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 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), FMF
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 To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), FMF
 (Attn: Field Historian)

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 February 1969 to 28 February 1969

Ref: (a) DivO 5750.2B

Encl: (1) Headquarters Battalion Command Chronology for February 1969

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.



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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 February 1969 to 28 February 1969

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Headquarters Battalion (Rein), 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF	W. S. F. CAN, Colonel	1-28 Feb

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Communication Company	Haj C. J. MCDONALD, JR.	1-28 Feb
Headquarters Company	Capt P. C. A. GRAUERT	1-28 Feb
Military Police Company	LtCol W. P. CORSKI	1-28 Feb
Service Company	Capt K. J. CHANDLER	1-28 Feb

ATTACHED UNITS

1st Dental Company	Capt J. W. PENTECOST, USN	1-28 Feb
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2. LOCATION

1-28 February 1969, DA NANG T/CR, Republic of Vietnam

3. STAFF OFFICERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICER	LtCol R. B. RANCK	1-28 Feb
ADJUTANT	Capt T. J. SHERIDAN	1-28 Feb
OPNS/ED/NBCD O	Maj F. P. ELLER, JR.	1-28 Feb
LOGS O	Maj R. L. BOYD SOX	1-28 Feb
SUPPLY O	Capt W. T. BASCHNAGEL	1-28 Feb
MOTOR TRANSPORT O	1stLt C. A. BRUCE	1-28 Feb
LEGAL O	C/02 H. S. VALE	1-28 Feb
CAO	C/02 H. S. VALE	1-28 Feb
EMBARK O	1stLt E. S. WILSON	1-28 Feb
SPECIAL SERVICES O	1stLt B. A. FRYHOVER	1-28 Feb
MEDICAL O	Lt H. A. BENLER	1-28 Feb
CHAPLAIN	Lt F. D. THOMPSON, JR.	1-28 Feb
CIVIC ACTION O	SSgt C. E. ASDOT	1-28 Feb

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USMC		USN		OTHER	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
265	1714	41	79	0	0

PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY1. TRAINING

- a. Thirty-five Marines attended the Orientation and Indoctrination classes.
- b. Thirty-five Marines attended the familiarization firing with the M-16 rifle.
- c. Sixteen Marines attended formal schools in the month of February.

2. COMMAND POST SECURITY

- a. A total of fourteen daylight security patrols were conducted around the Division Command Post.
- b. A total of twenty-two night security patrols/ambushes were conducted around the Division Command Post.

3. CIVIC ACTION

- a. Headquarters Battalion sponsored four MedCaps and one DentCap in the hamlet of Hoa My, treating 348 and 11 persons, respectively.
- b. On 6 February 1969, Col F.G.N and the Civic Action NCO briefed the new Commanding Officer of the 1st Medical Battalion, Captain L.E. during his tour of the Hoa My Hamlet and surrounding areas.
- c. The Civic Action Team conducted the following Civic Action efforts in Hoa My Hamlet:

(1) On 4 February 1969, the Commanding Officer of Headquarters Battalion and the Civic Action NCO presented twelve General Walt Scholarships to the students of Hoa My Hamlet. Upon completion of presentation of the scholarships, Col F.G.N and the Civic Action Team were invited to a party at the Primary School of Hoa My Hamlet. The party was served by the school teachers and the parents of the school children in celebrating the ending of the old Lunar Year, and the coming of the new Lunar Year.

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(2) On 9 February 1969, a Basic English Class was conducted at the Hoa My school. Attending the class were 32 persons (28 children and 4 adults). The Civic Action Team also attended a party in celebration of the old Lunar Year. Attending the party were the hamlet chief, the hamlet elders, and the Hamlet Self Defense Force.

(3) On 13 February 1969, Col FAGAN and the Civic Action Team distributed approximately seven hundred Tet gifts to the school children of Hoa My Hamlet.

(4) The Civic Action Team delivered 32 barbed wire stakes for use on the Hoa My School fence started on 6 February 1969.

c. First Dental Company Civic Action. Each dental officer coordinates his civic action program with the Medical Civic Action program of the unit to which he is responsible for performing dental treatment.

(1) Treatment rendered during the month of February 1969 in the Civic Action program:

Examinations	495
Extractions	403
Root Residual Removal	8
Oral Hygiene Instructions	273
TOTAL PROCEDURES ON VIETNAMESE PATIENTS	
1179	
TOTAL VIETNAMESE PATIENTS	
273	

(2) Maxillo-facial injuries treated during the month of February 1969

Fractures (Reduction and Fixation)	
Mandibular	2
Soft tissue laceration (Debridement and Repair)	
Facial	1

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS consisted of hand distribution of leaflets promoting "VCI", sanitation, and the Ban Tin Newspaper.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Feb The Provost Marshal was reassigned under the staff cognizance of the Division Inspector.

1-13 Feb Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 37th Signal Battalion.

1-18 Feb Communication Company provided a radio retransmission team to Hai Van Pass and a radio relay team to Task Force Yankee.

1-28 Feb Communication Company provided a radio relay team for each of the following units: 1st Marine Regiment, 3rd Amphibian Tractor Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment and 7th Marine Regiment.

1-28 Feb MPCo continued to perform its routine and recurring duties and functions within the 1st Marine Division TACR which include the operation of POW collection points of the regimental CPs of the 1st, 5th and 7th Marines, a traffic control detail in the Hai Van Pass, a traffic control detail at Liberty Bridge and a traffic control detail at the An Hoa Air Strip.

3 Feb A reaction drill was conducted. Ground alert condition II was set and the camp was placed on 100% alert. Reserve companies were deployed to assigned positions to test one of the reaction plans contained in Br OpO 1-69.

3 Feb An M-26 grenade was thrown into one of the huts in the Security Platoon billeting area. No casualties resulted from the incident. A suspect was apprehended.

7 Feb MPCo participated in a joint sweep in the Dog Patch area of Da Nang, in a general search for VC cadre, infrastructure, etc, along with the 3rd MP Battalion and ARVN troops from the Hoa Cam Training Center of Quang Nam Province. Results were 4 VC suspects and 2 USA Marines. The VC suspects were taken into custody by the ARVN from Hoa Cam.

7 Feb Communication Company provided a contact team to the USS ~~LIBERTY~~ ~~LIBERTY~~.

7-13 Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 37th Signal Battalion.

12-28 Communication Company provided a radio relay team to the 7th Marine Regiment.

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14 Feb Fifteen Marines from Headquarters Battalion attended E-8 Gas Cartridge Launcher instruction at Division Schools.

15-28 Feb Communication Company provided a radio retransmission team to Hai Van Pass.

18 Feb The installation of 12 flame fougasses in critical areas in front of the perimeter defense line was completed.

21 Feb Based on an intelligence report that there was an enemy force of approximately 125 located in the valley just beyond the ridgeline behind the Division CP, the entire ridgeline defense line was manned and the reaction company was mustered. The reaction company subsequently conducted a sweep operation of the hillside, with negative results.

21 Feb The Security Platoon 60mm Mortar Section, just recently activated, registered three 60mm mortar illumination concentrations.

23 Feb The Division CP perimeter came under enemy ground attack at several locations. The defense line was penetrated at two locations and it was necessary to commit the reaction company and one of the provisional rifle companies to counterattack and restore the lines. Artillery fire was delivered to seal off enemy withdrawal and HUE gunships were called in to strafe the hillside behind the Division CP.

Casualties: ENEMY FRIENDLY

18 KI & 1 POW 9 KI & 29 WIA

23 Feb Several reports were received that enemy forces had moved into hamlets immediately adjacent to the Division CP. Two local PF's were killed and two wounded. Eight enemy were killed in a fire fight in the hamlet of Da Son between an enemy force of unknown size and the local PF unit, accompanied by USMC liaison personnel.

23 Feb Security Platoon 60mm Mortar Section registered high explosive registration points and commenced W&I fires.

23 Feb The enemy launched a rocket attack on the local area. One round impacted in the Service Company area, resulting in one WIA.

23 Feb The Security Platoon billeting area received 3 mortar rounds. Two colonels in the vicinity received minor wounds.

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23 Feb First Reconnaissance Battalion made available a provisional rifle company to be utilized, as required, in the event all other reserves were committed.

23-28 Feb Numerous reports were received of enemy, including snipers, being in the immediate area adjoining the Division CP. Two Marines in Security Platoon were killed by sniper fire.

23-28 Feb Reserve companies were committed to daily sweeps of selected areas in the vicinity of the Division CP. Several enemy bodies were discovered, along with evidence, such as blood stains and trail markers, to indicate enemy had been in the area.

23-28 Feb Flare ships were utilized, nightly, to illuminate the perimeter of the Division CP. Artillery and 60mm mortar H&I fires were also delivered.

25 Feb Contact was again made on the perimeter of the Division CP. Several incoming grenades and rounds of small arms fire were received. M-79, 60mm mortar and small arms fire were returned. Enemy casualties were unknown.

26 Feb Security Platoon, at Dai La Pass, received one incoming hand grenade resulting in 4 minor VIAs.

27 Feb Wire Platoon laid six miles of field wire from Band and MSS-III sectors to Bn S-3 and six miles of field wire from Dai La Pass to Bn S-3, to provide alternate wire system.

27 Feb Communication Company provided a contact team to the 1st Engineer Battalion.

28 Feb Two reserve companies were heli-lifted to the top of the ridgeline adjacent to Dai La Pass. The companies linked up and conducted a search of the hillside where suspected enemy and caches were located. The sweep resulted in negative results other than the discovery of several Chicom grenades.

28 A company size sweep was conducted of the hillside south of the Division CP. Thirty 105mm did rounds (mixed HE, VP and illumination) were uncovered and were destroyed with demolitions.

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PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Tab 8

A Subsector "B" daily journal.

B Subsector "B" Frag Order 1-69.

C Subsector "B" Operation Order 301-69.

D Headquarters Battalion Operation Order 1-69.

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JOURNAL			SUBSECTOR "B", NSDC & HQBM FROM 1 February 1969 0700
			TO 2 February 1969 0700
TIME			ACTION
IN	OUT	SER NO	TAKEN
			M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
			INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.
0700	1		Log opened. S
0840	2		RUSH ACT PAPA departed on patrol. TM
1130	3		RUSH ACT PAPA returned from patrol. NEGATIVE S results.
1445	4		NSDC called and cleared XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY430Z, XY432Z, XY433Z and XY435Z. S
1800	5		Set Condition III Modified. All units notified. S
2215	6		C-4 (Comm Line) reported an explosion 80 meters below their position at AT 950745. Submitted Spot Report to NSDC. Crater analysis team will check it out in the morning. S
0630	7		Set Condition IV. S
0700	8		Log closed. S
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TO 4 February 1969 0700

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TIME	SER NO	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT	INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.
		M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700	1	Log opened. S
1125	2	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY399Z, XY396Z, XY430Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY120Z, XY319Z, XY024Z and XY428. S
1320	3	DEER LODGE PAPA departed on patrol. TM
1620	4	DEER LODGE PAPA returned from patrol. NEGATIVE results. S
1655	5	NSDC called and cleared all illumination and HE (see entry 1125). S
1900	6	Set Condition III Modified. All units notified. S
2000	7	Conducted Reaction Drill - Set Condition II - All units notified. S
2020	8	Issued Frag Order to company commanders. First and Second Provisional Rifle Companies execute PLAN "A" of HqBn OpOrder 1-69. SS"B" Reaction Company reinforce in Dai La Pass area. TM
2045	9	Second Provisional Rifle Company reported being in assigned positions. S
2050	10	26th Marines OP #2 (AT 935765) and OP #4 (AT 936757) reported movement outside their wire. Fired illumination, small arms and M-79's. Movement ceased. Threw several M-26 grenades. Notified NSDC by Spot Report. Area will be searched in the morning. S
2108	11	Received information that a vehicle had run off of the side of the road vicinity AT 959743. Investigation revealed the vehicle to be a $\frac{1}{4}$ ton

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TIME		SER NO	INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
2108	12		with trailer which was carrying supplies for the SS"B" Reaction Company. There were no injuries. The vehicle will be recovered in the morning.	S
2118	13		Secured Second Provisional Rifle Company from the drill.	S
2133	14		SS"B" Reaction Company reported all elements in assigned positions. The company was directed to secure from the drill.	S
2142	15		First Provisional Rifle Company reported all elements in assigned positions. The company was directed to secure from the drill.	S
2153	16		Set Condition Modified III. All units notified.	S
2220	17		Received report that an M-26 grenade had been thrown into one of the huts in the Security Platoon billeting area. SSgt STRICKLAND was in the hut at the time but exited prior to the explosion. No casualties resulted although there was considerable damage to the interior of the hut and personal effects. A suspect was apprehended and CID is investigating.	S
0630	18		Set Condition IV.	S
0700	19		Log closed.	S

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			TO 5 February 1969 0700
TIME		SER NO	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT		M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
			INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.
0700	1	Log opened.	S
0745	2	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY399Z, XY396Z, XY430Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY120Z, XY319Z, XY 024Z and XY428.	S
0945	3	MUSK OX PAPA departed on patrol.	TM
1010	4	Day Post 14 at AT 938754 apprehended 6 Vietnamese females coming down ridgeline from EP #3. Subjects had identification. Turned same over to MP's for interrogation.	S
1355	5	MUSK OX PAPA returned from patrol. NEGATIVE results.	TM
1615	6	NSDC called and cleared all illumination and HE (see 0745 entry).	S
1800	7	Set Condition Modified III. All units notified.	S
2100	8	Received intelligence report indicating that VC have been observed in the vicinity of PHUOC LY Hamlet (AT 968760), on several occasions during the past 15 days (see attached intelligence report).	S
0630	9	Set Condition IV.	S
0700	10	Log closed.	S
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THE FOLLOWING REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM 1ST RECON BN:

INTELLIGENCE REPORT D/T/G 041545H FEB 69

MAI CO, HAMLET CHIEF OF PHUOC LY (AT 968760) REPORTED TO THE S-5 OF 1ST RECON BN TO VOLUNTEER INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE VC IN OR PASSING THROUGH HIS HAMLET OR IN THE VICINITY OF HIS HAMLET FOR THE PAST THREE (3) DAYS. AS REPORTED TO THE BN IRO INTERPRETER. DIVISION C-2 WAS NOTIFIED AND SENT DOWN AN ITT TEAM THAT ACQUIRED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: VC OR COMMUNIST FORCE CADRE HAVE BEEN SEEN IN THE VICINITY OF PHUOC LY HAMLET (AT 968760) HEADED TOWARDS HOA PHAT (AT 962745) AND POSSIBLY THE AIR BASE FOR THE PAST FIFTEEN (15) DAYS. THE HAMLET CHIEF STATED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW IF ANY OF THE VC HAD REMAINED IN HIS VILLAGE OR NOT, BUT TONIGHT HIS HAMLET GUARD IS GOING TO SET UP A WATCH FOR THEM. THE VILLAGERS REPORTED TO HIM THAT THEY HAD SEEN THE VC IN THE VICINITY FOR THE LAST FIFTEEN DAYS OR SO EIGHT (8) TIMES, IN DIFFERENT UNIFORMS, GREEN UTILITIES DRESSED LIKE THE ARVN, BLACK SHORTS AND BLACK TOPS, CARRYING GRENADES AND SACHET CHARGES, LAST SEEN ABOUT 060700H. MAI CO, THE HAMLET CHIEF REQUESTS TO SET UP HIS HAMLET GUARD AROUND HIS HAMLET TO WATCH FOR THE VC. HE ALSO HAS REQUESTED AMMUNITION FOR HIS WEAPONS (ONE MG AND TEN OR ELEVEN RIFLES). MAI CO IS TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY BACK TO THE S-5, 05 FEB IF HIS GUARD SIGHTS ANY VC OR COMMUNIST CADRE THIS EVENING. MAI CO ALSO WISHES THAT THE MARINES, IF HIS PEOPLE DO SIGHT THE VC WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR OR FIVE DAYS, SET UP AMBUSHES AROUND HIS VILLAGE FROM ABOUT 1800H UNTIL 0300H DAILY.

DISTRIBUTION: NSDC

1st Shore Party Bn
Det, 478th AvCo
1st MedBn
11th Marines
MPCo, HqBn

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TIME	SER NO	INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT		M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700	1	Log opened.	S
0900	2	Called NSDC to pre-clear - XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY430Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY120Z, XY319Z, XY024Z and XY128.	S
1010	3	MUSK OX PAPA departed on patrol.	TM
1525	4	MUSK OX PAPA returned from patrol. NEGATIVE results.	TM
1825	5	NSDC called and cleared all illumination and HE except - XY394Z, XY430Z, XY436Z & XY024Z.	S
1830	6	Set Condition III Modified. All units notified.	S
0630	7	Set Condition IV.	S
0700	8	Log closed.	S
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TIME		SER NO	INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700	1		Log opened.	S
0915	2		Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY430Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY420Z, XY319Z, XY024Z and XY428.	S
1520	3		All preclears are cleared except XY394Z, XY435Z, and XY436Z.	S
1825	4		Set Condition III Modified. All units notified.	S
1903	5		OFF SPRING PAPA departed on patrol for night ambush.	S
0630	6		Set Condition IV.	S
0700	7		OFF SPRING PAPA departed ambush position for return to CP.	S
0700	8		Log closed.	S

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TIME	SER NO	INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT		M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700	1	Log opened.	S
0715	2	Called NSDC to preclear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY430Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY420Z, XY319Z, XY024Z and XY428Z.	S
1245	3	RUSH ACT PAPA departed on patrol.	T
1437	4	Lt CHARLES (1stMedBn) reported observing what appeared to be a W.P. round exploding in the vicinity of Freedom Hill area. Called NSDC and reported same. They will investigate.	S
1500	5	RUSH ACT PAPA returned from patrol. NEGATIVE results.	T
1625	6	All preclears are cleared except XY394Z, XY396Z, XY435Z, XY436Z and XY024Z.	S
0545	7	Maj BRIDGEWATER, Operations Officer of 1stMAW, reported an aircraft crash. The survivor swam ashore at AT960007. Informed him to contact FLC COC in whose area the incident occurred. Informed NSDC.	S
0630	8	Set Condition IV.	S
0700	9	Log closed.	S

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TIME	IN	OUT	SER NO	
			INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	
0700		1	Leg opened.	ACTION TAKEN M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0800		2	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY430Z, XY432Z, XY433Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY120Z, XY319Z, XY024Z, and XY428.	S
1515		3	BENCH MARK PAPA departed on patrol and night ambush.	TM
1745		4	NSDC called - all pre-clears are cleared except XY394Z, XY396Z, XY436Z, XY319Z and XY024Z.	S
1900		5	Set Condition Modified III. All units notified.	S
2155		6	MP Company LP vicinity AT 963755 observed move- ment in front of their position. They were in- formed that there were no friendly personnel in that area at that time.	S
2200		7	At approximately 2115 an MP at Gate #2 saw one man running parallel to 11th Marines' lines. Five minutes later he saw 9 men in single file, also moving away from him and parallel to 11th Marines' wire. 11th Marines saw nothing. No friendly personnel, including PF patrol, were supposed to be in that area at that time. SPOT REPORT sent to NSDC.	S
0035		8	MP Company LP vicinity AT 963755 observed a man lifting the wire in front of their position. They illuminated and challenged - no answer. They threw one grenade and fired small arms. They received 2 or 3 incoming small arms rounds. Area checked out with NEGATIVE RESULTS. SPOT REPORT sent to NSDC.	S

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TIME		SER NO	INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700		1	Log Opened	S
0950		2	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY319Z, XY439Z, XY120Z, XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z and XY428.	S
1515		3	All pre-clear are cleared except XY436Z, XY024Z, XY319Z and XY428.	S
1755		4	Set Condition Modified III, All units notified.	S
1830		5	OFFSPRING PAPA departed on night ambush.	TM
2025		6	OFFSPRING PAPA set in position.	TM
0630		7	Set Condition IV.	S
0740		8	OFFSPRING PAPA returned from night ambush. NEGATIVE results.	S
0740		9	Log closed.	S

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TIME		SER NO	INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700		1	Log opened.	S
1006		2	Called NSDC to pre-clear - XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY430Z, XY432Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY120Z, XY319Z, XY024Z and XY428.	S
1830		3	All pre-clears are cleared except - XY394Z, XY435Z, XY436Z and XY024Z.	S
1830		3	Set Condition Modified III. All units notified.	S
2030		4	Called a drill for the stand-by platoon (3rd platoon, 2nd Provisional Rifle Company). Directed platoon commander to assemble his platoon in front of the COC bunker ASAP.	ST
2031		5	Stand-by platoon arrived at COC bunker, 4 minutes from time notified. The platoon commander was directed to secure from the drill and return to the battalion classroom.	ST
0630		6	Set Condition IV.	S
0700		7	Log closed.	S
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TIME		SER NO	INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN
IN	OUT			M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700	1		Log opened.	S
0725	2		Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY430Z, XY432Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY024Z, XY120Z, and XY428.	S
1115	3		MUSK OX PAPA departed on patrol and night ambush.	TM
1800	4		Set Condition Modified III. All units notified.	S
1800	5		Subsector "B" Reaction Company mustered for stand-by tonight.	T
0255	6		PFC BRONOUGH (MP Company) reported that an MP unit conducting a raid in Dog Patch area (vicinity AT 995745) came under sniper fire. Provost Marshall Duty Officer checking into the matter - Turned up with NEGATIVE results.	S
0630	7		Set Condition IV.	S
0645	8		MUSK OX PAPA (night ambush) departed ambush site for return to CP.	ST
0700	9		Log closed.	S

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IN	OUT		M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
			INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.
0700		1	Log opened. S
0705		2	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY430Z, XY432Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY024Z and XY428. S
0900		3	Fifteen Marines attended E8 cartridge Launcher instruction at Division Schools. S
0920		4	MUSK OX PAPA departed on patrol. TM
1215		5	MUSK OX PAPA reported they had one heat casualty on Hill 200. Requested ambulance. Directed BAS to send ambulance. T
1300		6	BAS stated that the Marine in 1215 entry had suffered from heat exhaustion and was now in good condition. S
1340		7	MUSK OX PAPA returned from patrol. NEG Results. ST
1530		8	BENCH MARK PAPA departed on Recon & night ambush. TM
2130		9	26th Marines called that they would be having a reaction drill. Div COC, 11th Mar, 11th MT notified. T
0620		10	Set condition IV. S
0650		11	BENCH MARK PAPA (night ambush) departed ambush site for return to CP ST
0700		12	Log closed. S
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0700		1	Leg opened.	ACTION TAKEN M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
1030		2	Called NSDC and cleared XY394Z, XY430Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY436Z, XY319Z, XY420Z, XY439Z, XY027Z, and XY428.	S
1800		3	Set condition III modified.	S
1955		4	HEAD COLD PAPA set in night ambush position.	TM
2205		5	Conducted drill of stand-by company (2nd Provisional Co). Directed Company Commander to assemble his command group and two platoons outside of COC bunker. One platoon and Co headquarters arrived in 8 minutes. Other platoon (from ridgeline) arrived in 15 minutes. Company Commander critiqued his Plt Commanders and issued instructions relative to decreasing reaction time. Secured from drill at 2225 and returned to assigned areas.	X ST
2230		6	Da Son liaison received a report that someone in a passing vehicle shot a girl in Da Son Village. Instructed them to investigate and report.	S
2235		7	Da Son liaison reported that a shot had been fired from a passing vehicle, but no one was hurt. Unable to identify vehicle.	S
2315		8	Received messages 150142Z Feb69, 151414Z Feb69, 151731Z Feb69, 151422Z Feb69 and 150146Z Feb69.	S
0630		9	Set Condition IV.	S

