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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESTINATION

3d Marines (Rein)

COMMANDERS

Col P. D. La Fond 1-30 Apr

2. LOCATION. Republic of Vietnam.3. SUBORDINATE UNITS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE OPCON</u>
Hq Co 3d Marines	1st Lt C.A. GREENFIELD	1-30 Apr
1st Bn 3d Marines	Lt Col J.S. KYLE	1-20 Apr
2nd Bn 3d Marines	Lt Col J.J. MCMONAGLE	1-30 Apr
3d Bn 3d Marines	Lt Col R.C. SCHULZE	1-11 & 18-30 Apr
Task Force Remagen	Lt Col C. MILIA (US ARMY)	1-5 Apr

4. ATTACHED UNITS. NONE5. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Lt Col D.G. HERRON	1-30 Apr
S-1	Capt B.B. PORTER	1-30 Apr
S-2	Maj T.C. DOLSON CWO-2 R.M. CONLEY	1-7 Apr 8-30 Apr
S-2A	CWO-2 R.M. CONLEY	1-7 Apr
S-3	Maj E.E. EVANS Maj T.C. DOLSON	1-7 Apr 8-30 Apr
S-3A/LN OFF	1st Lt W.F. ENGSTER 2nd Lt P.E. FEDDES	1-25 Apr 26-30 Apr
S-3A/LN OFF/NEC OFF	1st Lt J.J. MURPHY	1-30 Apr
S-3A/LN OFF/Trng OFF	1st Lt G.E. PLANT	1-30 Apr
ALO	Maj P.F. ANGLE	1-30 Apr
Assnt ALO	Maj T.J. BAUSHER	30 Apr

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S-4.	Maj J.F.X. CONNOLLY	1-30 Apr
S-4A	1st Lt D.E. RAGSDALE	1-30 Apr
S-5	Maj G.L. SHELLEY	1-30 Apr
Regt Sup Off	1st Lt R.G. HOWIE	1-30 Apr
MTO	1st Lt K.J. CONLON	1-30 Apr
Comm Off	Maj J.H. HARTE	1-30 Apr
Asst Comm Off	1st Lt D.M. SHARPE	1-30 Apr
Regt Surgeon	Lt G.W. GREGORY (US Navy)	1-30 Apr
Chaplain	Lt Cmdr J.E. BELL (US Navy)	1-14 Apr
	Cmdr J.F. LABOON (US Navy)	15-30 Apr
Hq Cmdt	1st Lt C.A. GREENFIELD	1-30 Apr

6. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC
OFF/ENL

19/194

USN
OFF/ENL

2/3

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY (SEE SUPPORTING DOCUMENT #1)

The month began with the Regiment still deployed in the Division's western AO on Operation Maine Crag. The First Battalion was deployed along route 926/616 and to the south, in the tip of the Vietnamese Salient. The Second Battalion was in the eastern portion of the Salient searching for additional enemy and caches while continuing to count the largest captured supply dump of the war. The Third Battalion was protecting fire bases between Khe Sanh and Vandegrift Combat Base. Task Force Remagen, a US Army Tank and Mech-Infantry unit, opcon to the 3rd Regiment, continued to sweep south along the Xe Pon River toward Rt. 926/616. The tempo of contacts increased within the first part of the month, but most of the actions were small scale. One exception was an NVA Company attack on the night position of Company E, which cost the NVA 20 dead.

As the operation progressed it was evident that the Vietnamese Salient had been well searched, the enemy had for the most part fled, and the probable direction of egress had been to the east into or through the Laotian Salient.

Thus, a general movement around the Laotian Salient to enclose it from three sides began in strength with the lift of the Second Battalion on 7 April. Previously a new fire support base (FSB) had been opened, allowing this shift of forces under the fan of Direct Support Artillery.

With the shift of the 2nd Battalion, the disposition of forces was: the 2nd Battalion of the ARVN Regiment on the west of the Laotian Salient; 2/3 on the north and north east; and when 1/3 shifted from west to east, the three sided closure would be complete.

Changes in the organization for Maine Crag which occurred after the first week of April were: (1) the movement of Task Force Remagen back north along the Xe Pon and to the operational control of Task Force Hotel and (2) the loss of opcon of the 3rd Battalion (they traveled to the mouth of the Cua Viet River for R&R).

The sealing of the Salient finally occurred with the helo-assault of 1/3 into LZ's on the eastern border. This move had been delayed on two occasions due to a large enemy threat which had emanated in Laos west of the Xe Pon River, but then failed to cross into Vietnam.

After all units were in place (2/2 ARVN on west, 2/3 north and north east, and 1/3 on the east) they attacked right up to the Laotian border in an attempt to locate any egress routes and to cause the enemy to feel threatened and thus fight. After two days it was evident the NVA had not used the upper portions of the Laotian Salient as a west-east axis.

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Thus, the 2nd Battalion, 2nd ARVN was diverted elsewhere and the 3rd Marines (-) pushed east and south looking for the enemy, his LOC's, and supply areas. During this middle of the month period, 3/3 returned to the 3rd Marines and replaced 1/3 who in turn R&R'd at the Cua Viet.

The latter part of the month was quiet with little or no contacts, sightings or indications that the enemy was in the upper Da Krong River Valley or any of its tributaries.

The reconnaissance screen employed as the regiment moved south, began to gain contacts until it was obvious the enemy was moving liberally below the 20 grid line; there lay his routes of egress from the Salient. There were also many sightings of Brou tribesman and their farms. From these people came further substantiation that the NVA were mainly located in the southern portion of the Laotian Salient.

Before the intelligence could be exploited, the 3rd Marines were notified that Maine Crag was to be terminated at the end of April and the 9th Marines would begin a new operation moving south from our general southern trace.

The concept employed throughout the month and all of Maine Crag was the employment of fire support bases (FSB), mutually supporting at 8 km distance. This concept places the direct support batteries always within close supporting distance of the infantry as well as providing counter-mortar fire for one another. During this operation the ARVN 105 battery at FSB Torch was integrated into the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines mutual support plan and assisted the 3rd Marines capability.

Thus, the month ended quietly with the Regiment aggressively seeking the enemy, proving where he was not, while building strong indications of where the enemy was and how he had used the Laotian Salient as a tie into Route 926/616.

Sequence of Events

- 01 APR At 1430H Company G completed their lift from (909239) to FSB Whisman (973333).
- 02 APR An ambush from Company E at 828237 spotted 30 NVA moving west along trail, they opened fire, resulting in 5 NVA KIA.
- 04 APR 3d Mar advance CP moved to FSB Whisman (973333) at 1610H. At 0350H Company E at LZ Big Foot Brown was attacked by an estimated Company of NVA resulting in (19) NVA KIA & (10) IWC.
- 05 APR At 1400H emergency air drop of 105 ammo to FSB Saigon (814286) commenced.

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- 06 APR At 1430H 3d Marines CP helilifted from FSB Saigon (814286) to FSB Whisman (973333), and at 1200H TFR was shepped opeen from 3d Marines to TFR.
- 07 APR Company E at 1025H conducted a heliborne assault on LZ Hardtop (008304). Company F at 1205H conducted a heliborne assault on LZ Mink (986357). At 1330H Company B conducted a helilift to FSB McClintock (045302). Company C found (2) destroyed enemy trucks, (1) at (879226) & (1) at (879229). Both had been loaded with various types of ammo. 1/3 CP on FSB Spark received 8-10 122 rkts. An AO was called & he fired arty on suspected enemy force (771170). Fixed wing & arty was called in resulting in (20) NVA KIA.
- 08 APR 1/3 CP on LZ Spark received (4) incoming rkt rnds. Counter battery was fired. A patrol from Company F detained 31 Bru in vic 007354.
- 10 APR Companies K & L helilifted to Gva Viet vic (335703) for R & R. 1/3 CP on FSB Spark received (8) rnds of 122mm rkts from vic (812196).
- 11 APR At 0800H TFR assumed opeen of 3/3 (-) from 3d Marines & passed opeen to 3d MarDiv. At 1450H, 2d plt of Company A in the vic of (834226) engaged approx (1) enemy sqd resulting in the capture of (1) complete 82mm mortar with (92) 82mm mortar rnds & (2) NVA KIA. 1/3 CP on FSB Spark received approx 30 incoming 82mm mortar rnds. Counter mortar was fired.
- 12 APR 1/3 CP at FSB Spark took 8 rnds of incoming rkts caliber unknown.
- 13 APR At 2035H Company A received 40 mortar rnds of unknown caliber. Counter mortar & arty were fired at 1730. An AO spotted (9) NVA vic (941184), ran fixed wing & arty. AO reported (3) large secondary explosions, (3) large secondary fires & (1) NVA KIA.
- 14 APR Company A at 1045H conducted helilift to LZ Fisher (037280). A Btry 1/12 was helilifted along with 1/3 CP & Company B to FSB McClintock (045302). Companies C & D were helilifted to LZ Pusan (043247). Prior to departure 1/3 CP on FSB Spark rec'd (8) rkt rnds & 10-15 60mm rnds. They ran close air support on enemy position vic (972217) resulting in 6 NVA KIA.

15 APR At 1400H TFH chopped AO west of 2d ARVN AO to 3d Marines.

17 APR At 1800H TFH chopped 2d ARVN AO to 3d Marines.

18 APR At 1300 Company C found (3) deserted Bru Villages via (043235) with (8) houses & a number of chickens & pigs. 3/3 (-) chopped opcon to 3d Marines effective 1345H.

19 APR At 0958H 3/3 assumed responsibility for new AO as part of opn Maine Crag; Company D 1/3 relieved in place by Company L. At 1020H 3d Marines chopped 1/3 (-) to TFH.

20 APR At 0940H Company D completed helilift from LZ Fisher to VCB. At this time, 3d Marines chopped opcon of D/1/3 to TFH.

21 APR At 1010H, M Company 3/3 conducted heliborne assault into LZ Tuba vic (080270). At 1200H Company I completed relief in place of Company A on LZ Fisher. At 1500H TF Hotel assumed opcon of A/1/3.

22 APR At 1100H Company H, along with FSB McClintock, was chopped from 2/3 to 3/3.

24 APR Company C was directed to relieve Company F 2/9 at Elliot Combat Base at 250830H.

25 APR 3d Marines assumed responsibility for area north of Maine Crag AO to southern Mai Loc boundary at 240600H.

26 APR 3/3 CP completed helilift from LZ Hardwick (049287) to LZ Gaucho (099242). At 1230H 3d Marine Division assumed opcon of Company C from 1st of the 5th & passed same to 9th Marines.

27 APR At 0800H, H/2/3 & FSB McClintock chopped from 3/3 to 2/3.

28 APR Company E/2/3 captured 13 Bru in a cave vic 093308. Bru had (1) SKS.

29 APR At 1045H plt L/3/3 helilifted from vic (072242) to Hill 849. At 1300 3d Marines advance CP helilifted from FSB Whisman to DHCB. At 1800, C btry 1/12 lifted from FSB Whisman to FSB Gaucho.

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30 APR

Company M received 60 rnds S/A & 2 RPG's from vic 098207. Returned fire with S/A & 81's & arty with neg results.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Missions Assigned.

a. 1-30 April - 3d Marines (-)(Rein) in cooperation and coordination with the 2d ARVN Regt (-) seals off the Laotian Salient, screens west and east of Khe Sanh, conducts extensive search and destroy operations in AO, destroys enemy in AO, and conducts massive destructive fire within Laotian Salient. (See supporting documents 1-13)

2. Significant Operations Covered.

(See paragraph 1. above)

3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

- a. Confirmed NVA KIA - 43
- b. NVA KBA - 38
- c. NVA POW - 1

4. Casualties Sustained.

KIA
USMC: 6

WIA (MED EVAC)
USMC: 28; USA: 19

WIA (MINOR)
USMC: 7; USA: 2

5. New Techniques Employed. None6. Command Relations.

a. During the period 1-30 April, the 3d Marine Regt (-)(Rein) was OPCON to Task Force Hotel.

7. Equipment. The T/E allowance was considered adequate during the reporting period. No recommendations for changes in the allowance were received.

8. Logistics.

a. General. The month of April was an active period for resupply of the Third Marine Regiment. Currently operating from Fire Support Bases in the Task Force Hotel AO, Headquarters, Third Regiment, 1/3, 2/3, and 3/3 were resupplied by helilifts from Vandegrift LSA to their positions forward of Vandegrift Combat Base. During this period the LSA at Vandegrift was destroyed by fire due to the crash of a helicopter. Resupply of Class I, II and V was immediately trucked and helilifted from Dong Ha and Quang Tri to the newly established LSA.

b. Supply.

(1) Overall Supply Situation. The overall supply situation for this reporting period has been fair to good. Highlights for this reporting period have been on recomputing AMRD and daily resupply to forward elements of this Command.

(2) The overall supply situation for Class II has been good. No significant highlights for this reporting period.

c. Evacuation and Hospitalization.

(1) To date during operation MainéCrag, a high incidence of malaria cases has been noted. Personnel suffering from fever of undetermined origin (FUO), are being seen and treated at our forward RAS - and in almost all cases, have had to be medevaced to Charlie Med at VCB. Latest information received from Division Medical indicates some personnel may not be taking malaria prophylaxis drugs regularly, thus becoming FUO's initially & then malaria cases upon hospitalization. In addition to RAS (forward) maintaining a treatment facility for Hq Co personnel, the Regimental Surgeon is keeping close liaison with fire base security troops and supporting units to bring those personnel to the highest physical condition possible under field conditions. In this respect, all men in the FSB area suffering from moderate to severe pyoderma were given an injection of Bicillin, 1,200,000U IM with good results noted.

(2) Sanitation. In the past month a continuing effort has been made to maintain the Regimental rear CP in the highest sanitation state possible. Discrepancies noted during routine daily inspections of food service spaces received immediate remedial attention. Those brought out on our weekly area inspection have been, or are in process of being corrected. Daily inspections of the FBS's have shown that a scheduled daily clean-up is necessary. After a few days in the field, personnel become lax/careless in their handling of trash and food scraps. Inspections have done much to keep the area clean and sanitary. Some food residuals are undetected and therefore lead to the introduction of rats and additional insects. Warfarin is effective in killing rats. Due to about five days incubation period needed, it must be distributed in the area as soon as possible after the FSB is established. Spraying with melathion insecticide was accomplished on all fields heads with excellent results.

d. Transportation.

(1) Significant Problem Areas. Support from Division Motor Transport during this reporting period was excellent.

e. Service.

(1) "B" Company, 3d Engineers in D/S constructed three fire support bases, a battalion field CP, and a regimental field CP, consisting of gun pits, ammo berms, and bunker complexes.

(2) Services are satisfactory. Laundry is done individually and laundry service is available at FLSU-B at Dong Ha Combat Base.

9. Civic Action.

a. Total number of man-days: 196 (including 78 man-days by Vietnamese laborers).

b. Cost of civic action projects.

(1) From military resources: VN \$742,812

(2) From the US/FWMAF CA PSYWAR Fund: VN \$28,100

c. Voluntary contributions: VN \$426,400 (This figure represents 1316x50 lb. bags of bulgar and rolled wheat, with estimated value of VN \$400/bag, delivered by 3d Marines to Fr. Neyroud's site in Cua Valley for distribution to Brou refugees. Source of grain: CRS).

d. Self Help. Estimated average percent of each project was completed by:

(1) Self-help labor: 68%

(2) Materials furnished by the people: 24%

e. Major Civic Action Programs.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Man-Days</u>	<u>\$ VN</u>
(1) Economic Development:	<u>9</u>	<u>35,680</u>
(2) Education:	<u>114.5</u>	<u>282,072</u>

(3) Social Welfare: 9.5 204.963

(4) Transportation: 25 42.598

(5) Refugee Assistance Support: 10 672.948

(include s VN \$426,400, a rough estimate of value of bulgar and rolled wheat delivered to FR. Neyroud, Cua Valley, for distribution. CRS provided.)

f. Number of separate institutions assisted during the reporting period.

(1) Schools: 11

(2) Orphanages: N/A

(3) Hospitals/Dispensaries: 4

(4) Others: 5

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g. Significant problems encountered:

(1) The Huong Van (V), Huong Hoa (D), maternity has been slow in materializing. The villagers began a building over a month ago, but it was felt that the structure was inadequate for the job, so at the request of the Medical Corpsman, MACV, Huong Hoa (D), the 3d Marines obtained building materials for a larger, sturdier building. The villagers then requested compensation for any labor investment; the District Chief and the MACV DSA worked out a compromise with the villagers whereby 50% of the labor costs would be paid from MACV AIC funds, with the remaining 50% to be donated by the villagers. Work on the maternity commenced on 28 April 1969.

