

1st Lt. T. E. ROBINSON
1-31 July 1970

Motor Transport Officer

1st Lt. J. A. MUEHLEISEN
1-10 July 1970
2nd Lt. A. J. ANDREWS
11-31 July 1970

Assistant Adj./Legal Officer

1st Lt. R. J. HELMICK
1-31 July 1970

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3. STAFF OFFICERS (cont.)

Chaplain

Lt. Cmdr. E. L. HUGHES
1-31 July 1970

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
37	1023	3	56

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of July, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to fulfill its dual role of serving as the 1st Marine Division's Reserve and providing two rifle companies to participate in Pacifier Operations. The scope of the Battalion's commitments required that maximum flexibility be constantly maintained in order to accomplish the varied missions that were assigned. Most of the Battalion's activity was again centered around the heliborne assaults conducted by the Pacifier Package. A total of sixteen Pacifier Operations were launched during July resulting in 9 enemy KIA's, 57 detainees, 11 POW's, 8 individual weapons captured and one 122mm rocket captured.

On 1 July, Charlie Company was launched on a Pacifier in the 7th Marines AO. Originally, the company was scheduled to land on the northern slope of the Hill 441 complex and sweep toward blocking forces provided by 2/7. Five sections of fixed wing strikes were run on the area in an attempt to clear a landing zone. These attempts proved unsuccessful and the Pacifier was diverted to a target of opportunity located to the northeast. While enroute, to the new target area, another target was sighted and taken under fire by the Cobras. One platoon landed and detained 5 individuals. Shortly thereafter the C&C Package proceeded to locate the initial target of opportunity. Artillery was fired by the IOD at FSB Ryder and two platoons were inserted. This target resulted in 1 VC KIA and 4 detainees who were later determined to be VC/POW.

The first of several highly successful cordon and searches, utilizing the Pacifier Package, was conducted on 5 July. An Tu (2) and Thanh Quit (1) were the two villages to be cordoned. Employing 5 CH-53's and 3 CH-46's, Bravo and Charlie Companies and a CIT Team landed in 7 separate landing zones and quickly established the cordon. The "Source," a VN female, was lead into the villages and began to point out various locations containing documents, ordnance and medical supplies. She also told of the locations of several tunnel complexes which were later found. With her help, the Battalion S-2 and CIT Team detained 14 VN, all of whose names appeared on the black list. One of the detainees was determined to be the Assistant Chief Women's Hamlet Level Cadre.

The Pacifier Operation was launched into the area south of Hill 55 on 7 July to locate and destroy the enemy unit that recent intelligence had stated was staging to conduct an attack on Hill 55. Bravo Company was inserted and began a systematic sweep of the area. By applying continuous pressure from both the air and ground, the enemy was forced to begin moving in small groups in an attempt to flee the area. The largest observed group contained 7 VC and it was taken under fire by 1st Platoon. Two of the VC were killed

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and two were wounded and taken prisoner. The other 3 were captured. 2nd and 3rd Platoon accounted for 1 WIA (POW) and 2 KIA. The gunships were given credit for 4 VC KBMA.

The "Arizona Territory" yielded 4 VN males and 1 VN female detainees to the Pacifier on 10 July. In addition, 1 AK-47, 60 AK-47 rounds, 2 AK-47 magazines, 1 M-16, 40 rounds of 5.56mm, 2 M-16 magazines, 7 60mm rounds and 6 M-26 grenades were captured. The enemy continued to employ his new found tactic of going immediately underground and hiding until physically discovered and removed by ground troops.

Charlie Company was chopped OPCON to 2/7 on 16 July to participate in Operation Picken's Forest. Charlie Company provided security for the FSB at LZ Defiant (Hill 75) located approximately 12 kilometers southwest of Antenna Valley on the Song Thu Bon. The operation was terminated on 28 July. Charlie Company was credited with capturing 3500 lbs. of corn, 2000 lbs. of rice, 2250 lbs. tobacco, 2 SKS rifles, 6 boats and assorted medical gear.

An area in 2/1's AO, bounded on the west by Route 1, the north and east by the Song Vinh Dien and the south by the Song Thanh Quit was the scene of a cordon and search on 20 July. The operation commenced with three platoons of Delta Company 1/5, and four platoons of Charlie Company 1/1 being inserted into nine separate landing zones. The cordon was closed quickly and smoothly and the Battalion S-2, 3rd CIT, Scout Dogs and CAP 2-7 along with the "Source" began their search of the 5 ville target area and screening of 650 VN. A total of 37 people were detained. In addition, 1 AK-47 was captured and recon swimmers discovered one 122mm rocket submerged in the Song Vinh Dien. Five bunkers were also found, four of which were destroyed.

