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Ref: (a) 9th Marines Operations Order 2-69
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1. Code Name: Operation Dewey Canyon
2. Dates of Operation: 10 February 1969 - 18 March 1969
3. Location: Northwest of the A SHAN Valley
4. Task Organization:

1st Battalion, 9th Marines

LtCol G.W. SIMON
10Feb - 18Mar69
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WAB Company

Company A (Rein)
Company A
FO tm, D Btry 2/12
Det, WAB Company
FO tm, 81mm Plt
Det, Med Plt
Det, Comm Plt

Company B (Rein)
Company B
FO tm, D Btry 2/12
Det, WAB Company
FO tm, 81mm Plt
Det, Med Plt
Det, Comm Plt

Capt G. MEERDINK JR.
10 - 22Feb69
Capt K.S. JUNKINS JR.
22Feb - 18Mar69

Company C (Rein)
Company C
FO tm, D Btry 2/12
Det, WAB Company
FO tm, 81mm Plt
Det, Med Plt
Det, Comm Plt

Capt J. KELLY
10Feb - 18Mar69

1st BN, 9th MAR

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Company D (A)
Company D
FO tm, D Btry 2/12
Det, M3 Company
FO tm, Sirm Plt
Det, Med Plt
Det, Comm Plt

Capt . RILEY
10Feb - 18Mar69

Company I (Rein) 3d Battalion, 9th Marines Capt J.A. APRONA
07 - 18Mar69

T. J. CULKIN
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5. Supporting Forces:a. Artillery:

- (1) General: On Operation Dewey Canyon artillery support consisted of: many prep. fires; the night defensive fires were fired at least one per night, normally four per night; and on the average 20 to 30 targets of opportunity a day.
- (2) Significant Events: Artillery destroyed 50,000 lbs. of rice; several heavy machine gun (A.A. Type) positions and mortar positions (82mm and 61mm); the firing capability of an M1 122mm gun battery by registering direct hits on the ready bunkers and ammo dump, and the mobility of the battery by preventing the prime movers from extracting the guns at night.

(3) Type Mission Fired.

Observed - 220
 MI - 835
 TOR - 119
 Total: - 1159

(4) Number of Rounds Fired.

105 - 30159
 155 - 2382
 4.2 - 11 28
 Total: - 33569

(5) Surveillances.

GA - 95
 Probables - 68
 Rice - 50,000 lbs.
 Bunkers - 21
 Secondaries - 78

5b. Air:

During the period covered by Operation Dewey Canyon the following fixed wing support was utilized by 1/9:

Date	No.	Miles	Grid	Results	A/O Support
13 FEB	1		1908	100/100. Prep strikes	Colorado "A"
	2		183075	90/90. 2 Sec.	Colorado "B"
14 FEB	2		1908	100/100. 1 Sec.	Colorado "C"
	1		183075	100/100. Prep strike	Colorado "D"

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Date	No.	PIPS	Grd.	DDA. Results	A/O Support
15 FEB	1		20203	90/90. N/A	Colorado "P"
	1		210075	100/100. N/A	Colorado "P"
16 FEB	1		178056	100/100. 1 Bunk. dest.	Colorado "K"
	2		177057	100/100. 8 fight holes, 2 Bunk. dest.	Colorado "K"
17 FEB	5		1703	100/100. 14 Sec., 3KBA	Colorado "G" Manual-13
18 FEB	3		193055	100/100. 3KBA, 1.50cal dest.	Colorado "L" & "K"
	3		175055	100/100. 13 Bunk. dest.	Colorado "O" & "T"
19 FEB	2		196036	100/100. 2KBA	Colorado "T"
	3		197057	90/90. 1 Bunk. dest.	Colorado "R"
	1		196039	90/95. 2 Sec.	Colorado "C"
	2		197053	90/90. 4 Bunk. dest.	Colorado "C"
	3		190052	100/100. 2KBA, 6 Bunk. dest.	Colorado "C"
20 FEB	4		193050	100/100. 4 Sec.	Colorado "R"
	2		1906	95/90. 1 Bunk. dest.	Colorado "R"
	4		196036	90/90. 1 truck, 2 Arty pos 4 Bunk. dest.	Colorado "P"
	2		196033	90/90. 3 Bunk. uncovered 2 Bunk. dest.	Colorado "K"
22 FEB	1		205045	100/100. 5KBA	Seaworthy 98-11, 98-12
23 FEB	5		206059	100/100. 4 Bunk. dest. 4 KIA, 5 Sec.	Colorado "T" & "O"
25 FEB	5		206053	100/100. 2 Bunk. dest.	Seaworthy 98-12, 98-13, Protractor "g"
	3		210053	90/90. 40' trench line 6 KIA, 2 Sec.	Manual - 14 Seaworthy - 98 - 5
	10		219052	95/95. 14 Bunk. dest. 14 Sec., 2 arty guns dest.	Colorado "O" & "P"
26 FEB	1		2103	90/90. 1 Bunk. dest.	Manual - 15 Colorado "G"
	1		2103	100/100. 2 Bunk, 8 fight. Holes. dest.	Colorado "G"
	3		213034	100/100. 23 Sec., 15 KBA	Colorado "T"
28 FEB	5		213033	80/80. 5 Sec., 4 Bunk. dest.	Colorado "T"
7 MAR	1		204005	95/95. 2 fight. holes 2 Bunk. dest., 1 Sec.	Colorado "K"
	2		208018	100/100. 6 Sec.	Colorado "K"
8 MAR	4		191029	100/100. 8 Fight. Holes 24 Bunk. dest.	Colorado "D"
10 MAR	1		219026	100/100. 1 Mortar dest.	Colorado "O"
	1		231001	100/100. N/A	Colorado "T"
11 MAR	6		219026	95/95. 3 Fight. Holes 5 Bunk. dest.	Manual - 10, 11
13 MAR	4		255035	95/95. 1-50cal dest. 1 Mortar Site, 4KBA, 5 Sec.	Colorado "L"
	4		247047	100/100. 2 Mortar Site 6 KIA, 5 Sec.	Colorado "P"
	5		232042	100/100. 1 Mortar Site 5 KIA, 4 Sec.	Seaworthy 98-14

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PARA B. Helicopter support:

During the period covered by Operation Dewey Canyon the following helicopter support was utilized by 1/9:

Date	Units Lifted	From	To	A/C Utilized
10 FEB	6/1/9, D/1/9	VOB	162017	3 CH-46
	1/9 Adj. Comd. Group	VOB	162017	3 CH-46, UH-1H
	A/1/9	12 MILITARY RAZOR		8 CH-46
11 FEB	1/9, B/1/9, D/1/9	VOB	162017	8 CH-46, 2 CH-34
	A/1/9	12 RAZOR	162017	8 CH-46, 2 CH-34
12 FEB	A/1/9, B/1/9	1D 243045 VOB	8 CH-46, 5 CH-53, 7 CH-47	
	1/9, B/1/9, C/1/9	1D 243045 VOB	8 CH-46, 5 CH-53, 7 CH-47	
	11/2/12 (4.2mm Mortar)	1D 243045 VOB	8 CH-46, 5 CH-53, 7 CH-47	
	D/1/9	1D 243045 VOB	8 CH-46, 5 CH-53, 7 CH-47	

PARA C. Personnel: The air section of 1/9 consisted of two (2) officers and seven enlisted for this operation. In conjunction, three H.3.0. teams were also utilized.

PARA D. Equipment: The only equipment utilized by the air section 1/9 was the HC-25.

6. INTELLIGENCE.

On 11 February at 2200H the perimeter comprised of Companies A, C, and D at XD 163110 underwent a well-coordinated probe by an estimated NVA Company. This was the Battalion's second night on Operation Dewey Canyon, and the enemy apparently had fairly good intelligence to enable him to effect such a probe. However, when the battalion commenced attacking south along 2 parallel ridgelines, the enemy must have been taken by surprise, because the battalion met no significant resistance until 1425H on 14 February at XD 194035 where an enemy platoon ambushed the point elements of Company C. The next morning at 0115H at the same grid the perimeter composed of Companies A and C was attacked by an estimated company minus using RPG's, mortars and small arms. Starting on 15 February resistance took the form of light delaying action in the daytime and light probes at night until the afternoon of 17 February when Companies A and C set in at XD 195059. From this time until 20 February patrols made heavy contact in bunker complexes during daylight hours, while the perimeter took constant sniper fire and occasional probes. On the nights of 17, 18 and 19 February tracked vehicles could be heard throughout the night by Companies A and C but the enemy did not probe the lines. On 20 February Company C attacked south again, and met extremely heavy resistance by an estimated company deeply entrenched in large, fortified bunkers. The enemy died where they fought, refusing to flee or surrender. That day at 1100H at XD 197053 Company C captured (2) 122mm towed guns, one of which had been spiked, while the other had an undetonated satchel charge placed on it, and (1) 5 ton full tracked prime mover. Company A continued to move through Company C and captured 30 rounds of 120mm artillery ammunition, a 2 1/2 ton truck and a large amount of other ordnance and gear, while meeting only slight resistance from an apparently fleeing enemy. An aerial observer reported that there was a huge

bunker complex, covering 6 grid squares, east of Co. B's position at YD 197053, and on 22 February Company A returned to attack these complexes. On the fringe of the complex at YD 199049 Company A met heavy resistance, killed 105 enemy and suffered 10 killed and 61 wounded. Meanwhile Companies B and D had found 25 tons of rice at YD 181052 and 8 tons of rice at YD 185057, and Company C had discovered 4 gun pits for 122mm guns (towed), a large bunker complex largely destroyed by artillery, more 122mm artillery rounds, tabulated firing tables for 122mm guns, and documents and firing sketches revealing that the guns captured were the ones that had been firing on TAM CUNGING. The events and findings from 20 February, coupled with the existence of the road along the Vietnamese-Lao border and the huge cache found on 27 February at YD 205035 (ref. "27" and "28" February in paragraph 2 of Part III) suggest that the area for many grid squares around YD 197053 was a number of base camps or possibly one used for the entire 7th Front. Additional evidence suggesting this is: (1) documents found suggest that the 814th Regiment, which was part of the resistance against the battalion, is part of the 7th Front; (2) reports indicate that the 812th Regiment, a part of the 7th Front, was operating in this area; and (3) enemy engineers, possibly part of the 10th Sapper Battalion, which is part of the 7th Front, were obviously used to build and repair the roads and fortifications. The vast amounts of stray gear, tools, ordnance and other miscellany, the existence of dozens of roads leading north into Vietnam and south into Laos off the main road on the border (Vietnam Route 540, Laos Route 922), and the 21 bombed out trucks of different sizes found throughout multiple grid squares also reinforce the conclusion of the area being one huge base camp. It is estimated that the battalion was opposed initially by at least 2 NVA battalions, and by the end of February it was evident that the enemy was hurt, disorganized, and badly confused. In addition, the large number of anti-aircraft weapons captured and destroyed indicates that the enemy had been anticipating an air assault into the area and that he had been surprised by the ground attack which was effected by the battalion. It is estimated that the battalion was initially opposed by at least 2 NVA battalions whose primary armament was anti-aircraft weapons (this was evident by the large amounts of anti-air weapons and ordnance captured). The elemental tactics of landing outside the area of operations and thrusting south to the road apparently surprised the enemy and kept him off balance and confused until the end of February. Also, the fact that the enemy did not attempt to defend the large cache found by Company D on 27 February indicated that he had few if any well coordinated infantry units to commit to its defense.

The enemy therefore changed his tactics early in March to guerrilla type ones, employing small hit and run ambushes and mortar attacks. This indicated that the enemy was finally aware of what was in his area, and he reverted to the tactics he has always used against overwhelmingly larger forces. By 16 March when the battalion lifted out the enemy had evidently regained some of his former strength and was aware that the last Marine units were trying to retreat. The number of probes increased and the battalion position at Tam Boi was virtually ringed with mortar positions. Moreover, he was still unable to mount a large scale ground attack at this time. One last significant fact should be noted. The cache that Company B found was buried in bomb shelters and almost completely unharmed by arolights.

The weather throughout the operation was overcast with heavy fog and there were occasional showers. Temperatures varied from 60 to 70 degrees with a few , clear days interspersed.

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On 10 February 1st Battalion, 9th Marines lifts into the DEERY CANYON AO and on 12 February attacks across Phase Line Red to secure Regiment Objective 2 and to gain control of Route 922/548.

8. Concept of Operation.

On 10 February 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (-) commences attack across Phase Line Red to seize Battalion Objective A. Upon seizure of Battalion Objective A, continue attack with 2 companies abreast along designated battalion objectives and Regimental Objective 2.

9. Execution.

1 FEB through 9 FEB There were no significant events during this period.

10 FEB Company A at PSB S'ILON (YD 106266) suffered 5 killed and 1 wounded by a short round fired by friendly artillery.

11 FEB At 0650H at YD 163110 Company D was probed by an estimated 4-5 enemy using small arms and RPG's, suffered 1 KIA and 5 WIA, and called in 60mm mortars and artillery missions on routes of egress with unknown results. At 0800H Company D found well used trails, wide enough for one person, at YD 162108 and at YD 164108. At 1225H Company D found a small bedded down area for one person and some cooked rice at YD 161110. At 2200H the perimeter made up of Companies A, C, and D at YD 163110 underwent a well-coordinated attack by an estimated NVA company employing small arms, chicom grenades and RPG's. The companies, suffering 2 KIA and 11 WIA, responded with small arms, grenades, and artillery, killing 29 enemy.

12 FEB At 0845H at YD 165103 Company B found a trail 2-4 feet wide, with 12 bunkers about a week old and 2 cooking areas. At 0915H at YD 161101 Company B found the body of 1 NVA, dead for about 5 days and killed by small arms. At 1440H at YD 167094 Company C found a bamboo hut and conducted an ambush on the trail next to the hut. When 2 enemy approached, both were killed and 2 French muscows and 2 SKS rifles were captured. At 1630H at YD 167094 Company C came under small arms fire from a sniper, and suffered 1 WIA. At 1500H at YD 167098 Company C found graves with 8 bodies, dead for about 6 months.

13 FEB At 1425H at YD 194085 Company C, while in tactical movement, made contact with an estimated enemy platoon using automatic weapons, machineguns and 61mm mortars. Company C assaulted the enemy position, suffering 1 KIA and 6 WIA, and killing 12 enemy. At 2330H at YD 190084 Company C was attacked by an estimated company minus using 61mm mortars, RPG's chicom grenades and small arms. Company C suffered 3 KIA and 21 WIA while killing 12 enemy.

14 FEB At 0115H at YD 194085 Company C was attacked by an estimated enemy squad using small arms and chicom, suffered no casualties and killed 2 enemy. At 1530H at YD 195082 an enemy in a tree dropped a chicom grenade amongst 5 Marines, killing 1 and wounding 4. The enemy was killed by small arms. At 1400H at YD 191085 Company C was probed by an estimated enemy squad, suffered no casualties and killed 2 enemy. At 1500H Company A took sniper fire from 3 enemy in a village having 9 large huts. Company A returned fire, killing all 3 enemy, and captured 1 M16, 3 AK47 magazines, 3 RPG's, 2 82mm mortar rounds. The huts were later burned.



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15 FEB At 0430 the enemy took Company C's high position at YD 194085 under fire with 4 high explosive rounds, 2 of which resulted in air bursts. At 1700H at YD 194085 Company C received one burst of automatic weapons fire and returned fire with small arms and 60mm mortars with unknown results. At 1240H Company A sighted 2 NVA snipers in a tree at YD 194082, employed Marine snipers on the enemy, and killed one. From 2000H 15 February to 0700H 16 February Company C at YD 194085 detected by the use of listening posts several small enemy forces approaching the company's perimeter, evidently intending to probe it, and killed 13 enemy by means of small arms, particularly M-79 fire.

16 FEB At 0116H at YD 185078 Company B heard movement, threw 2 grenades and killed one enemy. At 1015H at YD 184075 Company B saw one enemy dressed in gray clothing and took him under fire with small arms and 60mm mortars with unknown results. At 1125H at YD 182065 Company A received sniper fire and suffered 1 WIA. At 1900H at YD 184076 Company B sighted 2 enemy wearing gray helmets and gray uniforms and killed them with small arms. At 2210H at YD 184076 Company B observed a small pea light approximately 30 meters in front of its lines. Marines on the perimeter threw a grenade and shot an M-79 at the light, killing one enemy.

17 FEB At 0930H at YD 195084 Company A received small arms and grenades from 5 or more enemy; and suffered 1 WIA. Fire was returned with small arms and 60mm mortar fire, inflicting 2 enemy KIA, probable. At 1245H Company B heard mortars firing, sighted muzzle flashes, and observed approximately 3 enemy, one wearing a gray uniform, at YD 191866. Company B fired 60mm mortars and called in artillery missions and air strikes on the target with unknown results. At 1430H Company A sighted 2 NVA wearing green uniforms at YD 198076 and opened fire on them. One NVA was killed and the other yelled "chien hoi" as he jumped off a nearby cliff. At 1700H at YD 195059 Company C which was in the process of setting in for the night, was taken under fire by an estimated enemy platoon attacking from 3 sides. Company C killed 7 of the enemy, including 4 snipers in trees, and suffered 2 WIA. At 1730H 3 enemy took the lines of Company C, at YD 197023, under fire, resulting in 1 WIA. Company C returned fire with small arms and grenades, killing 1 enemy. From 2000H 17 February to 0415H 18 February Company C heard the movement of tracked vehicles approaching from the south, from YD 195047 to YD 196055. The vehicles were evidently preceded by troops cutting the way ahead, and the vehicles were thought to be tanks or self-propelled artillery. Company C fired 105 and 155 artillery, using high explosive, white phosphorus and illumination, with outstanding target coverage. An AO on station and Company C observed an estimated 30 large secondary explosions, either a large vehicle with a great deal of ammunition on it or an ammunition dump.

18 FEB At 0450H Company C heard an enemy force approaching its lines, and adjusted 60mm mortar rounds on the enemy, causing them to withdraw. Other results unknown. At 0850H Company A received sniper fire from YD 197064 and suffered 2 WIA. Company A returned a large volume of small arms fire with unknown results. At 0900H 2 NVA approached the lines of Company C at YD 197064. Company C opened fire on the enemy, killing one, wounding the other and capturing 1 AK47 rifle, 4 AK47 magazines, 1 knife and assorted 782 gear. At 0940H a platoon patrol from Company A encountered heavy enemy resistance at YD 194062, comprised of an estimated enemy platoon with all automatic weapons and 3 light machineguns and dug

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into camouflaged, reinforced bunkers. The enemy was wearing green uniforms and appeared to want to hold their position at all cost. The patrol suffered 2 wounded and killed 10 enemy, one apparently a company grade officer, before pulling back to call in artillery missions and air strikes, adjusted by an AO. The AO reported that supporting arms killed an additional 10 enemy. The patrol captured 1 drum of light machinegun ammunition, 3 chicom grenades, 2 AK47 magazines, 110 rounds of AK47 ammunition, and articles of uniforms and first aid. At 0915H the point elements of a Company C security patrol came into contact with an estimated 4 enemy in fighting holes and bunkers at YD 197057. Company C suffered 2 wounded and killed 3 enemy. At 1230H Company B received 1 RPG at YD 176055 and suffered 3 WIA. At 1100H at YD 176054 Company D was attacked by an estimated enemy platoon employing heavy automatic weapons. Company D suffered 3 KIA and 3 WIA while inflicting 10 killed upon the enemy before withdrawing to call in artillery missions, 60mm mortar missions, 81mm mortar missions and air strikes. At 1520H Company A took 8 61mm mortar rounds from YD 167053, suffering 2 WIA. An artillery mission was called in and adjusted on the enemy grid by an AO with unknown results. At 0915H Company C encountered a heavily armed bunker complex, withdrew and called in artillery and fixed wing air strikes which killed 7 enemy. At 1845H Company A received small arms and RPG's from YD 189056 and Company C received sniper fire from YD 196058. The companies suffered a total of 9 WIA and returned small arms fire, 60mm mortar and artillery missions, killing 2 enemy with small arms. At 2315H Company B observed 4 white lights moving slowly with one light appearing to lead the others. An artillery mission was adjusted onto the lights producing 2 secondary explosions and extinguishing 3 of the lights.

19 FEB At 0920 a reinforced platoon patrol from Company C encountered at YD 196057 an heavily entrenched enemy force in bunkers and employing machineguns and automatic weapons fire. The platoon assaulted the enemy position, killing 9 enemy, before withdrawing and having an AO adjust fixed wing air strikes on the bunker positions. The AO reported observing at least 10 enemy killed by air. The patrol suffered 4 WIA and captured 2 AK47 rifles, assorted 782 gear and 6 AK47 magazines. At 0930H enemy snipers at YD 196035 opened fire on Company C causing no casualties. The company returned fire killing 2 enemy. At 1210H Company A found 5 dead enemy outside its lines at YD 196063, apparently killed by artillery fired the night before. Evidence was also found of 10 more bodies dragged away, and Company A also captured 2 RPG's, 2 B40 rocket launchers, 1 chicom grenade, 3 satchel charges, a rain jacket, a hammock and a wallet. (At 0945H a reinforced platoon sized patrol from Company C renewed the attack on the enemy bunker complex at YD 196057. The enemy bunkers were set along the long axis of the road running down the ridgeline and trench lines were cut perpendicular to the long axis to thwart flanking movements. The platoon attempted to pin down the enemy with machinegun fire while an assault was conducted on the flanks against heavy automatic weapons fire. Company C suffered 1 KIA and 8 WIA while killing 13 more enemy and destroying 3 bunkers and 1 machinegun. At 1620H Marine snipers killed 2 enemy snipers in trees, one at YD 198065 and one at YD 198058. At 1400H the lead elements of Company D were ambushed by an estimated enemy squad at YD 182052. Company D suffered 3 KIA and 5 WIA while killing 8 enemy and capturing 1 AK47 1 M26 grenade, 2 entrenching tools and one hand pick. At 1435H Company A received automatic weapons fire and RPG's from YD 196069 and suffered 4 WIA's. With machineguns as a base of fire, Company A maneuvered toward

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the enemy positions. While firing 60mm mortars, 81mm mortars, and artillery missions. Company A killed 12 enemy while capturing 1 AK47, 12 RPG's, 5 chicom grenades, 5 AK47 magazines and 3 entrenching tools. At 1707H a small group of NVA attacked an observation post of Company A at YD 197052. Company A adjusted 60mm mortars and 81mm mortars on the enemy, reinforced the observation post and assaulted the enemy, killing one. From 2100H 19 February to 0500H 20 February Company C heard troop and vehicle movement and called in continuous artillery missions throughout the night from YD 197053 to YD 197049, producing 6 large secondary explosions and 50 small ones.

20 FEB While fighting through a bunker complex at YD 196056, Company C encountered small arms, chicom grenades and machinegun fire. By 1030H Company C knocked out 1 7.62 RPD machinegun and destroyed 4 bunkers, while suffering 1 KIA and 4 WIA. An AO also reported fixed wing air strikes destroying one 20mm cannon. Company C continued fighting through the bunker complex, calling in fixed wing air strikes with napalm within 50 meters of its point elements, and at 1045H captured 1 12.7mm AA gun with mount, tripod and traversing wheel. Company C continued the attack and consolidated at YD 197053 by 1600H, having captured; in addition to the above mentioned, 15 blasting caps, 2 RPD machineguns, 1 AK47 rifle, 5 SKS rifles, 1 AK47 bayonet, 2 B40 rocket launchers, 2 RPG's, 1 drum of machinegun ammunition, 5 chicom grenades, 2 AK47 magazines, assorted medical gear, 2 122mm towed guns, 7 122mm artillery rounds, and 1 5-ton full truck carrying prime mover. In addition, 6 chicom grenades, 2 AK47 rifles, 500 rounds of 12.7mm AA gun ammunition, 1 box of 25 blasting caps, and 100 reinforced bunkers were seized, and destroyed. Company C suffered 4 KIA and 24 WIA, while inflicting 27 killed on the enemy. Air strikes killed an additional 28 enemy, and artillery another 16. At 1200H Company B encountered a hut and bunker complex at YD 181052 and killed one enemy by small arms. Further exploitation of the bunker complex revealed well over 250 100 lb bags of rice, which were ripped open and strewn over the ground and later further destroyed by heavy artillery missions called onto the grid. At 1515H Company A continued the attack through Company C to YD 195040 and met further resistance, suffering 1 KIA and 2 WIA while killing 17 enemy. Company A captured 1 2 1/2-ton truck destroyed, 2 barrels for a 20mm cannon, 6 cases of 20mm cannon rounds, 60 122mm artillery rounds, 8 spent 122mm artillery rounds, 3 old 24 volt batteries, 2 chicom grenades, 700 rounds of 12.7mm AA gun ammunition 5 full AK47 magazines, 1 large wooden chest full of medical gear, including 1500 syrettes of penicillin, a 20mm cannon sight, a 20mm cannon night firing device, and 1 case of maintenance gear for a 20mm cannon. Company B continued exploiting the bunker complex from YD 181052 to YD 179048 until 1230H, finding well developed foot trails, communications wire, cooking areas, living bunkers and huts, eating areas, 3 chicom grenades, 1 helmet, 10 entrenching tools, 15 ponchos, 5 picks, 1 SKS rifle, 1 AK47 bayonet, 10 tubes of a medical liquid, 1 bag of lye for sanitation facilities, 3 basket packs, 1 quart of gasoline, 1 gallon of fuel oil, 1000 feet of communications wire, 1 NVA canteen, 20 lbs of cooked rice, and 2 flashlight batteries. At 1700H at YD 185057 Company D found a battle dressing covered with fresh blood and the wrapper with Russian writing on it.

21 FEB At 0550H Company C was probed at YD 197053 by an estimated 7 NVA who fired small arms and 3 RPG's into the lines resulting in no casualties. Company C returned fire with M-79 and 60mm mortar killing 3 NVA and capturing

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1 AK47 rifle, 1 AK magazine, and 2 RPG 7's. At 0100H Company C found at YD 197033 an additional 7 AK47 magazines. At 1000H Company A found 2 portable gas generators with the name NAVODKOSLUZE on them, and 2 power boxes, otherwise unidentifiable, at YD 196038. At 1100H at YD 196035 Company A found 1 notebook with drawings and what appeared to be a diary of individual units. At 1030H at YD 195053 Company A found 35 spent 122mm artillery casings and a firing position. At 1200H at YD 198053 Company C found 1 SKS rifle. At 1415H at YD 193043 Company A found a complex of 100 A-frame bunkers, large huts for living quarters, an aid station with 3 stretchers, a large kitchen and cooking utensils, 1200 lbs of rice, 18 140mm spin stabilized rockets, envelopes with addresses, 3 NVA flak jackets, clothing, tools and 782 gear. All was destroyed but the flak jackets. At 1500H at YD 194033 Company B found 48 rounds of 122mm artillery ammunition, which was destroyed. At the same time and place Company B also noted the scent of CS gas in the air. At 1550H a Company A patrol found and destroyed 142 81mm mortar rounds, 45 RPG's, 2 cases of TNT, 2 3/4 lbs of TNT, and 9 AK47 magazines at YD 201051. The patrol continued and immediately made contact with an estimated enemy platoon entrenched in reinforced, camouflaged bunkers. The proximity of the enemy precluded the use of artillery, and weather prohibited the use of air strikes. The platoon returned small arms fire and adjusted 60mm mortars and 81mm mortars on the enemy, killing 10, and withdrew, having suffered 2 KIA and 4 WIA. At 1350H at YD 195030 Company B took automatic weapons fire from the south and east from an estimated 4-5 enemy and suffered 2 WIA. Fire was returned with small arms and the enemy position was assaulted, finding 1 body, apparently killed by artillery. At 1430H at YD 195035 Company B found 12 2-man reinforced bunkers, 100 rounds of AK47 ammunition, 100 rounds of 50 cal. machinegun ammunition, 12 empty 55 gallon fuel drums, 1 truck differential and 2 wheels. At 1700H at YD 191027 Company B found 2 destroyed 5 ton trucks, Russian made, 3 RPG rounds and boosters, 400 rounds of new AK47 ammunition, and 400 NVA propaganda notices exhorting US forces to refuse to fight. At 1000H at YD 196043 Company A found several sophisticated sighting devices and some multi-celled batteries. The sighting devices, which were lensatic instruments, appeared highly sensitive and valuable, but their use could not be determined.

22 FEB At 0930H at YD 193025 Company B found and destroyed 52 82mm mortar rounds, 5 chicom grenades, and 1 AK47 rifle. At 0900H at YD 196040 Company B found 4 large metal lockers, 2 smaller wooden chests, and one aiming circle tripod. The lockers included a variety of huge box end and crescent wrenches, a spare coil spring, a gunner quadrant pressure gungo, a canister of lubricant carbide lamps, heavy electrical wire with heavy plugs, 2 spare firing pins, a variety of undefinable tools, a plumb bob, night lights and a bubble level. The most distinguishable letters on the boxes were "SOCP". At 1030H at YD 191030 Company B found and destroyed 28 rifle grenades, 10 RPG's with boosters and 7 bunkers. The company found and saved 1 receiver/transmitter. At 1100H at YD 202052 Company A made contact with an enemy squad in a bunker complex, killed 7 enemy, captured 14 chicom grenades, 1 AK47 rifle and 3 AK47 magazines, while suffering 1 KIA and 1 WIA. At 1300H a patrol from Company C was taken under fire by snipers in trees, RPG's, and 61mm mortars at YD 202053, and suffered 17 WIA while killing 9 enemy. At 1300H Company A, on a company combat patrol, came under fire at YD 199049 from RPG's, 82mm mortars, 61mm mortars, machine-guns and automatic weapons employed by an estimated company of new troops,

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well entrenched in reinforced and thoroughly camouflaged bunkers. Company A assaulted through one enemy position at YD 198049 while artillery missions and air strikes were called in on others at YD 204045. Company A suffered 72 WIA and 11 KIA while killing 105 enemy and capturing 4 RPD machineguns, 2 B40 rocket launchers, 2 7.62 bolt action rifles, 17 AK47 rifles, 47 chicom grenades, 13 RPG rounds, 2 75mm recoilless rifle rounds, 2 VC flags, documents, clothes and 20 brand new packs full of new clothing and gear. At 1500H Company C sighted 2 enemy at YD 202051 and took them under fire with a machinegun, killing one. At 1600H Company B at YD 196036 took 40 61mm mortar rounds from YD 197030, suffered 4 KIA and 15 WIA, and counter fired with artillery with unknown results. At 1530H at YD 196036 Company B found 2 75 lb Russian compressors, 2 10 lb Russian marked electronic transmitters, 100 rounds of 20mm cannon ammunition, 200 rounds of AK47 ammunition, 350 rounds of 30 cal. machinegun ammunition, 1 NVA claymore, 8 chicom grenades, 1 M26 grenade, 25 feet of chicom time fuse, 1 detonator, 4 lbs of TNT, 1 NVA gas mask and 1 destroyed shoulder harness for an anti-air weapon.) At 1200H at YD 189029 Company B found 2 man made caves, 4 feet wide, 5 feet high and 30 feet long, containing 2 claymore mines, 9 rifle grenades, 1 61mm mortar round, 75 lbs of rice, 1 AK47 bayonet, 2 NVA gas masks and 2 NVA helmets.

23 FEB At 0750H Company A took 4 rounds of 61mm mortars with negative casualties from YD 196059, and counterfired with 60mm mortars, 81mm mortars, and artillery with unknown results. At 1915H Company C sighted enemy movement at YD 203050, fired 4 rounds of 60mm mortar and the enemy withdrew. At 2305H Company A came under RPG, chicom grenade and small arms fire from an estimated 25 enemy at YD 197055. Fire was returned with small arms, 60mm mortars, 81mm mortars and artillery. Company suffered 4 WIA and observed numerous small secondary explosions caused by artillery fire.

24 FEB At 1100H at YD 197055 Company A found 1 machinegun tripod, 1 gas mask, both enemy manufactured, 1 claymore and 1 M-79 flare, US type. Company A also found evidence that the previous night's return fire had killed 8 NVA. At 1230H an observation post of Company A received automatic weapons fire and RPG rounds from YD 196055, suffering 2 wounded. Fire was returned on 10-15 enemy dressed in green utilities with unknown results, and 1 NVA pack and 3 61mm rounds were captured. At 1610H Company C found at YD 197057 50 spent 122mm artillery rounds, 10 122mm rounds assembled for firing but apparently hit by Marine artillery, 30 cases of 50 cal. machinegun ammunition, 2 RPG's, 10 lbs of rice, 1 medical kit, 1 aiming circle tripod, 1 Russian helmet, 1 gas mask, 1 cleaning rod for 50 cal. machinegun, 1 aiming stake, 1 land line phone, 1 hand pick, part of an M1 sight, 1 Russian made can with Russian and American (Union Carbide) made cleaning gear made for guns, and a briefcase containing the following documents: a diary, 1 Russian tabular firing table for 122mm artillery piece (serial number 1142) 1 target grid, multiple formats for missions or registration, a sketch map for missions on Co Ka Va (FSL CHUNTINGHAM), 1 officers tactics handbook, 4 gunbooks and grid plottings for 4 gun positions. At 1600H Company B at YD 196040 took 68 61mm mortar rounds all around its perimeter from YD 216055 and YD 209059. The company suffered 1 WIA and called in counter battery fire with 81mm mortars and artillery. A UE-1E gunship reported knocking out the mortar firing from the second enemy grid. At 1610H Company B sighted what appeared to be artillery flashing and 1 elephant at YD 218033. An artillery mission was fired on the grid.

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25 FEB At 0800H Company B found 2 barrels for 20mm cannon at YD 196039. From 1230H to 1600H an AC working for Company A controlled fixed wing air strikes, which killed 6 NVA, and produced 2 secondary explosions. At 1600H Company B received 20 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from YD 206027, and fired counterbattery with artillery and 81mm mortars with unknown results. From 0830H to 1630H Company C exploited the area from YD 196057 to YD 198060, finding 3 firing pits and possibly a fourth which had been destroyed by air strikes. A bunker complex was found in the area, largely destroyed by artillery. 3 bodies, 3 AK47 rifles, 2 RPG's, 57 122mm artillery rounds (20 destroyed previously by artillery), 7 chicom grenades, 7 61mm mortar rounds, 7 gas masks, 2 helmets, 2 ponchos, 4 submachine tools and assorted 782 gear.

26 FEB At 1030H Company D found and destroyed 16 100 lb bags of rice and 2 cans of fuel. At 1130H Company A found several artillery range finders, 2 destroyed 20mm cannons on wheel carriages, 2 chicom grenades, 2 NVA packs, 3 20mm cannon gun pits, 1 NVA uniform, 1 100 lb bag of flour, 2 cans of lard, rice and meal, 2 NVA rosters and charts. At 1630H Company D met 2 well entrenched enemy platoons at YD 204033. During the attack the company suffered 2 KIA and 9 WIA while killing 34 of the enemy, capturing 5 AK47 rifles, 1 SKS rifle, 2 61mm mortars complete, 1 spare 61mm mortar bipod, and producing 5 large secondary explosions by the use of IAAW's. Additionally an AC observed a column of enemy troops moving to reinforce those opposing Company D, and called in fixed wing air strikes which killed 15 enemy. At 1400H Company B received 10 rounds of 82mm mortar rounds from YD 201022, fired artillery in counterbattery and knocked out the mortar. At 2115H Company C took 8-15 RPG's and 6 61mm mortar rounds from YD 196057 with negative casualties. An artillery mission was called in on routes of approach.

27 FEB At 1100H Company D found an arms and weapons cache at YD 215032 and commenced exploiting it, capturing 214 SKS rifles, 38 bolt action 7.62 rifles, 15 7.62 machineguns, 6 82mm mortar tubes, 3 82mm mortar base plates, 3 82mm mortar yokes, 1 82mm mortar bipod, 1 61mm mortar complete, 8 AK47 rifles, 2 AK50 rifles, 3 57mm recoilless rifles, 10 submachineguns, 1 recoilless rifle tripod, 1 tripod for submachinegun, 3 sets of 82mm mortar sights, 2 spare barrels for 12.7mm AA gun, 3 RPG rounds, 2 anti-tank mines, 1 anti-personnel mine, 2 61mm mortar rounds, 1 82mm mortar round, 5 rifle grenades, 6 manuals, 1 20mm cannon, and 4 12.7mm anti-aircraft guns. Company D destroyed 6680 RPG rounds, 990 chicom grenades, 5500 61mm mortar rounds, 1 air compressor, 3500 82mm mortar rounds, 1000 120mm mortar rounds, 500 37mm AA rounds, 1200 rifle grenades, 1 50 cal. machinegun, and multiple thousands of AK47/SKS rifle rounds. At 1130H Company A found and destroyed the following gear at YD 205035, YD 198037 and YD 211038: 1470 23mm AA rounds, 1 recoilless rifle round, 25 lbs of dynamite, 10 lbs of TNT, 700 lbs of rice, 800 gallons of fuel oil, 3 AK47 ponchos, and 4 bombed out trucks.