(2) There is need for improved coordination between Civic Action personnel and the personnel in charge of the ration dump managed by FLSC-B, DHCB. After observing a number of old, damaged ration pallets at FLSC-B several weeks ago, the S-5, 3d Marines, visited the officer in charge of the ration dump, requesting that any rations which will not be utilized by Marines, and which will be discarded, be turned over to the 3d Marines. Such rejected rations can be sorted through, and usable items turned over to needy refugees. The OIC of the rations dump stated flatly that all of the rations are used by Marines. A few days later, when the S-5, 3d Mar was driving past the ration dump he noted a working party throwing old ration cases on trucks. Inquiries directed to the NCO in charge revealed that these old rations were slated for the trash heap, and the 3d Marines were permitted to obtain a number of these. Recently, the G-5 Section made arrangements with FLSC-B to visit the ration dump on a weekly basis to collect rations designated for destruction. The S-5, 3d Marines, was given permission to obtain these rations for distribution to the Brou in the Cua Valley. The first collection trip was successful (40 cases), but a week later the ration dump personnel behaved as though this arrangement had never been made.

(3) The preceding sub-paragraph gives rise to the general question of American wastefulness in Vietnam. Our messhalls throw away a considerable quantity of edible food after each meal because of our health regulations which prohibit storing it. Much of this food is better than what refugees get; or don't get.

(4) On 9 April the 3d Marines arranged transportation for and coordinated the movement of 5 truckloads of rice (in excess of 500x100 lb. sacks) from Dong Ha City to the Brou Resettlement Camp, Cua Valley. This service was provided at the request of the DSA, Huong Hoa (D), for the Brou Rice Purchase Co-op. Two problems arose in conjunction with the project:

(a) The Truong Son Cadre provided shot gun riders for the move; however, these men did not assist in loading the trucks which was done by hired Vietnamese laborers at a cost of VN \$3,000, which appears exorbitant if it is understood that 4 or 5 men worked for no more than 3 hours, and that a fair wage for a full day's work in this area is about VN \$160. The expenditure of village funds for this luxury in effect wipes out some of the saving realized by the use of USMC transportation. S-5, 3d Marines has discussed this problem with the District Chief and the DSA, Huong Hoa (D) in an effort to induce the Brou to use the Truong Son Cadre or other local labor resources for loading the trucks in the future without payment. The District Chief appears to be reluctant to agree to the plan, and although his reasons are unclear, it may be that there is some kind of general-agreed upon convention that warehouse labor must be accomplished by specific persons, rather like our labor unions.

(b) Upon completion of the initial movement, it was discovered that the Truong Son Cadre and other groups in the Cua Valley had not yet made their monthly rice purchase, with the result that MACV, Huong Hoa (D), had to arrange for 2 additional trucks for another rice convoy. During May, the project will be better coordinated, and the task should be accomplished in one movement.

(5) During early April, the DSA, Huong Hoa (D), informed S-5, 3d Marines, that elements of an engineer company had begun to survey Route 558 (Cam Lo to Cua Valley) preparatory to a project to improve the road, which is badly in need of attention. An entire company of engineers was supposed to have gone to Cua for the project, but to date none has materialized.

(6) The Cua Boarding School for Brou boys is lagging somewhat, due to insufficient timber and plywood. Timbers have been ordered through MCB-62 and should be available shortly, but plywood is a continuing problem for all projects requiring it. The frame work and roof for the classroom building are now complete.

(7) The Bo De School, Cam Lo has been progressing slowly, having been plagued by a series of misunderstandings between the Vietnamese and Americans and a lack of continuing central direction from the outset. Most of the problems have been solved. The 3d Marines has provided one language-trained man to work daily with the Vietnamese laborers on site, thus providing continuity and liaison for the American side. The very presence of this man seems to spur the Vietnamese to work more vigorously. CBMU-301 sends two builders to the site 3 afternoons per week to supervise and arrange for needed materials. S-5, 3d Marines attends to the payment of Vietnamese labor.

(8) Fr. Oudagout's trade school has received 2 sewing machines and a number of carpentry kits, mason kits, and other CARE kits from the 3d Marines. The sewing machines were received in damaged condition, one having a defective frame, the other a defective bobbin. Fr. Conan will arrange to obtain the parts from Saigon. Aside from the needle trade kits, none of the other items delivered appear to be in use as yet.

(9) The tract of land to the south of the Brou Resettlement Camp Cua Valley, which was set aside for the Brou to farm, continues to present problems. A Vietnamese agricultural expert sent to show the Brou how to cultivate the land stated that there is no way to farm the high ground which is a significant portion of the tract. The main problem is the lack of water and the extreme difficulty of transporting water to the site from the nearest water point. The advisor to the Truong Son Cadre, Huong Ho (D), hopes to obtain assistance in drilling wells which will probably have to go down about 50 feet or so. He is currently trying to work out a way to use windmills or other pumping devices to help get the water to the high ground.

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(10) Because of the frequent rapid movement of the 3d Regiment in past weeks, the problem of scheduling and holding medcaps has been difficult to solve. In the present AO, the situation has become more and more manageable. The Regimental Surgeon has begun to develop plans in cooperation with MACV, Cam Lo (D), for a continuing medcap program. The emphasis will be on training and supporting Vietnamese medical personnel, civilian and military, in the District. All medcaps will be held by Vietnamese personnel, with American personnel providing guidance and assistance as needed. (Combined Action Medcaps).

(a) On about 13 April, a nutrition expert visited the Cua Valley, made the statement that there was a near-starvation condition in the Brou Resettlement Camp there. The statement seems to have been based on 3 or 4 malnutrition cases produced by Fr. Neyroud for him to examine. These cases had never been brought to the attention of MACV medical personnel, and there is some feeling that Fr. Neyroud is engaging in a rather unpleasant sort of opportunism. The upshot of the starvation report was a flurry of activity and a substantial surge in the flow of food supplies to the Cua Brou Resettlement Camp from various relief agencies. It is worth noting that Fr. Neyroud received over 16,800 lbs. of bulgar and rolled wheat for distribution from CRS shortly after the starvation report was made. This grain was transported to Cua by the 3d Marines. Subsequent official visitors to the Brou Camp have questioned the starvation report, and the comment is usually something like "They look alright to me." More recently when an official visitor went to see Fr. Neyroud, a schlerosis patient was produced for the visitor's inspection, immediately after which arrangements for a medevac were made with MACV. In this case, the MACV medical personnel had been informed of the patient a day or two earlier, but the patient had never been produced for diagnosis and treatment. The problem here is that MACV personnel are made to appear as though they are not doing their job, which in turn engenders distrust and antagonism. The 3d Marines have been attempting to assist anyone in the AO who appears to be engaging in worthwhile projects, but recent events have raised some question as to the desirability of supporting Fr. Neyroud.

b. During this period the Administrative Communication system at Vandegrift CB was revamped to provide the Logistics Section direct communications to all supported and supporting units.

c. On FSB Whisman an integrated Radio Relay/wire system was established. This system provided telephone communications between the Regimental Headquarters and VCB and access into the Division Telephone system. A radio relay link was also established with FSB MC CLINTOCK from FSB Whisman.

d. No unusual maintenance existed.

Ground Surveillance

(1) Implanted:
 Minisids (4)
 Pirid (1)
 Magids (2)
 Gsids (2)
 in the Maine Crag AO

(2) Read out was performed from LZ Tuba and LZ Gaucho.

14. Weather.

a. The weather during the month of April for the most part was hot, sunny and clear. Only a few days had low ceilings and rainfall, but did not restrict air movement.

b. The averages for the month were:

- (1) Mean high Temperature - 94 degrees
- (2) Mean low Temperature - 80 degrees
- (3) Mean humidity - 89 percent

15. Fire Support.

a. Units providing artillery support.

(1) Direct support

A/1/12 - 105 HOW
 C/1/12 - 105 HOW
 C/6/33 - 105 HOW
 1st PROV - 155 HOW
 W/1/12 - 4.2 MORT

(2) General support

1st 8" HOW Btry (SP)
 5th 155 Gun Btry (SP)
 2d Bn 94th Field Artillery
 ARVN 105 Btry

b. Significant displacements

<u>BTRY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
C/1/12	6 April	FSB Saigon	FSB Whisman
1st PROV	13 APRIL	FSB Spark	FSB MC Clintock
A/1/12	14 APRIL	FSB Spark	FSB MC Clintock
W/1/12 (-)	27 APRIL	VCB	FSB Gaucho
C/1/12 (-)	29 APRIL	FSB Whisman	FSB Gaucho
C/1/12 (-)	30 APRIL	FSB Whisman	FSB Gaucho
W/1/12 (-)	30 APRIL	FSB GAUCHO	VCB

c. Missions

	<u>OBS</u>	<u>UN OBS</u>	<u>H&I's</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
105	116	1578	1061	3055
155	87	100	382	913
TOTAL	503	2022	1443	3968

d. Ammunition Expended (OPN Maine Crag)

	<u>HE</u>	<u>ILL</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
105	39,563	259	1,054	40,876
155	5,526		206	5,732
TOTAL	45,089	259	1,260	46,608

e. KIA's were

NVA - 32
 VC - 0
 TOTAL 32

f. Control and coordination. 1st Bn 12th Marines with its opcon and organic units provided direct support and reinforcing fires to units of the 3d Marines. Tactical and technical fire direction was centralized to insure effective control & coordination. Fire support coordination remained the responsibility of the 3d Marines FSCC. Control & coordination was performed with direct communications between adjacent, higher & lower units.

16. Air Support.a. Medevacs:

	WIA	ILL	NBC	KIA	CIV/ILL	NVA/VC	US DOGS	TOTAL
HQ/3	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	4
1/3	3	37	34	2	0	0	0	76
2/3	13	66	21	7	2	0	0	109
3/3	3	23	24	0	0	0	0	50
TOTAL	19	128	79	9	2	1	1	239

b. CAS: 153 FLTS 305 A/C 797,715# of Ordnance
 CSS: 45 FLTS 72 A/C 323,620# of Ordnance
 TOTAL 198 FLTS 377 A/C 1,121,335# of Ordnance

c. Resupply:

HQ/3 15,700#
 1/3 64,250#
 2/3 110,000#
 3/3 47,750#
 3d Engr 12,000#
 TOTAL 249,700#

d. A/O 3d Mar Div 88 FLTS 203 Hrs 30 Min
 12th Marines 4 FLTS 6 Hrs 45 Min
 TOTAL 92 FLTS 210 Hrs 15 Min

e. Gunships: 9 FLTS 11 HR 30 MIN

C&C:	FLTS	36 A/C	Hq/3	243	PAXS
			1/3	35	"
			2/3	20	"
			3/3	15	"
			1/12	10	"
			TOTALS	323	"

g. Control functions Total: 2454; Average Control Functions: 82;
 High 153 on 14 April; Low 9 on 5 April;
 1 Basket Ball 5 Hrs 10 Min
 5 Spookys 8 Hrs 50 Min
 4 Bn Troop Lifts
 3 Co Troop Lifts
 6 Artillery Battery Lifts
 1 Platoon Lifted
 4 106's Lifted
 4 81's Lifted

h. During the month of April, 3d Marines received air support from 1st MAF, 7th Air Force, and US 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 the Air Force. Observer flights were provided by MAG-16 and the Air Force.

(11) One further question concerning the report of starvation among the Cua Brou was raised recently. MACV Huong Hoa (D), has been engaged in a project aimed at inducing the Brou children to drink milk which the children have been given daily free of charge with Carnation Instant Breakfast, which has a candy flavor. Recently when the supply of breakfast food temporarily ran out, attempts were made to have the children drink the milk "straight". They refused to drink it until their favorite mint flavor was again available. Strange behavior for people on the verge of starvation.

(12) The natural springs in the Brou Resettlement Camp, Cua Valley, are beginning to dry up, which is normal during the hot season. The advisor to the Truong Son Cadre has successfully promoted a crash program to develop all presently unused springs in the area, and the 3d Marines has been committed to providing 50 gallon drums to be used to catch and store rainwater.

(13) The 3 Brou schools, Cua Valley, admit students according to the rank of the family--thus, the children of ranking officials have first priority, and the lower ranks have little educational opportunity. The Advisor to the Truong Son Cadre, Huong Hoa (D), has suggested that we seek ways to productively engage the many children who cannot attend school, who spend their time aimlessly, hanging around trash dumps and the like.

h. Beneficial results of civic action:

(1) The new Brou Handicraft Shop, Shopping Center, DHCB, opened for business on 9 April, 1969. While the profits are not particularly large by American standards, the Brou appear to be quite satisfied with the results to date. The 3d Marines has assisted the G-5 in various small ways during and since the planning and construction of the shop.

(2) The response to English classes being held twice weekly by the S-5, 3d Marines for Vietnamese teachers of English at the Nguyen Hoang High School, Quang Tri City, has been most gratifying. The students are enthusiastic and eager to learn, and the reception has far outweighed the inconveniences involved in making the trip. Small projects of this nature cannot be overestimated in their significance, for they involve intimate contact with Vietnamese teachers who enjoy a position of high prestige within the culture, and who often exert strong influence on their students.

(3) The determination of the District Chief, Huong Hoa (D), to proceed with the Cua Boarding School, with or without American assistance, is commendable, and reflects the kind of self-reliant attitude that should be cultivated and encouraged. This may be an increased confidence developed as a consequence of his success in other recent projects, such as the Huong Van (V) School construction, and the Huong Van (V) maternity currently under construction.

(4) Although there are still important problems to be solved in regard to the cultivated fields given over to the Cua Valley Brou for their use, a start has been made, and gradual expansion of the effort can be expected as difficulties are overcome. The significant point here is that the Brou have finally begun to move in the direction of self-sufficiency, distant as that goal may appear at present. Equally significant is the increased interest in the welfare of the Brou recently displayed by the GVN, which provided funds for seed and farming implements, followed by a visit from a Vietnamese agricultural expert who provided the Brou with instruction and guidance.

(5) On 23 April, S-5, 3d Marines delivered 60 elementary school CARE kits to the students of the Vinh Dai School. These items were obviously very much needed and deeply appreciated by both teachers and students. While the impact of such donations may be difficult to measure, the effect of these little 50¢ kits may be as great as that of some of our more complex, or expensive projects.

10. Administration.

a. Discipline. During April one Special Court-Martial was conducted and three non-judicial punishments.

b. Special Services Provided:

(1) One hundred and sixty cases of beer and a like amount of soda was purchased and distributed to headquarters personnel in the field.

(2) Approximately one hundred and eighty sweatshirts, twenty stationary kits, five one gallon water coolers, twenty-five chess/checker sets and seventy-five decks of playing cards were issued.

c. A Division Exchange Facility was available adjacent to the Regimental C.P. at Dong Ha.

d. The Sub Unit #2, Headquarters Battalion Post Office provided full Postal service for the Regimental Headquarters during April.

11. Personnel.

a. Critical shortage:

- (1) One Mess Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, 3371.
- (2) One Career Planning NCO, Staff Sergeant, 8421.
- (3) A Shortage of Eleven Sergeants and below, of 03.

b. Summary:

- (1) Gains: 2/MCOff, 29/MCEnl, 1/USNOff, 0/USNEnl.
- (2) Losses: 2/MCOff, 22/MCEnl, 1/USNOff, 0/USNEnl.
- (3) Monthly Average Strength: 19/MCOff, 194/MCEnl, 2/USNOff, 4/USNEnl.
- (4) Net Loss/Gain: 0/0 MCOff, 0/74MCEnl, 0/0USNOff, 0/0USNEnl.

c. Awards: No awards were presented during April. Four end of tour awards were submitted.

d. Morale continues to be excellent. This is contributed to command and individual concern for the welfare of all hands. Excellent club facilities and movies are available at the Regimental Rear C.P., DHCB. Further, the R&R program continues to provide a boost to the morale of all hands. During this period there were one in-country and fourteen out of country R&R's taken.

e. Chaplain:

(1) Chaplain Assigned: LCDR John E. Bell, CHC, USN, 55 80 36 from 1 Apr - 14 Apr 69. CDR John F. Laboon, Jr. CHC, USN, 28 28 05 from 15 - 30 Apr 69.

(2) Divine Services: Six Sunday services, 147 in attendance, 142 received communion. Fourteen weekday services, 295 in attendance, 290 received communion.

(3) Red Cross cases processed: 3, each required emergency leave.

(4) Cases counseled: 10

(5) Other significant activities:

(a) Visited local clergy.

(b) Distributed cigarettes, writing paper, playing cards, etc. obtained from the Red Cross to various units in the field.

12. Intelligence.

a. Narrative Summary. During the month of April, the 3d Marine Regiment was involved in Operation Maine Crag.

Enemy activity during the period was relatively light. All indications pointed to the fact that the enemy was avoiding contact as much as possible. Offensive tactics primarily employed by the enemy during the reporting period consisted of attacks on fixed positions by mortar/artillery/rocket fire.

There were 26 contacts, 2 grenade incidents, 1 booby trap incident, 14 incidents of mortar/artillery/rocket fire, and 45 miscellaneous sightings and incidents. Contacts during the period were generally point actions or sniper incidents with the following exceptions:

(1) On 2 April, E/2/3 ambushed approximately 30 NVA vicinity XD 828237. Action resulted in 5 NVA KIA.

(2) On 4 April, E/2/3 had contact with an estimated enemy company vicinity XD 828232. Enemy initiated contact and probed defensive positions with squad size waves. Contact lasted for 70 minutes and resulted in 20 NVA KIA and 10 IWC.

b. Statistics.

