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Encl: 1. 3d Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. Upon removal of enclosure (1) this letter is downgraded to unclassified.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDERS

3d Marines (-) (Rein)

Col R. L. MICHAEL JR. 1-8 Nov

Col M. M. SPARK 9-30 Nov

2. LOCATION. Republic of Vietnam.SUBORDINATE UNITS

HqCo, 3d Marines

Capt F. R. LENNON 1-9 Nov

1stLt W. J. QUIGLEY 10-30 Nov

1st Bn, 3d Marines

LtCol R. B. TWOHEY 1-30 Nov

2nd Bn, 3d Marines

LtCol B. T. CHEN 1-30 Nov

3d Bn, 3d Marines

LtCol W. H. BATES 1-30 Nov

1st Bn(-), 9th Marines

LtCol G. W. SMITH 13-17 Nov

3.

ATTACHED UNITS

None.

4. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

LtCol J. J. MCMONAGLE 1-30 Nov

S-1

Capt G. B. KRUCZKOWSKI 1-30 Nov

S-2

Maj J. R. GUTHENZ 1-30 Nov

S-3

Maj D. G. ROVEGNO 1-8 Nov

Maj E. E. EVANS 9-30 Nov

ALO

Maj P. F. ANGLE 1-30 Nov

S-3A/NBC Enpl Off

1stLt R. F. REILLY 1-30 Nov

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S-3A/Ln Off	1stLt J. E. PLANT 1-30 Nov 1stLt C. A. GREENFIELD 27-30 Nov 2ndLt W. T. HUGGETT 1-30 Nov
S-4	Maj J. F. X. CONNOLLY 1-30 Nov
S-4A	1stLt W. J. QUIGLEY 1-9 Nov Capt G. H. SAMPSON 5-30 Nov
Regt Supply Off	1stLt R. G. HOWIE 1-30 Nov
MTC	GySgt C. E. LAWLER 1-30 Nov
Corm Off	1stLt H. R. NOTHHAFT 1-30 Nov
A1st Comm Off	2ndLt R. B. LONGER 5-30 Nov
Regt Surgeon	Lt. G. W. GREGORY, MC, USN 1-30 Nov
Chaplain	LtCdr H. H. BOND 1-20 Nov LtCdr J. E. BELL 21-30 Nov
Hq Commandant	Capt F. R. LENNON 1-9 Nov 1stLt W. J. QUIGLEY 10-30 Nov

5. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMC
OFF/ENL

16 208

USN
OFF/ENL

2/4

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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On November 12th, Third Battalion passed OPCON of Companies C and D(-) back to Third Marines and helilifted same to Camp Carroll.

On November 13th, Third Marines assumed OPCON of Companies B and C, First Battalion, Ninth Marines. This day marked the beginning of the RAO VINH Cordon Operation which consisted of Companies E and F, Second Battalion, Third Marines; Company L Third Battalion, Third Marines; Companies B and C, First Battalion, Ninth Marines; Company I, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines; and the Fifth ARVN Battalion.

The First Battalion began search and destroy operations in the area of Mutter's Ridge by helilifting Company A to LZ Mac on November 14th, and Company G on the 15th.

With the completion of the RAO VINH Cordon Operation on November 16th, Companies B and C, First Battalion, Ninth Marines were helilifted to LZ Sweet and LZ Deal respectively to commence sweep operations to the north. Companies E, F and L began search and destroy operations in the southern portion of the AO.

On November 16th, Third Marine Regiment assumed OPCON of Company G, Second Battalion, Third Marines from Third Marine Division and passed same to Second Battalion.

On November 17th, Third Marines passed OPCON of Companies B and C, First Battalion, Ninth Marines and Company I, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines to Third Marine Division.

On November 18th, Second Battalion resumed operations in Mai Loc and Cam Lo area. Companies L and M began conducting extensive patrolling throughout western portion of their AO.

On November 20th, a new boundary between Third Marines and Fourth Marines was put into effect which caused Third Marines to pass OPCON of Company M, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines back to Task Force Hotel.

On November 20th, a patrol from Company H made contact with an estimated seven NVA. The results were 2 NVA KIA and 2 IWC (1 AK-47 and 1 mauser sniper rifle with scope).

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On November 21st, First Battalion minus Company D was helilifted to C-1 in preparation for a joint cordon operation with Second ARVN Battalion. Third Marines passed responsibility of Lancaster AO west of the 04 north-south grid line to Task Force Hotel. With this boundary change Third Marines passed OPCON of Company D(-) to Task Force Hotel for the purpose of providing security for Dong Ha Mtn and Khe Gio Bridge.

On November 22nd, Company E and Company I began search and destroy operations in the southern portion of the Third Battalion AO.

On November 24th, Third Marines assumed OPCON of Company C, 1st Bn of the 61st, Mech Reg U. S. Army from Third Marine Division for the purpose of assisting Third Battalion in search and destroy operations northwest of Con Thien.

The joint cordon operation involving First Battalion and Second ARVN Battalion terminated on the 26th of November. The cordon resulted in 3,917 persons being processed, of which 188 were detainees, 147 classified VC suspects and 41 found to be deserters or draft dodgers.

On November 27th a patrol from Company B found 7 directional mines (chicom), 5 TM44 Russian AT mines, 2 U.S. AT mines, 20 RPG rounds, 150 60mm mortar rounds, 78 82mm mortar rounds and 165 60mm mortar fuses.

On November 29th, Task Force Hotel passed OPCON of Company D(-), First Battalion to Third Marines.

The 29th and 30th of November saw the beginning of two more cordon operations. The Second Battalion began a cordon and search operation of Vinh Dai on the 29th. On the following day First Battalion began cordon operations of Thom Nghia An, Thinh Luong, and Truong Ka.

Activities for the month of November terminated with the beginning of the final steps in preparation for displacement of Third Marine Regiment Command Post from Camp Carroll to Dong Ha Combat Base.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Mission Assigned:

a. 1-20 November 1968, 3d Marines (Reinf) continues responsibility for Lancaster/Kentucky AO, conducts offensive operations to destroy enemy forces, maintain security for fixed installations and roads in AO, and assists ARVN forces in pacification of Cam Lo and Huong Hoa District. (See Supporting Document #1, 3d Marines Operation Order 7-68).

b. 21-30 November 1968, 3d Marines (Rein) continues responsibility for Kentucky AO, conducts offensive operations to destroy enemy forces, maintain security for fixed installations and roads in AO, and assists ARVN forces in pacification of Cam Lo and Huong Hoa District.

(1) At 211400H, retains responsibility for modified Lancaster II AO east of 04 Grid line until operation is terminated on or about 23 November 1968.

(2) At 211400H, pass responsibility for that portion of Lancaster II AO west of 04 N-S grid line to Task Force Hotel.

(3) At 211400H, pass OPCON Co D(-), 1stBn, 3d Marines to 3d Marine Division.

(4) At 211400H, deploy one Bn(-) to vicinity C-1 to conduct cordon operations in cooperation and coordination with 2nd ARVN Regiment. (See Supporting Document #2, 3d Marines Operation Order 9-68).

2. Significant Operations Covered.

See paragraph 1 above.

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3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

a. Confirmed NVA/VC KIA	23
b. VC POW	1
c. Detainees (Unclassified)	4
d. Detainees Released as Innocent Civilians	6

4. Casualties Sustained.

<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA (MEDEVAC)</u>	<u>WIA (MINOR)</u>	<u>MIA</u>
29	61	23	0

5. New Techniques Employed. None.

6. Command Relations. During the period 01-30 November 1968, 3d Marines were OPCON to CG 3d Marine Division.

7. Equipment. Allowance of T/E equipment supporting Headquarters, 3d Marines was considered to be adequate. No recommendations for modification of allowances were received during this period.

8. Logistics.

a. General. November was an active month for resupply over the road by truck convoys from FLSB-B Dong Ha and Quang Tri. All classes of supplies which included Class I, II, III, IV and V were trucked from Dong Ha out to the three OPCON battalions located in the Northern I Corps Areas.

b. Supply

(1) The overall supply support during the month has been adequate. Attaining medium size jungle utilities is a continuous problem. During this period a concerted effort was placed on embarkation. Boxes have been marked and cargo manifests updated.

(2) The Class II situation continues to improve; however, replenishment of certain items of supply used on a day to day basis is sporadic, i.e., mimeograph paper, bond paper, manifold carbon sets, etc. When these items are available at FLSB-B no significant problem exists. In the event the requisition is passed on to FLC, the long lead time in receiving the material is not compatible with the lead time used to complete inventory control data.

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c. Evacuation and Hospitalization. The Regimental Aid Station provided routine medical treatment and emergency first aid. Serious cases were evacuated to 3d Medical Battalion Hospital at Quang Tri for treatment and further evacuation.

d. Transportation

(1) For the month of November 3d Marines had a Motor Transport Company in general support; of which, 19 out of 31 trucks were operational. Due to the tactical situation these 19-2 1/2 ton trucks were considered inadequate. This Regiment had an over whelming requirement for 28-2 1/2 ton trucks on a daily bases.