28 FEB At 0830H Company B found 3 barrels for 20mm cannon at YD 200035. At 1045H Company D sighted 50 enemy moving north on the road at YD 225035, took them under fire and forced them to withdraw. At 1700H Company D took 25 rounds of 82mm mortar from 2 tubes located at YD 206016. 81mm mortar fire was called in as counterbattery with unknown results. For the entire day of 28 February Companies A and D continued to exploit the cache at YD 215032, taking out 15 tripods for 57mm recoilless rifles, 5 20mm cannon, 305 SKS rifles, 5 spare barrels for 12.7mm AA guns, 1 82mm mortar tube, 1 82mm mortar complete, the yoke and bipod for an 82mm mortar, 13 bolt action 7.62 rifles, 1 tripod for 20mm AA gun, 11 12.7 AA guns, 1 case of 12.7mm AA gun

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ammunition, 1 81mm mortar baseplate, 4 AK50 rifles, 1 yoke and tripod for 21mm cannon, 6 cases of 7.62 ammunition, 2 sights for 57mm recoilless rifle, 1 AK47 rifle, 13 sub-machineguns, 30 light machineguns (7.62), 2 30 cal. machineguns, 1 medium machinegun, 2 wheel carriages for 12.7mm AA guns, 1 81mm mortar. At 1700H Company B took 15 rounds of 82mm mortar fire, suffering 1 KIA, and counterfired with 81mm mortars and artillery with unknown results.

01 MAR At 1805H Company C took 2 81mm mortar rounds, resulting in negative casualties, from YD 202019. An 81mm mortar mission was fired in counter battery with unknown results. At 1800H Company A observed 30 NVA moving on a trail at YD 215041, took them under fire killing 12, and suffered 1 WIA. At 1900H Company B was taken under enemy small arms fire at YD 193032 and suffered 5 WIA. At 1905H an AO sighted bunkers and several NVA in the open. Artillery and 81mm mortar missions were called in with unknown results. At 1915H Company A found from YD 209043 to YD 214046 what appeared to be an NVA hospital and motor pool. In the area there were 5 bunkers, huts, storage areas with medical gear, a rusted jeep truck, some empty 55 gallon barrels, 1 heavy truck body, 6 tires, 2 large bunker/hut structures, 1 helmet, 1 AK47 magazine and 2 Chicom grenades. Company D continued exploiting the zone at YD 215052, capturing 1 7.62 light machinegun, 74 SKS rifles, 1 110mm rocket round, 1 12.7mm machinegun tripod, 1 140 rocket launcher, 1 82mm mortar tripod, 6 AK47 rifles, 1 82mm mortar wide phosphorus round, 1 57mm recoilless rifle, 1 82mm mortar tube, 1 50 cal. machinegun, 1 AA machinegun sight in wooden case, 1 20mm AA gun, 1 7.62 AA machinegun without bipod, 1 RKG round and 1 Chicom grenade. The following was destroyed: 456 Chicom grenades, 160 RKG rounds, 20 boxes of 12.7 AA rounds, 264 rifle grenades, 75 120mm mortar rounds, 50 casings of 120mm mortar rounds, and 75 61mm mortar rounds.

02 MAR At 1030H Company C found and destroyed at YD 195037 600 rounds of 20mm ammunition and 1 RPG. At 1100H 2 NVA walked into an observation post and were killed at YD 195043. Three more NVA approached to get the 2 dead, but saw the observation post and took cover. An 81mm mortar mission killed the other 3. Company D continued to exploit the cache at YD 215032, capturing 1 50 cal. machinegun, 90 SKS rifles, 3 7.62 bolt action rifles, 1 rifle grenade launcher and sight, 2 57mm recoilless rifles, 1 61mm mortar without base plate, 1 spare barrel for 12.7mm machinegun, 1 bipod for 61mm mortar, and 1 75mm recoilless rifle. The following was destroyed: 400 RKG-3 anti-tank grenades, 200 82mm mortar rounds, 500 61mm mortar rounds, 12 rifle grenades. Additionally, graves with 5 bodies, one oval 6 feet long, were found. Also, Company D destroyed at YD 215033: 60,000 large base 7.62 sniper rifle rounds, 150,000 7.62 SKS/AK47 rounds, 12,000 12.7mm rounds, 235 37mm AA rounds, 2000 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, 230 122mm artillery rounds, 8048 Chicom grenades, 603 anti-tank mines, 140 120mm mortar rounds, 442 82mm mortar rounds, 368 61mm mortar rounds, 300 lbs of British dynamite, 600 fuses, 750 25mm AA rounds, 812 RKG-7 rounds, 1780 RKG-2 rounds, and 200 100 lb bags of rice. At 1545H Company B took 20 rounds of small arms and 2 Chicom grenades at YD 190020, suffering 2 WIA and killing 1 enemy. At 2100H Company C ambushed and killed 1 NVA at YD 199035. At 1700H Company B found from YD 190330 to YD 197029 a fresh grave with 1 body, kitchens and living areas, 30 fighting holes, 10 storage areas for food and ammunition (10'x4'), 3 reinforced bunker (6'x3'), 3 latrines, 1 riding stake and 7 82mm mortar rounds.

03 MAR Company D found additional ordnance and weapons at YD 216016 and destroyed the following: 900 82mm mortar rounds, 1 82mm mortar tube, 1 base plate for 82mm mortar, 989 rifle grenades, 96 Chicom grenades, 40 75mm

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recoilless rifle rounds, 5 120mm mortar rounds, 2 barrels for 50 cal machinegun, 2 chain saws and 4 100 lb bags of rice. At 1210H Company C suffered 4 WIA from 10 61mm mortar rounds fired from YD 203018. 81mm mortars fired a counterbattery. At 1315H Company D found 5 destroyed trucks at YD 228037 and YD 233040. At 1800H helicopters reported receiving machinegun fire from YD 191041. At 1150H Company B found and destroyed 7 100 lb bags of rice at YD 211034. At 1315H Company D found and destroyed 28 122mm artillery rounds and 100 lbs of explosives at YD 218037. At 1630H Company B captured at YD 208037: 4 12.7mm barrels, 5 dual purpose guns, 3 57mm recoilless rifles, 1 7.62 machinegun without tripod, 3 7.62 machineguns without barrels, 4 mounts for 12.7mm guns, 3 61mm mortar tubes, 4 61mm mortar bipods, 1 61mm mortar base plate and 3 82mm mortar bipods. At 2300H Company A sighted 3 NVA and fired 81mm and 60mm mortars, killing them.

04 MAR At 1140H Company A walked into a 15 man NVA L-shaped ambush which gave itself away prematurely at YD 193045. Company A killed 8 enemy while suffering 4 WIA. At 1230H Company D made contact with 5 NVA in bunkers, suffered 4 WIA and killed 2 enemy. At 1200H Company A saw 15 NVA at YD 194028 moving on bicycles, fired 81mm mortars at them and killed 10. Company D continued to exploit the cache at YD 212037, destroying: 7 140mm rockets, 165 82mm mortar rounds, 124 rifle grenades, 3000 large base 7.62 sniper rounds, 200 12.7 AA rounds, 50 cases of ammunition belts, 1 damaged 7.62 AA gun, 18 RPG's, 29 Chicom grenades, 10 anti-personnel mines, 14 82mm mortar rounds, 86 61mm mortar rounds, 1 damaged 12.7mm AA gun, and 50 122mm artillery rounds. The following was captured: 6 SKS rifles, 1 82mm mortar bipod and yoke, 1 bicycle, 2 12.7mm AA guns, 2 hand pumps, 2 bicycle tires, 1 7.62 AA gun barrel, 2 12.7mm AA gun tripods, and 1 12.7mm AA gun mount. At 1330H Company B encountered an NVA force of unknown size, made contact, killed 1 enemy, and suffered 6 WIA. At 1600H Company A made contact with 18 NVA in trees at YD 195045, suffered 3 KIA and 10 WIA, and killed 6 enemy.

05 MAR At 1000H Company D sighted 2 NVA at YD 219038, took them under fire with small arms and killed 1. At YD 193032 Company A took 12 61mm mortar rounds, and about 100 small arms rounds in a probe, suffered no casualties and fired 60mm mortars and artillery in counterbattery. At 1230H Company C while piling ordnance in a cache at YD 214033, suffered 28 WIA when a booby trap detonated a large explosion. The following ordnance was destroyed: 170 140mm rocket rounds, 2,670 82mm mortar rounds, 4,560 61mm mortar rounds, 12,750 12.7mm AA rounds, 3140 Chicom grenades, 790 rifle grenades, 35 rifle grenade launchers, 1668 37mm AA rounds, 580 120mm mortar rounds, 173 B40 rounds, 1,160 23mm AA rounds, 16,050 AK/SKS rounds, 11,500 large base 7.62 sniper rounds, 88 RPG-7 rounds, 7 12 volt batteries, 1 AK-47 rifle, 1 flare pistol, 78 anti-tank mines, 5 anti-personnel mines, 2,150 14.5mm AA rounds, 7 61mm mortar tubes, 4 61mm mortar base plates, 2 sights with aiming stakes and accessories and 1700 50 cal rounds. At 1120H Company A saw 10 NVA on a road at YD 196042, fired small arms killing 3, and called in 60mm mortars and artillery killing 6 more.

06 MAR At 1515H an helicopter took RPG fire from YD 200035. Company A suffered 1 WIA, returned fire with small arms killing 3 enemy, while the helicopter returned fire with its 50 cal. machinegun, killing 5 more.

07 MAR At 0005H Company A received 15 RPG rounds from YD 193035 and 40 61mm mortar rounds from YD 190040, suffered no casualties and fired counterbattery with 60mm mortars and artillery. At 1800H Company C received 61mm mortar fire from YD 212032, suffered 2 WIA and fired counter battery with

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60mm mortars. Company C destroyed the following at YD 14031: 3 82mm mortar base plates, 61mm mortar base plates, (2) 1. 1mm AA guns, 370 RPG-7 rounds, 250 B40 rounds, 1090 61mm mortar rounds, 650 Polish rifle grenades, 70 140mm rocket rounds, 23 85mm recoilless rifle rounds, 110 82mm rounds, 19,600 12.7mm AA rounds, 9,700 50 cal rounds, 9,685 AK/SKS rounds, 8,500 large base 7.62 rounds, and 5 rifle grenade launchers. At 2100H Company A received 18 RPG's and 200 rounds of small arms from YD 194033, fired 81mm mortars on the target killing 2 enemy, and called artillery on it killing 3.

08 MAR At 0940H Company A received 150 rounds of 61mm mortars from YD 185025, suffered negative casualties and fired counterbattery with 60mm mortars 81mm mortars and artillery at the target. At 1010H Company A received 5 RPG's and small arms fire from YD 193033, suffered no casualties, and returned small arms fire killing 2 enemy, 81mm mortars killing 2, and artillery killing 2. At 1100H Company B found and destroyed 42 RPG-7 rounds and 2 bunkers at YD 215026. At 1745 Company C received recoilless rifle fire from YD 213033, suffered 1 KIA and 2 WIA, and fired counterbattery with 60mm mortars, 81mm mortars and artillery.

09 MAR At 0500H Company D received 25 RPG rounds and small arms fire from YD 217033, suffered 1 KIA and 3 WIA, and returned small arms and 60mm mortars, killing 9 enemy. Company D captured 4 AK-47 rifles, 1 B40 rocket launcher, 7 satchel charges, 12 RPG rounds and 14 61mm mortar rounds. At 1725H Company B received 8 61mm mortar rounds from YD 219026, suffered no casualties and returned fire with artillery.

10 MAR At 1115H Company D saw at YD 246046 3 NVA, one of whom shouted, "Halt, who goes there", before ducking into the foliage. At 1020H Company D found a booby trap at YD 246048. From 1325H to 1745H Company B received a total of 40 61mm rounds from YD 219026, suffered no casualties and fired counterbattery with 60mm mortars, 81mm mortars and artillery.

11 MAR At 0425H Company A was probed at YD 215033 by an NVA platoon using small arms, rifle grenades and 61mm mortars. The attack lasted for 15 minutes, when the NVA fired 2 red flares and 1 white, and broke contact for 10 minutes. Then, the attack was renewed for 5 minutes more. The enemy suffered 10 killed. At 1710H Company B made contact with an estimated NVA platoon using small arms, RPG's, machineguns, and 61mm mortars, suffered 2 KIA and 22 WIA while killing 3 enemy. At 1740H Company A received indirect weapons fire from YD 237038. At 0945H Company C ambushed 3 NVA, killing 1, at YD 239038. One enemy carried an M16. At 0955H Company D received sniper fire from YD 244032. At 0415H Company B was probed by an estimated 20 NVA using small arms and 61mm mortars, suffered 6 WIA, killed 6 enemy, and captured 2 RPG launchers, 1 AK-47, 13 RPG rounds, 4 Chicoms, 13 Satchel charges, 6 AK-47 magazines (loaded), and 1 NVA pack containing food, battle dressings, a diary and money.

12 MAR At 0440H Company B received 4 61mm mortar rounds, 4 RPG rounds and small arms fire, suffered 2 WIA and returned fire with small arms and artillery. At 0515H Company A was probed with small arms and 12 RPG rounds, suffered 7 WIA and killed 2 enemy. At 1227H Company D found 2 AK-47 magazines (loaded) at YD 246026. At 1410H Company C made contact with 7 NVA at YD 233038. Contact was broken with no casualties sustained or inflicted.

13 MAR At 1300H Company A in the attack made contact at YD 225043, YD 233044 and YD 237039, killed a total of 9 enemy, captured 1 enemy and 2 AK47 rifles, and suffered 2 KIA and 7 WIA. The enemy were set up in a series of small ambushes and were using American claymore mines.

14 MAR At 1610H Company D received 30 rounds of 82mm mortars from YD 233045 and 224055, suffered 4 WIA and fired counterbattery with 81mm mortars

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and artillery.

15 MAR At 1130H Company I, 3d Battalion, 9th Mar. received 3 rounds of 61mm mortars and suffered 4 WIA. At 1500 H the battalion command post received 8 rounds of 61mm mortar fire from YD 23062 suffered 1 WIA and fired 81mm mortars and artillery in counterbattery fire. At 1300H Company I received 8 61mm and 4 82mm mortar rounds, and suffered 3 WIA. At 1100H Company C made contact with an estimated reinforced squad at YD 238042 supported by 61mm mortars at YD 231042, suffered 7 WIA, and killed 10 enemy (7 by small arms, 3 by air-strikes). Fifteen to 20 more enemy were then seen at YD 237041 and artillery called in killed 7. At 1500H an AO reported enemy at YD 217033, adjusted artillery on them and reported 2 killed.

16 MAR At 0815 Company D received small arms fire and 4 RPG rounds from YD 245026 and returned fire with small arms and 60mm mortars. At 1200H Company B found a tunnel, 3 huts, 80 61mm mortar rounds, 5 radio batteries and 100 feet of communications wire at YD 243040. The ordnance was destroyed in the tunnel. At 1800H Company A saw 4 or more NVA at YD 238039, fired small arms at them and called 60mm and 81mm mortars on them, killing all 4.

17 MAR At 0815H Company C received 5 RPG rounds, small arms and 14 61mm mortar rounds at YD 237045 and suffered 1 KIA and 7 WIA.

18 MAR At 0615 Company A received RPG's, mortar and small arms fire from 239029, suffered no casualties and returned fire killing 5 more enemy. At 0810H Company C sighted 6 NVA at YD 233043, called in 60mm and 81mm mortars killing 2 enemy, and artillery killing 4. At 0840H Company A received 61mm mortar fire from YD 232033 and fired artillery at the target, producing 1 large secondary explosion and killing 4 enemy. During extraction from Operation Dewey Canyon, the battalion received mortar and heavy machinegun fire from the following grids: YD 244043, YD 244045, YD 241040, YD 234044, YD 241045, YD 247037, YD 229045 and YD 239038. A total of 13 flights of fixed wing airstrikes, artillery, 4.2 mortars, 60mm mortars, 81mm mortars, OV-10 airstrikes and UH-1B gunship strikes supported the extraction. The extracting units were also in sporadic ground contact and suffered 8 WIA. An AO reported that fixed wing destroyed 2 82mm mortars, 2 61mm mortars and 1 50 cal machinegun while killing 15 NVA. Company C called mortars on another force, killing 6, and Company D killed 8 with small arms.

10. Results:

a. Casualties Sustained.

USMC KIA - 52
USMC WIA - 237
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b. Enemy Personnel and Equipment Losses.

Enemy KIA - 661

Enemy gear captured or destroyed: 1 M-16, 2 French Mausers, 724 SKS rifles, 84 AK-47 rifles, 61 7.62 bolt action rifles, 6 AK-50 rifles, 2 AK-47 bayonets, 187,260 7.62 rounds, 77,500 7.62 (large base) rounds, 68 AK-47 magazines, cleaning gear for 300 rifles, 4 barrels for 20mm cannon, 2 20mm cannon on wheels, 1 night firing device for 20mm cannon, 1 case full of gear for 20mm cannon, 6 20mm cannons, 20 12.7mm AA guns, complete, 16 spare barrels for 12.7 AA guns, 1 cleaning rod for 50 cal machinegun, 23 sub-machineguns, 3 tripods for submachineguns, 2 tripods for 20mm AA guns, 1

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yoke for 20 AA guns, 1 tripod for machinegun, 2 partial AA sights, 2 23mm AA barrels, 5 30 cal machineguns, 1 12.7mm machinegun, 2 wheel carriage for 12.7mm AA gun, 2 barrels for 50 cal, 4 mounts for 12.7 dual purpose guns, 45,650 12.7mm ammo, 13,150 50 cal rounds, 3000 Chicom 50 cal rounds, 2134 20mm rounds, 2 drums light MG ammo, 3366 23mm rounds, 3003 37mm rounds, 11,300 7.62 rounds machinegun, 10 61mm tubes, 4 61mm mortars complete, 4 61mm bipods, 3 61mm mortar baseplates, 9 82mm tubes, 11 82mm baseplates, 5 82mm yokes, 3 82mm bipods, 3 82mm sights, 2 61mm sights, 1 82mm mortar complete, 5257 82mm rounds, 8004 61mm rounds, 820 120mm rounds, 1 82mm WP round, 23 85mm rounds, 13,050 Chicom grenades, 2,019 RPG (7) rounds, 1336 RPG (2) rounds, 4750 rifle grenades, 41 rifle grenade launchers w/sights, 251 B-40 rounds, 11 B-40 launchers, 22 57mm RR rounds, 15 57mm RR tripod, 3 57mm sights, 41 75mm RR rounds, 324 122mm rounds, 5 75mm RR rounds, 2010 57mm RR rounds, 248 140mm rocket rounds, 842 (100 lb bags) rice, 14 2 1/2 ton trucks, 5 5 ton trucks, 1 5 ton prime mover full track, 1 heavy truck frame, 1 jeep truck, 76 bicycles, 2550 bicycle tires, 2 122mm artillery guns, 1007 122mm rounds, 93 spent rounds, 2 sighting devices, 10 75mm pack howitzer rounds, 3 portable gas generators, 2 power boxes, 2 10 lb Russian transmitters, 2 75 lb Russian transmitters, 3 batteries, 1 radio, 1 land line phone, 3 24 volt batteries, 12 12 volt batteries, 1 medical chest with 1000-1500 syrettes of penicillin, 210 bottles of penicillin, 6 helmets, 1 Russian helmet, 8 picks, 18 ponchos, 19 E-tools, 3 flak jackets NVA, 12 gas masks, 21 packs with new gear/clothing, 500 ammunition belts, 2 aiming circle tripods, 1 aiming stake, 3 lyser bags, 8 claymore mines NVA, 1 claymore mine U.S., 2 flags VC, 400 propaganda notices, briefcases with target grid, many formats for missions, sketch map for missions on Co Ka Va, officers tactics handbook, 4 gun books, 4 grid plots for 4 guns, slide rule, 4 metal lockers, 2 wooden chests, box end wrenches, crescent wrenches, spare coil spring, gunner quadrant pressure gauge, cannister of lubricant, carbide lamps, heavy electric wire with heavy plugs, 2 spare firing pins, plumb bob, night firing devices, bubble levels, 800 gallons fuel oil, 1,200 pick axe heads, 1 air compressor, 6 manuals, 2 chain saws, 10 lbs documents, 1 flare pistol, 696 anti tank mines, 820 anti personnel mines, 8 claymore (NVA mines), 510 lbs dynamite (Polish), 600 fuses, 90 blasting caps, 20 lbs TNT, 20 satchel charges.

11. Administrative Matters:

- a. Supply. was by helilift and air drop from CH-46's and C130's.
- b. Maintenance. was first and second echelon.
- c. Casualties. totalled 554.
- d. Transportation. was by helicopter.



e. Communications.

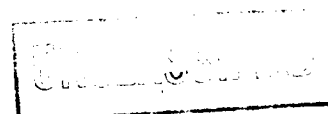
From 10 February through the rest of the operation the battalion was approximately fifteen kilometers south of VCE. Operation Dewey Canyon. The great distance between the battalion in the field and its rear caused sporadic communication difficulties, but no serious or permanent ones arose.

In addition, a number of personnel and equipment losses were suffered during the latter part of the operation as a result of enemy action, and these losses had a significant effect on the overall efficiency of the battalion communications.

- (1) Message Center. The message center functioned as in past operation. One or two individuals were part of the Command Post in the field to maintain a log for administrative messages sent and received, and one individual functioned as a courier for guard mail and other classified materials between the rear echelons and the field.
- (2) Wire. RA-1's were employed at the company level to a large extent during the latter part of the operation. This proved to be an adequate gap-filler on the platoon leader-squad leader-listening/observation post levels. Personnel losses due to enemy action and rotations were of significant number to effect the overall efficiency and functioning of the wire section.
- (3) Radio. The great distance between VCE and the battalion area of operations posed some problem with radio communications. Close coordination with regiment provided alternate means of communications, had serious problems arisen. The altitude in most areas proved high enough to compensate for the distance and either direct or indirect (through a relay on Hill 819) communications were maintained. A significant number of the battalion's frequencies were overridden or shared by Army units, due to their proximity. In only this case was communication seriously disrupted, and regiment was able to obtain an alternate frequency to alleviate the problem immediately.
- (4) Radio Relay. The battalion did not require the use of radio relay equipment or personnel during the operation.

- f. Medical Evaluation. The total number of casualties during the operation was 554. Of this number 237 required evacuation from the field. To date 103 of the medevac patients have been transferred from WestPac hospitals to other facilities. There were 238 non-evacs. There were two corpsman killed in action, there were four wounded and medevaced from the field. There were 27 non-battle casualties medevaced during the operation. The overall health of the command was satisfactory during Dewey Canyon.

12. Special Equipment and Techniques. None.

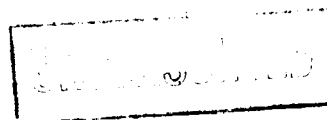


~~SECRET~~13. Commanders Analysis.

Significant and virtually constant enemy activity encountered during Operation Dewey Canyon was due primarily to the battalion's concept of "walking in" rather than that of entering the AO by vertical assault. This concept was further executed by advancing two rifle companies on parallel ridgelines for mutual support, simultaneously placing a company in trace of each lead company. As a result, the momentum of the battalion was never stopped. When a lead company was heavily engaged, the battalion could continue the attack by placing its dead and wounded with the company in trace. The company in trace had an additional capability of supporting the attack by fire and moving through the lead company and continuing the attack whenever ordered. This employment of the rifle companies kept relentless pressure on the enemy, restricting his capacity to assess fully our capabilities or limitations. The enemy was not able to plan for new defenses, but instead had to rely on his existing bunker complexes. Throughout the operation, the battalion encountered moderate to heavy enemy resistance extending from the northernmost portion of the AO through the Laotian border. While this resistance was both delaying and defensive in nature, the primary 7th front objective seemed to be a delaying action to enable the enemy to remove and salvage his 122mm field artillery pieces, prime movers and caches of ammunition, arms and equipment. While the enemy's major tactic was one of delaying our forces, this did not preclude him from conducting aggressive probing attacks, extensive patrolling and ambushing. All of these maneuvers were usually supported by some form of mortar fire. A typical tactic employed by the NVA was to engage the forward elements of the battalion with automatic weapons fire, RPG, and mortars, then to effect a rapid withdrawal leaving snipers on the ground and in trees as a protective rear force, and to harass rear elements of the battalion.

Supporting arms contributed a major portion to the overall success of the operation. Artillery was utilized for preparation fires in support of attacks, harassment and interdiction, and suppression fires. These regimental missions were supplemented by fires from the battalion's organic mortars, and a 4.2 battery which provided counter-battery mortar suppressive fires. Close air support was extremely effective when employed on known enemy targets that engaged the battalion's assault elements. Close coordination between the air liaison officer, forward air controller (FAC), the tactical air controller (airborne), and strike aircraft was extensively employed. This coordination and control resulted in air strikes being brought within 100 meters of the assaulting elements of the battalion. On one occasion, because of the well-entrenched enemy forces, air strikes were brought to within 50 meters of assaulting friendly elements, thereby greatly reducing friendly casualties and accounting for substantial losses inflicted on the enemy. This close control and coordination of fixed wing assets enabled the assaulting forces to close with the enemy while he was shocked and confused. This method of attack negated his delaying tactic as previously discussed.

It should be noted that while the battalion was tasked with a secondary mission of providing security for the 122mm field guns until they could be helo-extracted and the destruction of large caches of arms and ammunition, the paramount concern continued to be the mission of seeking and destroying the enemy. Flexibility was maintained by the battalion through a combination



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of policy; assets are in centralized direction of the Battalion Command and Operations Center.

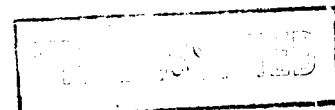
During the operation, weather presented a major hindrance to helicopter resupply. Although water was never a crucial problem. During days of extreme haze and fog, the battalion sought "porch water" to supplement its water requirements. In some instances, powdered rice was used as a ration substitute for MLI. To alleviate the resupply problem in the inclement weather, para-drops of food, water and ammunition were conducted with moderate success. Two para-drops were made utilizing CH-46 aircraft with 100% of the drops recovered (1 within drop landed in the drop zone). A total of eleven drops were made by C-130 aircraft, and of the eleven, seven were recovered with four drops landing in the drop zone. Weather was also a prominent factor in cancelling planned extractions of external loads. Nets, water cans, and other miscellany had to be destroyed when the tactical situation dictated; i.e., momentum was the key to success, and most facets of the operation were tailored in this direction.

A problem of major import was the controlled assignment of targeting, particularly during helicopter resupply, medevac, and extraction. The battalion on the ground should determine helicopter lanes and directions of suppressive fires to enable an orderly flow of helicopter insertion and extraction. Consideration of wind conditions, temperature and susceptibility of enemy fire would determine helicopter approach and retirement lanes and suppressive fires could then be planned accordingly. Inherent to the problem of fragmented fire support was the insistence of helicopters that mortars and artillery be put into "check fire" when they enter the vicinity of the landing zones. By insuring that approach and retirement lanes are adhered to, a continuous volume of suppressive fires can be delivered. This in fact gives the helicopter a better chance of survival in a "hot area". Terminating organic fires and artillery also places the infantry elements at a distinct disadvantage. It should be noted that the NVA took advantage of this restriction of fire upon several occasions. In order to control organic fires, fixed wing air strikes, artillery, helicopter gunships, and transport helicopter lanes, it is essential that coordination stem from a central location - the Battalion Command and Communication center.

14. Recommendations:

In future operations involving a considerable number of helicopters, preplanned approach and retirement lanes should be coordinated through regiment. When these lanes are approved then an organic and supporting suppressive fire plan can be programmed for helicopter support. A well coordinated and executed suppressive fire plan will help to ensure the survivability of supporting helicopters. It should be noted that our current doctrine provide for blending of air support; the doctrine exists - execution is needed.

Momentum is one of the keys to success of Operation Dewey Canyon. Units should avoid prolonged stays at one location. Forty eight hours should be considered as the maximum time at one location. This of course cannot be rigidly adhered to due to certain tactical situations. By remaining at a position longer than forty eight hours an infantry unit gives the enemy time to regroup, lay his mortars, reassess and reevaluate our intentions, and disposition.



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FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: CO, TF HOTEL
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SITREP NR 1 OF DAWSON RIVER SOUTH FROM 220600H-221200H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CP/D-1/9 AT VOB

A-1/9 FSB SHILOH

B-1/9 FSB CATES

B-1/9 PLT HILL 691

C-1/9 AT CALI

C-1/9 PLT HILL 950

D-1/9 PLT SIGNAL HILL

OP/R/F/G-PLT/2/9 VOB M/3/9 132390-

G-2/9 YD 099201 M/3/9 PLT 139395

H/2/9 YD 147189

CP/3/9 VCB

I/3/9 110393

K/3/9 FSB HENDERSON

L/3/9 FSB TUN TAVERN

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. EFFECTIVE 220600H OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH COMMENCED.
OPERATION DAWSON RIVER COMPLETED SAME DTG.B. EFFECTIVE 220600H, 9TH MARINES RELIEVED OF BALD EAGLE/
SPARROW HAWK RESPONSIBILITY.

C. EFFECTIVE 220700H E/2/9 PLT CHOPPED BACK TO 2/9 FROM

1/9.

D. CORRECTION TO SITREP # 9, OPERATION DAWSON RIVER, PARA
2B: LZ GRAND COORDINATES SHOULD BE 133390.X E. H/2/9 BEGAN LIFT TO 147189 AT 0950H, completed 1125H.
G/2/9 BEGAN LIFT TO 099201 AT 0950H. E/2/9 BEGAN LIFT TO 147189,
AT 1125H.F. ALL OTHER UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
DAY ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. 1/3/9 FOUND VIC 110398 AT 220845H, a 200LB. WOODEN RICE
GRINDING MECHANISM, 6-12 MONTHS OLD. MECHANISM TO BE RETURNED.B. 1/3/9 FOUND VIC 109399 AT 221015H A RICE GRINDING MACHINE
ABOUT 1 YEAR OLD.

5. PLANS:

A. 2/9 COMPLETE LIFT.

B. 1/3/9 and M/3/9 LIFT TO VOB.

C. ALL OTHER UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CON-
DUCTING DAY ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: NONE

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7TH COM 2110/221H MARINES

O 221035Z JAN 69 ACTN: 002

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22 JAN 69 1445Z/0 N1179

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 SITREP NR 2 OF DAWSON RIVER SOUTH FROM 221200H-221800H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CP/D-1/9 VCB

A/1/9 FSB SHILON

B-1/9 FSB CATES

B/1/9 PLT 691

C-1/9 CA LU

G/1/9 PLT HILL 950

D/1/9 PLT SIGNAL HILL

CP/H/2/9 LZ RAZOR 1/3/9 PLT 069324

E/2/9 YD 155192

F/G/2/9 YD 101202

CP/I/M/3/9 VCB

K-1/3/9 FSB HENDERSON

K/3/9 PLT 063426

L-1/3/9 FSB TUN TAVERN

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. EFFECTIVE 221200H, 9TH MARINES CHOPPED OPCON OF B/1/9,
 G/1/9 AND 2ND PLT OF D/1/9 TO TFH. TFH PASSES OPCON TO 4TH

MARINES, SAME DTG.

B. G/2/9 LIFT TO 099201 BEGAN AT 220950H, COMPLETED 221230H.
 H/2/9 LIFT TO 147189 BEGAN AT 221125H AND COMPLETED AT 221240H.

I/2/9 LIFT TO VIC 099201 AND BEGAN AT 221235H, COMPLETED 221525H.
 C. H/3/9 LIFT TO VCB BEGAN AT 221400H, AND WAS COMPLETED

AT 221445H. I/3/9 LIFT TO VCB BEGAN AT 221445H AND COMPLETED
 AT 221550H.

D. ALL OTHER UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
 DAY ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. I/3/9 FOUND AT 221115H, VIC 118398, 6 PRACTICALLY DES-
 TROYED HUTS, 20x7x5 FEET, ABOUT ONE YEAR OLD.

B. G/2/9 HEARD SMALL ARMS FIRE AT 221145H VIC 152178. NO
 IMPACT IN FSB RAZOR SO MUST HAVE BEEN FIRED AT HELO IN AREA.

C. K/3/9 FOUND AT 221600H, VIC YD 021423 ONE CHICOM GRENADE
 WITH TRIP WIRE RIGGED AS A BOOBY TRAP. 6 TO 9 MONTHS OLD.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
 NIGHT ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: NONE

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SITREP N R 3 OF DAWSON RIVER SOUTH FROM 221800H-222400H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

OP/H/2/9 YD 143186

F/2/9 YD 097207

G/2/9 YD 098202

ALL OTHER UNITS NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. PMS COORDINATED AT Y D 142186, CAPACITY 1 CH-53,
DESIGNATED PMS RABOR.B. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEP'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
NIGHT ACTS. D-19, G-6, F-3, W-5, V-4, W-2.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AN AD WORKING FOR 2/9 SPOTTED A TRAIL NETWORK AND 10-15
BUNKERS VIC 185159 AT 221800H. AN AIRSTRIKE CAUSED A SECONDARY
FIRE..B. CORRECTION TO SITREP # 2, OF DAWSON RIVER SOUTH: PARA
4C: GRID SHOULD READ 071423.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEP'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
NIGHT ACTS.

6. SIMULATIVE LOSSES: NONE

7. SCOUT STRIP REPORT:

UNIT	NR TMS	NR TMS EMPL	COORDS	RESULTS
1/9				N/A
2/9	2	2		N/A
3/9	3	3		N/A

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IMMEDIATE 2 JAN 69

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 SITREP NR 4 OF DAWSON RIVER SOUTH FROM 222400H-230600H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
 - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. CORRECTION TO SITREP NR 1 PARA 4B: DELETE THE ABOVE PARA.
5. PLANS:
 - A. COMMENCE THE CLOSING OF FSB HENDERSON.
 - B. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: NONE

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IMMEDIATE 230635 Z JAN 69*G-3 Francisco*
AT 231450H

FROM: NINTH MAR 23 JAN 69/0035Z/CCN:1225

TO: CG, TP HOTEL

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SITREP NR 5 OP DAWSON RIVER SOUTH FROM 230600H-231200H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

E/2/9 YD 156197

F/2/9 YD 099205

ALL OTHER UNITS NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING

DAY ACTS.

3. ~~ENEMY~~ CONTACTS: NONE4. ~~OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS~~: NONE

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING

DAY ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: NONE

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FROM: NINTH MAR

23 JAN 69 1230Z/CON-1232

TO: CG, TP HOTEL

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SITREP NR 1 OP DEWEY CANYON FROM 231200H-231800H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:
 9TH MARINES CP AT VCB CP/H/2/9 LZ-RAZOR A/1/9 FSB SHILOH
 CP/D/1/9 AT VCB E/2/9 YD 166195
 CP/I/M/3/9 AT VCB E/2/9 FLT YD 164197
 F/2/9 YD 098206 G/2/9 YD 098203
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
 A. LZ LOCATED AT 098206 NAMED "PUFF".
 B. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 A. AT 1500H, H/2/9 REPORTED HEARING AN FIRE COMING FROM 1516H GRID. AREA UNOBSERVED SO NO MISSIONS CALLED.
5. PLANS:
 A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: NONE

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IMMEDIATE 24 JAN 69 Z JAN 69

FROM: NINTH MAR

24 JAN 69 / 0050Z / UCN-1271 AUB

TO: CG, TP HOTEL
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SITREP IN 2 OP DEWEY CANYON FROM 231800H-232400H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

9TH MARINE CP AT VCB CP/H/2/9 FSB RAZOR
 CP/1/9 AT VCB E-/2/9 YD 154195
 A/1/9 AT FSB SHILOH E/2/9 PLT 164197
 D/1/9 AT VCB F/2/9 LZ PUFF
 CP/I/M/3/9 AT VCB G/2/9 YD 102203

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. EFFECTIVE 221830H, OPERATION DEWEY CANYON BEGAN IN
 9TH MARINE AO. OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH STILL IN EFFECT
 FOR I/K/3/9.