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IN	OUT		M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
			INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.
0700		1	Leg opened. S
1300		2	NSDC called and cleared XY, XY394Z, XY430Z, XY396Z, XY432Z, XY436Z, XY319Z, XY420Z, XY439Z and XY027Z. S
1740		3	ALA KING departed for their ambush site; will move into area after dark. TM
1830		4	478th Army Av Co. reported their patrol of theirs which was approximately 350 meters North of their helipad, took one round of small arms fire from Da Sen. No action was taken on their part and the patrol returned to their perimeter. The Mart ine Liason NCO in Da Sen was contacted and asked to have the PF's investigate. S
1900		5	ALA KING setting in their ambush. TM
1910		6	ALA KING reports all set in. TM
2030		7	Received CG III MAF SECRET msg Z160532Z Feb69. S
0005		8	One white star cluster and one white illumination flare observed being fired from vicinity of Comm. sector of ridgeline. Called Comm. sector OD and asked to investigate, and report back. ST
0630		9	Set condition IV. S
0700		10	ALA KING PAPA (night ambush) departed ambush site for return to CP. TM
0700		11	Leg closed. S

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					M-map
					S-staff
					T-troops
					F-file
0700			1	Leg opened.	S
0735			2	Called NSDC and cleared XY394Z, XY430Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY432Z, XY436Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY439Z, XY027Z and XY428.	S
0840			3	Lt. KNAPP (1st MedBn S-3) reported ^{THAT} while a Marine helicopter was flying over Pageda at coordinates AT973756, small arms fire was heard and it appeared that the helicenter was being fired upon. Notified NSDC.	S
0900			4	RUDDER PAPA departed on patrol.	TM
1445			5	RUDDER PAPA returned from patrol. NEG results.	TM
1430			6	CommCo patrol (Day patrol & night ambush) departed.	TM
1800			7	Set condition III med. All units notified.	S
1920			8	Received daily activities overlays for 161600-171600 Feb69. Copy 9 of 19 CONF.	S
1930			9	RUDDER PAPA setting in ambush position.	
2000			10	NCOIC band line reports a truck on "A" line with two Marines; told them to leave the line and wouldn't. Called MP's.	S
2240			11	NCOIC of Alpha line reports that A-6 received a single small arms round at that position, from unknown location in front of line. Notified NSDC.	S
0630			12	Set condition IV.	S

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0700	Leg closed.		S
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					M-map
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					T-troops
					F-file
0700		1		Log opened.	S
0815		2		Called NSDC to preclear - XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY430Z, XY024Z, XY439Z, XY120Z, XY319Z, XY436Z, XY435Z and XY428.	S
0820		3		RUDDER PAPA returned from night ambush. NEGA- TIVE RESULTS.	TM
1120		4		RUDDER PAPA departed for patrol and night am- bush.	TM
1800		5		ROAD TEST PAPA departed for night ambush.	TM
1815		6		Set Condition III Modified - All units notified.	S
2000		7		RUDDER PAPA in ambush position.	TM
2020		8		NSDC set Condition III - All units notified. Reaction Company mustered.	S
2030		9		ROAD TEST PAPA in ambush position.	TM
2150		10		1st Med Bn reported receiving an estimated 8 rounds of carbine fire from vicinity AT 971759. Also observed red flare vicinity hamlet to north. Submitted Spot Report to NSDC. Directed NSDC to investigate at first light.	S
0630 1030		11		Set Condition IV.	S
0700		12		Log closed.	S

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			INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.
0700		1	Log opened. S
1100		2	COSSACK PAPA departed for patrol and night ambush. TM
1115		3	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY430Z, XY024Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY319Z, XY439Z, XY120Z and XY428. S
1705		4	NSDC reported that 1st Shore Party Battalion had reported that at 191400 in a period of about one hour, 30 Vietnamese moved in groups of two and three into tree lines vicinity of coordinates AT 982754. No activity in rice field surrounding 1st Shore Party Compound. For the past two days the rice fields have been full of Vietnamese Civilians. Sent out a patrol vicinity of the area and found a shrine and approximately 20 holes two feet square and two feet deep. NEGATIVE signs of personnel. These tree lines are off 1st Medical Heli pad. (Later report - stated that these holes were not recently dug). S
1840		5	Set Condition Modified III. All units notified. S
1900		6	Received call from COSSACK PAPA (1st Recon Bn daylight patrol/night ambush) requesting Medevac for patrol member with sprained ankle - Medevac refused. Will reevaluate on morning of 20 Feb. Directed patrol leader to carry out his assigned mission. S
1900		6	HEAD COLD PAPA departed on patrol. TM
1915		7	COSSACK PAPA set in their assigned positions (night ambush position). TM

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			M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
1922		8	HEAD COLD PAPA set in their assigned positions (night ambush position). S
2000		9	00D, 11thMTBn reported that at 1950, approximately 50 rounds of small arms fire came from coordinates AT 955764. 1 round hit bunker coordinates AT 949760. Reported to NSDC. PF patrol (RUDDER LIMA) directed to check area out. S
2110		10	11th MEBn notified of small arm fire heard from coordinates AT 955764. Several rounds were heard to pass overhead but it did not appear that the fire was directed at the 11th MTBn camp. S
2230		11	Notified by NSDC that 11th Marines Post #5 had observed 3 Marines and a girl, by starlight scope, at MP Company LP. Called MP Company duty officer to investigate. Submitted Spot Report to NSDC. Directed NSDC to investigate at first light. S
2235		12	MP duty officer stated that four Marines and two Vietnamese females were apprehended and four Marines were from MP Company. S
0630		13	Set Condition IV. S
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0700		1		INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.
0810		2		COSSACK PAPA returned from night ambush. NEGATIVE results.
0845		3		RUDDER PAPA departed on Patrol.
0930		4		Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY430Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z and XY428.
1230		5		RUDDER PAPA returned from patrol. NEG results.
1521		6		RUDDER PAPA departed for patrol and night ambush.
1813		7		ALA KING PAPA departed for night ambush.
2000		8		Received call from Shore Party Bn that an OP observed 3 red flares being fired from vicinity of AT975763. This was a pre-arranged signal for the hamlet chief to indicate that VC were in the hamlet. Notified NSDC and the Popular Force Liaison NCO in Da Son. Also notified 1stMedBn.
2305		9		1stMedBn reported observing and hearing a burst of automatic weapons fire which appeared to be approximately 400 meters to the North of their camp vicinity AT979759. Rounds appeared to be directed towards 4/7th Av Co. They did not observe or receive any fire. Notified NSDC.
0630		10		Set condition IV.
0650		11		ALA KING PAPA returned from night ambush. NEGATIVE results.

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			INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.	
0700		1	Log opened.	ACTION TAKEN M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0800		2	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY430Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z and XY428.	S
1130		3	Received call from NSDC stating that an estimated 125 Enemy had been observed vicinity AT940735 and clearance was requested to call in fire on them. Permission granted.	S
1135		4	Received call from Division COC C-2 Watch Officer reporting the above enemy sighting, as observed by an AO, on station.	S
1140		5	Passed word to muster the Subsector "B" Reaction Company and to man ridge line defenses.	S
1150		6	Received call from Division COC C-2 watch officer (Capt. Smith) that the enemy reported in 1130 entry had not been confirmed. At the present time the information is considered as a fairly reliable intelligence report, only. Attempts are being made to confirm the report at this time.	S
1210		7	MASS-2/MASS-3 DEFENSES MANNED.	S
1225		8	Reaction company all assembled.	S
1225		9	MASS-2 OP reported seeing 25 people dressed as farmers moving cattle out of valley vicinity AT055740. Notified 2/7 and NSDC.	S
1230		10	Entire defense line (ridgeline) manned.	S
1230		11	Received call from Major Steele (2/7) reporting information regarding enemy. He stated that	

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1230		11		information came from 3 sources: (1). A Hamlet Chief reported that between 150 and 400 enemy moved from vicinity of the Song Tuy Loc River to vicinity AT940735 at 0530 this A. M. (2) Some villagers in the area reported seeing the enemy moving up the side of the hill vicinity above coordinates at 0830 this AM. They also turned in a container of rice and a Chi Com grenade, allegedly dropped by one. (3) One of the S-2 scouts reported seeing an unusually large number of people in that grid this morning. S	
1330		12		Battalion CO directed the Subsector "B" Reaction company to conduct a search of the hillside south of the ridgeline defenses south of the Division CP.	S
1350		13		SS"B" Company Commander issued his FRAG ORDER to his platoon commanders. 1 platoon will block to south and west, while 2 platoons will sweep hillside from east to west.	TM
1420		14		Reaction Company departed assembly area for ridgeline.	TM
1555		15		Directed Reaction Company to move out in platoon column to search out hillside, rather than on line.	TM
1620		16		Reaction Company Commander commenced sweep with 2 platoons.	TM
1650		17		Crossed Phase Line RED.	TM
1720		18		Crossed Phase Line WHITE.	TM

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				INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.
1725		19		Passed word to Reaction Company to secure from sweep and commence return to top of ridgeline. TM
1750		20		Called NSDC and requested clearance for the following grids, from 1900 to 0630, for 60mm mortar illumination cannister impacts: AT 956742, AT 953742, AT 937752 & AT 946742 S
1805		21		ROAD TEST PAPA departed for night ambush. TM
1807		22		COSSACK PAPA departed for night ambush. TM
1850		23		Reaction Company arrived back at basketball court adjacent to CCC Bunker. Directed the company commander to secure the company and that chow was being held in Messhall #1. TS
1854		24		COSSACK PAPA setting in ambush position. TM
1900		25		NSDC cleared coordinates noted in 1750 entry. S
1915		26		Directed Security Platoon to register in 60mm mortar illumination, sometime between now and 2100, at all of the registration points noted in 1750 entry except at AT 953742. S
1950		27		ROAD TEST PAPA setting in ambush position. TM
2030		28		Security Platoon reported having completed the registration of the 60mm mortar illumination. T
2335		29		NSDC called and gave the following intelligence report they received from Division C-2: (1) An ARVN agent reported that the 2nd VC Battalion had move to coordinates AT 9277. Rated as E-3. (2) 2/7 PE Unit reported observing about 200

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2335		29	enemy at 2140 hrs at coordinates AT 997726. They were observed to be breaking up and running into the different villages. Also rated as F-3. S
0415		30	MASS-3 called and B-5 reported that he saw some small arms fire toward the ambush site vicinity coordinates AT 955779 at 0210. S. id ambush returned fire. Contacted COSSACK PAPA. They didn't receive any fire, or hear anything. NEGATIVE RESULTS. S
0615		31	Set Condition IV. S
0655		32	COSSACK PAPA (night ambush) departed ambush site for return to CP. S
0700		33	ROAD TEST PAPA (night ambush) departed ambush site for return to CP. TM
0700		34	Log closed. S
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			ACTION TAKEN M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0700		1	Log opened. S
0840		2	Called NSDC to preclear XY394Z, XY396Z, XY399Z, XY430Z, XY435Z, XY436Z, XY439Z, XY319Z, XY120Z, XY024Z and XY428. S
1250		3	NSDC called. Stated they received call from Div COC stating 150 VC have been spotted at grid square 9174. The report was passed to Div COC by PF's. S
1345		4	COC 26th Marines report that D 1/26 made con- tact with a large enemy force at coordinates 919830. Enemy will hold up, trying to put a corridor coordinate around them. S
1355		5	RUDDER PAPA departed for patrol and night ambush. TM
1625		6	NSDC reported that 1stSPBn reported that their perimeter wire had been cut at coordinates 987748. Also had seven engineer stakes removed. S
1730		7	NSDC reported that COC 1st Tank observed four Vietnamese moving in an Easterly direction to at coordinates 941734. Wearing green uniforms and carrying weapons. S
1751		8	Set condition III. All units notified. S
1830		9	Received call from NSDC to clear three grids - 941744 - 945739 - 942733. Cleared all but 941744. S
1835		10	Received two classified msgs. 1stMarDiv msg 220908Z Feb69 (S) and CG III MAF msg 220812Z Feb69 (C). S-3 has seen. S

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			INCIDENT, MSG'S, LIR'S ORDERS, ETC.
1901	11	NSDC called negative on preclear XY396Z, XY436Z.	S
1915	12	RUDDER PAPA reports position AT 953741. Terrain heavy with vegetation. Estimated time to reach ambush site 1945.	TM
1942	13	RUDDER PAPA at ambush site.	TM
2115	14	2/7 sent Reaction Squad to check area where they fired two 106 rounds (grid AT 932743)	S
2240	15	Received msg over radio from LUCKY LARK MORLE (NSDC) to HEAD COLD msg - North of camp hit by VC at BIG CITY check point. Notified PMO.	S
2241	16	Lt WISEMAN at C-8 reported fire fight in front of C-9 firing from ridgeline - two .50 caliber machine guns into valley-return fire from valley also .50 caliber approximately 75 rounds fired, lasted about 3 to 4 minutes, at grid AT 950733. Firing in front of position, possibly MP Bn. Notified NSDC and S-3. No Spot Report required - not in our TAOR.	S
0040	17	HEAD COLD reports ambush sprung. Possible three VC. Unconfirmed report.	S
0045	18	SEN received Lt KNAPP, 1stMedBn, observed action vicinity AT 968746, up on top of ridgeline. 3 rounds small arms, 1 M-79. Bunker #6 spotted 2 men downed AT 973758.	S
0045	19	Continuation of 0040 entry - Opened fire with small arms - NEGATIVE RESULTS.	S
0110	20	PLUTO CRAT-2 made contact with VC and was re-	

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0110	20		ceiving fire on bunker B-6 and B-8; returned fire with NEGATIVE RESULTS.	S
0110	21		CARSTAIRS received incoming rounds from unknown position and opened fire. NEGATIVE RESULTS.	S
0120	22		HEAD COLD PAPA stated that Alpha Line was receiving small arms fire.	S
0125	23		CARSTAIRS spotted three VC approximately 50 meters in front of bunker B-6 and E-7. Believe possible two VC KIA.	S
0125	24		RUDDER TANGO reported possible movement in front of A-10, didn't fire.	S
0125	25		PLUTOGRAT-2 receiving fire on ridgeline of MASS-2 and MASS-3 sector.	S
0130	26		"A" Line HEAD COLD PAPA spotted 3 VC near them at AT 955745 - fired at them with NEGATIVE RESULTS.	S
0130	27		B-7, 3 VC at AT 956743, were spotted - opened fire with unknown results.	S
0130	28		Comm Co (Hill 244) observed small arms fire and mortar fire vicinity of Dai La Pass.	S
0135	29		RUDDER PAPA night ambush moving from coordinates AT 949740 to AT 950740.	S
0145	30	Block	RUDDER PAPA moving to east end of island to route the possible withdraw route of the VC.	S

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0156	31	RUDDER PAPA was receiving fire from the east end of island, from the third MP area. Seems to be .50 cal.	S
0206	32	COO Watch Officer heard 3 rockets go off.	S
0210	33	RUDDER PAPA WIA received Small Arms fire from hootches on little island. Observed about 4 flashes.	S
0212	34	11th MTBn receiving rockets. MASS-3 reported.	S
0212	35	11th MTBn notified of rockets impacting near their area.	S
0212	36	RUDDER PAPA received fire from enemy located at coordinates AT 960735.	S
0216	37	26th Marines reported taking possible incoming mortar rounds in CP area.	S
0220	38	Sgt MASTA, 1stReconPn, passed on condition II.	S
0220	39	RUDDER YANKEE reported three WIA. Need ambulance.	S
0221	40	Lt TROUTMAN, 26th Marines, reported enemy in camp PURDUE, getting hit by satchel charges - Believed sappers inside area.	S
0223	41	Received msg from Dai La Pass - 3 MIA - 1 WIA - need ambulance.	S
0225	42	Lt KNAPP, 1st Hosp (1stMedBn) and Capt SHIRLEG in MASS-2 are now on condition II.	S
0225	43	Set Condition II - All units notified.	S

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0225		44	GySgt ANNESSEE, Security Platoon, reports they were hit by grenades in Dai La Pass. Grenades are coming in every few minutes - 3 MIA / 1 WIA.
			S
0245		45	RUDDER PAPA located at coordinate SAT 960735 at this time.
			S
0250		46	2nd Provisional Rifle Company dispatched to Dai La Pass.-
			S
0311		47	RUDDER PAPA believes a sniper in creek bed, fired M-79 rounds with unknown results.
			S
0314		48	2nd Provisional Rifle Company at Delta-12. 160 meters from objective Delta-14.
			S
0317		49	2nd Provisional Rifle Company moving out 50 meters from D-14. Receiving small arms. - Con- tinue to move to Dai La Pass.
			S
0320		50	RUDDER YANKEE 5 requested clearance to fire from D-11 to D-14. Clearance granted by RUDDER- 6.
			S
0322		51	2nd Provisional Rifle Company deployed 1 platoon up on high ground, both sides of Dai La Pass.
			S
0324		52	HEAD COLD PAPA taking casualties - Notified NSDC.
			S
0335		53	RUDDER "C" moving to position at D-9 and D-10. Notified RUDDER YANKEE-5.
			S
0336		54	HEAD COLD PAPA receiving mortar rounds from "A" Line.
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0337	55		RUDDER "C" receiving enemy automatic fire from D-13. S
0338	56		RUDDER "C" requested medical assistance. Notified 1stMedBn to provide ambulance to Dai La Pass. S
0345	57		RUDDER "C" requested more illumination at Dai La Pass. XY439Z / XY319Z. S
0348	58		RUDDER "C" requested more M-79 rounds. Rounds will be dispatched with ambulance. S
0352	59		RUDDER "C" reported WIA in Dai La Pass ammo bunker. S
0355	60		WHISKEY TWO received sniper fire at coordinates AT 942752. S
0400	61		Spot Report placed on Security Platoon - Sent spot report to NSDC. S
0402	62		Spot Report sent to NSDC on 26th Marines incident. S
0403	63		D-9 firing to the front. Observing enemy through starlight scope. Given clearance to fire. S
0425	64		MASS-3 request Med Evac. Ambulance on the way. S
0432	65		MASS-3 reports Mortar or RPG attack. No ground attack. S
0433	66		ASBAT-1 received 2 mortar rounds; B-1 taking small arms fire. S
0434	67		A-11 is receiving small arms fire or RPG rounds. S

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0136	68	RUDDER PAPA spotted RPG rounds and delivered M-79 rounds.	S
0137	69	Band sector has casualties.	S
0137	70	ASRAV "A" is surrounded by VC.	S
0142	71	RUDDER "C" wants arty mission 200 meters from friendly forces.	S
0145	72	RUDDER "C" is having contact with VC at D-13. Sending platoon up a hill.	S
0147	73	NVA flag flying at A-10 and getting fire at A-11.	S
0500	74	A-10 and A-11 have been taken over by VC, GySgt PENDERGRAFT receiving fire in MASS section.	S
0501	75	<u>RUDDER PAPA</u> Request fire mission at 900 mills - AT 960739.	S
0501	76	B-1 and B-2 receiving fire from A-11.	S
0509	77	Fire mission AT 960739 being fired.	S
0510	78	ARTY fire being fired on coordinates AT 960739.	S
0512	79	CARSTAIRS (MASS-3) short of ammo.	S
0513	80	RUDDER PAPA reported adjustment to arty mission - 100 left.	S
0514	81	Btry two on the way.	S
0515	82	Add 50 left, fire for effect; from RUDDER PAPA.	S
0517	83	RUDDER PAPA reports beautiful, right on target.	S

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0520		84		NSDC request clearance on illum cannister impact at coordinates AT 959743, AT 962738, and AT 955748. All cleared except AT 955749.	S	
0521		85		CARSTAIRS-5 reported friendlies at AZRAT working their way up ridgeline.	S	
0522		86		G-3 wants a report concerning what is going on.	S	
0523		87		A-11 has been overrun. Platoons working way to AZRAT and A-11. ^{from RUDDER A} Communication with Band are behind the NVA Fire from high ground and right flank.	S	
0525		88		RUDDER "C" has taken control of D-13 (stone bunker). Information given to NSDC.	S	
0525		89		Call 1stMedBn for extra ambulance to remove WIA.	S	
0530		90		A-10 and A-11 have been taken over by friendlies.	S	
0531		91		RUDDER "C" has observed 4 NVA in bunker D-14. He is proceeding to that area. They have taken casualties; request ambulance.	S	
0531		92		Rocket sighting at AT 935751 by RUDDER "C" 3 at his location (AT 940754) - has located rocket ^{sight} on other side of Dai La Pass.	S	
0535		93		RUDDER CHARLIE: understand you have taken D-13, and observing 4 enemy at D-14 and are receiving fire from same.	S	
0537		94		5 WIA at Dai La Pass, reported by RUDDER CHARLIE.	S	
0539		95		Request gunships fire down at ridgeline in front of "A" line. Cleared counter rocket at AT 935751	S	

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0540		96	Gunships getting ready to support fire forward of our defensive line.
			S
0540		97	Enemy is moving down from AT 960742.
			S
0543		98	Gunships are fighting too close to RUDDER "A" at A-11, AZRAT; VC moving off the line. Gunships pursuing enemy down in valley.
			S
0545		99	2nd Provisional Rifle Company. RUDDER "C", have taken stone bunker and Dai La Pass. 1 VC confirmed, 2 KIA (USMC) - 5 or 6 WIA. Need medical assistance. Need more ammunition, M-16 and M-60 and illum grenades.
			S
0547		100	RUDDER "C" evacuating wounded down the hill. Notify 26th Marines.
			S
0550		101	XY250 will be fired but need some who can adjust fire.
			S
0552		102	MASS-3 needs M-79 and M-16 ammo. Notified S-4.
			S
0555		103	RUDDER CHARLIE has spotted enemy troops moving down ridgeline, coordinates AT 962736. Called in fire mission.
			S
0600		104	Passed word to Duty Officer to have CWO2 HALE and MSGt BLACKMAN report to office (S-1). Notified all companies to set up casualty reporting within the company - take a check of people and report by 0800 to Bn S-1.
			S
0600		105	RUDDER ALPHA is on the prime side of the hill and gunship is doing a fine job; A-2 and A-3 were bad off; combined and made a strong force.
			S

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0700		1	Log opened.	ACTION TAKEN M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
0710		2	Received call from MP 5 that MP 6 has received information from village chief at Da Son that VC moved into village at 0530. All people left. to take NVA	S
0720		3	Received call from MP 5 that firing from PF unit; 4 or 5 people moving along road.	S
0735		4	Took 6 rounds from village unknown; no return fire - no casualties.	S
0740		5	A-11 reports 1 live VC in bunker.	S
0740		6	Da Son bridge; PF killed by VC.	S
0745		7	RUDDER ALPHA reports 1 POW (SEE 0740 ENTRY)	S
0808		8	Fire from Da Son and explosion 100 meters west of compound. Automatic weapons. PF's are all There; no radio contact with people. WIA	S
0815		9	26th Marines road block at 11th MTBn, 951760; One PF KIA; Grenades thrown at Marines.	S
0820		10	Capt DOBBS, 11th MTBn. Small arms fire and grenades in Da Son at grid 955765.	S
0825		11	NSDC grids; 105 canister illum, 956733; 81mm canister illum, 934768; 60mm illum, 938765, 935768, 933766, 933755, 935754. Illum impact grids - 1800 - 0600.	S
0830		12	Maj HOFFMAN, MASS-3 needs ammo, M14 included. Needs some people up there. Enemy approaching B and sector could have been more successful.	

