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(b) FMFPac GO 21 (Rev) of 11 Mar 1952  
(c) 1stMarDiv GO 90 of 13 Nov 1952  
(d) Maps: KOREA, 1:25,000 AMS L851 sheets 6527 I NW; 6527 IV NE  
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#### 1. SUMMARY

For the first six days of July, the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines was in I Corps Reserve at Camp Casey (CS 307984). Its primary mission for this period as an element of I Corps Reserve was to move on order to any designated assembly area; be prepared to counter-attack on order and seize objectives in its zone of action, and be prepared on order to organize, occupy and defend the MLR in its zone of action. One of its secondary missions was rear area defense against hostile ground and airborne positions. Another secondary mission was to be prepared to move immediately on order of Eighth Army Headquarters to the city of Seoul by motor convoy, for the purpose of augmenting the Seoul City Command, protecting certain supply dumps and installations within the city and guarding the fuel pipeline running through the city. In order to accomplish this mission with maximum speed and efficiency, the battalion remained in a six hour alert status for this period.

On the eighth of July the battalion completed a relief of the reserve battalion 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division, U.S.A. The 1st Battalion, Reinforced (--) encamped at Camp Meyers (CT 047013) and assumed missions as reserve battalion of the 5th Marines, center regiment of the divisional sector. One mission was to provide one rifle company (Reinf) to the left MLR battalion. To accomplish this, Able Company Reinforced was detached from the 1st Battalion and assigned to the operational control of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines on the seventh of July. The primary mission of the battalion was to be prepared for defensive employment, to occupy blocking positions on order and to be prepared to counter-attack on order in any portion of the Regimental sector. A secondary mission was to provide MLR units with personnel for replacements during periods of rehearsal for and conduct of combat patrols by MLR units. Another secondary

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mission was to maintain one company ready to move out on one hour notice during hours of darkness prepared to occupy blocking positions or to execute the counter-attack mission. Additional missions of daily patrolling the regimental rear area, conducting maximum training consistent with assigned missions and of being prepared to relieve either MLR battalion on order were assumed.

The truce being signed on 27 July, MLR battalions withdrew from the demilitarized zone and the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines assumed the mission of organizing, occupying and defending a general outpost line of resistance south of and roughly parallel to the southern boundary of the demilitarized zone. The battalion remained in this status for the rest of the month with CP location unchanged.

Throughout the first week of July, all units trained in basic subjects and small unit tactics and made preparations for the impending move. Upon arrival at Camp Meyers, a program of camp and drainage improvement was instituted and continued through the month. Relocation of much of the available tentage was made and a new shower unit installed. Companies conducted basic training as far as was practicable under the existing tactical commitments. During the period as regimental reserve a reinforced platoon was attached to the 3rd Battalion. This assignment was rotated between Baker and Charley Company on a three day basis. Replacements were provided to MLR units as required during rehearsals for and conduct of combat patrols. A rear area motorized patrol was conducted twice nightly. A reinforced rifle company was kept in a one hour standby status each night. This assignment was rotated between Baker and Charley Companies with Weapons Company attachments.

On 4 July 1953, a carnival was held on the Regimental Parade Ground for the purpose of raising funds for the Navy Relief Society. The carnival was sponsored by the 1st Battalion and all concessions were operated by battalion personnel. Estimated attendance numbered ten thousand visitors and a net profit of \$9348.05 was obtained. On 21 July the Battalion Chaplain presented a check for all profits to Major General R. McPate to be included in the battalion totals for the Navy Relief Fund Drive.

An average of 19 men each week were given Meritorious Special Duty in Japan. Movies were shown in the battalion theater nightly.

Many air raid alerts were received during the period in both of the camp areas occupied. No bombs were dropped in either area.

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## 1 - JULY

All units of the battalion were engaged in basic subjects and small unit training. Emphasis for the rifle companies was on night defensive tactics while Weapons Company held gun drills and competitive firing. On 2 July a conference of all battalion commanders, operations officers and intelligence officers was called at the Regimental CP and a warning order issued for the relief of the 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Division by the 5th Marine Regiment. The 30th rotation draft departed on 2 July. On 3 July the forward echelon of Able Company departed CP and came under operational control of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

## 4 JULY

Independence Day. Holiday routine prevailed throughout the day. Company Commanders effected liaison with units to be relieved and representatives of the 3rd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment visited Camp Casey preparatory to occupying it on our departure. A carnival, sponsored by the 1st Battalion, was held on the Regimental Parade Ground and attendance was estimated at ten thousand customers. Among the concessions operated were refreshment stands, a dunking stool, ring games and bingo. The division band provided music for the occasion.

## 5 - JULY

Holiday routine prevailed throughout the day. Many of the men attended various church services during the morning and engaged in competitive athletics during the afternoon. Staff and companies continued reconnaissance of the areas to be occupied.

## 6 - 7 JULY

Training schedule was cancelled. All units made preparations for movement to new area. The first serial of vehicles left the battalion CP at 1307. Motor movement and police of the old area continued through both days and a rear echelon security and police detail was established. Motor movement continued through the night of 7-8 July.