The Battalion continued to provide one platoon OPCON to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. Its primary mission was to prevent mining of the road leading south from Hill 55 and to provide security for the CB's who were working on the road system. On the evening of 26 July, 2nd Platoon, Bravo Company ambushed a group of VC attempting to place an explosive charge in the road. This contact resulted in the capture of 1 AK-47 and 1 M-16 rifle. The area was re-swept on the morning of the 27th and numerous blood trails and drag marks were found leading from the area.

On 30 July, the Battalion again displayed its flexibility and quick reaction by responding to a call from Division to come to the aid of Echo Company, 2/7. The company had been ambushed and pinned down resulting in 6 WIA and 2 MIA. Charlie Company was inserted into the area to reinforce Echo. Contact was broken shortly before insertion of the Pacifier, but Charlie Company remained in the area for an additional two days assisting in the search for the enemy force. They detained 4 people, killed 1 VC and captured 1 AK-47.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. TOPICS

1. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

a. Strength. The Battalion's strength at the beginning of the month was 38 officers and 1087 enlisted. On the 15th of the month the strength was 40 officers and 1050 enlisted. By the end of July the strength was 41 officers and 1110 enlisted. At this time 9 enlisted Marines are hospitalized.

b. Discipline, Law and Legal. There were 6 Special Courts-Martial convened during July. During the month, 28 Company and 10 Battalion Office Hours (NJP) were held. There were 9 investigations completed and eight (8) are pending.

c. POW/Detainees. During this reporting period there were 64 detainees processed.

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

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

f. Awards. During the month of July there were 27 Navy Achievement medals, 12 Navy Commendation medals, 1 Navy-Marine Corps medal, and 8 Bronze Star medals submitted for heroism and meritorious service. Also submitted were 3 Air medals and 3 Vietnamese awards.

2. ENEMY, WEATHER AND TERRAIN

a. Enemy. Enemy activity increased slightly over the previous month. There has been an increase in the use of booby traps and road mines.

b. Weather. No change.

c. Terrain. No change.

3. ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

a. Organization. The organization of the Battalion remained the same with H&S, Bravo and Charlie Companies located at the Battalion CP. One reinforced squad remained at Cobb Bridge from 1-15 July and two reinforced squads at Cau Do Bridge from 1-20 July. Alpha and Delta Companies continued to work from Dai La Pass Cantonment.

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Operations. The Battalion ran 16 Pacifier Operations during the month of July with day and night activities.

4. SUPPORTING ARMS

a. Air. Pacifier Operations accounted for 97% of all air fraged by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines during the month of July. Wing resources used consisted of both helicopter and fixed wing assets.

(1) <u>Type Aircraft</u>	<u>Hours Accumulated</u>
UH-1E	74 hours
AH-1G	300 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
CH-46	161 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
CH-53	39 hours
OV-10A	23 hours
(2) <u>Other Air</u>	
Fixed Wing	13 Flights
KBMA	4

b. Artillery. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines continued to be directly supported by Battery Foxtrot, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines during the month of July. SSDC was also supported by elements of 1st Battalion, 11th Marines, in a general support capacity. Due to the concentration of friendlies in the SSDC, this support was largely restricted to illumination missions. Several units of 11th Marines throughout the Division AO were used in support of Pacifier Operations controlled by 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.

c. Engineers. Engineer personnel provided extensive demolition support on each Pacifier Operation.

d. Shore Party (HST). HST personnel were provided by Company C, 1st Shore Party Battalion and were primarily employed in coordinating and effecting helicopter medevacs, visual reconnaissance, and during the Pacifier Operation.

e. Scout Snipers. None attached.