(2) The Motor Transport Section of Headquarters Company was in general support of the Regimental Headquarters.

e. Service

(1) Construction. No construction was accomplished during this period due to tactical commitments.

(2) Laundry service provided by Vietnamese civilians in Cam Lo was very satisfactory.

(3) Maintenance. Problems continued to exist in obtaining certain first and second echelon repair parts.

(4) Sanitation. Sanitation improvements have been made at Camp Carroll in the area of the dump and mess hall during the month of November.

9. Civic Action.

a. \$281.00 collected for 3d Marine Division childrens Hospital.

b. 150 School refill kits were distributed to the Catholic Orphanage at Cam Lo.

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10. Administration

- a. Discipline. No Office Hours were held during this period.
- b. Special Services provided:
 - (1) Regimental cigarette lighters and/or money clips to personnel rotating back to CONUS.
 - (2) Stationary kits, ball point pens, sweat shirts, and tennis shoes were issued to personnel.
- c. Post Exchange facilities were available at Camp Carroll and continued to carry basic health and comfort items and other merchandise.
- d. A postal unit from the Division Post Office was in operation and served all units.

11. Personnel

- a. There is a critical shortage of: 8421 Career Advisor.
- b. Summary:
 - (1) Gains: 5/MCOff 32/MCEnl 0/USNOff 0/USNEnl
 - (2) Losses: 5/MCOff 11/MCEnl 0/USNOff 0/USNEnl
 - (3) Monthly average strength:
 - 16/MCOff 208/MCEnl 2/USNOff 5/USNEnl
 - (4) Net loss/gain:
 - 0/0 MCOff 0/21 MCEnl 0/0 USNOff 0/0 USNEnl
- c. Awards. During the reporting period the following awards were presented:
 - 1 Silver Star Medal
 - 10 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry
- d. Morale is considered to be from excellent to outstanding. The in-country and out of country R&R programs were contributing factors. There were 9 In-Country and 10 Out of Country R&R quotas used during this period.

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a. Chaplain:

(1) Chaplain Assigned: LCDR John E. BELL, CHC, USN 558036

(2) Divine Services:

- (a) Sunday Worship (Protestant) 4 Services 76 Attn.
- (b) Sunday Mass 4 Services 94 Attn.
- (c) Weekday Worship (Thanksgiving) 7 Attn.

(3) Professional Counseling: 11 Cases

(4) Other Significant Activities:

(a) Distributed throughout the Regiment

- (1) 50 Paper back books
- (2) 20 Readers Digest
- (3) 100 Comic books
- (4) 10 cans of cookies and candies
- (5) 1 box of soap, toothpaste, etc.

(b) Conducted other services for Commands

- (1) Sunday Worship 8 Services 149 Attn.
- (2) Memorial Service 60 present

(5) On moving to Dong Ha, Third Marine Regiment acquired the chapel formerly designated as Third Marine Division Chapel. The Chapel seats approximately 125. There is office space in the rear of the chapel for the Regimental Chaplain's office.

12. Intelligence

a. Significant Events. Enemy activity remained minor and isolated in 3d Marines AO throughout the month of November. Activity was primarily of a guerrilla nature. However, it is believed that NVA units and elements were involved.

(1) Mining and booby-trap incidents more than doubled the total for any previous month in the same area. The majority of them were placed on or beside roads. Route 561 between C-2 and C-3 was most frequently mined, but many mines were also encountered on Route 9 between Cam Lo and Khe Gio Bridge and Route 558 between Cam Lo and Mai Loc. Although there were a few home-made mines discovered, most were Soviet AT mines. All of them were metallic.

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(2) Sniping and small ambushes by the enemy also increased. The location of most mining incidents, Route 561 between C-2 and C-3, was also the location of most of the ambushes and much of the sniping. In these brief contacts, RPG's, automatic weapons, small arms, and sometimes mortars were used by the enemy. After one such incident, a sophisticated Soviet long-barrelled sniper rifle was taken from a dead NVA. The enemy unit identified from documents taken from bodies was the 3d Battalion of the 27th Independent Regiment, NVA.

(3) The most significant contact occurring during November happened near LZ Sierra (XD 9462). There, on 14 Nov, an estimated NVA platoon ambushed a platoon of A/1/3. Five NVA were killed in the action. The enemy unit was not identified, but based on activity in that area in the recent past, it was possibly an element of the 27th Independent Regiment, NVA.

(4) Since the DMZ fire limitations went into effect, there have been no incidents of enemy artillery firing into the 3d Marines AO. Mortar fire, however, increased significantly and on 10 November C-2 and elements of 3/3 in the field were rocketed from both within and just south of the DMZ. Enemy mortars (60mm, 82mm, and possibly 120mm) were active on 17 days of the month.

(5) Enemy use of the DMZ apparently continued. In addition to the rocket fire on the 10th, there were numerous incidents of aircraft receiving small arms and automatic weapons fire and numerous sightings on both sides of the Ben Hai River within the zone. A friendly reconnaissance patrol had one minor contact during which one enemy soldier was killed and his body extracted with the team. Documents he carried included a south Vietnamese civilian identification card and a letter from parents in North Vietnam. The names on the two documents did not correspond, indicating that the enemy may be sending regular NVA troops south to pose as civilian Viet Cong.

b. Contacts and Incidents DAY NIGHT TOTAL

(1) Small Arms/Snipers

(a) Lancaster II Area			
1stBn, 3d Mar	7	1	8
2dBn, 3d Mar	6	4	10
Recon	3	3	6
(b) Kentucky Area			
3dBn, 3d Mar	18	3	21
Recon	1		1
Total for month	35	11	46

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(2)	<u>Grenades</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>NIGHT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a)	Lancaster II Area			
	1stBn, 3d Mar	2	2	4
(b)	Kentucky Area			
	3dBn, 3d Mar	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	Totals for month	3	3	6
(3)	<u>Booby Traps & Mines</u>			
(a)	Lancaster II Area			
	1stBn, 3d Mar	9		9
	2dBn, 3d Mar	22	1	23
	3d Engr Bn	4		4
(b)	Kentucky Area			
	3dBn, 3d Mar	18		18
	Q/1/61	<u>3</u>		<u>3</u>
	Totals for month	56	1	57
(4)	Sightings - Where the enemy did not fire or return fire			
(a)	Lancaster II Area			
	1stBn, 3d Mar	3		3
	2dBn, 3d Mar	2		2
	Recon		1	1
	AO	6		6
(b)	Kentucky Area			
	3dBn, 3d Mar	6		6
	Recon	1		1
	AO	<u>6</u>		<u>6</u>
	Totals for month	24	1	25
(5)	<u>Mortar/Arty/Rocket Fire</u>			
(a)	Lancaster II Area			
	1stBn, 3d Mar	9	3	12
	2dBn, 3d Mar	1	9	10
	Recon		1	1
(b)	Kentucky Area			
	3dBn, 3d Mar	21	1	22
	Recon	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	Totals for month	31	15	46
(6)	<u>Engagements</u>			0
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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(?)	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>NIGHT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a)	Lancaster II Area			
	1stBn, 3d Mar	5	3	8
	2dBn, 3d Mar	6	2	8
	AO	10		10
	Recon	4	2	6
	1stBn, 9th Mar	1	2	3
(b)	Kentucky Area			
	3dBn, 3d Mar	10	15	25
	AO	10	5	15
	Recon	3	1	4
	Totals for month	49	30	79

<u>Enemy Losses</u>	<u>Lan II</u>	<u>Kent</u>	<u>Totals</u>
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(1) Personnel

(a)	KIA	4VC&14NVA	5 NVA	23
(b)	POW	1VC		1

(2) Material

(a)	<u>Weapons</u>			
	AK-47's	4	1	5
	LMG	1		1
	AK-50		1	1
	Mausser W/scope	1		1
	SKS	3		3
	US Carbine	1		1
	7.5mm French Rifle		1	1
	Soviet M-18's		2	2
	M-16		1	1
(b)	<u>Ammunition</u>			
	60mm rds	163	3	166
	82mm rds	178	189	367
	RPG rds	24	5	29
	7-62mm rds	3660	60	3720
	60mm fuses	165		165
(c)	<u>Demolitions</u>			
	TNT		37lbs	37lbs
	Claymore mines	11	3	14
	AT mines	7	1	8
	AP mines	2		2
	Chicom grenades	18	5	23
	122mm rocket		1	1

