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(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 - 31 July 1969

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Encl: (1) 3d Marines Command Chronology

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

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3D MARINES COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 - 31 JULY 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION.

3d Marines (Main)	Col W.F. SELLER	1-31 July

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Hq Co, 3d Marines	Capt E.B. PORTER	1-16 July
	1st Lt J.S. HOWE	17-31 July
1st Bn, 3d Marines	Lt Col D.G. HERRON	1-31 July
2d Bn, 3d Marines	Lt Col J.J. MCMONAGLE	1-31 July
3d Bn, 3d Marines	Lt Col R.C. SCHULTZ	1-31 July

ATTACHED UNITS

(NONE).

2. LOCATION.

01 - 291300 July: Dong Ha Combat Base
291301 - 31 July: Elliott Combat Base

3. STAFF OFFICERS.

Executive Officer	Lt Col H.M. SMITH	1-31 July
S-1	Capt B.B. PORTER	1-31 July
S-2	Capt W.J. QUIGLEY	1-31 July
S-3	Maj T.C. DOLSON	1-31 July
S-3A/NBC Deployment Off	1st Lt M.W. SHEPARD	1-31 July
S-3A/Ln Off	1st Lt P.E. FEIELES	1-20 July
	2nd Lt J.P. MCCANN	22-31 July
S-3A/Ln Off/NEC Off	1st Lt J.J. MURPHY	1-7 July
	2nd Lt M.J. MAEHL	8-31 July
S-3A/Ln Off/Trng Off	1st Lt G.E. PLANT	1-31 July
FSC/Arty Ln Off	Maj G. WASTILA	1-14 July
	Capt H.E. LOFTIN	15-31 July
ALO	Maj T.J. RAUSCHER	1-31 July
S-4	Maj J.F.X. CONNOLLY	1-31 July
S-4A	1st Lt D.E. RAGSDALE	1-31 July
S-5	2nd Lt F.S. ALLEN	1-31 July
Hq Co Supply Off	1st Lt R.O. BURNS	1 July
	1st Lt J.F. CORTEZ	2-31 July
MTO	GySgt E.R. BURKHART	1-31 July

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Comm Off	Maj J.H. HARTE	1-31 July
Asst Comm Off	2d Lt R.Q. STATON	1-31 July
Regt Surgeon	Lt G.W. GREGORY (USN)	1-31 July
Chaplain	Cdr J.F. LA BOON Jr (CHC)	1-31 July
Career Advisory Off	1st Lt J.R. MILLAR	1-31 July

4. Average Monthly Strength.

USMC		USN		Other
				ARVN
Off	Enl	Off	Enl	Off Enl
35	213	2	4	1 2

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PART II.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. General Overview of all Activities. The month of July commenced with the Third Marine Regiment still engaged in Operation Virginia Ridge. Activity within the Third Marines AO was relatively light with the three battalions deployed generally as follows:

a. The First Battalion occupied the north-western portion of the Third Marines AO and conducted search and destroy operations in the Mutter's Ridge-Helicopter Valley areas.

b. The Second Battalion, to the southwest, provides security for the Gio Bridge and Route #9 within their AO. Extensive search and destroy operations were conducted in the northern portion of the Mai Loc Tong.

c. The Third Battalion occupied and provided security for the fixed positions along Route #561 and Gen Lo District Headquarters on Route #9. Search and destroy operations were conducted to the west of Route #561 and in the Rao Vinh River area south of Route #9.

Enemy activity increased as the Third Battalion deployed one company to the south of Route #9 in the Rao Vinh River area. Operating for one week, making maximum use of natural resources, not requiring resupply for one week, the company accounted for nine (9) enemy confirmed dead and four (4) weapons captured.

Although activity was light, small groups of NVA continued to infiltrate south from the DMZ. Aggressive operations in the Mutter's Ridge-Helo Valley areas discouraged any enemy attempts to infiltrate large forces. When contact was made, attacks by fire remained the majority of the NVA. Noting this the Third Marines adopted a new technique, the Denial Stingray Concept. A zone three (3) KM below the DMZ, three (3) KM wide was established generally along Mutter's Ridge. Seismic intrusion devices were implanted along known enemy infiltration routes and on 7 July the first flight of CS gas was dropped within the Denial Zone. The gas was employed along streams, in valleys, and redoubt areas. An average of three flights of gas were run per day. The enemy upon encountering the gas, altered his routes and was forced to utilize the well known routes. Upon activation of the seismic intrusion devices, massive artillery fires were brought to bear against the enemy.

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To detect enemy infiltration through or around the Denial Zone, Stingray Patrols were employed. Squad sized patrols with both an air and artillery capability were deployed, one per grid square, south of the zone.

On 16 July, Operation Virginia Ridge terminated and simultaneously Operation Idaho Canyon commenced. Although the Third Marines concept of operations remained generally the same, a boundary extension to the west required a re-alignment of forces. The Second Battalion commenced search and destroy operations to the north of Elliott Combat Base, while the First Battalion continued their role in the Denial Stingray Concept and the Third Battalion continued operations to the west of C-2.

For approximately two weeks, the Denial Stingray Concept was employed. Friendly patrols approaching the Denial Zone, upon entering the gas, were forced to either alter their routes or return to their patrol base, which lends credence to the effect of the gas. The Third Marines in order to enjoy the maximum effect of the Denial Zone, requested a persistent type gas be utilized. On 24 July, it was learned that a non-persistant type gas, lasting one to two days was being employed. Although no successful enemy infiltration was indicated, the Third Marines deployed two companies to investigate the persistancy of the gas within the zone, and the amount of enemy activity. No enemy resistance and very little signs of enemy activity were encountered within the zone. Toward the end of the month, enemy activity north of the Denial Zone increased. Due to the relatively short duration of the Denial Concept it is difficult to determine the degree of its success.

Toward the end of the month, intelligence indicated an enemy build-up in the Cam Hung area, west of C-2. One company from the Third Battalion encountered heavy enemy contact for a period of two days in this area. On 30 July, OPCON of an Army infantry battalion, 1/11, reinforced with a company of armor, was passed to Third Marines. The Army unit provided security for and conducted search and destroy operations to the east of Con Thien.

The month ended with the First Battalion encountering heavy activity north of Mutter's Ridge and the Army battalion in heavy contact north of the Cam Hung area and west to Con Thien.

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2. Command Relations. During the period 1-31 July, the 3d Marine Regiment (Main) was OPCON and ADCON to the 3d Marine Division (Rein).

3. Missions Assigned.

a. During the period 1 - 161800 July, the 3d Marines continued to execute their mission assigned in Operation Order 6-69; "Commence search and destroy operation (Virginia Ridge) north of Route #9 to locate and destroy enemy forces infiltrating across the DMZ."

b. During the period 161801 - 31 July the 3d Marines executed their mission as stated in Operation Order 6-69; "On order, occupy and assume control of operations in new AO, to include responsibility for security of Route #9 therein."

4. Intelligence.

a. Narrative Summary. During the month of July, the 3d Marines were involved in two operations both of which were conducted in generally the same geographical area.

(1) Operation Virginia Ridge. As Operation Virginia Ridge drew to a close, enemy activity consisted of sporadic stand-off attacks by fire, point and sniper initiated contacts, and interdiction of LOC's with mines and booby traps. The most significant enemy initiated activity during the period 1-16 July 1969 consisting of seven stand-off attacks by fire directed towards A-4 and C-2. The enemy expended 32x122mm rockets during these attacks which were conducted on 14 July 69.

(2) Operation Idaho Canyon. Since the inception of Operation Idaho Canyon the enemy has displayed the capabilities of initiating well coordinated ground actions, of conducting attacks by fire and of interdicting LOC's. Of the 32 contact incidents all were developed from point initiated actions or ambushes sprung on small enemy elements with the following exceptions:

(a) 210820H - K/3/3 - Estimated 15-25 enemy initiated ambush on road sweep team in the vicinity of YD 127678 to YD 132677. The enemy employed RPG's and AWF before breaking contact. Subject activity resulted in 1 Fr KIA and 1 Fr WIA (evac) with unknown enemy casualties.

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(b) 280325H - K/3/3 - Estimated 35-40 enemy initiated a well coordinated attack in which a heavy concentration of RPG and small arms fire were employed. The attack took place in the vicinity of YD 085648 and resulted in 3 Fr KIA, 8 Fr WIA (evac), 2 Fr WIA (minor), 3 Fr tanks damaged, 1 NVA KIA and 1 IWC.

During the period 16-31 July 69, the enemy employed 12 stand-off attacks by fire on friendly dispositions with a total expenditure of 117-126 mortar rounds and 10x122mm rockets being fired.

The enemy throughout the initial phase of Operation Idaho Canyon continued to utilize his mining capability to interdict LOC's and to delay friendly movement. There were 10 incidents of mines or booby traps being detonated or discovered during the period from 16-31 July 1969.

5. Operations.

a. 01-161800H July - Virginia Ridge (Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000, Series L 7014, Sheets 6442 IV and 6342 I.)

b. 161801H-31 July - Idaho Canyon (Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000, Series L 7014, Sheets 6342 I, II, III, and IV.)

6. Results of Operations.

a. Operation Virginia Ridge.

(1) Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

(a) NVA KIA - 29

(b) NVA KBA - 4

(2) Casualties Sustained

(a) USMC KIA - 10

(b) USA KIA - 0

(c) USMC WIA (evac) - 35

(d) USMC WIA (minor) - 2

(e) USN WIA (minor) - 1

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(3) Equipment, Ordnance, and Supplies Captured.

(a) Weapons Captured.