(1) <u>Contacts: SA/Sniper</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>NIGHT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
(a) 1st Bn 3d Mar	14	1	15
(b) 2d Bn 3d Mar	2	2	4
(c) 3d Bn 3d Mar	5	0	5
(d) Recon	2	0	2
Total	23	3	26

(2) <u>Contacts: Grenades</u>			
(a) 1st Bn 3d Mar	1	0	1
(b) 2d Bn 3d Mar	0	1	1
Totals	1	1	2

(3) Mines and Booby Traps Discovered

(a) 1st Bn 3d Mar	1	0	1
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(4) Mortar/Arty/Rocket Fire

(a) 1st Bn 3d Mar	12	2	14
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(5) Miscellaneous Sightings and Incidents.

(a) 1st Bn 3d Mar	21	1	22
(b) 2d Bn 3d Mar	5	1	6
(c) 3d Bn 3d Mar	5	0	5
(d) Recon	8	4	12
Totals	<u>39</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>45</u>

(6) Enemy Personnel Losses.

NVA KIA - 43
 NVA KBA - 38
 NVA POW - 1

(7) Captured Weapons.

(a) Crew-served - (1)
 1/82mm Mortar

(b) Individual - (15)
 10 AK-47's
 1 AK-50
 1 RPG-2
 1 45 Cal Pistol
 1 Sub-machine gun
 1 SKS

(8) Captured Weapons Accessories.

5 AK-47 Magazines
 3 M-16 Magazines

(9) Captured Ammunition

250 7.62mm rnds
 19 60mm rnds
 1 82mm rnd
 13 RPG-2 rkts

(10) Captured Explosives

54 lbs of TNT
 17 Chicom Grenades

(11) Captured 782 Gear

15 NVA packs
 11 canteens
 6 gas masks
 5 helmets

Enclosure (1)

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(12) Captured Medical Equipment

None

(13) Captured Documents

Miscellaneous personal papers, letters and diaries.

(14) Captured Food

100 chickens

25 pigs

Miscellaneous small amounts of rice and other food.

(15) Fortifications Discovered

250 Bunkers

20 Hootches

(16) Secondary Explosions - 20(17) Enemy Units Sighted

<u>Number</u>	<u>Coordinate</u>	<u>Day</u>
2 NVA/VC	XD 897405	3
1	XD 890167	3
2	XD 797226	4
3	XD 901399	4
3	XD 827233	7
1	XD 815182	8
1	XD 868229	9
1	XD 836233	11
1	XD 834224	11
3	XD 853221	11
5	YD 011311	12
5	XD 865192	12
4	XD 876226	12
1	XD 885210	12
1	YD 093308	28

13. Communications.

a. The Communication Section supported the Regimental Headquarters on FSB Saigon and the displacement to FSB Whisman.

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092000H
APRIL 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 20-69

1. BE ADVISED THAT THE LSA AT VCB SUSTAINED A HELO CRASH LATE TODAY, CAUSING MUCH AMMO TO COOK OFF. THIS WILL HINDER TOMORROW'S HELO RESUPPLY. PLAN & ACT ACCORDINGLY, PARTICULARLY IN YOUR USE OF SUPPORTING ARMS.

2. BE ADVISED THAT THE HELI LEFT OF 1/3 & THE ARTY BATTERIES WILL SLIP 1 DAY. REFERENCE PLANNING GUIDANCE PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED.

3. MISSION

a. 1/3 N/C

b. 2/3 N/C

c. 3/3 BE PREPARED TO MOVE TO CUA VIET FOR R&R BY INCREMENTS COMMENCING IN 2-3 DAYS. DETAILS TO FOLLOW, HOWEVER, ENTIRE BATTALION WILL END UP AT CUA VIET AS AN ENTITY.

d. ANTICIPATE THAT 1/3 WILL R&R AFTER 3/3 IS FINISHED. 3/3 AT THAT TIME WILL ASSUME 1/3'S MISSION.

4. ZIPPO FOR LZ'S FISHER & PUSAN TO GO AT 101000H. 1/3'S CO AND COMPANY COMMANDERS WILL BE PICKED UP TO JOIN AUGUST NIGHT 6.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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TIME: 092000H APR

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 TO: GH, 7-UP, MT, WS
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DTG 102100H
 APRIL 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 21-69
 REF: OP ORDER 5-69

1. SITUATION.

- a. ENEMY FORCES N/C
- b. FRIENDLY FORCES
 3d BN (-) CHOPS TO 9th MARINES 110800H APRIL 69
- c. ATTACHMENTS & DETACHMENTS N/C

2. MISSION N/C

3. EXECUTION

- a. CONCEPT N/C
- b. 1st BN

CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION IN AO. BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE
 OUR 5-69 ON 12 APRIL HELILIFTING A (FISHER), D (PUSAN)
 CP (McCLINTOCK), C (PUSAN)

- c. 2d BN

CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION. BE PREPARED THREE (3) UNITS
 DEPLOYED INSIDE PHASE LINE GOLD ON 14 APRIL.

- d. 3d BN

BE PREPARED TO PASS TO OPCON OF 9th MARINES, TO ACCOMMODATE
 IN EFFECT, RELIEF ON POSITION. UPON RELIEF, 3d BN UNITS IN CUA
 VIET PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL OPERATIONS AND R&R. BE PREPARED UPON
 COMPLETION OF R&R TO RELIEVE 1st BN IN OPERATION MAINE CRAG UNLESS
 OTHERWISE DIRECTED. 1/3/3 HELILIFT WILL COMMENCE AT 110300H.

- e. COORDINATING INSTRUCTION

(1) BOUNDARY CHANGE EFFECTIVE 110800H APRIL 69 AS FOLLOWS:
 FROM PRESENT 3d MARINE/4th MARINE BOUNDARY AT XD (882398) EAST
 ALONG SOUTH SIDE OF RT 9 TO VIC (922396) NORTHEAST IN A STRAIGHT
 LINE TO 3d MARINE 1st BDE BOUNDARY AT VIC (952405)

(2) TASK FORCE REMAGEN UNITS WILL BE MOVING THROUGH 3d
 MARINES AO ON 11 APRIL. ONE UNIT IS PRESENTLY LOCATED AT LZ HAWK
 (896405) AND WILL COMMENCE MOVE TO EAST AT 110800H APRIL 69

(3) 3/3 COMMAND ELEMENT AT 110800 WILL HELILIFT TO CUA
 VIET TO RELIEVE COMMAND GRP OF 2/9 NOT OVER 29 PAX

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS N/C

5. COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS N/C

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT

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APRIL 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 22-69
REF: OF ORDER 5-69

1. SITUATION. DUE TO THE MOVEMENT OF LARGE ENEMY FORCE WEST OF VIETNAM SALIENT, THE EXECUTION OF THE LAST PHASE OF 5-69 IS DELAYED 24 HRS. 3/3 WAS DETACHED AT 110800H, BUT REMAINS RESPONSIVE TO REIN. THE 3d MARINES, IF REQUIRED, TASK FORCE REMAGEN IS BEING RETAINED IN THE KHE SANH AREA & IS BEING REIN. TO FOUR MANEUVER ELEMENTS & BY TWO 8" HOWITZERS.

2. MISSION. N/C

3. EXECUTION.

a. CONCEPT. 3d MARINES DELAYS THE SEARCHING OF LAOTIAN SALIENT AWAITING CLARIFICATION OF EN. INTENTIONS IN THE WEST. IF THE EN. ENTERS VN IN FORCE, FSB SAIGON WILL BE REOCCUPIED & FORCES WILL BE RAPIDLY REDEPLOYED INTO THE NV SALIENT.

b. 1st BN

(1) DELAY EXECUTION OF YOUR OPORD 6-69 FOR 24 HRS.

(2) PATROL VIGOROUSLY TO WEST TOWARD XE PON X-ING SITES, BOTH DAY & NIGHT.

(3) ADVISE THIS HQ BY IMMEDIATE MSG OF ANY EN MASSING WITHIN OR ADJACENT TO YOUR AO.

c. 2d BN

(1) CONT S/D OPNS

(2) BP TO REDEPLOY INTO VN SALIENT; ONE COMPANY WITHIN 1 HR AFTER NOTICE; REMAINDER WITHIN 4 HRS AFTER NOTICE.

d. NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE. 1/3 BEGIN PLANNING FOR REINFORCING & ADVISE. 2/3 BEGIN PLANNING FOR HELILIFT NORTH OR SOUTH OF 1/3's POS. BASICALLY TERRAIN, AVE OF APPROACH & LZ's.

4. ADMIN & LOGISTICS. ARTY AMMO FOR FSB SPARK HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED EMERGENCY. WILL RECEIVE FIRST PRIORITY.

5. C&C. N/C

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

RELEASED BY: Thomas C. O'Brien

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122030H
 APRIL 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 23-69
 REF: OP ORDER 5-69

1. THE ENEMY CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN TROOP CONCENTRATIONS WEST OF THE KE PON RIVER BUT HAS MADE NO ATTEMPT OR INDICATION TO CROSS. TASK FORCE REAGEN (rein) CONTINUES TO BLOCK THE APPROACHES INTO THE KHE SANH PLATEAU & ALONG RT# 9. PROV/1/12 WILL HELILIFT FROM FSB SPARK TO FSB McCLINTOCK AT 131300H. A/1/12 WILL HELILIFT FROM FSB SPARK TO FSB McCLINTOCK AT 140900H. 3/3 IS ANTICIPATED TO COMPLETE REHAB ON 17 APR.

2. 1/3. BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE 3d MARINES OP ORD 5-69 AT 140900H APR 69. IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR CHANGE #1, 1/3 OF ORD 6-69, LIFT FROM DERBY (D), SPARK (CP & C) & CARRIBOU (A) TO LZ FISHER (A), LZ PUSAN (D SC) & McCLINTOCK (CP).

3. NO FURTHER DELAYS ANTICIPATED IN 1/3'S LIFT.

4. 1/3 & 2/3 BE PREPARED TO HAVE THREE MANEUVER ELEMENTS ACROSS PHASE LINE GOLD BY 151800H

5. PRIORITY OF AO & FW COVERAGE PLUS ARTY FIRES TO 1/3 UNTIL AFTER 14 APR HELILIFT. 1/3 PLAN & SUBMIT MASSIVE H & I'S FOR PRESENT AO FOR NIGHT OF 13/14 APR. 3d MARINES WILL PLAN AIR/ARTY PREP IN NEW AO (SUBMIT ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR INCLUSION).

6. RECON: AIR MINDED	U/L	0826,	L/R	1024	11-15 APR
COSMIC WAVE	U/L	8431,	L/R	8629	13-17 APR
HASTY FOOT	U/L	8627,	L/R	8825	13-17 APR
		(WITH D/1/3)			
BOX SCORE	U/L	8224,	L/R	8422	14-18 APR
DEER FERN	U/L	7825,	L/R	8023	13-17 APR

7. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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131730H
APRIL 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 24-69
REF: OP ORDER 5-69

1. 1/3 EXECUTE 3d MARINES OF ORDER 5-69 at 140900H APRIL 69.
LIFT COMPANY D FROM LZ DIVER.
2. PRIORITY OF AO & RW COVERAGE PLUS ARTY FIRES REMAIN W/1/3
UNTIL COMPLETION OF 14 APRIL HELILIFTS.
3. RECON TMS SCHEDULED FOR INSERTION TODAY HAVE BEEN DELAYED
24 HRS.
4. UPON COMPLETION OF HELILIFT OF 1/3 INTO FSB McCLINTOCK,
B/1/3 WILL CHOP TO 173AND NEW BOUNDARY PASEP WILL BE EFFECTIVE.

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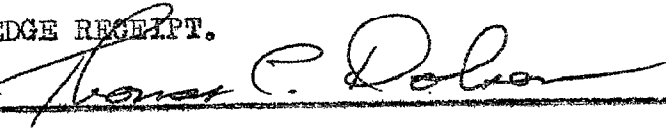
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141545H
APRIL 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 25-69
REF: OF ORDER 5-69

1. 1/3 & 2/3. INSURE THREE COMPANIES ARE ACROSS PHASE LINE GOLD TO THREATEN THE LAOTIAN SALIENT BY 151800H.
2. RIFLE COMPANIES OPERATING IN HIGH THREAT AREA SHOULD AVOID DETACHMENT OF PLATOON AND SMALLER UNITS ON MISSIONS WHICH REQUIRE THEIR OPERATION AT A DISTANCE FROM THE COMPANY BEYOND MUTUAL FIRE SUPPORT RANGE AND OR RAPID REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITY.
3. AT 141115H B COMPANY WAS CHOPPED FROM 2/3 TO 1/3 AND THE NEW BOUNDARY WENT INTO EFFECT.
4. SNIPERS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS AND MAY BE OF EXTREME VALUE IN THE HIGH GROUND. REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE THIS HEADQUARTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
5. CURRENT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT PRECLUDE THE CROSSING OF THE LAOS/VIETNAM BORDER. MASSIVE SUPPORTING ARMS ARE AVAILABLE AND SHOULD BE USED TO DESTROY ANY ENEMY FORMATIONS.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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 TO: GH, 7-UP, RT, WS
 INFO: EE, AN (V)

151905H
 APRIL 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 26-69
 REF: OP ORDER 5-69

1. IT IS CURRENTLY PLANNED TO BEGIN RELIEF OF 1/3 WITH ELEMENTS OF 3/3 ON 18 APRIL, EXTENDING OVER A PERIOD OF 2 DAYS. PLANNING GUIDANCE WILL BE PASSED SEPARATELY.

2. 1/3 & 2/3 CONTINUE TO APPLY PRESSURE ON THE LAOTIAN SALIENT INSIDE PHASE LINE GOLD. CONDUCT EXTENSIVE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS Laterally TO LOCATE ROUTES OF EGRESS FROM THE SALIENT.

3. EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT.

A. 2/3 WESTERN BOUNDARY IS EXTENDED TO THE WEST AS FOLLOWS: FROM INTERSECTION OF PRESENT 2/3/2d ARVN BOUNDARY AT 960303 SOUTH ALONG SALIENT TO 957297 WEST TO 938296 NW TO 923298 NW TO 901330 NW TO 881336 NW TO 883304 TO 873359 NE IN STRAIGHT LINE TO 882372 THEN N ALONG TRAIL TO 882392 THEN 300 METERS S, ALONG RT #9 TO 921392 THEN NE IN STRAIGHT LINE TO DAKRONG RIVER AT 951405 THEN SE ALONG DAKRONG RIVER TO PRESENT BOUNDARY. NO ACTION OTHER THAN RECONAISSANCE AND FIRE SUPPORT IN AO. EXTENSION IS REQUIRED.

B. AT 151400H APRIL 69 3d MARINES AO WEST OF 2d ARVN REGIMENT WAS CHOPPED TO TASK FORCE REMAGEN.

4. COMPANIES.

A. MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF WATER IN STREAMS USING PURIFICATION TABLETS.

B. ALL UNITS INQUIRE INTO AVAILABILITY OF THROW-AWAY RESUPPLY PACKAGES IE DISPOSABLE NETS, H2O CONTAINERS ETC. USE OF THIS ITEM IS ENCOURAGED. REPORT THIS HEADQUARTERS ON EFFECTIVENESS.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT

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DTG 161930H
 APRIL 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 27-69
 REF: (a) OP ORDER 5-69
 (b) FUTURE PLANS DTG 161305H APRIL 69
 (c) PLANNING FOR HELLO-RELIEF ON POSITIONS OF 1/3 BY 3/3
 DTG 161305H APRIL 69

1. THE CONCEPT AS STATED IN REF (b) & (c) WILL BE UTILIZED HOWEVER, TFF GUIDANCE DIRECTS THE FOLLOWING:
 - a. 17 APRIL. ZIPPO BRIEF AT 1000 AT TFF
 - b. 18 APRIL. TWO (2) COMPANIES & ADVANCE CP 3/3 FROM A CUA VIET TO VCB; RON.
 - c. 19 APRIL. 3/3 (-) FROM VCB TO MAINE CRAG AO. TWO (2) COMPANIES & ADVANCE CP 1/3 FROM FIELD TO VCB & THEN TRUCKED TO DONG HA & CUA VIET.
 - d. 20 APRIL. REMAINDER OF 3/3 FROM CUA VIET TO VCB; RON.
 - e. 21 APRIL. 3/3 (-) FROM VCB TO MAINE CRAG AO. REMAINDER OF 1/3 ELEMENTS FROM THE FIELD TO VCB & THEN TRUCKED TO DONG HA & CUA VIET.
 - f. 22-27 APRIL. TWO (2) COMPANIES & ADVANCE CP 1/3 BE PREPARED TO MOVE TO VCB FOR DEPLOYMENT, AND SO FORTH.
2. 1/3.
 - a. COMMENCE S/D OPNS TO EAST W/EMPHASIS ON HIGH GROUND SOUTH OF PUSAN.
 - b. CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR THE MAJOR ENEMY ROUTE RUNNING EAST OUT OF THE SALIENT, IN VIC OF 035233.
 - c. PLAN TO LEAVE SUPPORTING DOG TMS & THE BROU INTERPRETER TM BEHIND FOR UTILIZATION BY 3/3.
3. 2/3
 - a. COMMENCE CONDUCTING S/D OPNS TO THE NORTHEAST, GENERALLY IN THE LOWER PORTIONS OF AO.
 - b. BE PREPARED TO SECURE DONG CO TIEN & COMMENCE SEARCH ALONG THAT FEATURE & VALLEYS ON BOTH SIDES, IN A SOUTH EASTERN DIRECTION.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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INFO: EE, AN (V)