B. ALL UNITS DEFENDED PRESENT POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING
 NIGHT ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 232115H, 2/9 SPOTTED AA FIRE FROM LZ PUFF IN TWO
 DIRECTIONS, AZIMUTH 22 DEG & AZIMUTH 240 DEG. APPROX. RANGE
 6-8 KILOMETERS.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
 NIGHT ACTS. D-17, E-5, U-7, W-2, CC-3

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: NONE

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

UNIT	NR TMS	NR TMS EMPL	COORD	RESULTS
1/9				N/A
2/9	2	2		N/A
3/9	3	3		N/A

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FROM: NINTH MAR

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SITREP NR 3 OP DEWEY CANYON FROM 232400H-240600H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
 - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. 2/9 VIC LZ RAZOR AT 240130H SPOTTED AA FIRING, EST. RANGE 10-15 KILOMETERS, AT AZIMUTHS 173 DEG. & 150 DEG.
5. PLANS:
 - A. F/2/9 MOVE ON FOOT TO VIC YD 117180.
 - B. I/CP/3/9 LIFT FM VCB TO YD 185136.
 - C. H/3/9 LIFT FM VCB TO YD 187153.
 - D. HQ/9TH MAR LIFT FM VCB TO FSB RAZOR.
 - E. ALL OTHER UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: NONE

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FROM: NINTH MAR

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AT 241007H*

TO: CG, TF II OTEL

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SITREP NR 4 OP DEWLY CANYON FROM 240600H-241200H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

9TH MAR CP AT VCB F/2/9 YD 105217
 CP/D/1/9 VCB G/2/9 YD 102203
 A/1/9 SHILOH G/2/9 FLT 095194
 CP/2/9 FSB RAZOR H/2/9 YD 113186
 E/2/9 YD 172203 CP/I/M/3/9 VCB
 E/2/9 FLT 163207

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING

DAY ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLANS:

A. 9TH MAR CP WILL DISPLACE TO FSB RAZOR.

B. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING

DAY ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: NONE

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RELEASED BY: B.W. RAY 1/10.

IMMEDIATE 26 12 27Z 2 JAN 69

FROM: NINTH MAR 26 JAN 69 1155Z/CON-1456

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SITREP BR 5 OF DENNY CANYON FROM 241200H-241800H JAN 691. UNIT LOCATIONS:

9TH MAR CP YD 143186 F/2/9 YD 113201
 CP/D/1/9 VCB F/2/9 PLT YD 107201
 A/1/9 YD 107269 G/2/9 YD 102202
 CP/2/9 YD 143186 H/2/9 YD 143186
 E-2/9 YD 163198 CP/I/M/3/9 VCB
 E/2/9 PLT YD 170201

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. CP 9TH MARINES MOVED FROM VCB TO PSB RAZOR AT VIC 143186.
 B. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING

DAY ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 241310H, ELEMENTS OF G/2/9 VIC YD 086205 FOUND A REST
 STATION. HOOCH LOCATED AT WAY STATION WOULD HOLD APPROX 12 HLN.
 HOOCH WAS OCCUPIED APPROX 3 DAYS AGO. HOOCH WAS CHECKED BY K.C.
 SCOUTS BUT NOT DESTROYED.

B. AT 241345H, H/2/9 VIC YD 122187 FOUND 3 HOOCHES, ONE MONTH
 OLD. GEAR FOUND INCLUDED 1 CLAYMORE WITH WIRE, 1 LB OF EXPLOSIVES,
 20.0 LBS OF WHEAT, 5 LBS OF RICE, 5 LBS. OF CORN, 50 LBS. OF TOBACCO,
 AND 25 CHICKENS. ALL MATERIAL NOT BEING CARRIED BACK TO 2/9 W
 WILL BE DESTROYED.

C. VIC YD 122279 A/1/9 PATROL FOUND CAMP FIRES & GARDENS.
 ALSO MANY FOOTPATHS IN AREA BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY BRU
 IN AREAYD 119280 EAST TO YD 132248 TRAIL PATHS BRANCH OFF IN MANY
 DIRECTIONS. AT GRID 118272 FOUND NLF PROPAGANDA PAPERS READING
 HAPPY NEW YEAR 1969 AND GET OUT NOW.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
 NIGHT ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: NONE

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DRAFTER: 3W/HLW:31

RECEIVED BY: G.L. WIESCAMP 1/19.

MBM for G.I. Wiescamp

IMMEDIATE 261230Z 2 JAN 69

FROM: NINTH MAR

26 JAN 69 1155Z/JAN 69/CCN-1457

TO: CG, TF HOTEL
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SITREP LR 6 OF DINEY CANYON FROM 241600H-242400H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. LZ CONSTRUCTED AT YD 143188 APPROX 80x80 FT. CAPACITY

2. ON 46. NAMED MASSACHUSETTS.

B. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
NIGHT ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 2015H, 11/2/9 REPORTED SEEING AA FIRE COMING FROM
APPROX YD 166110 GRID.B. AT 2105H, 11/2/9 PATROL VIC YD 143188 FOUND 11 SLEEPING
OR STORAGE HOODS 306 FT. SIX NOS. OLD & NO SIGN OF USE. ALSO
FOUND TRAILS 5-6 DAYS OLD WHICH WILL BE CHECKED TOMORROW. ALSO
FOUND SEVERAL FIGHTING HOLES. LARGE HOOD HAD OBSERVATION 1000
METERS UP STREAM & 700 METERS DOWN STREAM.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
NIGHT ACTS.

CUMULATIVE LOSSES: NONE

6. SNIPER REPORT:

UNIT	HR TKS	HR TKS ENPL
2/9	2	2

COORD -	RESULTS
YD 143186	N/A

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O 261230Z/JAN 69

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TO: CG, TP HOTEL

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SIGHT NR 7 OF HENRY GANTON P RCM 24, 2, 000-250000 JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NONE NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINING AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
NIGHT ACTS.

3. NIGHT OPERATIONS: NONE

4. NIGHT OPERATIONS: NONE

5. NIGHT:

A. BEGINNING AT 0000H, 1/3/69 CONDUCTS HELICOASSAULT FROM VOB
TO FSB CUMBERLAND. IN 1000H.

B. 1/3/69 HELICOASSAULTS FROM FSB HENDERSON TO VIC YD 297200.

C. 1/3/69 HELICOASSAULTS FROM VOB TO VIC 180000.

6. D. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
DAY ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: NONE

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FROM: NINTH MAR

20 JAN 69 1155Z/CON-1460

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SIGNED IN 9 OF DEWEY CANYON FROM 251200H-251800H JAN 69

3. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CP/1/9 VCB	G1/G2/2/9 YD 102172	
A/1/9 FSB SHILOH	F/2/9 YD 118194	H/2/9 LZ RAZOR
CP/2/9 LZ RAZOR	CP/1/3/9 YD 184136	
E-/2/9 YD 170197	K/3/9 YD 201155	
E/2/9 PLT YD 163185	L/3/9 FSB TUN TAVI	
G/2/9(-) YD 100202	M/3/9 YD 190163	

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. CP/3/9 LEFT TO FSB CUNNINGHAM MOUNTAIN AT 1230H, AND COMPLETED AT 1300H.

B. ALL OTHER UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

DESERT SANDS RECON TEAM AT 251515H VIC YD 154243 HAD CONTACT WITH 2 ENEMY KIA'S. NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: (A) LATE ENTRY.

A. E1/2/9 AT 250900H, VIC YD 161185 FOUND NVA VILLAGE & STORAGE AREA. FOUND 22 MAGAZINES, SMALL ARM ROUNDS, 1 CASE OF 12.7MM ROUNDS, 1 CASE OF 7.62MM RDS, 3 COMBAT GRENADES, 1 TELEGRAPH TRANSMISSION SET, 1 CIVILIAN RADIO, 1 82MM MORTAR SIGHT, 19 SCOPE SIGHTS, MISC NVA CLOTHING, WEB GEAR, 100 LBS. OF RICE, 25 LBS. OF SALT, OTHER MISC. FOOD, MEDICAL GEAR, TOOLS, AND DOCUMENTS.

B. K/3/9 AT 251130H, FOUND VIC YD 198157 3x3x3 FT. PUNJI PITS, RECENTLY DUG.

C. M/3/9 AT 251405H, VIC YD 190163 OBSERVED 1 NVA, FIRED ON HIM, NVA RETURNED AK-47 FIRE. FOUND FRESH FIGHTING HOLE WITH 4 STRANDS OF COIL WIRE AND 2 PORCELAIN INSULATORS IN TREE 20' ABOVE GROUND, RUNNING NORTH. FOLLOWING FIGURES ON TREE 4' ABOVE GROUND. 1/47B.

5. REMARKS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL DEF'D AND MAINTAIN POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY:	NONE
B. ENEMY:	KIA(C) 3
C. IWC	CSWC 0

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FROM: NINTH MAR 20 JAN 69 1155Z/OCN-1150

TO: CG, TP HOTEL
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SITREP NR 10 OF MEVEY CANYON FROM 251800Z-252400Z JAN 691. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CP/9TH MAR AT FSB RAZOR	GL/G2/2/9 YD 102172
CP/1/9 AT VCB	OP/1/3/9 FSB DUNNINGHAM
A/1/9 FSB SUNKLOH	K-/3/9 201150-
CP/11-/2/9 FSB RAZOR	K/3/9 YD 197161
E-/2/9 YD 170197	N-/3/9 YD 190163
E/2/9 PLT YD 163185	M/3/9 PLT YD 189168
F/2/9 YD 118194	
G-/2/9 YD 100202	

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 252215H, E1/2/9 REPORTED MOVEMENT AROUND THEIR NIGHT POS. THEY CALLED IN ARTY AND FIRED SMALL ARMS WITH UNK RESULTS.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. DATE ENTRY: K/3/9 FOUND AT 251630H, VIC YD 197160 1 HUT 6x8x4 FT. ABOUT 3 MONTHS OLD, 11 LBS OF RICE, 2 VEGETABLE PATCHES, 1 SPIDER HOLE, 1 BUNKER 3x4x5 FT. FOUND WORDS ON TREE "THUAT THU".

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS. D-11, F-13, J-2, AA-6, CG-10

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: NONE

B. ENEMY: KIA(O) 3

C. IWC 1 CS 0 0

7. SCOUT SITUATION REPORT:

UNIT	NR	TIS	NR	TIS	EMPL	COORD	RESULTS
2/9	2		2				N/A
3/9	3		3				N/A

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FROM: NINTH MAR

26 JAN 69 1155Z/CON-1451

TO: CG TF HOTEL
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SETBACK NR 11 OP DEWEY CANYON FROM 2524000-260600H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.
3. RECEIVED CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES: ~~NONE~~

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FROM: NINTH MAR

26 JAN 69 1155Z/COM-1447

TO: CG, TF HORN
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SITREP NR 12 OF DEWEY CANYON FROM 260600H-261200H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

R/2/9 YD 173190
M/2/9 YD 166188
F/2/9 YD 116192
G/2/9 YD 092200

ALL OTHER UNITS NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. LATE REPT: AT 0505H LP-FROM M/3/9 DETECTED MOVEMENT NEAR THEIR POSITION VIC YD 190164 AND RECEIVED 2 INCOMING CHICOM GRENADES. LP THREW SEVERAL GRENADES TOWARD MOVEMENT & CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. LP WAS RELOCATED.

B. AT 0745H, M/3/9 OP VIC 190168 FIRED ON 3 NVA WHO MOVED UP TRAIL APPROX 40 METERS. SAW ONE NVA GO DOWN. CHECKED AREA AND FOUND 1 NVA(C), 1 PR OF SANDLES, 1 AK-47. PATROL WILL CONTINUE PURSUIT OF ENEMY. ADD 1 NVA(C).

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 0830H, G/2/9 PERIMETER VIC YD 102202 & YD 097203 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM ESTIMATED 3-4 GROUPS OF 2 ENEMY EACH. REC'D A/A FIRE & 3 CHICOM GRENADES THROWN TOWARD LINES. ENEMY MOVED SW AND W. ARTY MISSION CALLED IN & 40 ON STATION. NEG. CASUALTIES. TWO SQUADS CHECKING OUT AREA.

B. AT 0930H, K/3/9 PATROL VIC YD 190161 FOUND CULTIVATED FIELD 30x50'. ONE HALF MELONS & ONE HALF A TUBEROUS ROOT. ALSO FOUND NVA HUT 10x15 CONTA INING SEVERAL NVA ESTOOLS, 3 KNIVES, 2 BUNCHES OF BANANAS. HUT WAS BURNED AND WHILE BURNING APPROX 50 SMALL ARMS ROUNDS COOKED OFF IN FIRE. FIELD ALSO DESTROYED ALONG WITH CLEAR.

C. AT 1030H, F/2/9 PATROL VIC YD 115190 FOUND 5 BUNKERS & 10 FIGHTING HOLES. ALSO A RAFT 15' LONG WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN USED IN LAST 3-4 HOURS.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: NONE

B. ENEMY: KIA(C) 1

C. IWC 5

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27 JAN 69 1000Z/ELA/CON-1544

FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: CG, TF HOTEL
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AT

1835H

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SITREP NR 13 OF DEWLY CANYON FROM 261200H-261800H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CP 9TH MARINES YD 143186	F/2/9 YD 118193
CP/2/9 YD 143186	G/2/9 YD 100203
E/2/9 YD 165188	G/2/9 FLT YD 103178
E/2/9 FLT YD 170196	CP/3/9 YD 184136
E/2/9 FLT YD 153172	I/3/9 YD 184133
K/3/9 YD 201155	M/3/9 YD 190163
L/3/9 YD 184136	

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. L/3/9 BEGAN HELILIFT FROM NSB TYN TAVERN AT 1230H.
COMPLETED AT 1410H.B. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
DAY ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 1215H, M/3/9 PATROL VIC YD 199179 RECEIVED SA FIRE
FROM 2 NVA. RETURNED FIRE WITH S/A FIRE AND CALLED IN ARTY
MISSION WITH GOOD COVERAGE. AREA WILL BE SWEEP. CONTACT RE-
SULTED IN ONE FRIENDLY KIA. ADD 1 FR KIA.B. AT 1520H, M/3/9 PATROL VIC YD 187161 FOUND 2 NVA IN
A HUT. ONE ATTEMPTED TO ESCAPE AND WAS KILLED. UNIT IS ATTEMPT-
ING TO CAPTURE OTHER ONE. TWO SKS RIFLES CAPTURED. ADD 1 EN
KIA AND 2 INC.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY: AT 0845H M/3/9 PATROL VIC YD 192168 FOUND
1 SMALL BAG CONTAINING NVA CURRENCY & CLOTHING, 1 KETTLE OF
COOKED RICE, 1 POT WITH SPICES, ASSORTED WRITING GEAR.B. LATE ENTRY: AT 1035H, M/3/9 VIC YD 192176 FOUND 2
ROLLS OF STEEL WIRE & ONE ROLL COPPER WIRE, 100 FT EACH & PAIR
OF WALKING STILTS. GEAR DESTROYED BY DEMO.C. AT 1330H, M/3/9 PATROL VIC YD 186161 FOUND 5 SHELTERS
8x3x8 FT, 4 BLINDERS 4x2x4 FT & 2 HOLES APPROX 1 YEAR OLD. AT
187163 THREE TRAILS CONNECT, TRAILS RUN 80 DEG., 360 DEG. AND
210 DEG. FROM THIS POINT. AT YD 184163 FOUND 1 CLOTHES LINE
20 METERS LONG BETWEEN TWO TREES. ON THE TREES WERE THE NUM-
138133 AND 139133. HUTS & BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED.

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D. LATE ENTRY: AT 0830H, G/2/9 AFTER RECEIVING S/A ROUNDS THIS MORNING, SEARCHED AREA VIC YD 097203 PRODUCING 1 AT MINE, 3 AK-47 MAGS WITH 58 RDS, 1 RIFLE GRENADE & TRAIL LEADING SOUTH. GEAR DESTROYED.

E. AT 1430H, H/2/9 PATROL VIC YD 119189 FOUND SOV AND 8 PIGLETS. WILL BE EXTRACTED.

F. AT 1430H, H/2/9 PATROL FOUND IN VIC YD 120188 1 6x8 FT. HOOCH, & 4 SETS OF TRACKS LEADING UP TO RIVER & PART OF CLAY-MORE.

G. AT 1530H, F/2/9 PATROL FOUND IN VIC YD 112190 1 3x5 FT. BUNKER BEHIND 14x10 FT HOOCH, ALSO FOUND 2 NETS, SEVERAL BASKETS, & BOTTLE. ALL DESTROYED.

H. AT 1600H, E/2/9 PATROL VIC YD 174188 FOUND ONE GRAVE WITH MARKER 27-9-68 & WELL TRAVELED TRAILS. ALSO FOUND BOX OF 3 82MM RDS VIC YD 170180.

I. AT 1600H, F/2/9 PATROL VIC YD 116185 FOUND ONE HOOCH 6x11 FT WITH BUNKER, 1 6x4 FT AND 2 HOOCHES 6x8 FT. ALSO FOUND 1 M-98 NAUSER RIFLE, ONE BOX CONTAINING BASKETS & GOURDS & 1 POUCH CONTAINING HISO PAPERS. ADD 1 IWC.

5. PLANS:
A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT A CTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA-2

B. ENEMY: KIA(C) 5

C. IWC 9 OS:0 0

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27 JAN 69 1000Z/ELA/CON-1543

FROM: NINTH MAR

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AT

18 JAN 69

TO: CG, TF HOTEL

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SITREP NR 14 OF DEWEY CANYON FROM 261800H-262400H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CP/1/9 VCB

F/2/9 YD 117193

A/1/9 FSB SEILON

G-2/9 YD 102202

CP/H/2/9 FSB RAZOR

G/2/9 FLT YD 101183

E-2/9 YD 167188

CP/3/9 FSB CUNNINGHAM

E/2/9 FLT YD 108170

L/3/9 FSB CUNNINGHAM

E/2/9 FLT YD 163157

I/3/9 YD 181131

K-3/9 YD 201155

M-3/9 YD 190163

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. K/3/9 AT 261100H, VIC YD 203164, MADE CONTACT WITH 2-3 NVA. NVA USED S/A, K/3/9 RETURNED WITH S/A AND ARTY. RESULTS:

1 PR KIA AND 1 PR MIA.

B. K/3/9 AT 261130H, VIC YD 201164, SECURING LZ FOR MEDEVAC SAW 6 NVA IN GREEN SHIRTS AND SHORTS. NVA FIRED S/A AND MOVED BACK. K/3/9 RETURNED FIRE WITH S/A AND ARTY MSN. RESULTS:

1 PR. MIA.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. K/3/9 AT 261100H, FOUND VIC YD 192157 11 SHELTERS, 600 LBS VARIOUS GRAINS, LIVESTOCK, 1 M4 1935 FRENCH BOLT ACTION RIFLE, 1 CARBINE 7.62 SOVIET TYPE, 9 BUNKERS, 5x5x4 FT, DOCUMENTS AND CLOTHING. DESTROYED ALL BUT DOCUMENTS AND INTELL ITEMS.

B. 2 / 9 UNIT AT 261600H, VIC YD 096184, FOUND DOCUMENTS, HUTS, CLOTHING, AND LIVESTOCK. DOCUMENTS TO BE FORWARDED TO 2/9 S-2.

C. M/3/9 AT 261530H, VIC YD 185163 FOUND 2 SHELTERS, 20x15x12 FT, WITH BUNKERS UNDERNEATH, 2 SKS RIFLES, 1 M-26 GRENADE, MISC CLOTHING, MISC GEAR, 150 LBS OF RICE, DOCUMENTS. ALL GEAR DESTROYED EXCEPT DOCUMENTS WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED.

D. 3/9 SPOTTED 2 NVA IN CRATER AT 261850H, VIC YD 166136. FIRED 81MM MSN AND 106 MSN, BOTH GETTING DIRECT HITS. AREA TO BE CHECKED IN MORNING.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.

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6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
 A. FRIENDLY: KIA-2 WIAE 2
 B. ENEMY: KIA(C) 6
 C. IWC 13 OS/NO 0
7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

UNIT	NR TIS	NR TIS ENPL
2/9	2	2
3/9	3	3

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RESULTS
 N/A
 N/A

BUSHMASTER REP:

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27 JAN 69 1000Z/ELN/CCN-1541

FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: CG, TP HOTEL
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 SITREP HR 15 OF DENNY CANYON FROM 262400H-270600H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
 A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS:
 A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND D.F'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
 A. FRIENDLY: KIA 2 WIAE 2
 B. ENEMY: KIA(C) 6
 C. INC 13

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FROM: NINTH MAR

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SITREP NR 16 OP DEWEY CANYON FROM 270600H-271200H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

9TH MAR AT YD 143186

CP/1/9 VCB

A/1/9 YD 107267

B/C/D/1/9 OPCON-TO 4TH MAR

CP/2/9 YD 143186

OP/3/9 YD 184136

I/3/9 YD 173133

K/3/9 YD 201155

L/3/9 YD 184136

M/3/9 YD 190163

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. LZ CONSTRUCTED AT YD 190161. CAPACITY 1 CH-53.
COULD BE EXPANDED TO 2 BIRD ZONE, DESIGNATED LZ KINGMAN.B. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
DAY A CTS.

3. ENEMY COMTA CTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 0900H, VIC YD 184136 L/3/9 FOUND NVA OP WITH CAM-
BOFLAGED WALL. SHOWED SIGN OF RECENT ACTIVITY.B. LATE ENTRY: AT 261035H, VIC YD 191176 M/3/9 FOUND 4
ROLLS OF STEEL WIRE 100' LONG. ALSO 4 ROLLS OF COPPER WIRE
100' LONG.C. AT 1025H, VIC YD 191167 M/3/9 FOUND A TREE WITH FOLLOWING
MARKS CI, CA III, V A O DAY. ALSO FOUND 3 BUNKERS 5x4x3 FT.
A 20x30 FT SHELTER WITH MISC NVA GEAR. 2 ORDN SERVED WEAPONS
CAPTURED. (RPG LAUNCHERS). ADD 2 CSWFS.D. LATE ENTRY: AT 262300H, VIC YD 190162 M/3/9 OBSERVED
UNKNOWN NUMBER OF NVA APPROACH LP. LP FIRED AT NVA AND 60MM MSH
WAS FIRED. AREA CHECKED AT FIRST LIGHT REVEALED BLOOD TRAILS.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
DAY ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA-2 WIAE 2

B. ENEMY: KIA(C) 5

C. IWC 13 CSW 2

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IMMEDIATE 280727 Z JAN 69

FROM: NINTH MAR

28 JAN 69 0730Z/ELA/CON-1621

TO: CG, TF HOTEL

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 SITREP NR 17 OF DEWEY CANYON FROM 271200H-271800H JA N 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

9TH MAR CP AT FSD RAZOR G/2/9 PLT 102168

CP/1/9 AT VCB H-/2/9 FSB RAZOR

A/1/9 YD 107269 CP/3/9 180136

CP/2/9 143186 I/3/9 173133

E-/2/9 161186 K/3/9 201155

E/2/9 PLT 155185 L/3/9 180146

E/2/9 PLT 155175 M/3/9 190163

F-/2/9 115173

G-/2/9 131193

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. LZ CONSTRUCTED AT YD 201155. CAPACITY 100146.

DESIGNATED LZ DAYTON.

B. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 1100H, VIO YD 177156 M/3/9 RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM 1 NVA. RETURNED FIRE WITH 8/A AND 60MM FIRE WITH NEG RESULTS.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 1200H, VIO YD 182156 M/3/9 FOUND A SHELTER 15x21x10 FT. IN IT WAS ASSORTED HOUSEHOLD AND MILITARY ITEMS. SHELTER WAS DESTROYED.

B. AT 1320H, VIO YD 185132 L/3/9 FOUND 8 MAN SIZE METAL NVA TARGETS. TARGETS DESTROYED.

C. AT 1030H, VIO 195166 K/3/9 FOUND 800' OF COMM WIRE AND MISC OTHER GEAR.

D. AT 1305H, VIO YD 188150 M/3/9 FOUND 2 ACRES OF YOUNG CORN APPROX 2' TALL. CORN WAS NOT DESTROYED.

E. AT 1445H, VIO YD 180160 M/3/9 FOUND 200 LBS. OF SPOILED RICE.

F. AT 1430H, VIO YD 153183 E/2/9 FOUND ONE FIGHTING HOLE 3-5 DAYS OLD.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:A. FRIENDLY: KIA 2 WIAE 2B. ENEMY: KIA(C) 6C. IWO 13 CSWO 2GP-4
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IMMEDIATE 280729 2 JAN 69

FROM: NINTH MAR

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N/R G-3 Wm L. Mather

TO: CG, TF HOMEL

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SITREP NR 18 OF DEWEY CANYON FROM 271800H-272400H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 1700H, IN VIC YD 182158 M/3/9 FOUND A SHELTER 20x30x12'. IT WAS EQUIPPED WITH SLIDING DOORS WINDOWS & PARTITIONS. WALLS WERE 20" OF INUD. 500 LBS OF RICE WAS FOUND AS WELL AS MISC HOUSEHOLD AND MILITARY GEAR.

B. AT 1130H, E/2/9 PATROL VIC YD 153183 FOUND 1 A/W SITE & 3 AREAS BELIEVED TO BE CLASSROOMS APPROX 10x12' AND 2 GRASS HUTS. AREA APPEARED TO BE ABOUT 6 MONTHS OLD.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS. D-17, U-8, W-5, EE-1, E-3

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:A. FRIENDLY: KIA 2 WIAE 2B. ENEMY: KIA(0) 6C. IWO 13 CSWC 27. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

A. UNIT	NR TKS	NR TKS EMPL	COORD -	RESULTS
2/9	2	2	YD 113186	N/A
3/9	3	3	YD 184136	N/A

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IMMEDIATE 280730 Z JAN 69

28 JAN 69 0730Z/ELA/CCN-1619

FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: CG, TF HOTEL

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N/R G-3 *W. M. Lowman*
AT 15H5HCONFIDENTIAL: PERISHABLE INFO/PASS WITHOUT SERVICE
SITREP NR 19 OP DEWEY CANYON FROM 272400H-280600H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
NIGHT ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLANS:

A. AT 1400H, E/2/9 WILL CONDUCT IIRLOASSAULT TO VIC YD

102182.

B. AT 0830H, K/3/9 WILL CONDUCT IIRLOASSAULT TO VIC YD

217176.

C. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
DAY ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 2 WIAE 2B. ENEMY: KIA 6C. IWO 13 OSWO 2

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RELEASED BY: N.B. MEYER 2/LT.

IMMEDIATE 280732

Z JAN 69

FROM: NINTH MAR

28 JAN 69 0730Z/ELV/CON-1623
A/R G-3 *Wm Lomston*TO: CG, TF HOMEL
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AT

1545H

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SITREP NR 20 OF DEWEY CANYON FROM 280600H-281200H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CP/1/9 AT VCB
A/1/9 FSB SHILOH
CP/2/9 & H/2/9 FSB RAZOR
E-/2/9 YD 157174
E/2/9 PLT YD 155161
F-/2/9 YD 114175
F/2/9 PLT YD 116167
F/2/9 PLT YD 114175

G/2/9 YD 106146
CP/3/9 FSB CUNNINGHAM
L/3/9 FSB CUNNINGHAM
I/3/9 YD 164136
K/3/9 YD 216176
M/3/9 YD 190163

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. K/3/9 HELOLIFT TO VIC YD 217176 BEGAN AT 0900H, COMPLETED AT 0945H.

B. ALL OTHER UNITS DEFENDED AND MAINTAINED POSITIONS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. I/3/9 AT 280920H, VIC YD 158136 RECEIVED S/A FIRE FROM NVA IN SHELTER. RETURNED S/A FIRE. RESULTS 2 NVA KIA CONFIRMED.

B. G/2/9 AT 281000H, VIC YD 105167 HAD SMALL NVA FORCE INITIATE CONTACT. ENEMY GRID YD 104148 TO YD 104152. NEG RESULTS. G/2/9 TRYING TO REGAIN CONTACT.

C. K/3/9 AT 281005H, VIC YD 220176, WHILE SECURING LZ SPOTTED 2 NVA 75M DOWN TRA IL. FIRED S/A FIRE, NO RETURN FIRE, NEG RESULTS.

D. E/2/9 AT 281100H, VIC YD 152171 SPOTTED 6-8 NVA AT VIC YD 148164 MOVING SOUTHEAST AFTER BREAKING CONTACT. NEG RESULTS.

E. G/2/9 AT 281115H, VIC YD 105167 RECEIVED ONE INCOMING ROUND, FROM ENEMY GRID YD 105146, BELIEVED TO BE RIFLE GRENADE.

1. VIETNAME.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. E/2/9 AT 280850H, VIC YD 170165, FOUND ESTIMATED 5 DAY OLD CHICOM GRENADE RIGGED WITH TRIP WIRE AS DOOBY TRAP. DESTROYED.

B. I/3/9 AT 280910H, VIC YD 167133, FOUND ONE SHELTER 12x20x8 FT. ABOUT 10 LBS OF RICE. DESTROYED.

C. I/3/9 AT 280830H, VIC YD 165137, OIL SHELTER 8x12x6 FT. 1 BUNKER 4x5x5 FT, AND LOG WITH WRITING. LOG WITH WRITING TO BE RETURNED. BUNKER & SHELTER DESTROYED.

D. L/3/9 AT 280930H, VIC YD 186145, FOUND 3 MONTAGNARD SHELTERS, 1 BUNKER 4x5 FT, FRESH TRAILS AND 2 40 LB PIGS. WILL TRY EVAC PIGS.

E. H/3/9 AT 281000H, VIC YD 184160 REPORTED WIRE LINE SEVERED BY ARTY. REPAIR IN PROGRESS.

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F. M/3/9 AT 281010H, VIC YD 192158, FOUND SHELTER AND BUNKER COMPLEX, FOUND MISC HOUSEHOLD GOODS, 50 CAL & 7.62 S/A ROUNDS, AND 1 SKS CARBINE.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WH ILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 2 WIAE 2 WIANE 1
 B. ENEMY: KIA(C) 8
 C. TWC 14 OSWC 2

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DRAWN BY: 3W/18N: rjk

RELEASED BY: H.D. MUMFORD 2/LT.

IMMEDIATE _____ Z JAN 69

FROM: HEDMEL 1041

TO: CG, 1ST MORN L
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SINCEP INR 2 1 OF DEWY CANYON FROM 281200H-281800H JAN 69

1. ~~IDENTIFICATION~~ LOCATIONS:

A/1/9 FSB SHILOH	G-2/9 YD 102182
CP/H/2/9 FSB RAZOR	G/2/9 PLT YD 106162
D-2/9 YD 147166	G/2/9 PLT YD 104186
E/2/9 PLT YD 164173	CP/3/9 FSB CUNNINGHAM
F-2/9 YD 115200	L/3/9 FSB CUNNINGHAM
F/2/9 PLT YD 120168	I/3/9 YD 164136 M/3/9 PLT 190166
F/2/99 PLT YD 122163	K/3/9 YD 216176
	M-3/9 YD 190163
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
 - A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS:
 - A. 1/3/9 AT 281130H, VIC YD 158157 RECEIVED HEAVY S/A FIRE FROM ESTIMATED 2 ENEMY SQUADS VIC YD 158144. RETURNING S/A FIRE, MORTAR & ARTY FIRE. REQUESTED AO. PLT BEING REINFORCED BY ANOTHER PLT AND 1 COMPANY CP.
 - B. H/2/9 IN FAIRLY HEAVY CONTACT AT 281200H, ENEMY VIC YD 148164. FR. VIC YD 147167. E/2/9 REINFORCING. 1 FR. KIA.
 - C. 1/3/9 AT 280920H, VIC YD 158146 WHILE SWEEPING THROUGH A FORTIFIED POS ENCOUNTERED A POSSIBLE IVN PLT IN BUNKERS & HULLS. S/A FIRE & ARTY CALLED IN. RESULTS 1 FR KIA, 9 FR WIA, & 3 EN KIA(C). ADD 1 FR KIA, 3 EN KIA(C), 6 WIA, 3 WIA.
 - D. G/2/9 AT 281420H, VIC YD 103146, ENCOUNTERED CHICOH AND A/W FIRE FROM VIC YD 104145. ARTY CALLED SOUTH OF ENEMY, G/2/9 PUSHING SOUTH IN PURSUIT. AO SPOTTED 1 ENEMY DRAGGING 1 ENEMY AWAY. G/2/9 REPORTED BLOOD TRAIL, MAKING SEARCH.
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
 - A. K/3/9 AT 28115H, VIC YD 216176, FOUND SHELTERS 8x10x7 FT, 6 FT OFF GROUND. BURNED.
 - B. M/3/9 AT 281200H, VIC YD 184160, REPORTS BROKEN COM LINES HAVE BEEN REPAIRED.
 - C. L/3/9 AT 281015H, VIC YD 187124, FOUND SLEEPING AREA BIG ENOUGH FOR 24 TO 30 PEOPLE. FOUND 1 INDIVIDUAL CRAWLING IN BUSHES AND CAUGHT HIM. BEING DETAINED. 1 DETAINEE.

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D. M/3/9 AT 281000H, VIC YD 192158, FOUND 10 BUNKERS 9x5x5 FT, 7 BURNED SMELANES STILL SMOLDERING, LARGE ASSORTMENT OF HOUSEHOLD GEAR, COOKING, WEB GEAR, DEAD AND ALIVE LIVESTOCK, 1 FULL AK-47 MAGAZINE, 20 LBS RICE. ALL DESTROYED.

E. L/3/9 AT 281030H, VIC YD 181126, FOUND 20 LBS. OF RICE, 1 US SHIRT (NAME D. J. WEST IN IT), NVA GARDEN, BABY CHICKENS. DESTROYED.

F. K/3/9 AT 281235H, VIC YD 214175, FOUND RECENTLY USED TRAIL WITH 2 PORCELAIN INSULATORS FOR TELEGRAPH WIRE 10 METERS OFF TRAIL.

G. K/3/9 AT 281325H, VIC YD 210175, FOUND SIGN COATED ON TREE NUMBER "86". UNDERGROWTH CLEARED IN AREA.

H. L/3/9 AT 281425H, VIC YD 185125 FOUND BAMBOO BRIDGE, WITH RAILING, AND RECENTLY USED TRAIL. BURNED BRIDGE.

I. K/3/9 AT 281340H, VIC YD 206175 FOUND PORCELAIN INSULATOR- ON TREE, WITH NO. 19 ON TREE. ANOTHER TREE WITH MARKINGS 20/6 ON IT. ANOTHER TREE WITH THESE MARKINGS: 1) MAT, 2) HT, 3) VIT, 4) BIT, 5) B, 6) M, 7) L, 8) HLL, 9) HAI.

J. 2/9 FOUND AT 281640H, VIC YD 144174, 6 FIGHTING HOLES, 2 WITH ROOFS, 1 BOTTLE-IV SOLUTI N, OTHER DRUGS.

K. M/3/9 AT 281500H, VIC YD 183158 FOUND 8 FIGHTING HOLES, 12 BUNKERS 2x5x3 FT, 1 CULTIVATED FIELD 25x50 FT VARIOUS NVA GEAR. BUNKERS AND HOLES WERE 6-8 MONTHS OLD.

L. M/3/9 AT 281500H, VIC 193155, SAW 2 NVA RUNNING. SHOT BOTH WITH S/A FIRE. MISCELLANEOUS CLOTHING CAPTURED. ADD 2 NVA(C).

M. K/3/9 AT 281500H, VIC YD 216176 FOUND FOLLOWING MARKINGS ON TREES: HT, TN, THAK-COT-VI VUONG-CAY-GUA-TO, 8/6 20x40/AO, 216, LAM-RO1-k.