1 Crew-served

2 - RPG's

2 Individual

4 - AK-47's

1 - SKS

(b) Ammunition Captured.

232 - 82mm mortar rounds

43 - 60mm mortar rounds

73 - RPG rounds

3500 - SA rounds

(c) Explosives Captured.

80 - Chicom grenades

250 - lbs TNT

7 - AT mines

2 - claymores

(d) Weapon Accessories Captured.

17 - AK-47 magazines

(e) 782 Gear Captured.

10 - E-tools

5 - packs

3 - gas masks

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(f) Food Captured.

475 lbs of rice

20 lbs of salt

(g) Documents Captured.

25 lbs of misc papers

b. Operation Idaho Canyon.

(1) Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy

(a) NVA KIA = 146

(b) NVA POW = 3

(2) Casualties Sustained

(a) USMC KIA = 10

(b) USA KIA = 5

(c) USMC WIA (evac) = 37

(d) USA WIA (evac) = 19

(e) USMC WIA (minor) = 8

(f) USA WIA (minor) = 7

(3) Equipment, Ordnance, and Supplies Captured.

(a) Weapons Captured.

1 Crew-served.

1 = 82mm mortar

3 = 60mm mortars

15 = RPG-2's

2 = RPG-7's

1 = M79

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2 Individual.

36 - AK-47's

13 - LAAW's

1 - SKS

(b) Ammunition Captured.

128 - 82mm mortar rounds

96 - 60mm mortar rounds

28 - RPG rounds

3000 - SA rounds

1 - 120mm mortar round

(c) Explosives Captured.

73 - Chicom grenades

30 - lbs of TNT

2 - AT mines

(d) Weapons Accessories Captured.

43 - AK-47 magazines

(e) 782 Gear Captured.

13 - packs

20 - gas masks

10 - E-tools

1 - pair binoculars

(f) Food Captured.

300 lbs of rice

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7. Supporting Arms.

a. Air Support. During the month of July, the Third Marines received air support from 1st MAW, 7th Air Force, and U.S. Army. Rotary wing support was provided by MAG-16, MAG-36, and MAG-39. Fixed wing support was provided by MAG-11, MAG-12, MAG-13, and the Air Force. Observer flights were provided by MAG-16 and the Air Force.

(1) Medevacs.

	US WIA	US KIA	US NBC	US KIA	US NBC KIA	NVA/VC WIA	TOTAL
0/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1/3	5	20	26	2	1	0	54
2/3	10	24	25	3	3	0	63
3/3	43	19	8	5	3	1	79
1/1	34	0	0	3	0	0	37
TOTAL	92	63	59	13	7	1	233

(2) CAS 339 flts/262 aircrafts/1,034,057 lbs of ordnance
TPQ 38 flts/ 56 aircrafts/ 247,400 lbs of ordnance
TOTAL 377 flts/318 aircrafts/1,281,457 lbs of ordnance

(3) Resupply: Figures not available.

(4) A/O Flights.

3d Mar Div	217 flights	400 hours 26 minutes
12th Mar	11 flights	14 hours 17 minutes
Total	228 flights	414 hours 43 minutes

(5) Gunships.

27 flights/54 aircraft/40 hours 45 minutes

(6) C & C

27 flights/54 aircraft/143 hours 22 minutes/103 PAX

(7) General.

Control functions - 1534
Average control functions per day - 51
High 85 on 25 July
Low 02 on 29 July

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Flareships - 2 flights - 9 hours 20 minutes
Photo birds - 1 flight - 1 hour
Spooky fire - 4 flights - 5 hours 30 minutes
Helilifts - 16
5 company troop lifts
1 CP troop lift
7 platoon troop lifts
3 81mm section lifts

b. Artillery Support.

(1) Units providing artillery support.

(a) Direct support was provided by the 1st Battalion, 12th Marines with the following units under their OPCON:

Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
Btry B, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
Btry W, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
Btry 2d Prov, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
Btry C, 5th Bn, 4th Arty (USA)

(b) General support was provided by the following batteries:

Btry C, 6th Bn, 33d Arty (USA)
Btry B, 1st Bn, 40th Arty (USA)
Btry K, 4th Bn, 12th Mar
Btry L, 4th Bn, 12th Mar
Btry M, 4th Bn, 12th Mar
Btry A, 1st 8" How
Btry B, 1st 8" How
Btry C, 1st 8" How
Btry A, 8th Bn, 4th Arty (USA)
Btry B, 8th Bn, 4th Arty (USA)
Btry C, 8th Bn, 4th Arty (USA)
Btry A, 5th Guns (USA)
Btry B, 5th Guns (USA)
Btry C, 5th Guns (USA)

(2) Significant displacements.

Unit	From	To	Date
Btry B, 1st Bn, 12th Mar	C-2	ECB	27 July
Btry C, 5th Bn, 4th Arty (USA)		C-2	27 July

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(3) Missions Fired.

	OBS	UNOBS	H&I	Total
105	1263	1504	1277	4044
4.2	95	157	168	420
155	360	470	199	1029
175	4	106	3	113
8"	42	239	18	299
Total	1764	2476	1665	5905

(4) Ammunition Expended.

	HE	WP	ILL	ICM	CS	SMK	Total
4.2	3015	398	259	0	22	0	3895
105	44436	3099	575	181	246	153	48688
155	11400	766	228	0	0	0	12394
175	830	24	0	0	0	0	854
8"	2154	0	0	0	0	0	2154
Total	62233	4680	1062	181	268	153	65287

(5) Naval Gunfire

Missions		Rounds Expended
5	OBS	130
22	UNOBS	418
164	H&I	996
Total 191		1544

(6) Control and Coordination.

Batteries which were OPCON to 1st Bn, 12th Marines received their fire missions from 1/12 FDC who was exercising tactical control and answered all calls for fire.

8. Logistics.

a. General. To consolidate helicopter resupply efforts within the Division, the resupply efforts of this Regiment were transfered back to Vandegrift LSA. A smooth transition was made and resupply during the month has proven satisfactory. In order not to build up a large forward rear at Vandegrift, the passengers going to the field are taken from LZ Kiwi, Dong Ha.

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b. Supply.

(1) Overall Supply Situation. The overall supply situation continues to improve. The shortage of socks, poncho liners, and utility caps prevents it from being better. The recent change of Supply Officers disclosed the need for a wall to wall inventory to be followed with substantial adjustments to the account. During this period we were also inspected by the FSAO-3 inspection team. The Supply Officer was provided with a copious copy of the inspection results and corrective action has been initiated.

(2) The highlight of the period was our present move to our new location. The move has just recently been completed and operations will be back to normal within a week.

c. Hospitalization and Evacuation.

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

(2) Sanitation. The sanitary conditions of the new 3d Marine Regimental Area (Dong Ha) presents an enormous problem to all concerned. The preventive medicine officer of the 3d Medical Battalion, has been contacted and has agreed to inspect and recommend required procedures on insect and rodent control. Water samples have been taken from both the rear and forward areas and are being tested for bacteria at this time.

d. Transportation.

(1) Significant Problem Areas. The six (6) trucks assigned on a temporary basis to the battalion in fixed positions, have been taken back by Division due to the three (3) truck companies redeploying with RLT-9. This action has caused significant problems in the state of police at the fixed positions. A request has been made to provide one (1) truck at C-2 and A-4 so that proper house-keeping can be performed. All requirements for resupply will continue to be requested on a daily basis.

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e. Services.

(1) A great deal of moving has transpired during this reporting period. The Third Regiment moved within the Dong Ha complex to the area formally occupied by FLSG-B and the tactical situation warranted the jumping of a CP to Elliott Combat Base.

(2) All construction and modification related to these moves have been done either by direct support engineers (B Co, 3d Engr Bn) or Regiment personnel on a "self-help" basis.

9. Communication-Electronics.

a. During July 69, Communications Platoon, 3d Marine Regiment, completed the following assigned missions:

(1) July 3-4; assisted with the placement of ground surveillance equipment in the Denial Area for Operation Virginia Ridge, Quang Tri Province, RVN.

(2) July 14-16; provided communications system for relocation and operation of 3d Marines Headquarters and Command Post, Dong Ha, RVN.

(3) July 16; continued providing communications for 3d Marine Regiment as Operation Virginia Ridge terminated and Operation Idaho Canyon commenced.

(4) July 26-28; provided communications system for establishing and operating 3d Marine Regimental forward Command Post, Elliott Combat Base, RVN.

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

11. Civic Action.

a. Significant Civic Action accomplishments for the month of July 1969.

(1) Institutions supported.

(a) Schools: 6

(b) Dispensaries/Hospitals: 4

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(c) Others: 4

(2) Cost of 3d Marine Civic Action for July.

(a) From U.S. Military sources: $1,019,314 VN

(b) From U.S./FMAF CA PSYWAR Fund: $140,335 VN

(3) Persons benefiting from 3d Marines Med-dentcaps.

(a) Persons treated during medcaps: 415

(b) Persons treated during dentcaps: 15

(c) Persons medevaced: 3

(4) The deck of the Trung Son School, Cam Lo, was completed and all of the walls were framed up. 3d Marines provided all of the lumber while CBMU-301 provided the cement for the deck and tin for the roof. The estimated date of completion for the school is Aug 15, 1969.

(5) The roof is almost complete on the Brou Sewing School, Cam Lo, except for a small canopy over the front porch. The doors and shutters are nearly completed and will be installed by the first of next month.

(6) The 3d Marines held one medcap and one dentcap each in Mai Loc, Huong Hoa District, and three joint U.S. Marine and 2d ARVN medcaps in Cam Lo.