## 8 JULY

The last elements of the battalion arrived at Camp Meyers. All units occupied their assigned areas. The mess hall was set up and various construction and drainage details were begun. A reinforced platoon from Baker Company was detached to the 3rd Battalion to serve as a standby counter-attack force at Hedy Gate (CT 015032). Charley Company assumed the duty of standby company.

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9 10 JULY

All units continued on the camp improvement program. Much of the available tentage was relocated. Drainage ditches were deepened and several new culverts were built. Test firing of individual weapons was conducted. Charley Company remained in a standby status. A shower unit was installed in the battalion area on 10 July.

11 JULY

Personnel of the 34th Replacement Draft joined the battalion. Test firing of all weapons by Baker and Charley Companies continued. A reinforced platoon from Charley Company departed for the 3rd Battalion relieving the Baker Company platoon at Hedy Gate. Baker Company assumed the duty of standby company.

12 JULY

Various church services were held in the battalion area attended by many battalion personnel. Companies continued working in their individual areas on road improvement and test firing of weapons as well as external police.

13 - 18 JULY

A replacement training program began for all draft personnel and continued throughout the week. On 14 July Charley Company relieved Baker Company on the standby duty and a Baker Company reinforced platoon relieved the Charley Company platoon at Hedy Gate. On 17 July these assignments were again rotated. Weapons Company's 2nd HMG section, 81 MM mortar section and ATA section relieved the 1st HMG, 81 MM mortar and ATA sections attached to Able Company. On 18 July the draft training schedule having been completed, all replacements for the battalion were assigned and transported to Able Company, which had sustained a number of casualties in patrol actions during the week.

19 JULY

Holiday routine prevailed throughout the day for all personnel in excess of tactical commitments. Many of the men attended various church services during the morning and engaged in athletics in the company areas in the afternoon.

20 - 22 JULY

Companies continued training and weapons firing in their respective areas. On 20 July Charley Company relieved Baker Company on the one hour alert status and a Baker Company reinforced platoon relieved the Charley Company detail at Hedy Gate.

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23 - 26 JULY

A regimental school on the M-3 sniper scope was held in the battalion area. The school was conducted by an instructional team from the Engineer School, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. Officer in charge was 2nd Lt. DuVarney. All units in the regiment provided students and thirteen men from the 1st Battalion attended and successfully completed the course of instruction. On 23 July rotation of standby assignments were accomplished and a Charley Company reinforced platoon relieved Baker Company's platoon at Hedy Gate. A memorial service was held in the Able Company area for the seven men from Able Company killed in action on 17 July. Combat outpost Esther in the 3rd Battalion sector was attacked on the evening of 24 July and a reinforced platoon from Charley Company was detached to the 3rd Battalion to serve as a battalion reserve during this action.

27 - 31 JULY

The truce was signed at 1000 on 27 July. All units engaged throughout the period in construction of roadblocks, checkpoints and combat outposts on a general line south of the demilitarized zone. Additional rear area patrols were carried out as the 1st Battalion assumed control of all the area north of the Imjin-gang River within the center regimental boundaries. The southern boundaries of the demilitarized zone were marked with air panels, and a stayback line, a two strand barbed wire fence, marked at appropriate intervals was constructed two hundred meters south of the zone.

  
J. B. BUTTERFIELD

Appendices:

- I Directives received
- II Directives issued
- III Overlays
- IV Reports and summaries
- V Photographic supplement (Negative)
- VI Comments and recommendations (Negative)

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1. Directives received

a. Operation Plans and Orders

Regt Opn Pln 14-53  
Regt Opn O 11-53  
Regt Opn O 12-53

Relief of 14th Inf Regt  
Relief Order  
Supercedes Opn O 11-53

b. Orders and Memorandums

None

c. Messages

1. CO 5thMar disp 011045I	Officers, same DAK, recap of
2. CO 5thMar disp 030919I	NCO Mine Warfare quota, suspension of
3. CO 5thMar disp 031020I	60mm Ammo allot, suspension of
4. CO 5thMar disp 031055I	Meritorious Special Duty, suspension of
5. CO 5thMar disp 051245I	Rifle - pistol matches, messman for
6. CO 5thMar disp 051602I	Div Recon Company, volunteers for
7. CO 5thMar disp 061058I	June replacements, ETA of
8. CO 5thMar disp 061200I	Div Admin Plan 8-53 to Div Admin Order
9. CO 5thMar disp 061330I	Regt Opn Plan 14-53 to Regt Opn Order
10. CO 5thMar disp 061915I	Searchlight personnel, assignment of
11. CO 5thMar disp 100900I	Water points, designation of
12. CO 5thMar disp 101400I	Est unit demolitions, requirements of
13. CO 5thMar disp 102305I	Plt reinf to 3/5, pass control of
14. CO 5thMar disp 111025I	VMO emergency evac, request for
15. CO 5thMar disp 111500I	July replacements info, joining of
16. CO 5thMar disp 120850I	Class V inventory, submission of
17. CO 5thMar disp 121200I	Rehearsal area mines, clearance of
18. CO 5thMar disp 121346I	Medical companies, location of
19. CO 5thMar disp 130940I	Trash and garbage, disposal of
20. CO 5thMar disp 131215I	Uniform and Mil Courtesy, attention to
21. CO 5thMar disp 131445I	Embarkation trained pers, roster of
22. CO 5thMar disp 141101I	Rear area responsibility, allocation of
23. CO 5thMar disp 141650I	COI item 21-2, compromise of
24. CO 5thMar disp 151800I	31st Rotation Draft, eligibility for
25. CO 5thMar disp 152100I	Duty in Japan, application for
26. CO 5thMar disp 160950I	Duty in Japan, officer volunteer for
27. CO 5thMar disp 161135I	Ammo expenditure, supervision of
28. CO 5thMar disp 161628I	Authorized laundry facilities
29. CO 5thMar disp 201355I	Fortification materials requirement
30. CO 5thMar disp 201420I	Enl pro, authorization for
31. CO 5thMar disp 221105I	Sniperscope Trng Team, arrival of
32. CO 5thMar disp 222045I	Service Records rotation draft, closing of
33. CO 5thMar disp 240835I	31st Rotation Draft, movement of
34. CO 5thMar disp 241045I	60mm, 81mm and MG 50 Cal ammo, alloc of
35. CO 5thMar disp 241320I	Div Bulletin 73-53, immediate publ of
36. CO 5thMar disp 271005I	Annex Easy to 1stMarDiv Opn Pln 11-53, dissemination of