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(d)	<u>Weapons Accessories</u>	<u>Lan II</u>	<u>Kent</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	AK-47 magazines	7	2	9
	7.62 drum magazine	1		1
	Carbine magazine	3		3
(e)	<u>Food</u>			
	Rice		1150lbs	1150lbs
	Tea	small amount		small amount
	Spam	"		"
	Protein bars	"		"
(f)	<u>Documents</u>			
	Assorted papers, letters & diaries	3	7	10
(g)	<u>782 Gear</u>			
	Cartridge belts	4	1	5
	Canteens	5	1	6
	gas masks		1	1
	Packs	6		6
	E-tools	4		4
	Helmets	3		3
	Binoculars & case	1 pr		1 pr
	Knives	1	1	2
(h)	<u>Medical Supplies</u>			
	Bottle Quinine	1		1
	Bandages	3		3
	Medical Kit	1		1
(i)	<u>Fortifications & Positions, Discovered and Destroyed</u>			
	Bunkers (approx)	305	240	545
	Foxholes (approx)	75	45	120
	AW Positions	12	6	18

d. Enemy Observed

(1)	<u>Lancaster II & Kentucky Area</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
	4 NVA/VC	132522	1
	20 NVA	082642	2
	1 NVA/VC	029559	3
	35 NVA	121694	9
	10 NVA	0764	10

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<u>Lancaster II & Kentucky Area</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
15 NVA/VC	069645	10
4 NVA	057656	10
1 NVA	966626	11
3 NVA	954623	12
2 NVA	973615	12
2 NVA	945628	13
1 NVA	951622	13
2 VC	155527	14
2 NVA	976611	14
1 NVA	928638	19
2 NVA	116626	20
3 NVA	231791	22
10 NVA	089628	22
1 NVA	032656	23
3 NVA	092632	23
1 NVA	114514	24
8 NVA/VC	115697	24
5 NVA	143483	26
5 NVA/VC	089642	26
1 NVA	168790	27
5 NVA/VC	105735	28
2 NVA/VC	173777	30
6 NVA/VC	184666	30

13. Communications

a. Comm plt. instituted and maintained radio relay shots as follows:

- (1) Camp Carroll - Con Thien
- (2) Camp Carroll - Quang Tri
- (3) Camp Carroll - Dong Ha
- (4) Dong Ha - Con Thien (2 current)
- (5) Dong Ha - Cam Lo (shots)

b. Made preparation and established comm facilities for new CP in Dong Ha.

c. Message center handled approximately 1200 messages.

d. Coordinated comm for Recon operation MDMZ using voice CYPHOR gear.

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14. Weather

a. November's weather consisted of almost continuous cloudy skies, scattered rainshowers, cooler nights than in October, and warm humid days. During rainshowers, which occurred on 16 days, ceilings were reduced; sometimes to below 1,000 feet, and visibility was restricted, sometimes to less than one mile. Visibility was also occasionally restricted by early morning fog. Wind was generally from the northeast, but during certain short periods it came from other directions.

b. Statistics were as follows:

- a. Average high temperature 83
- b. Average low temperature 69
- c. Average humidity 80%
- d. Average daily rainfall 0.1755

c. Movement was only slightly hampered by rain during November. There were no other significant effects of the weather.

15. Fire Support

a. Units Providing Artillery Support

(1) Direct Support

A/1/12
B/1/12
C/1/12
W/2/12
W/3/12
2nd Prov.

(2) General Support

K/4/12
L/4/12
M/4/12
5th 155 Gun
1st 8" How
108th Fld-Arty Gp.

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b. Displacements

01 November - B/1/12 from FSB Winchester to Camp Carroll
 11 November - A/1/12 from TSL to C-2
 12 November - A/1/12 from C-2 to TSL
 13 November - B/1/12 from Camp Carroll to Mai Loc
 13 November - W/3/12 from Camp Carroll to Mai Loc
 18 November - W/3/12 from Mai Loc to FSB Sierra
 21 November - A/1/12 from TSL to FSB Mac
 22 November - B/1/12 from Mai Loc to Camp Carroll
 23 November - W/2/12 from FSB Sierra to Camp Carroll
 23 November - A/1/12 from FSB Mac to A-4
 24 November - B/1/12 from Camp Carroll to C-2 Bridge
 24 November - W/2/12 from Camp Carroll to Mai Loc

c. MissionsOpn Lancaster II

Obs	621
Unobs	645
Harrassing	890
Total	2156

d. Ammunition ExpendedOpn Lancaster II

105	HE	31472
	WP	618
	ILL	851
	HC SMOKE	34
155	HE	4320
	WP	261
	ILL	170
	ICM	12
107	HE	560
	WP	45
	ILL	79
155GUNS	HE	187
	WP	13
8" How	HE	390

e. MissionsOpn Kentucky

Obs	169
Unobs	207
Harrassing	162
Total	538

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f. Ammunition ExpendedOpn Kentucky

105	HE	15806
	WP	168
	ILL	75
155GUNS	HE	1727
	WP	49
	ILL	14
107	HE	623
	WP	13
8" How	HE	141

g. Enemy Casualties Inflicted

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h. Control and Coordination. 1st Battalion, 12th Marines organic units provided direct support fires to units of the 3d Marine Regiment. Tactical and technical fire direction was centralized at Camp Carroll. Fire Support coordination was performed from Camp Carroll, with direct communications between adjacent, high and lower echelons.

16. Air Support

a. During the month of November 3d Marines received air support from 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 7th Air Force and U. S. Army. Rotary Wing support was provided by MAG 16, MAG 36, and MAG 39. Fixed Wing Support was provided by MAG 11, MAG 12, MAG 13, and 7th Air Force. Observer flights were provided by MAG 16, and 7th Air Force.

The types of missions flown were command and control, resupply, medical evacuation, observation, photo reconnaissance, illumination, psychological warfare, troop and logistical lifts, as well as close air support, both conventional and radar controlled.

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b. MEDEVACS

	US WIA	US ILL	US NBC	US KIA	CIV ILL	VC/NVA	WIA	TOTALS
0/3	2	12	7	6	2	1		30
1/3	14	3	7	0	1	0		25
2/3	19	7	28	3	1	2		60
3/3	62	1	12	5	0	0		80
0/1/61	5	0	3	0	0	0		8
TOTALS:	102	23	57	14	4	3		203

c. CAS: 75 Flights 137 A/C 626,000# Ord.
 CSS: 107 Flights 147 A/C 360,600# Ord.

d. R/S: 1/3 17,084#
 2/3 0#
 3/3 24,200#
 Total: 41,284# (Incomplete Totals)

e. A/O: 3d MarDiv 145 Flights 284 3/4 Hrs.
 12thMar 55 Flights 94 3/4 Hrs.
 Total: 204 Flights 378 3/4 Hrs.

f. C&C: 33 Flights 66 A/C 0/3 374 Pax. 2 V/R's 0 Medevacs
 1/3 139 Pax. 10 V/R's 2 Medevacs
 2/3 39 Pax. 5 V/R's 2 Medevacs
 3/3 120 Pax. 3 V/R's 0 Medevacs
 Total: 672 Pax. 20 V/R's 4 Medevacs

g. 4124 Control Functions
 137.4 Average per day
 High 182 on 21 November
 Low 61 on 06 November

h. 13 Flareship 33 Hrs.
 9 Spookys 14 3/4 Hrs.
 19 Psy War/Photo 32 Hrs.
 2 Bn Troop Lifts
 1 Gun Btry Lifts
 24 Co Troop Lifts
 3 Plt Troop Lifts

17. Psychological Operations. None.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓1. TAB A - 3d Marines Operation Order 7-68.⁴ (Overlay)
- ✓2. TAB B - 3d Marines Operation Order 9-68. (Overlay)
- ✓3. TAB C - Operation Order 8-68
- ✓4. TAB D - Operation Order 9-68
- ✓5. TAB E - Msg 020037Z Subj: Task Organization Report
- ✓6. TAB F - Concept of Operations

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Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, Series L7014, Sheets 6342 I & II, 6442 III & IV.

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Current Intsums.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 3d Mar Div (Rein) continues offensive opns in Quang Tri province and supports RVN pacification program.

(2) 4th Marines continues responsibility for TSL and conducts offensive operations in SCOTLAND AO.

(3) 9th Marines continues offensive opns in BA LONG VALLEY and BASE AREA 101.

(4) Artillery

(a) 1st Bn, 12th Mar D/S 3d Mar

(b) 4th Bn, 12th Mar G/S 3d Mar Div

(c) 108th Arty Gp G/S XXIV Corps

(5) Co B (Rein), 3d Engr Bn D/S 3d Mar

(6) Co A (Rein), and Co B(-), 3d Tank Bn D/S 3d Mar.

(7) Co B, 3d MT Bn, G/S 3d Mar.

(8) Air Support: Annex B (Air)

c. Attachments and Detachments. See Annex A

2. MISSION

3d Marines (Rein) continues responsibility for LANCASTER/KENTUCKY AO, conducts offensive opns to destroy enemy forces, maintains security for fixed installations and roads in AO, and assists RVN forces in pacification of Cam Lo and Huong Hoa Districts.