DTG 171845
APRIL 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 28-69
REF: OP ORD 5-69

1. AS OUTLINED AT PLANNING CONFERENCE ON 17 APRIL, RELIEF OF 1/3 BY 3/3 WILL COMMENCE ON 18 APRIL WITH THE MOVE OF 3/3 TO VCB.
2. 1/3 CONDUCT EXTENSIVE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS TO THE S OF LZ PUSAN VIC (035230), TO LOCATE MAIN AVE OF EGRESS FROM THE LAOTIAN SALIENT. PREPARE FOR RELIEF OF TWO COMPANIES AND A JUMP CP BY 3/3 ON 19 APRIL, AND MOVE TO VCB.
3. 2/3 EFFECTIVE 171800H YOUR AO IS EXTENDED TO THE WEST AS FOLLOWS: FROM 872360 SW TO 860350 S ALONG 86 GRID LINE TO 860298 THEN SE TO 900246 THEN S TO 900232 THEN FOLLOW KHE A GIAI RIVER TO LAOTIAN BORDER THEN NORTH ON LAOTIAN BORDER TO PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 958299. CONTINUE TO CONDUCT DETAILED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS TO THE NE IN AO.
4. 3/3 ON 18 APRIL MOVE TWO COMPANIES AND A JUMP CP FROM CUA VIET TO VCB AND PREPARE FOR RELIEF OF TWO COMPANIES AND 1/3 CP ON 19 APRIL AS OUTLINED IN PLANNING CONFERENCE ON 17 MARCH.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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DTG 181145H
 APRIL 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 28A-69
 REF: OP ORDER 5-69

1. 1/3
 - a. UPON RELIEF OF COMPANY B AT FSB McCLINTOCK BY COMPANY K AND COMPANY C AT PUSAN BY COMPANY L; WITHDRAW THESE UNITS BY HELICOPTER TO VCB.
 - b. UPON ASSUMPTION OF AO AND A AND D COMPANIES BY 3/3. HELICOPTER CP (-) TO VCB.
 - c. UPON ARRIVAL AT VCB, MOVE OVERLAND TO DONG HA AND CUA VIET AND CHOP BN (-) TO 1ST OF 5TH. ASSUME OPCON OF I AND M COMPANIES 3/3
 - d. LIFT OF 19 APRIL WILL COMMENCE AT 0800 & NOT AT 0900 AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.
2. 2/3
 - a. CONTINUE TO CONDUCT S/D OPNS IN AO.
3. 3/3
 - a. RELIEVE INPLACE B COMPANY AT FSB McCLINTOCK AND C AT LZ PUSAN.
 - b. HELICOPTER CP (-) TO FSB McCLINTOCK AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR 1/3's AO AND A AND D COMPANIES.
 - c. CONDUCT S/D OPNS IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION, ALONG THE TA RIEP AND KBE KA ROVAN VALLEY'S
 - d. RETAIN SECURITY AT LZ PUSAN UNTIL OTHERWISE DIRECTED.
 - e. LIFT OF 19 APRIL WILL COMMENCE AT 0800 & NOT 0900 AS PREVIOUSLY STATED.
4. A WARRANT OFFICER AND (2) INTERPRETERS WILL JOIN 3/3 AT VCB AND DISPLACE TO THE FIELD ON 21 APRIL. A (3) MAN GROUND SURVEILLANCE TEAM WILL DISPLACE WITH COMPANY M ON 21 APRIL.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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DTG 191815H
APRIL 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 29-69
REF: OP ORDER 5-69

1. ENEMY SITUATION.

a. THERE HAVE BEEN TWO REPORTS OF HELICOPTERS RECEIVING S/A GROUND FIRE FROM THE HIGH GROUND WEST OF LZ FISHER.

2. 1/3

a. BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON OF D/1/3 FROM 3/3 UPON COMPLETION OF D CO HELILIFT FROM LZ PUSAN TO VCB.

b. D CO WILL REMAIN AT VCB OVERNIGHT UNTIL A CO JOINS THEM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

3. 3/3

a. UPON COMPLETION OF D CO LIFT FROM LZ PUSAN TO VCB CHOP OPCON OF D TO 1/3.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

a. D/1/3 WILL COMMENCE HELILIFT FROM LZ PUSAN TO VCB AT 200800H APRIL 69.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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DTG 201645H
APRIL 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 30-69
REF: OP ORDER 5-69

1. ENEMY SITUATION.

a. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE ENEMY MAY BE USING THE VALLEYS SURROUNDING DONG TA RIN (YD 1328) AS INFILTRATION ROUTES TO BASE AREAS 101 & 611.

2. THE REGIMENT WILL CONTINUE TO SEARCH TO THE EAST UNTIL REACHING THE DA KRONG RIVER. AT THAT POINT THE NORTHERN BN WILL SEARCH HILL COMPLEXES DONG CO TIEN & DONG TA RIN. THE INTERVENING VALLEY & THE VALLEYS TO THE NORTH. THE SOUTHERN BN WILL SEARCH THE VALLEYS AROUND SHILOH (YD 1027) & TARAWA (XD 0923), THE KHE BA LE, KHE TION & DA KRONG VALLEYS IN AO.

3. 2/3

a. MARCH ONE COMPANY TO FSB McCLINTOCK TO ARRIVE & RELIEVE K/3/3 ON 23 APRIL. COMPANY CHOPS TO 3/3 UPON ENTERING THEIR AO.

b. CONTINUE SECURITY FOR FSB WHISMAN UNTIL CLOSED ABOUT 27 APRIL.

c. CONTINUE DRIVE TO EAST TO SEARCH DONG CO TIEN HILL, DA KRONG VALLEY & KHE TA LAOU VALLEY IN AO.

d. BE PREPARED TO ASSUME SECURITY FOR FSB McCLINTOCK & OPCON OF COMPANY ON SAME, ABOUT 25 APRIL.

4. 3/3

a. ASSAULT & SECURE LZ TUBA; COMPLETE REMAINDER OF RELIEF IN PLACE, I FOR A ON LZ FISHER.

b. SECURE HILL 718 TARAWA COMPLEX BY 23 APRIL AND PREPARE FOR FSB OCCUPATION ON 25 APRIL.

c. ASSUME OPCON OF COMPANY 2/3 ON 23 APRIL AT FSB McCLINTOCK & COMPANY BACK TO 2/3 ABOUT 25 APRIL.

d. CONTINUE SEARCH TO EAST UPON REACHING DA KRONG RIVER. BE PREPARED TO SEARCH IT, AS WELL AS THE KHE BA LE & KHE TION VALLEYS IN AO.

5. ON ORDER THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN 2/3 AND 3/3 CHANGE AS FOLLOWS: FROM PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 061318 SE TO 070313, SE TO 080304, SE TO 090296, SE TO 100288, SE TO 110282, SE TO 120276, SE TO 130268, SE TO 140260, SE TO 150254, SE TO 160249, SE TO PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 170242.

6. THE FOLLOWING RECON TEAMS ARE STILL IN THEIR RZ'S; ISHERWOOD, AIR POLICE, AND FAIRLANE.

7. MAKE MAX USE OF PORIF WATER FM STREAMS & RIVERS. WHEN MOVING REQUEST FULLY CONSOLABLE RESUPPLY PACKAGES TO PRECLUDE BURDEN OF RETROGRADE.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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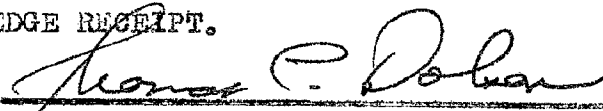
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DTG 221435H
APRIL 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 31-69
REF: OP ORDER 5-69

1. 2/3
 - a. CONTINUE THOROUGH S/D OPNS TO THE E & SE, ALONG THE DA KONG RIVER & OTHER POSSIBLE TRAIL NETWORKS.
 - b. SECURE AREA IN VIC LZ DUMFRIES (096334) & LZ COCONUT (091298) BY 29 APRIL.
 - c. BE PREPARED TO SKIP REHAB & REMAIN IN FIELD FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME UNTIL THE CURRENT EASTWARD PUSH IS COMPLETED (ABOUT 10 MAY).
2. 3/3
 - a. SECURE HILL 718 & LZ TARAWA COMPLEX BY 231800.
 - b. COMPLETE AN EXTERNAL ZONE ON HILL 718 BY 240800.
 - c. BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT TACTICAL LIFTS OF ENGINEERS, DEMO & WATER ON TARAWA & HILL 718 COMPLEX BY 240800.
 - d. BE PREPARED TO ADVISE THIS HQ ASAP UPON COMP OF INTERNAL ZONE ON HILL 718. AT THAT TIME BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT FIRPPO TM.
 - e. UPON COMPLETION OF THE FIRPPO, BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT HEAVY EQUIPMENT ON HILL 718.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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DTG 251330H
APRIL 69

SUBJ: FRAG ORDER 32-69
REF: OP ORDER 5-69

1. ON 24 APRIL RECON TM CARPET VIC 033199 WHILE BEING EXTRACTED ONE HELICOPTER CRASHED AND BURNED THE SECOND WAS SHOT DOWN AND IS INTACT IN THE ZONE. ALL FRIENDLIES WERE EXTRACTED.
2. 3/3 MOVE UNIT OVERLOAD ASAP TO SECURE LZ AND PROVIDE SECURITY FOR DOWNED HELICOPTER VIC 033199. ENROUTE TO HELICOPTER SELECT SUITABLE LZ FOR INSERTION OF 81mm MORTARS FOR CLOSE-IN SUPPORT. NOTIFY THIS HQ UPON SELECTION TO FRAG HELILIFT OF 81's.
3. NOTIFY THIS HQ UPON SECURING OF LZ AND HELICOPTER.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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THIRD MARINES MESSAGES APRIL 69

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✓172220Z	C
✓182220Z	U
✓200952Z	U
✓230650Z	U
✓282226Z	U
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Subj: 3rd Marine Concept of Operations for Virginia Ridge

Acknowledge Receipt

PW Bradford 4/Cpl 19 May 69
Signature Rank Date

16. 3D MARINES MESSAGES

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UNIT/SECTION S-4
DRAFTED BY H. WILHITE
DATE 4 APRIL 1969

ROUTINE 050518

FM: THIRD MARINES
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

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MODEL 700 RIFLES

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 020832ZAPR69

1. IN COMPLIANCE WITH REF (A) THE BELOW LISTED INFORMATION
IS SUBMITTED

<u>TOT AUTH</u>	<u>TOT O/N</u>	<u>TOT OPERATIONAL</u>	<u>MAINT PROBLEMS</u>
17	16	15	REPLACEMENT FOR FOLLOWER SPRINGS

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SEC SUPPLY PHONE 3583
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ROUTINE 060702 Z APR 69

FROM: HQ. CO. 3d MAR REGT
TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV (ATTN: G-4 PLANS)

U N C L A S E F T O

A. CG 3d MAR DIV MSG 040652 Z APR 69

IN ACCORDANCE WITH INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFERENCE (A),
15 LAUNDRY BAGS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS UNIT'S SOILED CLOTHES.

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UNIT/SEC S-4
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ROUTINE 072300Z APR.

FM: THIRD MARINES
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

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LAUNDRY BAGS

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 040652Z APR 69

1. IN COMPLIANCE WITH REF (A), THE FOLLOWING IS THE REQUIREMENT FOR LAUNDRY BAGS FOR THIS COMMAND.

HQ CO - 15
1/3 - 30
2/3 - 30
3/3 - 12

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SEC S-1 PHONE 3259

PRIORITY 100610Z APR 69

FM THIRD MAR
TO CG THIRD MAR DIV (ATTN: G-2 COLL)

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QTRLY MUSEUM AND DISPLAY INVEN RPT (CAPTURED WPNS)

A. YR 040638Z APR 69 (C)

1. REF A REFERS. NEG RPT SUBMITTED.

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DRAFTER: LTCOL. D.G. HERRON
 SECTION: 3D MARINES
 CWO: OVS

PRIORITY 130214 ZAPRIL 69

FROM: CG, THIRD MARINES
 TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV

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PARACHUTE RESUPPLY OF 5 APR 69 FSB SAIGON

- A. CG, 3D MAR DIV 080758Z APR 69
- B. CG, 3D MAR DIV 120052Z APR 69

1. REF A. AND B. WERE NOT READ BY THIS CMD. THRU MSG TRAFFIC,
 BUT WERE SIGHTED ON 13 APR 69.

2. ANSWER TO REF A. AS FOL:

- A. 13 DROPS WERE SIGHTED
- B. 3 DROPS WERE RECOVERED
- 3 DROPS WERE DESTROYED BY INF OUTSIDE WIRE
- 5 DROPS WERE DESTROYED BY AIR OUTSIDE WIRE

TOTAL OF 23 DROPS MADE, TWO OF WHICH WERE WATER DUMMIES.

C. ALL PALLETS NOT RECOVERED WERE DROPPED ONE TO THREE
 KILOMETERS OUTSIDE WIRE.

3. RECOVERY OF ANY PALLETS NOT ALREADY RECOVERED COMPLETELY INFEASIBLE.

4. A DETAILED SEARCH BY AIR WAS MADE FOR TWO DAYS FOR DROPS. A
 GROUND SEARCH FOR ALL MISSING PALLETS INFEASIBLE UNDER

PRESENT TACTICAL CONDITIONS.

5. CHUTES AND RIGGING OF RECOVERED PALLETS WERE ALL DESTROYED
 IN THE DROPS.

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BY H. MARTIN

17 APR 1969

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THIRD MARINERS
CG THIRD MARDIV

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CONFIDENTIAL ASSET INVENTORY

THIRD MARDIV NSG 140624Z APR 69

IN COMPLIANCE WITH REFERENCE (A), NEGATIVE REPORT SUBMIT-
TEE FOR HQ CG THIRD MARINERS.

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DRAFTER SSGT EDWARDS
SECTION 10 PHONE 3370

ROUTINE 182220ZAPR69

FR: THIRD MAR
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

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RADAR SET AN/PPS-6 AND MODULES 1A9

A. YOUR MSG 170354ZAPR69

1. REF A REFERS. FOL RPT SUB:

A. AN/PPS-6 (SPL ALLOW)

(1) SER NO'S - 44 AND 62

(2) REC - 18JUN68

(3) DATE FIRST OPERATED - 23JUN68

B. AN/PPS-6 (PROJECT 972)

(1) SER NO'S - A-332, A-292, A-274, A-275, A-278, A-356, A-88,
A-135, A-97, A-284, A-224

(2) REC - 5JUL68

(3) DATE FIRST OPERATED - NOT USED BY THIS COMD.

C. NO FAILURES OF 1A9 MODULES. NO EMPLOYMENT TO DATE.

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ROUTINE

200952
FM: THIRD MARINES
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

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MISSING CONNEX CONTAINER

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 190630Z APR 69

1. IN COMPLIANCE WITH REFERENCE (A), NEGATIVE REPORT SUBMITTED.

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ROUTINE 230650Z APR69

FROM: THIRD MARINES, 3D MARDIV
TO: THIRD MED BN, 3D MARDIV

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LOCATION OF MEDEVACS

1. REGT PRESENT LOC FOR MEMBERS ENCO THIS REGT:

- A. PFC MICHAEL W. FORD 241 36 87/2531 USMC
MEDEVAC 25APR69, 3D MED BN
- B. LCPL SAMUEL D. MINGUA 240 72 22/0311 USMC, MEDEVAC
9APR69, "C" MED, 3D MED BN
- C. RAYMOND E. MERRITT 235 66 29/2511 USMC, MEDEVAC
12APR69, "C" MED, 3D MED BN
- D. LOUIS E. SEPRODI 215 22 58/0311 USMC, MEDEVAC
17APR69, "C" MED, 3D MED BN
- E. PFC LARRY J. CAGLE 243 72 73/0311 USMC, MEDEVAC
17APR69, "C" MED, 3D MED BN

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PRIORITY 282226 Z APR 69

FM: THIRD MARINES
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

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SEARCH FOR MISSING ENGINE GENERATOR

PR-667/G SER NO 380

A. YR 260430Z APR 69

B. YR 100420Z APR 69

1. REF A REFERS. NEG RPT SUBMITTED.

2. REF B NOT RECD BY THIS CMD.

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DATE	EVENT	REMARKS
1 MAY	CP 3RD MAR FROM MAINE CRAG TO DHC'S	MAY RE'DX RECV TUNA CP WITHIN AD AS SITUATION DICTATES
3 MAY	3/3(-) FROM MAINE CRAG TO MUTTELL'S RIDGE AREA 'N' OF Y3	2 BND S/D OPS COMMENCES
4 MAY	CO 2/3 FROM FLY WHISK HAVES TO Y3 ON OP VIRGINIA RIDGE	RE'D CV3 WHICH RECOVER TO Y3
5 MAY	CO 3/3 FROM FLY WHISK HAVES TO Y3 ON OP VIRGINIA RIDGE	NEG. REMARKS

2. THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE BN IS BASED ON THE COMMANDER'S JUDGMENT OF THEIR PRESENT STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS CAPABILITIES AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE ASSIGN MISSION.
 - A. Y3 IS PRESENTLY THE LOWEST IN STRENGTH AND THE ONLY BN YET TO REHAB TO OCCUPY THE FIXED POSITIONS WILL PROVIDE THEM SOME RESERVE. YET MAKE NECESSARY USE OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE TERRAIN THEY WILL BE RECD OF THE FIXED POSITIONS IN LATE MAY WHEN THEY REHAB AT THE CURVET.
 - B. Y3 AND 3/3 ARE BOTH STRONG, IN PERSONNEL AND FRESH FROM REHAB. BEST UTILIZATION WOULD BE TO ACTIVE FIELD ENVIRONMENT.
3. THE SUPPORT OF OP ORDER 16-69 BY THE 3RD MAR ENVOIS AND AGGRESSIVE DAY/NIGHT PATROLING - AMBUSH PROGRAM FROM THE FIXED POSITIONS THERE BY DECEILING.