(7) Maj Powell, the Senior District Advisor for Huong Hoa, is encouraging the representatives of the Brou Rice Purchase Coop, to depend on local means for transporting their monthly rice purchase from Quang Tri City to Brou Ville in Cua Valley. In the past, the representatives have relied entirely on the 3d Marines to provide transportation for their rice. Maj Powell wants the Brou representatives to realize that the 3d Marines may be leaving Vietnam in the near future, and that they must find other means for moving their rice purchase.

(a) The 3d Marines are still available to assist the rice purchase representatives in the event they cannot secure transportation from Vietnamese sources.

b. Significant problems encountered during the month of July 1969.

(1) Work on each of the school projects was delayed at short intervals for the following reasons:

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(a) Shortages of vehicles which deliver the construction materials. These were due to the Motor Transport requirement for large troop movements during the month of July.

(b) Shortages of building materials, especially 2x4 lumber, which has become a command control item for most of the I Corps.

(c) Adverse weather conditions, i.e. rain and high wind storms. The problem of material shortages will be solved by stocking/piling critical building materials for present and future projects. Transportation will become even more of a problem with MT units rotating out of Vietnam.

(2) A shortage of Marine personnel working in Civil Affairs for the Regiment has become a hinderance. No 3d Marines personnel are available to supervise construction of schools in the District of Huong Hoa.

12. Personnel and Administration.

a. Personnel.

(1) Critical Shortages.

(a) One Career Planning NCO, Staff Sergeant, 8421.

(b) One Mess Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, 3371.

(2) Summary.

(a) Gains: 9/MC Off; 38/MC Enl; 0/USN Off; 1/USN Enl.

(b) Losses: 5/MC Off; 26/MC Enl; 0/USN Off; 1/USN Enl.

(c) Monthly average strength: 18/MC Off; 213/MC Enl; 2/USN Off; 4/USN Enl.

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(3) Awards. During the month, one single strike air medal, one Vietnamese Cross of Gallentry with Silver, and three Purple Hearts were presented by the Regimental Commander.

(4) Morale continues to be excellent. Excellent club facilities, with floor shows and USO shows, and movies are available within the Regimental Command Post, DHCR. The R&R program continues to provide a boost to the morale of all. During July, there were 16 out of country R&R's taken by members of the Regimental Headquarters.

(5) Chaplain.

(a) Chaplain assigned. Cdr John E. LABOON Jr., 262805, USN (CHC).

(b) Divine Services: Thirty-seven services were held during the month with an attendance of 715.

(c) Red Cross cases processed: 4

b. Discipline. The following disciplinary action was taken during the month of July:

(1) One Summary Court Martial awarded and tried.

(2) Five Non-Judicial Punishments awarded.

13. Training.

a. Training conducted during the reporting period was oriented toward development of individual and unit readiness requisite to the continuation of successful combat operations in RVN. The training can be generally categorized as General Military Subjects, Orientation (COATIP), Formal/Organizational Schools, and OJT.

b. Highlights.

(1) Instructions relative to the adverse effects of the use of drugs.

(2) Anti-malaria measures.

(3) Familiarization/test firing weapons.

(4) RVN Orientation (COATIP)

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(5) Formal/organizational schools; 11 quotas were utilized as follows:

Personal Response	- 1
NCO School	- 3
Projectionist	- 1
SNCO School	- 1
KY 28/38 Course	- 1
Sniper School	- 4

(6) Application of GMS training was continuous in the preparation of fighting holes, laying protective wire, clearing fields of fire, constructing bunkers and sandbagging living and working spaces. Individual protective measures were used on a number of occasions during attacks by fire.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Significant Events During or in Direct Relation to Combat Operations.

01 July. 0615H Company B on LZ Florida, spotted approx (20) NVA one kilometer to the NW. The enemy was moving east with packs and weapons. Conducted artillery mission with unknown results.

03 July. 0600H Company D south of LZ Junior, a squad ambush patrol returning to company position heard movement. Point man opened fire. Movement was friendly LP. Results: (1) USMC NBC.
0930H Company F, NE of LZ Orange, found (40) 82mm rounds under brush in bomb crater. Rounds blown in place.
1400H Company C, NW of FSB Fuller, received (1) sniper round from a hilltop to the west. Unit swept area with negative findings. Res: (1) USMC KIA.
1530H Company L in Rau Vinh area, initiated contact with (4) NVA. (1) NVA was hit but was retrieved by others. While in pursuit of enemy, point man tripped a SFD. Continued search with negative results. Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac).
1630H-1840H Company L, platoon patrol, initiated contact with (5) to (10) NVA in a bunker complex. Called in artillery mission. Results: (1) USMC KIA, (2) USMC WIA (evac), (2) USMC WIA (minor), and (2) NVA KIA.

04 July. 0930H Platoon patrol from Company L in Rau Vinh area, found a complex of (30) living bunkers. Further search of area revealed: (5) RPG rounds, (133) 30 caliber rounds and misc other gear. All gear destroyed.
0930H Company A patrol, east of LZ Junior, found (18) bunkers. Also found (22) Chicom grenades, (1) U.S. C-4 Demo pack, (5) Chicom AP mines, (30) pounds of TNT, (50) belts of MG ammo.

05 July. 0400H Company L, squad ambush initiated contact with unknown size enemy force. Search of area revealed: (6) NVA KIA, (4) AK-47's, and (17) Chicom grenades.

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0845H A 1/4th Marines sweep team, sweeping to Khe Gio Bridge detonated an anti-tank mine. Road was reswept by 2d Bn and a truck following the sweep detonated another mine. Road was reswept again and a wrecker sent to retrieve truck detonated another mine. Analysis of situation indicated a counting device was on mines as other traffic had passed over area without incident. Road was graded, no further incidents. Results: (1) USMC KIA, (3) USMC WIA (evac).
2000H Recon team NE of A-4 made contact with (20) NVA in bunkers. Team received Chicom grenades and small arms fire. Team extracted at 2300H by 3d Bn reaction force. Results: (2) NVA KIA.

07 July. 1145H Company B while on patrol west of C-2, tripped a SFD in tree. Results: (2) USMC WIA (evac).
1230H Company A, SW of LZ Comet, found a bunker complex with a cache consisting of (45) 82mm rounds and (3) RPG rounds. Ordnance and (9) bunkers blown in place. 50 meters to south, unit found (2) NVA bodies, bunkers, and another cache; (16) bunkers, (10) 82mm mortar rounds, (35) Chicom grenades, (1) SKS, (2) RPG launchers, (70) pounds of rice. All gear destroyed.

08 July. 0220H Ambush patrol from Company E heard digging in road west of Khe Gio Bridge. Unit observed (4) NVA/VC in tree line, unit initiated contact. Enemy fled to SW. Searched area resulting in: (1) NVA KIA, (1) plastic anti-tank mine.
0730H AO west of LZ Junior spotted (2) NVA in the open. AO fired ordnance. Results: (1) NVA KIA.
0840H Company M north of LZ Jupiter discovered a cache of (28) 60mm mortar rounds and (2) cans of increments. All ordnance destroyed.
1630H Company A, on patrol SW of LZ Comet found (4) NVA bodies in shallow graves and (2) bodies in a nearby stream. Results: (6) NVA KIA.
1800H Company B, west of C-2 found an enemy ordnance cache; (53) 82mm rounds, (25) rifle grenades, and (12) RPG's. All ordnance destroyed.

09 July. 0700H 1st Bn CP helilifted to FSB Fuller.

10 July. 0710H Road sweep from Company E working east of Khe Gio Bridge tripped an enemy claymore. Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac).
1330H Company L in Rau Vinh area, discovered (12) bunkers and (1) NVA body. Bunkers destroyed. Results: (1) NVA KIA.

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2400H Company G, 2d Bn, 4th Marines chopped OPCON to 2d Bn.

11 July. 0815H Patrol from Company I, west of C-2 found (2) NVA bodies killed by air.
1315H Company F chopped OPCON to 1st Battalion.
1415H 2d Battalion CP arrived at ECB.

12 July. 0900H OPCON of Company F passed back to 2d Battalion.
0943H Company G, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines passed back to OPCON of 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.
1600H Company C, operating NE of FSB Fuller, spotted (10) to (15) NVA in green utilities with packs and weapons. Called in arty and searched area with negative results.
1750H Company F at LZ Sierra, found (1) dead NVA. Cause of death, undetermined.

13 July. 0700H 1st Battalion CP helilifted to Khe Gio Bridge from FSB Fuller.
1000H Company F while on patrol NE of LZ Sierra found (8) bunkers, (2) cooking areas and (5) NVA bodies in graves. Destroyed bunkers.

14 July. 0800H Company C, NE of FSB Fuller, platoon patrol found (67) 82mm mortar rounds, (3) cans fuses, (3) cans increments. Destroyed all.
0850-1400H Company H, at A-4, received (18) rounds 82mm mortar. AO conducted arty mission on suspected enemy positions. Unit ran (1) A-6 Beacon Hop on suspected positions and observed (7) secondary explosions.
2015H Company F, east of LZ Sierra, received RPG and small arms fire on perimeter made contact with unknown size enemy force. Conducted artillery and 60mm mortar missions. Results: (3) USMC KIA, (6) USMC WIA (evac).

15 July. 0730H While on sweep west of C-2, Company C, point element detonated a SFD on old trail resulting in (1) USMC KIA, (2) USMC WIA (evac).

16 July. 0830H Company I found (1) decayed NVA body west of C-2, body was approx six months old in khaki uniform.
1800H Operation Virginia Ridge terminated, Operation Idaho Canyon commenced.