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~~SECRET~~3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operations. Annex Cb. 1st Bn(-) (Rein)

- (1) Effective 091030H CHOP one Company (-) to 3d Bn.
- (2) Maintain security for CAMP CARROLL, convoy escort and MCB security. This does not include BALD EAGLE and SPARROW HAWK mission.
- (3) Maintain security of DONG HA MTN OP, KHE GIO BRIDGE and route #9 in AO.
- (4) Continue to maintain security of TSL and LZ MAC.
- (5) Conduct road sweeps of route #9 in AO.
- (6) Artillery Fire Plan, Annex D, schedule of fires, Appendix 1

c. 2nd Bn(-) (Rein)

- (1) Continue "OPERATION RONG."
- (2) Conduct road sweeps in AO and route #9 to NS grid line 19.

d. 3d Bn (Rein)

- (1) Conduct heliborne assault to seize LZ COMET on 100815H. Alternate LZ is DOMINO.
- (2) Conduct S/D opns along AXIS GRAY.
- (3) Be prepared to pursue enemy to north if deemed necessary for self defense of your forces. Report at once as no U.S. ground forces will cross into the DMZ without specific orders from highest authority.
- (4) If incoming artillery, mortar or rocket fire is received from the north be prepared to counter with heavy ground or naval gunfire and air attack until enemy weapons are silenced.
- (5) Conduct road sweep of MSR in AO.
- (6) Provide N/S blocking positions along MSR in AO.
- (7) Assume OPCON Co C and one Company (-) from 1/3 at 091030H.

e. Bn, 2nd ARVN.

- (1) Establish blocking positions in AO on 091400H.

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~~SECRET~~f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) DIRLAUTH CO 2nd Bn with Province and District officials, COMUSMACV Advisory Personnel and C.G., 3d Mar Div.

(2) DIRLAUTH CO 3d Bn and CO 2nd ARVN Regt.

(3) Rules of engagement must be stringently adhered to.

(4) THRUST POINTS in effect remain the same.

(5) Air Annex B

(6) Artillery Fire Plan Annex D

(7) D-Day 10 Nov 68

(8) H-Hour 0830H

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.a. Supply

(1) Heliborne assault units one DOS MCI and water.

(2) Heliborne assault units one BA ammunition.

(3) All others remain unchanged from Admin Order 6-68.

b. Resupply of 3/3 will be by helicopter from DHCB.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.a. Comm-Elect.

(1) Communication Electronics and Communications will be in accordance with DivO P02000.26, DivO 2000.40, and 2nd ARVN Regt S.O.I. with following modifications or notations:

a LZ control FREQ is 51.4 (M-402) call sign "Coming Event 14."

b Artillery Fire Direction Net 58.6 (M-569) call sign "Fairlane."

c 3d Bn FREQ's are: call sign "Coming Events."

1 Bn TAG P 59.7 (M-563)

S 44.15 (M-424)

81's 60.6 (M-426)

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d 2nd ARVN Regt call sign is Bellevue Beach. Integral units of 2nd ARVN Regt can be reached by appending the following:

- 1 Senior Advisor - 1
- 2 Staff Advisor - 5
- 3 1stBn - Alfa
- 4 2ndBn - Foxtrot
- 5 3dBn - Charlie
- 6 4thBn - Bravo
- 7 5thBn - Echo

e 2nd ARVN Regt FREQ's area: P-45.7 S-67.35

(2) THRUST POINTS:

TREES 1071	ACTRESSES 1358
ACTORS 1268	ENL RANKS 0657
BEERS 0865	HOLIDAYS 1155
CARS 1168	PRESIDENTS 1352
RIVERS 0461	COUNTRIES 0950

(3) Time Brevity Code:

U 0500
S 1100
M 1700
C 2300

(4) Code Name - LANCASTER/KENTUCKY

b. Command.

(1) Reports

- (a) SITREPS - 0500, 1100, 1700, 2300 daily.
- (b) Night acts and day acts - by 1600 daily.
- (c) SPOT RPTS - ASAP.

(2) Command Posts

- (a) 3d Mar - Camp Carroll

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- (b) 1st Bn - Camp Carroll
- (c) 2nd Bn - Cam Lo
- (d) 3d Bn - Report upon establishment.

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 15th ITT, HqBn
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1st Bn(-)
 Det, Scout/Sniper Plat, HqCo, 3d Mar
 Det, Scout/Sniper Dog Plat, 3d MPBn, FMF
 2nd Plat, Co B, 3d Engr Bn D/S
 Plat, Co B, 3d Tank Bn D/S

2nd Bn(-) (Rein)

LtCol B. CHEN

2nd Bn
 Det, 7th Psy Ops Bn, D/S
 1st Plat, Co B, 3d Engr Bn D/S
 Sec, AT Plat, Co B, 3d Tank Bn D/S
 Sec, Plat, Co B, 3d Tank Bn D/S

3d Bn (Rein)

LtCol W. BATES

3d Bn
 Co C, 1st Bn
 Det, Scout/Sniper Plat, HqCo, 3d Mar
 3d Plat, Co B, 3d Engr Bn D/S
 Co A (Rein), 3d Tank Bn D/S
 Det, Btry C, 1st Bn, 44th Arty G/S
 Co (-), 1st Bn

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ANNEX B (Air) to Operation Order 7-68

~~The air operational plan~~ ^{This ANNEX} states in sufficient detail the outline for the fixed wing and helicopter support for the helilift of 3d Bn, 3d Marines at 100830H.

1. The tactical units concerned are as follows:

- a. 3d Bn, 3d Marines
- b. 1st MAW

2. The intelligence on enemy and friendly hazards to flight follows:

- a. Several A/O's have reported ASF and AWF in the vicinity of the LZ and to the West around YD 0366 grid square.
- b. Friendly hazards to flight will be under the direct control of the TAC (A).

3. The assignment of missions to the above units is as follows:

a. 3d Bn, 3d Marines is responsible for the organization and preparation of helo-teams, pick-up zones, and landing zone control. The desired helo-team strength is (13) thirteen men.

b. The 1st MAW will provide one (1) aircraft for the TAC (A), two (2) aircraft for aerial observation and fire support direction (O-10 or OV-10), four (4) helicopter gunships for helo-transport protection, and eight (8) transport helicopters for the troop lift of 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(1) The TAC (A) will control and direct all air and supporting fires. He will pick-up and co-ordinate all units with the commander of troops. The troop lift will commence at his command.

(2) The two (2) airborne A/O's will co-ordinate and direct all supporting fires.

(3) The four (4) helicopter gunships will accompany the troop carriers to the LZ and assume a defensive posture until the lift is complete.

(4) The eight (8) troop carriers will arrive over A-4 at 0805 and embark the 3d Bn, 3d Marines. ^{On completion of the lift they will proceed to C-3 and orbit until the TAC (A) commences the lift. After the initial wave has landed, the troop carriers may initiate a direct route of flight to the pick-up zones to expedite the lift.}

c. The 1st MAW will provide the following fixed wing support.

- (1) Twelve (12) flights of TPQ's shall be flown between the hours of

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Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, Series L7014, Sheets
6242 I, II, III, and IV.

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A. (Task Organization)

1. IDENTIFICATION

a. Known Forces. Published separately 12 Nov 68.

b. 3d Mar Div Forces:

(1) 3d Mar Div (Rein) continues offensive ops in QUANG TRI Province and supports RVN pacification program.

(2) 4th Marines continues responsibility for TSL and conducts offensive operations in SCOTLAND AO.

(3) 5th Marines continues offensive ops in BA LONG Valley and BASE AREA 101.

(4) Artillery

(a) 1st Bn, 12th Mar D/S 3d Mar

(b) 4th Bn, 12th Mar G/S 3d Mar Div

(c) 156th Arty Gp G/S XXIV Corps

(5) Co B (Rein), 3d Engr Bn D/S 3d Mar

(6) Co A and Co B, 3d Tank Bn D/S 3d Mar

(7) Co B, 3d HP Bn, G/S 3d Mar DIV

(B) 1st Support: Annex B (air)

c. Attachments and Detachments. See Annex A.

2. MISSION

3d Marines (Rein) continues responsibility for LANCASTER/KENTUCKY AO, conducts offensive ops to destroy enemy forces, maintains security for fixed installations and roads in AO, and assists RVN forces in pacification of CAM LO and HUONG HOA Districts.

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3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operations. Annex Cb. 1st Bn (Rein)

(1) Maintain security for CAMP CARROLL, Convoy escort, TSL, MOB security and provide BALD EAGLE and SPARROW HAWK.

(2) Maintain security of DONG HA MTN OP, KHE GIO ROAD and Route #9 in AO.

(3) Continue to maintain security of LZ MAG.

(4) Conduct road sweeps of route #9 in AO.

(5) Conduct search and destroy opns in AO.

c. 2nd Bn (Rein)

(1) Conduct "OPERATION RAO VINH," cordon and search of the RAO VINH Valley.

(2) Be prepared to emplane one company at LZ BELL at 131145H and land at LZ CLUB at 131200H.

(3) At 131200H establish initial driving force to be in position from 121515 to 146507 to 172517.

(4) Once lines established drive to phase line 2 and establish blocking positions.

(5) Once phase line 1 and 2 reached drive through corridor from West to East.

(6) Conduct road sweeps in AO and route #9 to NS grid line 19.

(7) Provide security of CAM LO District Headquarters and C-3 Bridge.

d. 3d Bn (Rein)

(1) Maintain security of A-4, C-2 and C-2 Bridge.