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0830		12	from far side of Band sector A-1. It appeared enemy walked right into padies, crawled like lizards; bodies hard to spot. He wants to talk to RUDDER-6. S
0835		13	SA, 28th Marines, Lt Penn. 1st Motors wants more reaction; received. PF dead. S
0840		14	11thMTBn, Lt CROSS, receiving fire from O'Gas San old Khe San W and Naval gun fire 95676 ; running VC at 954768. S
0840		15	Lt NEWCOMB, MASS-2 reports 2 VC KIA. S
0845		16	1st Hospital reports as of 0730: 10 KIA. 60 WIA. S
0850		17	RUDDER PAPA requests trans. to CHARLIE PAPA. S
0900		18	Received rocket fire at 1st Motors, one hit. O'Gas San, 952766. S
0902		19	MASS-3 rockets hit at LZ467. S
0905		20	Bn Supply got hit, rockets; have one casualty; bringing him up to BAS. S
0905		21	AT956756, one man wounded from rockets. S
0905		22	Casualty taken to 1stMedBn. Casualty from 1stMedBn. S
0910		23	W. REYNOLDS, WIA X Col MARCH we will be on con- dition II. Set day and throughout the night. CO 1stMarDiv sends. S
0911		24	Frost Call passed to all units. S

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0920		25	RUDDER LIMA - 1 wounded VC in the line; able to fire. S
0925		26	RUDDER LIMA - wounded VC has hand grenade & two ARVN, said he will pull pin if PF advances. S
0930		27	ALPHA 3 - On sweep; found 3 VC bodies on fence. S
0930		28	RUDDER LIMA - Med Evac one ARVN. S
0931		29	2nd Provisional Rifle Company found, at 0830, cache of clothing, food, grenades and bag of powder - minimum blood tracks - Caves in area contain blood trails. Quite a few caught in a area. Captured supplies, Lt Deppendorf sends. halfway through area. S
0935		30	Send ambulance and jeep to get Med Evac, 1 PF. S
0945		31	26th Marines reported that about 35 to 40 enemy moving along road to the east at coordinate 953762. S
0945		32	RUDDER TANGO had movement in front of A1, 964740 - no confirmation. S
0946		33	had spotted two Vietnamese in the valley in front of B4 - B5 AT956741; moving around in rice patty. No identification as to who. S
0950		34	GySgt STRICKLAND reported that one rocket landed on ridgeline by Delta 5 bunker. No casualties. S
0950		35	35 to 40 VC moving in area 953762 - spotted by 26th Marines to the east at above coordinates. W formed in what his position has 1 NAA, 1 MR. S

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0950	36		Last rockets landed at D5, GySgt STRICKLAND. Nobody hurt. S
0951	37		PF Honcho wants to sweep Da Son; RUDDER LIMA to wait out. Honcho wants to go now. S
1000	38		Has VC between village and his position. S
1005	39		Talked to PF unit by use of interpreter to in- form him WIA come to back gate and Marines will cover area of Da Son. PF will move to back gate. Marines will sweep with PF's. S
1010	40		Party that went in to pick up two wounded ARVN were delivered 1stMedBn. Returned. S
1015	41		Security Flt wants ammo; request forwarded S-4. S
1019	42		RUDDER "C" completed sweep; troops getting on trucks to return. S
1020	43		RUDDER LIMA arrived at back gate; S-3 notified that vehicle will pick them up. ARVN still in position. Spotted 5 VC previous reports; people back of stream, PF on other side of stream. Received SA from AK47, carbines and grenades. Cpl Rager reports. S
1031	44		Army Helo pad spotted 3 Vietnamese 973762. Will keep under observation. S
1040	45		Spot casualty report to COC; 7 KIA, 15 WIA. 11th Motors, Lt CROSS, large fire fight at Khanh Son 950767, SA fire & auto fire. S
1050	46		NSDC basic intelligence; ARVN S-2, Danang special sector, informed III MAF, 40 VC in village.

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1050		46	Thon Khanh Son, grid A7 950765. S
1055		47	RUDDER CHARLIE, incoming rockets, no casualties. HEAD COLD; 2 rockets in CP. NEG results. S
1100		48	RUDDER TANGO; rocket sighting for A5, (963742), mils 460. Confirmed. S
1105		49	11thMTBn received 2 rockets, NEG casualties. S
1110		50	RUDDER "C", regular resupply, S-4 notified. S
1110		51	GySet STRICKLAND reported D-3 being fired on by unknown enemy force. 2/7 under attack. D-3 has enemy in sight & gave permission to fire D-3 (945745). S
1115		52	HQ 2 minor Cas result from rocket attack. One being HC5. (HC = HEAD COLD = 11TH MARINES) S
1115		53	NSDC reports OP Condor being hit. S
1120		54	NSDC reports OP Condor being hit. S
1122		55	Called Comm sector - OP Condor not being hit. S
1125		56	Requested 26th Marines check out OP Eagle incident. S
1150		57	1st Provisional Rifle Company departed COC bunker for Khanh Son to commence sweep. S
1155		58	Called Communication Company, Requested repair line to 26th Marines. S
1155		59	26th Marines called. OP Eagle killed one VC as he approached within 10 feet of their wire. S

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1155	59		They now are calling in air strikes on the area around their OP. They have one WIA. S
1203	60		RUDDER LIMA; back with PF's. PF's captured bags of rice and gear. S
1205	61		HC - reported corrected - 3 casualties as a result of last rocket attack, vice 2. DOBBS NOV 128. S
1208	62		RB - Point NOV fire fight 300 meters North of intersection, continued on mission. S
1210	63		RL - 8 confirmed VC KIA & one possible. NOV S
1223	64		RY11 - reported that they have 2 snipers by MP Pistol Range and are checking it out. S
1235	65		RB reported that the ARVN Rangers have cleared Da Son. S
1240	66		Capt DOBBS called and said they open about seven people crawling through the rice paddies at coordinates AT 950767. 11th MTBn opened fire but could not observe results. S
1240	67		RUDDER BRAVO-PF commander says that Da Son is clear and now is reporting to different posi- tion. and fire armor personnel various ass't S
1245	68		Security Platoon (Dai La Pass) saw two snipers between MP Range and their positions D-3 and D-4. Have sweep going to try and find sniper. S
1245	69		26th Marines reported that 2/7 is conducting a sweep along both sides of road from AT 938752 to AT 922752. S

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1400	70		Bn CO issued night defense FRAG ORDER and re-viewed day's events. Staff and Unit Commanders coordinated. S
1500	71		1st Prov Rfl Co completed sweep of Da Son. NEGATIVE results. Enroute back to Bn CP. S
1505	72		Intelligence report - 231310H - source: G-2 Item: captured document identifying the enemy flare codes is as follows: Red flare, area is hard to get into; Green flare, victory; White flare, withdraw; Green flare followed by White flare means reinforcements requested. Documents taken from an NVA KIA. S
1534	73		HqBn Rfl Co conducted a sweep. NEGATIVE contact. Sweep secured 1500. Uncovered 8 enemy bodies believed killed by PF's. S
1725	74		Security Plt CP area received 3 mortar rounds. Minor wounds, Col DAHL and Col VAN METER. S
1730	75		Received call from Col MARSH; Vietnamese leaving village; not in large numbers as of yet, from old KHANH SON. S
1735	76		Requested 11thMTBn to check this out. S
1742	77		Requested flare ship. Contacted Col MARSH. S
1745	78		11th MTBn reports Vietnamese leaving village. Not unusual in number. S
1755	79		RC - reports they need corpsman. S
1756	80		NSDC cleared grids for 60mm firing; AT 953743, AT 956743 and AT 961740. S

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1800		81	HC - dropped RL off, RL requested radio opera- tor.
			S
1800		82	Security Plt received sniper round from rear, PFC STAGGS, L. B. wounded in face. Ambulance at pass. Wounded Marine later died.
			S
1805		83	NSDC requested the following grids be cleared: HE at AT 927761 and illumination cannister im- pact AT 960736.
			S
1830		84	Received report from Capt DOBBS, 11thMTBn, that a rumor had been passed to him that the PF's were clearing KHANH SUN village in prepara- tion for a sweep. Reported to NSDC.
			S
1830		85	ALA KING PAPA set in.
			S
1900		86	11thMTBn spotted 6 Vietnamese in rice paddies at AT 962759.
			S
1900		87	Casualty report - 8 KIA - 22 WIA from HqBn (Total). S
1907		88	NSDC reports AT 937753 cleared.
			S
1910		89	26th Marines reports that village chief informed that 300 VC going up south slope of hill 282. (coordinates AT 925773). Notified NSDC.
			S
1940		90	11th MTBn LP's taking 16 fire while positioning. S
1945		91	11th MTBn LP returned fire, LP withdrawn, no casualties. Notified NSDC.
			S
2020		92	ALA KING PAPA moving to position.
			S
2030		93	11th MTBn observed 5 figures same location from

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2030		93	which fire received in 1945 entry. Fire delivered by 11th MTBn. Unable to determine results. S
2035		94	ALA KING PAPA set in position. S
2045		95	Comm Co observed snipers firing toward 26th Marines area. Reported to NSDC. S
2120		96	1 Plt of the 1st Prov Rfl Co sent to CG's mess area to reinforce against possible infiltration from 7th Engr ROCK CRUSHER area. 1 Plt from Reaction Co returned to Bn CP area. S
2125		97	G-2 source (S-2/2/7) reported at 231845H that Bourbon Team (PF) reports vicinity AT 932730 and AT 938731 civilians moved to Bourbon Team position and VC were holding some Vietnamese hostages. VC had 1 RPG launcher. S
2130		98	26th Marines announced intention to request artillery into ROCK CRUSHER area AT 945755. NSDC requested clearance to fire HE mission AT 945755. S-3 cleared it. S
2140		99	S-3 advised RUDDER CHARLIE of 2130 entry. S
2142		100	S-3 contacted 26th Marines and recommended Huey gunship for ROCK CRUSHER area. S
2145		101	Gunsmoke said they were receiving fire from Dai La Pass area. Col FAGAN contacted RUDDER CHARLIE. RUDDER CHARLIE is firing at PAGODA in the Pass. Will be careful. 26th Marines advised of same. S
2145		102	Col FAGAN asked NSDC status of fire mission at AT 945755 (Stone crusher). NSDC was not

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2145		102	INCIDENT, MSG'S, LTR'S ORDERS, ETC.
			knowledgeable of incident. Col FACAN emphasized urgency. S
2147		103	S-3 advised by B-6 (Capt GRAUERT - 1st Prov) that troops are in position and ready. S
2153		104	NSDC advised that fire mission AT 945755 cannot be fired. All batteries would have to fire over hill mass with friendly troops. Col FACAN advised that we would turn our 60mm mortars around and fire the mission. S
2154		105	S-3 contacted Security Plt and briefed them on 60mm mortar mission AT 945755. S
2157		106	S-3 reported to NSDC that cannisters were falling at AT 953752 (billetting). S
2200		107	26th Marines advised that fire mission AT 945755 had been fired by artillery. S
2201		108	RUDDER LIMA was informed that movement was seen by 26th Marines at AT 951760. S-3 requested verification of location. RUDDER LIMA is not at coordinates given. No other friendlies in area. S
2203		109	RUDDER LIMA reported fire fight going on over their head. S-3 contacted RUDDER ZULU (ServCo). S
2215		110	MASS-2 reported injury from illumination cannister AT 953748. S
2215		111	Gate #2 reported receiving fire from Da Son (Motor Pool direction). S
2217		112	Col FACAN sent one Plt of Reaction Co to Serv Co Sector. Serv Co under heavy fire from AT 954763. S

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2220	113	Motor pool reported that illum should be farther out. S-3 reported to NSDC that fire coming from AT 953762. S-3 requested that illum be moved to AT 953763.	S
2223	114	S-3 alerted reserve company from ReconBn. Asked them to wait in Recon area.	A
2225	115	Mortar team at Dai La Pass reported to Col FAGAN that they were ready to fire mission AT 945755.	S
2227	116	11th MTBn reported receiving fire from all directions.	S
2230	117	S-3 called 11th MTBn - requested up-date. AT 952763 is main source of fire.	S
2233	118	Col FAGAN cleared fire mission AT 945755 for 69mm mortar.	S
2234	119	S-3 requested illum, from NSDC, for coordinates AT 953763, AT 941760, AT 943767.	S
2239	120	Recon reported with one company. Briefed by Col FAGAN as to situation.	S
2245	121	Col FAGAN cleared AT 955737 for illum.	S
2247	122	Gate #2 reported more fire from village.	S
2248	123	Capt KAVENEY reported that plt dispatched to Serv Co is in place.	S
2250	124	11th Marines relayed info from CARSTAIRS of heavy fire fight at AT 952756.	S

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2250		125	NSDC advised that light ship is available for illumination. EW ridgeline 77 drops flares NS ridgeline 93 to NS ridgeline 97.
			S
2255		126	Drop flares 9377 EW to 9777.
			S
2258		127	RUDDER CHARLIE advised by S-3 that Gunsmoke has reported still receiving fire from Dai La Pass area.
			S
2300		128	NSDC called to pre-clear illum cannister impact at AT 930768, AT 934775. S-3 cleared for cannisters. WAAA
			S
2300		129	Col FAGAN called ServCo for update of situation. Reported quiet at present time.
			S
2305		130	26th Marines reported that they are receiving some fire that is being aimed at Da Son. Advised them that it is not from us.
			S
2309		131	Col FAGAN called RUDDER CHARLIE (2nd Prov). Asked for situation update. Still firing at PAEOADA. Have ceased .50 caliber at request of 26th Marines. Will continue small arms.
			S
2310		132	CARSTAIRS advised that illumination has not started as yet at ridgeline 77. On another mission at present.
			S
2315		133	Accidental discharge of Fugasse reported by 2nd Prov RL Co.
			S
2316		134	Col FAGAN called MASS-3 for update. Reported quiet. Col FAGAN advised that he suspected diversion from Dai La Pass area; be alert for attack from Alpha Line.
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2318	135		Col FAGAN called Band Line. Unable to make immediate radio contact. S
2320	136		11th Marines reported receiving small arms fire from AT 955761. Returned fire. S
2320	137		Capt GRAUERT reported receiving some fire. S
2323	138		Col FAGAN reached Band Line. Band reports that line down part time. Area quiet. Col FAGAN advised band to be alert for attack. S
2325	139		RUDDER CHARLIE (2nd Prov) reported one KIA. Marine apparently stood up near wire and was shot by sniper. KIA is Cpl WATKINS. Col FAGAN directed them to exercise fire discipline (have a target). S
2335	140		NSDC requested illum clearance for AT 948748 - NEGATIVE. S
2335	141		S-3 called MASS-2 CP area - they reported no sightings. S
2340	142		S-3 requested status of 60mm mortar firing. S-3 directed Security Plt to fire 10-12 rounds from each tube every hour. S
2340	143		MASS-2 reported enemy between MASS-2 CP area and Hill 244. Comm Co advised. (AT 950748) NSDC notified of same. S
2345	144		XY396Z requested by Band for illum. S-3 requested from NSDC. S
0010	145		S-3 requested illum at following registrations: XY392 and XY319Z. Will be fired. S

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0013		146	Gate #2 reported receiving more small arms fire. S
0015		147	Reaction Company Plt attached to Serv Co. Asked if they should displace as it is quiet - advised by CWO HALE to remain in place. S
0020		148	Capt DORRIS, 11th MTBn, reported 8 enemy approaching wire at AT 946766. Fired small arms fire and auto weapons fire with NEGATIVE RESULTS. S
0020		149	11th Marines received 1 minor casualty from small arms. S
0023		150	Gate #2 reported spotting 10-15 enemy. Opened fire - Unknown results. S
0025		151	RT (Band) reported loss of power on A-Line. Request for illum. S
0026		152	Called NSDC for the following illum: XY399Z, XY396Z and XY394Z. S
0027		153	A-Line reports power has been restored. Notified NSDC to fire only 3 rounds each on illum. S
0030		154	RC reports having enemy in sight. Mortar registration available. S
0035		155	Security Plt observed several enemy at AT 938753. 60mm mortar fire was delivered. Also additional artillery illumination was requested. S
0045		156	RC requested XY325 be fired - have 6 VC in the open. S
0045		157	Called NSDC. Requested XY325 be fired. S

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0105	158		11th Marines spotted 3 or 4 unidentified men behind Career Planning Hut and concession building. Received fire from this area. Called Service Co and Lt FRYHOVER checked out with NEGATIVE RESULTS. S
0135	159		2 suspected VC bottom of range (pistol) wearing camouflaged utilities, picked up by search light and illum. Fired small arms and M-79. Results unknown. NSDC notified. S
0200	160		Security Platoon spotted 5 enemy at the PAGODA in Dai La Pass. Brought under small fire imme- diately and 60mm - results unknown. S
0230	161		MASS-3 reported observing 2 enemy in front of line vicinity AT 958743. Opened fire on enemy. RESULTS UNKNOWN. S
0235	162		Fired on 3 men approaching north to south. 11th MTBn reported this and a possibility of 1 KIA and 1 wounded. Notified NSDC. S
0245	163		Lt KNAPP (1stMedBn) reported receiving 5 rounds of carbine from vicinity of AT 981758 (PAGODA). No friendly casualties. Return fire with small arms. RESULTS UNKNOWN - Notified NSDC. S
0330	164		RC requested "ARTY" illum at AT 935755. Re- quested illum from NSDC. S
0350	165		MASS-3 reported having one enemy in wire and are distributing fire between B-1 and B-2 vicinity AT 957743. Notified NSDC of same. S
0355	166		Called NSDC for following illum - XY439Z and XY319Z. S

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0415	167	Called NSDC to secure illumination.	S
0425	168	Lt Col GORSKI called - stated an MP was shot in the throat at Gate #2. Sent him to 1stMedBn for treatment. Notified NSDC. Another MP received minor wounds while helping the above casualty to the vehicle.	S
0450	169	Security Plt opened fire with 60mm mortars on PAGODA vicinity of Dai La Pass.	S
0545	170	MASS-2 reported cannister falling on their ridgeline position. S-3 informed NSDC.	S
0550	171	11th MTBn receiving fire from KHANH SON.	S
0552	172	CO, 1stMt advised that he was receiving fire from Serv Co area. Advised Serv Co of same.	S
0615	173	KHANH SON reported burning.	S
0635	174	NSDC verified that Vietnamese employees would not be allowed on base.	S
0700	175	Log closed.	S
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			ACTION <u>TAKEN</u> M-map S-staff T-troops F-file	
0700		1	Log opened.	S
0715		2	Received call from S-3 of 26th Marines stating they would be conducting patrols around their perimeter and into the Hamlet vicinity of AT 953762.	S
0730		3	26th Marines are going to make a sweep of their area.	S
0735		4	Comm Co reports 1 USMC KIA. Unidentified as yet.	S
0815		5	11th Marines sending a six man patrol out to check the brush line about 50 meters along their perimeter. Seen movement in this area last night.	S
0935		6	Maj HUFFMAN reports that his patrol was being fired on and were returning same.	S
1030		7	MASS-2 bunker B-8 sighted some movement in front of their position. No action taken. Notified NSDC.	S
1040		8	MASS-2 bunker B-8 spotted three Vietnamese 300 meters forward of their position in rice paddies. Notified NSDC.	S
1041		9	RUDDER CHARLIE in position and starting his sweep.	S
1100		10	RUDDER CHARLIE reported that they found a mine. Blew it in place and is continuing his sweep.	S
1103		11	MASS-2 reported 2 VC found in front of their position, ran to communication sector into brush.	
			Fired with NEGATIVE RESULTS.	

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			ACTION TAKEN M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
1104		12	Col MACHER called from officers billet and said that he and one other Marine had been shot at from ridgeline above officers billet. Called, Band Sector, MASS-2, MASS-3 and Communication Sector to be on a good alert for sniper. Notified NSDC. S
1215		13	HqEn MT blew their siren by mistake. Plane was dropping bombs in 2/7 TOR and they thought it was incoming. S
1225		14	RUDDER CHARLIE-1 is now in his blocking position. S
1450		15	A-10 vicinity AT 959743 reported finding 2 NVA bodies and chicom grenades. Notified NSDC with Spot Report. S
1655		16	COSSACK GOLF - ready to roll. S
1730		17	GySgt STRICKLAND is ^{REGISTERING} registering in his 60mm mortar. S
1735		18	Lt MADDEN, Security Platoon, reports that D-3 took about ten snipers rounds from coordinates 948748. No action taken, but added security. Notified NSDC. S
1740		19	NSDC requested the following grid cleared (936729) for HE. VC in open. S
1750		20	Called NSDC to pre-clear XY439Z, XY319Z, XY435Z, XY434Z, XY432Z, XY397Z, XY394Z and XY428, XY325. Also the following coordinate for 60mm motar HE. 937752, 946742, 952742, 956742 and 961742. S

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1815		21	GySgt STRICKLAND has completed his H & I fires registration.	ACTION TAKEN M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
1830		22	OP Condor observed about a dozen VC and more coming at above coordinate, AZ3760, Range 1200 meters. Arty to fire. Notified NSDC.	S
1920		23	Maj CLARK, 26th Marines request clear 60mm 943755. Clearance given.	S
1930		24	Maj CLARK, 26th Marines, reported 20-30 VC moving east toward Dai La Pass, west of mountains - no coordinates. Spot report filed.	S
1931		25	Followup to above entry. At grid 937751 mission given to HqBn 60mm mortars to fire 12 rounds at above coordinates. NSDC notified.	S
0944		26	RUDDER LIMA reports PF unit moving because their intelligence states attack imminent. Will move to new position and will keep posted.	S
2000		27	Cpl COSTA, red popup flare on Northern side of village 953762. Spot report made.	S
2000		28	Request a flare ship to make a run from grid 9276 to 9573.	S
2005		29	Received two msgs from NSDC.	S
2019		30	RUDDER "C" reports movement by Pagoda at 935751.	S
2035		31	RUDDER "C" (2nd Provisional Rifle Co)-OP Eagle received one incoming round on top at grid 932760. Received one HE round. Notified NSDC.	S

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2130	32		Bravo-5, two figures spotted in front of his position at about coordinate AT 956744. Delivered small arms fire. Results unknown. Notified NSDC. S
2220	33		Bravo-9 receiving small arms fire from approximately 12 VC in front of their wire at coordinates AT 953745 and AT 953744. Requested a spooky gun ship. Notified NSDC. S
2250	34		Spooky completed his mission - Results unknown. S
0205	35		MASS-2/MASS-3 spotted possibility of VC moving south of B-1 at AT 945740. Possibility that the VC is a sniper. S
0250	36		3 enemy delivered fire on friendly position from inside of 1st wire in front of MASS-2 Sector, vicinity AT 955745 - as reported by MASS-2. Returned fire with small arms, auto weapons, 60mm mortar and M-79 - requested flare ship and arty illum. Results unknown. Notified NSDC. S
0310	37		RUDDER CHARLIE at Dai La Pass spotted 2 snipers in PAGODA at AT 942755. Requested illum. Notified NSDC. S
0330	38		A-11 at AT 958745 reported spotting 1 enemy at AT 957744. Delivered fire with M-16 and M-79 - Enemy fell - Notified NSDC. S
0357	39		RUDDER TANGO spotted movement at AT 960742. Delivered fire with M-79's - SPOOKY is working the area over. S
0406	40		11th MTBn spotted 2 snipers at AT 944762. Fired M-79 with NEGATIVE RESULTS. S