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17 July. 1115H A patrol from Company I, SW of LZ Jupiter discovered (12) bunkers, each with a tunnel in the rear. Bunkers were approx (8) months old, all destroyed.

18 July. 0830H A patrol from Company C, SW of LZ Blue, found (32) 82mm rounds along a trail. All rounds were destroyed.
1345H Recon team Elk River NW of A-4, came into contact with an estimated (10) NVA. With AO on station, medevac called and helicopter received small arms fire. Observer ran one flight of fixed wing, medevac completed. Results: (1) USMC KIA, (3) USMC WIA (evac).
2010H Company F operating NW of LZ American, received (18 - 20) rounds of 60mm mortar. Artillery mission called on enemy position.
1600H Company C SW of LZ Blue found (45) bunkers, (5) 82mm rounds and (14) fuses. All bunkers and ordnance destroyed.

19 July. 0415H A fire team ambush from Company I initiated contact with (4 - 6) NVA. Fire team utilized claymores and small arms fire. Results: (2) NVA KIA.
0900H A platoon of Company M, NE of A-4 received small arms and RPG fire from an unknown size enemy unit. Aerial observer on station. Results:(1) USMC WIA (evac).
1015H Company C operating south of LZ Annette discovered a complex of (50) bunkers and (100) fighting holes, all destroyed by Company C.

20 July. 0815H A platoon of Company C operating NW of LZ Red, spotted (40 - 45) NVA moving north over a hill. Enemy were very well camofloged and carrying (2) stretchers. Fired artillery mission and checked area finding several blood trails.
1130H Company M, NE of A-4 discovered (3) enemy bunkers with (20) 82mm rounds and (3) anti tank mines. Bunkers and ordnance destroyed.

21 July. 0820H A road sweep team of Company K on Route 561, came in contact with (15 - 25) NVA in a treeline. Enemy used small arms and RPG fire. Reaction force activated from C-2. Results: (1) USMC KIA, (2) USMC WIA (evac), also reaction force discovered (1) NVA KIA, and (1) RPG.
1110H A platoon patrol from Company M, NE of A-4, discovered (18) bunkers, (3) NVA KIA with misc bloody clothing.

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1615H A platoon from Company I, north of LZ Jupiter, spotted (2) NVA in a hedgerow. Unit assaulted enemy position resulting in (2) NVA KIA.

22 July. 1107H Company C, north of LZ Blue, discovered (16) living bunkers and numerous fighting holes. All bunkers and gear were destroyed.

24 July. 0935H Company I, SW of LZ Jupiter, received (10) rounds of 82mm mortar. AO on station, fired artillery. Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac).
0950H Company I SW of LZ Jupiter, spotted (1) NVA on line. Took enemy under fire and deployed patrol to search area. Patrol then received small arms fire from (5 - 10) NVA. Artillery mission fired. Results: (1) USMC KIA, (2) USMC WIA (evac), (1) USMC WIA (minor), (3) NVA KIA, (3) AK-47's captured, and (1) map.
0715H Company M, NE of A-4 discovered (1) NVA that appeared to have been dead for approx (1) month. Results: (1) NVA KIA.
0935H Company I, received (10) rounds 82mm mortar fire. AO on station fired artillery mission. Results: (1) USMC WIA.
0800H A platoon from Company M while returning to A-4 had one man step on and detonate an anti tank mine. Unit searched area and discovered no others. Results: (1) USMC KIA.
1100H A squad patrol from Company I, while following blood trails, came upon (2) wounded NVA. NVA fired on squad and was killed by small arms fire. Squad then swept area 75 meters to the north and discovered (1) dead NVA. Results: (2) NVA KIA.
1830H Company I while moving north, received 3-4 rounds of sniper fire. Checked area with negative results. Results: (1) USMC WIA.

25 July. 0830-1200H Company C spotted and initiated contact with (16) NVA. Enemy broke contact and fled to the NW. Unit fired artillery mission on enemy avenues of egress. Swept area of contact with negative results.
1030H Company I while sweeping through suspected mortar site vicinity (080667) discovered (1) new 60mm mortar tube with (2) base plates, and (1) AK-47.

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1000-2045H Company I prior to searching suspected enemy position vicinity (082661) ran fixed wing. Upon searching area, unit found (50) fighting holes, many destroyed bunkers, (1) 82mm mortar (destroyed), (1) 60mm mortar (destroyed), (24) 82mm rounds, and many bloody bandages and pieces of flesh. Results: (8) NVA KIA.
1045H Company K while on sweep vicinity (077666) discovered (1) 60mm mortar complete.

26 July. 0630-1050H Company I continuing sweep of prior days find, found (1) AK-47, many NVA packs and (2) sights for 60mm mortar.
1130H Company E vicinity (985627) discovered (1) NVA body, 3 to 4 months old.
1600H An aerial observer reported (2) secondary explosions as a result of fixed wing on vicinity (058698).

27 July. 0830H Company A made contact with an unknown size enemy force vic (005629) and (015645). Two platoons covered area, and AO on station conducted artillery mission. Results: (1) USMC KIA, (9) NVA KIA, and (1) AK-47.
1415H Company A spotted unknown size enemy force moving in a draw vicinity (011645). Called in fixed wing and observed (2) enemy bodies blown into the air. Results: (2) NVA KIA.
1200H A squad patrol from Company F vicinity (940611) made contact with (4) NVA. AO and gunships fired ordnance on enemy position. Upon search of area, unit discovered 20 bunkers and misc 782 gear.

28 July. 0100-0220H A platoon from Company K initiated contact as enemy approached their perimeter vicinity (093659). Enemy fled along trail entering killing zone of a Company K ambush. Results: (7) NVA KIA and (3) AK-47's.
0350-0500H Platoon of Company K with tanks, in night defensive perimeter was attacked by an estimated enemy platoon from two sides, with small arms and RPG's. Flare-ship, (2) Aerial Observers and a spooky on station. Results: (3) USMC KIA, (9) USMC WIA (evac), (3) tanks damaged.
0430H A night platoon patrol from Company H captured (1) NVA walking south along Route #561. NVA wore green uniform and carried misc paper and medical gear.
1000H Company A at (019651) made contact with (3) NVA. NVA had clean uniforms and fresh haircuts. Results: (3) NVA KIA.

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1700H 33 Marines assumed OPCON of 1st Bn, 11th Infantry (Rein) at A-4.
1723H 1st Bn, 11th Infantry assumed OPCON of Company M (-) at A-4.
1834H A patrol from Company A discovered one NVA body killed by artillery vic (012647).
1925H Patrol from Company A discovered (8) NVA bodies killed by artillery vic (001649).
1930H Patrol from Company A found (4) NVA bodies killed by napalm vic (013648).

29 July. 0915H Company A while on sweep vic (011653) discovered (4) NVA bodies with fresh haircuts and clean web gear.
1515H Upon final search of the area vic (011653) Company A discovered (4) NVA bodies killed by small arms, (3) NVA killed by air and (2) NVA killed by artillery. Also found were (5) 82mm rounds, (1) SKS, bunkers and misc food. All destroyed.

30 July. 0930H An A-6 Beacon Hop dropped entire load of bombs within 500 meters of a friendly position vic (961647). Target grid was (937612) aircraft made three practice runs with good heading. Results: (3) NBC killed, (5) NBC (evac).
1230H Company C, 1/77, made contact with an unknown size enemy force vic (089659). Enemy fired RPG and small arms. AO on station, tank reaction force committed. Results: (2) USA KIA, (5) USA WIA (evac), (6) NVA KIA, (5) IWC.
1010H Company A, 1/11 spotted and initiated contact with (6) NVA vic (079644). Company D with one platoon of tanks encircled the enemy. Sweep through the area of contact revealed (2) NVA KIA. Results: (2) USA WIA (evac), (2) NVA KIA.
1515H Company A, 1/11, made contact with a small size enemy force vic (075645). Results: (1) USA KIA, (1) USA WIA (evac), (5) NVA KIA, (3) AK-47, (2) RPG launchers.
1530H 2d Bn CP helilifted from ECB to vic (974615).
1300H 3d Marines CP displaced from Dong Ha Combat Base to ECB, 291300H July 69.
0935H Company C while on patrol discovered 25-30 bunkers and fighting holes vic (059642) also found (3) NVA bodies killed by air. Unit destroyed area.
1150H Company C, 1/77, while on patrol discovered (7) NVA bodies (3) of which were on stretchers. All NVA were killed by arty/air.
1250H Company C, 1/77, while maneuvering to link up with Company A, 1/11, made contact with an unknown size

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enemy force using small arms and RPG's. Company C returned fire with tanks, small arms and artillery. Results: (3) USA KIA,(6) USA WIA (evac), (7) NVA KIA, (4) AK-47.

2311H Two platoons of Company B, 1/11, while in night position were probed by an estimated (5) NVA with small arms and RPG's. NVA broke contact and unit received 60mm mortar incoming and hand grenades.

31 July. 0205H As medevac helicopter approached perimeter, Company B started receiving mortars again. Helicopter was hit by small arms fire and crashed. Platoon of Company B moved to crash site and rescued helicopter crew. Results of incident: (1) USMC KIA, (1) USMC WIA (evac), (1) USA KIA, (5) USA WIA (evac), (17) NVA KIA, (2) AK-47, (1) RPG launcher.

0015H A platoon of Company L, while in ambush position heard several NVA approach their position. Platoon initiated contact with claymores and small arms. Results: (2) USMC WIA (evac), (5) NVA KIA, (1) NVA POW, (9) AK-47's.

0205H Company B ambush spotted (4) NVA approaching Rt #9 vic (018565). Initiated contact and enemy fled to NW. Search of area revealed (2) AT mines.

