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1 November - 30 November 1966

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

3d Battalion, 1st Marines

1 Nov - 30 Nov 1966

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Village of Thanh Thuy, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam

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AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHOFFICERS

USMC	2
USN	2

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USMC	993
USN	63

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**UNCLASSIFIED****SECTION I**ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

3d Battalion, 1st Marines  
FFO, San Francisco, 96602

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1 November - 30 November 1966

COMMANDING OFFICER

Lieutenant Colonel H. F. DeATLEY

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major A. E. SKAGERBERG

STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

2d Lt V. B. BUNNELL	S-1
1stLt C. R. ROBISON	S-2
Major A. S. LOUGHRY	S-3
1stLt H. I. CATES	S-4
Capt J. W. GIBBS, III	S-5
Capt L. J. KELLY	Communications Officer
1stLt G. F. GROH	Air Liaison Officer (1 Nov - 25 Nov)
1stLt E. E. HEINLE	Air Liaison Officer (25 Nov - 30 Nov)
2dLt J. M. HAYES	Supply Officer
Capt L. J. KELLY	Motor Transport Officer
Lt (MC) R. D. WHEAT	Medical Officer
Lt (CHC) R. A. ROY	Chaplain

UNIT COMMANDERS

Capt W. M WOOD	H&S Company
Capt B. F. CATE	Company I
Capt H. T. WINSTON	Company K (1 Nov - 16 Nov)
Capt D. E. MARCUM	Company K (16 Nov - 20 Nov)
Capt R. B. ROTHWELL	Company K (20 Nov - 30 Nov)
Capt R. E. KNAPPER	Company L
Capt G. G. KNOWLES	Company M

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SECTION II. PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION

A. Summary. During November, the 3d Battalion, 1st Marines continued operations within the assigned TAOR. Personnel/Administration functions were conducted in normal manner.

B. Significant Events

1. Awards. This battalion conducted an award ceremony on 1 November 1966 at which time one marine officer and fourteen enlisted marines were awarded the Purple Heart Medal. One enlisted marine was awarded the Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star.

2. Casualties. The battalion sustained casualties totaling sixteen marines and one navy enlisted killed in action, forty-three marines and one navy enlisted wounded in action. There were three non-battle casualties.

3. The battalion transferred six marine officers, eighty-two marine enlisted, and one navy enlisted to other marine units in Vietnam or to the Continental United States. Concurrently the battalion joined two marine officers, three staff noncommissioned officers, 129 marine enlisted, and nineteen navy enlisted. The personnel combat readiness category remained at C-2.

C. Personnel. Battalion chargeable strength (end of period).

	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
U. S. Marine Corps	32	993
U. S. Navy	2	63

D. Problem Areas/New Developments. During November, the battalion will transfer one officer and sixteen enlisted marines to the Continental United States. It is anticipated that personnel input will more than offset the losses.

E. Discipline, Law and Order. A sound disciplinary posture was maintained throughout this organization during the reporting period.

1. Courts Martial

	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Summary	2	2
Special	3	1
General	0	0

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2. <u>Nonjudicial Punishment</u>	<u>Pending</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Battalion Commander's	6	3
Company Commander's	2	4

F. Morale, Exchange, Postal Affairs, Library. The morale of this organization continues to be excellent. The following factors are particularly significant:

1. Continued excellent mail service.
2. The nightly showing of movies in the battalion mess hall for personnel in the battalion command post not on watch.
3. The Enlisted Men's Club which provides soft drinks and beer.
4. Continuing awareness and alertness by unit commanders and NCO's to the needs and problems of the individual Marine.
5. Continued use of field messes by the rifle companies.
6. An excellent out-of-country rest and relaxation program.
7. An excellent in-country (China Beach) recreation area enabling an entire platoon to have three days R&R at the same time.

G. Chaplain's Activities

1. Catholic services in the battalion are provided by Lt. R. A. ROY, Battalion Chaplain; Protestant services by Lt J. E. DOFFIN, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines Chaplain.

2. Services at the battalion command post:

<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF SERVICES</u>		<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
	<u>CATH</u>	<u>PROT</u>	<u>CATH</u>	<u>PROT</u>
Sunday	3	3	84	75
Weekday	7	0	137	0
Total	10	3	221	75

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## 3. Services in the companies:

<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF SERVICES</u>		<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	
	<u>CATH</u>	<u>PROT</u>	<u>CATH</u>	<u>PROT</u>
Sunday	2	0	32	0
Weekday	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>59</u>
Total	9	4	155	59

4. Miscellaneous

a. During this period the Battalion Chaplain has provided Catholic services for the three battalions of the 1st Marine Regiment.

b. Fifty-two hospital calls were made.

c. Nineteen Marines were counseled.

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SECTION III. INTELLIGENCEA. Summary of Enemy Activity

1. Enemy contact throughout the month was light; the most significant being the VC attack on 3d Platoon, Company I CP on 12 November 1966.

2. Other significant occurrences are as listed in Section IV (Operations/Training).

B. Recapitulation of Enemy Activity

1. Contacts. A total of 131 contacts were made during November.

2. Enemy Lossesa. Personnel

VC KIA (Confirmed)	24
VC KIA (Probable)	55
VC WIA (Confirmed)	1
VC WIA (Probable)	1
VC Captured	30
VC Suspects	63

b. Weapons and Equipment Destroyed or CapturedDestroyed

6 Boats  
5 Caves  
3 ChiCom Grenades  
2 US M-26 Grenades  
1 US MK2 Grenade  
13 Punji Pits

Captured

2 ChiCom K-50 SMG  
45,000 Pounds of Rice  
1 Roll of Trip Wire  
1 BA-279 Battery  
20' of 16 Gauge Wire  
Assorted Medical Supplies  
Assorted Documents and Equipment

3. Mines and Booby Traps. A total of twenty-two mines and booby traps were encountered during the month; of these, four were detonated causing casualties/damage.

a. Mines

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DETONATED</u>	<u>DETECTED AND DESTROYED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Anti-Personnel	2	9	11
Anti-Vehicular	2	1	3
Miscellaneous	0	3	3

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b. Booby Traps

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DETONATED</u>	<u>DETECTED AND DESTROYED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Grenade	0	0	0
Locally Manufactured	0	5	5

c. Weather and Terrain

1. Weather. Monsoon rains, supplemented by a tropical storm on 26 November, brought the total rainfall for the month to 14.36 inches. The weather was generally cloudy, warm and humid. Late evening and early morning temperatures were cool.

2. Terrain. The terrain in the battalion TAOR consists primarily of rice paddies, low sandy hills and many small streams and waterways, none of which pose any significant problems under normal conditions. Trafficability of secondary roads by wheeled vehicles is greatly reduced during and after periods of extensive rainfall.

D. Surveillance and Reconnaissance

1. Surveillance. Use of the AN/TPS-21 Ground Surveillance Radar within the Counter Mortar Belt was initiated during November and has proved to be a highly effective piece of equipment. On numerous occasions, movement has been detected and fire missions called. The high priority placed upon early detection systems within this area has necessitated the emplacement of both organic radar sets in one position, thereby hindering total surveillance of crucial areas. Additional sets would alleviate this problem.

2. Reconnaissance. During November, seven requests for aerial photographs of areas within the TAOR were initiated; of these, one was honored and six remain outstanding. Lack of up to date photography has seriously hampered operational planning.

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civilians were provided shelter and food. From 4 - 6 November, infantrymen, engineers, scout dog teams, and Kit Carson Scouts conducted a thorough search of the hamlet. Four caves were destroyed, and numerous documents, a well equipped VC medical kit and 2000 pounds of VC rice were found. Additionally, three VCC were captured. Operations in Tra Lo terminated at 061200H, when the battalion shifted its activities to the Hai An (1), Hai An (2), Ngan Cau (3) area (BT 0667). There were no USMC casualties.

(b) On 6 November, the battalion conducted a combined helicopter, armor, and infantry attack on objective area comprised of Hai An (1) and (2) and Ngan Cau (3), vicinity (BT 0667). Participating units were Companies K and M; Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines; detachment, 3d Engineer Battalion; four dog teams of 1st MF Battalion; one platoon, Company C, 3d Tank Battalion; one platoon, Company A, 1st Anti-Tank Battalion; and one platoon, 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion. Beginning at 061200H, Companies D and M landed by helicopter in three landing zones after suppression fires had been delivered. They quickly moved in to form a cordon on the objective from the south and west sides. Concurrently, Company K aboard tanks and LVT's moved in from the east. Within twelve minutes the cordon was complete. At 061340H, the battalion OP was established vicinity (BT 064677). A collection point was erected in the same area, where 700 villagers were provided food and shelter. At 070730, companies began a search of the objective area utilizing infantry, scout dogs, and Kit Carson scouts. Various documents and a French gunners quadrant were found. The operation secured at 071600H, as commitments in the 1st Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR required the return of Company D and the operation control of Companies K and M to that battalion.

(c) At 081206, Companies K and M were assigned to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines to participate in Operation Arcadia. Both companies rejoined this battalion at 111600H.

(d) On 13 November the battalion commenced a combined vertical envelopment, river crossing operation on a suspected large VC infrastructure located in the Thon Trung Luang (BT 0472) area. Company M at 130300H departed Marble Mountain air facility. Simultaneously, Company K crossed the LOD aboard LVTP-5's, and one platoon of Company I moved by foot from the northeast. At 130345H, the cordon was established. The Battalion OP was opened at 130330H, vicinity (BT 042729). At 130700H, the Battalion CP group joined the OP and commenced operating therefrom. The Quang Nam Province Chief, elements of his intelligence staff, and members of 3d CIT, 1st Marine Division, screened the people within Thon Trung Luang. At 141655H, the operation terminated. Results were seven VCC. No USMC/USN casualties.

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SECTION IV. OPERATIONS/TRAININGA. Operations1. Summary

(a) The battalion continued to perform its assigned missions within its TAOR, Danang Combat Base, of conducting aggressive offensive operations against communist guerrillas; ensuring the security of key bridges, roads, and waterways; and the protection of Danang and Marble Mountain air bases from enemy mortar attacks.

(b) On 22 November the battalion's TAOR was adjusted to encompass, approximately, the area bounded by the South China Sea on the east, BT 72 east/west grid line on the north, the Song Vinh Dien on the west, to the BT 61 east/west grid line on the south. The battalion command group was split to form a CP Forward, located at (BT 071656), and CP Rear which remained at (BT 069712). No difficulty in tactical operations were encountered in this move. The relocation of the CP continues.

(c) As a result of TAOR adjustments, the battalion supported one combined action (CAC) platoon, functioning out of Nui Kim Son (BT 072706), and consisting of twenty-three Marine and fifteen Popular Forces personnel.

2. Small Unit Actions. Units of squad and platoon size conducted 256 patrols and seventy-eight ambushes. Of the total, 200, or sixty percent, were during the hours of darkness. Fire team sized, water-borne patrols continued to deny the VC the use of the Son Cau Do River. Although the rains continued to cause flooding of many areas which reduced trafficability, patrolling activities continued to adjust well.

3. Company and Battalion Operations

(a) Companies K and M, and the command group, conducted a search and destroy operation in the Tra Lo (BT 0868) area, commencing on 3 November. Initial movement began at 021750H when Company K, mounted on tanks, created a diversion by moving southeast to (BT 102667). At 030649H, Company K began its return northward. Upon reaching its LOD, which laid to the east and parallel to the objective, a rapid movement inland established the southern portion of the cordon. The movement of Company M to establish the northern half of the cordon began at 030600H by tactical column. The Battalion OP group followed at 031000H. While companies were surrounding Tra Lo from the south, east, and north, pre-planned artillery fires blocked the enemy's escape to the west. Both companies crossed the LOD on time at 031100H, established the cordon at 031125H, and the Battalion OP opened at 031143H, vicinity (BT 086680). A collection point was established for villagers. By 031700H, some 350

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3. Out of Country Training. Eight members of the battalion attended formal out of country schools; five enlisted attended the Vietnamese Language School (Okinawa), two enlisted attended the NCO Leadership School (Okinawa), and one enlisted attended the Infantry Weapon Repair Course, (Okinawa).

4. Rifle and Pistol Range. The Battalion rifle and pistol range was utilized by 222 shooters during November. 150 were from the Battalion and seventy-two were from MCB-6 and 1st MAW units.

### C. Chronological Narrative of Significant Events

#### November

- 1 At 011340H, vicinity BT 050670, the Battalion Psy War Team while presenting a series of broadcasts, received SAF from an unknown number of VC, resulting in one USMC WIA (MEDEVAC). SAF was returned and one VC was seen to fall resulting in one VC KIA (probable).
- 2 At 020930H, vicinity BT 078700, a civilian vehicle from RMK carrying civilians to work on the Sea Anchor project, detonated a pressure mine, resulting in minor injury to ten civilians. Casualties MEDEVAC to RMK medical facilities. An engineer team was dispatched to the scene of the incident, where they discovered and destroyed five additional anti-vehicle pressure mines.

At 021600H, the battalion commenced search and destroy operations in the Tra Lo hamlet area. Company D, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines OPCON to 3d Battalion, 1st Marines for operation.

At 021805H, vicinity BT 052690, Company L platoon CP received SAF from unknown number of VC, resulting in one USMC WIA (MEDEVAC). The CP perimeter returned 60mm mortar, M-79, and SAF causing the VC to break contact.

- 3 030830H, vicinity BT 098663, Company K sweeping force apprehended three young wounded Vietnamese males with improper identification. VCS were forwarded to ITT, where it was determined they were VCC.

At 031040H, vicinity BT 066667, MSR mine sweep detail discovered and destroyed a homemade, pressure activated, anti-personnel mine.