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FROM 3RD MAR
TO 3RD MAR DIV
INFO T F HOTEL

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SUBJ. 3RD MAR CONCEPT OF OPER. FOR VIRGINIA RIDGE
REF (A) CG 3RD MAR DIV MSG, P-250122Z APRIL 69
(B) LIASON VISIT OF 26 APRIL, OF CO 3RD MAR WITH G-3 P
3RD MAR DIV

1. IN REF (A) AND (B) IT IS ^{THE} INTENDED OF THE 3RD MAR REGT
TO IMPLY THE FOLLOWING CONCEPT:

A. CONCEPT:

3RD MAR TERMINAL MAINE CMA, ~~RELIEVE~~ RELIEVE UNITS OF THE
9TH MAR IN THE A-4/CAMU AND ECB/FULLER AREAS: AND
CONDUCT OP VIRGINIA RIDGE BY SECURING THE FIXED POSITIONS
WITH 1 BN, WHILE CONDUCTING S/DOPS WITH 2 BN ABSEST. 1 ON
THE DONG HA MT. - ABOUT CAD RIDGE LINE AND 1 ON MOTTEN'S
RIDGE BOTH ATTACKING, FROM SW TO NE AGAINST THE C-2
TO A-4
FIXED POSITIONS

B. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	REMARKS
29 APRIL	Y3E FROM CUQUET TO DONG HA MT AREA OPCON 3RD MAR	CY3 AT CLB OPCON 34 SEUT 25 APRIL

1 MAY
Y3E FROM MAIN CMA TO REG'D Y1A 2/9
OF ALL FIXED POSITIONS IN 3RD MAR TO
COY3 CHOP 7
Y3 UNTIL 1 MAY

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LIMITED CLOSE IN PROTECTION ON THE CAN LU RICE AREAS. THE MAJOR EFFORT, HOWEVER, WILL BE PROFUNDED BY THE AGGRESSIVE DRIFT INTO THE LU READOUTS AND STAGING AREAS BY DENIAL OF ANY REINFORCEMENTS OR SUPPORT TO THE VC AND VCI IN THEIR EFFORTS TO INTERFERE WITH THE HARVEST.

4. THE REGT INTENDS TO MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GUN PASSIVATION PROGRAM THRU A STABILIZED CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN CONCEIVED AND WILL BE DIRECTED BY THE REGT. IT WILL BE DEPENDENT ON THE VARIOUS ISU ONLY AS THEIR INDIVIDUAL TALENTS DIRECT. THUS THERE WILL BE NO LOSS IN CONTINUITY AS THE TACTICAL COMMITMENTS DIRECT THE ROTATIONS OF UNITS.
5. FURTHER DETAIL OR A FULL PRESENTATION OF THIS PLAN ARE AVAILABLE TO CG AND/OR HIS STAFF UPON REQ.

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B. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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A. 873 IS PRESENTLY THE LOWEST IN STRENGTH AND THE ONLY BN YET TO BEING TO OCCUPY THE FIXED POSITIONS WILL PROVIDE THEM S

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RESPIRE. YET MAKE NEEDED USE OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE TERRAIN THEY WILL BE REC'D OF THE FIXED POSITIONS IN LATE MAY WHEN THEY REHAB AT THE CUA VIET.

B. 1/3 AND 8/3 ARE BOTH STRONG IN PERSONNEL AND FRESH FROM REHAB BEST UTILIZATION WOULD BE TO ACTIVE FIELD ENVIRONMENT.

3. THE SUPPORT OF OP ORDER 15415 BY THE 3RD MAR ENVISIONS AN AGGRESSIVE DAY/NIGHT PATROLLING-AMBUSH PROGRAM FROM THE FIXED POSITIONS THEREBY OFFERING LIMITED CLOSE IN PROTECTION IN THE CAM LO RICE AREAS. THE MAJOR EFFORTS, HOWEVER WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE AGGRESSIVE OP INTO THE EN READOUTS AND STAGING AREAS BY DENYING EFFORTS TO INTERFERE WITH THE HARVEST.

4. THE REGT INTENDS TO MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GUN PACIFICATION PROGRAM THRU A STABILIZED CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN CONCEIVED AND WILL BE DIRECTED BY THE REGT. IT WILL BE DEPENDENT ON THE VARIOUS BN'S ONLY AS THEIR INDIVIDUAL TALENTS DIRECT. THUS THERE WILL BE NO LOSS IN CONTINUITY AS THE TACTICAL COMMITMENTS DIRECT THE ROTATIONS OF UNITS.

5. FURTHER DETAIL OR A FULL PRESENTATION OF THIS PLAN ARE AVAILABLE TO CG AND/OR HIS STAFF UPON REQUEST.

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3d MARINES
FSB SAIGON
010001H
012400H

010001H JOURNAL OPENED

- 1 011025H G/1/77 (778255) RECV'D 3 RND 82MM FM UNK
EN POS RES FIRING COUNTER BTRY RES (3) WIA(MINOR)
- 2 011430H G/2/3 COMPLETED LIFT TO FSB WHISMAN.
- 3 011804H AT 011330H, VIC (972330) H/2/3 PTL FND ABANDONED
BASE CAMP CONSISTING OF 5 OVERHEAD COVERED BUNKERS
3 THATCHED LIVING HOOTCHES & FIGHTING HOLES.
- 4 012235H TFR JET CAME FROM WEST CIRCLED & DROPPED LOAD
(3 FIRE BOMBS) NW DIRECTION AND LEFT. NO RUNNING
LIGHTS. PLT AT 803343, CRATER ANALYSIS IN AM.
WAS CLEARED FOR SPECIFIC TYPE OF BOMB, NOT BY
TFM. ALL ASRAT MISSIONS IN N/I CORPS HALTED
PENDING INVESTIGATION.
- 5 012400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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3d MARINES
FSB SAIGON
020001H
022400H

020130H JOURNAL OPENED

- 1 020300H E/2/3 AMBUSH SPT 30 NVA MOVING W ALONG TRAIL.
OPENED FIRE AND CALLED IN 60MM MTRS CHECKED AREA
NVA WITHDREW TO E & W. CHECKED KILLING ZONE
CHANGED POS 5 CONF POS 828237.
- 2 FOLLOW UP TO ENTRY #1 ABOVE ENEMY MOVING ALONG
TRAIL W TO W E, EN DID NOT CARRY WEAPONS OR PACKS
AMBUSH SPRUNG, ARTY, 81MM & 60 MM CALLED IN.
ENEMY FLED BOTH W TO E. 5 NVA KIA.
- 3 021430H ADVANCE PARTY OF 3d MAR HELILIFT TO VCB.
- 4 021430H I/3/3 PTL FND ELECTRONIC EQUIP W/CHINESE CHARACTERS
FORWARD TO TFH
- 5 02 1030H C/1/3 (853238) PTL FND BATTLE DRESSING, APPEARED
TO HAVE BEEN USED WITHIN 24 HRS.
- 6 021530H PTL FND BUNKER COMPLEX W/10-2 MAN BUNKERS 8X6'
EACH BUNKER HAD 4' DEEP SQUARE INCOMING HOLE
ALSO 1 MORTAR PIT. DISC 19 60MM RNDs, 3 CHICOMS
1 RIFLE GRENADE, 1 AK MAG, 2 HELMETS, 2 COOKING
POTS, VIC 808278
- 7 021500H F/2/3 VIC 853304 WHILE ON PTL FND MTR PIT 3' DEEP
4' DIAMETER. TERRAIN EXT THICK. MTR PIT DESTROYED.
- 8 021800H A/1/3 SPT 1 ENEMY W/BLACK PJ'S FILLING CANTEENS.
4 HOOTCHES NEARBY. 106'S FIRED AND DESTROYED
HOOTCHES AND ENEMY FLED TO WEST.
- 9 022400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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- 1 030810H AT 030710H, VIC (867174) 101 DP OBSERVED 15 EN
ON S SIDE OF RIVER, VIC (865148), 101 RECV'D
100 RND S/A INCOMING. FIRED S/A MG, 81MM & ARTY
- 2 030930H EN HELD UP IN ROCKS & CAVES CAN BE SEEN FM A/1/3 POS
- 3 031000H B/1/3 SQD IN CONTACT WITH SQD OF NVA, FIRING
60MM MTR/81MM MTR.
- 4 030810H REFER TO EN (1) FOLLOW-UP. CAPTURED (1) NVA POW
BELIEVED THAT THERE WERE MORE BODIES ON SOUTH
SIDE OF RIVER.
- 5 031515H AO SPT 2 HUTS AND FRESH TRAIL 907166/RAN F/W
DESTROYED TWO HUTS.
- 6 031715H E/2/3 PTL FND BUNKER, LIVING AND STAGING AREA.
SEARCHED AREA AND FND (3) GRAVES, W/BODIES AND
ENGR EQUIP, AXES, PICKS, 5 STICKS TNT, ~~KXX~~ 5 200lb
BAGS OF RICE, DOCUMENTS.
- 7 REFER TO ENTRY 3, RAN F/W. ARTY MSN DESTROYED
5 FIGHTING HOLES, (1) SECONDARY FIRE.
- 8 041800H 1/3 AO SPT (2) NVA IN OPEN (797226) CALLED ARTY
CILLED ONE.
- 9 042400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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- 1 040800H INITIAL & FOLLOW UP: AT 040350H, VIC (830232)
EST CO SIZE ENEMY ATTACKED E/2/3 AT BFB IN SQD
SIZE WAVE. RESULT: 4 USMC KIA, 6 USMC WIA (MEDEVAC)
16 NVA KIA, 8 IWC
 - 2 040935H FINAL TO ENTRY #1; ENEMY WERE DRESSED IN GREEN
FATIGUES. SWEEP OF AREA BY E2/3 FND NUMEROUS
BLOOD TRAILS & POOLS. CHANGE 8 IWC TO 10 IWC &
ALSO FND MISC ~~WHISMAN~~ QRDNANCE & GEAR.
 - 3 0401405H ADDITIONAL INFO TO ENTRY 1 & 2 ABOVE.
AT 041130H, VIC (818237) E/2/3 PLT ON PTL
FOLLOWED BLOODTRAIL TO THE WEST & NORTHWEST OF
BFB DISCOVERED (B) BODIES STRIPPED OF GEAR &
WPNS LAID BY STREAM, VIC (818232) RES: 3 NVA KIA.
 - 4 041610H 3d MAR ADVANCE PARTY AT FSB WHISMAN.
 - 5 042020H KILLER TM 14-15 SPT UNK EN FORCE USING FLASHLIGHTS
AND SMOKING, 797334, 803339, 799337. CALLED ARTY.
 - 6 041200H C/1/77 FND OLD BUNKER COMPLEX AND MISC 782 GEAR.
(815364)
 - 7 041240H B/1/61 FND MISC US GEAR AND AMMO.
 - 8 041945H E/2/3 (BFB) SPT 8-10, WHAT APPEARED TO BE
FLASHLIGHTS MOVING E TO W. FIRED 81MM MORTAR
AND THE LIGHTS ~~WENT~~ WENT OUT.
 - 9 042030H I/3/3 RECV'D (1) RND UNK CAL MORTAR FM UNK EN POS.
 - 10 042400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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- 1 050910H AT VIC (883200) B/1/3 MADE LT CONTACT W/2-3 ENEMY. B/1/3 PURSUING AT THE TIME. ARTY & 81 MSN FIRED INITIAL & FOLLOW UP:
- 2 051010H F/2/3 PLT OBSERVED 2 ENEMY, VIC (815237) TOOK UNDER FIRE . WHILE PLT WAS MANEUVERING, 60MM IN SUPPORT HAD FOUR SHORT RND S CAUSING (1) KIA (4) WIA.
- 3 051021H VIC (858180) A/1/3 PLT RECV'D AUTO WPNS FIRE FM ENEMY VIC (856180) RETURNED S/A FIRE, 81MM & ARTY
- 4 050930H AT VIC (815275) 3d MARINES RECV'D EST 8-12 RND S INCOMING OF UNKNOWN CAL. APPROX 500 METERS OUTSIDE WIRE, FM VIC (734254) ARTY MSN CONDUCTED.
- 5 051201H AT VIC (815230) F/2/3 SURPRIZED & KILLED 1 ENEMY ON TRAIL. RESULT (1) NVA KIA
- 6 051201H VIC (871199) B/1/3 DISCOVERED (20) 10'x 20' HOOTCHES VILLE CAPABLE OF HOLDING 50 PEOPLE.
- 7 051400H COMMENCED PARADROPS AT FSB SAIGON.
- 8 051310H F/2/3 PLT ON PTL RECV'D (1) BURST OF AK FIRE (817231) RES (2) WIA MEDEVAC
- 9 051330H D/1/3 PLT PTL FND (2) BUNKERS AND TREE OP (805275)
- 10 051030H SCOUT SEC 1-77 FND (4) PLEATED FRESH FOOT TRACKS (825356)
- 11 051300H H/2/3 FND 6 HUTS FRESH WATER, FRESH BANANAS. MISC 782
- 12 052400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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- 060001H JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 061135H 3d MARINES CP COMMENCED HELILIFT TO FSB WHISMAN
COMPLETE AT 061430H
 - 2 061405H F/2/3 PLT PTL FND (2) BODIES AT 813221 S/A WOUNDS
ALSO FND ENEMY BUNKER COMPLEX W/MISC ORDINANCE.
DESTROYED
 - 3 061030H D/1/3 FND TRAIL WHICH LED TO BUNKER COMPLEX (802253)
60 BUNKERS 10 HUTS, AND COOKING AREA. UNIT
SEARCHED AND DESTROYED. MISC 782 GEAR ORDINANCE
 - 4 061445H D/1/3 RECV'D S/A FIRE FM 6 NVA 810210.
RES (1) USMC WIA MEDIVAC.
 - 5 061530H K/3/3 PLT ON PTL FND 14 BUNKERS. AO CONTACTED
ORDANCE ON EN POS. REIN W/PLT SEARCHED AREA
W/NEG RESULTS. (1) BUNKER FND W/20 RND 82MM &
(1) 500 LB BOMB (893453).
 - 6 061700H F/2/3 PTL FND LARGE BUNKER COMPLEX (816233).
MOST UNDER CONSTRUCTION 25 FIGHTING HOLES
W/OVERHEAD. FND (2) BODIES IN GRAVES. ON ONE
UNIFORM WAS LETTER "T" 1/4 INCH IN RED, MISC GEAR.
 - 7 062400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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1 061900H G/1/3 PLT FND AT (873227) 3 BUNKERS AND K (1)

45 CAL PISTOL, BLOOD STAINED PARACHUTE AT
(879226) (1) DESTROYED TRUCK W/VARIOUS DESTROYED
AMMO. AT (879229) ANOTHER DESTROYED TRUCK &
(2) UNSERVICABLE AK-47'S.

2 070630H E/2/3 RECEIVED 6-8 RND'S OF 75 PACK HOW FM
798226 & 10-12 RND'S FM 815223.

3 071000H HELILIFT OF E/2/3 HAS COMMENCED AND COMPLETED
071025H

4 071100H HELILIFT AT F/2/3 HAS COMMENCED AND COMPLETED
AT 071145H.

5 071200H A COMPANY AT 837174 DISCOVERED ABANDONED BRU VILLE
W/BUNDLES OF WOOD IN AREA TO INCLUDE TRENCHES
OVER GROWN W/WEEDS. PATROL SEARCHING AREA THOROUGHLY

6 071245H HELILIFT OF B/1/3 HAS COMMENCED. COMPLETED 071245H

7 071333H 1/3 CP FSB SPARK REC'D 8-10 RND'S 122 RKT FM
KZ 235. RETREIVED MOTORS & BODIES. (3) RKT
CALLED FOR AO. CONDUCTED ARTY MSN ON SUSPECTED
EN ARTY POS. AO SPOTTED EST CO ENEMY FORCE (771170)
MOVING EAST, GREEN UNIFORMS, WPNS ORDINANCE CALLED
F/W & 155 MSN. EN FLED IN ALL DIR & DROPPED
ORD. RESULTS 20 KBA 1WIA 1KIA.