1230H Company A, 1/11, while on patrol vic (080637), found (80) bunkers, misc ordnance, food, 782 gear, and weapons. Results: (5) RPG launchers, and (1) RPD light machine gun.

1415H Company B, 1/11, in vic (062687) received 60mm mortar incoming from vic (058698). Results: (1) USA WIA (evac), (2) KCS KIA.

1710H A tank from Company C, 1/77, vic (136718), hit a mine loosing (2) road wheels. Mine was Russian TM-41. Results: (1) USA WIA (minor).

1630H A company L squad patrol, while following a blood trail, discovered (1) wounded NVA. Prisoner had been wounded the night before in Company L ambush.

2. Other Significant Events. (None)

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			010001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	010705H	H PLT BEGAN LIFT TO FSB FULLER.
			010750H	LIFT COMPLETED
		2	010615H	B/1/3: (065656) SPT (20) NVA MOVING EAST (059665) WEARING PACKS, CARRYING WPNS. CONDUCTED ARTY MSN W/UNK RESULTS.
		3	010930H	M/3/3: PTL FND (6) MO OLD BNKRS (118722). DESTROYED
		4	011125H	B/1/3: RECEIVING 82MM
		5	011600H	B/1/3: RECEIVING 82MM FM VIC 05026739.
		6	012400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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			020001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	022100H	E/2/3: AMBUSH PATROL MOVING TOWARD AMBUSH SITE (008565) SPOTTED MOVEMENT AND INITIATED AMBUSH. RECVD SAF AND CHICOMS. CONDUCTED 81MM MSN AND WILL CHECK AT 1ST LIGHT.
		2.	022100H	F/2/3: AMBUSH PATROL (077570) HEARD MOVEMENT AND INITIATED AMBUSH. SEARCHED AND FOUND (4 TO 6) DEAD NVA/VC
		3	022400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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			0001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	030600H	D/1/3: SQUAD AMBUSH UPON RETURNING TO D/1/3 POS, CAME UPON D SQUAD LP. POINT MAN OF RETURNING AMBUSH FIRED UPON HEARING MOVEMENT. ROUND STRUCK MAN ON LP IN THE HEAD. INVESTIGATING OFF HAS BEEN APPOINTED. RES: (1) USMC KIA.
		2	030816H	B/1/3: RECEIVING MORTARS FROM (045675). ARTY MSN BEING CONDUCTED.
		3	030930H	PATROL FROM F/2/3 AT (067602) FOUND (40) 82MM ROUNDS HIDDEN IN BOMB CRATER UNDER BRUSH. ROUNDS HAD BEEN HIDDEN FOR SOME TIME.
		4	031400H	C/1/3: (011629) RECVD (1) SNIPER ROUND FM VIC (001629) KILLING ONE MARINE. SWEPT THRU EN POS WITH NEG RESULTS.
		5	031915H	1/3'S S-3: CALLED AND REQUESTED PRIORITY RESUPPLY FOR PLATOON OF COMPANY C.
		6	031530H	L PLT 3/3: VIC (145537), OP INITIATED CONTACT WITH (4) NVA WOUNDING (1). A SQUAD PURSUED ENEMY AND IN SO DOING TRIPPED A SFD. THE REMAINDER OF L PLT MOVED INTO THE AREA ATTEMPTING TO SEAL OFF ALL ROUTES OF ESCAPE. PLT SWEPT AREA WITH NEG FINDINGS. RES: (1) USMC WIA (evac)
		7	1630H TO 1840H	L PLT 3/3: VIC (151520), INITIATED CONTACT WITH EST 5-10 IN BUNKER COMPLEX. CALLED ARTY MSN. AO WAS ON STATION. PLT WILL AMBUSH AREA OF CONTACT TONIGHT AND SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT.

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		8	032300H	E/2/3: VIC (042564) AMBUSH OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A MORTAR FIRING FRM VIC (035573). CALLED IN ARTY W/NEG RES.
		9	032400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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DAY	GMT	NO		REMARKS
28	040	NO	040001H	Journal Opened
		1	040830H	F/2/3: PLT FOUND 40, ½ POUND BLOCKS TNT. DESTROYED TNT.
		2	041000H	L/3/3: YESTERDAY CONTACT. THE MG USED AGAINST THEM WAS A HEAVY 30 CAL, AND THE ENEMY WORE DARK GREEN TROUSERS AND LIGHT COLORED SHIRTS.
		3	040930H	A/1/3: (039637) FOUND (18) BUNKERS AND MISC GEAR & AMMO.
		4	040930H	L/3/3: (138525) PLT FOUND A 30 BUNKER COMPLEX. BUNKERS APPEARED TO BE SLEEPING AND REST AREA TYPE. ALSO FOUND MISC GEAR AND AMMO.
		5	042130H	MAJ DAVIS CALLED AT 2130H AUTHORIZING BOUNDARY CHANGE WEST OF KHE GIO BRIDGE EFF 042400H.
		6	042215H	BARR 3 CALLED ADVISING RECON TM PENGUIN IS NOW DESIGNATED AS HARSHWORD.
		7	041300H TO 1930H	CONTINUED TO EXPLOIT BUNKERS FND BY L/3/3. WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLOIT TOMORROW. WILL BLOW BUNKERS AS THEY AREA S SEARCHED. ADD (2) SKS'S (10) NVA UNIFORMS, (9) RPG RNDS, AND (2) NVA PACKS.
		8	042400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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		NO	050001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	050400H	L/3/3: (146525) AMBUSH INITIATED CONTACT WITH UNK SIZE ENEMY FORCE. SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT REVEALED (5) NVA KIA, (2) IWC (SKS).
		2	051000H	BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 1/3 AND 2/3 WENT INTO EFFECT.
		3	050600H	BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 2/3 AND 3/3 WENT INTO EFFECT.
		4	050845H	2/3: SWEEP TEAM FROM 4TH MAR HIT AN AT MINE AT VIC (018565) RESULTING IN 7 USMC KIA.
		5	051223H	SUBMITTED 1200H SITREP.
		6	051500H	L/3/3: CONDUCTED ANOTHER SEARCH OF AMBUSH SITE AND ANOTHER NVA BODY FOUND.
		7	052000H	RECON TEAM HARSHWORD MADE CONTACT WITH EST 20 OR MORE NVA IN BUNKERS VIC (133735). REACTION FORCE (PLT REIN WITH 3 TANKS) ASSISTED IN EXTRACTION. RES: (2) NVA KIA.
		8	051040H	A TRUCK AT VIC (018565) DETONATED MINE. TRUCK WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED. ROAD WAS RESWEPT WITH NEG FINDINGS. RES: ADD (2) USMC WIA (EZZZZ)(evac).
		9	051232H	A WRECKER AT VIC (018565) SENT TO RETRIEVE TRUCK ALSO DETONATED MINE, SUSTAINING HEAVY DAMAGE. (11) USMC WIA (E)
		10	05	REFER TO ENTRY (1): PLT ALSO FOUND (8) AK-47 MAGS, (17) CHICOMS PLUS MEDICAL GEAR AND DOCUMENTS.
		11	052400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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		NO	060001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	051045H	D/1/3: FOUND (2) BUNKERS (011630) APPROX (2) MO OLD.
		2	052400H	E/2/3: HAD TRIP FLARE IGNITE AND SAW WHAT APPEARED TO BE A MAN BENT OVER.
		3	061000H	AO WORKING FOR 1/3 SPOTTED SEVERAL BUNKERS AND A 50 CAL POS FIRED ORDNANCE. A PTL FM A/1/3 CHECKED AREA.
		4	061400H	A/1/3: VIC (041624) REPORTED A FIRE STARTED INSIDE PERIMETER CAUSING DETONATION OF A LAAW OR CLAYMORE RESULTING IN (2) USMC NBC WIA (evac). ORIGIN OF FIRE UNDETERMINED AT THIS TIME. AN INVESTIGATING OFF HAS BEEN APPOINTED.
		5	062350H	SUBMITTED 2400H SITREP.
		6	062400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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		NO	070001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	070545H	ALEXANDER CP LAUNCHED.
		2	070600H	BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 3D MAR AND 2D ARVN EFFECTIVE NOW.
		3	070659H	K/3/3: PLT VIC (109642) SPOTTED (4) NVA WEARING GREEN UTILITIES FM N TO S (103658). CONDUCTED ARTY MSN. WILL CHECK LATER. FOLLOW-UP: NEG RESULTS.
		4	071145H	B/1/3: (2) MEN WERE INJURED BY A TREE MOUNTED SFD. RES: (2) WIA (evac).
		5	071230H	A/1/3: (047628) FOUND (9) BUNKERS AND A CACHE OF (45) 82MM ROUNDS AND (3) RPG ROUNDS.
		6	070730H	A PLT PTL FM M/3/3 FND HVY USED TRAIL VIC (114716) CURVING FM E TO S. TRAIL 2' WIDE AND USED WITHIN 24 HRS. UNIT FOLLOWED TRAIL FOR 200 METERS AND SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.
		7	071500H	A/1/3: (047625) FOUND (2) NVA BODIES IN SHALLOW GRAVES. (1) KILLED BY ARTY, OTHER UNKNOWN.
		8	071800H	BOUNDARY CHANGE IN RAO VINH GIVING 3 CLICK EXTENSION BACK.
		9	070500H	I (-)/3/3: CONDUCTED CORDON AND SEARCH OF CAN THAI HAMLET. SCREENED 620 PEOPLE RESULTING IN (1) VC SUSPECT. ALSO HELD MEDCAP. 120 PEOPLE WERE TREATED.
		10	072400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			080001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	080220H	E/2/3: AMBUSH INITIATED CONTACT WITH (4) NVA/VC (003564) IN TREE LINE. NVA WERE DIGGING BY THE ROAD. SEARCHED AND FOUND A LARGE BOX AND (1) NVA BODY. RES: (1) NVA KIA.
		2	080800H	BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 3D MAR AND 2D ARVN.
		3	080645H	F/2/3: VIC (063550) FND (4) 90MM TANK RNDS. BLEW IN PLACE.
		4	080810H	(REFER TO ENTRY #(1)) UNIT MADE A THOROUGH SEARCH OF AREA & FND (1) PLASTIC MINE AND TWO EMPTY HOLES. MINE BLOWN IN PLACE.
		5	080835H	3/3: ROAD SWEEP TEAM FND AN ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE AT VIC (140613). MINE WAS BLOWN IN PLACE.
		6	080730H	AO WORKING IN VIC (052692) SPOTTED (2) NVA IN OPEN, RAN HIS OWN ORDNANCE RESULTING IN (1) NVA KBA.
		7	080840H	PATROL FM M/3/3 FOUND A FIGHTING HOLE WITH FOLLOWING GEAR AT VIC (098713): (28) 60MM RNDS, (1) AK-47 MAG, (2) CANS OF BOOSTERS AND (2) CANS OF FUSES. DESTROYED GEAR.
		8	080730H	PATROL FM L/3/3 AT (145513) FOUND (12) WELL CONSTRUCTED BUNKERS AND (1) MESSHALL TYPE HOOTCH THAT WOULD ACCOMADATE ESTIMATED (15-18) PEOPLE, ESTIMATED ACTIVITY WITHIN LAST (2) DAYS. BUNKER COMPLEX SEARCHED AND DESTROYED. FOUND SMALL AMOUNT OF CLOTHING, BELTS, AND TENNIS SHOES.
		9	080900H	PATROL FM A/1/3 AT (054625) FOUND (2) ISOLATED CLEARED AREAS. SEARCHED IMMEDIATE AREA THOROUGHLY, FOUND (1) RPG ROUND, (2) CHICOM GRENADES, AND (1) PITH HELMET.