- 4 At 040945H, vicinity BT 095681, Company K sweep force discovered a cache of assorted medical supplies in a spider hole.

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(e) On 23 November, working from intelligence information, the battalion commenced search and destroy operations in the Khai Tay area (BT 0367) (BT 0467) (BT 0466) utilizing Companies I, K, and M, one platoon tanks and one platoon LVTP-5's. Companies crossed the LOD at 230400H. Company I moved from the north, established a cordon in that area, and was assigned the mission of searching Khai Tay (2) (BT 0467). Company K, utilizing LVTP-5's, approached from the east, formed a cordon encircling Khai Tay (3) (BT 0466), with that being its objective. Company M moved from the southwest, established a cordon in that area around Thi An (2) (BT 0367) with Thi An (2) assigned as an objective in search operations. The cordon was established by 230530H. Search operations produced little results. Several caves that were found were filled with water. The operation terminated at 241100H.

4. Road/Bridge Security. One Marine platoon and one combined action platoon provided security for three major bridges, at (AT 998705), (AT 999699), and (BT 071702). On 22 November, the responsibility for the bridges at (AT 998705) were reassigned to 2d Battalion, 1st Marines when this Battalion's TAOR was modified. Additionally, the battalion provided security for the mine sweeping patrols, which swept over 7000 meters of road daily and a twenty-four hour, platoon sized patrol to keep the MSR open.

5. Air Base Defense. The battalion occupied five outposts, until 22 November, as protection for the Danang and Marble Mountain air bases from mortar attacks from the south. Subsequent to 22 November, and in conjunction with TAOR boundary changes, one outpost was deleted. Outposts at positions (BT 053715), a man made tower armed with 106mm recoilless rifle, and on two hills, (BT 068712) and (BT 068705), each armed with 106mm recoilless rifles, remained in effect. Two outposts continued to be manned by artillery FO's, (BT 068705) and (BT 074710). Target acquisition drills were conducted on simulated VC mortar positions. Responsibility for the mortar belt was assumed by Company L on 2 November 1966. That Company's TAOR is outlined generally by the four points (BT 047723), (BT 035692), (BT 0969), and (BT 0871). Company L's CP was established at (BT 083698).

## B. Training

1. Battalion Training. All companies conducted extensive on the job training. Rifle companies gave emphasis to weapons and scouting and patrolling techniques. A two week scout/sniper school was completed under the supervision of the S-2 chief. Nine marines completed the course. The communications officer continued to provide instruction on communication matters.

2. In Country Training. Forty marines attended a three day formal school on mine warfare given by 3d Engineer Mine Warfare School. Special emphasis was placed on landmine, booby trap, and demolition training. Four Marines attended the Division Sniper School.

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- 8 At 081206H, Companies K and M chopped OFCON to 1/1.

At 081500H, vicinity BT 052687, approximately 150 Vietnamese with a wounded female were demonstrating at the 1st Platoon Company I CP. A woman agitator and two males were seen fleeing the crowd and taken under fire by 106mm and artillery fire resulting in two VC KIA (probable).

At 082040H, vicinity BT 052688, Company I platoon CP received approximately 200 rounds of sporadic SAF while Psy War Team was broadcasting. The platoon returned 106mm, 3.5 rocket, and 81mm mortar fire. Search of area revealed blood trail indicating one VC KIA (probable).

- 10 At 101700H, vicinity BT 039695, Company L patrol received sniper fire from one VC. Patrol returned SAF and 81mm mortar fire (on target) resulting in one VC KIA (probable).

- 11 At 110835H, vicinity BT 065673, the MSR mine sweep discovered and destroyed a Wt grenade with trip wire, rigged as a mine.

At 111600H, Companies K and M reverted to 3/1 OFCON.

At 111800H, vicinity BT 085658, Company K patrol received sniper fire resulting in one USMC WIA (MEDEVAC). Patrol returned fire and searched area with negative results.

- 12 At 120130H, vicinity BT 973663, Company I platoon CP received a coordinated attack of SAF, grenades, and demolition charges from approximately twenty-five VC resulting in fourteen USMC KIA, one USN KIA, twenty-seven USMC WIA, and one USN WIA (MEDEVAC). Marines accounted for three VC KIA (confirmed) and seven VC KIA (probable).

- 13 At 130300H, Companies I, K, and M commenced a two day search and destroy operation vicinity BT 0472.

At 131055H, vicinity BT 035716, Company K squad patrol upon entering a village apprehended thirteen VCS who were attempting to flee. While returning to CI with VCS, the patrol received SAF from unknown number of VC. The patrol returned SAF and continued to the CP.

At 131320H, vicinity BT 042722, Company M patrol apprehended one VCS confirmed to be VCC by accompanying C.I.T.

- 14 At 141655H, the search and destroy operation vicinity BT 0472 was terminated.

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At 041050H, vicinity BT 067674, mine sweep security element received SAF from estimated four VC, resulting in one USMC WIA (MED-EVAC). Returned 106mm fire with good coverage; enemy fire ceased. Search of area revealed blood trail indicating one VC KIA (probable).

- 5 At 050945H, vicinity BT 086680, a TD-18 bulldozer unearthed a 2000 pound cache of rice determined to have been stored there by the VC.

At 051220H, vicinity BT 005665, Company I squad patrol received SAF from unknown number of VC, resulting in one USMC WIA (MEDEVAC). Patrol returned fire causing VC to break contact, and continued on assigned mission.

- 6 At 060800H, screening team at the collection point vicinity BT 086679, forwarded eight VCS to District Headquarters and one VCS to ITT.

At 061200H, vicinity AT 969657, Company I platoon CP, acting on information received from local villagers; apprehended four VCS in front of their perimeter; VCS forwarded to Regimental S-2.

At 061200H, terminated search and destroy operation in Tra Lo hamlet area and commenced search and destroy operation in the hamlets of Hai An (1), (2), and Ngan Cau (3), vicinity BT 0567, 0667, and 0568.

At 061630H, vicinity BT 029715, Company I patrol apprehended one VCS who a PF reported was making a map of tower west (BT 033715); VCS forwarded to Regimental S-2.

At 061630H, vicinity BT 054676, Company D patrol discovered and destroyed five punji pits.

At 061800H, vicinity BT 072703, a grenade was thrown at the rear of a bus about fifty meters from CAO CP killing one and wounding nine civilians (All MEDEVAC). Three VCS were apprehended and forwarded to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

- 7 At 071310H vicinity BT 063673, the MSR mine sweep team discovered and destroyed an M-26 grenade with trip wire, rigged as a mine.

At 071430, vicinity At 968672, Company I patrol observed VCS running from a house they were approaching. Search of house revealed two additional VCS who were subsequently forwarded to Regimental S-2.

At 071600H, search and destroy operation in hamlets of Hai An and Ngan Cau terminated. Company D reverted to 1/1 OPCON.

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At 211115H, vicinity AT 998705, two Vietnamese males were taken off a local bus due to improper identification; VCS forwarded to Regimental S-2.

At 211900H, vicinity AT 974675, Company I patrol apprehended four VCS with false identification; VCS forwarded to Regimental S-2.

At 211945H, vicinity BT 062701, Company L patrol discovered and destroyed a CHICOM grenade rigged as a mine. In the same vicinity observed two Vietnamese women and one child digging. While squad was enroute to check area the Vietnamese fled. Patrol discovered an additional homemade mine which was to have been emplaced in the hole the Vietnamese were digging; the device was blown in place.

- 22 At 220840H, vicinity BT 064662, the MSR mine sweep discovered and destroyed a CHICOM grenade, packed with C-4, and rigged as a mine.

At 220915H, vicinity BT 064662, MSR mine sweep discovered and destroyed a homemade mine consisting of 60mm and 80mm mortar rounds packed with nails and miscellaneous metal.

- 23 At 231630H, vicinity BT 047676, the battalion S-2 screening team forwarded six VCS to District Headquarters and one VCS to ITT from the battalion collection point.

At 231700H, vicinity BT 047688, Company I patrol discovered and destroyed two booby traps in a hedgerow.

- 24 At 240825H, vicinity BT 066680, Company K platoon CP received SAF from estimated two VCS. The squad dispatched to search area discovered one VCS hiding in a house; VCS forwarded to ITT.

At 242010H, vicinity BT 068705, a battalion scout/sniper team in support of Company L detected movement to the front utilizing the AN/TFS-21. Artillery fire was called in with good target coverage resulting in six VC KIA (probable).

- 25 At 251130H, vicinity BT 087693, 2d Platoon, Company L patrol received SAF from an estimated four VC resulting in two USMC WIA (MEDEVAC). The platoon returned M-79, 3.5 WE rocket, 60mm recoilless rifle, 81mm mortar, and small arms fire. The area was searched but contact was not reestablished.

At 252115H, vicinity BT 057717, a Company L listening post observed two VC approaching their position. The marines opened fire and threw

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- At 141840H, vicinity AT 990689, Company M patrol detonated an M26 grenade rigged as a mine, resulting in two USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).
- 15 At 151015H, vicinity AT 985688, Company M patrol discovered and destroyed seven punji pits, four of which were mined with grenades.
  - 16 At 160820H, vicinity AT 974675, Company M patrol apprehended one VCS attempting to flee from patrol; VCS didn't have proper identification and was forwarded to Regimental S-2.
  - 17 At 172010H, vicinity BT 049686, point man of a Company L patrol stepped into a punji pit resulting in one USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).
  - 18 At 181055H, vicinity AT 995678, Company K patrol discovered and destroyed three caves. In the same area, two VCS were apprehended and forwarded to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.
- At 181140H, vicinity BT 041698, Company L patrol opened fire on four VC who were fleeing a house which the patrol was approaching, resulting in one VC KIA (confirmed), one VC KIA (probable), and one VCC. The patrol confiscated two 7.62 CHICOM automatic weapons w/magazines, five grenades, assorted documents, and medical supplies. Three additional VCS were found hiding in the house and were forwarded to ITT.
- At 182030, vicinity BT 050713, Company L patrol discovered and destroyed a CHICOM grenade rigged as a mine.
- 19 At 190930H, vicinity AT 994673, Company K patrol apprehended one VCS without proper identification; VCS forwarded to Regimental S-2.
- At 191300H, vicinity BT 056684, Company M patrol received SAF from unknown number of VC. Patrol returned SAF, searched area apprehending one VCS; VSC forwarded to ITT.
- At 191300H, vicinity BT 050687, Company L platoon CP received one round SAF which penetrated a bunker resulting in one USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).
- At 191300H, vicinity BT 025717, Company I patrol observed a Vietnamese woman running to warn two additional Vietnamese. Patrol apprehended all three VCS and forwarded them to Regimental S-2.
- 21 At 211010H, vicinity AT 973672, Company I patrol received heavy volume of SAF resulting in two USMC WIA (MEDEVAC). The platoon returned M-79, artillery, and SAF. A reaction force was dispatched and reported thirteen VC KIA (confirmed) and eighteen VC KIA (probable).

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At 280920H, vicinity BT 143607, Company K sweeping force observed two VC running toward a boat. One round 90mm was on target resulting in two VC KIA (confirmed).

At 281650H, vicinity BT 112651, Company K sweep force discovered and destroyed a 105mm round rigged as a mine.

At 281715H, vicinity BT 121629, Company K sweep force received SAF from two VC in a boat. Two rounds 90mm were returned, resulting in two VC KIA (confirmed).

- 29 At 291155H, vicinity BT 096663, Company K sweep force received SAF from eight to ten VC. Marines returned SAF and one round 90mm, resulting in two VC KIA (confirmed).

At 291430H, vicinity BT 091652, Company K sweep force apprehended three VCS upon recommendation of Kit Carson's. Upon interrogation by Battalion S-2 they were determined to be VCC.

At 291615H, vicinity BT 085659, Company K sweeping force apprehended one VCS upon recommendation of Kit Carson's; VCS forwarded to Battalion S-2.

- 30 At 300915H, vicinity BT 080713, a tank from Company C, 1st Tank Battalion, detonated a fifty pound charge of TNT damaging the track and wheels of the vehicle.

At 301100H, vicinity BT 071624, Company M patrol received SAF from an unknown number of VC. Patrol returned SAF, searched area, apprehending one VCS who was forwarded to Hoa Vang District Headquarters.

At 301220H, vicinity BT 068651, Company M patrol received SAF from one VC sniper, resulting in one USMC WIA (MEDEVAC). Patrol returned SAF, causing the VC to break contact.

At 301610H, vicinity BT 084630, Company M patrol received heavy volume of SAF resulting in one USMC WIA (not MEDEVAC). Patrol returned M-79 and SAF, searched area apprehending one VCS who was forwarded to Battalion S-2. Blood trails indicated three VC KIA (probable).

TAB A SITREPS

TAB B FRAG ORDERS 32-66 to 44-66

Tab C Relocation of Boundaries within 1st Marine TAOB

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hand grenades. One VC was seen to fall and start groaning. The area was searched with negative results. The listening post was moved to a different position.

- 26 At 260752H, vicinity BT 069659, the mine sweep detail attached to Company M found one punji trap rigged with an M-26 grenade and two booby traps. They were blown in place.

At 261040H, vicinity BT 115635, a tank attached to Company K observed one VC running and fired one 90mm round, resulting in one VC KIA (probable).

At 261315H, vicinity BT 098634, Company K found a homemade explosive device with trip wire which was destroyed in place.

At 261845H, vicinity BT 120620, a tank attached to Company K observed two VC moving across a rice paddy. The tank fired two 90mm rounds on target. The VC were observed to fall into rice paddy; two VC KIA (probable).

- 27 At 271000H, vicinity BT 129631, the 2d Platoon, Company K, while sweeping through the hamlet of Ha Quang (1) apprehended eight VCS. Forwarded to Battalion S-2.