5. TRAINING

a. The following training was conducted during the month:

- (1) Weapons Safety
- (2) Weapons Inspection, Care and Cleaning
- (3) Mapping and compass
- (4) Leadership
- (5) Viet Cong Mines and Booby Traps

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- (6) Drug Abuse
- (7) Familiarization firing of the M16, M60
- (8) XM-174 Automatic Grenade Launcher
- (9) Forward Observer Procedures
- (10) Venereal Diseases
- (11) 60mm Mortar, M79 (live firing)
- (12) Uniform Appearance
- (13) Military Customs and Courtesy
- (14) Individual and Group Hygiene in the field
- (15) Handling of POW's
- (16) Troop Leading Steps
- (17) Conduct of a Marine in and out of the field
- (18) Anti-personnel Mine M18A1
- (19) AN/PRC 25 Radio
- (20) M26 Hand Grenade
- (21) Training of the 81mm Mortar Crews
- (22) 81mm Mortar (live firing)
- (23) Physical Training
- (24) Care and Cleaning of the 106mm Recoilless Rifle
- (25) Crew Training of the 106mm Recoilless Rifle
- (26) Preventive Maintenance of AN/PRC 25 Radio
- (27) Electrical Safety
- (28) Preventive First Aid
- (29) Combat Intelligence
- (30) KY-38
- (31) Driver Training for Testing and Licensing L.D.
- (32) Weekly Preventive Maintenance
- (33) Procedures for Completing NAVMC 106275D
- (34) Vehicle Safety
- (35) Shop Safety
- (36) Battle Sights (live firing)
- (37) Scouting and Patrolling
- (38) Techniques of Fire
- (39) Camouflage
- (40) Enemy Tactics
- (41) Supply Administration
 - a. Financial Management
 - b. Status
 - c. Personal Effects
 - d. Logistical Summary Report
 - e. Transaction Codes
 - f. Controlled Items
- (42) Warehousing, Field
 - a. Stock Identification
 - b. Embarkation
- (43) Armory (Operational Procedures)
- (44) Safety (Hand Grenade)
- (45) M-72 LAAW
- (46) XM-191 Multi-Shot Flame Thrower

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The Battalion continued to utilize schools provided by higher headquarters in the Danang area and Okinawa.

6. LOGISTICS.

a. A continuing area of concern with electrical power was experienced throughout the entire month of July. On 8 July Philco Ford replaced a 150 KW Generator, originally supplied from NSA and thus, alleviated the power source problems to a great extent. With constant on-the-job training of the generator men, minimal breakdowns have occurred.

b. The water supply for the cantonment is also a daily problem area. Through a combined effort of NSA and FLC, an average of 30,000 gallons of water per day have been trucked to this cantonment. This, coupled with the water pumped from our well, has been in sufficient quantity to satisfy our needs. A water conservation program has aided the overall effort.

c. First Motor Transport Battalion has supplied this Battalion with the necessary housekeeping vehicles to perform the tasks of P.X. runs, resupply, troop movements, administrative runs, etc., and has accomplished this in a professional manner. No motor transport problems have arisen on the Battalion or Company level.

d. The maintenance section of this battalion has completed the following work assignments: Building of two ammo bunkers adjacent to the LZ, unroofed head facilities throughout the 1/5 area, rebuilt and fortified the eleven perimeter bunkers in the 1/5 sector, and work was also begun on the culvert installation, to facilitate proper drainage and monsoon control.

7. CIVIC ACTION

a. The S-5 section this month continued its Civic Action efforts to include several meetings with all the hamlet chiefs in the area. Projects were discussed and possible help sought from the various sources within the Battalion. These projects include the repair of a school and a new well.

b. In the PSYOPS field, the "Early Word" broadcast system was used once in connection with the Battalion Pacifier Operations with excellent results.

c. IRO problems continue to be reduced due to close supervision and inspection of workers as they enter and leave the compound. Several hundred packs of American cigarettes, unspoiled food from messhalls, C-rations and other U.S. Government property were among items confiscated at the inspection station.

8. MEDICAL

a. A total of seven hundred and thirty seven out-patients were seen during this report period. Of this total, twenty seven were referred to other

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for admission. Sixty eight Complete Separation Physicals were conducted and thirty two Limited Services were performed which included mess physicals, brig physicals and sobriety exams. Twenty six pairs of single vision spectacles were ordered and one thousand and nine prescriptions were filled. In addition, twenty six Vietnamese civilians were seen.

b. During this reporting period three hundred fifty one Health Records were checked for immunizations and five hundred and two immunizations were administered. Currently, ninety five percent of all 1st Battalion, 5th Marines personnel are up to date on immunizations. Daily sanitation inspections are conducted and reports of discrepancies are submitted to the Commanding Officer weekly. Effective rodent control measures are in operation. Overall sanitation is considered good. A total of twenty three cases of Gonorrhea and four cases of non-specific Urethritis were treated during this reporting period. These figures represent an increase of seven cases over the last reporting period. Twenty of these cases cited contact in the Danang area. Continued guidance at the platoon and company levels will aid in decreasing the number of venereal diseases. Overall health of the Battalion is considered to be excellent.