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37. CO 5thMar Disp 272301I	CG 1stMarDiv message
38. CO 5thMar disp 281345I	Operational control, assumption of
39. CO 5thMar disp 281630I	Blackout restrictions, lifting of
40. CO 5thMar disp 281945I	No pass line, posting of
41. CO 5thMar disp 291130I	COP's, evacuation of
42. CO 5thMar disp 291310I	No pass fence, construction of
43. CO 5thMar disp 292340I	No pass fence, completion date of
44. CO 5thMar disp 301015I	Combat equip and material, accounting of
45. CO 5thMar disp 301144I	Meritorious special duty Japan, quotas for
46. CO 5thMar disp 302005I	Roofing paper, salvage of
47. CO 5thMar disp 310130I	Enforcement provisions, no pass line, instructions concerning

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Appendix II to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Diary for July 1953.

1. Directives issued

a. Operation plans and orders

Opn Pln 10-53

Blocking positions regt sect.

Opn O 77-53

Def of the OPLR.

b. Orders and memorandums

None

c. Messages

300700I 1/5 assumed responsibility for center regimental sector.

311322I no pass line fence completed.

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OPERATION PLAN)

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Det 3/11 arty Ln Tm  
Det ANGLICO, TACP

LtCol BUTTERFIELD

(a) Standby Co (Reinf)  
Sect HMG  
Sect ATA  
Arty FO Tm  
81 Mort FO Tm

Company Commander

(b) Spt Co (Reinf) -  
Sect HMG  
Sect ATA  
Arty FO Tm  
81 Mort FO Tm

Company Commander

(c) Wpns Co -

Major CALLEN

(d) Bn Res H&S Prov Plt

Plt Leader

1. a. (1) Current PIR's.  
(2) Info dissem as rec.
- b. (1) 5thMar cont pres msns.  
(2) D/S, G/S organs to be announ.
- c. (1) Assumptions: Opn ovly.
2. a. (1) 1stBn, 5thMar (Reinf) occ and def blk psn on O.  
(2) Prep to CaTK on O.
- b. For coordinating dtls, see ovly.
3. a. Standby Co (Reinf)  
(1) Prep to occ and def left or right co sec on O.  
(2) Prep to CaTK on O.
- b. Spt Co (Reinf)  
(1) Prep to occ and def left or right co sec on O.  
(2) Prep to CaTK on O.
- c. Wpns Co  
(1) 81 Mort plt.  
a. Prep to spt blk psns from previously selected psns.  
b. Prep to spt CaTK in either co sec.

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- d. Bn Res H&S Prov Plt.
  - (1) Prep to occ psns in either co sec.
  - (2) Prep to CaTK in either co sec.
  
- x.
  - (1) Eff for planning on rec, ex on O.
  - (2) EEI's to be announced when pln becomes O.
  - (3) Complete recon earliest poss date of rts of app, detrk pts, blk psns.
  - (4) All wpns that can bear give priority of fire to en tanks.
  - (5) Contact R to L.
  
- 4. a. Pers carry basic load ammo.
  - b.
    - (1) Evac, norm.
    - (2) Co's establ own ambulance and helicopter pickup pts, rpt loc.
    - (3) Bn Aid Station in vic Bn CP.
  
- 5. a.
  - (1) Curr SOI in eff.
  - (2) Carry front line panels.
  - b.
    - (1) Bn CP opn ovly.
    - (2) Co CP's rpt loc as establ.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL BUTTERFIELD