At 271005H, vicinity BT 099664, Company I (-), while searching the Happy Haven leprosarium apprehended five VCS. Two VCS were wounded and the three other VCS were without proper identification. VCS were forwarded to Battalion S-2 for interrogation.

At 271245H, vicinity BT 141619, 2d Platoon, Company K when searching a hamlet apprehended three VCS. Forwarded to Battalion S-2 for interrogation.

At 271345H, vicinity BT 079656, 1st Platoon, Company M apprehended four suspicious Vietnamese, VCS forwarded to Battalion S-2 for interrogation.

At 271430H, vicinity BT 151611, 2d Platoon, Company K while searching the hamlet of An Ban (1), apprehended one VCS who was forwarded to Battalion S-2.

At 271930H, vicinity BT 074656, 3d Platoon, Company M apprehended two VCS. (Of the twenty-three VCS apprehended on 27 November 1966, ten proved to be VCC, eight VCS, and five were released).

- 28 At 280900H, vicinity BT 069663, Company M ambush apprehended a suspicious Vietnamese male; VCS forwarded to ITT.

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SECTION V. LOGISTICSA. Significant Events

1. During the period, the average supported strength of the battalion was 1150 men.

2. All construction has been completed in the Battalion Command Post by Mobile Construction Battalion Six (MCB-6). Construction in the new cantonment at the new Battalion Command Post has not yet commenced.

B. Supply1. General

(a) The third phase of the Excess Program has been completed. The excess has been inspected by the Regimental Supply Officer and forwarded to FLSG-A for dissemination. This phase has completed in full the current excess program.

(b) Twenty Seismic Intrusion Devices are authorized for this command. A covering letter will follow detailing the requirements for each unit within the battalion.

(c) A complete list of required individual equipment has been computed on an O2 priority. Slit documents were furnished to FLSG-A for forwarding and completion.

(d) Body armor and cots which were previously listed as critical items have been received by Battalion Supply.

2. Current Projects

(a) The constant review of the Average Monthly Recurring Demand and Requisitioning Objective has led to a sharp increase in requisitions for needed operating stocks. Once the objective has been reached, the requisitioning will level off to normal flow.

(b) Weekly percentage reports of stock on hand have been established. These reports stress the number of items held in stock in relation to the total number of items which have an operating level. Weekly reports have averaged approximately forty-seven percent line items in stock out of approximately 930 items sampled.

## 3. Critical shortages still exist for the following items:

(a) Entrenching Tools

(b) First Aid Dressings

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c. Rifles

d. Pistols

C. Transportation1. Organic

a. During this period, organic vehicles were utilized to provide support, within their capabilities, to the battalion.

b. The number of M-274, Light Infantry Weapons Carrier (LIWC), deadlined due to engine trouble has risen to eight. At the end of this reporting period, seventeen are available for service.

c. Four M-422A1 Mighty Mite's are deadlined. One is on 3d echelon with repairs necessary on the transmission. The other three are on 2d echelon awaiting necessary parts for repair.

2. Support Vehicles. Support from the 3d Motor Transport Battalion has been good. Our normal commitment for house-keeping trucks is six, but during the last two reporting periods we have been receiving only four trucks. With the opening of the new Battalion Command Post, it is increasingly difficult to meet commitments.

D. Maintenance

1. First and second echelon maintenance is being performed expeditiously with no significant problems encountered.

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(b) Wire:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ECHELON</u>
TA-1	12	2d
PIQ-5	2	2d
EE-8/TA-312	26	2d
TA-221	1	2d
TA-222	22	2d

(c) Message Center:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ECHELON</u>
AN/TGC-14	1	2d
TH-5	2	2d
TA-182	1	2d

## 4. Combat essential equipment deadlined as of 30 November 1966:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ECHELON</u>
AN/MRC-87	1	2d
AN/PRC-25	5	2d
TA-312/EE-8	4	3d

## 5. Wire installed during November:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
Telephone cable	75 miles
Electrical line #10 single cond	3500 feet
Electrical line #14/2 romex	40 feet

C. Message Traffic1. ADMINISTRATIVECLASSIFIEDUNCLASSIFIED

Incoming

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Outgoing

4

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2. COMBAT OPERATIONSCLASSIFIEDUNCLASSIFIED

Incoming

4

289

Outgoing

6

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D. Personnel Status

1. On 30 November 1966, the communications personnel assigned to this battalion numbered one officer and seventy-two enlisted.

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SECTION VI. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

A. General. During November, the communications platoon completed installing the wire system within the forward battalion command post, installed a ten pair cable to Hill 10, and an eight pair cable between the battalion forward command post and rear command post. A multi-channel radio relay system was installed at the battalion rear command post and at the forward command post. Both of these radio relay systems terminate at the 1st Marines command post and have been functioning satisfactorily.

B. Equipment

1. On 30 November, all T/E communications equipment was on hand or on order.
2. The battalion used the following equipment daily during the month.

(a) Radio:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
AN/PRC-25	57
AN/PRC-47	1
AN/MRC-109	1

(b) Wire:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
SB-22	5
TS-10	47
EE-8/TA-312	53
TA-1	52

(c) Message Center:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
AN/TGC-14	1
AN/TCC-14	1
AN/TGC-3	1
KW-7	1
KY-8	1

3. The battalion electronics technicians repaired the following equipment during November.

(a) Radio:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ECHOLON</u>
RT-505	16	2d
H-138	8	2d
AN/PRC-41	1	2d
RT-524	1	2d

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## 2. Recapitulation of personnel changes during November 1966:

<u>MOS</u>	<u>TRANSFERED</u>	<u>JOINED</u>	<u>HOSPITALIZATION</u>	<u>RETURNED TO DUTY</u>
2531	1	1	2*	1
2543	1	1		
2511	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> 3	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

\* One died of wounds

E. Operations/Training

1. Operations. Radio, wire, and message center communications for daily combat operations within the battalion TACR were satisfactory with no major difficulties encountered.

2. Training. One 3051 received forty hours of cross training as a 2531, and one 2821 received forty-three hours of cross training as a 2543. Seven radio voice operators received seventeen hours of cross training as wiremen.

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~~UNCLASSIFIED~~SECTION VII. FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION, NAVAL GUNFIREA. Artillery

1. General. The increased use of artillery was continued during November. In addition to targets of opportunity, harassing and interdiction fires and one TOT were fired in response to intelligence reports.

2. Significant Events. At 211120H, 3d Platoon, Company I received small arms and automatic weapons fire from the vicinity of coordinates AT 967688. The platoon commander called a fire mission on the Viet Cong position. Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines delivered fire as follows:

107mm High Explosive Shells	24
107mm White Phosphorous	6

A search of the area revealed thirteen Viet Cong KIA (confirmed), eighteen KIA (probable).

3. Statistical Summary

(a) Number of missions fired in support: 213

(b) Type of missions:

(1) Unobserved:

Harassing and Interdiction	57
TOT	1

(2) Observed missions:

Registration	1
Counter Mortar Drill	6
Targets of Opportunity	148

(c) Ammunition Expended:

	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>	<u>HC SMOKE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
105mm Howitzer	843	36	173	72	1124
107mm Howtar	428	24	150	0	602
	1271	60	323	72	1726

B. Naval Gunfire. On 17 November, one hundred rounds of 5"/54 naval gunfire was delivered on coordinates BT 082676. The nature of target was a trenchline and assembly area.

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(b) Troop Lift

Missions Requested 3

Missions Completed 2

(c) Gunships

Missions Requested 0

Missions Completed 0

b. Fixed Wing Transport(1) Tactical Lift

Missions Requested 0

Missions Completed 0

(2) Logistical Lift

Missions Requested 0

Missions Completed 0

(3) Flare Ships

Missions Requested 2

Missions Completed 2

(4) Gunships

Missions Requested 0

Missions Completed 0

c. Fixed Wing Tactical(1) Air Strikes

Missions Requested 0

Missions Completed 0

(2) Observation

Missions Requested 2

Missions Completed 1

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~~UNCLASSIFIED~~SECTION VIII. AIR SUPPORT-DEFENSEA. Air Support

1. In November, the battalion was supported by fixed wing transport, fixed wing observation, and helicopter aircraft. There was a sixty percent decrease in medical evacuation missions compared to October. Two helicopter troop lifts were made in support of the battalion. One involved lifting two companies, and the other required lifting of one company in a night helicopter attack. In each case timing and placement of attacking troops was a critical factor in the success of the operation. Prior to both lifts, battalion officers and officers of MAG-16 jointly planned the operation. This concurrent planning provided detailed understanding at all levels and produced excellent results. In both operations, troops were landed at the precise time and place, thus enhancing the effectiveness of the ground operations. During the night helicopter landing, the battalion forward air control provided terminal guidance. The flanks of the landing zone were marked with hand illumination flares and strobe lights were used to guide individual helicopters to their landing site.

2. Air Support Requestsa. Helicopter(1) Resupply

Missions Requested

7

Missions Completed

5

(2) Evacuation

Missions Requested

8

Missions Completed

6

(3) Logistical Lift

Missions Requested

0

Missions Completed

0

(4) Tactical(a) Reconnaissance

Missions Requested

2

Missions Completed

1

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B. Air Defense. The defensive measures employed by the battalion were passive. No organic weapons were utilized for active air defense.

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SECTION IX. MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRSA. Patient Load

1. During November, a total of 573 patients were seen at sick call, an average of nineteen patients per day.
2. Twenty-two patients were admitted at the BAS, with an average daily census of four in-patients.
3. Seventeen cases of V.D. were treated at BAS.

B. MedCap

1. A two man MedCap team was sent to Regimental area to continue MedCap operations in that vicinity. There were no county fairs held this month. Company Corpsmen held sick call in villages in their area of responsibility as field operations permitted. A total of 4,039 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

C. Sanitation

1. Mess hall is satisfactory. Recommended that more garbage cans be furnished to mess hall and well for running water be installed. General area is satisfactory.

D. Personnel

1. On November 1, there was one medical officer and forty-eight corpsmen on board for duty. Eighteen corpsmen reported aboard for duty. Three corpsmen were transferred to other commands. One corpsman was wounded and one killed in action during the month. On the last day of November, there was one medical officer and sixty-two corpsmen fit for duty.

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**UNCLASSIFIED****SECTION X. Civil Affairs**

A. General. The civic action (CA) program utilized resources from MEDCAP, U.S. Government and non-government agencies in providing civic action projects. This month's activities were conducted in the villages of Hoa Long (BT 057745), Hoa Thai (BT 082680), Hoa Hoi (BT 979653), Hoa Chan (BT 014697), Hoa Nhung (BT 050700), Hoa Hai (BT 079704), Hoa Da (BT 035717), Hoa Lan (BT 047678), and Thanh Thuy (BT 068650).

**B. Significant Events**

1. With the battalion's change in its TAOR, the GVN governmental channels also changed. The TAOR now encompasses areas within three districts which are Hoa Vang, Dien Ban, and Hieu Nhon.

2. MEDCAP: (See Section IX).

3. Medical/Dental Assistance: Nine cases of emergency medical treatment were rendered to Vietnamese civilians by BAS. Additionally, thirty persons were taken to USOM hospital in Danang.

4. The following assistance was provided under joint USMC/Vietnamese self-help programs:

(a) CARE school kits were distributed to 100 children in Nui Kim Son (BT 074704).

(b) Nine bags of bulgar wheat were provided to refugees presently living in Thon Dau (BT 0372).

(c) The people of Nui Kim Son repaired existing wells. Eight bags of cement were used.

5. Support of battalion operations from 3 - 7 November consisted of feeding 1000 people 3000 pounds of rice/bulgar wheat. Two hundred and fifteen people were medically treated.

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SECTION XI. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ACTIVITIES

A. Summary. The battalion continued to employ psy war as an integral part of its tactical operations, and as a tool in furthering its civic action programs. The 244th PsyWar Team assisted the battalion efforts as did the Kit Carson Scouts.

B. Significant Events

1. On 3-5 November, the 244th PsyWar team, in support of battalion operations, made appeals to villagers of Tra Lo (BT 085683) to leave their homes and come to the safety of Marine lines. Nightly broadcasts for surrender appeals were conducted by Kit Carson Scouts. No visible indications of success. Movies were presented to the people who accepted the movies with little emotion or comment.

2. On 8-9 November, a POET team was employed to exploit a grenading incident which took the life of a twelve year old boy while riding a bus in Nui Kim Son (BT 071703). Village officials and members of the 244th PsyWar team distributed 400 posters in Nui Kim Son describing the incident. The reaction was indifference on the part of the people.

3. On 9 November, the 244th and two Kit Carson Scouts toured Yen Ne (4) (AT 975677), La Bong (1) (AT 974671) and An Trach (1) (AT 968664). MEDCAP was held at Yen Ne (4). Movies were shown at An Trach. The Kit Carson Scouts, who were not met enthusiastically, talked to the people in all areas. Some people did recognize one Kit Carson and asked him many questions. The movies were well received.

4. On 10 November, Kit Carsons and MEDCAP at Duong Son(3) (AT 993670) and Duong Son (2) (AT 994678). People showed minor interest in the Kit Carson Scouts, but the MEDCAP was well attended.

5. On 20-21 November, villagers of Xom-Hoa Binh (BT 056713) received handouts warning the people of consequences if their area is used by VC to launch a mortar attack, and were chided for permitting the VC to take their rice. Informant told of VC taking rice to Binh Ky (2) (BT 060700). Patrol was dispatched, and uncovered 10,000 pounds of rice.

6. On 25 November, a brief presentation was conducted to familiarize the people with this battalion. The people of Ngan Cau (2) (BT 070661) were told not to harbor VC; not to assist VC in mining the MSR; of planned MEDCAPS, and were asked for their ideas regarding scheduled bus service. People were initially very timid, but interests were aroused regarding bus service. They stated they would cooperate with the battalion in all matters. Results: the MSR was mined on 26 November, but not on subsequent days.