c. A total of three training sessions were presented to troop personnel, included were such topics as self and buddy aid, venereal disease and treatment of heat casualties. Lectures for Corpsmen included the topics of tracheotomy and Crico-Thyroidotomy, common drugs, and immunization requirements. Overall training is considered to be excellent.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

a. During the month of July 1970 normal operations in support of the Battalion mission and Pacifier continued. Only one notable difficulty was encountered. The intermittent superimposition of AC power on the 100 wpm teletype circuit. Whenever this occurs, and that is frequently, reception of messages from the Division Communication Center is intersupported. The outages last from two hours to several days. When the interference abates, normal communications return.

b. Also during this month considerable experience was gained with the FM Relay equipment HYL-3. We are now prepared to emplace it for operational use.

10. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY EQUIPMENT/FOODSTUFFS

4 AK-47's	2 K-54 Pistols
2 M-16's	25 lbs. Tea
1 .45 cal. Pistol	25 lbs. Tobacco
\$5000 VN	Medical Gear

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11. SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ORDNANCE CAPTURED

1 - 122mm Rocket
9 - ChiComs
6 - 60mm Mortar rounds
1 - 40 lb. Satchel charge
15 lbs. of C-4
6 - M26 Grenades
240 - AK-47 rounds

12. ENTRIES. See Tab "A" to Enclosure (1) (Staff Journal for the period of 010001H through 312400H July 1970).

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Tab "A" Staff Journal for period of 1 July through 31 July 1970.

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JOURNAL FORM

UNIT OR SECTION S-3, S-2 1st Bn., 5th Mar.

Quang Nam Province

PLACE

100001H 102400H July 1970

FROM TO

TIME IN OUT	SER NO	DATE/TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
			Journal Opened	
0540H	1	100540H	Pacifier Operation - On the morning of 10 July Bravo Company was launched on a Pacifier Operation into the Arizona Territory in an area northwest of Football Island. The enemy continued to employ his new found tactic of going immediately underground and hiding until physically discovered and removed by ground troops. With aid of a sentry dog 1st Platoon discovered a well camouflaged bunker containing 4 VN males and 1 VN female. They were wearing blue green utilities and the following items were discovered in the tunnel where they were found: 1 - AK-47, 60 AK-47 rounds, 2 AK-47 magazines, 1 M-16, 40 rounds of 5.56mm, 2 M-16 magazines, 7 60mm mortar rounds and 6 M-26 grenades. Although the C&C Bird received heavy automatic weapons fire on two occasions the remainder of the operation was conducted with negative results.	
2130H	2	102130H	Man on tower watch noticed movement in wire and alerted Bunker 21. Man in bunker fired pop-up illum. and threw frag. Marine wounded in hand by grenade fragments. Results of grenade detonation unknown.	S.F.
			Journal Closed	

JOURNAL FORM

UNIT OR SECTION S-3, S-2 1st Bn., 5th Mar.

• Quang Nam Province
PLACE

270001H

272400H July 1970

FROM

TO

TIME		SER NO	DATE/TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT				
				Journal 1 Opened	
0645H		1	270645H	Pacifier Operation - On 27 July, 1970 Company D was launched into the 5th Marines AO with the mission of establishing a blocking force across the western portion of Go Noi Island and across the ridge lines that run east of Alligator Lake for a ROKMC operation. At 0812H, nine CH-46's commenced insertion of Company D into seven landing zones in the target area. 1st Platoon moved into a block position on Go Noi Island. 2nd Platoon inserted two squads on Hill 119. One of these established an OP east of Hill 119 to observe the river to the north and the valley to the south and the other remained on Hill 119. 3rd Platoon was inserted on the eastern portion of the ridge line that runs south of Alligator Lake. During the insertions the C&C Package observed an ARVN unit operating in the grid square (AP9948). The C&C Bird landed and the PCA made liaison with the ARVN group who then moved out of the area to the southeast. By 0840H, the entire blocking force was established. Company D was extracted at 1715H with negative contact and negative results. S.F.	
2145H		2	272145H	B-2-1 while setting in squad ambush observed 2-3 enemy approach approximately 30 meters from ambush site. Opened up with S/A and received approximately 12 rounds return enemy fire. Swept area with negative result. Checked area out and found numerous blood trails.	S.F.
				Journal Closed	