N. L/3/9 AT 281630H VIC YD 190124, FOUND 3 BUNKERS, 3 SKS RIFLES, WITH BAYONETS, ASSORTED CLOTHING, COOKING GEAR, WRITING GEAR, AND MEDICAL GEAR. ADD 3 IWC.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT A OTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 1 WIAE 8 WIAED 1
B. ENEMY: KIA(C) 13 DETAINEES: TOTAL 1
C. IWC 17 CS C 2

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DEA PWR:3H/BER: JR

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Z JAN 69

FROM: HINDI MAR

TO: CG, 1ST MOBILE
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SINCE NR 22 OF DEWEY CANYON FROM 281800H-282400H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

9TH MAR CP AT RSB RAZOR
CP/1/9 AT VCB
A/1/9 AT RSB SHILOH
B/C/D/1/9 OPCON TO 4TH MAR
CP/2/9 RSB RAZOR-
E/2/9(-) YD 147167
E/2/9 YD 157173
M/3/9 YD 190163

F-/2/9 YD LZ MARLON
G-/2/9 YD 106163
H-/2/9 LZ RAZOR-
CP/3/9 YD 184136
I/3/9 YD 164136
K/3/9 YD 216176
L/3/9 YD 184136

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. FINAL REPORT ON G/2/9 CONTACT AT 201130H, 1 PR WIANE
AO SPOTTED 4 NVA DRAGGING BODY AFTER DEBARKING CONTACT. ADD
1 WIANE & 1 IN KIA.B. FINAL REPORT ON E/2/9 CONTACT RESULTING IN 1 IN KIA.
ONE SQD OF 21 MADE CONTACT WITH 6 NVA VIC YD 148168. AIR
WAS CALLED IN AND AREA SWEEP WITH NEG RESULTS.C. AT 1845H, VIC YD 104146 G/2/9 RECEIVED 5-10 RDS OF
SNIPER FIRE. RETURNED FIRE AND EMPLOYED ARTY AND 81'S WITH NEG
RESULTS.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. M/3/9 AT 281630H, VIC YD 185157 FOUND 17 BUNKERS 3x4x5
FT, 4 SHELTERS 8x10x5 FT, 3-4 WEEKS OLD, A 30x40 FT CULTIVATED
FIELD WITH ASSORTED VEGETABLES IN IT.B. K/3/9 AT 281645H, VIC YD 216176, FOUND 1 US M-1 CARBINE,
3017484, LEANING AGAINST TREE BESIDE TRAIL.C. AT 0920H, WHILE CHECKING OUT VIC YD 158146 AFTER AIR &
ARTY PREP FOUND 3 SHELTERS 8x12x20 FT, 3 BUNKERS 4x6x8 FT, AND
THE FOLLOWING WEAPONS 2 SKS RIFLES, 2 AK-47'S, AND 1 RPD MACHINE
GUN WITH 3 DRUMS OF AMMO. ADD 4 IWC & 1 CS G.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
NIGHT ACTS. C-3, D-19, F-2, U-9, CC-6

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 4 WIANE 8 WIANE 5
B. ENEMY: KIA(C) 14 DETAINEES: TOTAL 1
C. IWC 22 CSWC 3

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

UNIT	NR TMS	NR TMS EMPL	COORD	RESULTS
2/9	2	2		N/A
3/9	3	3		N/A

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B. W. Ray

DRAFTER: 3W/BWR:rjk

RELEASED BY: B.W. RAY 1/LT.

IMMEDIATE _____ Z JAN 69

FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: CG, THE HOTEL
BT~~CONFIDENTIAL: PERISHABLE INFO/PASS WITHOUT SERVICE~~
SITREP NR 23 OF DEWEY CANYON FROM 282400H-290600H JAN 69

1. ~~UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE~~
2. ~~SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:~~
 - A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.
3. ~~ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE~~
4. ~~OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:~~
 - A. AT 0130H, "D" BTRY 2/12 SPOTTED AA FIRE AND FIRED AN ARTY MSN ON IT.
5. ~~PLANS:~~
 - A. ADVANCE PARTY OF 9TH MAR CP WILL MOVE TO PSB CUNNINGHAM AT 1200H. ALL TRAILERS
 - B. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.
6. ~~CUMULATIVE LOSSES:~~
 - A. FRIENDLY: KIA 1 WIAE 8 WIAE 5
 - B. ENEMY: KIA (0) 15 DETAINERS: TOTAL 1
 - C. IWC 22 CS 10

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DRAFTER: 31/CLM: Jk

RELEASED BY: G.L. WIESCAMP 1/17/

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Z JAN 69

FROM: NINETEEN HAN

TO: CG, THE HOTEL

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 SITREP N R 24 OF DEMLEY CANYON FROM 290600H-291200H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

F-2/9 YD 11216

E-2/9 YD 15517

ALL OTHER UNITS NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAIN MED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
 DAY A CTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 1050H, 1/3/9 PATROL VIC YD 190163 RECEIVED S/A FIRE
 FROM 2 ENA. RETURNED S/A FIRE & FIRED 60MM MORTARS. AREA WILL
 BE S.EPT. CONTACT RESULTED IN 1 USMC WIA.

B. AT 1000H, 1/3/9 PATROL VIC YD 160134 FOUND 2 SHELTERS
 30-15-10 FT CONTAINING 6000 LBS OF RICE IN BAGS & BASKETS, 100
 LBS OF CORN, 50 WATER GOURDS & 15 BAGS TURNIPS, 35 COOKING POTS,
 3 SIFTERS. GEA B DESTROYED, ATTEMPTING TO EVAC FOOD.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. DUE TO RPG LAUNCHERS NOW BEING CLASSIFIED AS INDIVIDUAL
 WEAPONS, CHANGE CAPTURED WEAPONS COUNT TO 24 IWC AND 1 CSWC.

B. ADD 243 AIR VIC YD 147139 AND 5 KBAR VIC YD 230098.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
 DAY ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. PRISONERS: 24 WIA 9 WIA 5

B. ENEMY: 24(G) 1A INMATES: TOTAL 1

C. IWC 2 CSWC 1

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DRAFTER: 3W/GIL: rjk

RELEASED BY: G.L. WILSON CAMP 1/LT.

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FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: CG, TF HOTEL
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SITREP NR 25 OF DEWEY CANYON FROM 291200H-291800H JAN 69
SITREP NR

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CP 9TH MAR FSB RAZOR	CP/L/3/9 YD 181136
A/1/9 YD 107267	I/3/9 YD 181136
CP/H/2/9 YD 141186	K/3/9 YD 215176
E/2/9 YD 156178	M/3/9 YD 190168
F/2/9 YD 128148	N/3/9 FLT YD 191168
G/2/9 YD 101146	

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 1230H, L/3/9 PATROL VIC YD 190124 RECEIVED S/A FIRE FROM UNKNOWN NUMBER OF NVA. RETURNED S/A FIRE & WILL SWEEP AREA. 1 USMC WIA.

B. AT 1135H, M/3/9 PATROL VIC YD 193168 RECEIVED S/A FIRE FROM TREE LINE. SET IN HASTY DEFENSE & TOOK 1 INCOMING GRANADE. RETURNED FIRE & SEARCHED AREA FINDING ONE RPD MACHINE GUN AND 2 SKS'S & MISC GEAR. ADD 2 DMC. & 1 CSWC.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 1155H, N/3/9 VIC YD 197166 PATROL FOUND 5 SHELTERS, 1 10x10x25 FT, 2 15x10x6 FT, AND 2 20x10x8 FT AND SEVEN BUNKERS. ALSO FOUND 600 LBS. OF RICE IN BAGS & BASKETS, 100 LBS. OF CORN, 15 LBS. OF BANANAS, 5 GREEN SHIRTS & 3 TROUSERS & ASSORTED GEAR, INCLUDING 37 BASKETS, MEDICAL GEAR, 6 M-16 MAGS, 2 AK-47 MAGS. SALVAGABLE GEAR WILL BE FORWARDED TO 9TH MARINES S-2. SHELTERS AND BUNKERS DESTROYED.

B. VIC YD 213024 "COLORADO KILO" RAN FIXED WING ON & DESTROYED ONE CAMOUFLAGED VEHICLE.

C. LATE REPORT: AT 0900H, M/3/9 VIC YD 193158 PATROL FOUND 7 HOOCHEs, 6 WERE BURNED, 1 INTACT, SIZE 20x6x10 FT, ALSO 20 BUNKERS 10x10 FT., AND NUMEROUS TRAILS IN THE AREA. ASSORTED TOOLS, 24 BASKETS, 2 LIVE CHICKENS, 12 K-44 SNIPER RDS, 1 AK-47 MAG, AND VARIOUS OTHER GEAR WAS FOUND.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN A ND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 1 WIA 9 WIANE 5
B. ENEMY: KIA (C) 75 DETAINEES: TOTAL 1
C. TNC 22 CS 109

DRAFTER: ~~W/~~MM: Jk

RELEASED BY: M.B. MEYER 2/LT.

IMMEDIATE

Z JAN 69

FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: CG, TP HOMEL

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~: PERISHABLE INFO/PASS WITHOUT SERVICE
 SITREP NR 26 OP DEWEY CANYON FROM 291800H-292400H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:-

G/2/9 YD 104146

G/2/9 FLT YD 105144

ALL OTHER UNITS NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. M/3/9 AT 291500H, VIC YD 193168, AFTER CHECKING AREA, FOUND 1 NVA BODY, CLEAN SHAVEN, 5' TA LL, 125 LBS, 18 YRS OLD, ALSO 1 AK-47, 1 MAGAZINE, 2 CHICOM GRENADES. ADD 1 NVA KIA(C) 1 INC.

B. M/3/9 AT 291700H, VIC YD 193158 AFTER CHECKING BODIES, FOUND 1 BODY 5' 8" TALL, 150 LBS, CARRYING DOCUMENTS. TO BE FORWARDED.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL DEF'D & MAINTAIN POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS. D-19, J-1, U-7, OC-6

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 1 WIAE 10 WIADE 5

B. ENEMY: KIA(C) 15 DETAINEES: TOTAL 1

C. INC 27 CSWC 2

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

UNIT	NR TBS	NR TBS ENCL	COORD	RESULTS
E/2/9	1	1	YD 156173	N/A
G/2/9	1	1	YD 104146	N/A
F/2/9	1	1	YD 128148	N/A
B/1/9	1	1	FSB CATES	N/A
C/1/9	1	1	CA-LU --	N/A
I/3/9	1	1	YD 164136	N/A

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DRAFTER: 3W/MMM:rjk

RELEASED BY: M.B. MEYER 2/LT.

IMMEDIATE _____ Z JAN 69

FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: CG, TP HOTEL
BTCONFIDENTIAL: PERISHABLE INFO/PASS WITHOUT SERVICE
SITREP NR 27 OF DEWEY CANYON FROM 292400H-300600H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
NIGHT ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE

5. PLANS:

A. E/2/9 LEFT TO YD 101146, K/3/9 LEFT TO YD 200157, CP/2/9
LEFT TO YD 101146.B. ALL OTHER UNITS WILL MAINTAIN & DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING
DAY ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 1 WIAE 10 WIANE 5
B. ENEMY: KIA(C) 13 DETAINEES: TOTAL 1
C. IWC 27 CSWC 2

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DRAFTER: 31/DER: rjl

RELEASED BY: B.W. RAY 1/LT.

IMMEDIATE _____ Z JAN 69

FROM: NINEM HAW

TO: CG, TF HOTEL
BT~~CONFIDENTIAL: PERISHABLE INFO/PASS WITHOUT SERVICE~~
SITREP NR 28 OP DEMAY CANYON FROM 300600H-301200H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CP/1/9 VOB	CP/3/9 YD 184136
A/1/9 YD 107269	I/3/9 YD 164136
B/C/D/1/9 OPCON TO 4TH MARS	K/3/9 YD 201155
CP/E/G/2/9 YD 104146	L/3/9 YD 184136
F/2/9 YD 125155	M-/3/9 YD 190163
H/2/9 YD 143186	

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. E/2/9 COMMENCED LIFT FROM YD 156173 AT 0815H, AND COMPLETED LIFT TO YD 104146 AT 0905H.

B. K/3/9 COMMENCED LIFT TO YD 143186 AT 0950H, AND COMPLETED LIFT TO YD 104146 AT 1010H.

C. CP/3/9 COMMENCED LIFT TO 215176 AT 1025H, AND COMPLETED LIFT TO YD 204155 AT 1100H.

D. ALL OTHER UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. I/3/9 AT 300630H, VIC YD 164136 RECEIVED PROBE BY ESTIMATED 3 NVA ABOUT 50 METERS FROM PERIMETER. NVA FIRED AK-47 RDS AND 3 GRENADS, FALLING SHORT. I/3/9 RETURNED S/A FIRE AND 60MM. SEARCH OF AREA HAS BEGUN.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. ALL ENEMY KILLED BY AIR AND ARTY WILL BE CARRIED IN TOTALS. ADD 8 K.B. AIR (REFER TO SITREP NR. 24).

B. AT 0815H, A/1/9 VIC YD 115285 HEARD 1 RD S/A FIRE. FIRED ARTY MISSION AND WILL SWEEP AREA.

C. ARTILLERY KILLS FOR 28-29 JAN TOTAL 18 KILLS. TIMES AS FOLLOWS: 281145H 1 KIA, 281650H 3 KIA'S, 291115H 13 KIA'S, AND 291537H 1 KIA. ADD 18 ENEMY KIA'S.

D. LATE ENTRY: ON 29 JAN AT YD 213034 HELOBORNE 157 DESTROYED ONE MOVING STRUCTURE RESULTING IN 1 NVA KIA. ADD 1 NVA KIA.

E. AT 0910H, M/3/9 VIC YD 190168 FOUND 5 SHELTERS 4x20x25 FT. 1 THAT MEASURED 10x15x10 FT., 9 BUNKERS WERE INSIDE THE SHELTERS. SHELTERS ESTIMATED TO BE 6 MONTHS OLD. A TUNNEL WAS ALSO FOUND THAT WAS FRESH. LIVESTOCK AND MISC GEAR WAS FOUND AND IS BEING RETURNED TO S-2.

F. AT 1115H, M/3/9 VIC YD 200166 FOUND 2 HOCHES 20x10x10 FT. WITH RECENT USE. TUNNEL RUNS TO OUTSIDE PERCH.

H. AT 1300H, 10/3/9 VIC YD 195145 FOUND ONE SHELTER/BUNKER COMPLEX 10x20 FT., 4 CHICKEN COOPS, 100 LBS OF SWEET POTATOES, 100 LBS. OF UBE SEEDS, 12 LBS OF TOBACCO. DESTROYED SHELTER & FOOD.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEFEND POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 1 WIAE 10 WIANE 5
 B. ENEMY: KIA (C) 13 DETAINERS: TOTAL 1
 C. IWC 27 CSHC 2

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BT

DRAFTER: 34/GIN: rjk

RELEASED BY: G.L. WILSCAMP 1/LT.

IMMEDIATE _____ 2 JAN 69

FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: CG, TF HOMEL
BTCONFIDENTIAL: PERMISSIBLE INFO/PASS WITHOUT SERVICE
SITREP NR 29 OF DENNEY CANYON FROM 301200H-301800H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CP 9TH MAR YD 1143186	F/2/9 FLT YD 130156
CP/1/9 VGB	CP/1/3/9 YD 184136
A/1/9 YD 107267	K/3/9 YD 201155
CP/G/2/9 YD 101146	K/3/9 FLT YD 203140
G/2/9 YD 101146	H/3/9 190161
G/2/9 FLT YD 101163	H/3/9 FLT YD 194168
E/2/9 YD 094152	
F-/2/9 YD 125155	

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: A/1/9 CHOPPED OPEN TO 9TH MARINES 301500H
B. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

(CLARIFY WITH 1/9)

A. AT 1150H, A/1/9 VIC YD 115260 HAD A BUNKER RECEIVE 50 S/A RDS, 60MM MISSILE FIRED AND FLT TO SUMP AREA.

B. AT 1530H, F/2/9 VIC YD 129141 INITIATED AMBUSH ON 3-4 NVA KILLING 1. THE REMAINDER MOVED NW AND 81MM MORTAR MISSION CALLED ON AREA. AREA WILL BE CHECKED. ADD 1 NVA(C).

C. ADD 1 K-B. AIR VIC YD 237085.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 0900H, F/2/9 VIC YD 125155 FOUND AN AREA WITH HOOCHES WHICH APPEARED TO BE A HOSPITAL FOR ANIMALS, DOCUMENTS, HOUSEHOLD UTENSILS, MILITARY GEAR AND AMMO AND ASSORTED MEDICINES.

B. AT 1210H, K/3/9 VIC YD 196147 FOUND 2 CULTIVATED AREAS 100-100 METERS, SPICES, TOBACCO, BANANAS, SWEET POTATOES AND SQUASH. PLANTS WERE DESTROYED.

C. AT 1245H, K/3/9 VIC YD 205149 FOUND 1 LARGE BUNKER AND 3 STOCK PENS. ALL APPEARED TO BE 3-4 MOS OLD. STRUCTURES DESTROYED.

D. AT 1300H, F/2/9 VIC YD 125155 FOUND FOLLOWING GEAR: 80 30 CAL PISTOL RDS, 1 RPG WARHEAD, 2 BAGS UNIDENTIFIED TABLETS, NUMEROUS EMPTY BOTTLES FOR PENICILLIN & STROPTOMYCIN, 3 BLANKETS, 3 PONCHOS, 8 PAIRS OF WOMENS TROUSERS & SEVERAL WOMENS SHIRTS, 3 SLEEPING BAGS, EMPTY PLASMA BOTTLE, 1 BOX FOR 60MM MORTAR SIGHT, & OTHER MISC GEAR.

E. AT 1345H, K/3/9 VIC YD 194145 FOUND 1 SHELTER 12x20 FT, 1 SHELTER 15x30 FT, 2 BUNKERS 3x8 FT, 200 LBS OF RICE, 20 LBS OF CORN, 500 LBS POTATOES, PARTS FOR AK-47'S, 1 LB TNT AND MISC LIVESTOCK. BUNKERS & GEAR DESTROYED & LIVESTOCK DESTROYED.

F. AT 1530H, K/3/9 VIC YD 193143 FOUND 3 SHELTERS, 1 12x20 FT. AND 2 15x30 FT. AND 3 BUNKERS 8x4 FT. ALSO FOUND 530 LBS POTATOES, 200 LBS OF RICE, 40 LBS CORN, 1 US CANTEN WITH KEROSENE, 2 IVA CANTENS, 1 WITH GAS, 1 AK MAG, ASSORTED MEDICINE, 30 LEAVES OF KILLERMAN, 9 LETTERS FOR PRINTING PRESS & ASSORTED DOCUMENTS. DESTROYED ALL BUT INTELL ITEMS.

G. AT 1545H, H/2/9 VIC YD 131201 FOUND 2 HUTS, ONE 50x25 FT. AND ONE 8x8 FT. ALSO 1 BUNKER 3x6 FT. AREA APPEARED RECENTLY USED. ALSO FOUND 2 AK-47 MAGS WITH ROUNDS, 4 BLASTING CAPS, 25 FT OF DET CORD, 250 5 CENT INDO CHINA COINS, 124 20 CENT COINS, 24 BASKETS AND OTHER MISC HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. ALSO 16 ARROWS & 1 BOTTLE OF VITAMINS. AMBUSH WILL BE SET IN AREA TONIGHT & HUTS DESTROYED TOMORROW.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 1 WIAE 10 WIAWE 5
B. ENEMY: KIA(C) 13 DETAINEES: TOTAL 1
C. ENG 27 CSWC 2

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DRAFTED: 3W/CL: rjl

RELEASED BY: C.L. WIESCAMP 1/LT.

IMMEDIATE _____ 2 JAN 69

FROM: HINUMBAR

TO: CG, P. ROTEL

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SITREP NR 30 OF DEWEY CANYON FROM 301800H-302400H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY: AT 1630H, K/3/9 VIC YD 194141 FOUND 1 HUT, 12x20 FT CONTAINING 10 LBS OF LEAD PRINTERS TYPE, SEVERAL INK SOAKED RAGS, 1 WOODEN BOX 6x6x2 FT WITH COMPARTMENTS, 2 CANS POSSIBLY INK, 1 WOODEN STAMP WITH WRITING ON ONE SIDE & PICTURE OF HO CHI MINH ON REVERSE, 270 LBS. OF POTATOES, 50 LBS OF CORN, 55 LBS. OF RICE & MISC LIVESTOCK. ALSO FOUND 1 RIFLE & SEVERAL BLASTING CAPS & MISC DOCUMENTS. SALVAGABLE GEAR WILL BE KEPT. ADD 1 IWC.

B. LATE REPORT: AT 1200H, G/2/9 VIC YD 109139 FOUND 5 STRAW HOOCHES & 5 BUNKERS 5x10 FT, 6 BAGS OF CORN & RICE, VARIOUS TOOLS & CLOTHING ITEMS, 20 YARDS OF CLOTH, MISC COOKING & HOUSEKEEPING GEAR, 1 AK-47 MAGAZINE, 2 SKS RIFLE, 1 CHICOM GRENADE, 1 CHINESE SUB-MACHINE GUN, 600 AK-50 RDS, 1 M-79 RD & 7 RDS OF 7.92MM AMMO & VARIOUS LIVESTOCK. HOOCHES WERE BURNED & SOME OF GEAR DESTROYED. ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO EXTRACT LIVESTOCK. ADD 2 IWC.

C. AT 1400H, F/2/9 VIC YD 124157 CONTINUED TO FIND GEAR AT HOSPITAL SITE INCLUDING 100 IODINE TABS, 10 VIALS OF B12 VITAMINS, OTHER ASSORTED NEEDLES & CAPSULES, 2 MEDICAL BOOKS, 13 SLEEPING BAGS, MOSQUITO NETS, 3 NVA CANTEENS & VARIOUS MALE & FEMALE CLOTHING. SAMPLES OF GEAR TURNED OVER TO ED-2.

D. VIC YD 134148 COLORADO MIKE AO REPORTED 2 SECONDARY FIRES AFTER AIR STRIKE.

E. AT 1855H, H/2/9 VIC YD 125205 FOUND 8 HUTS AND CULTIVATED RICE FIELDS IN AREA. WILL SET IN AMBUSH IN MORNING.

F. AT 1844H, F/2/9 PATROL VIC YD 133147 RECEIVED SEVERAL RDS OF SNIPER FIRE. CALLED IN 81MM MORTARS & ARTY AND CHECKED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

G. BDA FOR 30 JAN VIC YD 129074 REPORTS 2 BUNKERS & 2 HOOCHES DESTROYED.

H. CP/2/9 REPORTED AO SPOTTED BUNKER COMPLEXES AT YD 137135 AND YD 130123 ALSO 2 BODIES IN AREA YD 134128. F/2/9 DID NOT FIND BODIES BUT WILL CONTINUE SEARCH. BUNKERS AT YD 130123 WERE DESTROYED BY ARTY.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN & DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 1 WIAE 10 WIANE 5
 B. ENEMY: KIA (C) 15 DETAINEES: TOTAL 1
 C. IWC 30 CSWC 2

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NR MTS</u>	<u>NR TMS EMPL</u>	<u>COORD</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
E/2/9	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	YD 09 <u>1</u> 58	<u>N/A</u>
F/2/9	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	YD 12 <u>3</u> 56	<u>N/A</u>
G/2/9	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	YD 10 <u>1</u> 46	<u>N/A</u>
I/3/9	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	YD 16 <u>1</u> 36	<u>N/A</u>

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FROM: NINTH FLAR

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SITREP NR 31 OP DEWEY CANYON FROM 302400H-310600H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:
A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS:
A. A/1/9 HELOLIFTED FROM FSB SHILOH TO FSB CUNNINGHAM.
B. ALL OTHER UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
A. FRIENDLY: KIA 1 WIAE 10 WIANE 5
B. ENEMY: KIA(C) 15 DETAINEES: TOTAL 1
C. YDC 30 CSWC 2

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DRAFTER:JW/GLW:rjk

RELEASED BY:G.L. WIESCAMP 1/LT.

IMMEDIATE

2 JAN 69

FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: CG, TF HOTEL
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SITREP NR 32 OF DEWEY CANYON FROM 310600H-311200H JAN 691. UNIT LOCATIONS:

F/2/9 YD 125047

ALL OTHERS NO CHANGE.

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 0855H, K/3/9 VIC YD 193138 PATROL SAW 1 NVA RUN INTO JUNGLE. FIRED SMALL ARMS AT HIM & HE DROPPED SOME GEAR BUT DID NOT RETURN FIRE. AREA WILL BE SEARCHED.

B. AT 0900H, F/2/9 PATROL VIC YD 132145 SAW 2 ENEMY SOUTH OF THEIR POSITION & FIRED M-79'S & RIFLES WITH NEG RESULTS.

C. AT 1140H, A/1/9 VIC YD 111257 SPOTTED 1 PERSON HEADING TOWARD RIVER. FIRED 60MM MORTARS & M-60 MACHINE GUN WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. AT 0830H, K/3/9 VIC YD 186164 PATROL FOUND 6 SHELTERS, WITH BUNKERS UNDER 4 OF THEM. ALSO FOUND SMALL AMOUNT OF LIVESTOCK AND 2 AK-47'S, 1 SKS & 1 CHINESE SUBMACHINE GUN. BUNKERS & SHELTERS DESTROYED. ADD 4 INC.

B. AT 1015H, H/2/9 VIC YD 121205 PATROL FOUND 4 HUTS, 3 WERE 30x50 FT AND 1 8x8 FT AND 3 STORAGE BUNKERS 4x8 FT AND 4x12 FT, 1 PIG PEN AND FOLLOWING GEAR: 1 AK-47 MAG, 1 82MM RD, MISC GEAR INCLUDING NVA HELMET, US PONCHO, LENGTH OF CHAIN, 60 BASKETS, 150 LBS OF RICE, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS & 3 CHICKENS. AREA WILL BE DESTROYED. INTELL GEAR WILL BE RETAINED FOR EXTRA CTION.

C. IN REFERENCE TO SIT REP # 30 PARA 4H ADD 2 NVA(C).

D. AT 0930H, H/2/9 PATROL VIC YD 125205 FOUND 1 STORAGE HUT 8x10 FT, STORAGE BUNKER 4x4 FT, & FOUR 1-MAN HUTS. ALSO FOUND 1 LARGE FIELD WITH PEPPER TREES & SQUASH AND 60 S/A RDS, OF UNKNOWN CALIBER, 50 LBS OF RICE, MISC FIELD TOOLS, 1 LB OF METERS & DOCUMENTS, SEVERAL INDO CHINESE COINS, 1 SEAT BELT FROM HELICOPTER & 20 LBS OF CHAIN. AREA & UNIMPORTANT GEAR WILL BE DESTROYED.

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E. AT 1030H, E/2/9 VIC YD 080153 FOUND 1 4x4 FT BUNKER, 2 BUNKERS 2x2 FT AND 4 OLD HUTS 15x10 FT AND 10x10 FT. TRAIL IN AREA APPEARED NOT TO HAVE BEEN USED RECENTLY.

F. AT 1030H K/3/9 VIC YD 194137 FOUND 3 SHELTERS 14x28 FT, AND 8x12 FT, 2 BUNKERS 3x4x8 FT, 1 SKS BAYONET, 4 AK-47 MAGS, 1 EMPTY MAP CASE & MISC 782 GEAR, HOUSEKEEPING GEAR AND DOCUMENTS. ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE VALUE WILL BE KEPT & REST DESTROYED.

G. AT 1100H, I/3/9 VIC YD 155151 FOUND 4 STRANDS OF COMM WIRE FASTENED TO TREES WITH INSULATORS, RUNNING IN EW DIRECTION, 3 SHELTERS 40x15x15 FT, WITH BUNKERS, 1 OLD BOLT ACTION RIFLE, 25 EMPTY CONTA INERS FOR 82MM FUSES. STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED. ADD 1 IWC.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING DAY ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 4 WIAE 10 WIANE 5
 B. ENEMY: KIA(C) 17 DETAINEES: TOTAL 1
 C. IWC 35 CSWC 2

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DRAFTER: 3W/148M: r Jk

RELEASED BY: M.D. MEMBER 2/LT.

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FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: CG, TF HOTEL

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SITREP NR 33 OF DEWEY CANYON FROM 311200H-311800H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

CP/1/9 VCB

A/1/9 PSB SHILOH

CP/E/2/9 LZ DALLAS

F/2/9 YD 135134

G/2/9 YD 107124

H/2/9 PSB RAZOR

H/2/9 PLT YD 126179

CP/L/3/9 PSB CUNNINGHAM

I/3/9 YD 164136

K-/3/9 YD 201156

K/3/9 PLT YD 203141

M-/3/9 YD 190163

M/3/9 PLT YD 194168

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS MAINTAINED AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. AT 1615H, G/2/9 VIC YD 108127 LEAD ELEMENT TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY 4-5 NVA AT YD 106129 AFTER RETURNING FIRE, ENEMY FLED SOUTHWEST. G/2/9 AGAIN TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY 2-3 ENEMY AT Y D 108127. AT 2ND ENCOUNTER 2 ENEMY KIA'S WERE TAKEN AND FOUND 1 AK-47. ADD 2 NVA KIA(C), 1 FR WIAE, 1 INC.

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE ENTRY: AT 1100H, K/3/9 VIC YD 194136 FOUND 2 SHELTERS 11x25 FT AND 12x25 FT, 3 BUNKERS 2x24 FT AND 4x12x3 FT. ALSO FOUND 1 MODEL 98 MAUSER RIFLE & MISC MEDICINE, COOKING GEAR & DOCUMENTS. ALSO 40 LBS OF POTATOES & 12 CHICKS. GEAR & BUNKERS DESTROYED. DOCUMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO S-2. ADD 1 INC.

B. LATE ENTRY: AT 0830H, M/3/9 VIC YD 186164 FOUND ADDITIONAL GEAR INCLUDING 2 SKS RIFLES, 50 LBS OF FLOUR, 125 LBS OF RICE, ASSORTED MEDICAL GEAR, 2 WOOL BLANKETS, 30 LBS OF MAPPING PAPER, ASSORTED CLOTHING AND RDS, 1 NVA PACK, 1 CARTRIDGE, 2 LOADED AK-47 MAGS & 1 CIGARETTE LIGHTER WITH EAGLE HEAD AND NUMERALS 504 ON IT. GEAR OF INTELL VALUE & WEAPONS KEPT. ADD 2 INC.

C. AT 1300H, I/3/9 VIC YD 157147 FOUND 3 BODIES PARTIALLY BURIED & WITHOUT CLOTHES. EVIDENCE SHOWED THEY HAD BEEN DRAGGED FROM AREA OF I/3/9 CONTACT ON 29 JAN AND SHOWED EVIDENCE OF BEING KILLED BY SMALL ARMS FIRE. ADD 3 NVA KIA(C).

D. AT 1400H, F/2/9 VIC YD 130135 FOUND 10 HOTS WITH INCOMING HOLES ALSO FOUND GRAVE WITH 1 BODY WHICH APPEARED TO BE 1 WEEK OLD. ADD 1 KIA(C).

E. AT 1545H, G/2/9 VIC YD 110128 RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM 4 ENEMY. G/2/9 RETURNED FIRE, ENEMY MOVED SOUTH.

F. AT 1615H, D/2/12 VIC YD 209130 FIRED ON 3 NVA. RESULTS: 1 NVA KIA(C).

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEF'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA	<u>1</u>	WIAE	<u>11</u>	WIAE	<u>5</u>
B. ENEMY: KIA(G)	<u>5</u>	DETAINES:	TOTAL	<u>1</u>	
C. INC	<u>39</u>	CSVC	<u>2</u>		

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DRAFTER: 3W/MBM:r jr

RELEASED BY: N.B. MEYER 2/LT.

IMMEDIATE

2 JAN 69

FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: CG, TF HOTEL
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SITREP NR 34 OF DEWEY CANYON FROM 311800H-312400H JAN 69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS:

F/2/9 YD 160135

ALL OTHER UNITS NO CHANGE

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS:

A. ALL UNITS DEP'D AND MAINTAINED POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS.

3. ENEMY CONTACTS:

A. LATE ENTRY: AT 1515H, "EARLY FLOWER" RECON TEAM VIC YD 179254 MADE CONTACT & KILLED 1 NVA. ADD 1 NVA(C).

4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

A. LATE REPORT: AT 1220H, A/1/9 PSB SHILOH (YD 107269) HAD 5 MONTAGNARDS, 1 MAN, 1 WOMAN, 2 BOYS, 1 GIRL TURN THEMSELVES IN. ADD 5 DETAINEES:

B. AT 1445H, K/3/9 VIC YD 195135 FOUND 5 SHELTERS, 5 BUNKERS, 120 LBS OF POTATOES, MISC MILITARY GEAR, HOUSEHOLD GEAR AND CLOTH. ING. ALL WAS DESTROYED.

C. AT 1415H, I/3/9 VIC YD 165134 FOUND 4 BUNKERS, 4 SHELTERS, BELIEVED TO BE A MESS HALL, 900 LBS OF RICE, MISC MILITARY GEAR, 3 RUSSIAN SKS CARBINES, 300 CARBINE RDS, CLOTHING, DOCUMENTS. CARBINES, DOCUMENTS, CLOTHING TO BE FORWARDED. SHELTERS AND BUNKERS DESTROYED. ADD 3 IWC.

D. AT 1700H, K/3/9 VIC YD 195132 FOUND 4 SHELTERS, AND 5 BUNKERS, 1600 LBS OF RICE, 500 LBS OF POTATOES, 50 LBS OF CORN, 50 LBS OF BEANS, 1 MAUSER M-98 RIFLE, 1 NVA SUBMACHINE GUN MODEL 50, 2 0 BLASTING CAPS, 1 CHIOM GRENADE, MISC HOUSEHOLD ITEMS. ADD 2 IWC.

5. PLANS:

A. ALL UNITS WILL MAINTAIN AND DEP'D POS WHILE CONDUCTING NIGHT ACTS. D-4, J-5, U-6, CC-4, EE-1.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:

A. FRIENDLY: KIA 1 WIAE 11 WIAE 5

B. ENEMY: KIA(C) 33 DETAINEES: TOTAL 6

C. IWC 11 OSWC 2

7. SCOUT SNIPER REPORT:

UNIT	NR TNS	NR TNS ENPL	COORD	RESULTS
F/2/9	1	1	YD 160137	N/A
F/2/9	1	1	YD 135134	N/A
G/2/9	1	1	YD 107124	N/A
I/3/9	1	1	YD 164136	N/A

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1. DAWSON RIVER, #7, 31 Dec/1 Jan
2. DAWSON RIVER WEST, #1-18, 1-19 Jan
3. DAWSON RIVER SOUTH/DEWEY CANYON, #1-12, 19-31 Jan

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SECTION: S-2 NINTH MARINES
DRAFTER: *[Signature]*
RELEASER: L. L. LYON

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FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
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1. S-2 9TH MARINES INTSUM #1 OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH
2. 191800H - 201800H JAN 69
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES:

RE: GROUND ACTIVITY:

(1) 192045H, B/1/9 SIGHTED AA FIRE AT 4800 AND 3500 MILS AT AN ESTIMATED DISTANCE OF 15,000 METERS. FO ATTEMPTING RESECTION. (SOR 3)

(2) 192315H, D/1/9 AT VCB HEARD A .45 CAL SHOT THAT CAME FROM WITHIN THE PERIMETER. AGAIN AT 200210H, THEY HEARD 3 SHOTS FROM A M-16 COMING FROM THE SAME AREA. AREA WAS INVESTIGATED W/NEG RESULTS.

(3) 201145H, K/3/9 (YD 092017) FOUND 2 BADLY ROTTEN GRASS HOPS, 15 DEFUSED CHICOM GRENADES, 2 SETS OF EAR PHONES AND 1 HAND SET. GRENADES ARE OF 5 DIFFERENT TYPES. ONE OF EACH KIND WILL BE FORWARDED TO S-2. REMAINDER DESTROYED. (SOR 7). AREA APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN USED AS WORK SHOP PR CLASS ROOM. ALSO FOUND 1 EMPTY .30 CAL AMMO BOX, AND 1 FISH BASKET. ROCKS HAD BEEN STACKED FOR USE AS SEATS. AREA HAS NO WELL USED TRAILS, CONTINUED TO CHECK OUT AREA.