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0700	1		Log opened.	S
0700	2		NSDC called to clear 60mm illum for 1800-0700. 929775, 928771, 938769, 935768, 933766, 933755, 935754.	S
0700	3		Dai La Pass, receiving fire from 26th Marines. 50 Caliber.	S
0735	4		Called Security Platoon, NEGATIVE casualties.	S
0737	5		Called Communication, NEGATIVE casualties.	S
0750	6		RUDDER TANGO called for EOD team; found Chi Com grenade.	S
0752	7		RUDDER ALPHA departed through wire to com- mence sweep.	S
0805	8		NSDC called and wanted to know if Subsector "B" had any POW's in the last 24 hours.	S
0810	9		RUDDER CHARLIE moving out using back road.	S
0833	10		RUDDER ALPHA spotted 1 VC running through rice patties. Firing M14 at him.	S
0845	11		One enemy VC running across rice paddies at coordinate 952734, fired small arms fire. Results unknown. Notified NSDC.	S
0903	12		3 VC running south east, seem to be heading their way into trees. Opened fire with 50 caliber, results unknown. Notified NSDC.	S
0931	13		NSDC requested clearance of grid 952734. Spotted 3 VC in open. Clearance granted.	S

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1035		14	11th Motor Transportation Battalion completed their sweep with NEGATIVE results.	ACTION TAKEN M-map S-staff T-troops F-file
1105		15	RUDDER CHARLIE found what they thought were two grenade booby traps. They took a closer check and it turned out they were not. Looks like it may have been a mortar site.	S
1215		16	Set condition III until 1800, at which time we will go back into Condition II. Units notified.	S
1320		17	RUDDER ALPHA found a 105mm round between A-11 and B-9. They will blow it in approximately 30 minutes.	S
1345		18	Called NSDC to request for arty illumination registration at AT942755. NSDC said they will be notified from FDC when illum can be set up and will notify us as soon as possible.	S
1615		19	LtCol MARCH, NSDC, reported that an AO from 11th Marines reported sighting numerous enemy about 3,000 meters West of Da La Pass area.	S
1620		20	Subsector "B" Reaction Company is returning to the top of the hill from YARD assigned area.	S
1650		21	5 ton truck going through Da Son at above coordinates and received small arms rounds from village. Sustained two flat tires and no injuries. Driver drove through area to CP. Notified NSDC.	S
1815		22	NSDC from Div CCC, 2/7 has contact with large enemy force of approximately 100 NVA or VC. Known to have 2 machine guns at coordinates 905753 to 923718.	S

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1825		23		NSDC called to clear 945726 for HE as soon as possible. Cleared.	S
1830		24		Cpl RAGER took the liaison NCO down to PF compound. The Marine was from MP Company. The PF's had a suspect VC. They are holding until we arrive.	S
1835		25		A lt from MP Company which followed us down, said to take him to 1st ITT.	S
1840		26		Cpl RAGER took the suspect to 1st ITT and left him there.	S
1850		27		2nd Provisional Rifle Company reported 26th Marines fired 50 caliber at our position.	S
1910		28		1st Recon Battalion called and reported that 26th Marines was being hit by VC. They are coming across paddies.	S
1911		29		26th Marines received two gun flashes between themselves and 2nd Provisional Rifle Company. They will set grid coordinates as soon as possible.	S
1920		30		Div COC Watch Officer called and reported that 11th Marines spotted movement at grid coordinates 948728. Estimated 150 VC.	S
1930		31		11th Motors switched Reaction Squad. New personnel at HqBn.	S
2025		32		HqBn liaison is set up between check point 30 and 41 at road block.	S

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2039	33	HQBn liason is now trying to get COC bunker. NEGATIVE results.	S
2041	34	Reaction Company reported that canister falling on their position and flares are starting to hit huts before going out.	S
2047	35	Priority - Village Chief from Hoa Van re- ported that his people are leaving because VC have have moved into that area. HOA VAN	S
2045	36	S-3 of 26th Marines reported that they will sweep the low ground between their camp and the ridgeline from vicinity of AT952750 to AT945758, commencing at 0700 tomorrow morning. They recommended that our elements at Dai La observe forward of their sweeping elements, from the high ground. After 26th Marines has completed sweeping out to Route 542, they will secure and then elements of the 2nd Provisional Rifle Company are to sweep down the northeast slope of the ridgeline at AT943747.	S
2110	37	End line receiving Vietnamese language on walky talky all VC Hamlet Ham . They can still talk over them.	S
2130	38	Two 11th MTBn tractors received .50 caliber machine gun fire at AT956763 from vicinity of AT955763. This is the Hamlet of Khanh Son, from which the Hamlet Chief had earlier re- ported that the villagers were leaving because VC were moving in. Trucks returned to 11th MTBn. No damage to trucks. No casualties.	S
2140	39	HQBn liason reports enemy movement, vicinity 956764, towards Gate #2, vicinity 957762.	

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2140	39	Notified 11th Marines and Gate #2 and NSDC of same.	S
2215	40	11th MTBn perimeter OP observed a green star cluster followed by a white star cluster vicinity AT 958765. This is same location where enemy were reported to be. This signal means, in the VC PYROTECHNIC CODE, send up reinforcements. Notified all units in the vicinity of the sighting. Called NSDC and requested artillery be registered.	S
2225	41	Received intelligence report from NSDC (C-2 passed on info) - Document translation reveals the following: Flare Codes used by VC & NVA: RED - In Trouble BLUE/WHITE - Request mortars for support.	S
2240	42	S-3 requested arty illum of AT 955767.	S
2320	43	Illum requested in 2240 entry was right on target from 26th Marines. The registration number is UX1623Z for on-call all night.	S
2325	44	Received following report from NSDC: "From Danang Special Sector" - One enemy platoon is located at each of the following coordinates: AT 950765 and AT 960765. The Danang Special Sector will have troops sweep each of these locations, from east to west, commencing at 0600 on the morning of 26 February 1969. Notified units concerned: 11th Marines, S-3 Co, 11th MTBn and 26th Marines.	S
2345	45	Lt CROSS, 11th MTBn, reported Scout Sniper Team spotted 1 enemy vicinity 100 meters in front of AT 944766. Fired at enemy, which fell. Notified NSDC.	S

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2358	46		B-6 reported that they spotted 5-7 VC in a ravine in front of their position about 200 meters. Fired on them and movement ceased. Notified NSDC. Request for illum XY432Z. S
0020	47		Received the following from NSDC - "1st Tanks will conduct a sweep operation, commencing at 260630, from AT 944721 to AT 953733". S
0127	48		MASS-3 (B-6) reported spotting 2 VC's in front of them moving east - Opened fire - movement ceased - 60mm mortar fired in the draw in front of B-6 - Notified NSDC of same. S
0153	49		B-6 Sector was unable to spot rocket site, but MASS-3 spotted it at grid square AT 9570. Notified NSDC. S
0300	50		Called NSDC requesting XY432Z be fired for 10 minutes, one round per minute, to illuminate MASS-3 Sector. S
0330	51		Called NSDC requesting UX1623Z be fired. S
0345	52		MASS-3 reported they were receiving several grenades at AT 955746 (B-5) - Returning fire with small arms, auto weapons and M-79s. Called NSDC requesting illumination at XY432Z. Have flarestrip and smoke requested for. S
0350	53		MASS-3 Sector of ridgeline received two incoming grenades. Also observed 2 muzzle flashes immediately. Observed one or two enemy with drawing down side of hill and fired M-79 at them and observed one enemy fall. Fired M-79 and small arms fire. Also fired 60mm mortar on egress routes. One enemy KIA probable. S

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0700		1	Log opened. S
0700		2	Set condition III. All units notified. S
0700		3	26th Marines is conducting a sweep in coordinates 949751 to 944757 and 954764. S
0740		4	Vietnamese Popular Forces are conducting a sweep of Khanh Son & Da Son. S
0810		5	2nd Provisional Rifle Company is conducting a sweep in coordinates 942754, right side of road to 953748. S
0830		6	26th Marines completed their sweep. NEGATIVE results. S
0855		7	2nd Provisional Rifle Company has completed his sweep with NEGATIVE results. S
0910		8	Hill 244 reported that Bravo-6 & 7 received four rounds sniper fire at above coordinates. No action taken. S
0930		9	NSDC called and stated that OP Condor went forward of Defensive wire about 300 meters at coordinates 948738 and found a tunnel complex. Called G-3 for assist from 1st Engr Bn. S
0935		10	MASS-3 reported approximately 10 VC running north at ^{approx} coordinate A friendly sweep is pushing the VC. S
0950		11	11th Motor Transport Battalion conducting a sweep of their outer defensive area and right side of road out to Dai La Pass and back. S

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1010		12	Checked with OP Condor and found out they did not go forward of wire, but observed it through a scope. Now they don't know what it is. (SEE 0130 ENTRY)	S
1140		13	OP Condor had an Air Observer fly over the coordinates of 948738 and it turned out to be a big gray rock. Sending out patrol to check out same. (SEE 0730 ENTRY)	S
1522		14	MASS-3 reported while they were conducting a sweep of their area at 1000 this morning, they uncovered one enemy body vicinity AT 951743 - this was not previously reported. Notified NSDC of same.	S
1800		15	Set condition II.	S
1835		16	NSDC called and stated that 1st Shore Party Battalion observed 12 men on the side of hill at coordinates 976746. He requested that 1st Shore Party Battalion not intercept them.	S
1850		17	NSDC called and said that 1st Shore Party Battalion patrol had returned and the 12 men were on a patrol from 1st Medical Battalion.	S
1855		18	1st Medical Battalion patrol returned to their CP with NEGATIVE results.	S
1925		19	1st Medical Battalion called and said they had coordinated with 1st Shore Party Battalion on their patrol and with Headquarters Bn S-3. 1st Shore Party Battalion didn't pass the word.	S
2050		20	26th Marines captured one NVA inside their camp. On the spot interrogation reveals he is from the 31st Regiment and has been in	

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					F-file	
2050		21		hiding in the camp since Sunday. Interrogation continues. Notified NSDC.	S	
2100		22		HqBn Security Platoon at Dai La Pass received one incoming mortar round, vicinity AT940753, resulting in superficial wounds to 3 Marines and hearing loss to another. Tube flash observed vicinity of AT935752. 60mm mortar fire was returned on suspected enemy mortar site, vicinity AT935752. Notified NSDC.	S	
2110		23		26th Marines reported observing estimated 10 enemy, vicinity of Pagoda. Vicinity AT942754. Delivering 60mm mortar fire on enemy. Notified NSDC.	S	
2115		24		Called NSDC and requested illumination fires on XY319Z and XY124Z. 10 rounds on each. XY319Z was cleared and XY124Z was not cleared.	S	
2140		25		Observed 4 or 5 muzzle flashes at above coordinates. 60mm mortar fire delivered by HqBn Mortar Section. On target. Results unknown. Notified NSDC.	S	
0120		26		NSDC reported observing a GREEN flare followed by a WHITE flare in the vicinity of Da Son.	S	
2100		27		1 NVA found with explosives and miscellaneous gear in vicinity of 26th Marines Command Post. Wearing tan shorts and shirt. Coordinates AT949756. Turned over to ITT. PW states he is a member of 31st Regiment. Reported to CCC at 0705, 27 Feb 69. Notified NSDC.	S	

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0700	1		Log opened. S
0700	2		Set Condition III. All units notified. S
0700	3		Indigenous personnel returned to work. S
0730	4		Lt MADDEN, Sec Plt, reported that it was a grenade last night instead of a mortar round. so it blew up from under tent floor. (see 262100 ENRY) S
0745	5		1st Provisional Rifle Company has started a sweep in the vicinity of Dai La Pass ridgeline down both sides of pass to base and about 250 meters out. S
0850	6		Cpl YOUNG, from band, reported in about the damage done to the wire in front of Band Line. There were two big holes between A-9 and A-10, one large hole in front of A-11 and three small holes between A-9 and A-11. S
0850	7		Reaction Platoon conducting a sweep forward of Bravo Defensive wire. S
0925	8		MASS-3 reported finding a 60mm mortar dud. Called EOD. S
0930	9		ROAD TEST PAPA departed on patrol. TM
1000	10		HqCo, 26th Marines reported that platoon swept area, coordinate AT 940755, and found 1 POW, who later died of wounds. Found blood trails. Notified NSDC. Captured 1 AK47, 8 chicomis and 2 cartridge belts. S
1115	11		Lt MADDEN, Sec Plt, found a body located in gully AT 940754. Looks like its been there since the first night. Had shorts and Tee shirt on. S

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1314		12	ROAD TEST PAPA returned from patrol. NEGATIVE RESULTS. TM
1313		13	ALA KING PAPA returned from patrol. NEGATIVE RESULTS. TM
1800		14	Set condition II and unless otherwise notified, set condition III at 0630, 28 Feb 1969. All units notified. S
1954		15	1 Muzz AE Flash, coordinates 953742. metallic scrapping sound. No movement detected. Coordinate of friendly at time was 954745. Recon by fire. No movement detected. No fire returned. Negative results. Notified NSDC. S
2005		16	LCpl CHACON, R. C. 2390019 - Wire Platoon, 2nd Provisional Rifle Company, 1st Platoon, 2nd Squad, suffered fractured ankle. He is now being treated by a corpsman and is in good condition. Said that he will be moved if necessary. S
2005		17	LP received small arms fire from unknown size enemy. PPS-6 picked up movement. Six enemy. Withdrew LP and fired M79 and small arms on move- ment. Will sweep in morning. Notified NSDC. S
2324		18	MASS-3 reported spotting one enemy vicinity AT 953742 - Opened fire with NEGATIVE RESULTS - Notified NSDC. S
2345		19	Hq. 26th Marines, reported PPS-6 detected enemy movement vicinity AT 943755 - possibly 10 enemy - Fired 60mm mission - will sweep area in the morning. S

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1225	20	Hq, 26th Marines, reported PPS-6 picked up movement of approximately 4-5 enemy vicinity AT 946754. Fired 60mm mission - will sweep area in the morning. Notified NSDC.		S
0120	21	MASS-3 reported sighting of 2 enemy vicinity AT 951741 with starlight scope - Delivered fire with M-79, small arms and auto weapons - NEGA- TIVE RESULTS - Notified NSDC.		S
0220	22	Hq, 26th Marines, reported PPS-6 picked up 3-4 enemy movement vicinity AT 945674. - delivered fire with small arms, auto weapons, M-79 - Notified NSDC.		S
0305	23	Hq, 26th Marines, reported observing one enemy with starlight scope - fired 2 rounds small arm and observed enemy fall - Notified NSDC.		S
0630	24	Band line received small arms fire from left front of Alpha-10 and hit the front sight of M60 machine gun. The sight was knocked off. Removed gun. No action. No results. Notified NSDC.		S
0700	25	Log closed.		S
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ACTION TAKEN	M-map	S-staff	T-troops	
F-file				
0700		1	Log opened.	S
0715		2	Commenced helicopter lift of Subsector "B" Reaction Company and 2nd Provisional Rifle Company to assigned LZ's, preparatory to conducting detailed search of eastern slope of high ground between Dai La Pass and Engineer Pass.	S
0805		3	Helicopter lift completed (see 0715 entry). Subsector "B" Reaction Company and 2nd Provisional Rifle Company commence to tie-in and deploy along crest of the ridgeline, preparatory to commencing sweep.	S
0810		4	Reconnaissance Battalion, Provisional Rifle Company commenced sweep of southern slope of high ground behind the Division CP.	S
0820		5	HqCo, 26th Marines, coordinates 949755, conducted an internal and external sweep of area with NEGATIVE results. Notified NSDC.	S
1045		6	Recon, 1st Platoon 11462200 , reported that they had spotted numerous trails vicinity AT 965741, AT 962738, and AT 961737. Notified NSDC.	S
1230		7	Company sweep discovered 30/105mm dud rounds vicinity AT 957738. It appeared that the rounds were in the process of being gathered up for removal from the area. Blown in place - Notified NSDC.	S
1330		8	Received Call from S-3 of 2/7, reporting that one of their S-2 scouts had a force of approximately 15-20 VC under observation, vicinity AT 935735, moving east. They were armed with	

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1330		8	M16's, AK47's, M79's and B-40's. Notified NSDC and the Communication Company and Security Platoon sectors of the ridgeline. S
1500		9	Subsector "B" Reaction Company and 2nd Provisional Rifle Company concluded sweep operation: Results as follows: 6 Chicom grenades, 2 containers of C-4 explosives, numerous battle dressing containers. What appeared to be a sniper's lair was uncovered, vicinity AT942765, with a fighting hole and a woven mat in same area, as well as human feces. There were numerous trails along the hillside, including several fresh ones, one of which was marked by notches on trees. S
1630		10	Reconnaissance Battalion Provisional Rifle Company concluded a sweep of the southern slope of the ridgeline south of the Division CP. Numerous trails were discovered, some of which bore recent foot prints and blood stains, as well as trail markers. In the vicinity of AT955737, approximately 30 rounds of 105mm artillery were found and blown in place (mixed HE, WP and illumination). Many of the rounds had been moved to the location where found and several had had the powder removed from them. The patrol was unable to destroy several of the rounds due to a lack of demolitions and another patrol will be sent out on 1 March to complete destruction of the remaining dud rounds. S
1852		11	Band Line, vicinity 959742. Capt CHANDLER was moving his people in to place along line. They spotted movement in bush, vicinity 959742. Capt CHANDLER gave permission to fire. Two men fired 2 rounds of SA fire and 2 M79 rounds.

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1852	11	Negative results. At same time Mess Hall #1 received 2 rounds of SA fire. No one hurt.	S
2215	12	2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, spotted 2 groups of people containing 5 in each group, moving toward Dai La Pass. Vicinity of enemy at 932751. Notified Dai La Pass.	S
2225	13	Received a call from LtCol WILSON, CO of 1stMTBn, reporting that an interpreter of his had gone into the hamlet, vicinity of AT952761, today and questioned the people concerning some movement observed there last night. The people told the interpreter that several VC had been in the hamlet last night and passed out pamphlets to the people. The interpreter failed to get a copy of the pamphlet but will return tomorrow to try to get one.	S
2230	14	Received call from LtCol MARSH, NSDC, that XY428 would be fired as H & I throughout the night and that it would not be necessary for us to have an observer come up on the artillery conduct of fire net. He stated that we would be able to fire this registration point as H&I fire from now on.	S
2307	15	Hq, 26th Marines, reported observing 2 enemy, vicinity AT 948753, with starlight scope - Delivered fire with M-60 machine gun - will sweep area in the morning - Notified NSDC.	S
0113	16	26th Marines reported LP vicinity AT 948756 heard movement vicinity AT 949756 - observed enemy w/starlight scope - threw two M-26 grenades and the grenades appeared to land on the enemy. Swept area with NEGATIVE RESULTS - Notified NSDC.	S

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 Northern Sector Defense Command
 Division Rear Area
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FRAG ORDER 1-69 (Subsector "B")

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Ref: (a) MAP: SUBSECTOR "B" PHOTOMAP

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. The enemy has recently infiltrated into the Subsector "B" TAOR and has conducted sapper attacks and other harrassment. All indications are that the enemy has elements who have remained in the area to conduct continuing harrassment. It is very likely that the thickly vegetated slopes of ridgelines afford the enemy necessary daytime concealment and proximity to friendly installations for conducting his nighttime harrassment activities. These same areas could also contain enemy caches of supplies and equipment, to support either continuing harrassment activities or major ground attacks in this area.
- b. Friendly. In addition to maintaining a maximum defense posture in and around friendly installations, an increase in patrolling and sweep operations is necessary to deny to the enemy the areas which he might otherwise use as indicated above, to find and destroy the enemy and to capture his supplies and equipment.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. 1st Engineer Battalion will provide four engineer teams to be utilized in the destruction of enemy caves and tunnels.

2. MISSION. Subsector "B" conducts a detailed search of the eastern hillside of the ridgeline which extends from vicinity of AT 937755 to AT 937769, to uncover enemy personnel, supplies and equipment.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. At first light on 28 February, two companies commence movement to crest of the ridgeline noted above. Upon joining up on the crest of the ridgeline, the two companies conduct a detailed search of assigned sectors of the eastern hillside, from crest to valley floor.

b. Subsector "B" Reaction Company

- (1) Commencing at 0700 on Friday, 28 February, commence movement up ridgeline utilizing the trail which extends from the base of the hill, vicinity AT 943764, to the crest.

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- (2) Upon arrival at the crest of the hill, tie in with the 2nd Provisional Rifle Company, vicinity AT 935764, and extend the company to the northeast, along the crest, to vicinity of AT 938769.
- (3) On order, commence a detailed, deliberate search of assigned sector, from the crest of the ridgeline to the base of the hill, utilizing fire team columns.

c. 2nd Provisional Rifle Company

- (1) Commencing at 0700 on Friday, 28 February, commence movement up ridgeline utilizing the finger which extends down to Dai La Pass vicinity AT 939752.
- (2) Tie in with the Subsector "B" Reaction Company vicinity of AT 935764.
- (3) On order, commence a detailed, deliberate search of assigned sector, from the crest of the ridgeline to the base of the hill, utilizing fire team columns.

d. Security Platoon, Headquarters Company, Headquarters Battalion

- (1) Establish, at 0700, on Friday, 28 February, blocking/observation elements at the base of the hill, along a line extending from vicinity of AT 940756 to AT 942758, to observe the hillside being searched in order to detect enemy attempts to evade.
- (2) Apprehend all Vietnamese Nationals who attempt to depart the area being searched.

e. 11th Motor Transport Battalion

- (1) Establish, at 0700 on Friday, 28 February, blocking/observation elements at the base of the hill, along a line extending from vicinity of AT 942758 to AT 944768, to observe the hillside being searched in order to detect enemy attempts to evade.
- (2) Apprehend all Vietnamese Nationals who attempt to depart the area being searched.

f. Coordinating instructions

- (1) It is essential that searching elements move slowly enough to ensure that a thorough search of assigned areas is conducted. The enemy is extremely resourceful in concealing himself, his supplies and equipment. The search must not be confined to trails and draws, but must include the entire surface of the hillside.

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- (2) Phase Lines BROWN and BLUE will be utilized to control the speed of movement. Unit Commanders will hold their advance up at each phase line and will not proceed to the next phase line until ordered by this headquarters.
- (3) Machetes will be required to facilitate movement in the heavy vegetation.
- (4) A sufficient number of fragmentation grenades and CS grenades will be carried to be utilized in the neutralization of caves and tunnels which may be uncovered.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Uniform and Equipment

- (1) Jungle utilities with trousers bloused over jungle boots.
- (2) Normal arms and equipment.
- (3) Upper body armor and steel helmet (green side out).

b. Supplies

- (1) One meal of C-rations will be carried by each individual.
- (2) Each individual will carry two filled canteens of water.
- (3) Basic allowance of ammunition will be carried for each individual and crew served weapons.

c. Medical

- (1) Each individual will take two salt tablets at least 30 minutes prior to commencement of the operation and will carry a sufficient number to last throughout the day.
- (2) Except for emergencies, evacuation will be by vehicle from the base of the hill. Emergencies, depending upon distance from crest of hill, will be by helicopter.
- (3) Each corpsman will carry a Unit One.
- (4) Each platoon will carry one stretcher.

5. COMMAND AND CONTROL

- a. Companies will communicate, internally, on each of their respective Company Tactical Nets and on recently issued squad radios.