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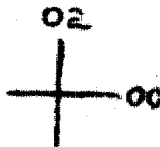
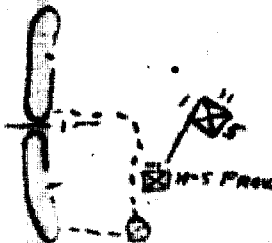
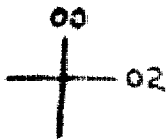
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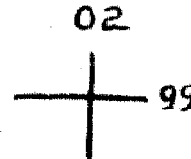
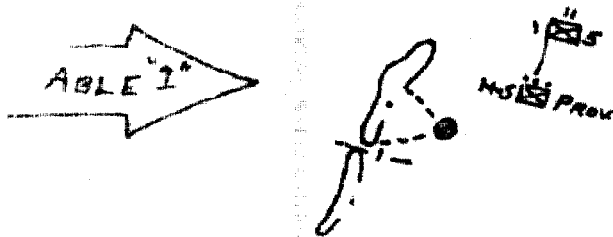
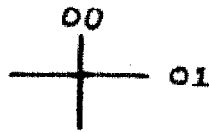
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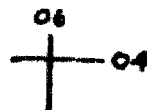
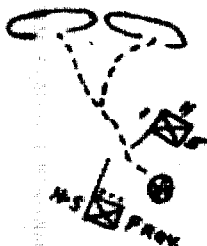
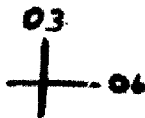
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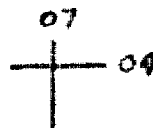
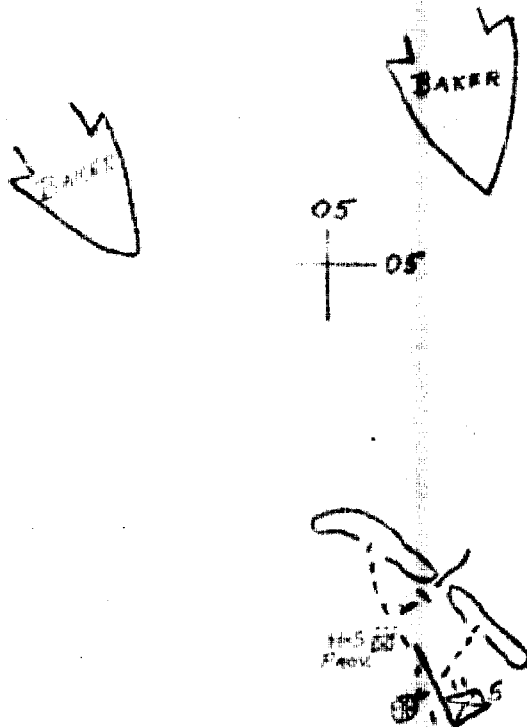
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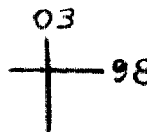
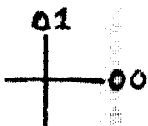
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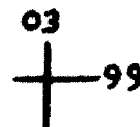
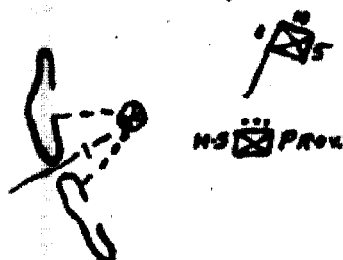
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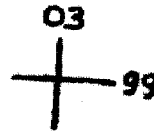
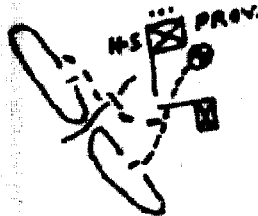
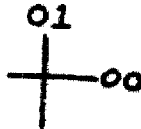
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**2. 1st Div (Reinf) FWD**  
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Assumption: That the on has sent the NLR at DOG and that the neutrality restrictions are no longer in force.



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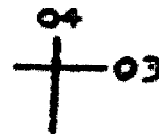
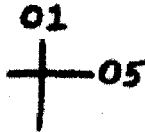
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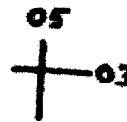
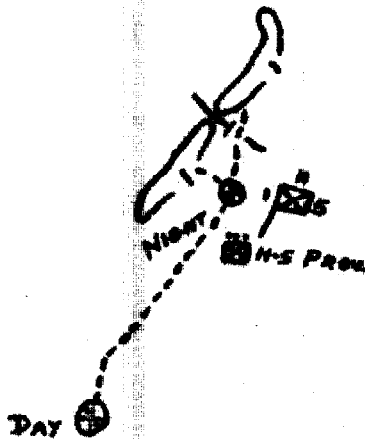
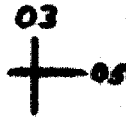
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Assumption that the en has pent NLR at FOX.



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Det. 1/11 arty Ln Tm  
Sect 75 RR AT 5thMar

LtCol BUTTERFIELD

a. "A" Co (Reinf)  
Sect ATA  
Arty FOTm  
81 Mort FOTm  
Sect 75 RR AT

Capt AFFLECK

b. "B" Co (Reinf)  
Sect ATA  
Arty FOTm  
81 Mort FOTm

Capt WHITLOCK

c. "C" Co (Reinf)  
Sect ATA  
Arty FOTm  
81 Mort FOTm  
Sect HMG

Capt EDSON

d. Wpns Co (-)

Major CALLEN

1. a. (1) Current PIR's.

(2) Info dissem as rec.

b. (1) 5thMar (Reinf) occ, organ, def OPLR in Div sector with  
2ndBn on left, 1stBn in center, 3rdBn on right.

(2) G/S 4,2 Mortar Co (-), D/S 1stBn, 11thMar.