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		10	081230H	A PATROL FM L/3/3 AT (145529) MADE CONTACT WITH (3) NVA. BOTH POINTS SAW EACH OTHER AT SAME TIME. SQUAD POINT FIRED FIRST. ENEMY FLED TO THE SW. CALLED ARTY ONE ROUTES OF ESCAPE.
		11	081130H	3/3: MADE LIAISON WITH CIDG ON NEW BOUNDARY. BOUNDARY WILL GO INTO EFFECT AT 081800H.
		12	081630H	CO 2D ARVN OK'D 3/3 OPN IN THEIR AO WITH MODIFICATION TO SOUTH.
		13	081630H	A/1/3: FOUND (6) NVA BODIES IN SHALLOW GRAVES AND SMALL STREAM (051623). NO ID MARKINGS, BODIES APPROX (1) MO OLD
		14	081800H	B/1/3: FND MISC ORDNANCE IN BANK OF STREAM (076635). DESTROYED (53) 82MM RNDS, (25) POSSIBLE RIFLE GRENADES, AND (12) RPG RNDS.

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		NO	090001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	090600H	SUBMITTED SITREP #275-69.
		2	090600H	BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 2/3 AND MAI LOC CIDG EFFECTED.
		3	090700H	HELILIFT OF 1/3 CP COMMENCED.
		4	090736H	1/3'S HELILIFT COMPLETE.
		5	090750H	HELILIFT OF D/1/3 COMMENCED.
		6	090814H	HELILIFT OF D/1/3 COMPLETE.
		7	090837H	HELILIFT OF H/2/3 COMMENCED.
		8	090930H	HELILIFT OF H/2/3 COMPLETED.
		9	091100H	BARRISTER 3 THROUGH PERSONAL LIAISON WITH COL GIAH OBTAINED ADDITIONAL LAND FOR 2 DAY OPERATION EAST OF C-2 COMMENCING 091800H. OVERLAY PASEP TO MAJ DAVIS.
		10	092400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			100001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	100710H	E/2/3: SECURITY MEMBER FOR ROAD SWEEP WALKING OFF THE ROAD TRIPPED A SFD. ENGRS CHECKED AREA AND FOUND PELLETS FM CLAYMORE. RES: (1) WIA (evac).
		2	0945H TO 1030H	K/3/3:(158663) AND (168669) SPOTTED ENEMY FORCE OF 40-50 MEN (157678) TO (156674) WEARING BLACK PJ'S AND KHAKI UNIFORMS. CONDUCTED ARTY MSN WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. A PLATOON IS CHECKING AREA.
		3	101245H	G/2/3: ARRIVED ECB.
		4	101030H	FINAL TO ENTRY NR 2. SQD PTL SEARCHED AREA OF ENEMY POS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
		5	101330H	L/3/3 VIC (135512) FOUND BUNKER COMPLEX CONSISTING OF (12) A FRAME AND SLEEPING TYPE BUNKERS. UNIT ALSO FND (1) NVA BODY IN SHALLOW GRAVE. NO ID ON DODY. BUNKERS WERE APPROX (1) YR OLD AND NOT HEAVILY USED IN RECENT MONTHS. BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED. RES: ADD (1) NVA KIA.
		6	101800H	PATROL FM C/1/3 FOUND MISC ORDNANCE IN 250 LB BOMB CRATER. FND (12) 82MM RNDS, (1) CAN OF INCREMENTS, AND (4) FUSES. WILL DESTROY GEAR AT (063592).
		7	101435H	PLT COMMANDER WAS WOUNDED BY SMALL BOOBY TRAP i.e. BLASTING CAP. DEVICE WENT OFF WHEN HIS PACK WAS DROPPED ON THE GROUND, AT (038608).
		8	101759H	PATROL FM K/3/3 SPOTTED (3) NVA IN OPEN CARRING PACKS AND WEAPONS. THEY WERE CAMOFLAGED WITH LEAVES AND MOVING SE.

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				CALLED AO AND ARTY. SQD CHECKED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. WILL CHECK AGAIN IN MORNING AT (172665).
		9	101100H	PATROL FM B/1/3 FOUND (62) C-2 AT (062617) PLUS (2) PICKS AND (1) SHOVEL. WILL DESTROY.
		10	102400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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		NO	110001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	110910H	B/1/3: HELILIFT COMMENCED.
		2	111000H	B/1/3: HELILIFT COMPLETED.
		3	111000H	AO CHANGE BETWEEN 1/3 AND MAI LOC TAOR EFFECTED.
		4	110920H	K/3/3: AT VIC (197677) SPOTTED SEVERAL GROUPS OF POSSIBLE LABORERS. GROUP APPEARED TO BE A FORCE LABOR UNIT. AO ON STATION CHECKING AREA OUT.
		5	110815H	K/3/3: VIC (160661), FOUND (2) NVA BODIES LYING IN OPEN. DEATH BELIEVED TO BE CAUSED BY AIR. RES: (2) NVA KBAY
		6	102400H	(LATE ENTRY) G/2/3 RETURNED OPCON TO 3D MAR.
		7	102400H	(LATE ENTRY) G/2/4 WAS CHOPPED OPCON TO 3D MAR INTURN CHOPPED OPCON TO 2/3.
		8	111315H	F/2/3: CHOPPED OPCON TO 1/3.
		9	111315H	2/3 CP: DEPARTED KHE GIO BRIDGE FOR ELLIOTT COMBAT BASE.
		10	111415H	2/3 CP: ARRIVED AT ELLIOTT COMBAT BASE.
		11	111715H	2/3: GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR NEW AO.
		12	110900H	RECON TM SACINAS MADE CONTACT WITH (2) NVA (095726) BELIEVED TO BE KAK POINT ELEMENT OF LARGE UNIT. ALSO FND (3) TUNNELS IN AREA. AO FIRED ORDNANCE AND FIXED WING MSN TEAM RETURNED TO A-4.
		13	111830H	K/3/3: AT (C-2) SPOTTED (3) EN VIC (125664). FIRED TANKS AND 81MM MISSION.
		14	ENTRY #4	FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF TODAYS INCIDENT AND INCIDENT OF 101030H BELIEVED TO BE TRANSPORTATION INIT WITH SECURITY.
		15	112400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

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		NO	120001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	120725H	F/2/3:TROOP LIFT COMMENCED.
		2	120900H	F/2/3: TROOP LIFT COMPLETED.
		3	120900H	G/2/4: TROOP LIFT COMMENCED.
		4	120943H	G/2/4: TROOP LIFT COMPLETED.
		5	121050H	B-3 INTELLIGENCE RPT: U/I NVA ELEMENT OF UNKNOWN SIZE WITHIN 750 METERS OF YD 130588.
		6	121500H	BOUNDARY CHANGE IN EFFECT BETWEEN 3/3 AND 1/5.
		7	121130H	AO CLOUDY SKY Z REPORTED (10) BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED BY TPQ CONDUCTED ON 01 JULY.
		8	121730H	AO SPOTTED (4) NVA AT 938631 WHILE COVERING F/2/3 HELILIFT. RAN 2 FLIGHTS FIXED WING. PATROL CHECKED AREA FINDING 4 OLD BUNKERS.
		9	121800H	A PATROL FM F/2/3 FOUND (2) NEW BUNKERS PARTIALLY BUILT AT 949627. TOOLS AND LOGS TIED IN BUNDLES WERE ALSO FOUND.
		10	121090H	UNIT OF C/1/3 IN CONTACT WITH UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE. ARTY BEING FIRED. MORE WILL FOLLOW.
		11	121800H	BOUNDARY BETWEEN 3D MAR AND 2D ARVN'S REVERTED TO 15 GRID LINE
		12	120915H	I/3/3: (150608) ROAD SWEEP FOUND A HOME MADE MINE. AP MINE OF MEDIUM SIZE DESTROYED IN PLACE.
		13	121600H	REFER TO ENTRY #11. TWO SQUADS C/1/3 (079610) SPOTTED 10-15 NVA WEARING GREEN UNIFORMS AT 076616 HEAVILY CAMOFLAGED NVA WERE ARMED AND CARRYING LARGE PACKS. UNIT FIRED S/A AND NVA FLED TO THE NW. ARTY AND F/W CALLED IN. WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT. UNK RESULTS.