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SITREP FOR PERIOD 312400H TO 012400H

Narrative Summary

1. Late Entries. At 312045H, vicinity (AT 974662), Company I ambush received small arms fire simultaneously from two directions, from an unknown number of VC. Ambush returned two M-79 rounds and approximately forty rounds small arms fire.

2. Contacts. None.

3. Miscellaneous

a. Battalion scout/sniper teams received the first portion of a three day communications presentation. Commencing at 011900H the teams will receive a three hour presentation/practical application period on night firing.

b. The 244th Pay War Company is presenting a series of broadcasts vicinity (BT 9566), utilizing the themes of urging the people to support their local government and Chieu Mei.

c. Company L and one platoon from Company K on two hour BALD EAGLE alert.

4. Plans Summary

a. Company I - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

b. Company K - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR. Provide one platoon as Sea Anchor security. At 021600H, commence search operations along coast in TAOR.

c. Company L - On two hour standby for BALD EAGLE. By 021600H, Company L will relieve Companies K and M of assigned positions.

d. Company M - Provide one squad as MSR mine sweep security. Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR. By 021600H, Company M will assume BALD EAGLE.

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SUBJECT FOR PERIOD 010000Z TO 010000Z

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. LANE BURNING. AT 010000Z, VICTORY BY 010000Z, PRT WAR TEAM RECEIVED THE BURNING SHALL BE FINE BURNING IN ONE UNIT WEA (BURNING). SMOKEY BURNING BURNING SHALL BE FINE. ONE TO BODY WAS COMPLETED BURNING CARRIED OFF; ONE TO KIA (BURNING).

2. REMARKS. AT 010000Z, VICTORY BY 010000Z, FIRST VEHICLE OF SEA ABOVE BURNING CONTAINING CIVILIAN WOUNDS BURNING A BURNING TYPE CIRCUMSTANCES BURNING BURNING IN THE CIVILIAN WEA (ALL BURNING WOUNDS). THE CIVILIAN WEA BURNING TO BURN BURNING.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

A. BATTALION SCOUT/RESCUE TEAM RECEIVED BURNING PORTION OF THREE DAY COMMUNICATIONS BURNING. AT 010000Z THE TEAM WILL RECEIVE BURNING OF BURNING FINE, BURNING, AND BURNING.

B. BURNING PRT WAR COMPANY WILL CONTINUE BROADCAST IN WEA TO AREA WEA BURNING BURNING PEOPLE TO SUPPORT LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND BURNING MOL.

C. COMPANY 1 RECEIVED OF BURN BURN ALERT AT 010000Z.

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B. AT 021045H, VICTORY BT 005734, A COMPANY I PATROL, REAGENTS ON INFORMATION FROM AN A. O., DISCOVERED A VIETNAMESE BOAT BELIEVED TO BE A PT. BOA VANG DISTRICT NOTIFIED, COMBAT REMAINED TO BRIDGE, VICTORY AT 097707.

4. FLAME SUMMARY

A. COMPANY I - CONTINUE PATROLLING OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED TACH.

B. COMPANY I - CONDUCT INSPECTIVE BEACH SEARCH OPERATION FROM TAN LAM TO THE COASTAL PROXIMITY OF VUNG BONG. ESTABLISH A COMPANY PATROL BASE IN 021045H IN GRID SQUARE BT 1007. AT 021045H, COMBAT TBA LO IN ASSIGNED TACH OF ACTION.

C. COMPANY L - CONDUCT PATROLLING OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED TACH. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE NINE SQUAD AND SEA ANCHOR DETAIL.

D. COMPANY H - AT 021045H, COMBAT ASSIGNED TACH OF ACTION. PROVIDE ONE SQUAD TO BRIDGE AND BRIDGE COLLECTION POINT. BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT SQUAD AND SEARCH OPERATIONS IN OFFENSIVE AREA.

5. OPERATIONS SUMMARY (BOL SUMMIT). D-7, H-5, H-4, S-2, S-4.

6. FLAME SUMMARY (BOL SUMMIT). D-7, H-5, H-4, S-2.

7. SEARCH ACTION.

QUAD HAN BT 07000 COMBAT SEA ANCHOR DETAIL OK  
TO WIA (GIV) 0 0 0 0

8. SUMMIT NINE OPERATIONS

SOL 1	SOL 2	SOL 3	SOL 4	SOL 5	SOL 6	SOL 7
1/1	2	20	1	1	0	0

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SITREP FOR PERIOD 050001H TO 052400H

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. LATE ENTRIES. AT 021801H, VICINITY BT 052690, COMPANY L PLATOON CP RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY THIRTY BOUNDS SAP RESULTING IN ONE USMC KIA, AND ONE USMC WIA (MED-EVAC). PERMANENT RETURNED SIX BOUNDS M-79, SIXTY BOUNDS SAP. VC CHANGED FIRE AND BROKE CONTACT.

2. CONTACTS. AT 031010H, VICINITY BT 066667, MGR NINE SWEEP DETAIL DISCOVERED AND DESTROYED A HOMEMADE ANTI-PERSONNEL PRESSURE ACTIVATED MINE.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

A. AT 021045H, COMPANY I PATROL ACTING ON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM AS RECOVERED A VIETNAMESE BODY BELIEVED TO BE PT. HOA YANG DISTRICT NOTIFIED TO CLAIM BODY AT BRIDGE VICINITY AT 991104.

B. AT 030630H, VICINITY BT 090663, COMPANY K APPREHENDED THREE VIETNAMESE MALES THAT WERE WOUNDED. THE THREE VCS WERE FORWARDED TO IFF.

C. BATTALION SCOUT/SNIPEER TEAM LAST PORTION OF A THREE DAY COMMUNICATION PRESENTATION. COMMENCING AT 031000H THE TEAM WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTION AND APPLICATION IN SNIPER SCOPE INFRA-RED EQUIPMENT.

D. THE 244TH PSY WAR TEAM IS SUPPORTING THE BATTALION SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WITH CHIU HOI AND ASSISTING AT THE COLLECTION POINT.

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#### 4. PLANS SUMMARY

- A. COMPANY I - CONTINUE PATROLLING OPERATION IN ASSIGNED TAC. *SEARCH DESTROY*
- B. COMPANY K - CONTINUE *SEARCH DESTROY* GROUND AND SWEEPING OPERATION SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST OF TRA 10.
- C. COMPANY L - CONTINUE PATROLLING OPERATION IN ASSIGNED TAC. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MINE SWEEP AND SEA ANCHOR DETAIL. *SEARCH DESTROY*
- D. COMPANY M - CONTINUE *SEARCH DESTROY* GROUND AND SWEEPING OPERATION NORTH AND NORTHEAST OF TRA 10.

5. OPERATION SUMMARY (BOX SCORE). B-3, H-3, R-1, S-2, CC-1

6. PLANS SUMMARY (BOX SCORE). B-3, H-3, H-6, R-1, S-2, CC-1

#### 7. CONTACT ACTION.

QUANG KAN NONE

#### 8. CONVERT MINE OPERATION

COL 1	COL 2	COL 3	COL 4A	COL 4B	COL 5	COL 6	COL 7
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SITREP FOR PERIOD 040001H TO 042400H

Narrative Summary

1. Late Entries. None.

2. Contacts. At 041050H, vicinity BT 067674, MGR mine sweep detail received forty rounds BAF from estimated four VC resulting in one USMC KIA (NEDIVAC). Security squad returned ten 106mm rounds. Search of area revealed blood trail indicating one VC KIA (probable).

3. Miscellaneous.

a. At 040945H, vicinity BT 085680, Company K discovered assorted medical supplies in a spider hole.

b. The 244th Psy War team is supporting the battalion search and destroy operation with Chien Ho1 and assisting at the collection point.

c. Scout/sniper teams received instruction on camouflage, cover and concealment and movement/day navigation.

4. Plans Summary.

a. Company I - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TACR.

b. Company K - Conduct search and destroy operation south and southeast of Tra Lo.

c. Company L - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TACR. Provide security for MGR mine sweep and Sea Anchor detail.

d. Company M - Continue search and destroy operations north and northeast of Tra Lo.

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SITREP FOR PERIOD 050001H TO 052400H

Narrative Summary

1. Late Entries. At 041600H, vicinity BT 071702 2d CAC Platoon apprehended a Vietnamese male wearing ARVN utilities and a NVN cover. During interrogation Vietnamese stated that upon his mother's urging he was going to join the NLF and eventually attend a VC training school. VCS forwarded to ITT.

2. Contacts. None.

3. Miscellaneous.

a. At 050945H, vicinity BT 086600, Battalion G command group discovered approximately 2000 pounds of rice.

b. 244th Psy War team IS supporting the search and destroy operation utilizing themes of Chieu Hoi, anti-VC, pro-government using broadcasts and movies.

c. Scout/sniper teams received instruction on mapping, compass reading, and day navigation.

4. Plans Summary.

a. Company I - Continue patrolling operations in assigned T-OR.

b. Company E - At 061200H, cordon and commence search and destroy operation in Hai An.

c. Company L - Continue patrolling operations in assigned T-OR. Provide security for MSR mine sweep detail.

d. Company H - At 061200H, cordon and commence search and destroy operation in Hai An.



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SECRET FOR PERIOD 060001H TO 062400H

Narrative Summary

1. Late Entries. At 0518ZCH, vicinity BF 005665, Company I patrol received approximately fifteen rounds SAF resulting in one USMC (MEDEVAC). Patrol returned thirty rounds SAF causing VO to break contact and then continued its assigned mission.

2. Contacts. None.

3. Miscellaneous. Scout/sniper training consisted of the following subjects during this reporting period: patrol briefing, patrol warning order, and debriefing procedures.

4. Plans Summary

a. Company D - Continue search and destroy operations in assigned sector of Hai An and Ngan Cau hamlets.

b. Company I - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

c. Company K - Continue search and destroy operations in assigned sector of Hai An and Ngan Cau hamlets.

d. Company L - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR. Provide security for MSR mine sweep detail.

e. Company M - Continue search and destroy operations in assigned sector of Hai An and Ngan Cau hamlets.

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SITREP FOR PERIOD 070000H TO 072400H

Narrative Summary

1. Late Entries.

a. At 061000H, vicinity AT 969657, a group of Vietnamese civilians pointed out location of three VCS to company I. A patrol was dispatched apprehending the VCS and were forwarded to Hlade 2.

b. At 061600H, vicinity BT 054676, Company D discovered and destroyed five punji pits.

c. At 061800H, vicinity BT 072703, a grenade was thrown at the rear of a Vietnamese bus resulting in one Vietnamese KIA and nine Vietnamese WIA (MEDEVAC). Four VCS believed to have thrown the grenade were forwarded to ITT.

2. Contacts. None.

3. Miscellaneous. Scout/ambush school has been completed.

4. Plans Summary

a. Company D - Continue search and destroy operations in assigned sector of Hai An and Ngan Cau hamlets.

b. Company I - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOB.

c. Company K - Continue search and destroy operations in assigned sector of Hai An and Ngan Cau hamlets.

d. Company L - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOB. Provide security for MCR mine sweep detail.

e. Company M - Continue search and destroy operations in assigned sector of Hai An and Ngan Cau hamlets.

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8 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 080001H TO 082400H

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Late Entries.

- a. See msg traffic 070800H-080800H
- b. See msg traffic 070800H-080800H
- c. See msg traffic 070800H-080800H

2. Contacts. See msg traffic 070800H-080800H

3. Miscellaneous

- a. Scout/sniper teams were not utilized during this reporting period.

b. A district official talked to the people of Kim Son emphasizing the needless wounding and killing of innocent people. The 244th Psy War Detachment distributed propaganda literature in Kim Son.

4. Plans

- a. Company I - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.
- b. Company K - Chopped opcon to 1/1.
- c. Company L - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR. Provide MSR mine sweep security.
- d. Company M - Chopped opcon to 1/1.

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9 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 090001H TO 092400H

Narrative Summary

1. Late Entries

a. At 081500H, vicinity BT 052687, approximately 150 Vietnamese with wounded female were demonstrating at 1st platoon Company I CP. A woman agitator and two males were seen fleeing the crowd and taken under fire by 106's and artillery resulting in two VC KIA (probable). The wounded Vietnamese female was taken where she subsequently died of wounds.

b. At 082040H, vicinity BT 052688, Company I platoon CP received approximately 200 rounds of sporadic SAF while pay war team was broadcasting. Platoon returned 106mm, 3.5 rockets, 81mm and 300 rounds SAF. Area was checked at first light with negative results.

2. Contacts. None.

3. Miscellaneous

a. Scout/sniper team was utilized at 1st platoon Company L.

b. Kit Carson's were utilized for a pay war effort in the western portion of this battalion's TAOR.

Plans Summary

a. Company I - Continue patrolling operation in assigned TAOR.

b. Company K - Chopped OPCON to 1st Bn, 1st Marines.

c. Company L - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR. Provide security for MSR mine sweep detail.

d. Company M - Chopped OPCON to 1st Bn, 1st Marines.

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10 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 100001N TO 102400N

Narrative Summary

1. Late Entries. None.
2. Contacts. None.
3. Miscellaneous
  - a. Scout/sniper team is being utilized by 1st platoon Company L.
  - b. Kit Carson's were utilized for a pay war effort in the western portion of this battalion's TAOR.
4. Plans Summary
  - a. Company I - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.
  - b. Company K - Chopped O/COM to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.
  - c. Company L - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR. Provide security for MSR mine sweep detail.
  - d. Company M - Chopped O/COM to 1st Battalion 1st Marines.