2. a. (1) 1stBn, 5thMar (Reinf) occ, organ, def OPLR in center Bn  
sector prior H/48.

(2) Maint readiness immediate comb. Prep resumption full scale  
opn. Maint O in area of responsibility. Conduct work tasks  
and rec actv to insure maint of highest standards of dspln  
and morale.

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3. a. "A" Co (Reinf)
- (1) Prep to occ, organ, def COP's #1, #2, and Roadblock ABLE
- b. "B" Co (Reinf)
- (1) Prep to assume msn of, OPLR Co's.
  - (2) Prep to reinf COP's in Bn sec.
  - (3) Provide personnel for rear area patrols.
  - (4) Man roadblocks BAKER, CHARLIE, EASY, FOX.
- c. "C" Co (Reinf)
- (1) Prep to occ, organ def, COP's #3, #4 and Roadblock DOG.
- d. Wpns Co (-)
- (1) 81 Mort plt.
    - a. Prep to spt COP's from previously selected psns.
  - (2) HMG Platoon (-).
    - a. Prep to deliver overhead fire in support of COP's from previously selected psns.
- x. (1) Apprehend unauth personnel attempting to cross no pass line from South and evac through Provost Marshal channels.
- (2) Unauth personnel approaching no pass line from North will be informed of the no pass line reg. If they persist they will be apprehended and evac through Provost Marshal channels.
  - (3) Weapons will not be fired except on order of Battalion Commander to repel attack.
  - (4) Gen outposts in each Co sector will consist of scty, spt, and res elms. Scty elms will consist of a line of outguards and roving ptls w/fol msn; manning rd blocks on prin avenues of approach along no-pass line; covering intervals between rd blocks, and area between no-pass line and S bdry of demilitarized Z. Obs demilitarized Z.
  - (5) Contact between roadblocks, COP's by patrols left to right.

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- (6) Priority of work: A/W weapons pos, Ind fighting pos, Trenches, OP, CP, Mortar pos, clear fields of fire, Tac and protective wire.
- (7) Spt and Res elms.
- a. Prep to sieze on Bn O only, fav terrain from which to obs into demilitarized Z and place fire on en forces in event of an on act of aggression in violation of armistice agreement. In occupying terrain for this purpose, fr forces will not adv beyond demarcation line.
  - b. Orgn and def intermediate psns on key terrain between S bdry of demilitarized Z and post armistice MBP to protect ridges and cover daylight withdrawal of gen outposts. Conduct a delaying action to allow orderly withdrawal to MBP on Bn O.
- (8) Orgn search and recovery teams and thoroughly search demilitarized Z in Bn sector and evac all UN bodies incl Katusa and KSC to gr reg svc coll pts. here places of burial are a matter of record and en graves actually exist permit unarmed en gr reg pers proper ident to enter Bn sector for purpose of recovery and evac of en dead fol predesignated routes. These pers will be kept under close surveillance by fr pers and prohibited from carrying cameras.
- (9) Carefully mark, destroy or remove dml, minefields, wire entanglements, and other hazards as dir by MAC. Prep ovly 1:25,000 of safe lanes thru all wire entanglements, dml, minefields, known explosives, and similar hazards to trav within S bdry of demilitarized Z.
- (10) Mark S bdry of the demilitarized Z w/air panels to asst acft in determining bdry.
- (11) Prior to H plus 84 loc and list all valuable mtl which should be salv but cannot be accomplished dur this prescribed time.
- (12) No entry forward of no-pass line be any personnel after H plus 84 hours permitted without approval this Hqs.
- (13) All salv opns in the demilitarized Z will be completed prior D plus 48 under supv of MAC using unarmed trps or indigenous pers. All working parties in dml Z will be under supervision of an officer.

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- (14) Report any violations by friend or enemy of armistice agreement to this Hq immediately.
4. a. Personnel carry basic load ammo.
- b. (1) Evac norm.
- (2) COP's establish own ambulance and helicopter pickup points, report location.
- (3) Battalion aid station present location.
- (4) One and one-half (1 1/2) days "C" ration will be maintained on each COP.
5. a. (1) Current SOI in effect.
- (2) Carry front line panels.
- b. (1) Battalion CP present location.
- (2) COP report location of CP as established.

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1. a. (1) Terrain features to be organized within the battle position will be those the enemy must capture prior to a major advance.

(2) All positions will be prepared for all around defense self sustaining and capable of continued resistance even when surrounded or bypassed. Tactical wire (Smith Fence or double apron fence) will be closely coordinated with final protective lines. Positions will be completely enclosed by protective wire.

(3) Each position will be organized in a complete perimeter to meet an attack from any direction with some elements disposed in depth, whenever possible, to provide a second or inner perimeter. Automatic weapons should be disposed in depth to provide continuity to the defense in case of enemy penetration of the outer perimeter.

(4) Troops not engaged by the enemy attack will be used to reinforce or regain a portion of the perimeter.

(5) Communication Trenches:

(a) Will be a minimum of  $6\frac{1}{2}$  feet with frequent turns to decrease vulnerability to enfilade fire.

(b) Will be prepared with overhead cover at intervals along the trench to furnish protection against VT shelling.

(c) Will be used to connect fighting positions within perimeters but normally will not be used to connect separate tactical localities.