4. CUMULATIVE LOSSES FOR OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH

ENEMY KIA: 0
DETAINEES: 0
WEAPONS: 0

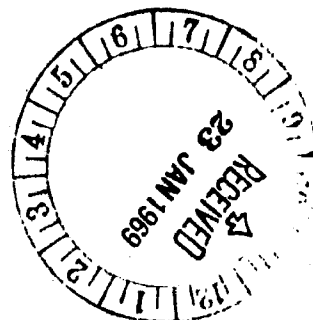
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SECTION: S-2 9TH MARINES

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RELEASES: A. C. BURNOUGHES

IMMEDIATE 220310Z 7 JAN 69

FROM: S-2 NINTH MARINES
 TO: CG TASK FORCE HOEL
 CG THIRD MARDIV
 FIRST BN NINTH MAR
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 THIRD BN NINTH MAR

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1. S-2 9TH MARINES HINSON #2 OPERATION DANGON RIVER SOUTH
2. 201800H - 211800H JAN 69
3. SUMMARY OF FIELD ACTIVITIES

A. GROUND ACTIVITIES

(1) 211000H L/3/9 (XD 052326) FOUND A TRAIL 2-4 FT WIDE RUNNING SOUTH. UNIT FOLLOWED TRAIL 250 METERS. TRAIL WAS VERY OLD BUT HAD RECENT BAREFOOT AND TENNIS SHOE TRACKS. NO OTHER FINDINGS.

4. CUMULATIVE LOSSES FOR OPERATION DANGON RIVER SOUTH:

ENEMY KIA: 0
 DETAINEES: 0
 WEAPONS: 0

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SECTION: S-2 9TH MARINES

DRAFTER: J. R. DINANT

RELEASER: A. C. BURROUGHS

IMMEDIATE _____ Z JAN 69

FROM: NINTH MARINES
 TO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
 CG THIRD MARDIV
 FIRST BN NINTH MAR
 SECOND BN NINTH MAR
 THIRD BN NINTH MAR

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PERISHABLE INFO. DO NOT SERVICE

1. S-2 9TH MARINES INTBOM # 3 OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH

2. 211800H - 221800H JAN 69

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES

A. GROUND ACTIVITIES

(1) 220845H 1/3/69 (YD 110398) FOUND MACHINE USED TO GRIND RICE
 CONSISTING OF 1 (ONE) SQUARE BOWL 18"x18"x11" PEDISTLE APPROX ONE
 YEAR OLD AND DETERIORATED DUE TO TERMITES (SOR 7)

(2) 221115H 1/3/69 (YD 118398) FOUND 6 PRACTICALLY DESTROYED
 HOOCHES, 20X7X5, APPROX 1 YR OLD, NO TRAILS IN OR OUT OF AREA.
 DESTROYED HOOCHES (SOR 7)

(3) 221145H 2/9 (YD 143187) - (YD 152178) HEARD SMALL ARMS FIRE
 AT GRID (YD 152178); NO IMPACT AT LZ RAZOR, MUST HAVE FIRED AT
 HELLO, AREA LOOKED GOOD, HAVE STARTED CONSTRUCTION OF LZ, REQ
 GUNSHIPS WORK IN AREA, GUNSHIPS WERE RUN INTO AREA, GOOD COVERAGE
 NEGATIVE SMALL ARMS AT THIS TIME.

(4) 221600H K/3/69 FOUND ON SIDE OF TRAIL 1 VERY OLD UNICOM GRE-
 NADE, BOOBY TRAPED, TRIP WIRE RUNNING ACROSS TRAIL, GRENADE WAS
 APPROX 6-9 MO OLD AND VERY RUSTY, DESTROYED GRENADE (SOR 7)

(5) 221800H 2/9 FROM (YD 143187) TO (YD 185159) FOUND TRAIL
 NETWORK AND 10-15 BUNKERS, RAN AIR STRIKES RESULTING IN SECONDARY
 FIRE, (SOR 38).

4. CUMULATIVE LOSSES FOR OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTHWEST CANYON -

ENEMY KIS: 0
 DETAINEES: 0
 WEAPONS: 0

5-15 NEGATIVE
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SECTION: S-2 9TH MARINES

DRAFTER: *S. R. D. D. ANT*

RELEASES: A. C. BURROUGHS

IMMEDIATE _____ 2 JAN 69

FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
CG THIRD MARDIV
FIRST BN NINTH MAR
SECOND BN NINTH MAR
THIRD BN NINTH MAR

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PERISHABLE INFO. DO NOT SERVICE

1. S-2 9TH MARINES INTSUM #1 OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH

2. 221800H - 231800H JAN 69

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES

A. GROUND ACTIVITIES

(1) 231500H 8/2/9 REPORTED HEARING AN FIRE COMING FROM YD 1516
GRID, AREA UNOBSERVED SO NO FIRE MISSION CALLED.

4. CUMULATIVE LOSSES FOR OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH/DEWEY CANYON

ENEMY KIA: 0

DETAINEES: 0

WEAPONS: 0

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SECTION: S-2 9th MARINES

DRAFTER: P. W. LEACH

RELEASER: L. L. ETCHO

IMMEDIATE 2 JAN 69

FROM: NINTH MARINES
 TO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
 CG THIRD MARDIV
 FIRST BN NINTH MAR
 SECOND BN NINTH MAR
 THIRD BN NINTH MAR

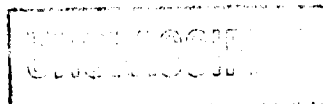
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1. S-2 9TH MARINES INTSUM # 5 OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH/
 DEWEY CANYON
 (EFFECTIVE 221830H JAN 69, OPERATION DEWEY CANYON BEGAN IN
 9TH MARINES AO. OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH STILL IN EFFECT FOR
 1/K/3/9. INTSUM'S WILL COVER BOTH AREAS.)
2. 231800H - 241800H JAN 69
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES

A. GROUND ACTIVITIES

- (1) 232115H, 2/9 SPOTTED AA FIRE FROM LZ PUFF IN TWO
 DIRECTIONS. AZIMUTH 22 DEGREES AND AZIMUTH 240 DEGREES. APPROX
 RANGE 6-8 KILOMETERS. (SOR 3)
- (2) 241310H, 2/9 (YD 086205) FOUND STRUCTURE WITH FIREWOOD
 AND BANANA PEELINGS SCATTERED AROUND AREA. STRUCTURE HOLDS APPROX
 12 PERSONS. PEELINGS APPROX 3 DAYS OLD. DESTROYED STRUCTURE.
- (3) 241345H, 2/9 (YD 122187) FOUND 4 STRUCTURES APPROX 1
 MONTH OLD. ALSO ANIMAL TRACKS AROUND AREA. ALL STRUCTURES APPROX
 8X5 FT W/FIGHTING HOLES. ONE STRUCTURE HAD OBSERVATION OF 1000
 METERS NORTH AND 700 METERS SOUTH OF DA KRONG RIVER. BELOW LISTED
 ITEMS FOUND IN AREA: 1 CLAYMORE MINE W/WIRE, 1/4 LB TNT, 1/4 LB
 C-4, 2 CROSSBOWS, 2 PAIR NVA BOOTS, 5 PAIR NVA TROUSERS, 5 LBS CORN,
 200 LBS WHEAT, 5 LBS RICE, 50 LBS GREEN TOBACCO, 1 CANTEN, 25
 CHICKENS. DESTROYED ALL FOOD, CHICKENS AND GEAR. (SOR 7, 51)
- (4) 241400H, A/1/9 (YD 122279) FOUND GARDENS AND MANY TRAILS
 THROUGHOUT THIS AREA. TRAILS RUN FROM TOP OF RIDGE (YD 119280 TO
 YD 132248) THEN BRANCHES OFF IN MANY DIRECTIONS. FOUND NLF PROPAGANDA
 PAPERS AT (YD 118272), WHICH READ "HAPPY NEW YEAR 1969" AND "GET
 OUT NOW". (SOR 56).
- (5) 241700H, E/2/9 (YD 143188) FOUND 11 SLEEPING OR STORAGE
 SIZE STRUCTURES 6X3 FT., SIX MONTHS OLD AND NEVER USED. TRAILS IN
 AREA 5-6 DAYS OLD. DESTROYED STRUCTURES. (SOR 4).



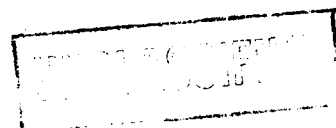
4. CUMULATIVE LOSSES FOR OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH/DEWEY CANYON:

ENEMY KIA: 0
DETAINEES: 0
WEAPONS: 0

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SECTION: 3 9TH MARINES

DRAFTER: P. W. LEACH

RELEASER: L. L. ETOHO

DATE: 2 JAN 1969

FROM: NINTH MARINES
 TO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
 CG THIRD MARDIV
 FIRST BN NINTH MAR
 SECOND BN NINTH MAR
 THIRD BN NINTH MAR

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S-2 9TH MARINES INTSUM # 6 OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH/
 DEWNEY CANYON

2. 241800H - 251800H JAN 69

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES:

A. GROUND ACTIVITIES:

(1) 251130H, E/2/9, (YD 170194 - YD 165185) FIRST PLATOON
 MADE CONTACT AT (YD 165185). SECOND PLATOON WHILE MOVING TO JOIN
 THE FIRST PLATOON MADE CONTACT AT (YD 170194). AIR AND 81MM MSN
 CALLED. RESULTS: 1 NVA KIA (C). Recovered 1 AK-47, 3 SKS RIFLES,
 DOCUMENTS AND 1 TRANSMITTER. (SOR 38) 1 NVA KIA (C), 4 IWC.

(2) 251130H, K/3/9 (YD 198157) FOUND PUNJI TRAPS 3X3X3 FT
 WITH 6 PUNJI STAKES. PITS APPEAR TWO DAYS OLD. DESTROYED PITS.
 (SOR 62).

(3) 251405H, M/3/9 (YD 210163) OPENED FIRE ON 1 NVA APPROX
 350 METERS AWAY. NVA RETURNED FIRE W/15-20 RDS AK-47 FIRE. FOUND
 1 FRESH FIGHTING HOLE 3X4X2 FT. ABOVE HOLE FOUND 4 STRANDS COMM WIRE
 ATTACHED TO 2 PORCELAIN INSULATORS IN TREE. FIRST WIRE 20 FT ABOVE
 GROUND, OTHERS AT 1 FT INTERVALS. WIRE RUNS FROM (YD 210163) AT
 45 DEGREE ANGLE, THEN RUNS NORTH. BARK HAS GROWN OVER STRAPS THAT
 HOLD INSULATORS TO TREES. THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS WERE FOUND ON TREE,
 4 FT ABOVE GROUND. 1/47B. (SOR 2, 38).

(4) 250900H, E/2/9 (YD 161185) FOUND NVA STORAGE AREA. FOUND
 BELOW LISTED GEAR: 20 AK-47 MAGAZINES, 180 SMALL ARMS RDS, 85 AA RDS,
 3 CHICOM GRENADES, 8 GALLONS SOYBEAN OIL, 25 LBS SALT, 100 LBS RICE,
 4 BAYONETS, 20 LBS EDIBLE ROOTS, 150 FT TIME FUSE, MISC. CLOTHING,
 100 PACKS COFFEE, MISC. MEDICINE, DOCUMENTS, DIARY, PERSONAL LETTER,
 PHOTOS AND NEGATIVES, 1 CIVILIAN TYPE RADIO, 1 82MM MORTAR SIGHT,
 19 SCOPE SIGHTS, 1 PAIR NVA BINOCULARS, 1 TELEGRAPH TRANSMISSION
 COMMUNICATION SET, 1 EMPTY LOW PRESSURE OXYGEN TANK, TYPE AG,
 INSIGNIA TYPE MEDAL WORN ON UNIFORM, NVA TYPE STAR, SCRAF W/COG W/
 WINGS, GEAR WAS STORED IN CONTAINERS. ALSO FOUND 1 TOOL BOX W/HEAVY
 SCISSORS, 1 PAIR PLIERS, 1 NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS, 1 HAMMER, FILES, AND
 BRUSHES, 1 VOLT METER, 3 SHOVELS, 2 PICKS, 1 PAIR LARGE WIRE CUTTERS.
 RETURNED GEAR TO REGT S-2. (SOR 4, 7, 54).

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(5) 251340H, Recon. In DESERT SANDS (YD 067138) MADE CONTACT UPON INSERTION. EXTRACT HELIOS TOOK FIRE IN AREA AROUND LZ. HEAVY SAF AND AW. RESULTS 2 NVA KIA (C). (SOR 38).

(6) 251630H, K/3/9 (YD 199160) FOUND 1 STRUCTURE 6X8X1 FT APPROX 3 MONTHS OLD. 1 SPIDER HOLE BEHIND STRUCTURE. 1 BUNKER 3X4X5 FT APPROX 2 MONTHS OLD. FOUND 100 LBS RICE. 2 VEGETABLE PATCHES 25X30 FT. FRESHLY CULTIVATED AREA 25X30 FT. FOUND FOLLOWING MARKING ON TREE: "THUAT THV" BELIEVED TO BE TOWN IN NORTH VIETNAM. DESTROYED STRUCTURE AND BUNKER. (SOR 7,54).

(7) 251400H, K/3/9 (YD 192156) OBSERVED 6 NVA RUNNING SE DOWN A RIDGE FINGER AWAY FROM POSITION. 5 APPEARED TO BE CARRYING PACKS. NO FURTHER SIGHTINGS. (SOR 38).

4. CUMULATIVE LOSSES FOR OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH DEWEY CANYON:

ARMY KIA: 3
DETAINEES: 0
WEAPONS: 4 IWC

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SECTION:
S-E 9TH MARINES

DRAFTER: P.M. TRACH

RELEASER: L. G. ETCHO

TIME/DATE: Z JAN 1969

FROM: NINTH MARINES
TO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
CG THIRD MARDIV
FIGHT BN NINTH MAR
SECOND BN NINTH MAR
THIRD BN NINTH MAR

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1. S-E 9TH MARINES INTSUM # 7 OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH/
DEWEY CANYON

2. 251800H - 261800H JAN 69

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES:

AT GROUND ACTIVITIES:

(1) 252245H, E/2/9 (YD 167187) HAD MOVEMENT AROUND THEIR NIGHT POSITION. ARTY MSN WAS CALLED AND THE NOISE SUBSIDED FOR APPROX 35 MINUTES, THEN STARTED AGAIN. CALLED ANOTHER ARTY MSN. (SOR 38).

(2) 260305H, M/3/9 (YD 200234) DETECTED MOVEMENT AND RECEIVED 2 BOOMING CHICOM GRENADES. RETURNED 2 M-26 GRENADES TOWARD MOVEMENT. CHECKED AREA W/NEGATIVE RESULTS. (SOR 38).

(3) 260830H, G/2/9 (YD 093200) RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE AND 3 CHICOM GRENADES FROM 3-4 GROUPS OF 2 MEN EACH. RETURNED FIRE W/NEG RESULTS. ENEMY CAME FROM SW DIRECTION. CALLED ARTY MSN AND AC ON STATION. (SOR 38).

FOUND 3 AK-47 MAGAZINES, 58 RDS, 1 RIFLE GRENADE. DESTROYED GEAR.

(4) 260745H, M/3/9 (YD 190168) FIRED ON 3 NVA MOVING UP TRAIL APPROX 40 METERS AWAY. 1 NVA WENT DOWN AND WAS DRAGGED OFF BY THE OTHER 2. 1 NVA (KIA (C)). FOUND 1 AK-47, 1 NVA BUSH HAT, 1 PAIR SANDALS. (SOR 38). 1 NVA KIA (C). 1 IWC.

(5) 261030H, F/2/9 (YD 115190) FOUND 5 BUNKERS, 10 FIGHTING HOLES, AND 1 RAFT THAT WAS 50 FT LONG, WELL CONSTRUCTED AND USED LAST 3-4 HOURS. DESTROYED BUNKERS AND RAFT. (SOR 4).

(6) 261215H, M/3/9 (YD 199179) RECEIVED FIRE FROM 2 NVA. RETURNED SAF, CALLED ARTY MSN W/GOOD COVERAGE. (SOR 38).

(7) 261930H, K/3/9 (YD 194161) FOUND CULTIVATED AREA 30X50 FEET WITH MELONS AND TUBEROUS ROOTS. 1 STRUCTURE 10X15 FT. INSIDE STRUCTURE FOUND 3 NVA E-TOOLS, 3 CUTTING KNIVES, BAMBOO CARPET AND 2 BUNCHES OF BANANAS. ANIMAL TRACKS ALL AROUND AREA. WHILE BURNING STRUCTURES, APPROX 50 RDS OF SMALL ARMS AMMO EXPLODED. (SOR 7, 54).

(8) 261025H, M/3/9 (YD 192176) FOUND 1 ROLLS STEEL WIRE, 100 FT PER ROLL, 1 ROLLS COPPER WIRE, 100 FT, 1 SET OF WALKING SHOES, 1 FOOTPRINT IN TRAIL LEADING EAST. DESTROYED ALL WIRE BY DMO. (SOR 2, 4, 7)

(9) 260845H, M/3/9 (YD 192168) FOUND THE BELOW LISTED GEAR: 1 SMALL BAG CONTAINING NVA CURRENCY AND CLOTHING, 1 KETTLE OF COOKED POTATOES, 1 POT W/SPICES, ASSORTED RAW VEGETABLES, 1 BASKET, MISC. NVA CLOTHING, 1 NVA MACHETTE, WRITING GEAR, RETURNING CURRENCY, DESTROYED ALL OTHER GEAR. (SOR 7).

(10) 261230H, M/3/9 (YD 186161) FOUND 5 STRUCTURES 8X8X8 FT, 1 BUNKERS 4X2X4 FT. APPEARED TO BE 1 YEAR OLD. AT (YD 187165) TRAIL JUNCTION, TRAILS GOING EAST, NORTH AND WEST. 1 CLOTHES LINE 20 METERS LONG BETWEEN TREES. THE TREES HAD THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS ON THEM: 138133 AND 139133. DESTROYED STRUCTURES, BUNKERS AND GEAR. (SOR 4, 7).

(11) 261520H, M/3/9 (YD 187161) FOUND 2 STRUCTURES W/2 NVA GEAR. ATTEMPTED TO RUN, 1 NVA KIA (C). TRYING TO CAPTURE OTHER GEAR. ALSO FOUND 2 SKS RIFLES. (SOR 38) 1 NVA KIA (C), 2 IWC.

(12) 261600H, E/2/9 (YD 174188-YD162184-YD170180) FOUND 1 GRAVE MARKER 27-9-68 AND WELL TRAVELLED TRAILS AT (YD 174188). CAMPSITE AND WELL USED TRAILS AT (YD 162184), 1 CASE OF (3) 82MM MORTAR RDS AT (YD 170180) WILL RETURN RDS. (SOR 4, 7) 1 NVA KIA (C).

(13) 261530H, F/2/9 (YD 112190) FOUND 1 3X5 FT BUNKER BEHIND 14X10 FT STRUCTURE AND MISC GEAR. 1 - 20MM CARTRIDGE, 2 TRAPPING NETS, BASKETS, BOTTLES, CIVILIAN CLOTHES, DESTROYED BUNKER, STRUCTURE, AND GEAR. (SOR 4, 7, 54).

(14) 261130H, H/2/9 (YD 119189) FOUND 1 - 200 LB SOW W/8 PIGS. WILL EXTRACT. (SOR 7, 54).

(15) 261100H, K/3/9 (YD 192157) FOUND 11 STRUCTURES 8X8X8 FT AND FOLLOWING GEAR: 4 1/2 LBS TNT, 400 LBS RICE, 150 LBS CORN, 50 LBS POTATOES, 30 LBS GRAIN, 25 PIGS, 10 CHICKENS, 1 PONCHO, 1 CARBINE 7.62 (SOVIET), 1 AK MAGAZINE, 3 FT TIME FUSE, 1 RIFLE 1935 FRENCH BOLT ACTION, 9 BUNKERS 5X4X4 FT, 10 - 7.62MM RDS, ASSORTED MEDICINE, ASSORTED DOCUMENTS, MISC. CLOTHING. DESTROYED BUNKERS, STRUCTURES, FOOD, SOME LIVESTOCK, DESTROYED ALL GEAR EXCEPT INTELLIGENCE ITEMS. (SOR 4, 7, 54). 2 IWC.

(16) 261130H, H/2/9 (YD 120188, YD 116186) FOUND 1 STRUCTURE 6X8 FT AND 4 SETS TRACKS LEADING TO RIVER. FOUND PART OF CLAYMORE MINE AND BASKET, FISHING GEAR. DESTROYED STRUCTURE AND GEAR. (SOR 7, 54).

(17) 261600H, F/2/9 (YD 116185) FOUND 4 STRUCTURES 11X6 FT WITH BUNKER 1 - 6X4 FT, 2 - 8X6 FT AND MISC GEAR. 1 - 7.92MM GERMAN MAUSER 1941, 1 FOOT LOCKER CONTAINING BASKETS AND GOURDS, 1 LETTER POUCH AND MISC. PAPERS. DESTROYED BUNKERS, STRUCTURES AND GEAR. RETURNING PAPERS. (SOR 7, 54). 1 IWC.

(18) 201400H, K/3/9 (YD 203164) FOUND 2 STRUCTURAL BOXES 12 FT WITH BOMBS UNDERNEATH. 1 BOMBER 4X3X3 FT. THE OTHER 10X8X5 FT. ALSO FOUND FOLLOWING GEAR: 2 SKS RIFLES, NVA WRITING GEAR, ASSORTED CLOTHING, 1 NVA B-FOOL, 10 CHLCON GRENADES, 1 NVA CANTER, 1 CUP COOKED RICE, 1 M-26 GRENADE, 155 LBS RICE, BASKETS, 2 STOCK CANS 6X10X8", 3X3X2", 30 BBS 7.62MM, 3 WOOL BLANKETS, 2 AK MAGAZINES, 1 STRINGED INSTRUMENT, MISC MEDICINE. BURNED HOOTCHES AND DESTROYED LINTERS. FOOD AND ALL OTHER GEAR EXCEPT INTELLIGENCE MATTER. (SOR 7.54).

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(19) 201400H, K/3/9 (YD 204164) SECURED LZ FOR MEDEVAC. WHILE ATTEMPTING MEDEVAC, SAW 6 NVA IN GREEN SHIRT AND SHORTS. NVA RETRED SAF AND MOVED BACK. RETURNED SAF AND CALLED ARTY MSN. (SOR 36)

(20) 201400H, K/3/9 (YD 203164) MADE CONTACT WITH 3 NVA THAT FIRED SAF. NVA LEAPED FROGGED BACK TO HIGH GROUND FIRING SAF AS DELAYING ACTION. CHASED NVA FOR 75 METERS. CALLED ARTY MSN. (SOR 38).

4. CUMULATIVE LOSSES FOR OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH; DEWEY CANYON:

ENEMY KIA: 6
 DETAINEES: 0
 WEAPONS: 10 IWC

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SECTION: 802 NINTH MARINES

DRAFTER: P. W. LEACH

RELEASER: L. L. ETONO

IMMEDIATE 4 JAN 1969

FROM: NINTH MARINES
 TO: 00 BASH FORCE HOTEL
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802 NINTH MARINES INTSUM # 8 OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH/
 DEWEY CANYON

2. 261800H - 271800H JAN 1969
 3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES:
 A. GROUND ACTIVITIES:

(1) 262025H, G/2/9 (YD 096184) FOUND 2 STRUCTURES AND SEVERAL
 OLD DOCUMENTS DATED 1965. APPEARS TO BE DIARY AND NOTE BOOK. FOUND
 6 AR RDS, MISC. CLOTHING, 1 LARGE PIG, 2 SMALL PIGS. DESTROYED
 ANIMALS AND STRUCTURES. RETURNING DOCUMENT. (SOR 54).

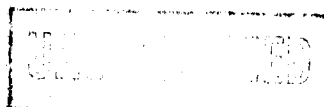
(2) 262800H, Recon Tm CHURCH VIEW (YD 065157) HAD HEAVY CONTACT
 ALL DAY. UPON EXTRACTION RECEIVED HEAVY FIRE. RESULTS 1 NVA KIA (C).
 (SOR 38).

(3) 262850H, M/3/9 (YD 166136) SPOTTED 2 NVA IN BOMB CRATER.
 CALLED ARTY MSN GETTING DIRECT HIT. WILL CHECK AREA. (SOR 38).

(4) 273025H, K/3/9 (YD 194167) FOUND FOLLOWING MARKS ON TREES:
 CA I (1st Company); CA III (III Public Security); VAO DAY (Enter here)
 ARROW POINTING WEST DOWN TRAIL. ALSO FOUND 1 BUNKERS 5X1X3, 1 REAR
 FACILITY W/OVERHEAD COVER, 1 NVA STRUCTURE 20X10 FT, 2 RPG LAUNCHERS,
 1 RPG RD, 1 AR MAGAZINE, 10 M-79 RDS, 2 LBS TNT, 1 NVA PACK, 1
 CONTAINER FOR .50 CAL AMMO. DESTROYED BUNKERS AND GEAR. (SOR 7, 51).
 2 GWC.

(5) 270900H, L/3/9 (YD 183143) FOUND CAMOUFLAGED WALL MADE OF
 STICKS AND LEAVES, APPEARED 1 WEEK OLD. ALSO FOUND TREE USED FOR
 OBSERVATION, THAT HAS GOOD VIEW OF VALLEY TO NORTHEAST. DESTROYED
 WALL. (SOR 15).

(6) 262300H, M/3/9 (YD 190162) OBSERVED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF NVA
 MOVING TOWARD LP, FIRED AT NVA AND OBSERVED 2 FALL. FIRED 60MM MKN.
 CHECKED ARE AT FIRST LIGHT, FOUND LEAVES AND PIECES OF BARK W/BLOOD,
 ALSO BLOOD TRAIL LEADING FROM LP. (SOR 38).



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• (7) 2X 40LB. (2X 40LBS) BOTTLE 1 1/2" DIAM. (15X2) 30 E.P.
W/ ASSORTED COCKING AND HOUSEHOLD UTENSILS, 2 DISH & TOWELS, 1 4X
HANDTOWEL, 1 PAIR BLK. GLOVES, 1 BLACK SHIRT, BAGGED AREA IN STEAM.
DES MOBILE & RUSTURE AND GRAB. (BOX 54).

(8) 2/22/50, M/3/C (YD 184132) FOUND 8 METAL MAN-SIZED TARGETS APPEARING TO BE PRACTICE TRAINING TARGETS HIDDEN UNDER BRUSH. DESTROYED. (COR 4).

(9) 270410N, E/2/S (YD 153183) FOLLOWED TRAIL AND FOUND FRESHLY
DUG UNFINISHED FIGHTING HOLES 3 TO 5 DAYS OLD, APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN
MADE IN A HURRY.

(10) 27445H. M/3/9 (YD 180160) FOUND 200 LBS RICE IN 3 BURLAP BAGS. RICE WAS UNHUSKED, ALSO 1 BASKET OF HUSKED RICE. DESTROYED. (SAC 54).

(11) 27305H, M/3/9 (YD 188150) FOUND 1 LARGE ETHEL OF YOUNG CORN,
2 ACRES, ABOUT 2 FT TALL. DID NOT DESTROY.

(12) 27-085H, K/3/9 (YD 195166) FOUND 800 FT COMM WIRE, 2 BUNDLES OF CLOTHING AND 4 AK-47 MAGAZINES (10 RDS PER MAGAZINE) DESTROYED. (SNA 54).

(13) 27.400H, M/3/9 (YD 177156) RECEIVED SAF FROM 1 NVA 300 METERS
AWAY. RETURNED SAF AND CALLED IN 60MM MORTAR MSN, W/GOOD COVERAGE.
(S 38).

REF: (14) 27700H, M/3/9 (YD 182158) FOUND NVA STRUCTURES 20X30X12 FT.
BY 20 INCHES OF MUD, 2 SWINGING DOORS, 3 WINDOWS, PARTITIONED
OFF INTO 3 ROOMS, ONE FOR STORAGE, OTHERS CAPABLE OF SLEEPING 6 PERSONS.
M/3/9. GEAR, 500 LBS RICE ON MATS IN BASKETS AND IN BAGS, 20 LBS ASSORTED
VEGETABLES, ASSORTED DOCUMENT, 4 EMPTY AMMO BELTS. DESTROYED STRUCTURE
AND GEAR. (SOR 4,7,54).

4. CUMULATIVE LOSSES FOR OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH/DEWEY CANYON:

ENEMY KIA: 6

DETAILED: 0

WEAPONS: 12 ~~22~~ IWC.

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SECTION: 0-2 NINTH MARINES

DRAFTER: P. W. LEACH

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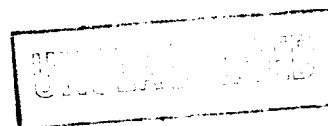
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1. S-2 9TH MARINES INTSUM # 9 OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH/
DEWEY CANYON
2. 271800H - 281800H JAN 1969
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES:
 - A. GROUND ACTIVITIES:
 - (1) 280920H, I/3/9 (YD 158136) RECEIVED SAF FROM 4 NVA IN STRUCTURES. RETURNED SAF RESULTING IN 2 NVA KIA (C). (SOR 38)
 - (2) 280850H, E/2/9 (YD 170165) DISCOVERED 1 CHICOM GRENADE BOOBY-TRAPPED W/TRIP WIRE ABOUT 5 DAYS OLD. DISARMED SAME.
 - (3) 280830H, I/3/9 (YD 165137) DISCOVERED 1 STRUCTURE 8X12X6 FT, W/BUNKER 4X5X5 FT, ESTIMATED 1 DAY OLD. 1 LOG W/WRITING TO BE TURNED INTO S-2.
 - (4) 280910H, I/3/9 (YD 167133) DISCOVERED 1 STRUCTURE 12X20X8 FT ESTIMATED 1 MONTH OLD, 1 BASKET OF RICE AND EGGS ESTIMATED 10 LBS. DESTROYED SAME. (SOR 54).
 - (5) 281000H, G/2/9 (YD 104148) TO (YD 104152) NVA/VC FORCE MADE CONTACT WITH G/2/9. NVA/VC BROKE CONTACT. G/2/9 IS IN PURSUIT TRYING TO REGAIN CONTACT. (SOR 38).
 - (6) 280930H, L/3/9 (YD 174145) DISCOVERED 3 STRUCTURES, 1 BUNKER 4X5 FT, TRAIL IN AREA WAS USED TWO DAYS BEFORE. FRESHLY CUT BANANAS, CORN, 1 PIG PEN W/2 PIGS, ESTIMATED 40 LBS EACH. DESTROYED SAME EXCEPT PIGS, WILL EVAC PIGS. (SOR 54).
 - (7) 281005H, K/3/9 (YD 220176) WHILE SECURING LZ, 2 NVA WERE SIGHTED 75 METERS DOWN TRAIL. FIRED SAF W/NO FIRE FROM NVA. CHECKING AREA AT THIS TIME. (SOR 38).
 - (8) 281010H, M/3/9 (YD 192158) DISCOVERED STRUCTURE AND BUNKER COMPLEX, ALL SIZES W/ASSORIED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, SMALL ARM RDS, 1 SKS. CO TINUED TO SEARCH AREA. (SOR 4). 1 IWC.



(9) 281105H, E/2/9 (YD 148154) MADE CONTACT WITH 1 TO 6 NVA, MOVING SOUTHEAST AFTER BREAKING CONTACT WITH E/2/9 PATROL IN PURSUIT. (SOR 38).

(10) 281115H, G/2/9 (YD 105146) RECEIVED 1 INCOMING RD, PROBABLE RIFLE GRENADE. ATTEMPT TO MAKE CONTACT WITH NVA (VC). (SOR 38).

(11) 281015H, E/3/9 (YD 187124) DISCOVERED SLEEPING AREA, ESTIMATED 20-30 PERSON CAPACITY. CAPTURED 1 PERSON IN BUSHES, CLAIMED TO BE CIVILIAN, BUT HAD MILITARY CLOTHING ON. PERSON IS ABOUT 30 YEARS OLD AND IS CRIPPLED. (NOT COUNTED AS DETAINEE).

(12) 281015H, K/3/9 (YD 216176) DISCOVERED AND DESTROYED STRUCTURES 8X10X7 FT, 6 FT OFF DECK, MADE OF BARK.

(13) 281130H, I/3/9 (YD 158144) RECEIVED HEAVY SAF FROM ESTIMATED 2 NVA SQUADS. RETURNED FIRE, CALLED MORTAR MSN, REQUESTED ARTY MSN. (SOR 38).

(14) 281330H, E/2/9 (YD 148164) MADE CONTACT AT 1200H. AW/SAF FROM UNKNOWN NUMBER OF NVA. REINFORCED FROM EAST TO ENCIRCLE NVA. (SOR 38).

(15) 281235H, K/3/9 (YD 214175) DISCOVERED 2 PORCELAIN INSULATORS FOR TELEGRAPH LINES 10 FT OFF DECK. TRAIL HAD RECENT USE. DESTROYED. (SOR 2).

(16) 281030H, L/3/9 (YD 176126) DISCOVERED 1 NVA CANTEEN AND COVER, 20 LBS RICE, COOKING GEAR, CLOTHING, 1 U.S. SHIRT W/NAME OF "D.J. WEST", 1 PONCHO, 2 LBS TOBACCO, 2 BOXES BABY CHICKENS, 1 EGG. DESTROYED ALL. (SOR 7, 54).

(17) 281000H, M/3/9 (YD 192158) DISCOVERED 10 BUNKERS 9X5X5 FT, 3 BUNKERS 6X5X8 FT, 7 BURNED STRUCTURES, 1 STRUCTURE 20X10X10 FT, 1 CROSSBOW, 20 LBS RICE, COOKING ITEMS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, 1 PONCHO, 18 MACHETES, 1 PLASMA BOTTLE (EMPTY), 1 JAR OIL, 2 RICE GRINDERS, 1 TABLE, 1 PAIR SANDALS, 1 BAMBOO BED, 1 STRING INSTRUMENT, 1 AK MAGAZINE W/AMMO, 1 BLANKET, 1 CHISEL, 2 AXES, 10 DEAD PIGS, 12 LIVE PIGS, 15 CHICKENS, 50 LBS MEAT, CORN, 2 DUCKS, 2 FISH NETS. DESTROYED ALL. (SOR 7, 54).

(18) 281325H, K/3/9 (YD 210175) DISCOVERED SIGN ON TREE (#86). UNDERGROWTH HAS BEEN CLEARED 50 X 50 FT, 1 BAMBOO DRINKING VESSEL, UNKNOWN CONTENTS, INSIDE WAS A BRUSH. (SOR 54).

(19) 280920H, I/3/9 (YD 158136) DISCOVERED FORTIFIED POSITION, 2 HOOTCHES. 1 PLATOON NVA IN BUNKERS FIRED SAF AND ARTY. REINFORCED BY 1 PLATOON. I/3/9 PULLED BACK TO CALL FOR AIR. CONTINUED TO SWEEP AREA. DESTROYED ABOVE BUNKERS AND HOOTCHES. 3 NVA KIA (C). (SOR 38).

(20) 281425H, L/3/9 (YD 185125) DISCOVERED BAMBOO BRIDGE, TRAIL RUNNING TO AND FROM BRIDGE AND TRAIL FROM NORTHWEST TO NORTHEAST, RECENTLY USED. DESTROYED SAME.

(21) 281425H, G/2/9 (YD 104145) RECEIVED ORICOM GRENADES AND SAF AT 1420H. AO SAW LARGE UNIT GET OFF TRAIL AT (YD 101148). CALLED FOR ARTY MSN. G/2/9 PUSHING SOUTH AFTER NVA. (SOR 38).

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(22) 281500H, M/3/9 (YD 193153) DISCOVERED 2 NVA RUNNING FROM BUNKERS. 2 NVA KIA (C). ALSO DISCOVERED 25 LBS RICE, CLOTHING, 3 PONCHOES, TOBACCO AND CIGARS, 1 CAN CHOW. (SOR 38) DESTROYED. (SOR 54). 2 NVA KIA (C).

(23) 281640H, 2/9 (YD 144174) DISCOVERED 6 FIGHTING HOLES AND MEDICINE BOTTLES. DESTROYED SAME. (SOR 54).