8 071600H Assigned BNDRY CHANGE TO 3/3 TO INCLUDE PART
TFR AO.

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- 9 071600H H/2/3 AT 990330 FND (4) RECENTLY OCCUPIED
SHELTERS W/PIGS & CHICKENS. ALSO FARM LANDS
W/VEGETABLES.
- 10 072400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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- 080001H JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 080001H K/3/3 AT (893451) FND & DESTROYED (14) BUNKERS AND (3) FIGHTING HOLES.
- 2 072135H C/1/3 CP SPT LIGHTS AT (835205) APPEARED TO BE FLASHLIGHTS. FIRED 106 & LIGHTS WENT OUT.
- 3 071000H K/3/3 HAD MOVEMENT TO WEST. FIRED 60mm MORTAR AND SAF & RETURNED TO PARENT POSITION.
- 4 080915H D/1/3 (FSB SAIGON) RECVD (7) RND 60mm MORTAR FIRE FM AZ 5200 IMPACTING 500 METERS FM POS. CALLED ARTY ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POS.
- 5 081020H D/1/3 ON SPARK TAKING 122 RKT 4 ARTILLERY RND
- 6 081010H PERMISSION GIVEN TO D/1/3 TO LEAVE FSB SAIGON
- 7 081015H 1/3 CP (FSB SPARK) RECVD (4) RKT RND BELEIVED TO BE 122mm RKT RND FM 807173. FIRED COUNTER BATTERY.
- 8 081145H E/2/3 AT 014297 DETONATED UNK EXPL DEVICE. (5) USMC MEDEVAC.
- 9 081200H F/2/3 AT 007354 (29) BRU WOUNDING (2) IN THE PROCESS.
- 10 081045H AT 815173, ~~XXXX~~ A/1/3 FIRED ON (1) ENEMY WEARING BLACK PJ's AND SANDELS. FND BLOOD TRAIL.

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11 081430H AT 993323 H/2/3 FND BRU VILLE W/NEG SIGNS OF
ENEMY. FIELDS AROUND HOUSES, WELL USED
TRAILS, PIGS ALSO FND.

12 081700H AT 992333 H/2/3 FND BRU VILLE W/6 HOUSES,
LIVESTOCK, FARMS AND 782 GEAR. 782 GEAR
RETAINED.

13 081430H G/1/3 PATROL AT 863246 FND TYPE OF WPNS
EMPLACEMENT IN A BOMB CRATER APPEARED HEAVY
OBJECT HAD BEEN DRAGGED INTO CRATER W/IN 10
DAYS. CONE SHAPED MOUND FIVE' AT BASE 2' AT
TOP AND 3' HIGH POSITIONED TO FIRE ON FSB SPARK
AREA.

14 081800H 1/3 REQUESTED BOUNDARY CHANGE OF 2d ARVN ^{AO.} ~~ENEMY~~.
~~APPROVED~~ APPROVED 082000H.

15 082345H SITREP SUBMITTED

16 082400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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- 090001H JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 091355H TFA CHOPPED TO TFH AT 061200H.
 - 2 091430H 1/3 REQUESTED 3 NST PERSONNEL TO SPARK - WILL SEND
5 MEN MSG 091235H.
 - 3 091503 2/3 REQUESTED AERIAL PSY OP TEAM FOR 11 APRIL W/TEXT
RESULTS TM COVER ENTIRE AO - NOTIFIED 6-2.
 - 4 091500H 6 & RECON PARTY RETURNED FROM FSB MCCLINTOCK.
DECLAIED MCCLINTOCK UNSUITABLE. DESIRE TO MOVE
TO 042305 6-3 AIR ARTY 7-UP GH NOTIFIED.
 - 5 091400H GEN DAVIS ARRIVED POS.
 - 6 091330H PATROL FROM G/2/3 AT 974329 SPOTTED HUTCHES
ACROSS THE BLUE LINE. PATROL MOVED INTO THE AREA
AND FOUND 4 BUNKERS, 5 HUTCHES, CLOTHING, SUGAR,
COFFE AND EMPTY C-RATION CASES, CAMP WAS SET UP IN
A 180 FACING NORTH,. THERE WERE 5 TRAILS, WELL
WORN FAT OLD LEADING FROM CAMP. SET SECURITY AND
SEARCHED AREA THOURGHL (091808).
 - 7 090800H H/2/3 AT 990334 FND 2 BRU HOOTCHES W/PIG DEN
VACATED SEVERAL DAYS TO A WEEK AGO. FOUND ASSORTED
BOWLS AND BASKETS AT 994330 FOUND 1 BRV HOOTCH
W/TRAP DOOR ON FLOOR. ONE BUNKER TO W OF HOUSE.
ALSO FOUND DEAD FALL TRAPS. AREA VACTED SEVERAL
DAYS AGO.

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- 8 091330H H/2/3 AT 996325 FND BRV HUT DESERTED APPROX 3-6 MONTHS. FND DEAD FALL TRAPS, 2 REEF HELMETS, (1) USMC CAMO COVER AT 996325) AT 995327 FND ANIMAL PEN IN CLEARED AREA. F - N NEG
- 9 091830H G/1/3 AT 87224 FND APPROX (100) BUNKERS W/ADJOING TUNNELS. ALSO 2 OLD GRAVES W/MARKERS THOROUGH SEARCH TOMMORROW.
- 10 08 - 09 1/3 AO ACCOUNT FOR 105MM AMMO PARA DROP ON/BY FSB SAIGON: (2) DDUMMY (WATER), (2) RECOVERED (5) APRIL, (1) DESTROYED BY D/1/3 PTL (5) APRIL, (2) DESTROYED (8) APRIL, (1) DESTROYED BY AO (9) APRIL ALSO (1) ON (9) APRIL, (3) DESTROYED BY F/W (9) APRIL (12) PALLETS ACCOUNTED FOR 13 BALANCE - MAY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED DUE TO FIRE CAUSED BY W.P. RDS.
- 11 092400H JOURNAL CLOSED.

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- 1 101000H H/G/3 CALLED: 2 COMPANIES 3/3 WILL LIFT TO CUA VIET TODAY - 3/3 DECIDED K&L.
- 2 101000H C/1/3 SQD PTL FND MISC COOKING UTENSILES (865243).
- 3 101600H 1/3 (FSB SPARK) RECEIVING (8) RDS INCOMING, FR 80511792, 823194 AO ON STATION, COUNTER-BTRY FIRE.
- 4 101500H K/1/3 COMENCED HELILIFT TO CUA VIET. COMPLETE AT 1725H.
- 5 101730H C/1/3 RETURNED TO BUNKER COMPLEX. FND ON 091830H VIC (874224). MAJORITY OF BUNKERS WERE INCOMING TYPE NEXT TO HUTS. EST. 130 BUNKERS. SOME OF BUNKERS HAD FALSE BOTTOMS WITH TUNNELS LEADING OFF TO MAIN COMPLEX. NOT USED FOR AL LEASE (1) MONTH.
- 6 101700H D/1/3 PTL FND MISC GEAR (878263) AND NUMEROUS HOLES NO SIGN OF ACTIVITY.
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- 7 101600H REFER TO ENTRY NO. 3 BELIEVED TO 122MM RKT RDS. RAN 8 FLIGHTS F/W (3) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS (812196).
- 8 102015H 1/3 WHILE CONDUCTING 60MM NIGHT DEFENSIVE FIRES OBSERVED SECONDARY EXPLOSION. WILL CHECK AREA AT 1ST LIGHT.
- 9 102400H SITREP SUBMITTED
- 10 102400H JOURNAL CLOSED
LATE ENTRY I/3/3 LIFT TO CUA VIET PLANNED TO COMMENCE 111030H. CP PLANNED TO LIFT TO CUA VIET FOR RELIEF AT 110800H TFR WILL LEAVE LZ HAWK AT 0800.
- 11 101930H BNDRY CHANGE IN EFFECT SOUTH OF RT#6.

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- 110001H JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 110605H SITREP SENT
 - 2 110750H T. F. HOTEL REC'D MAP OPCON OF 3/3(-) AT 110800H,
AND PASSED OPCON TO 3D MARDIV.
 - 3 110745H T. F. HOTEL ASSUMED OPCON OF L&K 3/3 AT 101600H
AND PASSED OPCON TO 3D MARDIV.
 - 4 111000H CG, 3DMARDIV DIRECTED A MINIMUM OF 24 HR DELAY
OF 3DMAR OPO 5-69.
 - 5 110950H A/1/3 PLT PTL ENCOUNTER ENEMY ON TRAIL (836223)
TOOK ENEMY UNDER FIRE, ENEMY FLED WEST. 81MM
MSN & AO ON STATION.
 - 6 111110H 1/3 AO REP 6-8 ENEMY IN GREEN UTILITY (825221)
CONDUCTED AIR STRIKE W/(1) NVA KIA.
 - 7 111145H A/1/3 PLT ENCOUNTERED & KILLED (1) NVA ON WATER
RUN, VIC (844224)
 - 8 111450H PLT A/1/3 ENCOUNTERED APPROX (1) ENEMY SQD VIC
(834226). ~~ENEMY TAKEN~~ ENEMY TAKEN UNDER S/A,
81MM & FW KILLING (2) NVAS.
 - 9 111540H A/1/3 OBSERVED (3) ENEMY WEARING GREEN UNIFORMS
RUNNING NE TO ESCAPE 60MM H7I, VIC (853221)
 - 10 111755H C/1/3 AT FSB SPARK TOOK 30 RDS OF INCOMING 82MM
FM VIC (890200).
 - 11 112115H A/1/3 SAW (1) ENEMY OBSERVING A/1/3. FOUND ROAD
W/LOOSE DIRT SURFACE AND FRESH TIRE TRACKS COMING
FM NW TO SW. SHOT AT ENEMY CALLED SUPPORTING ARMS.
AREA SEARCHED.
 - 12 112400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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- 120001H JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 111600H G/1/3 PLT FND CAVE (867228) BUNKERS, AND OTHER TUNNELS IN AREA, WILL RETURN & SEARCH AT 1ST LIGHT.
- 2 121110H SQD 1STPLT D/1/3 TAKEN UNDER S/A FIRE & 3 GRENADES THROWN AT THEM BY EST. 4 ENEMY AT VIC (856250). CALLED IN 81MM.
- 3 121220H SQD ~~XXX~~ PTL C/1/3 SPOTTED 5 ENEMY WEARING SOFT COVERS FLEEING EAST. ENEMY TAKEN UNDER FIRE.
- 4 121110H SQD PTL WAS TAKEN UNDER SAF. ANOTHER SQD PTL MOVED INTO AMBUSH POS.
- 5 121220H ENEMY TAKEN UNDER SAF AND M-79 FIRE. TEAM BELIEVED 3 ENEMY ARE PINNED DOWN AND PTL ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ IS MANUVERING AGAINST THEM. 81'S CALLED IN AS A BLOCKING FORCE.
- 6 121405H 1/3 CP TOOK 8 RND'S OF INCOMING RKTS, UNK CALIBER. A/1/3 SPOTTED FLASHES AT 825175. RKTS FIRED IN PRS.
- 7 121530H H/2/3 PTL SPOTTED 8 PERSONNEL CROSSING OPEN AREA PTL FIRED SEVERAL RDS AT PERSONNEL, THEN SMALL CHILD RAN INTO OPEN. PTL CEASED FIRE.
- 8 121110H FOLLOW-UP-D/1/3 AT 860252 FND 26 BUNKERS W/BLOODSTAINS RECENTLY SEARCHED.
- 9 111100H FOLLOW-UP SEARCHED TUNNEL NOT SUFFICIENT OXYGEN TO CHECK OUT THOROUGHLY.
- 10 121910H 1/3 AT 855225 F/W DESTROYED 6 BUNKERS 875223 AO FIRED ON 1 ENEMY. REPORTED A(1) PROB 885210 AO DESTROYED 1 BUNKER.

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- 11 121830H AT 876726 SQD PTL FM C/1/3 FND (12) EMPTY 122 RKT
CASES. PTL OBSERVED MA IN BLOWD HAIR & BEARD TOOK
ENEMY UNDER FIRE CALLED F/W UNK/RESULTS. PTL
MOVED INTO CHECK AREA REC 10 RND S AK-47 FIRE.
- 12 121725H MD/1/3SQD AMBUSH (845252) SPT (1) NVA IN GRAY
UNIFORM & AK-47. INITIATIAL CONTACT W/NEG RES.
- 13 122100H D/1/3 SQD AMBUSH (845252) INITIATIAL CONTACT W/6
NVA MOVING W ON AT 926. RES (2) NVA KIA.
- 14 122400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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- 1 121600H ~~EXXX~~XC/1/3 PLT FOUND GRAVE (867228) BUNKERS, AND
OTHER TUNNELS IN AREA, WILL RETURN & SEARCH AT
1ST LIGHT.
- 2 121110H SQD 1ST PLT D/1/3 TAKEN UNDER S/A FIRE & 3 GRENADES
THROWN AT THEM BY EST. 4 ENEMY AT VIC (856250).
CALLED IN 81MM.
- 3 121220H SQD 1STPLT D/1/3 TAKEN UNDER

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- 130001H JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 130740H SQD PAT FM G/1/3 ENCOUNTERED 6 ENEMY. EXCHANGED FIRE. ~~AM~~ 81MM FIRED. TM WILL SWEEP AREA. (1) USMC MINOR. (1) NVA KIA.
 - 2 130840H ENEMY SQD WALKED INTO AMBUSH. AMBUSH SPRUNG. DROVE ENEMY INTO ANOTHER AMBUSH. (1) USMC MINOR. (1) NVA KIA.
 - 3 130830H G/1/3 (FSB SPARK) REC'D 20 RND'S SAF. FM(871235) ~~RETXXXXX~~ RETURNED AWF; 60MM MISSION. SEARCHED AND FOUND (1) NVA KIA & AK-50. WALLET THAT HAD DOCUMENTS THAT STATED HE WAS FIRST SERGEANT.
 - 4 130900H A/1/3 AMBUSH (844211) REC'D SAF FROM 2-3 NVA(843211) RETURNED SAF, 60MM & 81MM WITH NO RESULTS. (2) USMC MEDEVAC.
 - 5 131130H DECIDED BETWEEN AN-3 & GH-3, D /1/3 WILL BE HELILIFTED FROM LZ DIVER (846345)
 - 6 131200H D/1/3 RETURNED TO LAST NIGHT AMBUSH POS (844239) AND FOUND (1) NVA KIA. ADD TOTAL OF (3).
 - 7 131730H AO REC'D SAF FROM 9 NVA IN POSS STOR GE AREA.
 - 8 131855H A/1/3 REC'D (6) RDS UNK CAL.
 - 9 132035 A/1/3 REC'D 40 RND'S UNK CAL. MORTAR.
 - 10 132400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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1 140940H A/1/3 COMMENCED HELILIFT.
2 140940H A/1/12 COMMENCED HELILIFT TO LZ FISHER.
3 141045H A/1/3 LEFT COMPLETE .
4 141130H SPACK RECEIVED 122 RKT INCOMING (5) RNDS.
5 141225H D/1/3 HELILIFT COMPLETE.
6 141215H SPARK REPTS INCOMING 122 RKT (3) RNDS.
~~XXXXXX141225H XXZXXEATNEXXFXEXXKXXEATNEXXAREAXXRXAMXXEXXERXXIX~~
~~8XXXX141225HXX~~
7 141250H SHARK 2/4 REP SAYS NO 82MM INCOMING, HELICOPTER
PILOTE SAY YES. (10+5 60MM RNDS)
8 141230H E/2/3 PATROL FND CULTIVATED AREA W/FAMILY OF (4).
9 141125H FLIGHT LEADER UNHAPPY W/SLOWNESS OF LIFT. 1/3
ADVISED TO TAKE ACTION TO SPEED IT UP.
10 141340 W SECTION GOING TO PUSAN.
11 141350H ADVISED BY GH-3 (3) LOADS OF WATER CAN AND NETS TO
GO TO VCB FROM SPARK.
12 141350H LOST COMM W/GH/
13 141405H 2/4 HASHED NO COMM W/SINCE 141310H. 1/4 SINCE BETWEEN
10-11.
14 141445H ~~EX~~ G-4 NOTIFIED 3 HEAVY EXTERNALS LEFT AN SPARK-
SAYS BIG BIRDS ON WAY.
15 141415H 1/3 CP CLOSED ON FSB MCCLINTOCK.
16 141500H Y&A BATTALION LIFTS COMPLETE.

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- 17 141520H G-3 CALLED SAID HELICOPTER BEEN HOOVERING OVER SPARK FOR 15 MINUTES WITH NOTHING READY TO GO. LOAD TO LARGE FOR 53- HAD TO BE BROKEN DOWN. 46'S HOOVERING OVER HEAD NO ZONE TO LAND.
- 18 141130H 1/3/CP TOOK A TOTAL OF (8) INCOMING RKT RDS. AT 1250 1/3/CP BEGAN TAKING 60MM INCOMING TOTAL 60MM RDS REC'D.
- 19 141635H CLOSED OUT FSB SPARK.
- 20 142400H CLOSED JOURNAL.