(d) Will be of sufficient width to allow a stretcher to pass through.

(6) Individual Fighting Positions:

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(a) Will enable an individual to fight and cover a large sector of fire.

(b) Will when possible be built off the main communication trench and not attempt to utilize the main communication trench as a fighting position.

(c) Will give the individual Marine maximum protection from enemy grenades and shell fire and still give him maximum field of action for firing his weapon, especially down steep slopes and to flanks, and throwing grenades. Depth will be such as to facilitate firing individual weapons from a standing position.

(7) Crew Served Weapons Emplacements and CP Bunkers:

(a) Will be prepared with provisions for a stove pipe and ventilation for winter occupancy.

(b) Will be covered with a minimum of 4 feet of overhead cover including a bursting layer (rock or other hard material.)

(c) Entrances will be protected from VT fire.

(d) Will be installed in such a manner that after the roof is replaced with a minimum of four feet of overhead cover, the natural contour will be restored.

(e) Will be equipped with a drainage system.

(8) Tank positions will be dug in to hull defilade in firing positions.

(9) Quad 50 MG's will be provided with overhead cover to protect them from mortar and artillery fire.

(10) Communications:

(a) Supplementary means of communication, in addition to radio and wire, must be planned for because of the great possibility of communications being disrupted. These means include:

- 1 Pyrotechnics
- 2 Infra-red devices
- 3 Visual signals other than pyrotechnics
- 4 Sound
- 5 Messenger

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(b) Wire will be buried, where practicable, forward of  
battalion CP's, and in the vicinity of all CP's including division.

(11) Sleeping bunkers will not be constructed.

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IN THE FIELD  
22 June 1953

Battalion Training Schedule for Period 29 June - 4 July 1953.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Hour</u> <u>From-To</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Type</u> <u>Trng</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Instr</u>	<u>Reference</u>
<b>Monday</b> 29 Jun 53							
	0730-0815	B,C	Troop and inspection	PW Co	Area	Co CO	LPM
	0730-1120	A	Attack on a fortified position	PW E	Area	Co CO	FM 31-50
	0830-1120	B,C	Establishment and defense of road blocks	L,PW E	Area	Co CO	FM 7-10
	1300-1400	A,C H&S	Pay and allotments	L Regt		Pay Master	
	1300-1500	B	Conditioning hike	PW A	Area	Co CO	
	1400-1500	A,C	Reverse slope defense	L Co	Area	Co CO	FM 7-10
<b>Tuesday</b> 30 Jun 53							
	0730-1500	A,B	Tank infantry coordination	PW A	Area	Co CO	FM 7-35
	0730-1130	C	Attack on a fortified position	PW E	Area	Co CO	FM 31-50
	0800-1500	BnStaff & Comm	CPX	PW A	Area	Bn CO	
	0800-1500	3.5Rekt All Co	Firing	PW Range 9		Lt STEPP	TM 9-2002
	1300-1500	C	Conditioning hike	PW A	Area	Co CO	
<b>Wednesday</b> 1 Jul 53							
	0730-1130	B	Attack on a fortified position	PW E	Area	Co CO	FM 31-50
	0730-0815	A,C	Troop and inspection	PW Co	Area	Co CO	LPM
	0800-1600	60mm Mort All Co	60mm firing	PW Range 9		Lt JANNEY	
	1300-1400	A	Character guidance	L Regt		Chaplain LYONS	
				Theater			

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Weapons Company Training Schedule for Period 29 June - 4 July 1953.

Day	Hour From-To	Unit	Subject	Type Trng	Place	Instr	Reference
Monday 29 Jun 53							
	0730-0815	81mm ATA	Troop inspection and drill	PW	Co Area	Co Off	LPM
	0730-1600	HMG	1000" firing	PW	1000" Range	Lt STEPP	
	0830-1030	81mm ATA	Interior guard duty	L, PW	Co Area	Lt BEASLEY	FM 26-5 LPM
	1030-1130	81mm ATA	Character guidance lecture	L	Co Area	Chaplain LYONS	
	1300-1600	81mm	Gun drill	PW	Co Area	Lt HERTLING	
	1300-1600	ATA	Gun drill and 1000" range firing (LMG)	PW	1000" range & Co Area	Lt OLDS	
Tuesday 30 Jun 53							
	0730-0815	HMG ATA	Troop inspection and drill	PW	Co Area	Co Off	LPM
	0730-1600	81mm	Field firing	PW	Range 8	Lt HERTLING	
	0830-1600	ATA	Mine warfare	L, D, PW	Co Area	Lt OLDS	FM 5-31
	1800-2200	ATA	Mine warfare	PW	Co Area	Lt OLDS	FM 5-31
	0830-1030	HMG	Interior guard duty	L, PW	Co Area	Lt BEASLEY	FM 26-5
	1030-1130	HMG	Character guidance	L	Co Area	Chaplain LYONS	
	1300-1600	HMG	Care, cleaning, review and gun drill	L, PW	Co Area	Lt STEPP	FM 23-55
Wednesday 1 Jul 53							
	0730-0815	HMG ATA	Troop inspection and drill	PW	Co Area	Co Off	LPM

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Battalion Training Schedule for Period 29 June -- 4 July 1953, (Cont'd).