(2) Maintain security of C-3 until demolished.

(3) Conduct S/D opns in AO.

(4) Conduct road sweep of MSR in AO.

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e. 1st Bn(-), 9th Mar

(1) Be prepared to explane at LZ EAGLE at 131145H and land at LZ CORREGIDOR and BATAAN 131200H.

(2) 1st Bn, 9th Mar establish blocking positions on a NS axis from 172543 to 172517.

f. Cooperation and Coordination Instructions (5th/2nd ARVN Regt)

(1) Cross line of departure at 130800H and move to driving position at 120550 to 180550.

(2) Once in position drive to phase line 1 and establish blocking position.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) All units report trace of front line positions hourly on the hour.

(2) DIRLAUTH CO 2nd Bn, 3d Mar, CO 1st Bn, 9th Mar and CO 5th ARVN.

(3) Rules of engagement must be stringently adhered to.

(4) THRUST POINTS in effect remain the same.

(5) Air: Annex B.

(6) Fire Support Coordination: Annex D. All fires of crew served wpns (except M-60 MG) must be cleared through Bn FSCC.

(7) D-Day 13 Nov 1968.

(8) L-Hour 1200H

(9) Exercise extreme caution with organic heavy wpns and supporting arms fire.

(10) Joint POW intelligence interrogation center established where 2nd Bn designates.

(11) Regiment Liaison party will be with 5th ARVN.

(12) All units search carefully for graves and caches.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.a. Supply

- (1) Assault units one DCS MCI and water.
- (2) Assault units one BA ammunition.
- (3) All others remain unchanged from Admin Order 6-68.
- (4) Every man will carry M-17 protective mask.

b. Resupply

- (1) Resupply of assault units will be by helicopter.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.a. Comm-Elect.

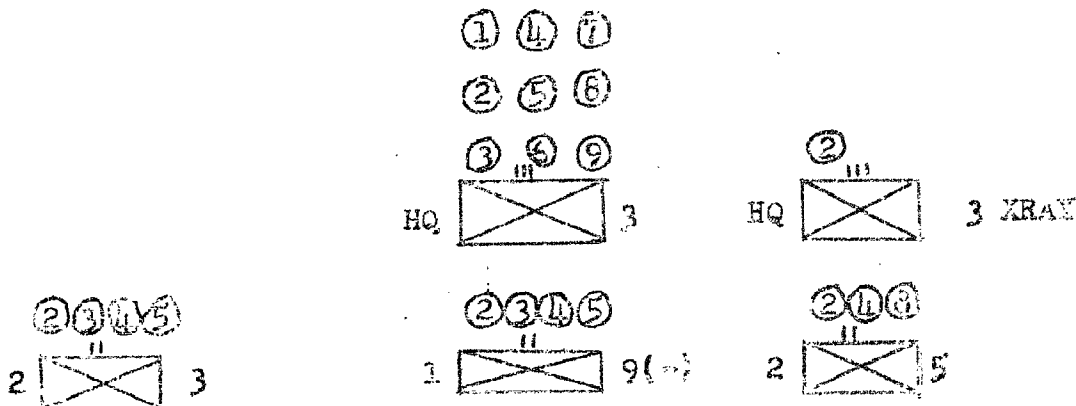
- (1) THRUST POINTS:

CARS	0971	OFF RANKS	0061
GIRL'S NAMES	1269	ENL RANKS	1660
RIVERS	0768	BASEBALL TMS	0459
FLOWERS	1166	FOOTBALL TMS	1158
CITIES	0465	ISLANDS	1554
ACTORS	0864	AIR LINES	1050
BEERS	1363		

- (2) Time Brevity Code. U 0500
S 1100
M 1700
C 2300

- (3) Code Name. "OPERATION RAO VINH"

- (4) Comm Plan: Radio nets to be monitored.



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- ① DIV TAC I
- ② REGT TAC I
- ③ REGT TAC II
- ④ LZ CONTROL

- ⑤ CONDUCT OF FIRE
- ⑥ TAR
- ⑦ TAD
- ⑧ ARVN BN TAC
- ⑨ SPEC FORCES COORD NET

(5) Frequencies	Freq	M
(a) Regt TAC I	74.90	M-100
(b) Regt TAC II	35.20	M-1218
(c) Div TAC I	45.25	M-606
(d) LZ Control	34.10	M-1098
(e) Conduct of fire (1/12) 3	57.15	M-74
(f) TAR	48.8	M-504
(g) TAD	48.8	M-504
(h) ARVN Bn TAC	57.95	M-190
(i) Special Forces Coord	58.90	M-1209
(j) 2/3 Bn TAC	75.2	M-144
(k) 1/9 Bn TAC	56.25	M-631
(l) 2/3 81mm Mortar C.O.F.	55.25	M-869
(m) 1/9 81mm Mortar C.O.F.	72.85	M-532

(6) Call Signs.

(a) 3d Mar	HALLMARK
3d Mar Ln. Tm	HALLMARK XRAY
1/12	FAIRLANE
4.2" 3/12	FIRERAIDER WHISKY
2/3	GREEK MONEY
1/9	SAND BOX
5th ARVN	BELLEVUE BEACH FIVE
FIRST SEARCH Lgt	HINDRANCE
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(b) "MORTAR" companies and battery voice call signs will be formed by adding "Alpha", "Bravo", etc to the basic voice call of Bn or other parent organization.

(c) Mortar plat and howitzer batteries will suffix "WHISKEY" to Bn voice call sign.

(7) Procedure: All stations will request permission to enter other units internal nets in order to avoid interference in tactical situations.

b. Command.

(1) Reports

- (a) SITREPS - 0500, 1100, 1700, 2300 daily.
- (b) Night acts and day acts - by 1600 daily.
- (c) SPOT RPTS - ASAP.

(2) Command Posts

3d Mar - Camp Carroll
 1st Bn - Camp Carroll
 2nd Bn - Mai Loc - Report when establish
 3d Bn - A-4
 1st Bn, 9th Mar - Report when establish
 5th ARVN - Report when establish

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 Det, Rad Rel Plat, Comm Co, HqBn

1st Bn (Rein)

LtCol R. TWOHEY

1st Bn
 Det, Scout/Sniper Plat, HqCo, 3d Mar
 Det, Scout/Sniper Dog Plat, 3d MPBn, PMF
 2nd Plat, Co B, 3d Engr Bn D/S
 Co M, 3d Bn, 4th Mar

2nd Bn (-) (Rein)

LtCol B. CHEN

2nd Bn (-)
 Det, 7th Psy Ops Bn, D/S
 1st Plat, Co B, 3d Engr Bn D/S
 Sec, AT Plat, Co E, 3d Tank Bn D/S
 Sec, ___ Plat, Co E (-), 3d Tank Bn D/S
 Co B, 3d Tank Bn D/S
 Bravo Btry (Rein), 1/12 D/S
 Co I, 3d Bn, 4th Mar
 Co L, 3d Bn, 3d Mar
 3d Plat, 1st Search Light Btry

3d Bn (-) (Rein)

LtCol W. BATES

3d Bn (-)
 Co C, 1st Bn
 Det, Scout/Sniper Plat, HqCo, 3d Mar
 3d Plat, Co B, 3d Engr Bn D/S
 Co A (Rein), 3d Tank Bn D/S
 Det, Btry C, 1st Bn, 4th Arty G/S
 Co ___ (-), 1st Bn

1st Bn (-), 9th Mar

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ANNEX B (Air) to Operation Order 8-68

The success of Operation Order 8-68 depends upon exact timing and rapid build up. The scheme of maneuver is to embark the maximum number of troops in the maximum number of aircraft practical and land at three designated landing zones simultaneously to effect a cordon of the Xam Rao Vinh River Valley.

1. The participating tactical units are the 5th Bn of 2nd ARVN Regt, 1st Bn(-), 9th Marines, 2nd Bn, 3d Marines, and the 1st MAW.

2. The Xam Rao Vinh River Valley area is reported to be a highly populated with NVA and VC whose mission is to harrass the civilian population and to conduct guerilla operations against the Marine units in this area. They are not expected to possess any heavy anti-aircraft weapons.

3. Assignments:

a. The 3d Marines will be responsible for pick up and drop zone preparation and control.

b. The 1st MAW will provide sufficient aircraft to effect the heliborne lift as designated in TAB A.