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- 1 150750H 2/3 STARING TO MOVE
- 2 151205H BOUNDARY CHANGE APPROVED BETWEEN 2DARVN RGT & 2/3.
- 3 151310H AREA SOT REMAGAN AND W OF 2DARVN CHOPPED FROM
3RD MARINES TO TFR.
- 4 1325H C/1/3 PAT FND BRV VILLE HIT WITH ARTY. VILLE ABANDONEI
- 5 151000H AO USED ORDER ON (2) ELEPHANTS (028234). (1) CAR,
(1) PROB.
- 6 151720H 1/3 CP SPT TRAILS/FIELDS 9726, 9826 GRIDS.
- 7 151800H H/2/3 PTL FND (2) BUNKERS 3-4 WKS OLD. AND TRAILS
IN ALL DIRECTIONS. (988306).
- 8 151400H C/1/3 PLT FND BRU HAMHET FIGHTING HOLES & LIVE STOCK.
(039269).
- 9 152400H JOURNAL CLOSED.

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3RD MARINES
WHISMAN
160001H
162400H

160001H JOURNAL OPENED

- 1 160650H REC'D FRAG ORDER 104-69 FM CG TFH.
- 2 160900H PAT-C/1/3 SPOTTED 7 LITES AT 025245, FIRED ARTY,
60'S. PAT W/CHECK AREA.
- 3 161830H H/2/3 AT 983297 FND 10 BUNKER COMPLEX 6MO OLD ALSO
FAMILY OF 6 BRV WILL EVAC IN AM.
- 4 162400H JOURNAL CLOSED.

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3RD MARINES
WHISMAN
170001H
172400H

- 170001H JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 171800H TFN CHOPPED 2DARVN AO TO 3RD MARINES.
 - 2 170715H D/1/3 REACHED LZ FISHER.
 - 3 171600H A/1/3 A T 03 2275 FND VERTICAL TUNNELS 2½' IN
DIAMETER, 8' DEEP, 2 HORIZONTAL SHAFTS NW-SE
DIRECTION. SMOKED W/NEG RESULTS.
 - 4 172400H JOURNAL CLOSED.

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3RD MARINES
WHISMAN
180001H
182400H

180001H JOURNAL OPENED

- 1 181300H C/1/3 FND 3 BRV VILLIAGES (043235, 043233, 044233)
W/4 HOUSES, 40 CHICKENS, 5 PIGS, 4 SPEARS, 2 CROSS
BOWS, 30LBS OF RICE. TOOK ALL WEAPONS, DESTORYED
ALL ELSE.
- 2 181330H 3/3(-) LEFT GVA VIET AT 180930 AND ARRIVED AT VCB
AT 181330H.
- 3 181345H 3/3(-) CHOPPED TO 3D MARINES.
- 4 181600H AT 052251 C/1/3 FND 1 LGE & 2 SM HUTS, FLOOR IN
LG HUT LIKE ATTIC ALSO FND SLEEPING MATS & DOCUMENTS.
HUTS DESTORYED. DOCUMENTS WILL BE SENT TO AN 2.
- 5 181130H AT 038255 C/1/3 FND 4 LIVING SHELTERS, 3 BUNKERS.
THE FOUR SHELTERS WERE CONSTRUCTED W/C-RAI CARDBOARD
FLOORS, 3 BUNKERS WERE DUG INTO HILLSIDE APPROX
10-12 FT. VILLIAGE DEST.
- 181830H AT 033230 D/1/3 PATROL DISCOVERED TRAIL RUNNING
WEST TO EAST. ESTABLISHED AMBUSH ALONG TRAIL. WILL
SEARCH AREA IN A.M.
- 6 182400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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3RD MARINES
WHISMAN
190001H
192400H

- 190100H JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 190515H AT 025300 E/2/3 REC'D (2) INCOMING GRENADES FM S.E.
SIDE OF PERIMETER. RECON AREA WITH 60MM & M-79.
MEDEVAC CALLED.
- 2 190800H HELILIFT COMMENCED
- 3 190805H 1ST WAVE 3/3 RELIEVED 1/3
- 4 190814H 14 LOADS FOR BRAVO & 4 LOADS FOR H&S LEFT TO GO OUT.
- 5 190825H 14 LOADS LEFT FOR B, H&S LIFTS COMPLETE.
- 6 190845H 7 LOADS FOR B TO GO OUT.
- 7 190900H 7 LOADS LEFT ON FSB MCCLINTOCK.
- 8 190917H 1 LIFT LEFT ON MCCLINTOCK WILL LIFT AFTER C/1/3
COMMENCED FM LZ PUSAN.
- 9 190925H C/1/3 LIFT COMMENCED.
- 10 190958 3/3 ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOW. AO AND A&D CO'S.
4 LIFTS OF C AT PUSAN.
- 11 191020H 1/3 & 3/3 FLIP FLOP COMPLETE.
- 12 191020H CHOP OPCON ~~01~~ 1/3(-) TO TFH PLAN TO HELILIFT D/1/3
FM PUSAN TO VCB 20 APRIL.
- 13 192400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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3RD MARINES
WHISMAN
200001H
202400H

- 200001H JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 200815H 2/3 CP&F STARTING MOVE
- 2 200810H HELILIFT OF D1/3 COMMENCED
- 3 200940H HELILIFT COMPLETE, ALSO CHOPPED APCOM TO T.F. HOTEL
- 4 201330H M.T. "A" CMND MOVED TO 850.
- 5 201720 RECIEVED WORD FROM TFH "3" THAT I&M 3/3 ARE
MOVING TO VCB
- 6 201520H AT 049293 B 3P ENGINEERS DISCOVERED ABANDONED
HOOCAES 3-6 MOS OLD. APPEARED TO BE WAY STATION
DESTROYED AFTER USE NO SIGNS OF RECENT USE WILL SEND
PATROL.
- 7 201545H AT 055238 FND VILL W/12X12 COVERED BUNKER. LAST
OCCUPIED 13 DAYS AGO MONTH OLD ONE COMMUNITY BLDG
4 HUT BUILT OFF GRND. ALL APPEARED 2-3 MOS OLD
ALL APPEARED MONTAIN YARD. CHECK BUNKERS W/NEG
RESULTS
- 8 201830H I & M 3/3 ARRIVED VCB
- 9 201045H A 054305 K/3/3 FND (1) HOOTCH 4' x 5', IT WAS
AT LEAST (6) MONTHS OLD. HOOTCH DESTROYED,
AREA SEARCHED.
- 10 202400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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3RD MARINES
WHISMAN
210001H
212400H

- 210001H JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 210725H FIXED WING COMMENCED ON LZ TUBA
 - 2 210920H LIFT OF M/3/3 INTO LZ TUBA COMMENCED
 - 3 211010H M/3/3's ENTIRE LIFT COMPLETE TO LZ TUBA
 - 4 211045H M/3/3's ENTIRE LIFT COMPLETE
 - 5 211100H LIFT OF I/3/3 COMMENCED AT 211100H COMPLETED
AT 211200H
 - 6 211030H 106 SEC PTL FND AN ABANDONED HAMLET (047295)
25-30 HUTS, MADE OF BAMBOO, VERY OLD, NO
SIGN OF RECENT ACTIVITY.
 - 7 211500H T.F. HOTEL ASSUMED OPCON OF A&D/1/3
 - 8 212400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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3RD MARINES
WHISMAN
220001H
222400H

220001H JOURNAL OPENED

- 1 221100H H/2/3/ entered 3/3 AO CHOPPED
- 2 221030H I/3/3 FND ANIMAL TRP APPRX 100 METERS ACCROSS
A FINGER (047283) TRAP HAD OPENINGS IN FRONT
W/DEAD FALLS AN ANIMAL IN TRAP DEAD FOR APPRX
(2) HRS. NO SIGN OF ACTIVITY
- 3 220900H 160 SEC PLT ON TRAIL TO SE (056287) AND LEAD
TO FR TYPE PERIMETER, THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF
FR BY C-RATION BOXES, CHECKED AREA W/NEG RES
- 4 221330H M (-)/3/3 FND (4) BRU HUTS (084255) ALSO FND
MISC COOKING GEAR. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES
- 5 221600H INFO FSCC FIRING MISSION FOR RECON TEAM
SALOON KEEPER--(905282)
- 6 221400H I/3/3 FND (6) PUNJI PITS (047279)
LATE
- 7 191020H 3RD MAR DIV ASSUMES OPCON OF 1/3 (-) W/B&C
COMPANIES FM TFH & PASSES SAME TO GG 1ST BDE
5TH INFANTRY
- 8 220900H AT)&%&% 3RD PLT M/3/3 FOUND (1) HOOTCH
& (1) TUNNEL FISHNETS, ASS'T FOOD CONTAINERS
~~XX~~ 2 TO 3 MONTHS OLD NO RECENT SIGNS OF
ACTIVITY--DESTROYED HOOTCH AND GEAR.
- 9 221230H AT 073269 3RD PLT M/3/3 FND (1) HOOTCH ASS'T
FOOD CONTAINERS & FISHNETS 2-3 MONTHS OLD
NO RECENT ACCTIVITY--DESTROYED BOTH

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WHISMAN
220001H
222400H

- 10 221330H AT 073271- 3RD PLT M/3/3 FOUND 2 BUNKERS
1 ANIMAL PIT--NO RECENT SIGNS OF ACTIVITY
WILL DESTROY BUNKERS WITH 81's
- 11 221630H AT 073274- 3RD PLT M/3/3 FOUND (1) HUT W/BUNKER
ASS'T FOOD CONTAINERS 2-3 MONTHS OLD
NO RECENT SIGNS OF ACTIVITY--WILL DESTROY WITH 81's
- 12 221600H M(-) 3/3 FND 4 LIVING HUTS W/BUNKERS UNDERNEATH
MISC COOKING GEAR, 7 PIGS, SIGNS OF RECENT ACTIVITY
WILL DESTROY IN AM
- 13 222400 JOURNAL CLOSED

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3RD MARINES
WHISMAN
230001H
232400H

- 230310H JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 230630H L/3/3 PTL FND VILLE W/9 HUTS (053233)(3) HUTS
HAD BUNKERS UNDERNEATH. ALSO TRAIL W/STREAM
RUNNING N & S THRU VILLE. NO SIGN OF RECENT
ACTIVITY.
- 2 231030H M (-)/3/3 FLANK SECURITY RECVD SNIPER FIRE
FRM UNK ENEMY FORCE (082242) RES: (1) WIA
(MEDIVAC)
- 3 231300H 3RD PLT M/3/3 AT 085265 FND 3 DESTROYED &
HOOTCHES 8 MONTHS OLD
- 4 231730H K/3/3 068302 DISCOVERED CULTIVATED FIELD
W/TRAILS RUNNING N-S&E**WILL AMBUSH
- 5 232400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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3RD MARINES
WHISMAN
240001H
242400H

240001H JOURNAL OPENED

1 240800H KI 3/3-AT)068302 FOUND SEVERAL HOOTCHES IN AREA
OF CORN FIELD-CROP HAD BEEN TENDED WITHIN LAST
2 DAYS-RECENT ACTIVITY WITHIN LAST 2-4 DAYS-
WILL SEARCH AREA

2 241200H FOLLOW UP- K/2/3/3 GODT SEARCH FND TWO HUTS HAD
BUNKERS UNDERNEATH AND MISC 782 GEAR

3 241230H I/3/3 FND A CULTIVATING FIELD (049260) and rice
FIELD NEAR BURNED VINE

4 240745H L3/3 FND (1) HUT (2) FIGHTING HOLES (052228)
IN SIDE OF HILL.

5 241020H L/3/3 FND (1) HUT AND (2) SMALL HOLES 1'x1'
(054229) C 1/3 SELECTED BY 1/3 TO GO TO FSB
ELLIOT TO REPLACE F 2/9 WHO WILL BE READY TO
LEAVE AT 0830

6 JOURNAL CLOSED

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3RD MARINES
WHISMAN
250001 H
252400 H

- 250001H JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 251010H M/3/3 FND VERY OLD AMBUSH SITE W/8 FIGHTING HOLES* DESTROYED FIGHTING HOLES
 - 2 201730H EFFECTIVE 201730H APRIL 69 3RD MAR DIV ASSUMES OPCON OF I+M 3/3 FROM 1ST 5TH AND PASSES SAME TO TFH
 - 3 211500H 3RD MAR DIV ASSUMES OPCON D&A 1/3 FROM TFH AND PASSES SAME TO 1ST OF 5TH
 - 4 251000H ~~THE~~ M3/3 FOUND TRAIL RUNNING W TO S (0982380) 4' WIDE
 - 5 211330H NOTIFIED BY TFH 3RD TO MOVE OVERLAND TO VIC 033199 TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR DOWNED HELICOPTER
 - 6 251230H 9TH MARINES ASSUMED OPCON C 1/3 AND PASSED OPCON TO 3/9 SAME DTG
 - 7 251500H K/3/3 FOUND CULTIVATED FIELD AND HUT 086294 and HALF OF REAR ROTOR OF CH-53
 - 8 252400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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3RD MARINES
WHISMAN
260001H
262400H

- 260001H JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 260440H RECVD BDRY CHANGE BETWEEN 3RD MAR/
3RD MAR SW RECON AO. EFFECTIVE IMMED
FROM T.F. HOTEL, W O, ALSO NOTIFIED 3/3
 - 2 260750H BIRDS ENROUTE TO PICKUP 3/3 ACFT
 - 3 260830H 1ST WAVE OF MT AT NEW POS
 - 4 260936 LIFT COMPLETE OF 3/3 CP
 - 5 260825 AT 072262 I PLT FND 1 HOOTCH (12'x8'x5½') 2 FIGHTING
HOLES (2'x 2') A CORN FIELD (100'x 100'),
(1) NVA BELT MISSC. FOOD, (2) USA BATTERIES
(FLASHLIGHT TYPE), and SKELETAL REMAINS
SEARCHED AREA
 - 6 260950 AT 073259 I PLT FND (1) CORNFIELD
(50' x 50') 2 HOOTCHES (18'x 10'x 6') 3 BUNKERS
(8'x 5'x 3') ALL DESTROYED
 - 7 261600H E 2/3 received AT 091299 2-3 ROUNDS SAF
FRM SNIPER USING M-16 RETURNED FIRE W/M-16
AND W/M-79--NEG RESULTS
 - 8 261700H L (-) 3/3 AT 057222 FND OLD NVA OP
ON SMALL KNOLL OVERLOOKING KHE KE ROUHN VALLEY
APPROX 2 WEEKS OLD* (1) OLD BATTERY
 - 9 262400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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3RD MARINES
WHISMAN
270001H
272400H

- 270001H JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 270735H 2/3/CP & F COMMENCED MOVE
 - 2 271120H AT 271120H AT COORD 962215 AO SPOTTED 10 NVA
RUNNING DOWN TRAIL RAN 3 FT'S F/W RES 4 KBA
 - 3 271525H HELILIFT OF 42) TUBES TO LZ GAUCHO
 - 4 271400H PLT (-) PTL OBSERVED (1) MEDIUM SIZE ELEPHANT
AT 104247 ALSO SPT (2) TRAILS
 - 5 271330H FMD BRU VILLE OF (2) HUTS LAST OCCUPIED
WITHIN 24 HRS AT 099327
 - 6 272400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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3RD MARINES
WHISMAN
280001H
282400H

- 280001 JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 281110H E 00 2/3 SPOTTED 9-10 GOOKS ALONG RIVER FIRED
TEN ROUNDS 60MM SPOTTED 1 HOOTCH ON EAST BANK
OF RIVER FIRING ARTY RES UNKNOWN-PURSUIT IMPOS*
SIBLE
 - 2 280848H L 0-) 3/3 AT 056210 FND HI*SPEED TRAIL MOVES
W, SETQETONE, 2-3 FT WIDE WELL USED PUNJI PIT
ABOVE GOOD HIGH CANOPY PREVENTS AO; WILL CHECK
THOROUGHLY
 - 3 281030H M3/3 FND LZ CAPABLE OF INTER/EXTER LOADS
ALSO TRAIL FRM (098289) to (101201)
 4. 281030H L 3/3 FND NVA WAY S TATION (054210) WATER POINTS
HUTS & 70 BUNKERS
 - 5 281200H K 3/3 RECVD 6-8 ROUNDS SAF FRM (119272) fired
60 MM MTR W/UNK RES
 - 6 281430H ADDITIONAL INFO SPT REP 204 RECENT ACTIVITY
INDICATES UNIT OF 100-150 NVA MOVED THROUGH
AREA 1-2 DAYS AGO
 - 7 281915H L (-) 3/3 REPORTED SUSPECTED 50 CAL EMPLACE*
MENT FIRED (3) 5TO 8 RDS BURST INTO VALLEY N.E.
AT COORD. 037188 ARTY MISSION CALLED ON
SUSPECTED POS W/NEG RESULTS
 - 8 282400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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3RD MARINES
WHISMAN
290001H
292400H