<u>Day</u>	<u>Hour From-To</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Type Trng</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Instr</u>	<u>Reference</u>
	1400-1500	A	Administrative time		Co Area		
	1300-1600	B	Prep for night defense		A Area	Co CO	FM 7-10
	1300-1600	C	Prep for night offense		A Area	Co CO	FM 7-10
	1900-2400	B	Co in night defense		"	"	"
	2200-2400	C	Co in night offense		"	"	"

Thursday  
2 Jul 53

0001-0300	C	Co in night offense	PW	"	"	"	"
0001-0300	B	Co in night defense	PW	"	"	"	"
0730-0815	A	Troop and inspection	PW	Co Area	"	LPM	
0730-1000	B,C	Administrative time		Co Area			
0830-1130	A	Co as advance guard	PW	A Area	Co CO	FM 7-10	
1000-1130	B,C	Critique	L	Co Area	Co CO		
1300-1400	All	Administrative time					
1400-1500	All	Battalion Parade		Regt	Parade	Fld	
1500-1600	All	Pay call					

Friday  
3 Jul 53

0730-0815	All	Troop and inspection	PW	Co Area	Co CO	LPM	
0730-1600	To Be Annou	Heavy weapons competition		(To Be Announced)			
0830-0930	All	Current events	L	Co Area	Co CO		
0930-1130	All	Rainy weather indoctrination	L	Co Area	Co CO		
1300-1600	All	Field day and preparation for carnival					

Saturday  
4 Jul 53

Holiday routine battalion carnival

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Weapons Company Training Schedule for Period 29 June - 4 July 1953.

Day	Hour From-To	Unit	Subject	Type Trng	Place	Instr	Reference
	<del>0730-1700</del>	81mm	Field firing	PW	Range 8	Lt HERTLING	
	0830-1600	ATA	Attack of fortified position	PW	E Area	Lt OLDS	FM 31-50
	0830-1600	HMG	1000" firing	PW	1000" Range	Lt STEPF	FM 23-55
Thursday							
2Jul53							
	0730-0815	All	Troop inspection and drill	PW	Co Area	Co Off	LPM
	0830-1130	All	Care, cleaning, review and gun drill of individual and crew served weapons	PW	Co Area	Plt Ldrs	
	1300-1400	All	Character guidance lecture	L	Co Area	Chaplain LYONS	
	1400-1600	All	Conditioning hike	PW	A Area	Major CALLEN	
Friday							
3Jul53							
	0730-1600	All	Competitive firing	PW	As assign by Regt		
Saturday							
4Jul53							
	0730-1600	All	Holiday routine				

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Headquarters  
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4 July 1953

Battalion Training Order)

: Orientation and Training of Replacements

Number.....5-53)

Ref: (a) Div Trng Memo 17-53  
(b) Regt Trng Memo 16-53

Encl: (1) Replacement Training Schedule

1. Mission:

a. This memorandum is based on compliance with references (a), and (b), which establishes the minimum orientation and training requirements for all replacements.

b. It will be the purpose and scope of this training to achieve the maximum efficiency, morale and combat readiness in the integration of replacements into their units.

2. General Plan:

a. The training and orientation period shall commence the day following the arrival of replacements at battalion or separate company and shall be of six (6) days duration.

b. Training day will be eight (8) hours.

c. Training will be conducted in accordance with the principles contained in FM 21-5.

d. Replacements will receive a welcoming address from a designated senior of the unit concerned.

3. Detailed Plan:

a. Training for replacements will include the following:

- (1) Zeroing of all individual weapons.
- (2) Drill and inspections.
- (3) Patrolling.
- (4) Small unit tactics.
- (5) Combat intelligence with emphasis on reporting, and use of the countersign.

- (6) Enemy tactics.

- (7) Escape and evasion.

- (8) Communications to include use of field and power telephones, basic radio voice procedure, messengers, and security.

- (9) Supply economy.

- (10) Fire prevention.

- (11) Personal hygiene.

- (12) Camouflage and camouflage discipline.

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(13) Compass and map reading to include azimuths, orienting of maps, recognition of terrain features and coordinates.

b. Where range facilities and ammunition allowances permit, infantry units shall require all replacements to fire the BAR and .30 Cal. Machine Gun for familiarization.

c. A minimum of 50% of all tactical training will be conducted during the hours of darkness.

d. Physical conditioning will be stressed.

4. Administrative Instructions:

a. Submit request for training ammunition to this Headquarters, (S-3) twelve (12) days prior to intended use.

5. The H&S Commandant will take charge of the Replacement Draft during the training period, and will provide for billeting and mustering. He will insure that the draft is mustered and turned over to the instructors at the times and places indicated in enclosure (1).

6. The first day will be allotted for dental checks and administrative routine. Instruction will be conducted throughout the following days.

7. T/E weapons will be carried, helmets and flak vest will be worn at all times.

8. (When applicable) ATA platoon, weapons company, will provide mine clearance teams for safety of personnel in designated areas and will participate in exercises as the instructor directs.