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11 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 110001H TO 112400H

Narrative Summary

1. Late Entries. At 101700H, vicinity (BT 03696), a Company L patrol received twenty-five rounds BAF from unknown number of VC, vicinity (BT 036696). Patrol called six rounds BSA mortar fire, resulting in one VC KIA (probable).

2. Contacts. At 110330H, vicinity (BT 065673) the MBR mine sweep discovered and destroyed a WP grenade with trip wire rigged as a mine.

3. Miscellaneous.

a. The scout/sniper squad is in direct support of Company L.

b. Companies M and N revert to OPCON 3d Battalion, 1st Marines effective 111700H.

4. Plans Summary

a. Company I - At 130300H, vicinity BT 0571 commence a two to four day search and destroy operation.

b. Company K - At 130300H, vicinity BT 0571 commence a two to four day search and destroy operation.

c. Company L - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAC. Provide security for MBR mine sweep.

d. Company M - At 130300H, vicinity BT 0571 commence a two to four day search and destroy operation.

5. Attachments

a. 4th Platoon, Co A (-) 1st Amphib Bn

- (1) Total Equipment: four LVT's
- (2) Operational Equipment: two LVT's

b. 1st Platoon Co A (-) 1st Amphib Bn

- (1) Total Equipment: Five Ontos
- (2) Operational Equipment: Three Ontos

c. Platoon H&S Co, 3d M, T. Bn

- (1) Total Equipment: Three Otters
- (2) Operational Equipment: Two Otters

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12 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 120000H TO 122400H

# NARRATIVE SUMMARY

## 1. Late Entries

a. At 111100H the 3d Platoon, Company I perimeter, vicinity (AT 972663), received heavy small arms fire from an estimated eight VC located 400 meters to their west, vicinity (AT 968665). Marines returned small arms, 3.5 inch rockets, and called 81mm mortar fire and the enemy firing ceased. Two Marines were slightly injured, not by enemy fire, during the engagement.

b. At 120045<sup>130</sup>H the 3d Platoon, Company I, in the hamlet of An Trach (1), vicinity (AT 972663), received heavy VC mortar fire. The platoon command post was destroyed in the initial volley. Concurrently, approximately twenty-five VC who had infiltrated the hamlet attacked Marine positions from within the perimeter with grenades and small arms fire. Counter mortar fire was delivered on suspected VC positions and their fires ceased. A relief platoon from Headquarters Company, 1st Marines led by the Commanding Officer, Company I arrived at An Trach (1) at 120400H. At 120730H a reinforced platoon from Company M, one 81mm mortar section, and one 106mm recoilless rifle crew departed the battalion CP (BT 068714) by truck march for An Trach (1). This force assumed responsibility for the defense of the hamlet at 120930H. Casualties in this action were thirteen USMC and one USN KIA and twenty-seven UMC and one USN WIA. There was one confirmed VC KIA.

## 2. Contacts. None.

## 3. Miscellaneous

a. One platoon (rein) Company M chipped upon to Company I.

b. Kit Carson scouts were not utilized during this reporting period.

## 4. Plans Summary

a. Company I - At 130300H, vicinity BT 0571, commence a two to four day search and destroy operation.

b. Company K - At 130300H, vicinity BT 0571, commence a two to four day search and destroy operation.

c. Company L - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR. Provide security for MBR mine sweep.

d. Company M (-) - At 130300H, vicinity BT 0571, commence a two to four day search and destroy operation.

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13 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 130004N TO 132400N

Narrative Summary

1. Late Entries. (To be submitted by Circumference Forward).
2. Contacts. (To be submitted by Circumference Forward).
3. Miscellaneous

a. Kit Carson scouts being utilized in support of search and destroy operation vicinity BT 0571.

b. Scout/sniper squad is in direct support of Company L.

4. Plans

a. Company I - Continue search and destroy operation vicinity BT 0571.

b. Company K - Continue search and destroy operation vicinity BT 0571.

c. Company L - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR. Provide security for MSR mine sweep.

d. Company M (-) - Continue search and destroy operation vicinity BT 0571.



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 14 Nov 1966

SINCE PERIOD 140000H TO 142400H

Narrative Summary

1. Late Entries. (To be submitted by Circumference Forward).
2. Contacts. (To be submitted by Circumference Forward).
3. Miscellaneous

a. Kit Carson scout being utilized in support of search and destroy operation vicinity BT 0571.

b. Scout/sniper squad is in direct support of Company L.

4. Plans

- a. Company I - Continue search and destroy operation vicinity BT 0571.
- b. Company K - Continue search and destroy operation vicinity BT 0571.
- c. Company L - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAO. Provide security for MIA mine area.
- d. Company M (-) - Continue search and destroy operation vicinity BT 0571.

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SITREP FOR PERIOD 150001H TO 152400H

### Narrative Summary

1. Late Entries. At 141840H, vicinity (AF 990689), Company M patrol (point man) tripped an M-26 grenade rigged as a mine resulting in two USMC KIA (MDEHVAC).

### 2. Contacts

a. At 151000H, vicinity (AF 985688), Company M patrol discovered and destroyed seven punji pits and four explosive devices.

b. At 151030H, vicinity (AF 971661), Company M patrol received small arms fire from estimated six VC. Patrol returned small arms fire and rushed the VC position. Five VC were seen fleeing north.

### 3. Miscellaneous

a. At 141020H, based on Vietnamese intelligence reports that a VC force had been sighted at An Trach (1) (AF 967662), 1st Marines directed that one platoon be helilifted to LZ Railbird (AF 990679). At 141100H, 2d Platoon, Company M was helilifted from (BF 036731) to LZ Railbird. At 141525H 3d Platoon, Company M and the battalion FAC team departed LZ Ostrich (BF 167714) for LZ Railbird. Both units conducted a search of An Trach (1) with negative results. At 141705H the Company M command group departed the battalion CP for the operational area. Company defensive positions were established at Phong Le (1) (AF 995699). Night ambushes were conducted vicinity Daeng Sen (2) (AF 995678), Cam No (1) (AF 995690), and along the Seng Cau Bo (AF 985698), with negative results. At 150630H the 1st Platoon, Company M departed the battalion CP for the objective area. Intentions for 15 November are for two platoons Company M to sweep south-west from Phong Le (1) and establish night defensive positions vicinity (AF 976680). The 1st Platoon will sweep north from An Trach (1), closing the new company patrol base by 151800H. Company M will continue operations in the area for at least two days.

b. Kit Carsens were not utilized during this reporting period.

c. Scout/sniper squad is in direct support of Company L.

### 4. Plans

a. Company I - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TACR.

b. Company K - Conduct platoon infantry/tank patrol in south east portion of battalion TACR.

c. Company L - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR. Provide security for MBR mine sweep detail.

d. Company M - Continue search operation in western portion of battalion TAOR.

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 16 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 160000H TO 162400H

Narrative Summary

1. Late Entries. None.

2. Contacts. At 160830H, vicinity (AT 974675), a Company M patrol apprehended a Vietnamese male, with no ID card and a safe conduct pass attempting to run from the patrol; COB will be forwarded to regimental S-2 upon return of the patrol.

3. Miscellaneous.

a. Kit Carsons were employed in Kim Son hamlet attempting to establish personal contact with local villagers.

b. Scout/sniper squad is in direct support of Company L.

4. Plans

a. Company I - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

b. Company K - Relieve Company M in western portion of battalion TAOR and continue patrolling and search operations.

c. Company L - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

d. Company H - Conduct patrols as assigned in battalion TAOR. Provide M.R. mine sweep and Sea Anchor security.

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17 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 170001H TO 172400H

Narrative Summary

1. Late Entries

a. At 161345H, vicinity (BT 084697), MEDCAP received fifteen rounds small arms fire from one VC. A reaction squad from Company L was dispatched but VC broke contact.

b. At 161915H, vicinity (BT 067704), Company L OP#2 observed small craft moving down river. Illumination was called for and one round 106mm recoilless rifle delivered on target, sinking the boat.

c. At 162315H, vicinity (AT 998705), Company I bridge security received approximately 300 rounds from unknown number of VC at positions 200 meters north and 400 meters east of the bridge. The platoon returned two rounds 3.5 rocket fire causing the VC to break contact.

2. Contacts. None.

3. Miscellaneous

a. Scout/sniper squad is in direct support of Company L.

b. Kit Carsens were not utilized during this reporting period.

4. Plans

a. Company I - Continue patrolling operation in assigned TAOR.

b. Company K - Conduct company sized sweep of Duong Son (2) (AT 992678).

c. Company L - Continue patrols as assigned in battalion TAOR. Provide security for MSR mine sweep.

d. H&S Company - Provide security for Sea Anchor detail.

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18 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 180000H TO 182400H

Narrative Summary

1. Late Entries. At 172010H, vicinity BT 049686, the point man of a Company L squad sized patrol stepped into a punji pit rigged with a grenade resulting in one USMC KIA (MEDEVAC).

2. Contacts. None.

3. Miscellaneous

- a. Scout/sniper squad is in direct support of Company L.
- b. Kit Carsons are in direct support of Company A sweep of Duong Son (2).
- c. BSB CLAYBURN (DD 945) fired approximately one-hundred rounds 5"/54's on suspected VC storage area vicinity (BT 082674). Observer reported good target coverage.
- d. Company M relieved of responsibility for security of ABF #1.

4. Plans Summary

- a. Company I - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOB to include hamlet of An Trach vicinity (BT 9666).
- b. Company K - Terminate company sweep of Duong Son (2) and return to battalion CP.
- c. Company L - Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOB. Provide security for MSR mine sweep and Sea Anchor detail.
- d. Company M - Conduct patrolling as assigned in battalion TAOB.

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19 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 190000H TO 192400H

1. Plans Summary

a. Company I - Commencing 201200H November 1966, assume control of relief operations. Conduct relief operations to place Company G in positions at Bridge #1 (AT 998706), Bridge #2 (AT 999699), Company I, First Platoon position, and Tower West. Leave all property in positions except organic weapons. Continue patrols and reconnaissance of assigned portion of TAOR. Conduct daily patrols into An Trach.

b. Company K - Commencing 201200H November 1966, ship one platoon to First Battalion, First Marines for operations with Company C (BT 119629). Conduct patrols as assigned in battalion TAOR.

c. Company L - Commencing 201200H November 1966, occupy positions at Hill 10, Khai Tay (1), Xom Trum Son, Tower East, Crow's Nest, Post 6A, Sea Anchor, and Bridge in Nui Kim Son. Assume responsibility for mortar belt defense. Assume responsibility for defense of Nui Kim Son Bridge. Assume responsibility for Sea Anchor. Assume responsibility for mine sweep of roads to Hill 10, Sea Anchor, and Khai Tay (1). Continue patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

d. Company M - Conduct patrols as assigned in battalion TAOR.

2. Miscellaneous

a. Kit Carsons were used to interrogate a VGC.

b. Scout/sniper squad is in direct support of Company L.

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20 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 200000H TO 202400H

1. Plans Summary

- a. Company I - Continues relief operations by employing G Company in I Company positions. Relief will be complete by 221200H.
- b. Company K - Commences reconnaissance in force of former Company G area.
- c. Company L - Continues to defend mortar belt.
- d. Company H - Displaces to Battalion CP forward to commence defense of CP forward, and security of ABN.
- e. M&S Company - Battalion CP forward opens at 071656 at 211200H. Battalion CP rear remains at 069712.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Scout/sniper team in direct support of Company L.
- b. Kit Carsons were not utilized during this reporting period.



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21 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 210000H TO 212400H

1. Plans Summary

- a. Company I - Moves to Battalion CP rear at 211200H, commences operation in assigned sector of TACR.
- b. Company K - Conduct reconnaissance in force in assigned sector of TACR.
- c. Company L - Defends mortar belt.
- d. Company M - Defends Battalion CP forward, MSR, and conducts patrols in assigned sector of TACR.
- e. Battalion relinquishes control of western portion of TACR to 2/1 at 211200H

2. Miscellaneous

- a. One Kit Carson being utilized with Company K, the other is available.
- b. Two scout/sniper teams utilized in direct support of Company L.

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 22 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 220000H TO 222400H

**1. Plans Summary**

- a. Company I - Conduct one daylight and one night platoon size patrol into Company I sector of TADR. Provide one platoon to defend battalion CP rear.
- b. Company K - Continue reconnaissance in force in Company K sector of TADR.
- c. Company L - Continue to defend mortar belt, Sea Anchor, and Hai Lam Son Bridge.
- d. Company M - Continue to defend battalion CP forward, provide MSR mine sweep and road runner security. Conduct patrols and ambushes in Company L sector of TADR. Company M assigned control of ground 300 meters each side of MSR from Hai Lam Son bridge to battalion CP forward. All units coordinate movement in this area with Company K.

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. Scout/snipers had two teams OPCON to Company L.
- b. Kit Cars were utilized with Company K.
- c. Bald Eagle: Company I landing zone Ostrich.
- d. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Goshawk: Squad (Rein) Company I landing zone Ostrich.