0001 JOURNAL OPENED

- 1 291015H TROOP LIFT FOR L-2 COMMENCED
- 2 291037H L PLT&WHISKEYS COMPLETED AT L)\$L
- 3 211224H 2 BULLDOZERS OPERATING
- 4 291300H ADVANCE CP 3RD MARINES COMMENCED HELILIFT
TO LZ KIWI
- 5 291445H LATE ENTRY**COMMENCED CONSTRUCTION OF FSB GAUCHO
- 6 291045H HELILIFT OF L PLT 3/3 & 81 SEC COMPLETE AT
291045H
- 7 291725H ARTY BTRY COMMENCED LIFT FROM WHISMAN TO GAUCHO
- 8 291800H ARTY BTRY COMPLETE
- 9 292400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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3D MARINES
FSB WEISMAN
300001H
302400H

- 300001H JOURNAL OPENED
- 1 300930H M 3/3 IN 1020 GRID REC'D 50-60 RDS S/A &
HEARD 6 EXPLOSIONS, POSSIBLY CHICOM GRENADES,
1WIA EVAC (EMER) ADD. 2RPG ROUNDS ALSO FROM
098201- total 2 WIA EVAC.
 - 2 291200H TEMPORARY BOUNDARY CHANGE OP 290322 APR 69
RECEIVED EFFECTIVE & BURNED.
 - 3 272100Z BOUNDARY CHANGE OP 2807562 APR 69 RECEIVED
EFFECTIVE & BURNED
 - 4 301000H L/3/3 INITIATED MVMT TOWARD DOWNED BIRDS
 - 5 301200H I/3/3 MVMT IN TRACE L/3/3 DOWNED BIRDS
 - 6 301420H 1/3/ REPORTED BEING OPCON 9TH MARINES AND AT
1500 THEY ARE BEING HELILIFTED TO MUTTER'S
RIDGE AREA TO SPT OPERATION OF 2ND ARVN REGT.
INITIAL ENTRY VICINITY YD 047651-THEY WILL
THEN SPLIT HEADING ALONG RIDGELINES TO WEST
& SW TO GRIDS 9961&0064
 - 7 301430H M1 3/3 LOCATED SPOT WHERE ENEMY TOOK THEM
UNDERFIRE (1) GRID 098201 LOCATED TRAILS
HEADING DUE WEST-FOLLOWED NEG RESULTS ADD
1 WIA (MINOR)
 - 8 301600H 2ND PLT M 3/3 AT 108243 DISCOVERED OLD ENM POS
 - 9 302400H JOURNAL CLOSED

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Kit Carson Scouts	DS
Scout Snipers HQ Co 3d Mar	DS
Scout Dogs 3d MP Bn	DS

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 6-69

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000, Series L7014,
 Sheets 6442 IV, 6342 I

1. Mission. See paragraph 2, Operation Order 6-69
2. Enemy Situation.

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operations

(1) Military Geography. The objective area has two distinct sections, the first to the NW consisting of rugged hills and mountains and the second working to the E which has spotted steep slopes.

(a) Critical Terrain. Within the objective area the hill masses Rockpile, Dong Ha Mtn, Mutter's Ridge and Razorback are considered critical terrain. In addition Route #9, A-4 and C-2 are considered critical terrain.

(b) Obstacles There are no major obstacles although the higher elevations are limited to foot movement in our northern AO. To the south the Cam Lo River will hinder troop movement.

(c) Observation. Observation from the high masses should be excellent, weather permitting.

(d) Cover and Concealment. Throughout the area of operation, cover and concealment should run from good to excellent.

(e) Avenues of Approach. Ground avenues of approach are three. The first being to the east and consisting of relatively flat terrain extends down from the DMZ to the northern portion of our AO. The second extending from the DMZ through Con Thien and down to Route #9. The final avenue of approach generates in the western portion of our AO and extends down to Route #9. The third avenue of approach is not as accessible as the first two due to the limited zone or travel space and has relatively less concealment.

(2) Climate and Weather. With the onset of the SW Monsoon, the weather for the month of May within our AO will consist of increased temperatures, humidity, precipitation and cloudiness. Frequent thunderstorms and rainstorms will become predominant within our AO.

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(3) Effects of Terrain and Weather on Operation.

The weather for the month of May, consisting of morning and afternoon showers combined with higher temperatures and increased humidity will hinder troop movement slightly.

b. Enemy Military Situation.(1) Strength, Composition and Locations.

Enemy units within our AO and within the DMZ to our north and which are available to the enemy for operations are listed below:

(a) 308 NVA Division. Although accepted locations of the 308 NVA Division is in the Vinh Linh area north of the DMZ its elements are deployed within our AO. Organization: 3 Inf Regts (36, 88 and 102) 1 Arty Regt (38th) and Support Battalions.

(b) 1st Battalion, 36th Regt, 308 NVA Division. Recent intelligence reports place the 1st Bn, 36th Regt in the Mutter's Ridge Area.

(c) 246th Regt, DMZ Front. Elements of the 246th Regt are presently operating in the area from the western DMZ to the east as far as YD 06 and south to Dong Ha Mountain. This regiment functions in a logistics/security role. Organization. Two transportation Company's (C-25 and C-19) and possibly 4 infantry battalions (identified are 1st, 2d, and 3d).

(d) 27th Independent Regt. Although 27th Regt normally operates in our AO, indications are that this regiment has pulled back into NVN to refurnish. Organization. Three infantry battalions (1st, 2d, and 3rd).

(e) 270th Independent Regt. Normally operates in central DMZ although lack of intelligence/contact indicates that this unit may move laterally and is now used in a logistical status. Organization. Three infantry battalions (4th, 5th, and 6th).

(f) 15th Bn, 31st Independent Regt. Intelligence reports have placed this bn in the central DMZ. Organization. Three companies (C-9, C-10, and C-11 Sapper Companies).

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(g) 27th Independent Bn. 31st Independent Regt. This unit may be encountered along the entire southern boundary of the AO since it apparently has been targeted to interdict Route #9. Organization. Three infantry companies (C-5, C-6, and C-7) and one weapons company (C-8).

(2) Movement and Activities.

(a) Intelligence Reports. During April, intelligence reports showed heavy enemy activity within the western portion of the AO with particular attention directed towards the Mutter's Ridge area. In addition, heavy activity was also located along Route #9. All reports have a B-3 rating.

(b) SLAR/IR. The majority of these readings are located in the Mutter's Ridge area along Route #9 and in the southern portion of the DMZ.

(c) Contacts and Sightings. Sightings and contacts were primarily concentrated in the Mutter's Ridge area. Incidents along Route #9 have doubled in April and of primary importance was the emplacement of 48 mines along Route #9 in a single day.

3. Enemy Capabilities. The enemy has the following capabilities within our AO.

a. Conduct unconventional and psychological warfare to include ambushes, interdiction of LOC's, the use of mines and booby traps and non-toxic munitions. In conjunction with this effort the enemy can continue attacks by fire on vital areas and fire support bases and conduct ground attacks of up to battalion size.

b. Expand his present level of activity within the AO by infiltration of the rest of the 36th Regt and/or the other two regiments of the 308th Div. The enemy could also re-introduce a refurbished 27th Regt and conduct attacks to firmly interdict Route #9. This effort could be reinforced by up to 3 regiments of arty and possible armor units.

c. Could defend in present position of Mutter's Ridge/Helo Valley with up to 4 battalions of infantry supported by up to 3 regiments of arty.

d. Could withdraw his forces into the DMZ in the face of determined operations.

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e. It should be stressed that the enemy has the capability of employment of CS as evidenced by several incidents in the past few months.

4. Conclusions. Based on the foregoing capabilities it is felt that the enemy will employ the capability listed in 3a above as his first course of action.

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Appendices:

- (1) HLZ's (Pas Sep)
- (2) Cross Country Movement (Pas Sep)
- (3) Order of Battle (Pas Sep)
- (4) Intelligence Reports (Pas Sep)
- (5) SLAR/IR (Pas Sep)
- (6) Fortifications and Positions (Pas Sep)
- (7) Contacts and Sightings (Pas Sep)
- (8) Roads and Trails (Pas Sep)

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Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Order 6-69

Ref: Maps, Vietnam, 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheets 6442 IV
and 6342 I

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: A/1/12, B/1/12, C/1/12, W/1/12

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Annex B (Intelligence) and Intelligence Summaries
as issued.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) See Operation Order 6-69

2. Mission

The 3d Marine Regiment Fire Support Coordination Center (FSCC) will exercise overall responsibility for planning, coordinating, and controlling the fires supporting the elements of the Regimental operation. These measures will ensure maximum effective fire support and troop safety to all units throughout the operation.

3. Execution

a. Concept. Coordinating responsibilities and functions will conform with existing SOP's. However, because of the limited frontage of the first and third Bn's AO's in the direction of attack, direct cooperation and coordination is authorized between 1st and 3d Bn's artillery Liaison Officers. This coordination will be facilitated by a Fire Coordination Line (FCL) (Reference paragraph 6) and by each Liaison Officer having the same capability of monitoring the other bn's COF net.

b. Reference: Operation Overlay Annex C

c. Restrictions. In the 3d Marines AO, because of heavily populated and traveled areas (namely Cam Lo District) clearance may be required through SVN and political sources.

(1) Every effort will be made to preserve religious, cultural, medical and public utility installations. Fires in heavily populated areas will be kept to a minimum.

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(2) Destruction of restricted targets or fires into restricted areas is prohibited except on approval of the infantry bn commander. When failure to fire, before approval can be obtained, would jeopardize the mission of a unit or the safety of its troops, an exception is warranted.

4. Target Information

a. Target List Appendix G (Fortifications and Positions) to Annex B (Intelligence).

b. Restricted Targets. See Rules of Engagement, Para 30.

5. Aircraft Safety

a. Air Sentries and Lookouts

(1) Air Sentries (Bird Watch) will be positioned at artillery and mortar firing positions and will check fire when friendly aircraft are observed approaching Gun Target (GT) Line or other danger areas.

(2) Artillery forward observers will check fire when it appears that the trajectories of artillery will endanger friendly aircraft.

(3) Aircraft safety will conform with existing SOP's.

b. Restrictive Fire Plan

(1) To provide for aircraft safety and simplify fire support.

(a) Dong Ha Blue, from YD 193590 along Highway 9 to YD 010564, width 2000 meters, min alt ground, max alt 1500, time 0730 to 1830 daily.

(b) Rockpile Blue, from YD 010564 along Route 9 to XD 980520, width 2000 meters, and from XD 981540 along Route 9 to XD 980520, width 1000 meters, min alt ground, max alt 1500, time 0730 to 1830 daily.

(2) Clearance to fire into or through the restrictive fire zones except as noted in para 3 below will be requested from this Headquarters.

(3) Artillery batteries located within the restricted area may fire without clearance provided visibility permits visual clearance of the airspace by air sentries.

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(4) Normal fire support clearance procedures apply outside the designated restricted fire zones.

c. Anti-Aircraft (AA) Suppressive Fires. Bn artillery liaison officers are responsible for firing AA suppressive fires from 0500 to 0700 on suspected and known sites. An active target list should be maintained to increase effectiveness.

6. Safety of Ground Forces

a. Fire Coordination Line (FCL)

(1) Reference: Para 3a, This Annex

(2) FCL Utilization. The FCL is utilized to regulate all supporting fires and airstrikes, occurring between forces involved in linkup operations or operations in which adjacent friendly unit contact is anticipated. Neither of the forces involved requests or delivers supporting fires or strikes across the FCL without prior clearance from the other. The FCL may be moved as the operation warrants. This FCL will be highly effective if the artillery liaison officers coordinate closely.

7. Command and Communications-Electronics.

Annex F (Communications-Electronics)

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Appendix: ✓ (1) Air

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Appendix 1 (Air) to Annex D to Operation Order 6-69

I Situation. The enemy situation is stated in Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 6-69.

II Purpose. The purpose of Appendix I (Air) is to state what can be expected from Air Support and the procedures for requesting it.

III Concept. The use of helicopter support will be kept to a minimum. Other types of air support will be requested as needed and/or established as standard daily support.

IV Procedures. All Air Support will be requested VIA the Regimental TACP Net. All requests will be processed and passed on to 3d Marine Division (Air).

a. C/C. A standard daily request supplied on an as available basis.

b. Aerial Observation. A standard daily request, one (1) per regiment during daylight hours, more if requested.

c. Med-Evacs. Requested as needed, emergencies will be performed ASAP.

(1) Night Med-Evacs will be emergencies only.

(2) All lesser medical priorities will be completed in numerical order during day light hours, e.g. 501 A, B, C, etc.

d. All tactical helicopter requests will be submitted by 1200 the day prior to need.

e. All tactical pre-planned fixed wing requests will be submitted by 1000 the day prior to need including AGA Beacon Flights and TFQ's.

f. All Resupply Requests and Inquiries Will Be Directed to the Regimental S-4.

V Communications. All battalions are required to maintain communications with the Regimental TACP. It is understood that a CP on the move necessarily may have to relay its requests.

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A. Each battalion will use its LZ common frequency for Local Air Support.

B. Any difficulty experienced with a particular frequency will be directed to the Regimental LO.

C. All communications will be in accordance with Annex F to Operation Order 6-69.

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Annex E (Administration and Logistics) to Operation Order
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Time Zone: H

1. General

This Annex provides for combat service support to the Third Marine Regiment.

2. Material and Services

a. Supplies and Equipment

(1) Each unit will carry LEPH's and MCL compatible with the mobility concept.

(2) Bns will keep on hand a 30 day supply of vitamin pills and malaria and salt tablets.

(3) Each man will carry a gas mask.

(4) Units will carry a BA or CL V.

b. Services

(1) Company B, 3d Engr Bn in D/S.

c. Transportation

(1) Vehicles will be provided for resupply units at fixed positions as well as house keeping duties.

d. Resupply

(1) Units occupying fixed positions will be resupplied over the road.

(2) All other units will be resupplied by air.

(3) Disposable packages are available and should be used to prevent units from having to retrograde; nets, slings, watercans, etc.

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(4) BA of CL V will be staged for the purpose of emergency resupply.

(5) Resupply will be from either QTCB or VCB, (TBA).

3. Medical Evacuation and Hospitalization.

a. Evacuation

(1) Evacuation will be from operational area to 3d Med Bn (QTCB).

b. Hospitalization

(1) Hospitalization will be at 3d Med Bn (QTCB).

4. Personnel

a. Replacements and Mail

(1) Unit Commanders will ensure utmost is done in getting replacements and mail to their units.

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Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order
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1. Situation

a. Enemy

(1) The enemy forces can be expected to carry on electronic countermeasures to include but not limited to, jamming, imaginative deception, and monitoring.

(2) The enemy normally operates within the same frequency spectrum as Allied Forces, therefore all non-english override should be reported.

(3) Any captured C-E equipment shall be reported to this Headquarters via priority message.

b. Friendly

(1) All CP's to be designated at a later date.

2. Mission To maintain communication between Regimental Headquarters and the senior and subordinate commands.

3. Execution

a. The radio section shall establish a normal retransmission site on Dong Ha Mountain. This site shall have the capabilities of (1) covered circuit and (2) uncovered circuit.

b. The radio section shall establish a stand by unit to handle all communications commitments for an advance (jump) Regimental CP.

c. Division Comm Company shall provide multiplex communication equipment, and personnel to man this equipment in order to provide

- (1) Regt COC to Div COC Hot
- (2) Regt FSCC to Div FSCC Hot
- (3) (A) RGT COC to Regt COC Hot
- (4) (A) RGT FSCC to Regt FSCC Hot

d. Additional radio requirements are listed in appendix 1 (Radio Plans)

e. Message Center applications shall be in accordance with applicable publications and appendix 2 (Crypto)

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f. Radio relay and wire shall be in accordance with appendix 3 (Radio Relay-Wire Diagram).

g. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Units shall carry 6 days supply of batteries.

(2) Units shall maintain both HF and UHF capability when deployed.

(3) All messages transmitted within the Regiment shall be in Hotel Time Zone.

(4) The loss or destruction of RPS/comm equipment shall be reported in accordance with DIV. COI, with this Headquarters as info.

(5) Battalions shall support the wire communications (appendix 3) for the rear area communications system.

(6) Battalions shall note that each unit is required to guard both a covered and an uncovered channel of radio communication (appendix 2 Radio Plan).

4. Administration and Logistics

a. Report all losses of both personnel and equipment to this Headquarters.

b. Limited maintenance is available at this Headquarters.

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Appendix:

↓ (1) Radio Plan

(2) Cryptographic (to be issued separate)

↓ (3) Radio Relay-Wire

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Appendix (1) Radio Plan to Annex F (Communication-Electronics)
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		DIV TAC	REGT TAC #1	REGT TAC #2	REGT COMMAND	TACP
	FREQ	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
C - net control						
X - guard						
A - as required						
M - monitor						
3d Marines		X	C	C	C	C
3d Mar (Rear)		X	X	X	X	X
1/3			X	X	A	X
1/3 (Rear)					A	
2/3			X	X	A	X
2/3 (Rear)					A	
3/3			X	X	A	X
3/3 (Rear)					A	

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Appendix (3) Radio Relay-Wire Diagram to Annex F
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