9. Effective date of enclosure (1) will be announced.

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: Replacement Training Schedule  
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Day	Hour From-To	Group	Subject	Type Trng	Place	Instr	Reference
1stDay	0730-1500	A,B	Administrative time		Bn Area	1stSgt,SgtMaj	
	1500-1600	A,B	Introduction		Bn Area	Bn CO	
2ndDay	0730-0800	A,B	Inspection		Bn Area	H&S Co CO	LPM
	0800-0900	A	Enemy tactics	L	Bn Area	S-2	FM 30-103
	0900-1000	B	Enemy tactics	L	Bn Area	S-2	FM 30-103
	0800-0900	B	Camouflage and camouflage discipline	L,PW	Trng Area	TSgt THOMAS	FM 5-20a
	0900-1000	A	Camouflage and camouflage discipline	L,PW	Trng Area	TSgt THOMAS	FM 5-20a
	1000-1100	A,B	Combat intelligence with emphasis on reporting and use of countersigns	L	Bn Area	SSgt HIGBIE	FM 30-19
	1100-1200	A,B	Fire prevention	L	Bn Area	Lt PERRY	
	1300-1530	A,B	Zeroing of individual weapons	PW	Range	Lt HAWKINS	
3rdDay	0730-0800	A,B	Inspection	PW	Bn Area	H&S Co CO	LPM
	0800-0900	A	Personal hygiene and sanitation	L	Bn Area	Chf PHELPS	FM 21-10
	0900-1000	B	Personal hygiene and sanitation	L	Bn Area	Chf PHELPS	FM 21-10
	1000-1100	A,B	Geneva convention and neutrality restrictions, escape and evasion	L	Bn Area	S-2	S-3 Files
	1100-1200	A,B	Patrolling	L	Bn Area	Lt HERTLING	FM 21-75
	1300-1400	A	CBR warfare	L	Bn Area	Lt KREIGH	FMs 21-40, 21-45
	1400-1500	B	CBR warfare	L	Bn Area	Lt KREIGH	FMs 21-40, 21-45
	1300-1400	B	UCMJ	L	Bn Area	S-1	Extract UCMJ
	1400-1500	A	UCMJ	L	Bn Area	S-1	Extract UCMJ
	1500-1600	A,B	Squad tactics	L,PW	Bn Area	Lt MOSER	FM 7-40
1900-2200	A,B	Recon patrol	PW	Trng Area	S-2	FM 21-75	

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Day	Hour From-To	Group	Subject	Type Trng	Place	Instr	Reference
4thDay	0730-0800	A,B	Inspection	PW	Bn Area		LPM
	0800-1200	A	Patrolling techniques and conditioning march	PW	Trng Area	Lt HERTLING	FM 21-75
	0800-1200	B	Compass and map reading	L,PW	Trng Area	Lt RUTHAZER	FM 21-25
	1300-1600	B	Patrolling techniques and conditioning march	PW	Trng Area	Lt HERTLING	FM 21-75
	1300-1600	A	Compass and map reading	L,PW	Trng Area	Lt RUTHAZER	FM 21-25
	1900-2400	A,B	Night noises and conduct on MIP	PW	Trng Area	Lt HAWKINS	
5thDay	0730-0800	A,B	Inspection	PW	Bn Area	H&S Co CO	LPM
	0800-0900	A	Supply economy	L	Bn Area	Lt PERRY	FM 7-30
	0900-1000	A,B	Bayonet and hand to hand combat	PW	Bn Area	Lt WEBB	FM 23-25
	0800-0900	B	Supply economy	L	Bn Area	Lt PERRY	FM 7-30
	1000-1200	A,B	Types and use of communications	L	Bn Area	CommOfficer	FM 100-11
	1300-1600	A,B	Field firing	PW	Range	Lt HAWKINS	
	1900-2400	A,B	Night ambush problem	D,PW	Trng Area	Lt HAWKINS	FM 7-40
6thDay	0730-0830	A,B	Inspection	PW	Bn Area	H&S Co CO	LPM
	0830-1130	A,B	Mines, mine fields and booby traps	L	Trng Area	LTAPFLdr	FM 5-31
	1300-1500	A,B	Combat patrols, recon patrols, and listening posts	L	Bn Area	Lt MOSER	FM 21-75
	1500-1600	A,B	Inspection, prepare to move to companies	PW	Bn Area	Lt WEBB	

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Appendix III to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Diary for 1 July to 7 July 1953.

a. Battalion situation during period.

1. Overlay of battalion situation from 1 July to 7 July 1953.

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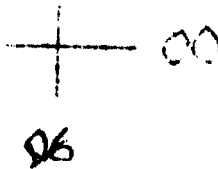
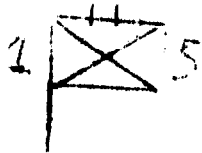
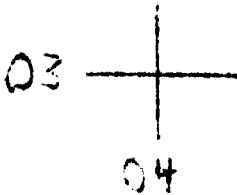
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Appendix III to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Diary for 8 July to 31 July 1953.

2. Overlay of battalion situation from 8 July to 31 July 1953.

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Appendix IV to 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Command Diary for July 1953.

1. Medical Summary

a. The battalion medical section during the month treated the following:

<u>Number of Patients</u>	<u>Treatment</u>
310	General Medicine
222	Surgical Dressings
22	Dermatology
81	Eye-ear-nose and throat
12	Veneral Disease
31	Immunizations

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