(24) 281500H, K/3/9 (YD 183158) DISCOVERED 2 FIGHTING HOLES, 5 SLEEPING AREAS 8X2 FT, 6 FIGHTING HOLES 2X3X3 FT, 12 BUNKERS 2X5X3 FT, 1 CULTIVATED FIELD 25 X 50 FT W/UNKNOWN TYPE VEGETABLES. 1 NVA E-TOOL, 1 OLD AK MAGAZINE. DESTROYED SAME. (SOR 54).

(25) 281645H, K/3/9 (YD 216176) DISCOVERED 1 U.S. M-1 CARBINE SER.NO. 3017484. WEAPON LEANING ON TREE BY TRAIL. 1 IWC.

(26) 281733H, K/3/9 (YD 181157) DISCOVERED 17 BUNKERS 3X4X5 FT, 4 STRUCTURES 3 TO 4 WEEKS OLD, 2 HEAD FACILITIES USED RECENTLY, 1 FIELD 30 X 40 FT W/VEGETABLES, BANANA GROVE. DESTROYED SAME (SOR 54).

(27) 281340H, 3/9 (YD 206175) DISCOVERED 1 INSULATOR ON TREE, NEARBY ALSO DISCOVERED 1 COOKING FIRE A FEW WEEKS OLD, ON ANOTHER TREE 5/6 MARKINGS WERE DISCOVERED AS FOLLOWS: MAT, HT, VIT, BIT, B, M, 4 ALL, HAI. CONTINUED MISSION.

(28) 281500H, 3/9 (YD 216176) DISCOVERED MARKINGS ON TREE: "PMT TH THAK COT VI VUONG CAY QUA 20 X - BOXAO LAM ROT - X. TRANSLATED: HATE AMERICAN WEEK 2 - 8 JUNE.

(29) 281700H, 3/9 (YD 196124) DISCOVERED 3 BUNKERS 1-4X6X11 FT, 2-4X8 FT, 2 HOOTCHES, 3 SKS RIFLES, CLOTHING, COOKING GEAR, 1 BLOWGUN, AND DARTS, 30 LBS RICE, BUG SPRAY, 1 HELMET. DESTROYED SAME. 3 IWC. (SOR 7,54).

(30) 280920H, 1/3/9 (YD 158146) DISCOVERED 3 STRUCTURES 8X12X20 FT, 3 BUNKERS 4X6X8 FT, 2 SKS, 2 AK-47, 1 RPD MG, 3 DRUMS OF AMMO, 782 GEAR, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, DOCUMENTS, RICE. DESTROYED SAME. (SOR 7,54). 4 IWC, 1 CSWC.

(31) 281800H, G/2/9 (YD 104146) RECEIVED 5-10 RDS SNIPER FIRE AT MEN ON LZ. RETURNED FIRE AND CALLED ARTY AND 81MM MSN. NEG RESULTS. (SOR 38).

(32) 281130H, E/2/9 (YD 105152) 3-5 NVA FIRED ON E/2/9 WITH AK FIRE. NVA MOVED SOUTH TO (YD 104148). E/2/9 RECEIVED 1 RIFLE GRENADE. DISCOVERED 1 RPG RD. PURSUED NVA TO (YD 105146). RECEIVED FIRE FROM 4-5 NVA. DISCOVERED 2 BLOOD TRAILS, NEGATIVE RESULTS. AO SPOTTED 4 NVA DRAGGING 1 NVA KIA (C). CALLED ARTY AND AIR. (SOR 3) 1 NVA KIA (C).

(33) 281630H, E/2/9 (YD 148168) SQUAD MADE CONTACT WITH 6 NVA. MOVED SOUTH WITH SQUAD AFTER THEM. NVA HOLED UP AT HIGH GROUND. CALLED ARTY AND AIR. SWEEP AREA WITH DARKNESS CLOSING CONTINUED TO SWEEP AT FIRST LIGHT. (SOR 38).

4. CUMULATIVE LOSSES FOR OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH/DEWEY CANYON:

ENEMY KIA:	14
DETAINEES:	0
WEAPONS:	22 21 IWC, 1 CSWC

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SUBJECT: L. L. MICRO

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- 302 9TH MARINES INTSUM # 10 OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH/
DEWEY CANYON
2. 281800H - 291800H JAN 1969
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES:
- A. GROUND ACTIVITIES:
- (1) THE FOLLOWING KBA ON 29 JANUARY 1969 (YD 230098)
5 KBA. (SOR # 38)
- (2) THE FOLLOWING KBA ON 28 JANUARY 1969 (YD 247139)
3 KBA. (SOR # 38).
- (3) LATE ENTRY: 271000H, 1/3/9 (YD 164134) DISCOVERED 2
STRUCTURES 7 FT OFF DECK, 30X15X10 FT, 6,000 LBS RICE, 100 LBS CORN,
50 WATER GOURDS, 2 BUCKETS, BAMBOO MATS, COOKING POTS, DESTROYED
STRUCTURES AND GEAR. WILL EVACUATE FOODSTUFF. (SOR # 7,54).
- (4) 291135H, 1/3/9 (YD 190124) RECEIVED SAF FROM UNKNOWN NUMBER
NVA. RETURNED FIRE, WILL CHECK AREA. (SOR # 38).
- (5) 291050H, M/3/9 (YD 190163) RECEIVED FIRE FROM 2 NVA.
RETURNED FIRE AND MORTAR WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. (SOR # 38).
- (6) 291115H, M/3/9 (YD 197166) DISCOVERED 5 STRUCTURES:
1-10X10X25 FT, 2-15X10X6 FT, 2-20X10X8 FT, 7 BUNKERS, 600 LBS RICE,
100 LBS CORN, 15 LBS BANANAS, 5 GREEN SHIRTS, 3 PAIR TROUSERS,
ASSORTED GEAR, 37 BASKETS, MEDICAL GEAR, 6 M-16 MAGAZINES, 2 AK-47
MAGAZINES. DESTROYED ALL BUT INTELLIGENCE GEAR. (SOR # 7,54).
- (7) 290900H, M/3/9 (YD 193158) DISCOVERED 7 STRUCTURES, 20
BUNKERS 10X4X4 FT WITH 12 INCH COVERS, TRAILS, COOKING GEAR, BASKETS,
100 LBS RICE, 3 CHICKENS (1 DEAD, 2 ALIVE), 4 ALIVE PIGS, 13 DEAD
PIGS, 1 OFFICER HELMET, 2 WOOD RICE DISCS, 3 FLASHLIGHTS, 12 AK-47 RDS,
1 AK-47 MAGAZINE, 1 MEDICAL LOG. DESTROYED ALL ABOVE. (SOR # 7,54).

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(8) 291500H, M/3/9 (YD 193168) WHILE CHECKING AREA, DISCOVERED
 1 NVA KIA, CLEAN SHAVE, 125 LBS, APPROX 18 YEARS OLD, CLEAN CLOTHES.
 1 AK-47 W/MAGAZINE, 2 GRENADES, BLOOD TRAILS AND WOUNDS. 1 IWC.
 1 NVA KIA (C). (SOR # 38).

(9) 291740H, M/3/9 (YD 193158) AFTER CHECKING BODIES AGAIN,
 REFER TO 291500H ENTRY) BODY THOUGHT TO BE CHINESE, 5 FT 8 INCH IN
 HEIGHT, 150 LBS, FLAT FACE, 1 GOLD TOOTH. 1 KIA HAD OFFICER BELT
 AND DOCUMENTS. FORWARD DOCUMENTS TO S-2. (SOR 38).

(10) 281415H, 3/9 MORTARS, (YD 158150) 1 NVA KIA (C) (SOR # 38).
 (11) 281650H, 3/9 MORTARS, (YD 147152) 3 NVA KIA (C), (SOR # 38).
 (12) 291115H, AO COLORADO C, (YD 230098), 13 NVA KIA (C), (SOR 38).
 (13) 291537H, (YD 217106) AO COLORADO C, 1 NVA KIA (C) (SOR 38).

4. CUMULATIVE LOSSES FOR OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH/DEWEY CANYON:

ENEMY KIA: 42

DETAINEE: 1

WEAPONS: 29 IWC 27; CSWO 2

5-14 NEGATIVE
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CHAPTER 1
RELEASES: L. L. BUCHER

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2 JAN 1969

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S-2 9TH MARINES INTSUM # 11 OPERATION DEWEY CANYON
291800H - 301800H JAN 1969
3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES:
A. GROUND ACTIVITY:
(1) 300807H, M/3/9 MARKS ON RICE BAGS: P-16-T85-A53 (CHINESE
CHARACTERS) KP16-T65-A-1 (SOR # 54). COORDINATES NOT GIVEN.
(2) 300815H, M/3/9 (YD 115285) HEARD 1 SA ROUND. CALLED
ARTY. WILL CHECK AREA. (SOR # 38).
(3) 301115H, M/3/9 (YD 200166) DISCOVERED 6 STRUCTURES 20X10X10 FT
ESTIMATED 6 MONTHS OLD. RECENT USE. 1 TUNNEL 15X4X5 FT FROM HOOTCH
TO BAMBOO BENCHES. 1 CANTEN COVER. 1 PILE OF FRESH PLANTS. 2 FOXHOLES.
3 MONTHS OLD. 1 STRUCTURE HAD 7 STORAGE SHELVES. DESTROYED SAME.
(SOR # 7).
(4) 300910H, M/3/9 (YD 198168) DISCOVERED 9 STRUCTURES.
5 - 40X20X25 FT; 4 - 10X15X10 FT. 9 BURNERS INSIDE OF STRUCTURES. 2
TUNNELS 5X5X3 AND 12X3X4 FT. ALL EXCEPT BIG TUNNEL IS 6 MONTHS OLD.
BIG TUNNEL FRESH UNFINISHED. FOUND 1 PAIR TROUSERS, 3 MAGNETS, 3
MAGAZINES, 3 CARTRIDGE BELTS, 1 RADIO, MEDICAL GEAR. DESTROYED ALL
BUT INTELLIGENCE GEAR. (SOR # 7, 54).
(5) 300900H, F/2/9 (YD 125155) DISCOVERED LARGE AREA, STRUCTURES,
HOSPITAL AND HEADQUARTERS. 6 STRUCTURES WITH TUNNELS, CHICKENS, PIGS,
HOOTCHES WERE WELL BUILT. FOUND 2 SKS RIFLES, MEDICAL GEAR, COOKING
POTS, 3 BOXES MAPS AND DOCUMENTS, 50 SA RDS, .38 CAL PISTOL RDS. 4
PACKS WITH CLOTHING, CANTEENS, 1 FLASHLIGHT, 6-8 BATTERIES, 1 RPG
WARHEAD. DESTROYED. 2 IWC. (SOR # 7, 54).
(6) 301245H, K/3/9 (YD 205149) DISCOVERED 1 LARGE BUNKER 10X5X3 FT,
3 STOCK PENS, ALL 3-4 MONTHS OLD. DESTROYED SAME. (SOR # 7, 54).
(7) 292230H, Recon Team (YD 099378) RECEIVED ESTIMATED 10 RDS SAF
AND 1 GRENADE FROM SOUTH. ALSO OBSERVED LIGHTS IN SAME AREA (PROBABLY
FLASHLIGHTS), HEARD MOVEMENT BEFORE INCOMING. RETURNED FIRE WITH SAF
AND 60MM MORTAR. WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT. (SOR # 38).

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- (10) 301200H, K/3/9 (YD 19141) DISCOVERED 2 BUNKERS WITH TOBACCO AND BANANAS, 20X20 FT LITTLE OF WOOD (CLOTHES AND COTTON) OTHER USED ITEMS IN AREA. DESTROYED SAME. (SOR # 54).
- (9) 301150H, A/1/9 (YD 125260) TANK RECEIVED 50 SA RDS. FIRED 60MM MORTAR MEN, WILL CHECK AREA. (SOR # 38).
- (10) 301205H, M/3/9 (YD 178166) DISCOVERED 4 BUNKERS: 1-15X30X5, 3-20X10X5 FT, 1 DAY OLD, 12 MACHETES, 1 EMPTY WATER CAN (US), 300 LBS RICE, 1 SPEAR, 1 WOODEN GRINDER, 1 DIARY, NEWSPAPERS AND WRITINGS, 1 HOMEMADE MAP, 1 CHART, 2 PHOTOS OF FESTIVAL IN A BIG CITY. HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, DESTROYED ALL BUT INTELLIGENCE ITEMS. (SOR # 7, 54).
- (11) 301300H, K/3/9 (YD 195145) DISCOVERED 1 STRUCTURE 10X20 FT, 1 BUNKER 3X7X4 FT WITH DIRT AND LOG OVERHEAD, 4 CHICKEN COOPS, 100 LBS SWEET CORN, 6-7 60MM RDS, 100 LBS UNKNOWN SEED, 12 LBS TOBACCO. DESTROYED SAME. (SOR # 54).
- (12) 301530H, F/2/9 (YD 129141) TRIPPED AMBUSH ON 3-4 NVA. NVA WENT NW, CALLED 81MM MORTAR MSN. CHECKING AREA. 1 NVA KIA (C). (SOR # 38).
- (13) 301345H, K/3/9 (YD 194145) DISCOVERED 25 STRUCTURES 12X20, 200 LBS RICE, 2 PISTOL GUIDES, 20 LBS CORN, 20 RDS FOR AK-47, 1 CARRYING CASE, 1 SHIRT, 1 LB TNT, 3 PIGS, 8 CHICKENS. (DESTROYED). (SOR # 7, 54).
- (14) 300815H, A/1/9 (YD 115285) HEARD 1 RD SAF. CALLED ARTY MSN. WILL CHECK AREA. (SOR # 38).
- (15) 301300H, F/2/9 (YD 125155) DISCOVERED HOSPITAL GEAR, 80 LOCAL RDS, 1 RIG WARHEAD, 2 BAGS PILLS, PENCILLIN, 3 PONCHOS, BLANKETS, CLOTHES, SLEEPING BAGS, PLASMA BOTTLES. DESTROYED ALL BUT INTELLIGENCE GEAR. (SOR # 7, 54).
- (16) 301545H, H/2/9 (YD 131201) DISCOVERED 2 STRUCTURES 1-50X25 FT, 1-8X8 FT, 1 BUNKER AND FENCED AREA WITH ANIMAL TRAPS, WELL SET AMBUSH TONIGHT. FOUND 2 AK MAGAZINES W/RDS, 25 FT DETONATING CORD, 4 ELASTIC CAPS, 1 1/4 LB C-4, SCHOOL BOOKS, 250 FIVE CENT FRENCH INDOCHINA COINS, 121 TWENTY CENTS COINS, 11 FISHING NETS, 1 SCREW DRIVER, 4 PENS, 6 GRAIN CUTTERS, 24 BASKETS, 75 LBS RICE, SANDALS, BCOTS, E-TOOL, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, VITAMINS, 2 SYRINGES, 4 CASES OF ARROWS, 1 CHICKEN, 12 EGGS. DESTROYED ALL BUT INTELLIGENCE GEAR. (SOR # 7, 54).
- (17) 301530H, K/3/9 (YD 193143) DISCOVERED 3 STRUCTURES 1-12X20 -15X30 FT, 3 BUNKERS 8X4X4 FT, 530 LBS POTATOES, 200 LBS RICE, 40 LBS CORN, 5 LBS PEPPERS, 3 CANTENS, 1 BELT, 1 AK MAGAZINE, CLOTHES, MEDICAL GEAR, 25 EMPTY PENICILLIN BOTTLES, 30 LEAVES OF MARIJUANA, 9 LETTERS OF PRINTING PRESS MATERIAL, DOCUMENTS. DESTROYED ALL BUT INTELLIGENCE GEAR. (SOR # 7, 54).
- (18) 291830H, BDA (YD 237085). 1 NVA KIA (C). (SOR # 38).
- (19) 301700H, F/2/9 (YD 137135) (YD 134128) (YD 130123) AO REPORTED BUNKER COMPLEX AT THESE COORDINATES AND 2 BODIES AT (YD 134128). WILL SEARCH FOR BODIES. DESTROYED BUNKERS. 2 NVA KIA (C). (SOR # 7, 38).
- (20) 301400H, F/2/9 (YD 124157) DISCOVERED FIELD HOSPITAL AND GEAR, 3 PENS, 1 FLASHLIGHT, BLACK PAJAMA PANTS, 2 PAIR PANTIES, 13 SLEEPING BAGS, OLD SPICE STICK DEODORANT, 3 BRASSAIRES, 1 MIRROR, 2 SYRINGES, 5 INSECT NETS, CANTENS, 10 LBS TOBACCO. CLOTHING, 1 PONCHO. (SOR 7, 4, 54).

(21) 301630H, K/3/9 (YD 194141) DISCOVERED 10 LBS LEAD PRINT IN METAL BOX ESTIMATED 12" X 9" X 1", SEVERAL INK PADS, PRINTED MATERIAL, 1 WOOD BOX 6X6X12 FT, 1 STRUCTURE 12X20 FT, SEP UP FOR PRINTING SHOP, 1 BUNKER 4X8X4 FT, 2 BLASTING CAPS, CANS OF INK, 270 LBS POTATOES, 55 LBS RICE, 50 LBS CORN, 15 LBS RICE FLOUR, 3 PIGS, 24 CHICKENS, 1 RIFLE MAS-1936, 4 HOOTCHES, 3-15X30 FT, 1-12X20 FT, 1 PACK WITH CLOTHES AND RICE, 1 WOODEN STAMP WITH 28 NGAY 2 SOI SUC NOI DAY AND A FIGURE OF HO CHI MINH'S HEAD ON IT, 1 SHIRT AND DOCUMENTS. DESTROYED ALL BUT INTELLIGENCE ITEMS. (SOR # 4,7,54).

(22) 301200H, G/2/9 (YD 109139) DISCOVERED ASSORTED GEAR, HEARD SA RDS GO OFF WHILE BURNING HOOTCHES, 1 AK MAGAZINE, W/RDS, 1 GRENADE, 1 SKS, 1 GREASE GUN, 600 SA RDS, 150 AK-47 RDS, 50 .30 CAL RDS, 10 - 7.92MM RDS, 1 US 40MM RD, 2 CROSSBOWS, 5 HOOTCHES, 5 BUNKERS 5X10 FT, 6 BAGS CORN, 1 BAG RICE, 3 PIGS, 30 CHICKENS, CHISELS, AXES, HAMMOCKS, CLOTHES, MEDICAL GEAR, COOKING POTS AND PANS. DESTROYED ALL BUT INTELLIGENCE GEAR. (SOR # 4,7,54) 2 IWC,

4. CUMULATIVE LOSSES FOR OPERATION DEWEY CANYON:

ENEMY KIA: 47

DETAINEES: 1

WEAPONS: 34 32 IWC, 2 OSWC

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DELAYED ENTRY: 300635H, 1/3/9 (YD 174136) RECEIVED PROBING BY ESTIMATED 3 NVA, 50 METERS FROM WIRE. 3 GRENADES LANDED SHORT OF WIRE. RETURNED SAF AND MORTAR FIRE. CONTINUED TO CHECK ARE. (SOR#38).



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SECTION: 9 NINTH MARINES

DRAFTER: P. W. LEACH

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S-2 9TH MARINES INTSUM # 12 OPERATION DEWEY CANYON

2. 301800H - 311800H JAN 1969

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES

A. GROUND ACTIVITIES:

(1) 301844H, F/2/9 (YD 133146) RECEIVED SEVERAL SNIPER RDS FROM ABOVE COORD. CALLED AIR AND ARTY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. (SOR #38).

(2) 301855H, H/2/9 (YD 125205) REPORTED 8 STRUCTURES AND FIELDS WITH RICE. CONTINUED SEARCH. WILL SET AMBUSH AT 0500H. DESTROYED STRUCTURES. (SOR 7,54).

(3) 310855H, K/3/9 (YD 193138) OBSERVED 1 NVA RUN IN JUNGLE. FIRED SA, NVA RAN AND DROPPED GEAR. SEARCHING AREA. (SOR # 38).

(4) 310830H, M/3/9 (YD 186164) DISCOVERED 6 STRUCTURES WITH REINFORCED BUNKERS, 1 GOAT, 1 PIG, 12 CHICKENS, 2 AK-47, 1 SKS, 1 GREASE GUN. DESTROYED ALL EXCEPT WEAPONS. 4 IWC. (SOR # 7,54).

(5) 311015H, H/2/9 (YD 121205) DISCOVERED 1 LARGE STRUCTURE - 3-50X30 FT, 1-8X8 FT, 3 STORAGE BUNKERS - 2-4X12 FT, 1-4X8 FT, 1 PIG PEN, 1 AK MAGAZINE, 1 DUD 82MM RD, 2 SPIARS, SA DALS, BOOTS, 2 BELTS, 150 LBS RICE, 25 LB CHAIN, 4 FISH NETS, 1 POI CHO, 1 PEN, 2 HELMETS, 60 BASKETS, FARM TOOLS, 3 CHICKENS W/CHICKS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, PART OF PRC WHIP ANTENNA. DESTROYED SAME. (SOR # 7,54).

(6) 310930H, H/2/9 (YD 127205) DISCOVERED 1 STORAGE STRUCTURE 8X10 FT, FOUR 1-MAN STRUCTURES, 1 BUNKER 4X4 FT, 1 FIELD WITH PEPPER, TREES, AND SQUASH, 60 UNKNOWN RDS, 1 CROSSBOW, 1 PAIR SCISSORS, SUNGLASSES, 1 FLASHLIGHT, 30 LBS RICE, TOOLS, FISH NET, 1 .45 CAL AMMO POUCH, LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS, THREE 10 CENT INDOCHINA COINS, CANTENS, 1 HELO SEAT BELT, FOUR 20 CENT INDOCHINA COINS, 20 LB CHAIN. DESTROYED. (SOR # 7, 54).

(7) 310900H, F/2/9 (YD 132145) OBSERVED 2 NVA SOUTH OF POSITION. FIRED M-79 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. (SOR # 38).

(8) 311030H, F/2/9 (YD 080153) DISCOVERED 6 BUNKERS, 1-4X4 FT, 4-2X2 FT, 4 WRECKED STRUCTURES 15X10 AND 10X10 FT. 1 OLD UNUSED TRAIL. DESTROYED SAME. (SOR # 7).

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- (9) 311140H, A/1/9 (YD 111257) OBSERVED 1 NVA GOING TO RAVER. FIRED 60MM, M-60 WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. (SOR # 38).
- (10) 311030H, K/3/9 (YD 194137) DISCOVERED 3 STRUCTURES 2-11X28 FT, 1-8X12 FT, 2 "A" FRAME BUNKERS 3X10 FT WITH DIRT AND LOG OVERHEAD, 1 SKS WITH MAGNET, 4 AK MAGAZINES, 1 MAP CASE, 2 BEANS, 4 BLASTING CAPS, MEDICAL GEAR, SHOES, COVER, POTS AND PANS, DOCUMENTS. DESTROYED ALL BUT INTELLIGENCE GEAR. (SOR # 7,54).
- (11) 311100H, I/3/9 (YD 155151) DISCOVERED 1 SETS COMM WIRE WEST-EAST TREES USED AS PHONE POLES WITH WHITE AND GRAY INSULATORS, 3 STRUCTURES 40X15X15 FT WITH BUNKERS, 1 OLD BOLT ACTION WEAPON. DESTROYED ALL BUT INTELLIGENCE GEAR. (SOR # 2,4,7).
- (12) 311140H, K/3/9 (YD 193136) DISCOVERED 2 STRUCTURES 14X25 FT, 3 BUNKERS "A" FRAME TYPE, 1 MAUSER RIFLE MODEL "98" WITH 2 RDS IN IT, 1 CANTEN, 40 LBS POTATOES, 12 CHICKS, 4 BLASTING CAPS, 1 PAIR SANDALS, MEDICAL GEAR, DOCUMENTS, POTS AND PANS. DESTROYED ALL BUT INTELLIGENCE GEAR. (SOR # 7,54). 1 IWC
- (13) 310830H, M/3/9 (YD 186164) DISCOVERED 2 SKS RIFLES, 14 BUNDLES TOBACCO, 50 LBS FLOUR, 125 LBS RICE, 75 LBS CORN, MEDICAL GEAR, 2 BLANKETS, 10 LBS MUSHROOMS, 30 LBS MAP PAPER, GARDEN TOOLS, CLOTHING, 1 LB TNT, 12 BLASTING CAPS, 16 FT TIME FUSE, 1 PACK AND CARTRIDGE BELT, 2 AK MAGAZINES, CANTEN, 1 CIGARETTE LIGHTER. DESTROYED ALL BUT INTELLIGENCE GEAR. (SOR 7,54). 2 IWC.
- (14) 311300H, I/3/9 (YD 157147) DISCOVERED 3 NVA KIA WITH NO CLOTHES, PARTLY BURIED, ESTIMATE 2-3 DAYS OLD, KILLED BY SAF, 1 SHOT IN CHEST, 2 IN HEAD. BODIES WERE DRAGGED FROM NW WHERE I/3/9 HAD CONTACT ON 29JAN. (SOR # 38) 3 NVA KIA (C).
- (15) 311140H, F/2/9 (YD 130135) DISCOVERED 10 STRUCTURES WITH INCOMING HOLES, 1 GRAVE WITH BODY. 1 NVA KIA (C). AREA LOOKED OLD. CONTINUED MISSION. DESTROYED 8 STRUCTURES. (SOR 7). 1 NVA KIA (C).
- (16) 311615H, 2/4 ARTY (YD 20913) OBSERVED 3 NVA, FIRED MSN, 1 NVA KIA (C). (SOR # 38).
- (17) 311615H, G/2/9 (YD 106129) TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY 4-5 NVA. RETURNED FIRE, NVA WENT SW. AGAIN TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY 2-3 NVA, TURNED FIRE, 2 NVA KIA (C). (SOR # 38).
- (18) 311515H, RECON IN EARLY FLOWER (YD 179254) 1 NVA KIA (C). (SOR # 38).
- (19) 310700H, K/3/9 (YD 195132) DISCOVERED 4 STRUCTURES 10X20 FT, 5 BUNKERS 4X8X4 FT "A" FRAME TYPE WITH DIRT AND LOG OVERHEAD, 1600 LBS RICE, 500 LBS POTATOES, 50 LBS CORN, 50 LBS BEANS, 1 MAUSER RIFLE MODEL "98", 1 NVA SMG MODEL 50, 20 BLASTING CAPS, 1 GRENADE, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS DESTROYED ALL BUT INTELLIGENCE GEAR. 2 IWC. (SOR # 7,54).
- (20) 311415H, I/1/9 (YD 175134) DISCOVERED 4 BUNKERS: 1-15X16 FT, 1-10X10X7 FT, 1-5X20X4 FT, 1-3X8X5 FT, 4 STRUCTURES 30X10X5 FT, 3 MONTHS OLD. 30 BAGS RICE (900 LBS), 22 INCH GUARDS, SUITCASE WITH NVA CLOTHES AND CIVILIAN CLOTHES, 1 AK MAGAZINE, 1 US E-TOOL, 50 FT DETONATING CORD, 15 LBS TOBACCO, GARDEN TOOLS, CLOTHES, 1 CLAYMORE WIRE, 3 RUSSIAN CARBINES (1936) WITH 300 RDS, DOCUMENTS. DESTROYED ALL BUT INTELLIGENCE GEAR. 3 IWC. (SOR # 7,54).

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(21) 311415H, L/3/9 (YD 195155) DISCOVERED 5 STRUCTURES:
 1-11X25 FT, 1-16X13 FT, 5 BUNKERS: 3 "A" FRAME 4X5X3 FT, 2-5X12X6 FT,
 LOG AND DIRT OVERHEAD, 100 LBS POTATOES, 1 CAN TEEN, 1 AK MAGAZINE, 2
 US BAYONETS, 2 US SHIRTS, 1 TROUSERS, 2 NVA SHIRTS, 1 PAIR SHOES, 1
 US BODY BAG, 20 SAND BAGS, CLOTHING. DESTROYED SAME. (SOR # 7,54).

(22) 311220H, A/1/9 (LZ SHILOH) 5 MONTAGNARDS (1 MAN, 1 WOMAN,
 2 BOYS AND 1 GIRL) TURNED THEMSELVES IN. MAN IS YOUNG, LOOKS TO BE
 VIETNAMESE. HOLDING THEM IN CUSTODY. FAMILY INTERROGATION OF SENIOR
 MALE DISCLOSED HIS HOME IS 3 HOUR WALK FROM THIS POSITION, AT YD 1223.
 4 MEMBERS OF FAMILY WERE LEFT HOME. WANTS TO RETURN FOR THEM AND 8
 OTHERS FAMILIES WITH FREE WORLD FORCES. VILLAGE WITH 20-30 GUERRILLAS
 VICINITY (YD 1328) HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED AND ARMED BY NVA. ONE NVA
 SEEN 1 WEEK AGO PASSING OUT ARMS, AK-47, AND GRENADES, CLAYMORE. SUBJECT
 WILL LEAD A FORCE TO HIS HOME AND TO GUERRILLAS. THE MONTAGNARDS WANT
 TO COME IN BECAUSE THEY ARE HUNGRY AND AFRAID OF ARTILLERY. NO NVA IN
 AREA SUBJECT STATED.

4. CUMULATIVE LOSSES FOR OPERATION DEWEY CANYON:

ENEMY KIA: 56
 DETAINEES: 3 POW: 1
 WEAPONS: 47 IWC: 45 OSNO: 2

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1. Host Forces. (See Annex B), Current Orders and Perimeters.

2. Friendly Forces.

(1) Task Force Hotel conducts multi-segmental operations in the DAWSON RIVER and LANCASTER II AO. ?

(2) 2nd Bn, 12th Marines direct supports 2nd Marines (Rein) general support.

(3) 1st MAW provides helicopter and fixed wing air support.

(4) 7th Air Force provides tactical air support.

(5) Unit of the 2nd ARVN Regiment will conduct operations in the vicinity of the DAWSON and Hill 1208 to the northeast of DAWSON RIVER SOUTH AO.

(6) 101st Airborne Division will conduct operation to the west of the DAWSON RIVER SOUTH AO.

MISSION.

a. On order the 2nd Marines (Rein) commences offensive operations in the southern DE IRONG VALLEY area in order to kill, capture and destroy the enemy, his supplies and facilities.

EXECUTION.

a. General Concept. Operation DAWSON RIVER SOUTH will be conducted in a general concept.

These 2nd MAW F-4H remaining open. FOR TUN TAVERN will be opened on 3-3 and 4th SHILON opened on 3-3. 1st SHILON will be expanded to accommodate forward staging of an additional 5000 rounds of artillery ammunition. 10 days Class I food and infantry ammunition and 10 days of water.

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Phase II: Encompasses the assault of one infantry battalion (Rein), construction and occupation of an FSB within the 8 KM fan of FSB SHILOH.

Phase III: Includes the assault of one infantry battalion (Rein), construction and occupation of an FSB within 8 KM of a supporting FSB; the displacement of the Regimental Command Post and associated units and the artillery battalion Headquarters.

Phase IV: Includes the assault of one infantry battalion (Rein) and the construction and occupation of an FSB within the 8 KM fan of a supporting FSB.

b. 1st Bn

- (1) Continue assigned mission.
- (2) An order to secure and secure FSB SHILOH.
- (3) On order, conduct a heliborne assault into multiple LZ's in 10 to 15 minutes. Secure and assist in development of an FSB within 8 KM of a supporting FSB. Conduct detailed clearing operations in AO.

c. 2nd Bn

- (1) See Phase I Operation Overlay.
- (2) On order, conduct a heliborne assault into multiple LZ's in 10 to 15 minutes. Conduct detailed clearing operations and construction to secure and assist in development of a FSB within the 8 KM fan of FSB SHILOH.

d. 3rd Bn

- (1) See Phase I Operation Overlay.
- (2) Continue assigned mission.
- (3) On order, secure and secure FSB TUN TAVLERN.
- (4) On order, conduct a heliborne assault into multiple LZ's in 10 to 15 minutes. Conduct detailed clearing operations and construction to secure and assist in development of a FSB within the 8 KM fan of a supporting FSB.

e. 4th Bn Direct Support 9th Marines (Rein)

f. Reserve Reserve will be constituted from least committed, most available forces.

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- a. Infantry operations will be conducted within 8 KM fan of DS artillery unless otherwise approved by this Headquarters.
- b. D-Day tentatively 22 Jan 69.
- c. L-Hour TBA
- d. Emphasis overland movement.
- e. Emphasis to be placed on capturing enemy personnel.
- f. Process all captured material through this Headquarters.
- g. Submit Spot Reports complete and upon occurrence of incident.

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ANNEXES:

- A: Task Organization
- B: Intelligence (TBT)
- C: Operation Overlay
- D: Fire Support Coord.
- E: Admin & Log.
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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 2-69.

Time Zone: H

Task Organization.9th Marines (-) Rein.

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 Com Co, Headquarters Bn, 3d Mar Div
 Det, 7th ITT
 Det, 3rd SP Bn

1st Bn (Rein)

1st Bn, 9th Marines Lt. Col SMITH
 Det, 3rd SP Bn
 Det, 1st MP Bn (Scout Dogs)
 Det, HqCo, 9th Marines (Snipers)

2nd Bn (Rein)

2nd Bn, 9th Marines Lt. Col FOX
 Det, 3rd SP Bn
 Det, 1st MP Bn (Scout Dogs)
 Det, HqCo, 9th Marines (Snipers)

3rd Bn (Rein)

3rd Bn, 9th Marines Lt. Col LAINE
 Det, 3rd SP Bn
 Det, 1st MP Bn (Scout Dogs)
 Det, HqCo, 9th Marines (Snipers)

2nd Bn, 12th Marines (Rein)

Lt. Col SCOTTA

Co C, 3rd Engr Bn

1st Lt. SWINSON

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Annex 1 (Intelligence) to Operation Order 2-69

Ref: Maps: AMS Series L7015, Sheets 6341 I, 6342 II, 6441 IV, 6442 III

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. Situation. Information on enemy forces in the objective area is obscure. The area is reportedly a major administrative and logistic area for enemy personnel infiltrating into southern Quang Tri Province, Thua Thien Province and Quang Nam Province. The area is also situated between Base Area 611 in Laos, Base Area 101 Southwest of Quang Tri and Base Area 114 West of Hue. Heavy vehicular traffic has been reported along Route 548 in the southern portion of the objective area. A major engineering effort is also reported in this area with emphasis in the vicinity of Tiger Mountain (XD 253090).

b. Capabilities: Attack or defend in the AO with up to three (3) infantry regiments, supported by one (1) artillery regiment and one (1) AAA battalion, with a possible reserve division just North of the DMZ.

c. Fortifications: A compilation of fortifications disseminated from various members of the intelligence community was issued to Battalions and supporting units in photos and overlay form.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

a. What are the locations, strengths, and disposition of enemy units within the area of operation?

b. What installations have the enemy established, to include arms caches, supply facilities, base camps, training areas, command posts and observation points?

c. Has the enemy prepared any defensive positions to include mine fields, trench systems, wire defense or any other type defensive system? If so, where and to what extent?

d. Has the enemy prepared any anti-aircraft defensive positions? If so, where and with what type weapons?

e. Has the enemy prepared any artillery defensive positions? If so, where and with what type weapons?

f. What screening activities has the enemy been employing and has there been an increase in his patrol activities?

g. Has there been any significant movement of enemy troops either in or out of the area of operation? If so, where, and what armament and materials?

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k. What supply and resupply routes and methods are the enemy employing? Are there any indications of the use of draught animals?

1. Has the enemy obtained any new types of arms? If so, what, when, and how is it employed?

3. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIEL

a. Prisoners of war, Chieu Hoi, and detainees will not be separated from their personal gear. They will be immediately segregated and tagged. Notify 9th Marines Headquarters (S-2) immediately upon apprehension so as to expedite disposition.

b. All captured materiel and documents will be tagged showing the following:

- (1) Capturing unit
- (2) Date captured
- (3) Coordinates where captured
- (4) Under what circumstances

c. Captured documents will not be separated from container in which found. Immediate notification of capture will expedite evacuation and translation.

d. Captured materiel will be forwarded as soon as possible. War trophies will be tagged with capturing individual's name, rank, and service number and organization and forwarded to this Headquarters.

4. MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS

a. Submit overlays of all roads and trails in order to update map sheets.

b. Accurate reports will be submitted on enemy caches, base camps, and fortifications to verify and update target lists.

c. All units will comply with 3rdMarDiv message 251256ZSep68 (U). Only weapons and materiel classified as war trophies will be returned to capturing personnel. All other materiel will be forwarded to higher headquarters.

d. Battalions are directed to review all Specific Intelligence Collection Requirements (SICR's) in order to furnish needed information to higher headquarters.

5. TERRAIN

The objective area consists of rugged mountains and rolling hills. The Dakrong River Valley generally bisects the operating area with mostly rolling hills to the West and rugged mountains to the East. Vegetation West of the Dakrong River consists of elephant grass, brushwood and some forested areas. The vegetation to the East differs in that forest areas predominate and range from a single to triple canopy. Cultivated areas are scattered throughout becoming more prevalent in the southern portion of the objective area. The soil composition is of red clay affording good drainage throughout most of the area. The southern portion of the area is devoid of much of its natural vegetation due to bombardment, will probably afford poor to fair drainage.

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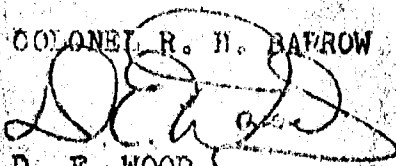
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6. WEATHER

January is the coldest month of the year along the Northeast coast. The temperature ranges from 51 degrees to 71 degrees. The humidity will range from 70 to 90%. No significant precipitation will fall, mostly light drizzle and isolated thunderstorms which are at a minimum during the period of operation. Visibility will be poor during the early morning. Fog and drizzle may reduce visibility but fog should clear by 0900. Winds during the period are generally light with speeds less than 10 knots.

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Annex B (Direct Support) to Operation ORDER 2-67

OPERATION DAWSON RIVER SOUTH

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM, 1:7014, Sheets 5344 2, 5344 3, 5344 4 and 5344 5.

(b) CO, 3d Mar Div LOI 1-67

(c) FHEM 7-1 (Fire Support Coordination)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence), and intelligence summaries as issued.b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 9th Marines (Rein) conducts multi-battalion operations in DAWSON RIVER SOUTH AO.

(2) 2d Bn, 12th Marines (Rein) provides Direct Support.

(3) 7th USAF provides tactical air support.

(4) 1st MAF provides helo and fixed-wing air support.

c. Attachments and Detachments. See Annex A (Task Organization).2. MISSION.

a. On order 9th Marines (Rein) commences offensive operations in the southern DA KRONG VALLEY area to kill, capture, and destroy the enemy, his supplies and facilities.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. Operation DAWSON RIVER SOUTH will be conducted as a phased operation. During Phase I FSB BENDERSON will remain open. FSB TUN TAVERN will be opened on D-2 and FSB SHILOH on D-1. FSB SHILOH will be expanded to store 5000 rounds artillery ammunition and 10 days Class X for an infantry battalion. In Phase II one infantry battalion will assault, occupy and construct a FSB within 8 KM of a supporting FSB; displacement of the Regimental Command Post, associated units, and the direct support artillery headquarters. During Phase IV one infantry battalion will assault, occupy and construct a FSB within 8 KM of a supporting FSB.

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b. Supporting Air and Artillery. Provide close and continuous fire support to 9th Marines.

c. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) D-Day TBA
- (2) Duration of operation approximately 24 days.
- (3) Artillery and air representatives make maximum effort to coordinate at lowest echelon simultaneous air and artillery activities.
- (4) 9th Marines PSOC obtain clearances for all artillery missions and all mortar missions which plot within 1000 meters of a battalion boundary.
- (5) Firing units and forward observers maintain air sentry when firing. Check fire when aircraft are observed approaching danger areas. The unit, observer, or agency instituting the check will cancel the check when the danger has passed.
- (6) Mortar and artillery illumination and screening smoke will not be fired within 2000 meters of adjacent battalions without clearance from this headquarters.
- (7) Harassing Fires (H&I's) will not be planned closer than 1000 meters from friendlies. TOT's will not be planned closer than 1500 meters from friendlies. In this regard, battalions are encouraged to shoot normal missions in lieu of H&I's and TOT's in order to space firing so as to reduce the silent period which normally exists from 1900 until 2200 and to enhance the proficiency of small unit leaders in adjusting fire missions under the supervision of qualified observers.
- (8) Submission of H&I's and TOT's will be as soon as possible consistent with infantry activities and plans.
- (9) Forward Observers report direction to hostile mortars, AAA, and artillery ASAP.
- (10) When contact is too close to safely engage with artillery, FOC's should consider attacking suspect escape routes.
- (11) 9th Marines has requested lateral clearance with 101st Air Cav Div and direct liaison with 7th USAF (ABCCC) for fires into Laos. 9th Marines PSOC will report all air and artillery fires delivered in Laos to higher headquarters.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Annex E (Administration and Logistics) to Operation 2-69.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS: : ELECTRONICS.

- a. See Annex F (Command and Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 2-69.
- b. 9th Marines PSOC located initially at VCB.
- c. 2/12 FOC located initially at VCB.

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ANNEX B (Administration and Logistics) to Operation Order 2-69

Ref: (a) Maps: L7015 VIETNAM, Sheets 6242 III, 6342 II, 6341 I,
6441 IV

Time Zone: H

1. SUPPLY.a. General.

- (1) VCB primary source of resupply for classes I, II, III, IV, and V.
- (2) In the event of inclement weather at VCB which would prevent resupply operations, the Quang Tri LCA will be utilized as an emergency source for resupply of all classes.

b. Supplies and equipment available.

- (1) 10 days supply, all classes.

c. Control and distribution.

- (1) Supply point distribution.

d. Prescribed loads.

- (1) Class I: 2 days MCI
1 day LRPR (Long Range Patrol Rations)
MCI's will be utilized where normal resupply is possible. LRPR's are for emergency use and will not be consumed without authority from the Battalion Commander. LRPR's that are not consumed during field operations will be turned into LRU at VCB.
- (2) Class II: As prescribed by unit commander. All units, to include Regimental and Battalion Headquarters, will carry 10 days supply of batteries.
- (3) Class III: As required.
- (4) Class IV: All personnel will carry 6 sand bags.
- (5) Class V: Basic allowance plus 1 DOA.

e. Resupply:

- (1) Helo resupply from VCB primary source.

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- ~~UNCLASSIFIED~~ (2) Units must be prepared to locate sufficient personnel at Quang Tri LSA to draw, stage and control supplies.
- (3) Helicopters will not be utilized for transporting hot chow unless it is part of and does not interfere with other resupply operations.
- (4) Emergency resupply requests must be approved by the Battalion Commander.
- (5) Battalions tasked with responsibility of providing defense for FSB's will stage 5 battalion days of rations (MRE) in addition to reserve for occupants of FSB.

2. EVACUATION and HOSPITALIZATION.

a. Evacuation.

- (1) Casualties will be evacuated via Co C, 3d Med Bn, VCB.

b. Hospitalization.

- (1) As directed by 3d Med Bn.

3. TRANSPORTATION.

a. Vehicles.

- (1) Vehicle transport of all classes supply will be via main supply route (MSR) Route 9 and is a controlled convoy route.

b. Air (Helicopter).

- (1) Keep landing zones well policed to prevent danger of flying debris.

4. SERVICE.

- a. Normal service support activities available at VCB.

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Reports.

- (1) Daily logistic report (LOREMP) will be transmitted to the Regimental COO at VCB via the Logistic Net MFT 1730 daily.

- (2) Expedite return of water cans, slings, nets and cables to VCB or Quang Tri LSA as appropriate.

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Annex F (Communication Electronics) to Operation Order 2-69

Refs: (a) 3d Mar Div Comm SOP (Div O P2000.4D)
 (b) 3d Mar Div COJ (Div O P02000.2G)

Time Zone: E

1. SITUATION.a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 2-69.
- (2) The enemy has the capability to conduct electronics counter-measures and insert deceptive traffic on any communication channel.
- (3) The possibility of enemy radars in the area increases the chances of poor FM communications.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) See Operation Order 2-69.
- (2) Command Posts: Report command post locations as established.

2. MISSION. To provide communication and electronic support for Operation DAWSON RIVER SOUTH.

3. EXECUTION.a. 1st Bn, 2nd Bn, 3rd Bn, 9th Marines.

- (1) Maintain communications on Reg Tac #1.
- (2) Be prepared to insert a manual relay on Hill 819.
- (3) Be prepared to relay logistical traffic through the Regiment.
- (4) Maintain a ten day supply of batteries (BA-386's)
- (5) Take adequate measures to protect equipment from the elements.
- (6) Use RO-292 antennas on Regimental nets.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Frequency for the logistical net will be announced when required.
- (2) Call signs and frequencies in accordance with references (a) and (b).
- (3) Intelligence Net frequency M-251, 73.6MHz.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. See Annex E (Administration and Logistics)

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Annex H (Air) to Operation Order 2-69

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014 sheets 6341 I, 6342 II, 6442 III, and 6441 IV.

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 2-69.b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 7th Air Force assets (Single manager concept): 1st MAW provide Fixed-Wing, helicopter and aerial observer support.
- (2) ASRT detachment has been requested to accompany forces into objective area.
- (3) Portable GCA unit has been requested to accompany forces into objective area.

2. PROCEDURES.

a. Airstrikes within operational area shall be under positive control of TAOP, TAOP, TAO(A) or ASRT.

b. Coordination of supporting fires. Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Order 2-69.

c. TPQ requests for that night and the next day shall be submitted to this headquarters prior to 0930H. Emergency on priority TPQ submit any time.

d. ALO/FAO controlled airstrikes are encouraged.

e. Units operating with the "Transponder Beacon" should request a minimum of two(2) "Beacon" flights per day.

f. Pre-planned Fixed-Wing requests for the following day shall be submitted to this headquarters prior to 1130H.

g. All heliborne assaults into unsecure zones shall be preceded by a minimum of six(6) flights of prep. A minimum of two(2) flights for helo escort shall be requested.

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h. "On Call" Fixed-Wing requested either through 2D or
 station or this headquarters.

i. Helicopter support requests shall be submitted utilizing
 the following guide:

08-40	Request by 1330H preceding day.
Zipps	Request by 1330H preceding day
08-42/47	Request 37 hours in advance.
08-50	Request 49 hours in advance.

j. Landing zones/pick up zones shall be carefully selected
 following those policy guidelines used in the past. Confirmation
 of final landing zone selection/approval shall be a joint effort
 by participating ground and aviation commanders.

k. All heliborne assaults shall be preceded by a common
 briefing attended by concerned ground and aviation personnel
 (Zipps Team).

l. Units shall closely monitor their organic fires (60mm-81mm)
 so that they do not constitute a hazard to operating aircraft.

m. All helicopter resupply and medevac landing areas shall
 be well policed and controlled. Every effort shall be made to locate
 structures, trash dumps, etc., well away from landing zones. A
 concentrated effort must be made to reduce danger of flying debris.

n. The current helicopter request format shall be followed
 for all helicopter support request.

o. Units insure that friendly positions are clearly marked
 with smoke and/or air panels when so requested. Units with lost
 communications and an unsecure zone shall mark with yellow smoke
 and a red smoke thrown in the direction of enemy contact.

3. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Gearing
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b. Control Agencies.

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Appendix J (Available Air Support) to Annex B (Air) to Operation Order 2 69.

Available Air Support

1. Medevac. Two(2) helicopters on 15 minute alert, stationed at VANDERGRIFT COMBAT BASE and QUANG TRI Airfield.
2. Aerial Observer/Tactical Air Controllers Airborne. Two(2) aircraft (OV-10/0-11) on station throughout the hours of daylight. One(1) aircraft on 15 minute alert, stationed at QUANG TRI.
3. JFQ available day and night, all weather capability except during periods of heavy precipitation.
4. TA 4/TAC(A). One aircraft throughout hours of daylight to perform surveillance in LAOS. Remains under direct control of this headquarters.
5. CAS Aircraft (pre-planned). Support will be provided on a basis of 6.7 sorties per day per infantry battalion. Each battalion 3.5 flights per day.
6. CAS Aircraft (on call). Snake and Napalm available on alert from DA NANG and CHU LAI. Expect 30-45 minute delay unless ~~direct~~ ^{divert} flight is available in near vicinity.
7. Flare Ship (C-130). On call for troops in contact and emergency medevacs. Expect 30-45 minute delay.
8. Spooky Gunship/Flare Ship (C-117). On call for troops in contact or emergency medevac. Expect 30-45 minute delay.
9. ECM Aircraft. On call to accompany Flare Ship/Spooky in areas near Laotian border. Expect 15-20 minute delay.
10. Radar Tracking Aircraft (A6A). On call for units with night vehicular sightings. Expect 1-2 hour delay, unless pre-planned.
11. Command & Control Helicopters. One package, 6 hours of flight time, requested daily by this headquarters.

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12. Supply Helicopters. Adequate assets available from 1st MAW and controlled by Task Force Hotel.

13. UH-1H Gunships. Available on request. Two (2) aircraft on 15 minute alert during darkness at QUANG TRI.

14. Jeep Transports. Adequate assets available from 1st MAW and available on request.

15. Heavy Lift Helicopters. CH-53, augmented with CH-47 and CH-54 assets will be available upon request.

NOTE: Priorities for all air support.

1. Units in contact and/or medevacs.
2. Helicopter lifts.
3. Normal Operations.

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(Appendix 2 (A) Schedule) to Annex H (A) to Operation Order 2-69.

AIR personnel.

1. Route to be announced.

D+2 8 CH-46's lift infantry company to secure FSB TUN TAVERN.
3 CH-53/47 lift artillery batter to FSB TUN TAVERN.

D+3 8 CH-46's lift infantry company to secure FSB SHILOH. 8
CH-53/47 lift artillery batteries to FSB SHILOH.

D+4 17 CH-46's lift 2/9(-) into assault area to secure FSB #1
and commence operations. 3 CH-53/47 for artillery ammunition
resupply.

D+5 6 CH-53/47 lift artillery batter to FSB #1.
6 CH-46 LIFT SECURITY COMPANY

D+6 3 CH-53/47 for artillery ammunition resupply. 8 CH-46's
lift infantry company to secure FSB #2.

D+7 8 CH-53/47 and CH-54 to lift artillery batteries to FSB #2.
6 CH-46 LIFT SECURITY COMPANY

D+8 17 CH-46's lift 3/9(-) into assault area to commence operation.
3 CH-53/47 for artillery ammunition resupply.

D+9 8 CH-46's to lift infantry company to secure FSB #3. 3 CH-53/
CH-47 for artillery ammunition resupply.

D+10 6 CH-53/CH-47 to lift artillery battery to FSB #3.
6 CH-46 LIFT SECURITY COMPANY

D+11 17 CH-46's to lift 1/9(-) into assault area and commence
operations. 3 CH-53/47 for artillery ammunition resupply.

D+12 to D+20 3 CH-53/47 to perform daily artillery resupply of
ammunition.

D+21 17 CH-46's to lift 1/9(-) to VCB, plus one infantry company
to secure FSB SHILOH. 4 CH-53/47 to lift artillery battery to
FSB SHILOH.

D+22 17 CH-46's to lift 3/9(-) to VCB, plus one infantry company
to secure FSB TUN TAVERN. 6 CH-53/47 and 1 CH-54 to lift artillery
batteries to FSB TUN TAVERN.

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1. To lift two infantry battalions, one artillery
battalion, one mortar battery, one anti-aircraft battery
and one engineer company.

2. To lift two infantry battalions, one artillery
battalion, one mortar battery, one anti-aircraft battery
and one engineer company.

3. To lift one infantry battalion, one artillery
battalion, one mortar battery, one anti-aircraft battery
and one engineer company.

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5. This command has selected various likely target areas in the AO. This should not preclude units sending in likely areas for various PSYOPS missions.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Annex E (Administration and Logistics) to Operation Order 2-69.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

6. Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 2-69.

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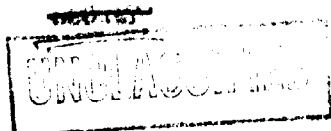
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CO's Planning Guidance

Operation: Dawson River South - Upper Dakrong Valley

Time: "As soon as practicable after 22 Jan 1969, on order"

Limiting Factors

1. Intelligence. Intelligence on the objective area is extremely limited. At this time there is no concrete information on enemy strength, disposition or composition in the area. The 3rd Mar Div warning order simply states: "Intelligence agencies indicate considerable enemy activity in the subject area".

Comment: Basically, this requires the enemy situation be developed by and during the operation. It affects our concept in that it precludes, as a matter of prudence, the simultaneous assault over a wide area. It requires that we phase the operation. It requires that we maintain a strong defense for all Fire Support Bases; specifically, a company for each except for unusual situation. It requires the early commencement of RH's. The two most critical ones being enemy AA defenses and artillery/mortar existence/disposition.

2. Time. CG 3d Mar Div has expressed the desire to have maximum forces available in critical areas during TET, which commences 17 Feb.

Comment: Assuming an early D-day and an in-place position for TET by 15 Feb, the operation will last approximately 24 days as a maximum.

3. Distance: The center of the objective area is approximately 25 miles from VCH and 30 miles from Quang Tri.

Comment: Limits the rapid build up of forces and burdens the resupply capability. The former underscores the need for phasing. This limitation adds emphasis to the need to build up our forces to regimental size so that reinforcing can be achieved from within the objective area rather than being bound by the delay should reinforcements have to be made from VCH. Distance affects communications.

4. Weather: At best, the weather in the objective area will be unpredictable/uncertain.

Comment: This factor also underscores the need for phasing of the operation. Requires a certain amount of planning and execution to take advantage of good weather. Requires that, to the maximum extent possible, consistent with maintaining troop mobility, troops have several days rations in possession, specifically, 3 or 4 days long range patrol rations will be carried, with usual restrictions on consumption applied. Requires that five battalion days of "C" rations be positioned on each FSB, in addition to reserve for occupants of FSB.

5. Helicopter landing zones and life support base sites. The area does not appear to have an abundance of good LZs or sites that can be easily developed.

Comments: The criteria for LZs remains the same, i.e. avoid the low ground whenever possible. Be prepared for overland movement to maximum extent to reduce helicopter requirements. Select LZs that are not low or too high and that can be well defended, and within 6000 meter fan of 105mm. Engineer personnel and equipment will be brought up to maximum capability.

6. Communications. The distance from the objective area to AO will present a difficult communications problem. High mountains in the area will increase the problem.

Comments: Battalions will have to relay resupply and other admin traffic through the 9th Marines CP. A Mark 63 capability has been promised the 9th Marines. We must consider establishing a relay on either primary or back up capability on Hill 819. We will establish an II non secure net using the AN/PSC-47 or AN/PSC-75. All units, particularly regimental and battalion headquarters will carry approximately 10 days supply of batteries.

7. Helicopter support. It can be expected that helicopter support will be limited in terms of availability and the problem will be compounded by distance and possible bad weather.

Comments: We must phase our operation to be consistent with helicopter availability. At the earliest, we must compute our helicopter requirements, bearing in mind that the probable heavy art'y fires we will employ and the distance factor will place a large burden on CH-53s. In this connection, CH-47s should be considered as a daily requirement during the entire operation.

8. Force availability. Any force less than three infantry battalions and three 105mm how batteries, plus 150 support, would be a serious limiting factor.

Comments: While it is recognized that there are competing force requirements elsewhere in the TF Aerial AO and 3d Mar Div AO, Dawson River South requires the 9th Marines (Rein). Reasons include, the uncertain enemy situation, size and remoteness of the area. Time is a factor -- three battalions can do the job half again as quickly as two which would permit early return of 9th Marines for TF posture and which would limit the enemy's capability to displace his artillery to positions of threat in Laos. To provide coverage during artillery displacement three 105mm how btry's are required, even if the operation should be a two battalion one. However, this situation becomes unfavorable in that a company per VSB concept results in one battalion with only two companies and the other with three. In discussing this issue, one should remember that a VSB force could be made available to free Marine forces in certain areas of the Division AO.

Specific Guidance. In addition to certain guidance either stated or implied above, the following applies:

1. Weather checks. Require that a weather check by air of the objective area and routes there to, be made each day, starting tomorrow.

2. Intelligence. Intelligence collection capability be applied to the area on a continuing basis. Starting tomorrow, request an intelligence update briefing each day. The enemy AA capability and artillery/mortar capability to be emphasized in gaining intelligence on objective area.

3. Visual Reconnaissance. To avoid arousing the enemy's suspicion and to reduce the hazard posed by enemy AA (suspected), Vis will be limited. Because of remoteness, and AA threat, desire always to have a gun bird chance, and if possible fixed wing during Vis. Air Officer lay on first priority starting tomorrow.

4. Recon Teams. Desire recon teams secure FSB Tun Tavern and Shiloh. During operation desire extensive recon support in close coordination with infantry actions.

5. Artillery Support. In general our area of operation will run 30 KM Northwest - Southeast by 16 KM wide. Should operations be required outside of this area, that is outside the 8000 meter fan, additional coverage for counter mortar fire should be provided by 4.2 mortars. This policy is not intended as meaning extensive range from 8000 meter fan. Typically, maneuver out to 10,500 meters under 105 cover would include 4.2 mortars to extend counter mortar capability 3000 meters beyond friendly maneuver. Pending artillery recommendations, consider 155s initially at Shiloh and thereafter centrally located. Desire large build up of arty ammo.

6. Aviation Support. Through IF Hotel and 3d Mar Div, request early participation of aviation planners to determine supportability of our requirements.

7. Fixed Wing. Desire a daily generous frag of fixed wing throughout the operation.

8. AO Support. Desire maximum AO support throughout operation.

9. IFCs. Step up IFC support on known or suspected targets from this day forward.

10. Resupply. Determine at the earliest if VCS or Quang Tri or both LAs will be used. Desire a limited capability at Quang Tri if possible.

11. Hot Chew. No special helicopter runs for hot chew. Only if it is tied in with, and does not interfere with other resupply.

12. Phasing (all times and certain places are approximate)

a. Recon Team on Tun Tavern 20 Jan

b. Open Tun Tavern 21 Jan

c. Open Shiloh 22 Jan

d. One battalion assault southeast of #1 FSB site, tentatively located at 135132-23 Jan.

e. Battery at Henderson displace to #1 FSB on 25 Jan.

f. One battalion assault southeast of #1 FSB with specific mission of early seizure of #2 FSB site, tentatively located at 135131-26 Jan.

g. Regimental CP displace to #1 FSB or prepared to displace to #2 FSB - 27 Jan.

h. Battery at Tan Tavern displace to #2 FSB - 26 Jan. 1968
displace to #2 FSB - 26 Jan.

i. If regimental CP doesn't displace to #1 FSB on 27 Jan, displace to #2 on 26 Jan.

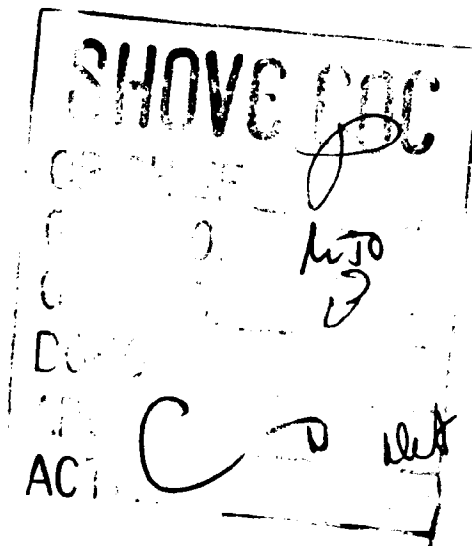
j. Elements of one battalion land southeast of #2 FSB to secure #3 FSB site, tentatively at 252090 - 29 Jan.

k. Battery at Mullen displace to #3 FSB - 31 Jan.

l. Remainder of number 3 battalion land within 8000 meter fan of #3 FSB on 1 Feb.

All of the above are conservative times. If FSB sites are not difficult to develop and we have good helicopter availability, all battalions and batteries could be in position as early as 27 January.

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1. DUE TO DISTANCE AND CONCOMITANT COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT NORMAL FSC CHANNELS WOULD PROVE INADEQUATE TO EFFECT TIMELY CLEARANCE OF FIRES BETWEEN 9TH MARINES AND 101ST AIR CAV DIV. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT DIRECT LIAISON BE AUTHORIZED WITH 101ST AIR CAV FOR LATERAL CLEARANCE OF SUPPORTING FIRES. ADDITIONALLY IN EVENT LONG RANGE ARTILLERY CONTROLLED BY 101ST DIV ARTY IS POSITIONED WITHIN RANGE OF 9TH MAR AD IT IS REQUESTED THAT A QUICK FIRE CHANNEL BE AUTHORIZED BETWEEN SUCH ARTILLERY AND 2D BN 12TH MARINES.

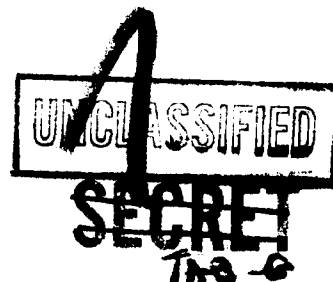
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 2. IN VIEW OF ARTILLERY AND AAA THREAT IMPOSED AS IT IS REQUESTED THAT COORDINATION BE AUTHORIZED WITH 7TH AF TO EMPLOY TAC AIR, ARTILLERY, AND VISUAL RECON IN LAOS. TAC AIR WOULD BE CONTROLLED BY USMC FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS. TO FACILITATE SUCH COORDINATION IT IS REQUESTED THAT DIRECT LIAISON BE AUTHORIZED WITH ARCCO. FURTHER, AN FM SECURE VOICE CAPABILITY ON BOARD ARCCO WOULD ENHANCE SECURITY IF PRACTICABLE. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT COORDINATION WOULD BE REQUIRED IN THAT PORTION OF LAOS ENCOMPASSED BY XD 939231, XD 979193, YD 819993, YD 869930, YC 159970, YC 259940, YC 299940.

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FM: 9TH MAR 6

TO: 3RD MAR DIV

INFO: TFH

DESIRE NEWS EMBARGO REMAINS IN EFFECT.
 NEWS MEDIA HAVE ^{SHOWN} ~~EXHIBITED~~ INTENSIVE
 INTEREST IN CRITICAL AREA - TIGER MOUNTAIN
 ROUTE 922 AND 548. THESE AREAS ARE
 9TH MAR OBJECTIVES WHICH WILL NOT
 BE ENGAGED FOR SEVERAL MORE DAYS.
 IF HIGHER AUTHORITY DESIRES LIFT ~~OF~~ OF
 EMBARGO, I WILL ~~E~~ RELUCTANTLY AGREE,
 PROVIDED ANY COVERAGE RELATED TO
 CRITICAL AREAS LISTED ABOVE IS EXCLUDED
 9TH MAR 6 SENDS.

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TAB D

COPY OF FIELD MESSAGE 9 JAN 69

FRAG ORDER 1-69

1. SITUATION. NO CHANGE

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION.

A. FOR 1/9.

- (1) BY 101200H SEIZE OCCUPY AND DEFEND HILL 557 VIC
XD 76913 WITH 1 COMPANY. BE PREPARED TO
RECEIVE 1 SECTION OF 106 AND A 107MM MORTAR
BATTERY.

B. FOR 2/9.

- (1) ON 101300H CHOP 1 106 RR SECTION TO C/1/9 UPON
ARRIVAL AT HILL 557.

4. ADMIN-LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. NO CHANGE

COPY OF FIELD MESSAGE 14 JAN 69

FRAG ORDER 2-69

1. SITUATION.

- A. 9TH MAR HAS BEEN TASKED TO ASSUME ASAP, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEFENSE OF VCB, CA LU AND SIGNAL HILL.
- B. ADDITIONALLY 9TH MAR HAS BEEN TASKED TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FORCES TO 4TH MAR FOR THE DEFENSE OF ECB AND THE KHE GIA BRIDGE.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION.

A. FOR 1/9.

- (1) CONTINUE SECURITY MISSION FOR PSB CATES, AND HILLS 691 AND 950.
- (2) PROVIDE BALD EAGLE/SPARROW HAWK UNIT.
- (3) AT 111300H JAN 69 ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SECURITY OF VCB, CA LU AND SIGNAL HILL.
- (4) ASSUME OPCON OF A PLT (+) FROM 2/9 FOR SECURITY OF SIGNAL HILL FOR 2/9.

B. FOR 2/9.

- (1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.
- (2) BY 111300H JAN 69 CHOP 1 RIFLE COMPANY AND AN ADDITIONAL PLT TO 4TH MAR FOR EMPLOYMENT AT ECB AND THE GIA BRIDGE.

C. FOR 3/9.

- (1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

4. ADMIN-LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS: NO CHANGE

COPY OF FIELD MESSAGE 21 JAN 69

FRAG ORDER 3-19

1. SITUATION. NO CHANGE

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION.

A. FOR 1/9.

(1) AT 210000H, YOU ARE RELIEVED OF BALD EAGLE/
SPARROW HAWK REQUIREMENT.

B. FOR 2/9.

(1) AT 210000H, YOU WILL RELIEVE 1/9 OF BALD
EAGLE/SPARROW HAWK REQUIREMENT.

4. ADMIN-LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE

5. COORDINATE AND COM. NO CHANGE

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FRAG 0 4-69

FROM: 9TH MARINES

TO: 3D MARINE DIVISION (REINFORCED), FMF
 101ST AIRBORNE
 TASK FORCE HOTEL
 2D ARVN (PASEP)
 FIRST BATTALION, 9TH MARINES
 SECOND BATTALION, 9TH MARINES
 THIRD BATTALION, 9TH MARINES
 SECOND BATTALION, 18TH MARINES

REF: 9TH MARINES OP ORDER 2-69

TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

1. SITUATION.A. ENEMY. NO CHANGE

B. FRIENDLY. NO CHANGE EXCEPT THAT 2ND ARVN REGT IS
 OPERATING ON EASTERN FLANK OF 9TH MARINES AO.

2. MISSION. AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY THE 9TH MARINES (REIN) ATTACKS
 SOUTH ACROSS PHASE LINE RED TO SEIZE REGIMENTAL OBJECTIVES 1,
 2, AND 3 IN ORDER TO KILL, CAPTURE OR DESTROY THE ENEMY HIS
 SUPPLIES AND FACILITIES IN AO.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT. AT H-HR ON D-DAY THE 9TH MARINES (REIN) COM-
 MENCES GROUND ATTACK SOUTH ACROSS PHASE LINE RED WITH THREE
 BATTALIONS ABREAST TO SECURE REGIMENTAL OBJECTIVES 1, 2, AND
 3.

B. 1ST BN.

- (1) ANNEX A (OPERATIONS OVERLAY)
- (2) ON ORDER PRIOR TO D-DAY CONDUCT A HELO MOVE OF
 1/9(-) INTO A SECURE LZ OR LZ'S TO BE DESIGNATED.
- (3) AT L-HR ON D-DAY ATTACK SOUTH ACROSS PHASE LINE
 RED TO SECURE REGIMENTAL OBJECTIVE 2 AND GAIN CONTROL OF ROUTE
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C. 2ND BN.

- (1) ANNEX A (OPERATIONS OVERLAY)
- (2) BY D-1 OPEN FSB ERSKINE (VIC YD 163107).
- (3) AT L-HOUR ON D-DAY ATTACK SOUTH ACROSS PHASE LINE RED TO SECURE REGIMENTAL OBJECTIVE 1 AND CRITICAL TERRAIN IN AO.

D. 3RD BN.

- (1) ANNEX A (OPERATIONS OVERLAY)
- (2) AT L-HR ON D-DAY ATTACK SOUTH ACROSS PHASE LINE RED TO SECURE REGIMENTAL OBJECTIVE 3 AND GAIN CONTROL OF ENEMY LOC'S IN AO.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) D-DAY 3 FEB 69
- (2) H-HOUR 1000H
- (3) SUBMIT SPOT REPORTS ASAP
- (4) SUBMIT ARC LIGHT BDA REPORT WHEN COVERING TARGET AREA.
- (5) EMPHASIZE CAPTURE OF ENEMY PERSONNEL.
- (6) EMPHASIZE USE OF FIXED WING FOR PRE H-HOUR PREP FIRES.
- (7) SUBMIT PRE H-HOUR PREFFIRE REQUESTS TO THIS HEAD-QUARTERS FOR APPROVAL.

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS.

- A. ALL BATTALIONS RESUPPLY ON 2 FEB 69
- B. 1/9 SHOULD MOVE INTO AO FROM VCB WITH MAXIMUM SUPPLIES.

5. COMMAND/COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS.

- A. REF A
- B. 9TH MARINE COMMAND POST WILL DISPLACE FROM FSB RAZOR TO FSB CUNNINGHAM ON 1 FEB 69.
- C. BATTALIONS REPORT CP LOCATIONS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS AS ESTABLISHED.

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Ref: (a) Maps: L7014 VIETNAM, Sheets 6341 I, 6342 II, 6442 III, and 6441 IV.

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. (See Annex B), Current Intsums and Perintreps.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Task Force Hotel conducts multi-regimental operations in the DAWSON RIVER and LANCASTER II AO.

(2) 2nd Bn, 12th Marines direct support; 12th Marines (Rein) General support.

(3) 1st MAW provides helicopter and Fixed-Wing air support.

(4) 7th Air Force provides tactical air support.

(5) Unit of the 2nd ARBN Regiment will conduct operations in the vicinity of FSB DAVIS and Hill 1108 to the north-east of DAWSON RIVER SOUTH AO.

(6) 101st Airborne Division will conduct operation to the east of the DAWSON RIVER SOUTH AO.

2. MISSION.

a. On order the 9th Marines (Rein) commences offensive operations in the southern DA KRONG VALLEY area in order to kill, capture and destroy the enemy, his supplies and facilities.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. Operation DAWSON RIVER SOUTH will be conducted as a phased operation.

Phase I: With FSB HENDERSON remaining open, FSB TUN TAVERN will be opened on D-2 and FSB SHILOH opened on D-1. FSB SHILOH will be expanded to accommodate forward staging of an additional 5000 rounds of artillery ammunition, 10 days Class I for an infantry Battalion and 10 days of batteries.

Phase II: Encompasses the assault of one infantry battalion (Rein), construction and occupation of an FSB within

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the 8 KM fan of FSB SHILOH.

Phase III: Includes the assault of one infantry battalion (Rein), construction and occupation of an FSB within 8 KM of a supporting FSB: the displacement of the Regimental Command Post and associated units and the artillery battalion Headquarters.

Phase IV: Includes the assault of one infantry battalion (Rein) and the construction and occupation of an FSB within the 8 KM fan of a supporting FSB.

b. 1st Bn

- (1) Continue assigned mission.
- (2) On order occupy and secure FSB SHILOH.
- (3) On order conduct a heliborne assault into multiple LZ's in AO to be assigned. Secure and assist in development of an FSB within 8 KM of a supporting FSB. Conduct detailed clearing operations in AO.

c. 2nd Bn

- (1) See Annex C Operation Overlay.
- (2) On order conduct heliborne assault into multiple LZ's in assigned AO. Conduct detailed clearing operations and commence immediately to secure and assist in development of a FSB within the 8 KM fan of FSB SHILOH.

d. 3rd Bn

- (1) See Annex C Operation Overlay.
- (2) Continue assigned mission.
- (3) On order occupy and secure FSB TUN TAVERN.
- (4) On order conduct heliborne assault into multiple LZ's to assigned AO, conduct detailed clearing operations and commence immediately to secure and assist in development of a FSB within the 8 KM fan of a supporting FSB.

e. Co "C", (Rein), 3rd Engr Bn. Direct Support 9th Marines (Rein)

f. Regimental Reserve. Reserve will be constituted from least committed, most available forces.

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4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- a. Infantry operations will be conducted within 8 KM fan of DS artillery unless otherwise approved by this Headquarters.
- b. D-Day tentatively 22 Jan 69.
- c. L-Hour TBA
- d. Emphasis overland movement.
- e. Emphasis to be placed on capturing enemy personnel.
- f. Process all captured material through this Headquarters.
- g. Submit Spot Reports complete and upon occurrence of incident.

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ANNEXES:

- A. Task Organization
- B. Intelligence (TBI)
- C. Operation Overlay
- D. Fire Support Coord.
- E. Admin & Log.
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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 2-69.

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Task Organization.