4. Fuel will be provided at Dong Ha Combat Base and Quang Tri Air Facility.

5. Communications are as follows:

a. LZ Common for LZ's EAGLE, CORREGIDOR, BATAAN, and CLUB will be M-1098 (34.1)

(1) Call signs for these LZ's are:

(a) LZ EAGLE and LZ BELL - HALLMARK HST & 14B

(b) LZ's CORREGIDOR and BATAAN - SAND BOX 14

(c) LZ CLUB - SPEEDING HOME 14 I

b. Artillery common is M-74 (57.15), FAIRLANE "B"

c. Fixed wing common is M-37 (328.2)

d. Helo common is M-84.9 (305.6), WALNUT HILL

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APPENDIX 1 (Helicopter Employment Plan) to ANNEX B (Air) to
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1. Situation is as stated in Basic Plan.
2. When directed by CO 3d Marine Regiment, helilift "I" Co, 3d Bn, 4th Marines and 1st Bn(-), 9th Marines in accordance with this APPENDIX into the designated Landing Zones, CORREGIDOR, BATAAN, and CLUB.
3. The operating area will be corridors running Southeast and Northeast from LZ EAGLE around grid area upper left YD 1056 to lower right YD 1850.
4. The helilift movement is as follows:
 - a. L-Hour has been set at 1200H on 13 Nov.
 - b. Helicopters are to conform to helicopter approach and retirement routes when proceeding to and from LZ's. See ANNEX C.
 - c. It may become necessary during the helicopter borne assault to build up one zone before another or to use alternate approach and retirement routes. Authority to do same will be delegated to RLt Commander and the HD (A).
5. Helicopter control will be through the HD (A).
 - a. Flight leaders will report to HD (A) on the TAD net designated control points inbound as follows:
 - (1) Call Sign
 - (2) Number of helicopters
 - (3) Position
 - b. Flight leaders will report each control point inbound and retiring. ANNEX C.
 - c. Inbound and outbound traffic will conform to traffic altitudes; 1500 feet inbound and 2000 feet outbound. Retirement will be away from the cordon area.

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6. Very close air support (gunships) will fire no closer than 50 meters to friendly troops and will have positive radio communications with the ground forces. "Spooky" and/or "Basketball" will be requested to remain on station during all hours of darkness.

7. The FSCC will coordinate all fire support in support of the helicopter borne assault through the TAOA.

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Let A (Aircraft Requirements) to APPENDIX 1 (Helicopter Employment Plan) to ANNEX D (Air) to Operation Order 8-68

Aircraft required for Operation Order 8-68

1. One (1) UH-1E (Slick) for HD (A) and the Commander of troops.
2. Two (2) sections of UH-1E (gunships) for fire suppression.
3. a. Twelve (12) CH-46D's for troop lift. (or)
b. Eight (8) CH-46D's and two (2) CH-53A's. (or)
c. Four (4) CH-46D's and two (2) CH-53A's and two (2) CH-47A's. (or)
d. Four (4) CH-47A's and two (2) CH-53A's.
4. Four (4) flights of fixed wing for zone preparation.
5. Two (2) A/O's (O-1C or OV-10) for observation.
6. One (1) either "Spooky" or "Basketball".
7. Two (2) CH-46's to remain at Camp Carroll as a quick reaction package until darkness.

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ANNEX D (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Order 8-68

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, AMS, 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheets 6342 I & II, 6442 III & IV.

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Ref current intsums.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) B/1/12 105 How D/S

(2) W/1/12 4.2 Mortar D/S

(3) 1st Search Light Btry 3d Plt. D/S

(4) ARVN 105 How D/S

2. MISSION

The responsibility for the fire support coordination and clearing of all artillery missions will remain with the Third Marines fire support coordination center. However, all crew served weapons with the exception of the M-60 MG will be cleared by the respective (FSCC) at the Bn level prior to being fired.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) Fire support coordination will be accomplished as stated in the Regimental SOP. The only departure from established procedures will be in respect to the ARVN 105 artillery battery. Bellview Bench 5 will clear all missions thru the Third Marines FSCC for subject units. See paragraph 7 of this ANNEX for communications instructions.

(2) It will be the responsibility of all subordinates fire support coordination centers to provide this unit with a current trace of their battalion front lines on a hourly basis.

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(3) Bellvue Beach 5 will provide the Third Marines FSCC with a hourly front line traces of the ARVN Bn.

4. Target Information. Refer APPENDIX 1 (Scheduled Fires) to ANNEX D.

5. Aircraft Safety.

a. All measures and procedures for all aircraft safety will be employed as stated in the Regimental SOP for fire support coordination and the 1st Bn, 12th Marines Gunnery SOP.

6. Ground Forces Safety.

a. Close coordination will be maintained on a continuous basis with the battalion FSCC's and the Regimental FSCC to insure troop safety.

7. Command and Communications--Electronics.

a. Artillery Communications Frequencies

- (1) FIRLANE BRAVO - 105 How 57.15 M-74
- (2) FIRERAIDER WX - 4.2 Mortar 57.15 M-74
- (3) AIR MIND - SEARCH LIGHTS 57.15 M-74
- (4) BELLVUE BEACH 5, ARVN 105 How, 57.95 M-190

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1 - Scheduled Fires

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105	AX 801 178537 Btry 1 Q&VT Z&S 9 PTS	AX 802 057475 Btry 2 WP&HE	A I		
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Operation Order 9-68

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, Series L7014, Sheets
 6342 I, II, III and IV.

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Current Intsums.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 3d Mar Div (Rein) continues offensive opns in Quang Tri Province and supports RVN pacification program.

(2) Task Force Hotel:

(a) Continues offensive opns in Scotland AO.

(b) Relieves in place Third Mar security of LZ Sierra and Mac at 211400H.

(c) At 211400H assumes responsibility for modified Scotland AO to include that portion of Lancaster AO West of 04 NS grid line.

(d) Assumes OPCON Co D(-), 1st Bn, 3d Mar at 211400H.

(e) Continues offensive opns in Ba Long Valley and Base Area 101.

(3) Artillery

(a) 1st Bn(-), 12th Mar D/S 3d Mar.

(b) 4th Bn, 12th Mar G/S 3d Mar Div.

(c) 108th Arty Gp G/S XXIV Corps.

(4) 3d Tank Bn, D/S 3d Mar.

(5) Co B (Rein), 3d Engr Bn D/S 3d Mar.

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(6) Co B, 3d MT Bn, D/S 3d Mar Div.

(7) Air Support: Annex B (Air)

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

2. MISSION

a. 3d Mar(-) (Rein) continues responsibility for Kentucky AO, conducts offensive opns to destroy enemy forces, maintains security for fixed installations and roads in AO, and assists ARVN forces in pacification of Cam Lo and Huong Hoa District.

b. At 211400H retains responsibility for modified Lancaster AO East of 04 grid line until opn is terminated on or about 23 Nov 68.

c. At 211400H pass responsibility for that portion of Lancaster AO West of 04 NS grid line to TFH.

d. At 211400H CHOP OPCON Co D(-), 1st Bn, 3d Mar to 3d Mar Div.

e. At 211400H deploy one Bn(-) to vicinity C-1 to conduct cordon opns in cooperation and coordination with 2nd ARVN Regt.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Annex C (Overlay).

b. 1st Bn(-) (Rein)

(1) Effective 211430H, or when relieved on position commence helilift from LZ Sierra and then LZ Mac to C-1.

(2) Conduct cordon opn in the Gio Linh/Ha Thanh area in cooperation and coordination with 2nd ARVN Regt. (Annex C).

(3) Make tactical tank/truck move at 212300H from C-1 North along Route #1 to Gio Linh.

(4) Upon debarking establish tank/infantry cordon as outlined in red on Annex C. Cordon to be in place by 220400H.

(5) Effective 211700H assume OPCON Co C, 3d Tank Bn, located at C-1.

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c. 2nd Bn (Rein)

(1) Effective 211400H assume security for Camp Carroll, convoy escort, MGB security and provide BALD EAGLE and SPARROW HAWK.

(2) Conduct road sweeps in AO and Route #9 to NS grid line 19.

(3) Maintain security of Route #9 in AO.

(4) Continue operation Rong.

(5) Conduct patrols with 3 RF Companies from Cam Lo, patrols to be platoon size by 1 Dec.

(6) Conduct patrols with 3 PF Platoons from Mai Loc.

(7) Conduct S/D opns in AO.

(8) Effective 211400H assume OPCON of 3d Plat, Co D, 1st Bn, 3d Mar.

d. 3d Bn (Rein)

(1) Maintain security of A-4, C-2 and C-2 Bridge.

(2) Maintain security of C-3 with one plat until demolished.

(3) Conduct S/D in AO.

(4) Conduct road sweeps and maintain security of MSR in AO.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) DIRLAUTH CO 2nd Bn with Province and District officials, COMUSMACV Advisory Personnel and C.G., 3d Mar Div.

(2) DIRLAUTH CO 3d Bn and CO 2nd ARVN Regt.

(3) DIRLAUTH CO 1st Bn and CO 2nd ARVN Regt.

(4) Rules of engagement must be stringently adhered to.

(5) JIC established where 2nd ARVN designates.

(6) THRUST POINTS effective 211400H.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supply.

- (1) Cordon units one DOS MCI and water.
- (2) All other remains unchanged from Admin Order 6-68.
- (3) Each man will carry M-17 protective mask.

b. Resupply

- (1) Close helo resupply for VCB.
- (2) Primary resupply will be by road from QTCB or DHCB as appropriate.
- (3) Helicopter resupply will be from DHCB.

c. Transportation.