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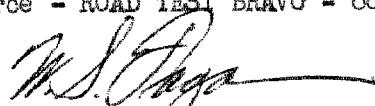
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- b. Each company will communicate with the blocking force located within their respective assigned sectors, utilizing the Company TAC NET. Each company will communicate with this headquarters utilizing the Battalion Tactical Net.
- c. Call Signs and Frequencies

Subsector "B" Headquarters - RUDDER - 39.6
SS"B" Reaction Company - RUDDER ALPHA - 68.85
2nd Provisional Rifle Company - RUDDER CHARLIE - 35.05
Security Platoon Blocking Force - RUDDER YANKEE BRAVO - 35.05
11th MT Battalion Blocking Force - ROAD TEST BRAVO - 68.85



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ANNEX:

✓A - Operation Overlay

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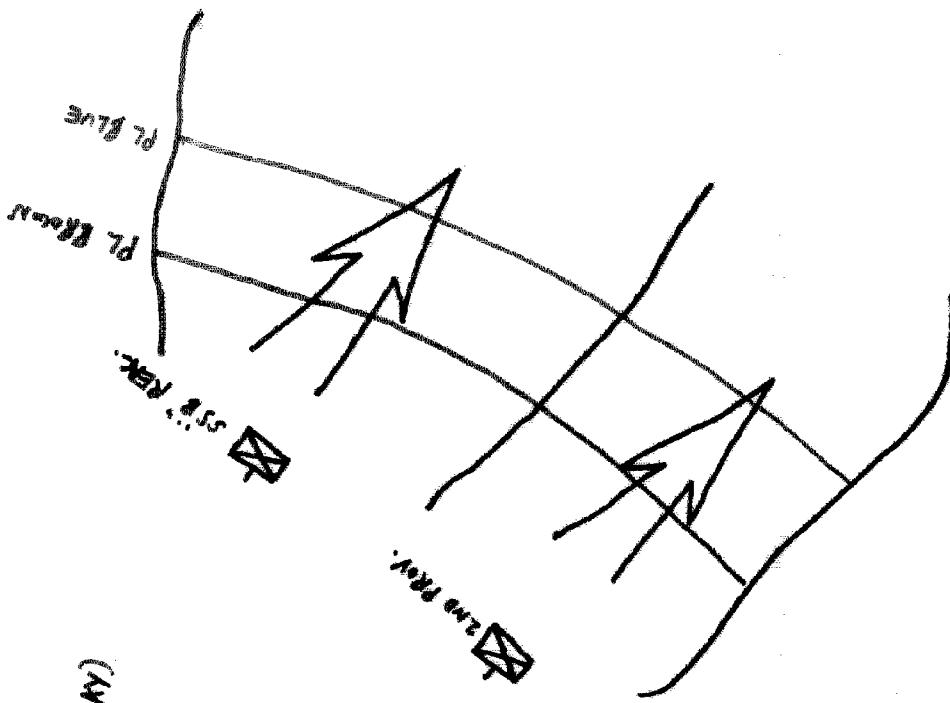


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(b) MAP: Subsector "B" Photomap
(c) MAP: VIETNAM AMS, Series L7014, 1:50,000, Sheet 6641 III
(d) Northern Sector Defense Command OpO 301-69

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMSb. Friendly Forces

- (1) Subsector "A" occupies sector adjacent north boundary of Subsector "B".
- (2) Subsector "C" occupies sector adjacent east boundary of Subsector "B".
- (3) Southern Sector Defense Command adjoins a portion of Subsector "B" boundary to the southeast.
- (4) 7th Marines occupies TAOR adjacent to the west and southwest of Subsector "B".
- (5) Artillery, 11th Marines in general support of Division Rear Area.

c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION. Subsector "B", Northern Sector Defense Command, controls and coordinates ground defense and damage control measures in sector.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Annex Bb. HoBn, 1st Marine Division

- (1) Maintain perimeter defenses within assigned sector as shown in Annexes B and C. Make continuous improvements to defenses.

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- (2) Establish damage control measures within assigned area.
- (3) Establish OP/LP's within assigned area as required by Annex B.
- (4) Conduct day/night reconnaissance/security patrols and ambushes as directed by this Headquarters.
- (5) Maintain reserve/reaction force as required by Annex D.

c. HoBtry, 11thMar

- (1) Maintain perimeter defenses within assigned sector as shown in Annexes B and C. Make continuous improvements to defenses.
- (2) Establish damage control measures within assigned area.
- (3) Establish OP/LP's within assigned area as required by Annex B.
- (4) Conduct day/night reconnaissance/security patrols and ambushes as directed by this Headquarters.
- (5) Maintain reserve/reaction force as required by Annex D.

d. HoCo, 26thMar

- (1) Maintain perimeter defenses within assigned sectors as shown in Annexes B and C. Coordinate the defense of assigned camp with 1st Motor Transport Battalion and Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. Make continuous improvements to defenses.
- (2) Maintain responsibility for defense of high ground from vicinity of AT 938755 to AT 937770. Establish a minimum of four 24 hour OP's along this sector. In addition, establish four listening posts, during the hours of darkness, along this same sector.
- (3) Establish damage control measures within assigned area.

e. 11th NTBn

- (1) Maintain perimeter defenses within assigned sector as shown in Annexes B and C. Make continuous improvements to defenses.
- (2) Establish damage control measures within assigned area.
- (3) Establish OP/LP's within assigned area as required by Annex B.

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(4) Conduct day/night reconnaissance/security patrols and ambushes as directed by this headquarters.

(5) Maintain reserve/reaction force as required by Annex D.

f. 1stMedBn

(1) Maintain perimeter defenses within assigned sector as shown in Annexes B and C. Make continuous improvements to defenses.

(2) Establish damage control measures in assigned area.

(3) Conduct day/night reconnaissance/security patrols and ambushes as directed by this headquarters.

g. 1stReconBn

(1) Maintain perimeter defenses within assigned sector as shown in Annexes B and C. Make continuous improvements to defenses.

(2) Establish damage control measures within assigned area.

(3) Establish OP/LP's within assigned area as required by Annex B.

(4) Conduct day/night reconnaissance/security patrols and ambushes as directed by this headquarters.

(5) Maintain reserve/reaction force as required by Annex D.

h. MASS-2

(1) Maintain perimeter defenses within assigned sector as shown in Annexes B and C. Make continuous improvements to defenses.

(2) Establish damage control measures within assigned area.

i. Det. MASS-3

(1) Maintain perimeter defenses within assigned sector as shown in Annexes B and C. Make continuous improvements to defenses.

(2) Establish damage control measures within assigned area.

j. 1stMTBn

(1) Coordinate with 26th Marines in defense of assigned camp. Make continuous improvements to defenses.

(2) Establish damage control measures within assigned area.



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k. HqBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar

- (1) Coordinate with 26th Marines in defense of assigned camp. Make continuous improvements to defenses.
- (2) Establish damage control measures within assigned area.

l. 1stHospCo

- (1) Coordinate with 1st Medical Battalion in defense of assigned camp. Make continuous improvements to defenses.
- (2) Establish damage control measures within assigned area.

m. Det, 473th AvCo

- (1) Maintain perimeter defenses within assigned sector as shown in Annexes B and C. Make continuous improvements to defenses.
- (2) Establish damage control measures within assigned area.

n. Supporting Artillery. Annex C.

o. Reserve. Annex D.

p. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) This operation order supersedes Subsector "B" Operation Order 301-63, dated 1 August 1963, and is effective upon receipt.
- (2) Submit spot reports to this headquarters, via wire circuit, as expeditiously as possible.
- (3) Patrols will be coordinated by this headquarters.
- (4) Adjacent units effect close and continuous coordination with each other.
- (5) Rules of engagement. Annex F.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Administrative and logistical support requirements will be handled internally within each organization in Subsector "B".
- b. Reaction forces equipped in accordance with Annex D.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Annex " , Communications-Electronics.

b. Command Posts

(1) 1st Marine Division	AT 957749
(2) NSDC	AT 959758
(3) Subsector "B" COC	AT 957742
(4) HaBtry, 11thMar	AT 957757
(5) HqCo, 26thMar	AT 948755
(6) 11thMTBn	AT 946763
(7) 1stMedBn	AT 973753
(8) 1stReconBn	AT 961749
(9) MASS-2	AT 953749
(10) DET, MASS-3	AT 955745
(11) 1stMTBn	AT 951756
(12) HaBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar	AT 949755
(13) 1stHospCo	AT 972752
(14) 478th AvCo	AT 968753

ANNEXES: ✓ A Task Organization
✓ B Concept of Operations
✓ C Defensive **Positions**/Supporting Arms Fire Plan
✓ D Reserve
✓ E Patrols
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APPENDIX A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 301-69

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SUBSECTOR "B"

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HqCo, 26thMar

Commanding Officer, HqBn, 1stMarDiv (Rein)

HqBtry, 11thMar

Commanding Officer, HqCo, 26thMar

11thMTBn

Commanding Officer, HqBtry, 11thMar

1stReconBn

Commanding Officer, 11thMTBn

1stMedBn

Commanding Officer, 1stReconBn

MASS-2

Commanding Officer, 1stMedBn

Det, MASS-3

Commanding Officer, MASS-2

1stMTBn

Officer-in-Charge, Det, MASS-3

HqBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar

Commanding Officer, 1stMTBn

1stHospCo

Commanding Officer, HqBtry, 1stBn, 13thMar

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ANNEX B (Concept of Operations) to Operation Order 301-69

Ref: (a) MAP: Subsector "B" Photomap

Time Zone: H

1. MISSION. Subsector "B", NSDC, coordinates the defense of assigned TAOR to deny the enemy access to the area.

2. CONCEPT

- a. Within Subsector "B", each organization establishes and mans a defensive perimeter. Defensive measures employed will include wire barriers, illumination devices, Seismic Intrusion Devices, starlight scopes, AN/PPS-6 radars and manned positions. Defensive positions will be continuously re-evaluated in light of the enemy threat and improvements/modifications incorporated. These defensive perimeters are the main battle positions and the places where the enemy is stopped and beyond which he is denied access.
- b. Forward of and along the defensive perimeters, listening posts, observation posts, patrols and ambushes are employed to provide early warning of impending enemy attack or attempts to infiltrate the area.
- c. Organizations within Subsector "B" are assigned sectors of defense. Within assigned sectors, organizations are responsible for establishing and manning defensive positions. Positions are manned during daylight hours, in sufficient number to keep the assigned sector under observation. At night, the number of personnel assigned to security duty is increased in order to maintain surveillance of the defensive perimeter and to provide for rapid detection of and action against attempts to infiltrate or attack under cover of darkness.
- d. Mobile reserve/reaction forces operating under Subsector "B" control will be assembled and ordered to assume a blocking, reinforcing or counter-attack mission as circumstances dictate.

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APPENDICES

- 1-Operations Overlay
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Appendix 2 (Observation Posts) to Annex E (Concept of Operations) to
 Operation Order 301-69

Ref: (a) MAP: Subsector "B" Photomap

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS and PERINTREPS

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Subsector "A" establishes OP's north of Subsector "B".
- (2) Subsector "C" establishes OP's east of Subsector "B".
- (3) Southern Sector Defense Command (SSDC) establishes OP's southeast of Subsector "B".
- (4) 7th Marines establishes OP's southwest and west of Subsector "B".
- (5) 11th Marines provides artillery support.

c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION. Subsector "B", NSDC, controls and coordinates ground defense and damage control measures within the subsector.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. To provide early detection of and facilitate rapid response to enemy attack, a series of observation posts, manned 24 hours a day, are established throughout Subsector "B".

b. The following organizations will maintain 24 hour OP's, as indicated below. OP's will report all unusual sightings directly to this headquarters:

(1) HqBn

(a) AT 969745 (Tower)

(b) AT 966741 (A-1)

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- (c) AT 963742 (A-5)
- (d) AT 958743 (A-11)
- (e) AT 949745 (C-5)
- (f) AT 946744 (C-12)
- (g) AT 943752 (Tower)
- (h) AT 938754 (D-14)
- (i) AT 939753 (D-12 - Security Plat-on check-point, Dai La Pass)
- (j) AT 958752 (Tower)

(2) MASS-2

- (a) AT 954745 (B-7)

c. The following organizations will maintain 24 hour OP's, as indicated below. OP's will report all unusual sightings to their parent organization, which will in turn report to this headquarters:

- (1) HqBtry, 11thMar
 - (a) AT 958760 (G-1)
 - (b) AT 959760 (G-2)
 - (c) AT 958761 (C-3)
 - (d) AT 958756 (C-6)
 - (e) AT 932760 (OP EAGLE - OPCON to 26thMar)
 - (f) AT 946744 (OP CONDOR)
- (2) HqCo, 26thMar
 - (a) AT 936757 (OP-4)
 - (b) AT 932760 (OP-3 - also referred to as OP EAGLE. Manned by 11th Marines personnel)
 - (c) AT 935765 (OP-2)
 - (d) AT 937767 (OP-1)

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(e) AT 943753 (L-3)

(f) AT 946759 (L-7)

(3) 11thMIBn

(a) AT 944764 (Tower)

(4) 1stMedBn

(a) AT 974755 (J-3)

d. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) During the hours of darkness, those OP's located along ridgelines will be especially alert for enemy artillery, mortar or rocket attacks.
- (2) All enemy sightings, confirmed or suspect, or other suspicious activity, will be reported ASAP. Include all known information in intial spot report (WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, HOW MANY, WHAT DIRECTION, ETC). Be concise and accurate and utilize the following format:
 - (a) YOUR UNIT. (Designation, size, mission of unit initiating report).
 - (b) DATE-TIME-GROUP OF INCIDENT. (Always local time).
 - (c) LOCATION:
 1. YOURS (Shackles, using thrust point if necessary).
 2. ENEMY (Coordinates or distance/direction from you).
 - (d) WHAT HAPPENED? (Brief narrative including who initiated action, estimated range, number of enemy, type uniform, type and number of weapons, who broke contact, direction of enemy approach/retirement, number of rounds fired by enemy, etc.).
 - (e) WHAT YOU DID ABOUT IT? (Brief narrative including all actions, warning given, type and number of rounds fired, type pursuit, etc.).
 - (f) HOW MANY FRIENDLY KIA? (USMC/ARVN/PF/CIV)
 - (g) HOW MANY FRIENDLY WIA? (USMC/ARVN/PF/CIV)

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- (h) HOW MANY FRIENDLY MIA? (USMC, etc, when/where last seen)
- (i) HOW MANY VC KIA (CONFIRMED)?
- (j) HOW MANY VC KIA (PROBABLE)?
- (k) HOW MANY VC CAPTURED? (Describe)
- (l) HOW MANY DETAINEES? (Describe)
- (m) HOW MANY WEAPONS CAPTURED/LOST? (Describe)
- (n) HOW MUCH/WHAT TYPE EQUIPMENT CAPTURED/DESTROYED?

(3) In cases of observation of rocket, artillery or mortar tube flashes, report OP identification (position number and location, by grid coordinates), target direction in MILS, estimated distance, target description and time of observation. Example:

From A-5 (AT 963742)
Direction - 4700 MILS
Distance - 3000 meters
Target Description - Rocket flashes
Time - 0230

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Parent organizations will provide administrative and logistical support to personnel manning OP's.
- b. In addition to normal arms and equipment all personnel assigned OP duty will be equipped with a map, compass, binoculars and a spot report format form.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

- a. Annex G (Communication-Electronics)
- b. All OP's will maintain continuous communications with either wire or radio.

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TAB A * Observation Posts Overlay

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ANNEX C (Defensive Positions/Supporting Arms Fire Plan) to Operation
Order 301-69

Ref: (a) MAP: Subsector "B" Photomap

Time Zone: H

1. The Defensive Positions/Supporting Arms Fire Plan, consisting of the Defensive Positions Plan and Supporting Arms Fire Plan, is contained in appendixes to this annex.
2. Requests for additional on call concentrations will be submitted to this headquarters.
3. Requests for supporting fires will be made directly to this headquarters for relay to NSOC.
4. Great care must be exercised in delivering defensive fire. Unit commanders insure that all local security personnel are briefed on the location of all friendly activities within their individual zones of fire. Safety and limiting stakes should be used to delineate sectors of fire of all weapons.

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Appendices

- ✓ 1-Defensive Positions Plan
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Appendix 1 (Defensive Positions Plan) to Annex C (Defensive Positions/
Supporting Arms Fire Plan) to Operation Order 301-69

Ref: (a) MAP: Subsector "B" Photomap

Time Zone: H

1. Appendix 1 to Annex C (Defensive Fire Plan) serves several functions:

- a. It indicates approximate locations of manned positions, including listening posts, within and along the subsector perimeter.
- b. Positions having more armament than an M16 rifle are designated by the following symbols:

(1) O → M79 grenade launcher

(2) → M60 machine gun

(3) +→ .50 caliber machine gun

- c. It features a system for identification of positions in Subsector "B" using the following letter assignments as prefixes in the designation of position numbers:

A.....Div Bn

B.....MASS-2/MASS-3

C.....Corm Co, HqBn

D.....Security Platoon, HqBn

E.....11th MTBn

F.....Serv Co, HqBn

G.....HqBtry, 11thMar

H.....MP Co, HqBn

I.....1stReconBn

J.....1stMedBn

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L.....HqCo, 26thMar

The numerical prefix designates the unit and the number following the letter, the number assigned the position. Example: H-4 is position number 4 in MP Co, HqBn. This system facilitates rapid reference to any position in the subsector area for pin-pointing incoming small arms fire, direction of enemy infiltration, ground attack, etc.

2. Units will submit changes to include additional position construction with attendant fields of fire, or deletion of positions or changes in the armament employed in the position.

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TAB A - Defensive Positions Overlay

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APPENDIX 2 (Supporting Arms Fire Plan) to Annex C (Defensive Positions/
Supporting Arms Fire Plan) to Operation Order 301-69

Time Zone: H

1. In requesting fires, supported organizations are authorizing for ground clearance only. Artillery units are responsible for obtaining air clearance (Sav-A-Plane). If the supported organization is in contact, fires may be initiated prior to confirmation of Sav-A-Plane.
2. Supported organizations may request repeat fire, or request continuous fire if the situation warrants.
3. Defensive fires, Shell HE, fuze quick, battery one round (unless otherwise designated), are as follows:

<u>TARGET NO</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>FIRING UNITS</u>
XY 003	AT 953761	G/3/11
XY 004	AT 960761	G/3/11
XY 315	AT 966774	1st Armd Amph Co (47)
XY 016	AT 961777	1st Armd Amph Co (47)
XY 022	AT 94517395	1st Armd Amph Co (47) & G/3/11
XY 023	AT 94877394	1st Armd Amph Co (47) & G/3/11
XY 302	AT 967739	1st Armd Amph Co (47)
XY 303	AT 96147407	G/3/11
XY 304	AT 956761	1st Armd Amph Co (47)
XY 305	AT 943761	1st Armd Amph Co (47)
XY 332	AT 95757434	1st Armd Amph Co (47) & G/3/11
XY 333	AT 95407414	1st Armd Amph Co (47) & G/3/11
XY 370	AT 923761	G/3/11
XY 371	AT 934743	G/3/11
XY 372	AT 930744	G/3/11
XY 325	AT 93097543	G/3/11
XY 428	AT 955737	G/3/11

4. Illumination Missions: One gun, one round per minute for five minutes (unless otherwise designated) are as follows. Note that target reference numbers of illumination missions are suffixed by the letter "Z". It is most important that this suffix "Z" be included when requesting illumination missions.

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<u>TARGET NO</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>IMPACT COORD</u>	<u>FIRING UNITS</u>
XY 013Z	AT 933765	AT 927773	1st Armd AmphCo (47)
XY 020Z	AT 935737	AT 920750	1st Armd AmphCo (47)
XY 021Z	AT 939738	AT 928741	1st Armd AmphCo (47)
XY 393Z	AT 944737	AT 932752	1st Armd AmphCo (47)
XY 024Z	AT 954733	AT 964706	1st Armd AmphCo (34)
XY 027Z	AT 931767	AT 926775	1st Armd AmphCo (47)
XY 120Z	AT 931754	AT 922764	1st Armd AmphCo (47)
XY 124Z	AT 931746	AT 933728	1st Armd AmphCo (34)
XY 156Z	AT 936774	AT 931778	1st Armd AmphCo (34)
XY 313Z	AT 963738	AT 966714	H-6, 11th Mar CP
XY 319Z	AT 937752	AT 944733	1st Armd AmphCo (34)
XY 326Z	AT 930745	AT 968746	G/3/11
XY 394Z	AT 965738	AT 970731	H-6 from 155G
-do-	-do-	AT 971729	H-6 from 8"
XY 395Z	AT 962739	AT 969729	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 967731	H-6 of 3rd 155G
-do-	-do-	AT 969729	H-6 of 8"
XY 396Z	AT 960740	AT 967730	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 967731	H-6 of 3rd 155G
-do-	-do-	AT 967730	H-6 of 8"
XY 397Z	AT 958740	AT 965729	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 964730	H-6 of 155
-do-	-do-	AT 965729	H-6 of 8"
XY 398Z	AT 959736	AT 965726	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 964727	H-6 of 155
-do-	-do-	AT 965726	H-6 of 8"
XY 399Z	AT 956741	AT 963729	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 962731	H-6 of 155G
-do-	-do-	AT 963729	H-6 of 8"
XY 430Z	AT 953736	AT 959725	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 958736	H-6 of 155
-do-	-do-	AT 959725	H-6 of 8"
-do-	-do-	AT 932755	H-6 of 4/11 (47)
XY 431Z	AT 950738	AT 956726	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 955727	H-6 of 3rd 155G
-do-	-do-	AT 956726	H-6 of 8"
XY 432Z	AT 954743	AT 962730	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 960732	H-6 of 155
-do-	-do-	AT 961730	H-6 of 8"
XY 433Z	AT 950743	AT 957729	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 956731	H-6 of 155
-do-	-do-	AT 958728	H-6 of 8"
XY 434Z	AT 948742	AT 955728	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 954730	H-6 of 155
-do-	-do-	AT 955727	H-6 of 8"
-do-	-do-	AT 931754	C/1/11
XY 435Z	AT 945741	AT 951726	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 950738	H-6 of 155

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<u>TARGET NO</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>	<u>IMPACT COORD</u>	<u>ATTACKING UNIT</u>
-do-	-do-	AT 951726	H-6 of 8"
-do-	-do-	AT 928752	C/1/11
XY 436Z	AT 942742	AT 948726	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 947726	H-6 of 8
-do-	-do-	AT 926751	C/1/11
-do-	AT 941745	AT 948728	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 946728	H-6 of 155
-do-	-do-	AT 947728	H-6 of 8"
XY 438Z	AT 941749	AT 949731	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 948732	H-6 of 155
-do-	-do-	AT 948730	H-6 of 8"
XY 439Z	AT 935754	AT 923765	H-6 of 4/11 (47)
-do-	-do-	AT 925762	C/1/11
XY 440Z	AT 931755	AT 934742	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 936732	H-6 of 155
-do-	-do-	AT 936729	H-6 of 8"
-do-	-do-	AT 924769	H-6 of 4/11 (47)
-do-	-do-	AT 922761	C/1/11
XY 441Z	AT 931761	AT 955745	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 938730	H-6 of 8"
-do-	-do-	AT 927773	H-6 of 4/11 (47)
-do-	-do-	AT 923767	C/1/11
XY 442Z	AT 933765	AT 944731	H-6 of 8"
-do-	-do-	AT 931776	H-6 of 4/11 (47)
-do-	-do-	AT 926772	C/1/11
XY 443Z	AT 936768	AT 952733	H-6 of 8"
-do-	-do-	AT 924776	H-6 of 4/11 (47)
-do-	-do-	AT 929775	C/1/11
XY 445Z	AT 943765	AT 960739	H-6 of 8"
XY 446Z	AT 943761	AT 957737	H-6 of 8"
XY 447Z	AT 945753	AT 953736	H-6 of 155
-do-	-do-	AT 955733	H-6 of 8"
XY 448Z	AT 948750	AT 958733	A/1/13
-do-	-do-	AT 956735	H-6 of 155
-do-	-do-	AT 957733	H-6 of 8"
XY 449Z	AT 959762	AT 974747	H-6 of 8"

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✓ A-HE Overlay
 ✓ B-Illumination Overlay

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ANNEX D (Reserve) to Operation Order 301-69

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) NSDC coordinates the employment of the Reserve/Reaction Force from each Subsector.
- (2) Subsector "A" provides a company size Reserve/Reaction Force.
- (3) Subsector "C" provides a two platoon size Reserve/Reaction Force.
- (4) 11th Marines supports NSDC with on call artillery fires.