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Det, 7th ITT
Det, 3rd SP Bn

1st Bn (Rein)

1st Bn, 9th Marines Lt. Col SMITH
Det, 3rd SP Bn
Det, 1st MP Bn (Scout Dogs)
Det, HqCo, 9th Marines (Snipers)

2nd Bn (Rein)

2nd Bn, 9th Marines Lt. Col FOX
Det, 3rd SP Bn
Det, 1st MP Bn (Scout Dogs)
Det, HqCo, 9th Marines (Snipers)

3rd Bn (Rein)

3rd Bn, 9th Marines Lt. Col LAINE
Det. 3rd SP Bn
Det, 1st MP Bn (Scout Dogs)
Det, HqCo, 9th Marines (Snipers)

2nd Bn, 12th Marines (Rein)

Lt. Col SCOPPA

Co C, 3rd Engr Bn

1st Lt. SWINSON

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 2-69

Ref: Maps: AMS Series L7015, Sheets 6341 I, 6342 II, 6441 IV, 6442 III

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. Situation. Information on enemy forces in the objective area is obscure. The area is reportedly a major administrative and logistic area for enemy personnel infiltrating into southern Quang Tri Province, Tqua Thien Province and Quang Nam Province. The area is also situated between Base Area 611 in Laos, Base Area 101 Southwest of Quang Tri and Base Area 114 West of Hue. Heavy vehicular traffic has been reported along Route 548 in the southern portion of the objective area. A major engineering effort is also reported in this area with emphasis in the vicinity of Tiger Mountain (YD 253090).

b. Capabilities: Attack or defend in the AO with up to three (3) infantry regiments, supported by one (1) artillery regiment and one (1) AAA battalion, with a possible reserve division just North of the DMZ.

c. Fortifications: A compilation of fortifications disseminated from various members of the intelligence community was issued to Battalions and supporting units in photos and overlay form.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

a. What are the locations, strengths, and disposition of enemy units within the area of operation?

b. What installations have the enemy established, to include arms caches, supply facilities, base camps, training areas, command posts and observation points.

c. Has the enemy prepared and defensive positions to include mine fields, trench systems, wire defense or any other type defensive system? If so, where and to what extent?

d. Has the enemy prepared any anti-aircraft defensive positions? If so, where and with what type weapon.

e. Has the enemy prepared any artillery defensive positions? If so, where and with what type weapons.

f. What screening activities has the enemy been employing and has there been an increase in his patrol activities?

g. Has there been any significant movement of enemy troops either in or out of the area of operation? If so, where, and what armament and materials?

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Annex H (Air) to Operation Order 2-69

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014 sheets 6341 I, 6342 II, 6442 III, and 6441 IV.

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1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 2-69.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 7th Air Force assets (Single manager concept); 1st MAW provide Fixed-Wing, helicopter and aerial observer support.

(2) ASRT detachment has been requested to accompany forces into objective area.

(3) Portable GCA unit has been requested to accompany forces into objective area.

2. PROCEDURES.

a. Airstrikes within operational area shall be under positive control of TACP, TACP, TAC(A) or ASRT.

b. Coordination of supporting fires. Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Order 2-69.

c. TPQ requests for that night and the next day shall be submitted to this headquarters prior to 0930H. Emergency on priority TPQ submit any time.

d. ALO/FAC controlled airstrikes are encouraged.

e. Units operating with the "Transponder Beacon" should request a minimum of two (2) "Beacon" flights per day.

f. Pre-planned Fixed-Wing requests for the following day shall be submitted to this headquarters prior to 1130H.

g. All heliborne assaults into unsecure zones shall be preceded by a minimum of six (6) flights of prep. A minimum of two (2) flights for helo escort shall be requested.

h. "On Call" Fixed-Wing requested either through AO on station or this headquarters.

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i. Helicopter support requests shall be submitted utilizing the following guide:

CH-46	Request by 1330H preceeding day.
Zippo	Request by 1330H preceeding day.
CH-53/47	Request 37 hours in advance.
CH-54	Request 49 hours in advance.

j. Landing zones/pick up zones shall be carefully selected following those policy guidelines used in the past. Confirmation of final landing zone selection/approval shall be a joint effort by participating ground and aviation commanders.

k. All heliborne assaults shall be proceeded by a common briefing attended by concerned ground and aviation personnel (Zippo Team).

l. Units shall closely monitor their organic fires (60mm-81mm) so that they do not constitute a hazard to operating aircraft.

m. All helicopter resupply and medevac landing zones shall be well policed and controlled. Every effort shall be made to locate structures, trash dumps, etc., well away from landing zones. A concentrated effort must be made to reduce danger of flying debris.

n. The current helicopter request format shall be followed for all helicopter support request.

o. Units insure that friendly positions are clearly marked with smoke and/or air panels when so requested. Units with lost communications and an unsecure zone shall mark with yellow smoke and a red smoke thrown in the direction of enemy contact.

3. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 2-69.

b. Control Agencies.

(1) VANDEGRIFT DASC outside Regimental area of Operation.

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(2) BULLDOZER 14 for all inter-AO air traffic (traffic clearance only).

(3) Unit 14 in close proximity of individual landing zones (traffic clearance only).

APPENDIXES:

1. Available Air Support
2. Air Schedule

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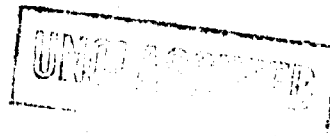
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Appendix 1 (Available Air Support) to Annex H (Air) to Operation Order 2-69.

Available Air Support

1. Medevac. Two(2) helicopters on 15 minute alert, stationed at VANDGRIFT COMBAT BASE and QUANG TRI Airfield.
2. Aerial Observer/Tactical Air Controllers Airborne. Two(2) aircraft (OV-10/O-11) on station throughout the hours of daylight. One(1) aircraft on 15 minute alert, stationed at QUANG TRI.
3. TPQ available day and night, all weather capability except during periods of heavy precipitation.
4. TA 4/TAC(A). One aircraft throughout hours of daylight to perform surveillance in LAOS. Remains under direct control of this headquarters.
5. CAS Aircraft (pre-planned). Support will be provided on a basis of 6.7 sorties per day per infantry battalion. Each battalion 3.5 flights per day.
6. CAS Aircraft (on call). Smoke and Napalm available on alert from DA NANG and CHU LAI. Expect 30-45 minute delay unless divert flight is available in near vicinity.
7. Flare Ship (C-130). On call for troops in contact and emergency medevac. Expect 30-45 minute delay.
8. Spooky Gunship/Flare Ship (C-117). On call for troops in contact on emergency medevac. Expect 30-45 minute delay.
9. ECM Aircraft. On call to accompany Flare Ship/Spooky in areas near Laotian border. Expect 15-20 minute delay.
10. Radar Tracking Aircraft (A6A). On call for units with night vehicular sightings. Expect 1-2 hour delay, unless pre-planned.
11. Command & Control Helicopters. One package, 6 hours of flight time, requested daily by this headquarters.

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12. Supply Helicopters. Adequate assets available from 1st MAW and controlled by Task Force Hotel.

13. UH-1E Gunships. Available on request. Two(2) aircraft on 15 minute alert during darkness at QUANG TRI.

14. Troop Transports. Adequate assets available from 1st MAW and available on request.

15. Heavy lift Helicopters. CH-53, augmented with CH-47 and CH-54 assets will be available upon request.

NOTE: Priorities for all air support.

1. Units in contact and/or medevacs.
2. Helicopter lifts.
3. Normal Operations.

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Appendix 2 (Air Schedule) to Annex H (Air) to Operation Order 2-69.

Air Schedule.

L-Hours to be announced.

D-2--- 8 CH-46's lift infantry company to secured FSB TUN TAVERN.
4 CH-53/CH-47 lift artillery batter to FSB TUN TAVERN.

D-1--- 8 CH-46's lift infantry company to secured FSB SHILOH. 8
CH-53/CH-47, 1 CH-54 lift artillery batteries to FSB SHILOH.

D-Day- 17 CH-46's lift 2/9(-) into assault area to secure FSB #1
and commence operations. 3 CH-53/47 for artillery ammunition
resupply.

D#1--- 6 CH-53/47 lift artillery batter to FSB #1.
6 CH-46 lift security company

D#2--- 3 CH-53/47 for artillery ammunition resupply. 8 CH-46's
lift infantry company to secure FSB #2.

D#3--- 8 CH-53/47 and CH-54 to lift artillery batteries to FSB #2.
6 CH-46 lift security company

D#4--- 17 CH-46's lift 3/9(-) into assault area to commence operation.
3 CH-53/47 for artillery ammunition resupply.

D#5--- 8 CH-46's to lift infantry company to secure FSB #3. 3 CH-53/
CH-47 for artillery ammunition resupply.

D#6--- 6 CH-53/CH-47 to lift artillery battery to FSB #3.
6 CH-46 lift security company

D#7--- 17 CH-46's to lift 1/9(-) into assault area and commence
operations. 3 CH-53-47 for artillery ammunition resupply.

D#8 to D#20-- 3 CH-53/47 to perform daily artillery resupply of
ammunition.

D#21-- 17 CH-46's to lift 1/9(-) to VCB, plus, one infantry company
to secure FSB SHILOH. 4 CH-53/47 to lift artillery battery to
FSB SHILOH.

D#22-- 17 CH-46's to lift 3/9(-) to VCB, plus, one infantry company
to secure FSB TUN TAVERN. 6 CH-53/47 and 1 CH-54 to lift artillery
batteries to FSB TUN TAVERN.

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D/23--- 17 CH-46's to lift 2/9(-) to VCB, plus, one infantry company to secure FSB HENDERSON. 4 CH-53/47 to lift artillery battery to FSB HENDERSON.

D/24--- 8 CH-46's to lift two infantry companies to VCB. 6 CH-53/47 to lift two artillery batteries to VCB.

D/25--- 8 CH-46's to lift one infantry company to VCB. 3 CH-53/47 to lift artillery battery to VCB.

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Annex I (Psychological Operations) to Operations Order 2-69.

Ref: (a) Map Sheets 6341 I, 6342 II, 6442 III, 6441IV.
(b) FM 33-5, FM- 33-1

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 2-69.

b. Friendly Forces. Operations Order 2-69.

c. Attachments & Detachments. Annex A (Task Organization) to Operations Order 2-69.

d. Assumptions.

(1) The enemy consists of NVA and VC though unit designations are not certain.

(2) There is a very real possibility of forced labor being utilized in the area, origin of which may be BRU or Vietnamese or both.

2. MISSION. To utilize all psyops means available to persuade the enemy to Chieu Hoi and the forced labor to escape.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. To employ every means of PSYOPS mission available, keeping in mind the limiting factors of terrain and equipment available.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Send all PSYOPS mission requests to 9th Marines CP giving type, time & location.

(2) Allow three days lapse time on airborne missions. Allow at least three days on requests involving transfer of personnel or material.

(3) Advise this command of all PSYOPS missions carried out by all units, giving time, place and short description of mission including any known results.

(4) Inform this command of all results directly attributable to current PSYOPS missions in the area.

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(5) This command has selected various likely target areas in the AO. This should not preclude units sending in likely areas for various PSYOPS missions.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Annex E (Administration and Logistics) to Operation Order 2-69.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 2-69.

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3rd Bn, 9th Marines	3
2nd Bn, 12th Marines	3
101st Airborne Div	2
1st MAW	1
7th Air Force	1
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h. What supply and resupply routes and methods are the enemy employing? Are there any indications of the use of draught animals?

i. Has the enemy obtained any new types of arms? If so, what, when, and how is it employed?

3. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIEL

a. Prisoners of war, Chieu Hoi, and detainees will not be separated from their personal gear. They will be immediately segregated and tagged. Notify 9th Marines Headquarters (S-2) immediately upon apprehension so as to expedite disposition.

b. All captured materiel and documents will be tagged showing the following:

- (1) Capturing unit
- (2) Date captured
- (3) Coordinates where captured
- (4) Under what circumstances

c. Captured documents will not be separated from container in which found. Immediate notification of capture will expedite evacuation and translation.

d. Captured materiel will be forwarded as soon as possible. War trophies will be tagged with capturing individual's name, rank, and service number and organization and forwarded to this Headquarters.

4. MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS

a. Submit overlays of all roads and trails in order to update map sheets.

b. Accurate reports will be submitted on enemy caches, base camps, and fortifications to verify and update target lists.

c. All units will comply with 3rdMarDiv message 251256ZSep68 (U). Only weapons and materiel classified as war trophies will be returned to capturing personnel. All other materiel will be forwarded to higher headquarters.

d. Battalions are directed to review all Specific Intelligence Collection Requirements (SICR's) in order to furnish needed information to higher headquarters.

5. TERRAIN

The objective area consists of rugged mountains and rolling hills. The DaKrong River Valley generally bisects the operating area with mostly rolling hills to the West and rugged mountains to the East. Vegetation West of the DaKrong River consists of elephant grass, brushwood and some forested areas. The vegetation to the East differs in that forest areas predominate and range from a single to triple canopy. Cultivated areas are scattered throughout becoming more prevalent in the southern portion of the objective area. The soil composition is of red clay affording good drainage throughout most of the area. The southern portion of the area is devoid of much of its natural vegetation, due to bombardment, will probably afford poor to fair drainage.

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6. WEATHER

January is the coldest month of the year along the Northeast coast. The temperature ranges from 51 degrees to 71 degrees. The humidity will range from 70 to 90%. No significant precipitation will fall, mostly light drizzle and isolated thunderstorms which are at a minimum during the period of operation. Visibility will be poor during the early morning. Fog and drizzle may reduce visibility but fog should clear by 0900. Winds during the period are generally light with speeds less than 10 knots.

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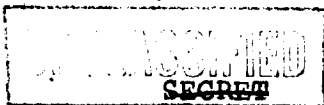
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Annex D (Fire Support) to Operation Order 2-69

Operation DAWSON RIVER SOUTH

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 (b) CG, 3d Mar Div LOI 1-67
 (c) FMFM 7-1 (Fire Support Coordination)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence), and intelligence summaries as issued.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 9th Marines (Rein) conducts multi-battalion operations in DAWSON RIVER SOUTH AO.
- (2) 2d Bn, 12th Marines (Rein) provides Direct Support.
- (3) 7th USAF provides tactical air support.
- (4) 1st MAW provides helo and fixed-wing air support.

c. Attachments and Detachments. See Annex A (Task Organization).

2. MISSION.

a. On order 9th Marines (Rein) commences offensive operations in the souther DA KRONG VALLEY area to kill, capture, and destroy the enemy, his supplies and facilities.

3. EXECUTION.

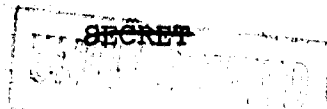
a. Concept of Operations. Operation DAWSON RIVER SOUTH will be conducted as a phased operation. During Phase I FSB HENDERSON will remain open. FSB TUN TAVERN will be opened on D-2 and FSB SHILOH on D-1. FSB SHILOH will be expanded to store 5000 rounds artillery ammunition and 10 days Class I for an infantry battalion. In Phase II one infantry battalion will assault, occupy and construct a FSB with 8 KM of a supporting FSB; displacement of the Regimental Command Post, associated units, and the direct support artillery headquarters. During Phase IV one infantry battalion will assault, occupy and construct a FSB within the 8 KM fan of a supporting FSB.

b. Supporting Air and Artillery. Provide close and continuous fire support to 9th Marines.

c. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) D-Day TBA

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- (2) Duration of operation approximately 24 days.
- (3) Artillery and air representatives make maximum effort to coordinate at lowest echelon simultaneous air and artillery activity.
- (4) 9th Marines FSCC obtain clearances for all artillery missions and all mortar missions which plot within 1000 meters of a battalion boundary.
- (5) Firing units and forward observers maintain air sentry when firing. Check fire when aircraft are observed approaching danger areas. The unit, observer, or agency instituting the check will cancel the check when the danger has passed.
- (6) Mortar and artillery illumination and screening smoke will not be fired within 2000 meters of adjacent battalions without clearance from this headquarters.
- (7) Harassing Fires (H&I's) will not be planned closer than 1000 meters from friendlies. TOT's will not be planned closer than 1500 meters from friendlies. In this regard, battalions are encouraged to shoot normal missions in lieu of H&I's and TOT's in order to space firing so as to reduce the silent period which normally exists from 1900 until 2200 and to enhance the proficiency of small unit leaders in adjusting fire missions under the supervision of qualified observers.
- (8) Submission of E&I's and TOT's will be as soon as possible consistent with infantry activities and plans.
- (9) Forward Observers report direction to hostile mortars, AAA, and artillery ASAP.
- (10) When contact is too close to safely engage with artillery, FO's should consider attacking suspect escape routes.
- (11) 9th Marines has requested lateral clearance with 101st Air Cav Div and direct liaison with 7th USAF (ABCCC) for fires into Laos. 9th Marines FSCC will report all air and artillery fires delivered in Laos to higher headquarters.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Annex E (Administration and Logistics) to Operation 2-69.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS: : ELECTRONICS.

- a. See Annex F (command and Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 2-69.
- b. 9th Marines FSCC located initially at VCB.
- c. 2/12 FDC located initially at FCB.

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ANNEX E (Administration and Logistics) to Operation Order 2-69

Ref: (a) Maps: L7015 VIETNAM, Sheets 6242 III, 6342 II,
6341 I, 6441 IV

Time Zone: H

1. SUPPLY.

a. General.

(1) VCB primary source of resupply for classes I, II, III, IV, and V.

(2) In the event of inclement weather at VCB which would prevent resupply operations, the Quang Tri LSA will be utilized as an emergency source for resupply of all classes.

b. Supplies and equipment available.

(1) 10 days supply, all classes.

c. Control and distribution.

(1) Supply point distribution.

d. Prescribed loads.

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|---------------|---|
| (1) Class I | 2 days MCI
4 days LRPR (Long Range Patrol Rations)
MCI's will be utilized where normal resupply is possible. LRPR's are for emergency use and will not be consumed without authority from the Battalion Commander. LRPR's that are not consumed during field operations will be turned into LSU at VCB. |
| (2) Class II | As prescribed by unit commander. All units, to include Regimental and Battalion Headquarters, will carry 10 days supply of batteries. |
| (3) Class III | As required. |
| (4) Class IV | All personnel will carry 6 sand bags. |
| (5) Class V | Basic allowance plus 1 DOA. |

e. Resupply.

- (1) Helo resupply from VCB primary source.
- (2) Units must be prepared to locate sufficient personnel at Quang Tri LSA to draw, stage and control supplies.
- (3) Helicopters will not be utilized for transporting hot chow unless it is part of and does not interfere with other resupply operations.

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- (4) Emergency resupply requests must be approved by the Battalion Commander.
- (5) Battalions tasked with responsibility of providing defense for FSB's will stage 5 battalion days of rations (MCI) in addition to reserve for occupants of FSB.

2. EVACUATION and HOSPITALIZATION.

a. Evacuation.

- (1) Casualties will be evacuated via Co C, 3d Med Bn, VCB.

b. Hospitalization.

- (1) As directed by 3d Med Bn.

3. TRANSPORTATION.

a. Vehicles.

- (1) Vehicle transport of all classes supply will be via main supply route (MSR) Route 9 and is a controlled convoy route.

b. Air (Helicopter).

- (1) Keep landing zones well policed to prevent danger of flying debris.

4. SERVICE.

- a. Normal service support activities available at VCB.

5. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Reports.

- (1) Daily logistic report (LOGREP) will be transmitted to the Regimental COC at VCB via the Logistic Not NLT 1730 daily.
- (2) Expedite return of water cans, slings, nets and cables to VCB or Quang Tri LSA as appropriate.

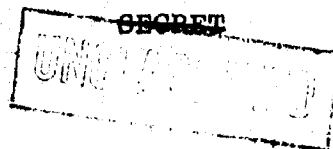
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Annex F (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Order 2-69

Ref: (a) 3d Mar Div Comm SOP (Div O P2000.4D)
(b) 3d Mar Div COI (Div O P02000.2G)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) See Annex B(Intelligence) to Operation Order 2-59.
- (2) The enemy has the capability to conduct electronics counter-measures and insert deceptive traffic on any communication channel.
- (3) The possibility of enemy radars in the area increases the chances of poor FM communications.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) See Operation Order 2-69.
- (2) Command Posts: Report command post locations as established.

2. MISSION. To provide communication and electronic support for Operation DAWSON RIVER SOUTH.

3. EXECUTION.

a. 1st Bn, 2nd Bn, 3rd Bn, 9th Marines.

- (1) Maintain communications on Reg Tac #1.
- (2) Be prepared to insert a manual relay on Hill 819.
- (3) Be prepared to relay logistical traffic through the Regiment.
- (4) Maintain a ten day supply of batteries (BA-386's)
- (5) Take adequate measures to protect equipment from the elements.
- (6) Use RC-292 antenna on Regimental nets.

b. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Frequency for the logistical net will be announced when required.
- (2) Call signs and frequencies in accordance with references (a) and (b).
- (3) Intelligence Net frequency M-251, 73.8MRZ.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See Annex E (Administration and Logistics)

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BOYS NAMES	0324	AUTO PARTS	0921
GIRLS NAMES	0623	CLOTHING	0516
STATES	1024	MONTHS	1214
COUNTRIES	1626	COLORS	3903
ACTORS	2026	RELIGIONS	3911
MARINE BASES	2427	TOOTH PASTE	3814
BEERS	2926	WHISKIES	3511
FRUIT	3225	CIGARETTES	3708
FURNITURE	3321	FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT	3303
DOGS	2222	SPORTS	1010
COLLEGES	1621	FLOWERS	1410
BIRDS	1919	CEREALS	1813
CARS	1417	SOFT DRINKS	1909
ANIMALS	2115	COINS	2106
OFFICERS RANKS	2715	WEAPONS	2408
ACTRESSES	1606	MAGAZINES	2603
DONALD DUCK	1307	CITIES	2710
DAYS	3001	LITTLE ABNER	2904
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1. Enclosure (1) has been prepared:

a. To assist artillerymen to prepare for and execute similar fire support base operations;

b. To provide the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines and its parent regiment, the 12th Marines, an unofficial version of the conduct of the subject operation as viewed by the senior artilleryman on the ground;

c. To present the most significant lessons learned for inclusion into the 2d Battalion, 12th Marines Standing Operating Procedures and for possible use by higher headquarters.

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Item: Defense of an FSB

Comments:

The following passive defense measures by artillery units will enhance adequate defense of an FSB:

- (1) Plan self-defense illumination, beehive, and ICM missions in coordination with the resident infantry unit commander;
- (2) Monitor the infantry local security net and lay wire to the infantry CP;
- (3) Emplace automatic weapons so as to not only perform their primary mission of protecting the immediate battery area, but also to complement the infantry defense plan. A definite plan for employing automatic weapons in support of the infantry must be worked out with the infantry commander;
- (4) Participate in the infantry's security disciplines, i.e., "standing to", light & noise discipline, and above all, fire discipline;
- (5) Have a standing plan to provide a reaction force, line fillers or replacements for any area around the immediate battery area;
- (6) Provide secure small arms storage/resupply points;
- (7) Hold school for infantry units on the workings of an artillery unit, and on how to call for fires.

There is a fine line between how much the artillery must actively participate in FSB defense and when such participation becomes detrimental to accomplishment of the artillery mission. The resident infantry commander must understand that the artillery unit is there to shoot artillery and not to protect the FSB. It is the infantry's job to protect the FSB. But in the final analysis, the best overall solution depends on the amount of professional understanding between the artillery and infantry commanders, and the artillery commander must constantly work to improve this understanding.

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Item: TPQ of Former Friendly Positions Prior to Reoccupation

Comment: One of the techniques for reoccupying former friendly positions without giving advance notice to the enemy is to stay completely away from it, and then to prep the position with both artillery and TPQ's, using VT fuze, the night before the reentry. Although a certain percentage of both air and artillery VT fuzes will malfunction, artillery shells will cause much less damage to fixed installations than a bomb if some of the fuzes function on impact. One bomb on FSB SHILOH destroyed two parapets, part of a third, and two ammo berms. The damage was not evident until the next morning--the day of reentry--and a major realignment of engineer support had to be made at the last minute. Fortunately, a dozer was available and was fragged to Shiloh on one of the first lifts in. This is not usually possible.

Lessons learned or Recommendation:

If a position has some fixed installations, such as parapets, which should be preserved, TPQ's should not be planned on former positions the night before reoccupation, even if VT is to be used. If for some reason a TPQ is essential, the rehabilitation plan should include a bulldozer and engineer support to reconstruct all fixed installations prior to reoccupation.

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Item: Delineation of Responsibilities and Authority in Development of
a Fire Support Base

Comment:

In the absence of a directive from a common higher authority which delineates the respective responsibilities and authority of artillery and infantry commanders on an FSB, some misunderstanding may occur between the battery commander(s) tasked with building artillery positions and the infantry battalion commander tasked with overall responsibility for the FSB.

The keystone to the rapid and proper development, smooth daily operations, and successful defense of a fire support base is personal liaison and professional understanding between the artillery and infantry commanders. This personal approach has certain limits, however, when one of the two commanders is senior by two grades and there is a lack of experience or understanding on the part of one or both of those commanders.

Lessons Learned or Recommendations:

A division-level directive would be appropriate for reference, as needed.

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Item: Incoming Trenches

Comment: The use of a back-hoe to dig incoming trenches ASAP after arrival of the Battery recon party should be done whenever possible. These trenches, if properly situated, can double as personnel staging areas for the LZ.

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Item: Positioning of Resupply Pads on FSB's

Comment:

There was a significant amount of mutual interference between resupply operations and artillery firing during this operation. Class 5 resupply choppers had to take advantage of wind direction, and this was often along the long axis of the gun line. Check firing for resupply choppers is not only unacceptable; in contact missions, it cannot be done. On the other hand, it is equally unacceptable to either have the choppers wait for an opening, or divert to another FSB.

Much forethought must be given to the positioning of artillery within fire support bases so as to permit continuous resupply of Class 5 externals, and wheels-down landings, without check firing. This will require at least two things: more LZ's, and a prior knowledge of the prevailing daytime winds at the proposed FSB location.

Lessons learned or Recommendation:

- (1) Lay the requirement on the cognizant command or staff to provide low-level wind information for a 5 KM radius around proposed FSB's.
- (2) Ensure that the required engineer support and priority of effort for additional LZ's and pads is understood, approved and arranged in the planning phase.
- (3) Organize the engineer effort when building FSB's so that there are sufficient alternate LZ's and resupply pads, considering the prevailing winds, to reduce the mutual interference described.

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Item: ammo berms

Comment:

The importance of deep and well-revetted ammo berms was repeatedly pointed out during DEWEY CANYON. In several instances Class 5 was protected from direct hits from artillery and RPG's by the retainer walls built at the ends of linear bulldozer-dug berms.

There are never too many of these berms. Many times, Class 5 will be diverted from one FSB to another because of weather, incoming, etc., and will cause an overflow condition unless there are extra berms available.

Receiving berms should be constructed adjacent to each parapet for ammo which is to be broken out and placed in ready bunkers.

Since quantity-distance safety criteria cannot be adhered to on an FSB, extra measures are required to keep all ammo well-protected.

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Item Incoming Holes Within Parapets

Comments: The number of casualties sustained might have been reduced if all batteries had incoming holes within the parapets. These holes provide some measure of protection for the gun crews between missions, particularly during firing of a counterbattery program. They are not a substitute for, nor do they serve the same purpose as, fighting holes outside the parapets.

Lessons learned or Recommendations:

That consideration be given to having incoming holes within parapets whenever possible.

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Item: Fire Hazards and Fire-Fighting Equipment on FSB's

Comment: Any FSB, by virtue of the relatively large concentration of explosives, POL, and other flammables in a very small area, is a potential disaster area. Numerous fires were experienced on this operation. One of them spread to an area containing approximately 100 rounds of 105mm HE awaiting DOD disposal. The resulting cookoffs closed the FSB to choppers, and put two batteries out of action (so that personnel could take cover) for several hours. Other brush fires on the periphery of battery areas, started by incoming and trip flares, interrupted firing as communications had to be assigned to fight them.

Propellant fires are particularly violent and hazardous, and require a large volume of CO₂ as soon as possible. Only the 150-lb hand-cart extinguisher with extension hose is considered adequate for this type of fire. They are not, however, available in sufficient quantity.

One problem with all fire extinguishers is that they have to be sent all the way back to Dong Ha for recharging. Since there are not enough extinguishers on hand to start with, the excessive round-trip travel time compounds an already-serious shortage.

Lessons learned or Recommendation:

(1) The brush and undergrowth cleared from the top of an FSB will eventually burn, so it should be burned off at the first opportunity--preferably before the battery moves in. Regardless of when or how it will be burned off, it should be pushed as far down the side of the FSB as possible, to reduce the hazard of sparks igniting anything on top of the FSB. Fibers and ammo boxes thrown over the side will also eventually burn, so they should be burned continuously under controlled conditions, preferably in an area well away from helicopter approach and retirement routes.

(2) One 150-pound mobile extinguisher should be authorized for each gun section.

(3) Refilling/recharging facilities for fire extinguishers should be located at forward areas, and qualified inspectors should visit FSB's on a routine basis.

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Item: HF net problems:

Comment: The battalion was prepared to communicate with HF-SSB equipment, and a shot was activated because of the initial difficulty with VHF-FM. The frequencies assigned were 3925 KHZ and 9300 KHZ. The station in Dong Ha had loud and clear communications with the stations at Vandegrift Combat Base and FSB Cunningham but the latter two stations could not talk to each other. When VHF-FM communications improved (with discovery of the best frequency range), the attempts to establish a HF-SSB circuit were abandoned. It was learned later that the 9th Marines had successful comm on 5050 KHZ.

Lessons learned or Recommendation:

When employing the AN/PRC-47, several frequencies should be obtained which cover the entire HF band.

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Item: VHF frequency problems

Comment: Due to the large distances between the fire support bases and logistical support areas, it was often difficult to communicate with the VHF-FM family of equipment. During the hot hours of the day, communications were poor and a relay stations had to be used. It was found that the range 48-52 MHz was the best: below 48 MHz there was too much interference from aircraft, above 52 MHz the signal faded as described above.

Lessons learned or Recommendation:

Frequencies in the middle of the band should be assigned to the nets which have stations separated from each other by large distances or by terrain features which interfere with electrical line-of-sight.

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Item: Back-up Communications (Radio)

Comment: During the attack on FSB Cunningham all computer hot lines between the batteries were out by incoming, and the battalion had to shoot decentralized until FD communications were reestablished. Radios had been set up at the computer table in the FDC with pre-set frequencies, and the standing instruction was that the FD nets would be activated whenever land lines were out. However, it took at least 15 minutes to get all batteries up on an FD net. The source of the delay varied from net to net. The lesson learned is that there is no way to guarantee a smooth transition of alternate means of communications in an emergency situation. However, frequent practice in reestablishing communications under simulated emergency conditions will probably ensure better results than if no practice is held.

Lesson learned or Recommendation:

Daily drills in alternate comm plans, involving simulated losses of equipment and personnel, be incorporated in FDC drills.

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Item: Long-range Communications

Comment: Using a whip antenna and an AN/PRC-25 radio, Battery E communicated loud and clear from FSB Turnage on Tiger Mountain to Vandegrift Combat Base, a distance of over 47 KM.

Lessons learned or Recommendation:
Elevate your antenna.

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Item: Employment of radio technicians

Comment: It was found that a technician on a fire support base can significantly lessen down-time on a variety of equipment. At one time, Headquarters Battery had 6 AN/PRC-25 radios down, of which the technician was able to repair 5. Using a soldering iron (powered by a small 300 watt generator) and a multimeter, loud-speakers, handsets, coaxial cable connectors and sound equipment were repaired on the spot, thereby avoiding lengthy evacuation of essential items.

Lessons learned or Recommendation:

When possible, a radio technician should be assigned to a battery on each fire support base during extended operations.

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Item: Protection of Wire Lines on FSB's

Comment: Wire communications between units on FSB CUNNINGHAM were disrupted daily, either by incoming or by fires.

Lesson Learned or Recommendation:

A simple method for protecting land lines from both fires and incoming, and for making the location of breaks easy to spot, is cover the entire length of all wire lines with one layer of sandbags.

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Item: Back-up Communications (Wire)

Comment: In the midst of the ground attack at FSB CUNNINGHAM, it was necessary to lay wire line between two of the batteries so that one of them could reestablish land line communications with the battalion FDC.

Lesson Learned or Recommendation:

In addition to the normal primary and alternate wire lines between senior and subordinate units, all units on an FSB should be interconnected by primary and alternate wire lines. Improvement of land line communication options, like improvement of a battery position, should be continuous. Of equal importance is the requirement that wire diagrams be updated whenever changed, and that the full array is reviewed and understood by all officers and NCO's--not just the communicators.

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Item: Mail/Courier and Passenger Service

Comment: Mail/Courier and passenger service was uniformly poor because weather/limited helicopter assets placed an extremely high priority on resupply requirements (particularly artillery Class 5 resupply). and almost all pilots operated under the unwritten policy that they could not carry both passengers and external heavy lifts. The assumption that an external heavy lift utilizes all of a chopper's load capacity, and that one passenger with a bag of mail would be the proverbial straw, is simply incredible in 99.9% of the cases.

Lesson Learned or Recommendation:

- (1) That all heavy lift resupply choppers be permitted to take one passenger with each lift
- (2) That helicopter priorities be revised so that no couriers or passenger will wait more than one day for transportation to or from an FSB.

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Item: Smoke Operations

Comments:

Smoke was used very successfully to screen FSB CUMMINGHAM from direct observation during the retraction phase. Suspect OP's were located throughout an area of several thousand square meters to the southwest, and could not be individually screened, so the screen was planned on a ridgeline 2 KM west-southwest of the FSB. A screen 250M high by 2500M long was built up on that ridgeline, using 250 WP and 121 HC. It was effective for about three hours, by which time smoke-laying aircraft had been scrambled to continue the screen.

For some reason, the WP hung lower and lasted longer than expected. HC was used mainly to fill gaps in the WP.

The mission was observed by one of the battery commanders involved in the firing, who was authorized to make adjustments in firing data to achieve the desired effect. Decentralization of the mission in this manner ensured timely good results.

Lesson Learned or Recommendation:

(1) The proper mix of WP and HC cannot be accurately forecast in advance, nor were the tables contained in field manuals of much value in planning this smoke screen, even as a guide.

(2) If at all possible, the mission should be observed and completely controlled by the battery firing the screen. This will give the best screen with the least expenditure of smoke.

(3) To screen an FSB from distant observation, plan the smoke on some close-in terrain feature.

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PART II - STATISTICAL SUMMARY

A. Losses sustained by the enemy:

1. Personnel:

1627 KIA
5 POW
8 MIA
2 CHIEU HOI

9. Communications equipment:

5 Radios
1 Switchboard
2 Multiplexors
2 Field phones
6000 ft. of communications wire

2. Motor Transport:

84 Vehicles

3. Bunkers/Structures:

1000

4. Weapons:

1223 SA
243 OSW
26 Mortars
66 AA Weapons
12 122mm Field Guns
4 85mm Field Guns

5. Ammo:

690,598 SA Rds.
63,012 Mortar Rds
28,286 AA Rds.
7,530 HON/GUN Rds.
14,808 RPG's
60,429 Grenades
2,920 Mines
1,027 Rockets
2,998 Recoilless rifle Rds.

6. Explosives:

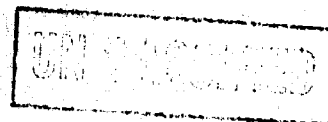
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7. POL:

2,750 Gal. Fuel
370 Gal. Grease

8. Food:

228,730 lbs.

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B. Surveillance of Artillery Missions (included in the totals given in A above).

1. Personnel:

172 KIA

5 WIA

90 Probable KIA/WIA

2. Bunkers/Structures:

116 Bunkers

1 House

2 Structures

3. Secondaries:

157

4. Vehicles:

6 Trucks destroyed

4 Trucks damaged

5. Weapons

2 122mm D-74 Field guns

1 82mm Mortar

1 50cal

6. Miscellaneous

1 Cave

1 Powerline

C. Losses sustained by friendly forces.

210 KIA, 903 WIA, and 2 MIA

D. Losses sustained by artillery units (included in the totals given in C above)

8 KIA (including 3 DOW's), and 58 WIA

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