- (1) Div MT Section will provide 30 trucks with security at C-1 at 211800H.
- (2) Tactical tank/truck troop movement from C-1 to Gio Linh will commence at 212300H.
- (3) Due to mine activity at A-3 cut off (YD 214727), Engr team will sweep all roads 100 meters from center of intersection. This sweep will be expedited in order to provide minimum delay of convoy.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

a. Comm-Elect.

- (1) Comm Plan: See Annex D (Comm Plan).
- (2) THRUST POINTS:

GUM	1973	OCEANS	1464
CANDY	1770	GIRLS NAMES	1469
CITIES	0971	ENL RANKS	1051
COLLEGES	1066	MONTHS	1550
COUNTRIES	0962	DAYS	1255
TELEVISIONS	1458	RIVERS	0649
MOUNTAINS	0957	CARS	0351

- (3) Time Brevity Code. U 0500
S 1100
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(4) Code Name. (To be designated by 2nd ARVN Regt)

b. Command.

(1) Reports

- (a) SITREPS - 0500, 1100, 1700, 2300 daily.
- (b) Night acts and day acts - by 1600 daily.
- (c) SPOT RPTS - ASAP.

(2) Command Posts.

3d Mar - Camp Carroll
1st Bn - Report when established
2nd Bn - Cam Lo
3d Bn - A-4

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- A - Task Organization
- B - Air
- C - Overlay
- D - Comm Plan

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1st Bn (-)
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Det, Scout/Sniper Dog Plat, 3d MPBn, FMP
Co C, 3d Tank Bn D/S

2nd Bn (Rein)

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2nd Bn
Det, 7th Psy Ops Bn, D/S
1st Plat, Co B, 3d Engr Bn D/S
Co B, 3d Tank Bn D/S
Bravo Btry (Rein), 1/12 D/S
3d Plat, Co D, 2nd Bn, 3d Mar

3d Bn (Rein)

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ANNEX B (Air) to Operation Order 9-68

1. Helilift

a. Six CH-46 helicopters will initially start your lift at 211430H.

(1) Plan on 12 man helo teams, but be ready to go up to 15 man teams.

(2) Order will be "B"&"C" (either one first) then "CP"&"A".

b. Your externals will be lifted out by CH-53 (one) at approximately 211030H.

(1) Try to hook two nets or loads per lift.

(2) All externals will come to "C.C." for further dispersal.

(3) Working with the "53" will be difficult because the pilots cannot see the load nor the ground like the CH-47 can, therefore, keep the radio traffic to a minimum and be ready to talk him over the load.

c. Plan to lay smoke with A4 on DMZ and to your West.

d. Enemy fire suppression will be provided by huey guns and OV-10s at both ends of the lift.

e. Fixed Wing will be scrambled by A0 if needed; one flt. on start of lift.

f. Additional fire suppression will be provided by protractor "C"&"A" on call thru A0.

g. Route of flight will be "BS" → "RP" via Route #9 → C-3 → C-1 and rtn same.

2. Cordon Operation Air Support.

a. On initial movement into cordon posture flares will be provided by a "BASKETBALL" and any night thereafter on request.

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- b. During daylight hours an AO will be provided as needed.
- c. Med Evac will be thru "HALLMARK".
- d. Gunship's or OV-10s will be "on call" basis.

3. Fire Support Coordination

- a. Fire Support Coordination will be in coordination and cooperation with the 2nd ARVN Regt.

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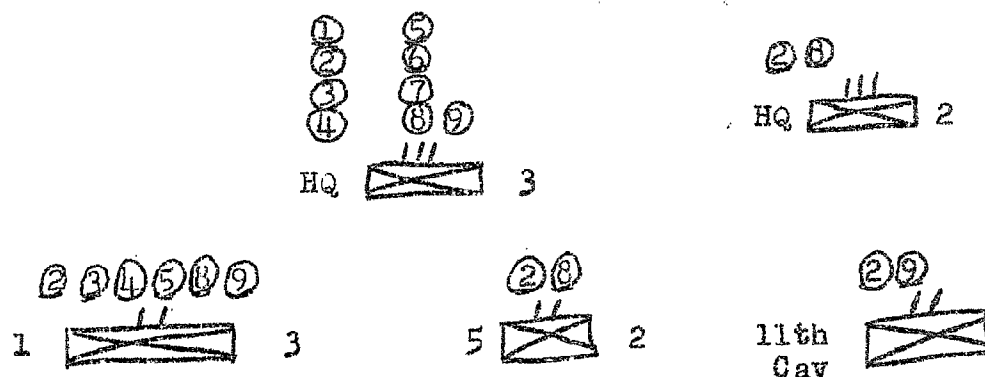
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ANNEX D (Comm Plan) to Operation Order 9-68

1. Radio nets to be monitored.



- 1 DIV TAC I
- 2 REGT TAC I
- 3 REGT TAC II
- 4 LZ CONTROL

- 5 CONDUCT OF FIRE
- 6 TAR
- 7 TAD
- 8 ARVN REGT TAC
- 9 11TH CAV APC

2. Frequencies

	Freq	M
(a) Regt TAC I	74.90	M-100
(b) Regt TAC II	35.20	M-1218
(c) Div TAC I	45.25	M-606
(d) LZ Control	35.7	M-1213
(e) Conduct of fire (1/12)	57.15	M-74
(f) TAR	48.8	M-504
(g) TAD	48.8	M-504
(h) ARVN Regt TAC	(P) 45.7	M-974
	(S) 67.35	M-566
(i) 1/3 Bn TAC	72.8	M-148
(j) 1/3 81mm Mortar C.O.P.	57.25	M-110
(k) Regt TAC #2 Back up	(P) 33.80	M-1272
	(S) 56.15	M-1332
(l) 11th Cav APC	(P) 57.95	M-190
	(S) 30.9	M-160

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3. Call Signs.

a. 3d Mar	HALLMARK
1/12	FAIRLANE
2/3	GREEK MONEY
1/3	BUS STOP
2nd ARVN Regt.	BELLVUE BEACH-FIVE
11th Cav APC	HIKING LOADER
Troop 1	HIKING LOADER SIERRA
Troop 3	HIKING LOADER DELTA

4. Procedure:

a. Regt. TAC I will use log periodic antennas at both terminal points. 1/3 will shoot an azimuth of approx. 220 degrees and HQ 3d Mar will shoot an azimuth of approx. 40 degrees. PRC-47 H.F. TAC net will serve as a back-up for the PRC-25.

b. 2/3 will have 1 MRC-110 with KY-8 on temporary loan from Regiment giving the Bn covered capability with Regiment. This set will be operated and maintained by Regimental personnel and will be returned to Regiment on displacement of 3d Mar CP to Dong Ha.

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Concept of Operation

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM, AMS, Series L7014, Sheets 6342 I, II, III, and IV.

Time Zone: H

1. MISSION

a. On 25 November 1968 to insert two Recon teams in the Southern DMZ between the 00 and 15 NS grid line to seize NVA prisoner(s) and report all information which could substantiate NVA presence in DMZ subsequent 1 Nov 68.

b. To be prepared to commit a Sparrow Hawk from Recon LZ QTCB for Reinforcement of Recon teams if required.

c. To be prepared to commit a Bald Eagle followed by a Bn(-) if needed.

2. CONCEPT

a. On 25 November Recon team (DOCK LEAF) will move by foot with M/3/3 from A-4 and enter the DMZ in the area UL 0471 and LR 0769. M/3/3 will be prepared to support Recon team by fire.

b. On 25 November Recon team (INTRIGUE) will move by APC with C/1/61 (Rein) with TK plt from A/3 TKs, from A-4 and enter the DMZ in the area UL 0875 and LR 1073. C/1/61 (Rein) will be prepared to support Recon team by fire.

c. Neither company will enter the DMZ; however, M/3/3 will remain just south of DMZ in area where insert occurs while C/1/61 (Rein) returns to A-4.

d. There will be a plt of G/2/3 with a capability to observe and control air and artillery located at QTCB that may be employed as a Sparrow Hawk upon order CO 3/3.

e. If required to execute a Bald Eagle with M/3/3 or C/1/61, immediately 3/3 will prepare to close and move on order from A-4 to assistance of Bald Eagle. No ground units other than

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Recon teams or the reaction plt will cross the southern DMZ boundary without authorization from C.G., 3d Mar Div.

f. 2/3 will move into positions vacated by 3/3 with 2 plts A-4, 1 plt C-2 bridge, 1 plt C-2, and 1 plt C-3. 2/3 will hold these positions until relieved by 1/9.

g. Air Support Concept (See Annex A: Fire Support Coordination).

h. Artillery Support Concept (See Annex A: Fire Support Coordination).

i. Communications-Electronics (See Annex B: Comm Plan).

j. If weather does not permit helicopter employment; that is, minimums of 500 ft. ceiling and one mile visibility at night or 500 ft. ceiling and one half mile at daytime; M/3/3 or C/1/61 will recover and extract Recon teams by foot.

k. Current DMZ ROE apply.

l. Spot reports associated with DMZ operation will be sent by FLASH precedence to this COC.