2. MISSION. Subsector "B" provides a company size Reserve/Reaction Force, designed primarily to support Subsector "B" but available for employment in any other area of NSDC, on order, should the situation dictate.

3. EXECUTION

- a. HoBn, 1stMarDiv. Provide company headquarters, one platoon headquarters and four squads for the Reserve/Reaction Company. In addition, provide three 2½ ton trucks, three AN/PRC-25 radios and sufficient additional transportation to transport the supplies noted in paragraph 4b.
- b. HoBtry, 11thMar. Provide one squad and one platoon headquarters for the Reserve/Reaction Company. In addition, provide one 2½ ton truck and one AN/PRC-25 radio.
- c. 1stReconBn. Provide one platoon, one corpsman and one radio operator for the Reserve/Reaction Company. In addition, provide two 2½ ton trucks and one AN/PRC-25 radio.
- d. 11thMTEBn. Provide one squad for the Reserve/Reaction Company. In addition, provide one AN/PRC-25 radio and one 2½ ton truck.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~e. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) The Reserve/Reaction Company will be prepared for operations, 24 hours a day, on a 30 minute notice.
- (2) Unannounced drills will be conducted periodically to test reaction time and communications.
- (3) Organizations ensure personnel are thoroughly familiar with rules of engagement (Annex F).
- (4) Organizations ensure personnel report in the prescribed uniform and with the prescribed equipment (paragraph 4).
- (5) Organizations maintain adequate personnel data upon which to base casualty reports.
- (6) All organizations will be notified by this headquarters upon setting of an alert condition. When Modified Condition III is set, personnel comprising the Reserve/Reaction Company will be mustered in their respective organization's area and will be prepared to depart within 15 minutes for Subsector "B" Headquarters if Condition III, II or I is set.
- (7) When Condition III, II or I is set, organizations will immediately dispatch the personnel comprising the Reserve/Reaction Company. The entire company must be assembled at Subsector "B" Headquarters not later than 30 minutes following the setting of Condition III, II or I.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Uniform and Equipment. Personnel assigned to the Reserve/Reaction Company will report for duty in the following uniform and with the prescribed equipment:

- (1) Officers/Staff NCO's
 - (a) Jungle utilities with trousers bloused over jungle boots.
 - (b) Cal .45 M191A1.
 - (c) Three magazines w/5 rounds each.
 - (d) Pistol belt w/holster and magazine pouch, two filled canteens, compass and first aid kit.
 - (e) Upper body armor.

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(f) Steel helmet w/camouflaged cover (green side out).

(g) Mask, protective, field M-17.

(2) Enlisted

(a) Jungle utilities with trousers boused over jungle boots.

(b) M16A1 rifle.

(c) Cartridge belt w/4 magazine pouches, two filled cans-teens, bayonet and first aid kit.

(d) Seven magazines w/18 rounds each, plus two bandoleers.

(e) Upper body armor.

(f) Steel helmet w/camouflaged cover (green side out).

(g) Mask, protective, field M-17.

b. Supplies. Supplies not issued to troops (indicated by asterisk (*) below) will be loaded aboard transportation provided by Headquarters Battalion and transported with the Reserve/Reaction Company when it is deployed. The vehicles carrying the supplies will remain with the company unless otherwise directed.

(1) Class I

*(a) MCI w/fuel trioxane-1 day (3 meals) per individual- Provided by Headquarters Battalion.

*(2) Class II

(a) Extra batteries for radios-Provided by Headquarters Battalion.

*(3) Class III

(a) Vehicle fuel tanks full.

(4) Class IV - None

*(5) Class V - Basic allowance for all individual and crew served weapons will be carried by troops. In addition, the following Class V items will be provided by Headquarters Battalion and will be transported aboard the 2½ ton truck which carries supplies:

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- (a) Three cases (1 per platoon) of 7.62mm ammo for M-60 M.G..
- (b) Six cases (2 per platoon) of 5.56mm ammo for M-16A1 rifle.
- (c) Six cases (2 per platoon) of grenade, 40mm for M-79 grenade launcher.
- (d) Twelve cases (3 per platoon) of grenade, hand frag M-26.
- (e) Three cases (1 per platoon) of grenade, hand illum MK-1.
- (f) One case of grenade, hand smoke, color assorted (red, green and yellow).
- (g) Twelve Flares, surface, trip M-49.
- (h) Three cases (1 per platoon) of signal, illumination, ground white star parachute, M127A1, hand held.

(6) Water - In addition to the water carried in canteens, 25 filled 5-gallon water cans will be transported with the company-Provided by Headquarters Battalion.

(7) Additional Items of Equipment - In addition to the items of equipment prescribed above, the following items will be carried:

- (a) One M-60 machine gun per platoon. Each of the following organizations will provide one M-60 machine gun:
 - 1. 1st Recon Bn
 - 2. Serv Co, Hq Bn
 - 3. 11th MT Bn
- (b) One M-79 grenade launcher per squad.
- (c) Two Telephone Sets TA 312/PR (or EA8) per platoon and one for the company headquarters. Organizations providing company and platoon headquarters will be responsible for providing this item of equipment in the required amount.
- (d) Five $\frac{1}{2}$ mile rolls of Cable Telo 1X306Z1G-WD-1TF (Comm Wire)-one for each platoon and two for the company headquarters. Organizations providing company and platoon headquarters will be responsible for providing this item of equipment in the required amount.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

- a. The Reserve/Reaction Company will activate radio nets upon setting of Condition III, II or I.
 - (1) Subsector "B" Tactical Net - Frequency 39.6
 - (2) Reserve/Reaction Company Tactical Net - Frequency 68.85.
 - (3) The Reserve/Reaction Company Commander will change frequency from the Subsector "B" Tactical Net to the Northern Sector Defense Command Tactical Net (Frequency 63.10) on order of this headquarters.
- b. Authentication in accordance with effective edition KAC QX.
- c. Operational code in accordance with effective edition KAC FX.

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Appendix 1 (Organization of Reserve/Reaction Company)

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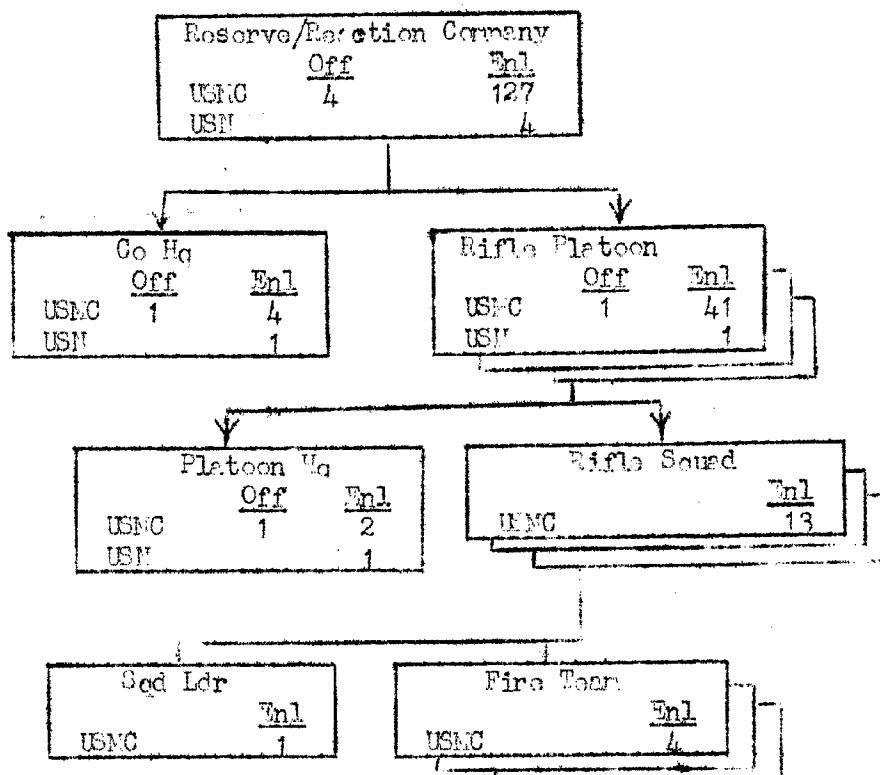
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APPENDIX 1 (Organization of Reserve/Reaction Company) to Annex D (Reserve) to Operation Order 301-69

Fire Zone: H

1. The following chart outlines the organization prescribed for the Subsector "B" Reserve/Reaction Company:



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ANNEX E (Patrols) to Operation Order 301-69

Ref: (a) MAP: VIETNAM AMS, Series L7011, 1:50,000, Sheet 6641 III
(b) MAP: VIETNAM AMS, Series L8020, 1:25,000, Sheet 6641 IIIIS
Pictomap Supplement (Enlarged)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS

- (1) Most enemy attacks are characterized by detailed planning, covert infiltration to predetermined assault positions as close as possible to friendly perimeters, rapid breaching of wire by Bangalore attack, followed by sudden and concentrated attacks on key positions. When a break is made in the line, assault crews rapidly exploit the situation and move through to the "soft" positions in rear areas attacking CP's, communication and logistics facilities.
- (2) In order to achieve success in such attacks, it is necessary for the enemy to approach, undetected, to assault positions close to friendly perimeters in order that their attacks may be launched and penetrations effected before the defending garrison can react.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Subsector "A" conducts day and night reconnaissance/security patrols/ambushes in assigned TAOR.
- (2) Subsector "C" conducts day and night reconnaissance/security patrols/ambushes in assigned TAOR.
- (3) 7th Marines conducts day and night reconnaissance/security patrols/ambushes in assigned TAOR.
- (4) Southern Sector Defense Command conducts day and night reconnaissance/security patrols/ambushes in assigned TAOR.

2. MISSION. Subsector "B" conducts day and night reconnaissance/security patrols/ambushes, within assigned TAOR, as required, for the purpose



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of providing early detection, disruption and delay of enemy build ups or attempts at infiltration.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations. This headquarters plans, directs and controls day and night reconnaissance/security patrols/ambushes, for the purpose of providing early detection of enemy activity in assigned TAD and thereby provide the time necessary to alert friendly units, bring fire to bear and deploy troops.
- b. Organizations within Subsector "B" conduct patrols as directed by this headquarters.
- c. Plan and conduct additional patrols, as deemed necessary, following close coordination with and approval by this headquarters.
- d. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) A monthly notice will be published by this headquarters indicating the dates and times that organizations will provide patrols during the following month. Modifications will be made to this notice by this headquarters, as the situation dictates.
 - (a) The patrol leader designated by an organization will pick up the patrol overlay from this headquarters by 1200 on the day preceding the planned patrol, as published in the monthly notice, and will be briefed at that time.
 - (b) Immediately following return from the patrol, the patrol leader will report to this headquarters for debriefing.
 - (c) Organizations desiring to conduct patrols in addition to those provided for in the monthly notice will deliver an overlay of the proposed route to this headquarters at least 48 hours prior to the proposed patrol. At time of delivery of the overlay, the Marine making delivery will be prepared to discuss all aspects of the proposed patrol.
 - (2) Organizations will be responsible for ensuring close coordination of all patrols with friendly forces to include briefing of personnel manning perimeter security positions, OP's and LP's, informing them of the patrol's TAD/TOR, pass word and general location of patrol activity.
 - (3) Rules of engagement (Annex F) will be strictly adhered to.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Administrative and logistical support for all security patrols rests with the parent organization.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

a. Annex G (Communication-Electronics).

b. All patrols will check in on Subsector "P" tactical net 15 minutes prior to departure and will maintain contact with this headquarters until permission is granted to secure from the net upon conclusion of the patrol.

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✓ Appendix 1 - Check Point/Thrust Point Coordinates

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Appendix 1 (Check Point/Thrust Point Coordinates) to ANNEX E (Patrols) to
Operation Order 301-69

Ref: (a) MAP: VIETNAM AWS, Series L7014, 1:50,000, Sheet 6641 III

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1. The following check points and thrust points have been assigned by the Northern Sector Defense Command and will be utilized in planning for and conducting patrols. Check points will be utilized on overlays of patrol routes. Thrust points will be utilized for covert transmission of coordinates via wire or radio (caution: coordinates of enemy sightings will be reported in the clear-thrust points will not be utilized for such reports).

a. Thrust Points

ALPHA - AT 940820

BRAVO - AT 950780

CHARLIE - AT 960750

DELTA - AT 980750

b. Check Points

1. AT 934825	10. AT 961796	19. AT 956787
2. AT 983760	11. AT 974752	20. AT 985762
3. AT 942751	12. AT 978755	21. AT 961761
4. AT 956752	13. AT 984769	22. AT 957764
5. AT 981758	14. AT 943755	23. AT 931815
6. AT 927829	15. AT 948745	24. AT 959751
7. AT 923818	16. AT 963739	25. AT 945745
8. AT 969766	17. AT 959769	26. AT 921821
9. AT 928803	18. AT 939822	27. AT 924806

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28. AT 966776	41. AT 947760	54. AT 941789
29. AT 939838	42. AT 930820	55. AT 975768
30. AT 952763	43. AT 928826	56. AT 937815
31. AT 934752	44. AT 942772	57. AT 945764
32. AT 941751	45. AT 968769	58. AT 966734
33. AT 988751	46. AT 935822	59. AT 975766
34. AT 932834	47. AT 930761	60. AT 931753
35. AT 937794	48. AT 962765	61. AT 965749
36. AT 955779	49. AT 945748	62. AT 947748
37. AT 955749	50. AT 937764	63. AT 934764
38. AT 970772	51. AT 947757	64. AT 947808
39. AT 955762	52. AT 919813	65. AT 972791
40. AT 941759	53. AT 955752	66. AT 968755

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ANNEX F (Rules of Engagement) to Operation Order 301-69

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1. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

a. General

- (1) Rounds will not be chambered in individual weapons unless contact with the enemy is imminent. The senior Marine present will determine if, in his judgement, this step must be taken to preserve the lives of USMC personnel.
- (2) Magazines will not be inserted in weapons in a combat area during daylight hours unless under attack.
- (3) Within the ACP and PZ and during operations in areas external thereto, establishment of a curfew is the responsibility of GVN officials. Assistance in enforcing the curfew normally devolves upon the 1st Marine Division. In such instances indigenous personnel are informed of time limits involved and requirements for strict adherence. It is explained that the purpose of the curfew is to ensure that innocent civilians are not mistaken for the enemy.
- (4) During the hours of darkness the sequence of engagement will be as follows:
 - (a) Challenge.
 - (b) If the person challenged makes an overt attempt to avoid apprehension, opens fire or commits any hostile act, and therefore endangers the life of the challenger, the challenger may load and fire.
 - (c) Unit Commanders may prescribe illumination prior to firing if local circumstances allow.
 - (d) The requirement for challenge may be waived by the local commander if requirements of the tactical situation dictate it and friendly forces are not operating in the area.

b. VN Property

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- (1) Civilian dwellings are not to be burned, nor are private property and livestock to be destroyed except as an unavoidable consequence of combat actions. The firing of tracers into dwellings is to be avoided unless absolutely necessary to accomplish the commanders mission.
- (2) Destruction of Vietnamese dwellings and livestock as a manner of denying their use to the enemy is left to the RVNAF units. Requests from Vietnamese authorities for employment of Division units to perform such destruction will be referred to NSDC who will contact Division Headquarters for authority to perform such action.
- (3) Personal property of the Vietnamese will not be disturbed in any way except as essential for the tactical mission. All personnel will be provided periodic instructions as to the meaning of looting and the penalties in the Uniform Code of Military Justice for looting, burglary, larceny and house-breaking in violation of articles 103, 129, 121, and 130, respectively.

c. Unit

- (1) Supporting arms will not be fired into any populated area except when the commander on the ground personally determines the area to be hostile and that such action is necessary to save Marine lives, and that there is no alternative to such a course of action.
- (2) All supporting arms missions, whenever possible, should be controlled by an airborne or ground FIC, forward observer, NGF spot team, or RVNAF observer. All observed and unobserved fires will be positively approved by the 1st MarDiv NSCC prior to use of supporting arms.
- (3) Hamlets and villages not associated with ground operations will not be attacked without prior warning (by leaflets and/or speaker systems or other appropriate means) even though light fire is received from them.
- (4) Hamlets and villages may be attacked without prior warning if the attack is in conjunction with a ground operation involving the movement of ground forces through the area, and if, in the judgment of the ground commander, his mission would be jeopardized by such warning.
- (5) None of the foregoing is intended to deny the application of force against the source of hostile fires. Enemy forces engaging friendly troops will be destroyed by utilization of any means available.

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ANNEX G (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Order 301-69

Ref: (a) Division Order P02000.2 (Communication-Electronics Operating Instructions)

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Current INTSUNS
- (2) Enemy communication-electronics capabilities
 - (a) Conduct electronic countermeasures and electronic counter-countermeasures.
 - (b) Conduct wire tapping.
 - (c) Insert decoy traffic on any communication channel.
- (3) Abandoned enemy communication-electronics equipment may be booby-trapped.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Annex A (Task Organization) to reference (a).
- (2) Communications Company, Hq Battalion provides communication and cryptograph guard for Subsector "B" Headquarters.

2. MISSION. Communications elements of Subsector "B" units provide communication-electronics support for the conduct of defensive operations within the subsector.

3. EXECUTION

a. Communications Company, HqBn

- (1) Establish, operate and maintain communication channels for Headquarters, Subsector "B", as outlined in appendix 1 (Radio Plan) and appendix 2 (Fire Plan). (c)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~b. Organizations, Subsector "B"

(1) Establish, operate and maintain communication channels as outlined in appendix 1 (Radio Plan) and appendix 2 (Wire Plan).

c. Coordinating Instructions(1) Communication Center

(a) Authentication in accordance with effective edition KAC CX.

(b) Operational code in accordance with effective edition KAC PX.

(2) Radio

(a) Appendix 1 (Radio Plan).

(b) Tactical radio call signs in accordance with reference (a) and Appendix 1.

(c) All guard stations will monitor net continuously and will check in at least every hour when nets are activated.

(3) Wire

(a) Appendix 2 (Wire Plan)

(4) Visual and Sound

(a) Reference (a), sections 6 and 7.

(5) Alert Conditions

(a) Appendix 3 (Alert Conditions)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Parent units provide administrative and logistical support to personnel.

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Appendices

✓1-Radio Plan
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	NSDC DIVISION NET N-529 73.10	NSDC TACTICAL NET N-902 63.10	SUBSECTOR "B" TACTICAL NET N-707 39.6	SUBSECTOR "B" REACTION Co TACTICAL NET N-324 68.35
NSDC (AUDITOR)	C	C		
HQ, SUBSECTOR "B" (USA) (X)	C3		C	
23rd MARINES (IMPRESSIVE)	02		03	M
1st Recon En (PENCH MARK)	C2		C3	M
1st Med En (OFSPRING)	02		C3	M
2d Bn, 11th Mar (DEER LODGE)			C3	M
ASS-2 (AUTOCRAT)			C3	M
ASS-3 (GARSTAIRS)			C3	M
11th Tn (W. S. ACT)	02		03	M
Reaction Co, HQ (USA) (X) ALPHA		0	03	C
1st Plt Rec Co (USA) (X) ALPHA-1				03
2nd Plt Rec Co (USA) (X) ALPHA-2				03
3rd Plt Rec Co (USA) (X) ALPHA-3				03

LEGEND

C - Net Control

X - Guard

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C - Guard when in Alert Condition
III Modified or HigherC3 - Guard when in Alert
Condition III or HigherC2 - Guard when in Alert
Condition II or Higher

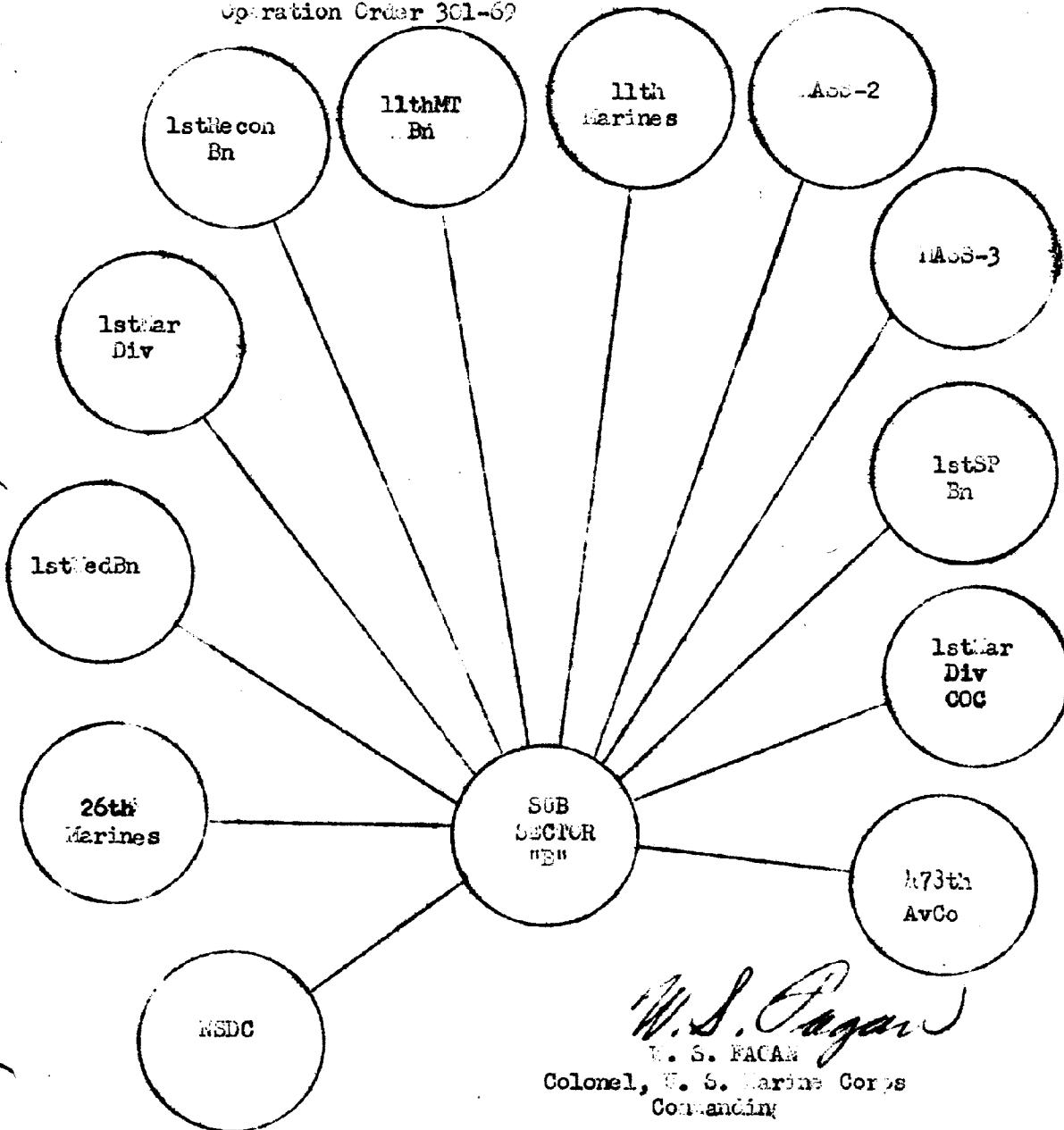
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APPENDIX 2 (Alert Conditions) to Annex G (Communication-Electronics) to
Operation Order 301-69

Time Zone: H

1. GENERAL

- a. This appendix sets forth the conditions of tactical alert to be utilized within Northern Sector Defense Command, including Subsector "B".
- b. Notification of alert conditions will be by wire or by messenger. Depending upon the prevailing situation, notification may be by radio.
- c. Defensive measures required for each alert condition are cumulative. All measures required for higher conditions are in addition to those set forth for lower conditions.
- d. Alert conditions will be established by this headquarters, as conditions warrant.