**3. Attachments**

	<u>WIC/PCWIC</u>	<u>Communication, Radio Land Line</u>
1st Plat CoA, 1st AT Bn	1st Baily	Tamio Acid Alpha
2d Plat CoA, 1st Amtrac Bn	S/Sgt Hicks	Murphy Alpha
Det, 7th Engr Bn	Cpl Brecken	Brewie Alpha
Det, 1st Engr Bn	Cpl Williams	Chuck Mike
Det, 3d A. T. Bn	L/Cpl Moore	Chuck Lima
3d ITT	Sgt Hornbeck	Chuck 4
CIT	Cy/Sgt Fisher	Circumference 2
	1st Lt GRIEN	Chuck 2
		Circumference 2
		Chuck 2
Flat tanks, Co C, 1st Lk Bn		Bennington Charlie
		Happy Age Charlie

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23 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 230000H TO 232400H

1. Plans Summary

- a. Company I: Continue conducting search and destroy operations in the objective (2) (Khai Tay (2)) area. Sparrow Hawk and Blue Springs alert remains in effect.
- b. Company K: Continue conducting search and destroy operations in objective (3) (Khai Tay (3)). Provide one platoon for CP forward security, conduct MSR mine sweep and road runner patrol with one squad.
- c. Company L: Continue to defend mortar belt, Sea Anchor, and Nui Kim Son bridge.
- d. Company M: Continue conducting search and destroy operations in objective (1) (Thi An (2)) area.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Scout/snipers: Two teams OPCON Company L.
- b. Kit Carsons: Two with Company K.
- c. Direct Support Units: No change in mission or assignments.
- d. Bald Eagle: Company I landing zone Ostrich.
- e. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: Squad (Rein) Company I landing zone Ostrich.

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24 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 240000H TO 242400H

1. Plans Summary

- a. Company I - OPCON 9th Marines.
- b. Company K - Conduct reconnaissance in force in assigned sector of TAOB.  
Establish company patrol base vicinity (1263).
- c. Company L - No change in mission.
- d. Company M - Defend battalion CP forward, provide MSR mine sweep and road runner security. Conduct patrols and ambushes in assigned sector of TAOB.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Scout/snipers: Two teams OPCON Company L.
- b. Kit Cars: Two with Company K.
- c. Bald Eagle: None.
- d. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: Squad (Rein) Company M; Landing Zone Buzzard.

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25 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 250001H TO 252400H

1. Plans Summary

- a. Company I - OPCON 9th Marines
- b. Company K - Continue reconnaissance in force in assigned sector of TACH.
- c. Company L - No change in mission
- d. Company M - No change in mission

Miscellaneous

a. Scout/snipers:

(1) Two teams OPCON Company L

(2) Division schools team on special assignment. Operating area to be announced later.

- b. Kit Cars: Two with Company K
- c. Bald Eagle: None
- d. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: One squad (Rein), Company M Landing Zone Buzzard.

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26 Nov 1966

SITREP FOR PERIOD 260001Z TO 262400H

1. Plans Summary.

- a. Company I - Conduct patrols in assigned sector of TAOR; defend Battalion C rear.
- b. Company K - Continue reconnaissance in force in assigned sector of TAOR.
- c. Company L - No change in mission.
- d. Company M - No change in mission.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Scout/snipers
  - (1) Two teams OPCON Company L.
  - (2) Division schools team on special assignment.
- b. Kit Carsons: Two with Company K.
- c. Bald Eagles: None.
- d. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: One squad (Rein), Company M Landing Zone Buzzard.

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1. Plans Summary.

a. Company I - O CON 9th Marines. If available, assist in defense of Battalion CP rear. FACF O CON to Company I effective 280600H.

b. Company K - No change in mission.

c. Company L - No change in mission.

d. Company M - No change in mission.

2. Miscellaneous

a. Scout/snipers: Two teams O CON Company L.

b. Kit Carsons: Two with Company K.

c. Bald Eagle: None.

d. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: One squad (Rein), Company M Landing Zone Buzzard.

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SITREP FOR PERIOD 280000H TO 282400H

1. Plans

a. Company I: Opon 9th Marines. If available, assist in defense of Battalion CP Rear.

b. Company K: Continue recon in force until 291800. At 291800, return to Battalion CP Rear.

c. Company L: No change in mission.

d. Company M: No change in mission.

2. Miscellaneous

a. Direct Support Units: No change in mission or assignments.

b. Scout/Snipers: Two teams opon Company L.

c. Kit Cars: Two with Company K.

d. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: One squad (Rein), Company M Landing Zone Buzzard.



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SITREP FOR PERIOD 290000H TO 292400H

1. Plans Summary

- a. Company I: Opon 9th Marines.
- b. Company K: Battalion reserve. Defend Battalion CP area. Zero weapons at battalion range.
- c. Company L: No change in mission. Special Forces Training Company conducts search and destroy operation vicinity Marble Mountain.
- d. Company M: No change in mission.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Direct Support Units: Opon opon Company M.
- b. Scout/Snipers: Two with Company L.
- c. Kit Carsons: None Employed.
- d. Bald Eagle: None.
- e. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: One squad (rein), Company K Landing Zone Ostrich.

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SITREP FOR PERIOD 300001 TO 302400

# 1. Plans

- a. Company I: Upon 9th Marines. If available, assist in defense of Battalion CP Rear.
- b. Company K: At 011000H move to Battalion CP Forward. By 011200H relieve Company M and assume responsibility for defense of Battalion CP Forward, Road Runner patrols, MGR mine sweep. Conduct patrols and ambushes in assigned sector of TAOB.
- c. Company L: No change in mission.
- d. Company M: At 011200H, commence reconnaissance in force in assigned sector of TAOB.

# 2. Miscellaneous

- a. Direct Support Units
  - (1) Oncoer: Upon Company K effective 011200H.
  - (2) Tanks: Three tanks transport Company K to Battalion CP Forward. On arrival upon Company K.
  - (3) LVT's: Four LVT's transport Company K to Battalion CP Forward. On arrival upon Company K.
  - (4) Engineers: One team upon Company M effective 011200H.
- b. Scout/Snipers: Two with Company L.
- c. Kit Carson: None employed.
- d. Bald Eagles: None.
- e. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: One squad (rein), Company K Landing Zone Buzzard.

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FRAG ORDER 32-66

Ref: (a) 3d Battalion, 1st Marines Frag Order 32-66  
 (b) BLT 3/1 Operation Order 377-66  
 (c) 3d Marine Division Order PG2000.10

Time Zone: H

Oral Order (Tro Lo)

Task Organization. See Annex A1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS.b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 1st Marines. Continues assigned mission.
- (2) Artillery. 1/11 provides direct support.
- (3) Air. 1st MAW provides casualty and helicopter support.

c. Attachments and Detachments(1) Attachments

- (a) Det, Engs ETA 011700
- (b) Det, MP Bn ETA 021000
- (c) Plat, Tanks 021600
- (d) Plat, Ontos presently attached
- (e) Plat, LVT's presently attached

2. MISSION 3/1 (-)(Rein) will conduct search and destroy operations against suspected VC forces in the Tra Lo Hamlet area and in other hamlets within the battalion TAOR.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operations

- (1) Tra Lo. Commencing at 021600, one company will conduct

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a deceptive beach searching operation along the coast of the TAOB in order to position the company south of Tra Lo. At 031100, the same company will commence cordoning Tra Lo from the south and south-east. A second company will simultaneously commence cordoning Tra Lo from the north and northeast. On order, civilians in the cordon area will be removed to a collection point for intelligence screening and safeguarding, and search operations by war dog teams, engineer teams, and ground forces will be conducted. Commencing at 031100, artillery commences H&I fires west of Tra Lo to prevent escape on the cordon. Fires will be ceased on order of the company commanders. Estimated duration seven to ten days.

- (2) Subsequent operations Orders for subsequent operations will be issued later.

b. Co K (-)(Rein)

- (1) At 021600, conduct a deceptive beach search operation from Tan Luu to the coastal proximity of Vieu Deng. Establish company patrol base by 021845 in grid square 1866.
- (2) At 031100, cordon Tra Lo in assigned zone of action.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct sweep and search operations in the objective area.

c. Co M (-)(Rein)

- (1) At 031100, cordon Tra Lo in assigned zone of action.
- (2) On order, provide one squad to S-5 to erect and secure collection point.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct sweep and search operations in the objective area.

d. H&S Co (-)(Rein)

- (1) Establish Bn OP 086679
- (2) Establish Collection Point 086679
- (3) Provide specialized search operations with war dogs and engineer teams.

e. 81mm Mortar Platoon (-) General support from present positions.

f. Bn Reserve(1) Co I, Continue present operations(2) Co L,

(a) Assume control of mortar belt by 021600. Counter-punch remains under Bn control until further notice.

(b) Provide security for Sea Anchor Project.

(c) Provide security for all road mine sweep operations.

*see next page*g. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Rules of engagement apply.

(2) All unit leaders insure physical contact with adjacent units.

(3) All unit leaders take extra precautions in controlling forces within the objective area. Use claymores and grenades extensively, fire low to prevent friendly casualties, and take extra precautions with the use of M-79's.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Submit Spot Reports and Casualty Reports in accordance with current directives.

b. (S-4 briefing) Engineers tools

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Bn CP - No change

b. Bn OP -

(1) Move with Co M

(2) Establish at 086679

c. Co report CP on establishment

d. Co I (CommO)

(1) ~~S-1/S-2/S-3/S-4/S-5/CommO/FSC~~(2) ~~Company Commanders/FSC~~

f. (3) Platoon LVTP-5's On order, ~~revert~~ to battalion reserve. Report to S-4 to conduct resupply operations.

(4) Det. Ontos On order, revert to Co L control.

TASK ORGANIZATIONCo K (-)(Rein)

Plat, Co C, 1st Tank Bn  
 Det, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn (2 LVTP-5's)  
 Det, Co A, Ontos (2 Ontos)  
 FO, 1/11  
 FO, 81  
 Plat, Co G, 2/1 detach on arrival of K Co Plat. Co M Plat.  
 Co K on arrival 3 Nov.

Co M (-)(Rein)

FO, 1/11  
 FO, 81  
 Plat, Co G, on detachment from Co K

HAS Co (-)(Rein)

Bn Cnd Grp. (CO, S-2, S-3, S-5, Det, Comm  
 Det, Engs (Squad and Bulldozer)  
 Det, MP Bn (4 War Dogs)  
 Det, Co A, 1st AmTrac Bn (2 LVTP-5's)  
 Det, Co A, 1st AT Bn (2 Ontos)

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization. See Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces
  - (1) 1st Marines. Continues assigned mission.
  - (2) Artillery. 1/11 provides direct support.
  - (3) Air. 1st MAW provides casualty and helicopter support.
- c. Attachments and Detachments
  - (1) Attachments
    - (a) Co D, 2d Bn, 1st Mar ETA 051000H
    - (b) Det, Engrs (presently attached)
    - (c) Det, MP Bn (presently attached)
    - (d) Plat, Tanks (presently attached)
    - (e) Plat, Ontos (presently attached)
    - (f) Plat, LVT's (presently attached)

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- 2. MISSION. 3/1 (-)(Rein) will conduct search and destroy operations in the Hai An and Ngan Cau hamlets.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations. At 061200H, two companies will conduct a heliborne attack on the objective area, and a third company will attack with a mechanized force. Preparation fires will commence at 061145H for fourteen minutes. A collection point will be established for intelligence screening and security. On order, civilians will be removed to the collection point, then sweep and search operations will be conducted. (See Annex B, Operations Overlay to Frag Order 33-66)



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b. Co D (Rein)

- (1) Move to MAG-16 by 061100H
- (2) At 061200H, land in assigned LZ and cordon assigned sector of objective.
- (3) On order, conduct patrols into Khai Tay (1) and (2).

c. Co M (-)(Rein)

- (1) Move to MAG-16 by 061100H
- (2) At 061200H, land in assigned LZ and cordon assigned sector of objective.
- (3) On order, conduct patrols into Khai Tay (3) and Ngan Cau (4).

d. Co K (Rein)

- (1) At 061130H, move from present positions to LOD.
- (2) At 061200H, attack with infantry-mechanized force and cordon assigned sector of objective.
- (3) On order, provide one squad security and working party to collection point.
- (4) On order, conduct patrols in area east and southeast of cordon.

e. 81mm Mortar Platoon. General support from present position with priority of fires to Company D.f. H&S Co (-)(Rein)

- (1) At 061200H, move to Bn CP for resupply.
- (2) ASAP, move to objective area.
- (3) Establish collection point BT 065675.
- (4) Establish observation post BT 065675.

g. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Insure physical contact between all units.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. S-4 provide transportation to move Company D to MAG-16.
- b. S-5 coordinate resupply with S-4 at battalion CP.
- c. Company M preload excess equipment in one H&S Company LVTP-5.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Battalion CP - BT 068714.
- b. Battalion CP - initially heliborne, then at BT 065675.
- c. Company Commanders reports
  - (1) CP locations
  - (2) Initial LZ touchdowns
  - (3) Crossing LOD
  - (4) Physical contact between units
  - (5) Ability to dispatch patrols
  - (6) Changes to initial LZ's. (Report this to Circumference 14)

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H&S Co (-)(Rein)  
 Det, Engrs  
 Det, 1st MP Bn, (Four war dogs)  
 Det, 244th Psy War team  
 3 LVTP-5  
 2 Ontos, 1st AT Bn

Company D (-)(Rein)

Capt KELLY

FO, 81mm Mortar Plat  
 FO Team, 1st Bn, 11th Mar  
 FAC Team, 3d Bn 1st Mar

Company M (-)(Rein)

Capt KNOWLES

FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat  
 FO Tm, 1st Bn, 11th Mar  
 1 Plat. Co G, 1st Bn, 1st Mar

Company K (-)(Rein)

Capt WINSTON

FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat  
 FO Tm, 1st Bn, 11th Mar  
 7 Tanks, 1st Tank Bn  
 4 LVTS, 1st AmTrac Bn

81mm Mortar Platoon (-)