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		14	121750H	F/2/3: (948628) FOUND (1) DEAD NVA WEARING GREEN UNIFORM CAUSE OF DEATH UNKNOWN.
		15	121816H	E/2/3: PLT (989578) FND A NIGHT POS FOR ABOUT 4 TO 6 PEOPLE WHICH APPEARED TO BE APPROX 48 HRS OLD. PLT ALSO FOUND TRAILS RUNNING EAST TO 994578 AND TRAILS RUNNING TO GRID 992576.
		16	120725H	LATE ENTRY F/2/3: RETURN OPCON FROM 1/3 TO 2/3 UPON COMMENCEMENT OF HILILIFT.
		17	120943H	LATE ENTRY G/2/4: RETURN OPCON TO 4TH MAR UPON ARRIVAL BY HELO AT FSB RUSSELL.
		18	122400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.

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			130001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	130630H	K/3/3: PLT PTL FOUND (12) FIGHTING HOLES AND (2) BUNKERS (107657), APPROX (1) YR OLD. WILL DESTROY.
		2	130700H	AO RAN CS ON (015632) AND (007631).
		3	130725H	1/3 CP: HELILIFT FM FSB FULLER TO KHE GIO BRIDGE.
		4	131000H	F/2/3: (950636) HAD (6) RNDS 82MM MORTAR INCOMING FM (931654). ARTY MSN FIRED, GUNSHIPS ON STATION WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
		5	131000H	F/2/3: (954632) PTL DISCOVERED (5) GRAVES CONTAINING SKELETOI WITH GREEN UNIFORMS AND NO ID'S. AT (956634) LOCATED (8) BUNKERS AND (2) COOKING POS. ALSO FOUND (5) NVA CANTEENS. ADD: (5) NVA KIA.
		6	131200H	THE AREA SOUTH OF THE (47) GRID LINE AND WEST OF THE (12) GRID LINE XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX IS CHOPPED FM CIDG TO 4TH MARINES. (INFO 3D MAR FOR FIRE SUPPORT COORD OF MAI LOC TAOR).
		7	131300H	L/3/3 IS BEING TRUCKED FM MAI LOC AO TO C-3 BRIDGE. THE AREA FM THE (16) GRIDLINE WEST TO THE (12) GRIDLINE AND FM THE (56) GRIDLINE SOUTH TO THE (47) GRIDLINE XXXXXXX IS CHOPPED FM 3D MARINES TO CIDG AND 3D MARDIV.
		8	131430H	L/3/3: ARRIVED AT C-3 BRIDGE.
		9	131755H	RECEIVED CALL FM LT STEVENSON, CO B 3D ENGR WILL COMMENCE WORK ON NEW CP AT ECB 14 JULY 69.
		10	131850H	ALEX MSG REQUEST FOR (5) SCOUT DOGS, (4) SNIPERS AND (1) ENGR FORWARD TO S-3A FOR ACTION.

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		11	132400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.
				ADD (5) NVA KIA FOR 13 JULY 69
				I CERTIFY THAT ALL THE ABOVE ENTRIES ARE COMPLETE AND FACTUAL TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
				/S/ M.J. MAEHL 2d LT

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			140001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	140800H	C/1/3: VIC (078620), PLT PTL FND (67) 82MM MORTAR RNDS, (3) CANS OF FUSES (6 PER CAN) AND (6) CANS OF INCREMENTS (6 PER CAN). ALL ORDNANCE DESTROYED IN PLACE.
		2	140830H	K/3/3: AT C-2 RECEIVED 4 RNDS 122MM ROCKETS FM VIC 044660. ALL IMPACTING OUTSIDE PERIMETER. [illegible] AO ON STATION, ARTY BEING FIRED. NEG CAS.
		3	140850H	M/3/3: AT A-4 RECEIVED [illegible] (2) RNDS 122MM ROCKETS, ALL IMPACTING OUTSIDE PERIMETER. UNIT OBSERVED FLASHES AND FIRED ARTY AT ENEMY ROCKET POS 078694 & 072678.
		4	140900H	K/3/3: AT C-2, REPORTED (8) 122MM ROCKET IMPACTED ALONG ROAD BETWEEN C-2 AND A-4 FM VIC 044660. NEG CASUALTIES.
		5	131700H	(LATE ENTRY) C/1/3: SQD PTL (075606) DISCOVERED ASHES FORMING AN ARROW ON THE GROUND. ARROW SYMBOL APPROX ONE FOOT IN LENGTH, POINTING SOUTH ON AN AZIMUTH OF 180 DEGREES. EACH FLURE OF ARROW HEAD HAD A STICK IN GROUND AT END. UNIT SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
		6	131600H	(LATE ENTRY) F/2/3, VIC (945641) PLT DISCOVERED MANY HO CHI MINH SANDAL FOOTPRINTS THAT HAD BEEN MADE SINCE LAST RAIN (11 JULY). ONE SET OF TRACKS HAD BEEN MADE BY U.S. JUNGLE BOOTS. ESTIMATED ONE ENEMY PLATOON HAD MADE TRACKS. TRAIL [illegible] LED NORTHEAST ALONG STREAM.
		7	141137H	2/3: REQUEST 3 MORE DOG TMS. CALLED K/9 6 AT DIV REQUESTING 4 ETA 4-6 DAYS.

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		8	141000H	(FOLLOW UP TO ENTRY #3) M/3/3: A-4 RECVD 2 RNDS OF 122MM ROCKETS, ALL IMPACTING INSIDE MINEFIELD, CRATER ANALYSIS IMPOSSIBLE. NEG CASUALTIES
		9	141420H	A-4 TOOK (4) 122MM RCKTS FM VIC (054685). (1) IMPACTED INSIDE PERIMETER. CRATER ANALYSIS INDICATED DIRECTION AND TYPE. FIRE MSN BEING CALLED. NEG CASUALTIES.
		10	141150H	C-2 TOOK (2) ROUNDS OF 122MM RCKTS FM VIC (065669), BOTH IMPACTING OUTSIDE PERIMETER. BEACON HOP WAS DIVERTED TO (058666). (3) BUNKERS DESTROYED ALONG WITH 20 METERS OF FRESH TRAIL. FIRST BOMB IN TGT.
		11	141315H	DAGMAR SAID THE F/2/3 SQD THAT WAS MISSING EARLIER TODAY ONLY HAD LOST COMM FROM 1045-1115. THEY WERE IN THE RIGHT AREA AND THE AO HELPED THEM TO ESTABLISH COMM AGAIN.
		12	141420H	11TH ENGR CALLED TO SAY BO B, 11TH ENGR WOULD BLOW THE OLD FRENCH BRIDGE AT CAM LO AT APPROX 1430H.
		13	141400H	M/3/3 REPORTS APPROX (4) ROCKETS FM VIC (054685) IMPACTED [illegible] AT A-4. ROAD TEMPORARILY CLOSED. SPOT REPORT TO FOLLOW. ARTY MSN GOING, F/W SCRAMBLED.
		14	141445	K/3/3: REPORTS RECEIVING ACTIVE RCKT MSN FM GRID 054665. ARTY BEING FIRED.
		15	141350H	G/2/3: FOUND (6) AT MINES (977545).WHILE PLACING CHARGE ON MINES, BOOBY TRAP WAS DETONATED BUT ENGR WAS ABLE TO GET CLEAR. DEMO RESET, MINES DESTROYED. NEG CAS. ADD (6) AT MINES.

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		16	141700H	ALEX CALLED REQUESTING PRIORITY WATER RESUPPLY. PASSED TO S-4 FOR ACTION. WATER NEEDED FOR STINGRAY TEAMS LEAVING AT FIRST LIGHT. SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO FSB FULLER.
		17	141705H	(1) SCOUT DOG AND HANDLER CAME IN, SENT TO 1/3 AT KHE GIO BRIDGE.
		18	141710H	M/3/3: REPORTED THAT FM 1400 TO 1415, (8) 122MM ROCKETS LANDED 400METERS FM A-4 ALONG ROAD. RNDS CAME IN VOLLIES OF (4), (3), AND (1). CALLED FIRE MSN ON SUSPECTED POS, BEACON RUN AT 1530H ON 056675, AO ON STATION. NEG CASUALTIES.
		19	142005H	F/2/3: (955637) RECEIVING INCOMING RPG'S AND SAF.
		20	142015H	F/2/3: AMBUSH CAME IN CONTACT WITH UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE AT (955639). INITIAL RESULTS (7) WIA (E), (2) KIA.
		21	141515H	A/1/3: PLT PTL FND EN OVERNIGHT POS (005604). FOOT PRINTS AND TENNIS SHOE PRINTS TO N-S FM POS. PRINTS 24-48HRS OLD.
		22	142156H	1/3 CP: REPORTED TAKING (3) RNDS UNK CAL OR TYPE (1-200 METERS SOUTH; 2-800 METERS SOUTH) SOUTH OF THEIR POS AT KGB.
		23	142100H	M/3/3: (A-4) OBSERVED (7) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS CAUSED BY A-6A BEACON HOP CONDUCTED ON ENEMY RKT POS (057684). SECONDARIES (YELLO/ORANGE) 200 TO 500 FM MSN.
		24	142140H	AMBUSH FM 3D PLT F/2/3 SAW MOVEMENT (966640) AND SET UP HASTY AMBUSH. INITIATED CONTACT ON (2) NVA. MORE ENEMY STARTED COMING DOWN TRAIL SO AMBUSH MOVED BACK TO PLT PERIMETER. WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT.