2. GROUND ALERT CONDITIONS

a. Condition IV

- (1) There is a need for security precautions to be exercised throughout Subsector "B". This condition implies the possibility of enemy action within the sector but no indication of abnormal enemy activity. This is the normal alert condition within Subsector "B".

(2) Action

- (a) All major perimeter defense positions will be manned during night time hours with at least one Marine alert in each position at all times.
- (b) Patrol/ambush operations will be conducted as deemed necessary.
- (c) Personnel will enter villages only when necessary in the performance of their official duties.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~b. Condition III Modified

- (1) Information indicates a need for increased defensive measures in order to prepare for expected enemy action on the small unit level. Intelligence sources indicate the probability of enemy action within 12 hours.
- (2) Action
 - (a) All major positions will be manned with at least two Marines, whether day or night. One of the Marines at each position will be alert at all times.
 - (b) Patrol/ambush operations will be conducted as deemed necessary.
 - (c) Personnel comprising the Reaction Company will be mustered and remain in their respective unit areas, prepared to depart for Subsector "B" Headquarters within 15 minutes, if condition III is set. All organizations/units report by phone to Subsector "B" COC when reaction personnel have been mustered, inspected and instructed.
 - (d) Organizations within Subsector "B" enter the Subsector "B" Tactical Net and make hourly radio checks.

c. Condition III

- (1) Intelligence information indicates possibility of enemy action within 3 hours.
- (2) Action
 - (a) Movement between organizations' defensive perimeters will be restricted to essential traffic only. Vehicular and troop movements will be kept to a minimum.
 - (b) No personnel will enter villages unless an emergency exists.
 - (c) Be prepared to clear areas of all local employees.
 - (d) Reaction Company assemble at Subsector "B" Headquarters.

d. Condition II

- (1) Indicates contact on the perimeter or explosive fires falling within the perimeter.
- (2) Action

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- (a) All hands move to assigned defensive positions. 100% alert throughout Subsector "B".
- (b) All local employees will be released and cleared from the area.
- (c) Only essential tactical vehicular traffic will move between defensive perimeters.
- (d) Organizations indicated in Appendix 2 (Radio) to Annex G (Communication-Electronics) enter NSDC Defense Net.

a. Condition I

- (1) The perimeter has been penetrated.

(2) Action

- (a) All hands not engaged on the defensive perimeter, as members of reaction forces or in emergency work, occupy defensive positions or bunkers.
- (b) Cease all movement not of an emergency nature.
- (c) Only essential personnel will remain in office spaces to execute classified material removal and destruction plans.
- (d) Reaction forces deploy on order.

3. AIR DEFENSE ALERT CONDITIONS

- a. Passive air defense conditions are established to counter the threat of enemy attack from the air. Reference to the various air defense conditions is not classified information and alerts will be passed in the clear. Action required under each condition is classified information and will be treated as such.
- b. Passive air defense conditions will be passed by the fastest available communication means. The alert warnings to be passed are as follows.

(1) Air Defense Alert

- (a) There is suspicious enemy activity which may result in enemy air attack.
- (b) Action. None

(2) Air Defense Warning WHITE

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(a) Attack by hostile aircraft/missiles is not considered probable or imminent in the immediate future.

(b) Action. Continue normal operations. If air attack has taken place maintain maximum ground readiness and be prepared to render assistance as directed.

(3) Air Defense Warning YELLOW

(a) Attack by hostile aircraft/missiles is probable.

(b) Action

1. Increase ground defense posture to counter possible ground attack in conjunction with air attack.

2. Continue essential operations ~~only~~. Alert all personnel to possible danger. Personnel not required to fulfill essential operations will take cover.

3. All organizations release local employees and clear them from their areas.

(4) Air Defense Warning RED

(a) Attack by hostile aircraft/missiles is imminent or taking place.

(b) Action

1. Assume maximum ground defense posture and be prepared to counter possible ground attack in conjunction with air attack.

2. Continue essential operations from sheltered positions only. All other personnel take cover.

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ANNEX Z (Distribution) to Operation Order 301-69

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Ref: (a) Subsector "B" Operation Order 301-
 (b) MAP: Subsector "B" Photomap
 (c) MAP: Headquarters Battalion Sketch Map

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Task Organization:

Headquarters Battalion - Commanding Officer, Headquarters Battalion
 Headquarters Company - Commanding Officer, Headquarters Company
 Communication Company - Commanding Officer, Communication Company
 Service Company - Commanding Officer, Service Company
 Military Police Company - Commanding Officer, Military Police Company
 Marine Air Support Squadron-2 - Commanding Officer, Marine Air Support Squadron-2
 Detachment, Marine Air Support Squadron-3 - Officer-in-Charge, Detachment, Marine Air Support Squadron-3

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUNSb. Friendly Forces

(1) Headquarters Battery, 11th Marines, adjoins the perimeter of this command to the north of Military Police Company and to the east of Service Company.

(2) 1st Reconnaissance Battalion adjoins the perimeter of this command to the east of Military Police Company.

c. Attachments and Detachments. In matters pertaining to the defense of the ridgeline to the south of the Division CP and for integration into the defenses of Headquarters Battalion, Marine Air Support Squadron-2 and Detachment, Marine Air Support Squadron-3 are considered attached to Headquarters Battalion.

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2. MISSION. Headquarters Battalion controls and coordinates ground defense within the Headquarters Battalion Camp and along adjacent key terrain, to protect the Division Command Post from enemy attack.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Headquarters Battalion, as an organization within Subsector "B" of the Northern Sector Defense Command, establishes and mans a defensive perimeter. A portion of this perimeter is located on key terrain of Subsector "B" and, as such, the defense of this terrain affords protection not only to the Division Command Post but to other organizations within the subsector, as well. Defensive measures employed will include wire barriers, illumination devices, seismic intrusion devices, starlight scopes, AN/PPS-6 radars and manned positions. The defensive perimeter is the main battle position beyond which the enemy is denied access. Positions are manned during daylight hours in sufficient numbers to keep the assigned perimeter, and adjacent area, under continuous observation. At night, the number of personnel assigned to security duty is increased in order to maintain surveillance of the defensive perimeter and to provide for rapid detection of, and action against attempts to infiltrate or attack under cover of darkness. Reserve forces under control of this headquarters will be assembled and ordered to assume a blocking, reinforcing or counter-attack mission as circumstances dictate.

b. Headquarters Company

(1) Man perimeter defenses within assigned sector (Security Platoon) as shown in Annex A. All positions will be manned during the hours of darkness. In addition, the following will be manned during daylight hours, as well:

Security Platoon Tower
D-14
Dai La Pass CP

(2) Man positions A-21 and A-23, as shown in Annex B, during the hours of darkness.

(3) Prepare and maintain protective shelters for all personnel in Headquarters Company, both at living and working areas. Bunkers, trenches, fighting holes, etc. are all suitable for meeting this requirement. Where appropriate, protective shelters will be prepared to serve a collateral function as fighting positions, sited to provide coverage, in depth, of all assigned areas.

(4) Provide security around the Commanding General's quarters area.

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- (5) Provide personnel for periodic reconnaissance/security patrols and ambushes, as required by this headquarters.
- (6) Maintain a provisional rifle company and provide personnel to the Subsector "B" Reaction Company, as required by Annex C.

c. Communication Company

- (1) Man perimeter defenses within assigned sector as shown in Annex A. All positions will be manned during the hours of darkness. In addition, the following will be manned during daylight hours, as well:

 - C-5
 - C-12

- (2) Prepare sufficient defensive positions along the assigned perimeter, as shown in Annex B, to ensure that when manned under high alert conditions, the entire sector is adequately covered by interlocking fire. A minimum of two positions will be manned along this perimeter upon setting condition III or higher.
- (3) Prepare and maintain protective shelters for all personnel in Communication Company, both at living and working areas. Bunkers, trenches, fighting holes, etc. are all suitable for meeting this requirement. Where appropriate, protective shelters will be prepared to serve a collateral function as fighting positions, sited to provide coverage in depth, of all assigned areas.
- (4) Provide personnel for periodic reconnaissance/security patrols and ambushes, as required by this headquarters.
- (5) Maintain two platoons and a company headquarters for a provisional rifle company and provide personnel to the Subsector "B" Reaction Company, as required by Annex C.

d. Service Company

- (1) Man perimeter defenses within its assigned sector (Division Band) as shown in Annex A. All positions will be manned during the hours of darkness. In addition, the following will be manned during daylight hours:

Band Tower

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A-5

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(a) A MIL scale will be located at position A-5 and will be utilized in observing and reporting rocket launch sites. Azimuth to launch site, in MILS, along with estimated range, will be reported to the COC bunker by the fastest means available, immediately following sighting of a rocket launch.

(2) Man positions F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4 and F-5 as shown in Annex B during the hours of darkness. Additionally, man position F-6 upon setting of condition II or higher. Prepare sufficient additional defensive positions along its assigned portion of the perimeter, as shown in Annex B, to ensure that when manned under high alert conditions, the entire sector is adequately covered by interlocking fire. Prepare positions in depth, behind primary positions, as required.

(3) Prepare and maintain protective shelters for all personnel in Service Company, both at living and working areas. Bunkers, trenches, fighting holes, etc., are all suitable for meeting this requirement. Where appropriate, protective shelters will be prepared to serve a collateral function as fighting positions, sited to provide coverage, in depth, of all assigned areas.

(4) Provide personnel for periodic reconnaissance/security patrols and ambushes, as required by this headquarters.

(5) Provide one platoon to the Second Provisional Rifle Company and provide personnel to the Subsector "B" Reaction Company, as required by Annex C.

e. Military Police Company

(1) Man listening posts H-1 and H-2 and the tower adjacent to the Battalion CP, as shown in Annex B, during the hours of darkness. The tower adjacent to the Battalion CP will be manned during daylight hours, as well.

(2) Prepare sufficient defensive positions along its assigned portion of perimeter as shown in Annex "B", to ensure that, when manned under high alert conditions, the entire sector is adequately covered by interlocking fire. Prepare positions, as required.

(3) Upon setting condition III, man three defensive positions along its assigned perimeter, in addition to the two listening posts. Increase the number of manned positions upon setting condition II or I.

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- (4) Prepare and maintain protective shelters for all personnel in Military Police Company, both at living and working areas. Bunkers, trenches, fighting holes, etc. are all suitable for meeting this requirement. Where appropriate, protective shelters will be prepared to serve a collateral function as fighting positions, sited to provide coverage in depth of all assigned areas.
- (5) Provide a personal body guard detachment to remain in the immediate vicinity of the Commanding General during alert conditions II or I. Coordinate this activity with the General's Aide.

f. Marine Air Support Squadron-2

- (1) Man positions B-6, B-7, B-8 and B-9, as indicated in Annex A, during the hours of darkness. Position B-7 will be manned during daylight hours, as well.
- (2) Man sufficient perimeter defense positions, within assigned cantonment (Annex B), to provide surveillance of entire perimeter and to detect any attempts at infiltration.
- (3) Prepare and maintain protective shelters for all personnel in MASS-2, located in assigned cantonment, both at living and working areas. Bunkers, trenches, fighting holes, etc. are all suitable for meeting this requirement. Where appropriate, protective shelters will be prepared to serve a collateral function as fighting positions, sited to provide coverage, in depth, of entire cantonment.

g. Detachment, Marine Air Support Squadron-3

- (1) Man positions B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4 and B-5 as indicated in Annex A, during the hours of darkness.
- (2) Prepare and maintain protective shelters for all personnel in MASS-3, located in assigned cantonment, both at living and working areas. Bunkers, trenches, fighting holes, etc. are all suitable for meeting this requirement. Where appropriate, protective shelters will be prepared to serve a collateral function as fighting positions, sited to provide coverage, in depth, of entire cantonment.

h. Reserve. Annex C.

i. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Submit spot reports to this headquarters, via wire circuit, as expeditiously as possible. Include all known information



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in initial spot report (WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, HOW MANY, WHAT DIRECTION, ETC). Be concise and accurate and utilize the following format:

- (a) YOUR UNIT. (Designation, size, mission of unit initiating report).
- (b) DATE-TIME GROUP OF INCIDENT. (Always local time).
- (c) LOCATION:
 - 1 YOURS (Shackle using thrust point if necessary).
 - 2 ENEMY (Coordinates or distance/direction from you).
- (d) WHAT HAPPENED. (Brief narrative including who initiated action, estimated range, number of enemy, type uniform, type and number of weapons, who broke contact, direction enemy approach/retirement, number rounds fired by enemy, etc.).
- (e) WHAT YOU DID ABOUT IT. (Brief narrative, include all actions, warning given, type/number rounds fired, type pursuit, etc.).
- (f) HOW MANY FRIENDLY KIA? (USMC/ARVN/FP/CIV)(Shackle)
- (g) HOW MANY FRIENDLY WIA? (USMC/ARVN/FP/CIV)(Shackle)
- (h) HOW MANY FRIENDLY MIA? (USMC, etc, when/where last seen)
- (i) HOW MANY VC KIA (CONFIRMED)?
- (j) HOW MANY VC KIA (PROBABLE)?
- (k) HOW MANY VC CAPTURED? (Describe)
- (l) HOW MANY DETAINEES? (Describe)
- (m) HOW MANY WEAPONS CAPTURED/LOST? (Describe)
- (n) HOW MUCH/WHAT TYPE EQUIPMENT CAPTURED/DESTROYED?
- (2) Adjacent units effect close and continuous coordination with each other.
- (3) Rules of engagement. Annex D.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Submit requirements for medical support to this headquarters.
- b. Medical. Where practicable and the nature of injuries permit it, casualties will be evacuated by vehicle - serious casualties direct to the 1st Medical Battalion; routine casualties to the Battalion Aid Station. Where medical evacuation by helicopter is appropriate, the following format will be utilized in submitting requests (where possible, medical personnel will make the final decision for need of helicopter evacuation):
 - (1) Type (Emergency, priority or routine).
 - (a) Emergency - Critical condition (life or death).
 - (b) Priority - Serious injury (life not immediately threatened).
 - (c) Routine - Minor injuries (also used in requesting evacuation of deceased).
 - (2) Requesting unit.
 - (3) Pick-up coordinates.
 - (4) Number of persons to be evacuated.
 - (5) Airborne medical assistance is/is not required (use only if absolutely necessary - it may delay Med-evac).
 - (6) Landing zone secure/not secure.
 - (7) Best approach direction for helicopter.
 - (8) Landing zone marked (how?).
 - (9) Landing zone frequency and call sign.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

- a. Annex E, Communications-Electronics

- b. Command Posts

- (1) Headquarters Battalion AT 958752
- (2) Headquarters Company AT 957752
- (3) Communication Company AT 954753

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(4) Service Company AT 954756
(5) Military Police Company AT 956753
(6) Marine Air Support Squadron-2 AT 953749
(7) Detachment, Marine Air Support Squadron-3 AT 954745

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- ✓ A - Ridgeline Defense Overlay
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- ✓ D - Rules of Engagement
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ANNEX C (Reserve) to Operation Order 1-69

Ref: (a) Subsector "B" Operation Order 301-68

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUMS

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Subsector "B" of the Northern Sector Defense Command provides a reaction company, designed primarily to support Subsector "B", but available for employment in any other area of NSDC, should the situation dictate.

2. MISSION. Headquarters Battalion provides certain personnel, supplies and equipment to the Subsector "B" Reaction Company and, in addition, organizes two provisional rifle companies for local employment in reinforcing, blocking or counter-attack roles.

3. EXECUTION

a. Headquarters Company

(1) Provide the company commander, company executive officer, company gunnery sergeant, one platoon commander and two corpsmen to the Subsector "B" Reaction Company.

(2) Provide one provisional rifle company, to be designated the First Provisional Rifle Company, organized as shown in Appendix 1.

(a) Maintain the capability to muster the entire company, prepared to execute assigned missions, within a maximum of 40 minutes from time of notification, at any time of the day or night.

(b) Provide 5 AN/MRC-25 radios to the First Provisional Rifle Company in order to communicate with this headquarters on the battalion tactical net and to operate a company tactical net.

(3) Provide one corpsman to the Second Provisional Rifle Company. Coordinate with Communication Company.

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(4) Be thoroughly familiar with, and prepared to execute, either of the plans shown in Appendix 3, and to execute such other missions as may be assigned.

b. Communication Company

- (1) Provide two radio operators, each with an AN/PRC-25 radio, to the Subsector "B" Reaction Company.
- (2) Provide one provisional rifle company, to be designated the Second Provisional Rifle Company. One platoon will be provided by Service Company. The company will be organized as shown in Appendix 2.
 - (a) Maintain the capability to muster the entire company, prepared to execute assigned missions, within a maximum time of 40 minutes from the time of notification, at anytime of the day or night.
 - (b) Provide transportation for the Second Provisional Rifle Company.
 - (c) Provide 5 AN/PRC-25 radios to the Second Provisional Rifle Company in order to communicate with this headquarters on the battalion tactical net and to operate a company tactical net.
- (3) Be thoroughly familiar with and prepared to execute either of the plans shown in Appendix 3, and to execute such other missions as may be assigned.

c. Service Company

- (1) Provide four infantry squads, organized as shown in reference (a), to the Subsector "B" Reaction Company.
- (2) Provide one platoon to the Second Provisional Rifle Company, organized as shown in Appendix 2. Coordinate with Communication Company.

d. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Unannounced drills will be conducted periodically to test reaction time and communications.
- (2) Unit commanders ensure that personnel are thoroughly familiar with the rules of engagement (Annex D).
- (3) Unit commanders ensure that personnel report in the prescribed uniform and with the prescribed equipment.

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- (4) All units maintain adequate personnel data upon which to base casualty reports.
- (5) All units will be notified by this headquarters upon setting of alert conditions. Ensure that unit "frost call" procedures permit rapid notification of all concerned.
 - (a) When Modified Condition III is set, personnel assigned to the Subsector "B" Reaction Company will be mustered in their unit areas and will be prepared to depart, within 15 minutes, for the basketball court adjacent to the Headquarters Battalion COC bunker.
 - (b) When condition III is set, personnel assigned to the Subsector "B" Reaction Company will report immediately to the basketball court adjacent to the Headquarters Battalion COC bunker. All elements must be assembled by the COC bunker within 30 minutes of notification.
 - (c) When condition II is set, the First and Second Provisional Rifle Companies will be mustered in their designated assembly areas and prepared to carry out their assigned missions. Radio nets will be activated and the company commanders of each of the two provisional rifle companies will report to the Headquarters Battalion COC bunker for instructions.
- (6) Thrust Point CHARLIE, as shown in Annex A (Ridgeline Defense Overlay) will be utilized in reporting friendly locations and controlling movements of friendly units. It will NOT be utilized in reporting enemy activity. Each officer and staff NCO will have a map in his possession and know how to use the thrust point method of reporting locations.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Uniform and Equipment. Personnel assigned to the Subsector "B" Reaction Company or either the First or Second Provisional Rifle Company will report for duty in the following uniform and with the prescribed equipment:

- (1) Officers/Staff NCO's
 - (a) Jungle utilities with trousers bloused over jungle boots.
 - (b) Cal .45 pistol, M191A1.
 - (c) Two magazines w/5 rounds each.
 - (d) Pistol belt w/holster and magazine pouch, two filled

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canteens, compass, first aid kit and entrenching tool w/cover.

- (e) Upper body armor.
- (f) Steel helmet w/camouflaged cover (green side out).
- (g) Mask, protective, field M-17.
- (h) Identification tags will be worn.
- (i) Flashlight.

(2) Enlisted

- (a) Jungle utilities with trousers boused over jungle boots.
- (b) M16A1 rifle.
- (c) Cartridge belt w/4 magazine pouches, two filled canteens, bayonet, first aid kit and entrenching tool w/cover.
- (d) Seven magazines w/18 rounds each, plus two bandoleers of ammunition.
- (e) Upper body armor.
- (f) Steel helmet w/camouflaged cover (green side out).
- (g) Mask, protective, field M-17.
- (h) Identification tags will be worn.

b. Supplies. Supply Officer provide supplies (water, rations, ammunition) for Subsector "B" Reaction Company, as specified in reference (a).

c. Transportation

- (1) Battalion Motor Transport Officer provide transportation for supplies noted in b, above. Deliver to vicinity of Battalion COC bunker upon setting condition III or higher.
- (2) Battalion Motor Transport Officer provide three 2½ ton trucks to transport personnel of the Subsector "B" Reaction Company. Trucks report to Battalion COC bunker upon setting condition III or higher.
- (3) Battalion Motor Transport Officer provide transportation for

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the First Provisional Rifle Company. Coordinate with CO Headquarters Company.

d. Medical. Evacuate casualties to the Headquarters Battalion Aid Station, unless otherwise directed.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

a. The First and Second Provisional Rifle Companies will activate radio nets immediately upon setting condition II.