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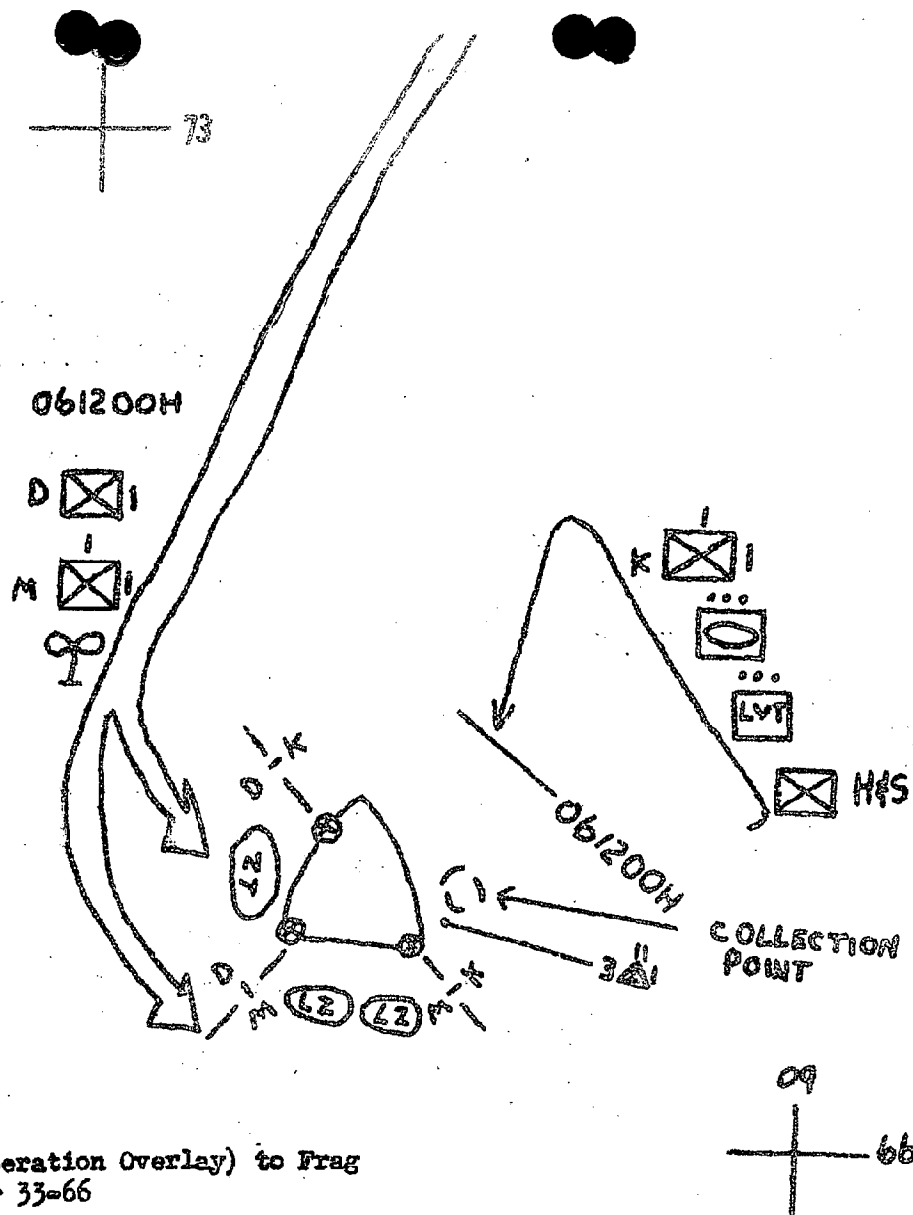
Battalion Reserve

Capt KNAPPER

Co L, 3d Bn 1st Mar

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Annex: B (Operation Overlay) to Frag  
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Time Zone: H

TASK ORGANIZATION. See Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION. No change.
2. MISSION. 3d Battalion, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) conducts search and destroy operations in the Than Trung Luang Hamlet (AT 042722).
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operations. Commencing at H-Hour, on D-Day, three companies effect cordon on the objective hamlet. One company conducts night helicopter assault, a second company conducts a river crossing assault, and a third company conducts a ground assault to cordon the objective hamlet. Illumination fires only will be fired commencing with clearance of the landing zone by helicopters. On order, search and destroy operations will be conducted. See Annex B (Operations Overlay).
  - b. Co I (-) (Rein)
    - (1) Move to assembly area by 121600H.
    - (2) Provide LZCT and landing zone security by 130245H.
    - (3) Cordon objective in assigned zone of action at 130300H.
    - (4) On order, conduct search and destroy operations in the objective hamlet.
  - c. Co K (Rein)
    - (1) Move from battalion CP and arrive at assembly area at 130215H.
    - (2) Conduct river crossing commencing at 130255H and cordon objective in assigned zone of action.
    - (3) Conduct patrols of the hamlet island to apprehend VC/VCS outside the cordon. Pay particular attention to persons in boats.
    - (4) On order (about 130700), assume Co I zone of action with one platoon.

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d. Co M (-) (Rein)

- (1) Move from battalion CP and arrive at MAG-16 by 130200H.
- (2) Conduct helicopter borne assault commencing at 130300H and cordon objective in assigned zone of action.
- (3) Be prepared to assist Co I in search and destroy operations.

e. H&S Co (-) (Rein)

- (1) Establish CP in objective area.
- (2) Establish intelligence collection point for VC/VCS in objective area.

f. Platoon, LVTP-5


- (1) Move to assembly area by 121800H.
- (2) Opcon to Co K upon arrival of Co K in assembly area.
- (3) After landing of Co K, revert to Opcon H&S Co, return to assembly area, and transport H&S Co to objective area.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct river security patrols.
- (5) Be prepared to ferry battalion across the Song Vihn Dien upon completion of the operation.
- (6) See Annex C (LVT Employment Plan).

g. Battalion Reserve

- (1) Co I (-). Continue to execute assigned mission except as noted this Iraq order.
- (2) Co L
  - (a) Continue to execute assigned mission.
  - (b) Chop opcon 3 man engineer team to H&S Co at 121300H.

h. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) D-Day, H-Hour: 130300H Nov 66
- (2) Estimated duration of operation: 2 - 4 days

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- (3) Illumination fires only are authorized.
  - (4) Rules of Engagement apply. Exercise extreme caution to avoid unnecessary damage to property.
  - (5) Maximum effort toward capture of live prisoners.
  - (6) Company commanders prepare heliteam/LVT team assignments.
    - (a) Helicopter guidance: 15 combat loaded men/helicopter.
    - (b) LVT guidance: 15 combat loaded men/LVT plus 6000 pounds internal cargo.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Unit commanders designate prescribed load to include three meals, MCI and halazone tablets.
- b. Battalion equipment and supplies will be preloaded on LVTP-5's by 121400H See Annex C (LVT Employment Plan).
- c. Resupply will be:
  - (1) Primary means: Seahorse
  - (2) Alternate means: LVT
  - (3) Emergency means: Helicopter

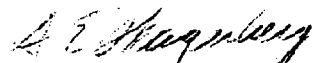
#### 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Command
  - (1) Bn CP location to be announced
  - (2) Bn OP (CO, S-3, radioman) will move with Co M. Co M provide three spaces in last helicopter.
  - (3) Companies report CP locations on establishment of CP's.
- b. Communications
  - (1) See current battalion COI
  - (2) Maintain radio silence until crossing LOD or gaining enemy contact. Continue normal radio checks.

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- (3) Report crossing LOD, landing in landing zone, and physical contact between units immediately.
- (4) FACP give FSC clearance to commence illumination fires when helicopters have cleared the landing zone.

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Company I (-) (Rein)

Capt CATE

Platoon, Co I  
FO, Arty  
FACP (LZCT)

Company K (Rein)

Capt WINSTON

Co K  
FO, Arty  
Platoon, LVTP-5 (On arrival in assembly area, detach after completion  
of assault)

Company M (-) (Rein)

Capt KNOWLES

2 Platoons, Co M  
FO, Arty  
S-2 Interpreter

H&S Company (-) (Rein)

Capt WOOD

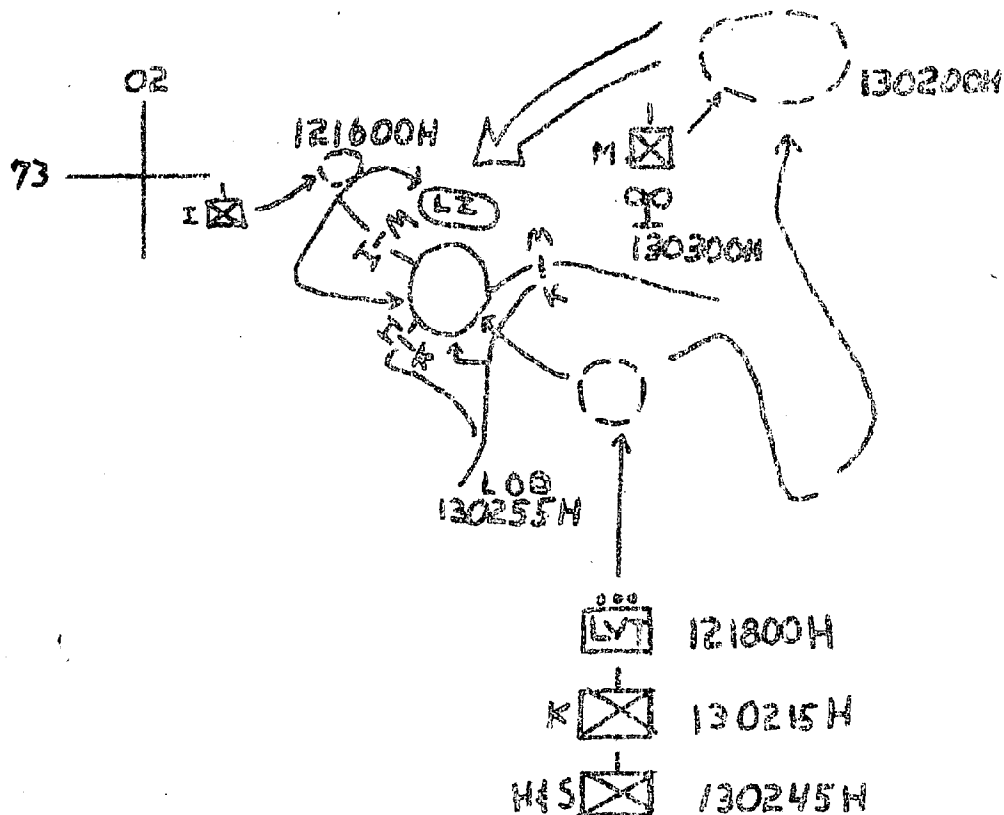
Command Group  
Kit Carson Scouts  
Det, 1st Engineers  
Det, 3d ITT  
Det, Psy War Team  
Platoon, LVTP-5 (Upon return from Co K)  
Det, 3d CIC Team  
Special agents

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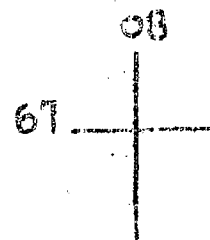
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To: 3d Battalion, 1st Marines

FRAG ORDER 35 - 66 Period 230600H - 240600H Nov66

1. Company I: Conduct one daylight and one night platoon size patrol into Company I sector of TAOR. Provide one platoon to defend battalion CP rear.
2. Company J: Continue reconnaissance in force in Company K sector of TAOR.
3. Company L: Continue to defend mortar belt, Sea Anchor, and Nui Kim Son bridge.
4. Company M: Continue to defend battalion CP forward, provide MSR mine sweep and road runner security. Conduct patrols and ambushes in Company H sector of TAOR. Company H assigned control of ground 300 meters each side of MSR from Nui Kim Son bridge to battalion CP forward. All units coordinate movement in this area with Company K.
5. Direct Support units: No change in mission or assignments.
6. Scout/snipers: Two teams OLCON Company L.
7. Kit Carsons: Two with Company K.
8. Bald Eagle: Company I landing zone Ostrich.
9. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: Squad (Rein) Company I landing zone Ostrich.
10. All personnel are required to wear flak jackets in vehicles on MSR from Nui Kim Son bridge to battalion CP forward.

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1. Company I: Cordon assigned sector at 230500H, report linkup with Company M and Company K. On order, conduct search and destroy operations in objective (2) (Khai Tay (2)).
2. Company K: Cordon assigned sector at 230500H, report linkup with Company M. On order, conduct search and destroy operations in objective (3) (Khai Tay (3)). Provide one platoon for CP forward security, conduct LSR mine sweep and road runner patrol with one squad.
4. Company M: Cordon assigned sector at 230200H. Provide guides for Company I and Company K. On order, conduct search and destroy operations in objective (1) (Thi An (2)).
5. PACF OPCON to Company L. Ontos OPCON to Company K for LSR security.
8. Bald Eagles: none.

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To: 3d Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein)

FRAG ORDER 36 - 66 Period 240600H - 250600H Nov66

1. Company I: Continue conducting search and destroy operations in the objective (2) (Khai Tay (2)) area. Sparrow Hawk and Blue Springs alert remains in effect.
2. Company K: Continue conducting search and destroy operations in objective (3) (Khai Tay (3)). Provide one platoon for CP forward security, conduct MSR mine sweep and road runner patrol with one squad.
3. Company L: Continue to defend mortar belt, Sea Anchor, and Nui Kim Son bridge.
4. Company M: Continue conducting search and destroy operations in objective (1) (Thi An (2)) area.
5. Direct Support Units: Continue respective assignments.
6. Ontos OPCON to Company K for MSR security. FACP OPCON to Company M.
7. Bald Eagle: None

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FRAG ORDER 37 - 66 Period 250600H - 260600H

1. Company I: OICOM 9th Marines.
2. Company K: Conduct reconnaissance in force in assigned sector of TAOR. Establish company patrol base vicinity (1263).
3. Company L: No change in mission.
4. Company M: Defend battalion CP forward, provide MSR mine sweep and road runner security. Conduct patrols and ambushes in assigned sector of TAOR.
5. Direct Support Units: effective 250600
  - a. Ontos OPCON Company M
  - b. 3 Tanks OPCON Company K
  - c. (1) 5 LVT's OPCON Company K
  - (2) 2 LVT's OPCON Bn CP forward
6. Scout/snipers: Two teams OPCON Company L.
7. Kit Carsons: Two with Company K.
8. Bald Eagle: None
9. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: Squad (Rein) Company M; Landing Zone Buzzard.
10. The following thrush points are effective at 250600H.