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ANNEX A (Fire Support Coordination) to Concept of Operation.

1. Air Support

a. Upon call from either or both Recon teams the reaction package will be activated by Hallmark 14.

b. The reaction package will consist of three OH-46D's, two Army UH-1H's as troop carriers; two UH-1E's as gunships; two OV-10's as fire direction and helicopter direction airborne; and one O-1C for fire support direction north of the Ben Hai River.

c. Immediately three flights of fixed wing and an A/O will be scrambled to cover the reaction package against enemy artillery north of the Ben Hai River and the A/O will scramble more flights as necessary. Current DMZ ROE apply.

d. The OV-10's will proceed directly to the insertion area checking in with Hallmark 14 on M-504 at C-9 and then, switch to Coming Event 14 on M-767.

e. Upon arrival of the OV-10's at C-9 the fire plan will go into effect and the OV-10's will assume fire direction control on M-181. They will "Check Fire" at the last practical moment to clear the aircraft into the zone.

f. The reaction package will proceed to C-9 and check in with Hallmark 14 on M-504, then, switch to Coming Event 14 on M-767.

g. Upon command from the OV-10's the reaction package will proceed from C-9 to C-10 and C-11 as directed reporting each point and descending to 500' or below at C-11.

h. The OV-10's will then brief and direct the flight into the LZ.

i. The weather minimums will be in accordance with the latest Wing Directive. Emphasis must be placed on the urgency of this mission.

j. Proximity fusing will not be used on artillery shells when the aircraft are operating in the insertion area.

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2. Artillery

a. Deliver preplanned fires on call to support Recon teams in RZ's. See Appendix 2 (Target Overlay)

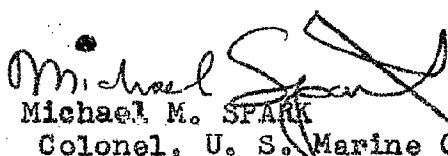
b. Effective 250300H A/1/40 and A/1/12 will be layed on the two Recon RZ's and will be responsive only to their fires.

c. Be prepared to execute counter mortar plan. See Appendix 4 (Series of Fires, Mortar Suppression)

d. A quick channel for direct fire support to each Recon team will be provided.

e. Fire Support Coordination will be the responsibility of the 3d Marines FSCC. Current DMZ rules of engagement apply.

f. Artillery suppression fires will be the responsibility of the 108 Artillery Group.


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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Fire Capability
- 2 - Target Overlay
- 3 - Series of Fires on Call for Recon
- 4 - Series of Fires, Mortar Suppression
- 5 - Series of Fires, River Crossing Suppression
- 6 - Target List

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APPENDIX 3 (Series of Fires on Call for Recon) to ANNEX A (Fire Support Coordination)

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BATTERY	BLACK	WHITE	YELLOW	GREEN	RED	BROWN	PURPLE	PINK	BLUE	GRAY
A/1/12							AX ② 819	AX ② 823	AX 828	AX ③ 832
B/1/12							AX ④ 821	AX ① 822	AX ④ 829	AX ③ 832
C/1/12		AX ① 803	AX ③ 808	AX ① 809	AX ③ 814	AX ① 815				
K/1/12							AX ③ 820	AX ③ 824	AX 828	AX ③ 832
M/1/12	AX ③ 802	AX ③ 805	AX ② 807	AX ② 810	AX ② 813	AX ② 816				
A/1/40	AX ① 800	AX ② 804	AX ① 806	AX ③ 811	AX ① 812	AX ③ 817				
C/1/40										
"A" 8"							AX ① 818	AX ④ 825	AX ② 827	AX ② 831
"B" 8"	AX ② 801	AX ② 804	AX ③ 808	AX ① 809	AX ③ 814	AX ② 816				

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APPENDIX 4 (Series of Fires, Mortar Suppression) to ANNEX A (Fire Support Coordination) to Concept of Operation

BATTERY	A1Y	A2Y	A3Y	A4Y	A5Y	A6Y	A7Y	A8Y	A9Y	A10Y	*Btry ② 9 pt Z & S Each Tgt.
A/1/12											
B/1/12	AX 851	AX 853	AX 857	AX 860	AX 865	AX 867	AX 870	AX 872	AX 877	AX 879	
C/1/12	AX 850	AX 855					AX 871	AX 873		AX 880	
K/4/12							AX 869	AX 872		AX 879	
M/4/12	AX 854	AX 856	AX 852		AX 863	AX 866	AX 870	AX 874	AX 875	AX 878	
A/1/40											
C/1/40											
"A" 8"				AX 861	AX 864	AX 867	AX 869	AX 873		AX 879	
"C" 8"	AX 850	AX 853	AX 858	AX 859	AX 862	AX 868	AX 871	AX 872	AX 876	AX 878	

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APPENDIX 5 (Series of Fires, River Crossing Suppression) to ANNEX A (Fire Support Coordination) to
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APPENDIX 6 (Target List) to ANNEX A (Fire Support Coordination)
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043707 AX 800
 947707 AX 801
 045703 AX 802

WHITE

043697 AX 803
 047697 AX 804
 045693 AX 805

YELLOW

053707 AX 806
 057707 AX 807
 053703 AX 808

GREEN

053697 AX 809
 057697 AX 810
 055693 AX 811

RED

063707 AX 812
 067707 AX 813
 065703 AX 814

BROWN

063697 AX 815
 067697 AX 816
 065693 AX 817

SERIES - BASSA1X

AX 842 128773
 AX 843 136778
 AX 844 149782

A2X

AX 839 087765
 AX 840 103758
 AX 841 111767

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AX 834 034710
 AX 835 040712
 AX 836 044716

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AX 845 061723
 AX 837 076729
 AX 838 083752

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SERIES - COLORS (Contd)PURPLE

083748 AX 818
 085749 AX 819
 088745 AX 820
 082743 AX 821

PINK

083736 AX 822
 087738 AX 823
 088735 AX 824
 087736 AX 825

BLUE

092748 AX 826
 098747 AX 827
 098744 AX 828
 093744 AX 829

VELVET

093737 AX 830
 098737 AX 831
 096733 AX 832
 092734 AX 833

SERIES - CARPA1Y

048674 AX 850
 053676 AX 851
 053670 AX 854

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043686 AX 853
 039683 AX 855
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063763 AX 862
 071756 AX 863
 075762 AX 864
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069738 AX 866
 068745 AX 867
 065741 AX 868

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117757 AX 869
 117750 AX 870
 116744 AX 871

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ANNEX B (Communications-Electronics) to Concept of Operation

1. Call signs of Recon teams:

- a. DOCK LEAF
- b. INTRIGUE

2. Call signs of other units:

- a. HALLMARK 3d Marines
- b. FAIRLANE 1/12
- c. COMING EVENT 3/3
- d. COMING EVENT MIKE M/3/3
- e. LUSH SORTIE C/1/61

3. Frequencies

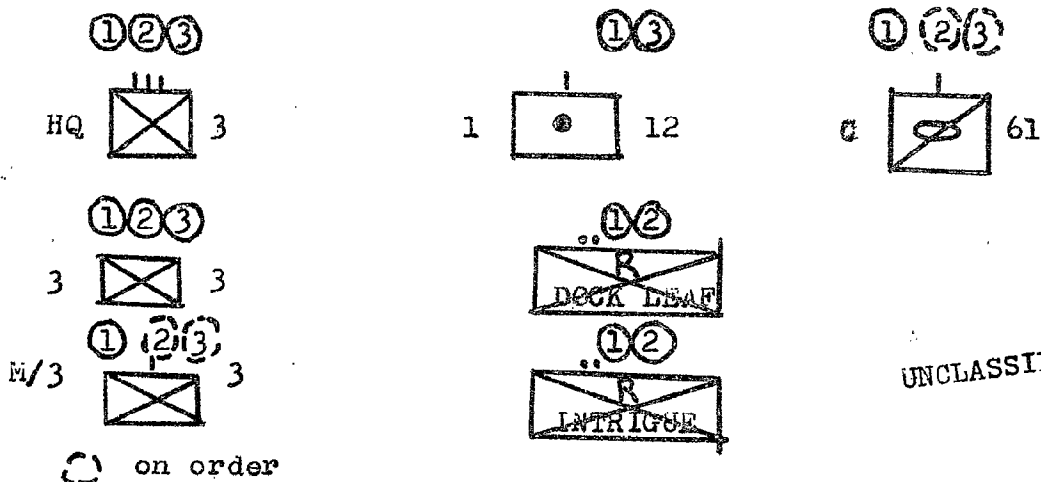
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Net

- ① 45.0 M-493
- ② 37.6 M-767
- ③ 32.9 M-181
- ④ 32.3 M-106

TAC & Conduct of Fire
Air Control
AO C.O.F.

4. Nets:



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5. General Instructions

a. All stations will maintain 24 hr. guard using a PRC-77/KY-38 or other compatible gear on net ① at 250300H Nov 68.

b. If a Recon teams radio fails in cipher on net ① they will come up clear in order to maintain continuous communication.

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