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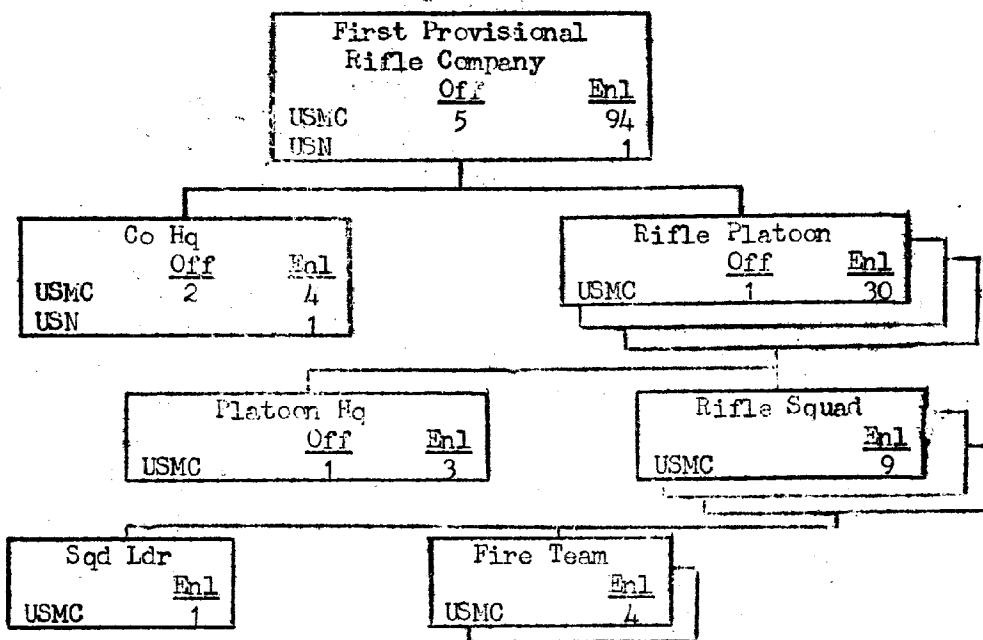
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APPENDIX 1 (Organization of First Provisional Rifle Company) to Annex C
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1. The following is an outline of the organization prescribed for the First Provisional Rifle Company:



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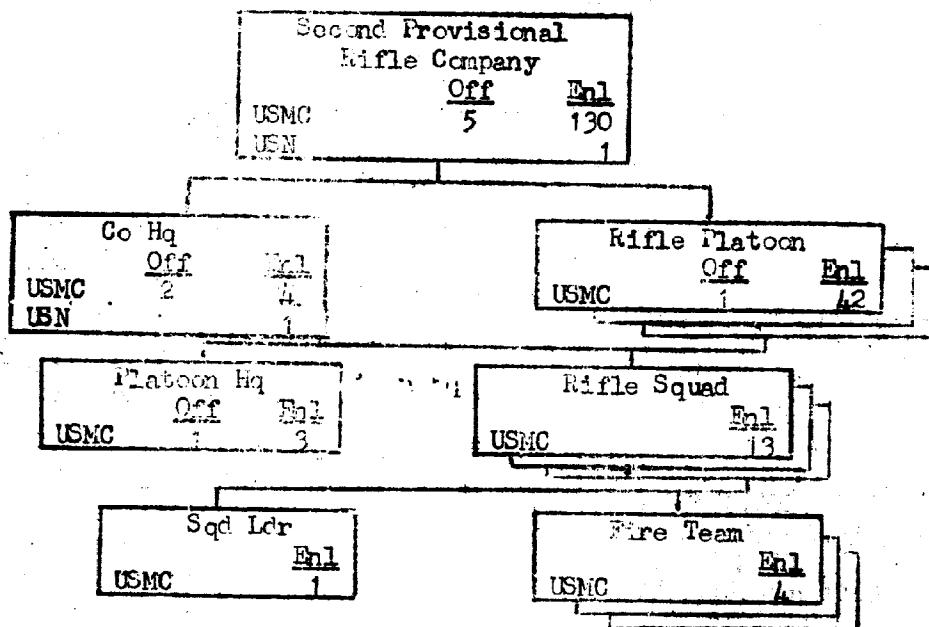
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APPENDIX 2 (Organization of Second Provisional Rifle Company) to Annex C
(Reserve) to Operation Order 1-69

1. The following is an outline of the organization prescribed for the Second Provisional Rifle Company:



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APPENDIX 3 (Reaction Plans) to Annex C (Reserve) to Operation Order 1-69

1. CONCEPT. In order to permit pre-planning and to reduce the time required to react to various threats to the Division CP, three plans of action are hereby established. Company commanders of the First and Second Provisional Rifle Companies will become thoroughly familiar with each of the plans, will brief their key personnel (company executive officers, platoon commanders, platoon sergeants and squad leaders) and will "walk through" each of the plans with their key personnel, to ensure that if and when the order is given to execute either of the given plans, it may be accomplished in a timely and efficient manner, under all conditions of visibility. Provisional rifle company commanders will also be prepared to carry out assigned missions not covered by these three plans. In view of the fact that the availability of the Subsector "B" Reaction Company cannot be planned upon for local use, its employment under either of the below listed plans will not be considered. Depending upon availability, however, the Reaction Company will be employed, as the situation permits. The following plans are effective immediately for planning. They will be executed only on order of this headquarters:

a. PLAN "A"

(1) First Provisional Rifle Company

- (a) Deploy one platoon around the main Division CP buildings, as indicated by the red line labeled with a "1" in Annex "B".
- (b) Deploy one platoon along side of hill to east of BOQ, as indicated by the red line labeled with a "2" in Annex "B". Defend against attack from the east.
- (c) Deploy one platoon along a line to the east of the Staff NCO billeting area and the Headquarters Battalion CP, as indicated by the red line labeled with a "3" in Annex "B".

(2) Second Provisional Rifle Company

- (a) Deploy one platoon around the Commanding General's/Colonel's billeting area, as indicated by the red circle labeled with a "4" in Annex "B". The platoon commander of this platoon will coordinate with the NCOIC of the General's Guard (from Security Platoon) and assume command of all Security Platoon personnel assigned for

the security of the General's quarters area. In addition, the platoon commander will coordinate with the Commanding General's Aide regarding the employment of stewards in the defense of the area.

- (b) Deploy one platoon to the ridgeline south of the Division CP to reinforce the MASS-2/MASS-3 sectors of the ridgeline defenses.
- (c) Maintain one platoon in reserve, in defilade, alongside the road behind the MASS-2 sector of the ridgeline.

b. PLAN "B"

(1) First Provisional Rifle Company

- (a) Deploy the entire company to the Service Company area. Reinforce the Service Company perimeter defenses with two platoons. Retain one platoon in a centralized assembly area, within Service Company area, prepared to counterattack and repel any enemy penetration of the Service Company perimeter.

(2) Second Provisional Rifle Company

- (a) Deploy one platoon around the Commanding General's/Colonel's billeting area, as indicated by the red circle labeled with a "4" in Annex "B". The platoon commander of this platoon will coordinate with the NCOIC of the General's Guard (from Security Platoon) and assume command of all Security Platoon personnel assigned to the security of the General's quarters area. In addition, the platoon commander will coordinate with the Commanding General's Aide regarding the employment of stewards in the defense of the area.
- (b) Maintain one platoon in reserve vicinity of the Headquarters Battalion classroom, adjacent to Messhall #1.
- (c) Maintain one platoon in reserve in the vicinity of the Communication Company motor pool.

c. PLAN "C"

(1) First Provisional Rifle Company

- (a) Deploy two platoons and the Company Headquarters to the Band sector of the ridgeline south of the Division CP. Reinforce the Band sector with one platoon and retain one platoon in reserve, two squads and the platoon

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headquarters will be positioned in defilade behind position A-5 and the third squad will be similarly positioned near the Band tower.

- (b) Maintain one platoon in reserve in the vicinity of the Headquarters Battalion classroom, adjacent to Messhall #1.
- (2) Second Provisional Rifle Company
 - (a) Deploy one platoon around the Commanding General's/Colonel's billeting area, as indicated by the red circle labeled with a "4" in Annex "B". Platoon commander of this platoon will coordinate with the NCOIC of the General's Guard (from Security Platoon) and assume command of all Security Platoon personnel assigned to the security of the General's quarters area. In addition, the platoon commander will coordinate with the Commanding General's Aide regarding the employment of stewards in the defense of the area.
 - (b) Deploy two platoons and company headquarters to the Communication Company sector of the ridgeline south of the Division CI. Reinforce the Communication Company sector with one platoon and retain one platoon in reserve, spread out and in defilade behind position C-5.
- 2. In executing any of the plans noted above, company commanders will retain the capability to rapidly re-assemble their units, and be prepared, on order, to carry out other assigned missions as directed by this headquarters.

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ANNEX D (Rules of Engagement) to Operation Order 1-69

Time Zone: H

1. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

- a. Rounds will not be chambered in individual weapons unless contact with the enemy is imminent. The senior Marine present will determine if, in his judgement, this step must be taken to preserve the lives of Marines.
- b. Magazines will not be inserted in weapons in the camp area during daylight hours unless under attack.
- c. During the hours of darkness the sequence of challenging will be as follows:
 - (1) Challenge from a covered position.
 - (2) If the person challenged makes an overt attempt to avoid apprehension, opens fire or commits any hostile act, and therefore endangers the life of the challenger, the challenger may load and fire.
 - (3) Illumination may be employed prior to firing, if circumstances permit.
 - (4) The requirement for challenge may be waived if requirements of the tactical situation dictate it and friendly forces are not operating in the area. For this command, the requirement for challenge is waived for those units defending the ridgelines to the south and west of the Division CP, during the hours of darkness, when encountering any movement or other suspicious activity in front of defensive positions. The requirement for challenge exists in all other areas along the perimeter and internally.
- d. Personnel participating as members of patrols or who otherwise have occasion to move through civilian populated areas will observe the following rules:
 - (1) Civilian dwellings are not to be burned, nor are private property and livestock to be destroyed except as an unavoidable consequence of combat actions. The firing of tracers into dwellings is to be avoided unless absolutely necessary to accomplish the commander's mission.

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- (2) Destruction of Vietnamese dwellings and livestock as a manner of denying their use to the enemy will not be engaged in.
- (3) Personal property of the Vietnamese will not be disturbed in any way except as essential for accomplishment of the tactical mission. All personnel will be provided periodic instructions as to the meaning of looting and the penalties in the Uniform Code of Military Justice for looting, burglary, larceny and housebreaking in violation of articles 103, 129, 121 and 130 respectively.

e. None of the foregoing is intended to deny the application of force against the sources of hostile fire. Enemy forces engaging friendly troops will be destroyed by utilization of any means available.

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ANNEX E (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 1-69

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Current INTSUMS
- (2) Enemy communications-electronics capabilities
 - (a) Conduct electronic countermeasures and electronic counter-countermeasures.
 - (b) Conduct wire tapping.
 - (c) Insert deception traffic on any communication channel.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Communication Company provides communication operators for the Subsector "B" COC bunker which serves, also, as COC bunker for Headquarters Battalion.
2. MISSION. Subordinate units maintain adequate communications with all elements. This headquarters maintains communications with subordinate units.

3. EXECUTION

a. Communication Company

- (1) Establish, operate and maintain communication channels for Headquarters Battalion, as outlined in Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) and Appendix 2 (Wire Plan).

b. Subordinate Units, Headquarters Battalion

- (1) Establish, operate and maintain communication channels as outlined in Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) and Appendix 2 (Wire Plan).

c. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Radio

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- (a) Appendix 1 (Radio Plan)
- (b) Tactical radio call signs in accordance with Appendix 1.
- (c) All guard stations will check in at least every hour when nets are activated.

(2) Wire

- (a) Appendix 2 (Wire Plan)

(3) Messengers

- (a) Utilize messengers as back-up and alternate means of communication.

(4) Alert Conditions

- (a) Appendix 3 (Alert Conditions)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Submit requirements for logistical support to this headquarters.

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- 1 - Radio Plan
- 2 - Wire Plan
- 3 - Alert Conditions

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Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) to Annex E (Communication-Electronics) to Operation
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	Subsector "B" (Headquarters Battalion) Tactical Net (39.6)	SS "B" Reaction Company Tac Net (68.85)	1st Prov Rfl Co Tac Net (67.80)	2nd Prov Rfl Co Tac Net (35.05)
HEADQUARTERS BATTALION COC (MUSK OX)	C			
SECURITY PLATOON CP (DAI LA) (MUSK OX YANKEE)	X			
SECURITY PLATOON BILLETING AREA (MUSK OX YANKEE REAR)	(X)			
SECURITY PLATOON TOWER (MUSK OX YANKEE TOWER)	(X)			
SECURITY PLATOON D-14 (MUSK OX YANKEE-14)	(X)			
MASS-3 (CARSTAIRS)	(X)			
MASS-2 (PLUTOCRAT)	X			
BAND SECTOR CP (MUSK OX TANGO)	X			
COMMUNICATION COMPANY SECTOR CP (MUSK OX MIKE)	X			
SERVICE COMPANY CP (MUSK OX ZULU)	02			
MILITARY POLICE COMPANY CP (PAL JOEY)	02			
SUBSECTOR "B" REACTION COMPANY MUSK OX "A"	03	C	03	
1ST PLT REACTION COMPANY (MUSK OX "A"-1)			03	
2ND PLT REACTION COMPANY (MUSK OX "A"-2)			03	
3RD PLT REACTION COMPANY (MUSK OX "A"-3)			03	
1ST PROVISIONAL RIFLE COMPANY (MUSK OX "B")	02		C	02
1ST PLT, 1ST PROV RFL Co (MUSK OX "B"-1)				02
2ND PLT, 1ST PROV RFL Co (MUSK OX "B"-2)				02
3RD PLT, 1ST PROV RFL Co (MUSK OX "B"-3)				02

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Subsector "B" (Headquarters Battalion) Tactical Net (39.6)	SS "B" Reaction Company Tac Net (68.85)	1st Prov Rfl Co Tac Net (67.80)	2nd Prov Rfl Co Tac Net (35.05)
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2ND PROVISIONAL RIFLE COMPANY (MUSK OX "C")	02		C 02
1ST PLT, 2ND PROV RFL Co (MUSK OX "C"-1)			02
2ND PLT, 2ND PROV RFL Co (MUSK OX "C"-2)			02
3RD PLT, 2ND PROV RFL Co (MUSK OX "C"-3)			02

C - Net Control

X - Guard at all times

O - Guard at night

03 - Guard when in Alert Condition III or higher

02 - Guard when in Alert Condition II or higher

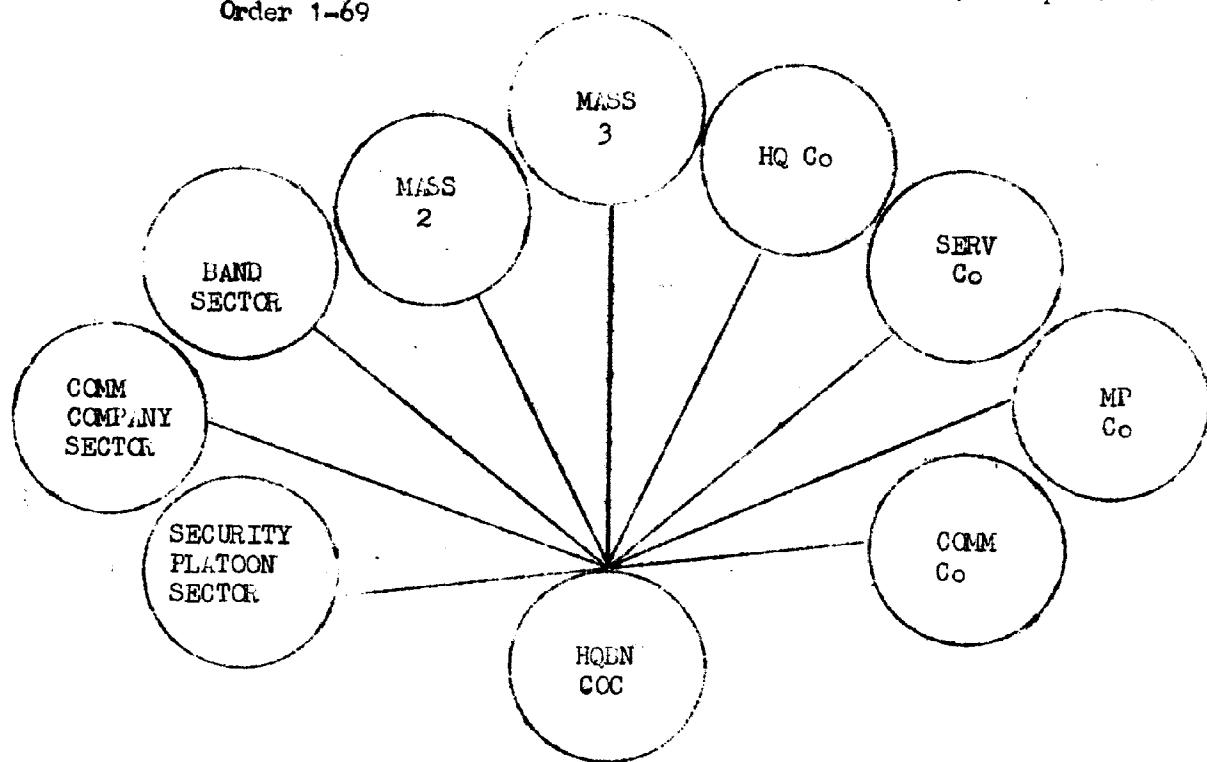


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APPENDIX 2 (Wire Plan) to Annex E (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 1-69



NOTES:

- (1) Each ridgeline sector will maintain wire communications with all manned defensive positions in its sector and with the CP's of adjacent sectors. All manned defensive positions within a sector, and adjacent sector CP's will be wired into a sector switchboard which will, in turn, be wired into the Headquarters Battalion COC bunker.
- (2) Service Company and MP Company will maintain communications with defensive positions along their assigned perimeters. If wire and/or radio communications are insufficient, messengers will be utilized to ensure a positive means of communication.

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APPENDIX 3 (Alert Conditions) to Annex E (Communications-Electronics) to
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Time Zone: H

1. GENERAL

- a. This appendix sets forth the conditions of tactical alert to be utilized within the Northern Sector Defense Command, including Headquarters Battalion.
- b. Notification of alert conditions will be by wire or by messenger. Depending upon the prevailing situation, notification may be by radio.
- c. Defensive measures required for each alert condition are cumulative. All measures required for higher conditions are in addition to those set forth for lower conditions.
- d. Alert conditions will be established by this headquarters, as conditions warrant.

2. GROUND ALERT CONDITIONS

a. Condition IV

- (1) Exercise routine security precautions throughout Headquarters Battalion. This condition implies the possibility of enemy action, but no indication of abnormal enemy activity. This is the normal alert condition.

(2) Action

- (a) All defensive positions shown in Annexes A and B will be manned during hours of darkness with at least one Marine alert in each position at all times.
- (b) Daylight OP's will be manned as indicated in paragraph 3 of the basic order.
- (c) All hands will have their normal arms in their possession or immediately available at all times. In addition, personnel armed with the .45 pistol will carry 2 filled magazines and personnel armed with the M-16 will carry 2 filled magazines.

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(d) Patrols/ambushes will be conducted, as directed by this headquarters.

(e) Personnel will enter villages only when necessary in the performance of their official duties.

b. Condition III Modified

(1) Information indicates a need for increased defensive measures in order to prepare for expected enemy action on the small unit level. Intelligence sources indicate the probability of enemy action within 12 hours.

(2) Action

(a) All defensive positions shown in Annexes A and B will be manned during hours of darkness with at least two Marines at each position. Only one of the two Marines is required to be alert at any one time.

(b) Personnel comprising the Subsector "B" Reaction Company will be mustered and remain in their respective unit areas, prepared to depart for the basketball court adjacent to the Headquarters Battalion CCC bunker within 15 minutes, if Condition III is set.

c. Condition III

(1) Intelligence indicates possibility of enemy action within 3 hours.

(2) Action

(a) Movement outside of the Headquarters Battalion Camp, foot or vehicular, will be restricted to essential activities.

(b) Military Police Company will man a minimum of three positions along its assigned perimeter (Annex B), in addition to the two listening posts.

(c) Communication Company will man a minimum of two positions along its assigned perimeter (Annex B).

(d) No personnel will enter villages unless an emergency situation exists.

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- (e) Be prepared to clear areas of all local employees, on order.
- (f) Subsector "B" Reaction Company will assemble on the basketball court adjacent to the Headquarters Battalion COC bunker.

d. Condition II

- (1) Intelligence sources indicate the high probability of a ground attack by the enemy, or explosive fires are falling in the vicinity of the Headquarters Battalion Camp.

(2) Action

- (a) Muster the First and Second Provisional Rifle Companies in designated assembly areas.
- (b) All personnel not essential to the functioning of the Division Headquarters and who are not members of either Provisional Rifle Company will move to assigned shelters/defensive positions.
- (c) All local employees will be released and cleared from the area.
- (d) Only essential tactical vehicular traffic will depart the Headquarters Battalion Camp.

e. Condition I

- (1) The perimeter of the Northern Sector Defense Command is under ground attack or attack by fire or enemy forces have penetrated defensive positions.

(2) Action

- (a) Cease all movement not of an emergency nature.
- (b) Only essential personnel will remain in office spaces to continue essential functions within the Division Headquarters and/or to effect classified material removal and destruction plans, as required.
- (c) Prepare to engage the enemy in combat.

3. ALERT CONDITION SIGNALS

- a. To provide a means of rapidly alerting everyone in the camp upon setting alert conditions II or I, hand-crank siren ~~will be in-~~

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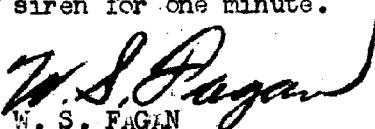
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stalled and operated at the following locations:

- (1) Division COC
- (2) Headquarters Battalion COC
- (3) Service Company office

b. On order from this headquarters, sirens will be sounded as follows:

- (1) Condition II - Ten 15 second blasts of each siren, with a 5 second delay between each blast.
- (2) Condition I - Three 30 second blasts of each siren, with a 5 second delay between each blast.
- (3) All clear - Continuous blast of siren for one minute.


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ANNEX F (Fire Support) to Operation Order 1-69

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1. Headquarters, Northern Sector Defense Command is the coordinating agency for all fire support, artillery or otherwise, within or immediately adjacent to the Northern Sector Defense Command. This includes the ridgelines to the south and west of the Division headquarters, which are defended by elements of Headquarters Battalion.
2. Requests for artillery fire, HE or illumination, will be submitted to the Headquarters Battalion COC bunker, preferably by wire communication. Requests will then be relayed from the Headquarters Battalion COC bunker to the Northern Sector Defense Command COC bunker. NSDC will submit requests to the 11th Marines Fire Direction Center which obtains a Sav-A-Plane, confirms clearance and directs supporting unit to provide the fire as requested. Depending upon the situation, the ridgeline sector requesting the artillery fire may be directed to switch their radio frequency to that of the supporting artillery unit (frequency to be disseminated by this headquarters) and give direct adjustments, or the requesting sector may be directed to relay adjustments to the Headquarters Battalion COC bunker. In either case, correct artillery FO procedures must be employed, utilizing the Artillery Range Cards which have been issued.
3. The following high explosive defensive fires are available and will be fired shell HE, fuze quick, battery one round, unless otherwise designated:

<u>TARGET NO.</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
XY 302	AT 967739
XY 303	AT 961741
XY 332	AT 958743
XY 333	AT 954741
XY 022	AT 945740
XY 023	AT 949739
XY 428	AT 955737
XY 371	AT 934743

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<u>TARGET NO.</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
XY 372	AT 930744
XY 325	AT 931754

4. The following illumination fires are available and will be fired one gun, one round per minute for five minutes, unless otherwise designated. Note that target reference numbers of illumination missions are suffixed by the letter "Z". It is most important that this suffix "Z" be included when requesting illumination missions.

<u>TARGET NO.</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
XY 393Z	AT 944737
XY 394Z	AT 965738
XY 395Z	AT 962739
XY 396Z	AT 960740
XY 397Z	AT 958740
XY 398Z	AT 959736
XY 430Z	AT 953736
XY 431Z	AT 950738
XY 432Z	AT 954743
XY 433Z	AT 950743
XY 434Z	AT 948742
XY 435Z	AT 945741
XY 436Z	AT 942742
XY 437Z	AT 941745
XY 438Z	AT 941749
XY 439Z	AT 935754
XY 440Z	AT 931755
XY 021Z	AT 939738

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<u>TARGET NO.</u>	<u>COORDINATES</u>
XY 024Z	AT 954733
XY 313Z	AT 963738
XY 447Z	AT 945753
XY 448Z	AT 948750
XY 120Z	AT 931754
XY 124Z	AT 931746
XY 319Z	AT 937752
XY 326Z	AT 930745

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