Car 0868  
Whiskey 0469  
Animal 0764  
State 1163

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25 Feb 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: 3d Battalion, 1st Marines

FRAG ORDER 38 - 66 Period 260600H - 270500H

1. Company K: OPCON 9th Marines
2. Company K: Continue reconnaissance in force in assigned sector of TAO.
3. Company L: No change in mission
4. Company M: No change in mission
5. Direct Support Units: No change in mission or assignments
6. Scout snipers:
  - a. Two teams OPCON Company L
  - b. Division schools team on special assignment. Operating area to be announced later.
7. Kit Carsons: Two with Company K
8. Bald Eagle: None
9. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: One squad (Rein), Company M Landing Zone Buzzard.
10. It has been noted that K-138 handsets for the AN/PRC - 25 is not being properly waterproofed on many sets. This handset is highly susceptible to failure when wet. Company commanders will take immediate action to correct this discrepancy. Contact the Battalion communications officer for assistance and waterproofing materials if required.

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26 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: 3d Battalion, 1st Marines

FRAG ORDER 39 - 66 Period 270600H - 280600H

1. Company I: Conduct patrols in assigned sector of TAOR; defend Battalion CP rear.
2. Company K: Continue reconnaissance in force in assigned sector of TAOR.
3. Company L: No change in mission.
4. Company M: No change in mission.
5. Direct Support Units: No change in mission.
6. Scout/snipers:
  - a. Two teams OPCON Company L.
  - b. Division schools team on special assignment.
7. Kit Carsons: Two with Company K.
8. Bald Eagle: None.
9. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: One squad (Rein), Company M Landing Zone Buzzard.
10. The September copy of "Lessons Learned" contains an excellent summary of Sparrow Hawk Operations on page ten. This summary should be read by all squad leaders and above.

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27 Nov 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: 3d Battalion, 1st Marines

FRAG ORDER AO - 66 Period 280600H - 290600H

1. Company I: OPCON 9th Marines. If available, assist in defense of Battalion CP rear. FACP OPCON to Company I effective 280600H.

2. Company K: No change in mission.

3. Company L: No change in mission.

4. Company M: No change in mission.

5. Direct Support Units:

a. Tanks: 3 OPCON Company L.

b. Lvs: 5 OPCON Company K.  
2 OPCON Battalion CP.  
4 available.

c. Ontos: 4 OPCON Company L.

6. Scout/snipers:

a. Two teams OPCON Company L.

7. Kit Cars: Two with Company K.

8. Bald Eagle: None.

9. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: One squad (Rein), Company M landing zone Buzzard.

10. Plans:

a. Company K: Relieves Company L of Road Runner, Battalion CP Forward defense, and mine sweep of LSR on about 1 Dec 66.

b. Company M: Commences Reconnaissance in force in assigned sector of TAOR on about 1 Dec 66. OPCON 3 tanks and 3 Lvs planned.

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Y/ASL/ebb  
27 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: 3d Battalion, 1st Marines

FRAG ORDER 41 - 66 Period 290600H - 300600H

1. Company Ia Opon 9th Marines. If available, assist in defense of Battalion CP Rear.
2. Company Ks Continue zone in force until 291800. At 291800, return to Battalion CP Rear.
3. Company Ls No change in mission.
4. Company Ms No change in mission.
5. Direct Support Units: No change in mission or assignments.
6. Scout/Snipers: Two teams opon Company L.
7. Kit Carsons: Two with Company A.
8. Bald Eagle: None.
9. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: One squad (Rein), Company M Landing Zone Buzzard.
10. The village of Nui Kim Son is off limits to all military personnel. Commanding Officer, Company L responsible for enforcement of this regulation.

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28 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: 3d Battalion, 1st Marines

FRAG ORDER 42-66 Period 000600H November 1966 to 010600H December 1966

1. Company I: Opcon 9th Marines.
2. Company K: Battalion reserve. Defend battalion CP area. Zero weapons at battalion range.
3. Company L: No change in mission. Special Forces Training Company conducts search and destroy operation vicinity Marble Mountain.
4. Company M: No change in mission.
5. Direct Support Units: Ontoe opcon Company M.
6. Scout/Snipers: Two with Company L.
7. Kit Carsons: None employed.
8. Bald Eagle: None.
9. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: One squad (rein), Company K Landing Zone Ostrich.
10. Intelligence reports indicate that VC are unable to launch a large sustained attack against large friendly units. Reports indicate that VC efforts will be increased against platoon size positions and Command Posts. It is imperative that greater emphasis be placed on security patrols and listening posts in the close proximity of platoon positions and CP's during periods of darkness. Emphasis should be placed on fire team patrols where tactical conditions permit to provide more security at the same time. Company Commanders will evaluate their situation and increase security activity accordingly. Insure use of listening posts at all positions. Frequent checks of listening posts and defensive positions by platoon leaders and platoon NCO's is an absolute necessity. Any patrol, ambush, or listening post that is withdrawn must be reported immediately. Activities will be cancelled by this Headquarters only.

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29 Nov 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: 3d Battalion, 1st Marines

FRAG ORDER 43-66 Period 010600 - 020600 31st 66

1. Company I: Opcon 9th Marines. If available, assist in defense of Battalion CP Rear.
2. Company K: At 011000H move to Battalion CP Forward. By 011200H relieve Company M and assume responsibility for defense of Battalion CP Forward, Road Runner patrols, MSR mine sweep. Conduct patrols and ambushes in assigned sector of TAOR.
3. Company L: No change in mission.
4. Company M: At 011200H, commence reconnaissance in force in assigned sector of TAOR.
5. Direct Support Units
  - a. Ontos: Opcon Company K effective 011200H.
  - b. Tanks: Three tanks transport Company K to Battalion CP Forward. On arrival Opcon Company M.
  - c. LVT's: Four LVT's transport Company K to Battalion CP Forward. On arrival Opcon Company M.
  - d. Engineers: One team Opcon Company M effective 011200H.
6. Scout/Snipers: Two with Company L.
7. Kit Carson: None employed.
8. Bald Eagle: None.
9. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: One squad (rein), Company K Landing Zone Buzzard.
10. Too many MEDEVAC helicopters are being fired on in landing zones that are declared secure. Common sense dictates that if you have a man wounded by enemy fire, the enemy may very well be waiting to fire on a MEDEVAC helicopter. Leaders requesting a MEDEVAC are responsible for assisting the MEDEVAC helicopter by delivering suppression fires at enemy or suspected

enemy positions. All means available including gun ships to carry out this responsibility. If you are in doubt as to the security of the landing zone, declare it as unsecure and request gun ship assistance in clearing the landing zone.

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01 Dec 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
To: 3d Battalion, 1st Marines

FRAG ORDER 44 - 66 Period 020600H - 030600H Dec 66

1. Company I: Q-CON 9th Marines. If available, assist in defense of battalion CP rear.
2. Company K: No change in mission.
3. Company L: No change in mission.
4. Company M: Continue reconnaissance in force in assigned sector of TAOR.
5. Direct Support Units: No change in assignments.
6. Scout/Snipers: Two with Company L.
7. Kit Carsons: None employed.
8. Bald Eagle: None
9. Sparrow Hawk/Blue Springs: One squad (Rein), Company K Landing Zone Buzzard.
10. The following check points are to be used for reference of all activities along the MSR. Do not use any other check points for reporting friendly locations, enemy activity, or requesting fires.

Check point: 1	069687
2	067682
3	067675
4	067670

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Relocation of Boundaries within 1st Marines TAOR

Encl: (1) Task Organization  
(2) 3/1 TAOR 211200H to 221159H  
(3) 3/1 TAOR 221200H

1. Task Organization. See enclosure (1).

2. General. The relocation of boundaries within the First Marines TAOR will take place between 201200H November 1966 and 221200H November 1966.

a. 201200H November 1966

(1) Third Battalion chops one platoon (rein) to First Battalion for employment in Company G sector. This platoon reverts to Third Battalion control at 211200H November 1966.

(2) Second Battalion chops one company (rein) to Third Battalion for employment in western portion of mortar belt and at Song Cau Do bridge. This company reverts to Second Battalion control at 221200H November 1966.

b. 211200H November 1966. Third Battalion assumes control of new TAOR and retains old TAOR. See enclosure (2).

c. 221200H November 1966. Third Battalion relinquishes control of western portion of old TAOR. See enclosure (3).

3. Execution

a. Company I (Rein)

(1) Commencing 201200H November 1966 assume control of relief operations. Conduct relief operations to place Company G in positions at Bridge #1 (AT 998706), Bridge #2 (AT 999599), Company I, First Battalion position, and Tower West. Leave all property in positions except organic weapons. Helicopter will be provided at 211000H November 1966 to replace 106mm recoilless rifle on Tower West. Continue patrols and reconnaissance of assigned portion of TAOR. Conduct daily patrols into An Trach.

End  
TAB(C)



(2) Commencing 221200H November 1966, move to Battalion Command Post and establish Company Command Post. Conduct offensive operations in assigned portion of TAOR (see enclosure (3)). Assume Bald Eagle, Sparrow Hawk, and Blue Springs alert.

(3) Assist in security of Battalion Command Post Rear when forces are available.

(4) Be prepared to locate Company Command Post at (BT 073659) on about 10 December 1966.

b. Company K (Rein)

(1) Commencing 201200H November 1966, chop one platoon to First Battalion, First Marines for operations with Company C (BT 119629).

(2) Commencing 211200H November 1966, assume control of assigned portion of TAOR (see enclosure (3)). Platoon open to First Battalion, First Marines reverts to Company K. Conduct offensive operations in assigned TAOR. Establish Command Post at Battalion Command Post Forward.

c. Company L (Rein)

(1) Commencing 201200H November 1966, occupy positions at Hill 10, Khai Tay (1), Kom Trung Hoa, Tower East, Crow's Nest, Post 6A, Sea Anchor, and Bridge in Nui Kim Son.

(2) Assume responsibility for mortar belt defense.

(3) Assume responsibility for defense of Nui Kim Son Bridge.

(4) Assume responsibility for Sea Anchor.

(5) Assume responsibility for mine sweep of roads to Hill 10, Sea Anchor, and Khai Tay (1).

d. Company M (Rein)

(1) Commencing 211200H November 1966, move to Battalion Command Post Forward. Establish defense of Battalion Command Post Forward.

(2) Assume responsibility for mine sweep of MSR.

(3) Provide forces for Road Runner patrol.

(4) Conduct patrols and ambushes in assigned portion of TAOR. (See enclosure (3)).

e. H&S Company (-) (Rein)

(1) Commencing 211200H November 1966, establish Battalion Command Post Forward. Battalion Command Post Forward will consist of:

Commanding Officer  
S-1 Representative  
S-2 Section  
S-3 Section  
S-4 Representative  
S-5 Section  
Supply Representative  
81mm Mortar Platoon (-)  
H&S Company Representative  
Det, Mess Platoon  
Det, MT Platoon  
Det, Comm Platoon  
Det, BAS

(2) Continue to operate Battalion Command Post Rear until further notice.

f. Direct Support Units. The following direct support units will displace to the Battalion Command Post Forward:

Platoon, Company A, 1st Airborne Battalion  
Platoon, Company A, 1st AT Battalion (Opcon Company M)  
Det, 1st Engr Battalion (5 man team) (Opcon Company M)  
Sub Team #6, 3d CI Team (Opcon S-2)  
Platoon, Company C, 1st Tank Battalion (on order)

4. Administration and Logistics

a. Administration and logistics will be primarily handled by the Battalion Command Post Rear.

b. S-4 provide transportation to execute all movement. Coordinate with Company M for security of convoys.

c. Battalion Command Post Forward will subsist on MCI, augmented by A and B rations.

d. Wherever practicable supplies and facilities will be transferred between units rather than transported to new location. S-4 coordinate.

5. Command and Communicationsa. Command Posts

- (1) Forward (BT 071659)
- (2) Rear (BT 069712)

b. Commanders

- (1) Command Post Forward: Battalion Commander
- (2) Command Post Rear: Battalion Executive Officer

c. Communications

- (1) See current Battalion COI
- (2) Circumference is net control. Circumference Rear will be activated at 211200H November 1966.

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Co I	1
Co K	1
Co L	1
Co H	1
H&S Co	1

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## TASK ORGANIZATION

3d Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein)

LtCol DeATLEY

Company I (Rein)

Capt CATE

Co I  
FO, 1/11  
FO, 81 Mortar Plat

Company K (Rein)

Capt MARKUM

Co K  
FO, 1/11  
FO, 81 Mortar Plat

Company L (Rein)

Capt KNAPPER

Co L  
1st CAC Platoon  
2d CAC Platoon (Marine element only)  
Sea Anchor Squad  
106 RR Platoon  
Det, 81 Mortar Plat (four tubes)  
Det, Comm Platoon (Wire Team)  
FO, 1/11  
FO, 81 Mortar Plat  
Det, 1st Engr Bn, (6 man team)

Company M (Rein)

Capt KNOWLES

Co M  
Platoon, Co A, 1st AT Bn  
Det, 7th Engr Bn (9 man team)  
FO, 1/11  
FO, 81 Mortar Plat  
Det, MT Platoon (2 vehicles)

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ENCLOSURE: (1)