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		25	142400H	MAJ DAVIS (DIV G-3 OPNS) CALLED TO NOTIFY EFF 151200H ALL LAND ~~XXXX~~ EAST OF 12 N-S GRID LINE GOES TO 1st BDE FOR OPNS THEREIN. ON THE 16TH OF JULY AN ARMY INF CO WILL MOVE BY TRUCKS ALONG RT #9 AND #556, DISMOUNT AT MAI LOC AND BEGIN OPNS IN NEW PORTION OF AO.
				I CERTIFY THAT ALL THE ABOVE ENTRIES ARE COMPLETE, FACTUAL AND UP TO DATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
				/S/ G.E. PLANT 1ST LT USMC
				ADD: (2) USMC KIA
				(8) USMC WIA (EVAC)

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		1	150305H	1/3/3 REACHED NIGHT POS VIC (116626).
		2	142400H	(LATE ENTRY) 142400 TO 150415H 1/3 CP RECVD APPROX (5) RNDS UNK CAL OR TYPE INCOMING FM VIC'S (006549 and 028597). CONDUCTED ARTY MSN ON POSS.
		3	150703H	COMMENCED MEDEVAC OF F/2/3. COMPLETE AT 150730H.
		4	150730H	1/3/3 POINT ELEMENT DETONATED A SFD (113624). RES (1) KIA AND (2) WIA (EVAC). 0840H MEDEVAC COMPLETE.
		5	150800H	F/2/3: FOLLOW UP. PLT SEARCHED AREA OF HASTY AMBUSH (966640). FND MISC GEAR, ORDNANCE AND BLOODY PACK AND BANDAGES.
		6	150950H	1/3: REQ AO BOUNDARY EXT SOUTH ALONG ØØ GRIDLINE FM PRESENT LIMIT TO 53 GRIDLINE IN ORDER TO SEARCH OUT POSSIBLE ENEMY MORTAR SITES. SENT TO DAGMAR, APPROVED 151100H. EFFECTIVE 151500H TO 171500H.
		7	151200H	F/2/3: CONTACT OF 142015H DELETE (2) KIA AND (7) WIA (EVAC) CHANGE TO READ (3) KIA AND (6) WIA (EVAC).
		8	151530H	DOG TM RPTD IN AND WAS SENT TO 1/3.
		9	151645H	CALL FROM MAJ DAVIS (G-3 OPNS) MAI LOC AO WILL REVERT TO OLD BOUNDARY SOUTH OF 47 GRID LINE AT 151800H- 1½ CLICK AREA SOUTH TO QUANG TRI RIVER WILL GO TO 2D ARVN AT SAME TIME. OVERLAY TO FOLLOW.
		10	151230H	WHILE ON PATROL PVT EV 4505, D/1/3, HAD A DISCHARGE WITH HIS RIFLE CAUSING DEATH OF PFC MRH 2961. KIA WAS EVACED

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				BY TRUSK TO 3D MED BN AND AN INVESTIGATING OFFICER WAS APPOINTED BY 1/3.
		11	152040H	CONTACTED 2/3 WO IN REGARDS TO H/2/3'S PRIORITY RESUPPLY. WO STATED NO PRIORITY RESUPPLY FOR CO H ON 16 JULY.
		12	151500H	M/3/3: SEARCHED AREA OF BECON HOP OF 13 JULY 69 VIC (093703), FND (3) BUNKERS 3-5 MONTHS OLD THAT WERE DESTROYED BY BEACON HOP. NO SIGN OF RECENT USE EXCEPT ON ONE TRAIL ABOUT 100M WEST OF AREA AND THEN TAPERED OFF.
		13	151835H	D/1/3 (067575) OBSERVED A USMC PC (NR 314749) HALT IN ITS WESTERN MOVEMENT ALONG RT #9, A SHOT WAS FIRED FROM THE PC WHICH HIT AND KILLED A WATERBULL THAT WAS STANDING BY THE ROAD. THEN THE PC SPED AWAY. D-6 REPORTED THAT THE SAME THING OCCURED THE NIGHT BEFORE WHEN A COW WAS SHOT. IN THIS INSTANCE IT WAS ALSO A USMC PC BUT THE NUMBER WAS NOT OBSERVED. INFORMED MPS (INFO ONLY).
		14	152400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.
				I CERTIFY THAT ALL ~~XX~~ ENTRIES ARE FACTUAL, CORRECT AND UP TO DATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, /S/ PAUL E. FEDELES
				(2) USMC KIA (ADDITIONAL KIA FM F CONTACT)
				(2) USMC WIA (EVAC)
				(1) USMC NBC K

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			160001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	161030H	C/1/3: AT 076623 DISCOVERED AT MINE 9" THICK 12" IN DIA. DETONATING DEVICE FLOWER SHAPED 3" IN DIA ⅜" ABOVE THE GROUND. M NE DESTROYED IN PLACE.
		2	160745H	C/1/3: AT 079621 DISCOVERED TENNIS SHOE WITH DRIED BLOOD. FURTHER SEARCH DISCLOSED (5) BUNKERS (9'x 6'x 4') RECENT ENEMY FOOTPRINTS IN AREA. BUNKERS USED RECENTLY. DESTROYED BUNKERS.
		3	160830H	I/3/3: FOUND (1) DECAYED BODY-NVA, (112625) DEAD APPROX (6) MONTHS OLD.
		4	161800H	I/3/3: (093624) SPOTTED (1) NVA IN OPEN (100625) WHO RAN RNT IN A BUNKER. AO ON STATION FIRED ORDNANCE AND CONDUCTING ARTY MSN. WILL CHECK TONIGHT IF AVAILABLE LIGHT PERMITS AND IF NOT WILL CHECK AT FIRST LIGHT.
		5	161700H	F/2/3: PTL FND (5) BUNKERS (967633) AND (2) MORTAR PITS WITH ADJOINING TRENCH.
		6	162100H	MAJ DAVIS (G-3 OPNS) FORWARDED A REQUEST FROM 1ST OF THE 5TH (USA) FOR A TEMPORARY BOUNDARY CHANGE INTO 3/3'S AO FROM 170700H TO 172000H. THIS IS NECESSARY FOR MOVEMENT OF USA CAV UNIT FM RT #9 INTO 1ST OF THE 5TH'S AO. PASSED TO 3/3 - APPROVED AT 162200H, MAJ DAVIS WAS THEN NOTIFIED.
		7	162145H	ORIGINAL ENTRIES 4,5,6, DELETED DUE TO THE FACT THAT SUPPOSED ROCKETS WERE ASCERTAINED TO BE OLD AMMUNITION BEING DESTROYED OUTSIDE PERIMETER.

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		8	162230H	IN FOLLOW-UP REF (REF TO ENTRY #4), 1/3/3 REPORTED ENEMY POSITION AT YD (096626), CORRECTION TO EARLIER REPORT. (2) AMBUSHES OBSERVED (2) NVA MOVING SOUTH AT DIFFERENT TIMES- NEITHER COULD MAKE POSITIVE ID ON ENEMY- WILL CHECK AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
		9	161800H	OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE SECURED, OPN IDAHO CANYON COMMENDED.
		10	162400H	JOURNAL CLOSED
				I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ENTRIES ARE COMPLETE, FACTUAL, AND UP TO DATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. /S/ M.J. MARHL 2D LT USMC
				ADD (1) NVA KIA (C)

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			170001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	171055H	LT COL MIX (G-3 OPNS) CALLED TO REQUEST A (6) MAN SECURITY DETAIL FOR ENGINEER EFFORT OUTSIDE DHCB. WILL SEND LIAISON OFF/NCO TO MAKE LIAISON WITH SECURITY PLT COMMANDER.
		2	171335H	NOTIFIED BY A COMPANY A, 3D TANKS CO THAT FLAME TANKS HAVE COMPLETED MISSION OF BURNING OFF UNDERBRUSH BETWEEN ECB AND KHE GIO BRIDGE. TANKS RETURNING TO C-2.
		3	170700H	I/3/3: SEARCHED AREA OF 161800H INCIDENT (096626) WITH NEG FINDINGS.
		4	171500H	EFFECTIVE 1500H: BNDRY CHANGE BETWEEN 1/3 & 2/3 ALONG 00 N-S GRID LINE IS PERMINANT.
		5	171430H	L/3/3: HAD (3) STRAY MEN AT C-3 BRIDGE, SUSPECTED (1) OF BEING UA, (1) ON DOPE. ADVISED 3/3 TO MOVE THEM TO CLDH TO BE PICKED UP BY MP'S. MP'S NOTIFIED, WILL SEND A UNIT AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.
		6	171400H	E/2/3 FOUND ENEMY MORTAR PIT WITH BUNKERS (973595). DESTROYED
		7	171115H	I/3/3 FOUND (12) BUNKERS EACH HAVING A TUNNEL IN REAR. ALL APPEAR TO BE APPROX (8) MONTHS OLD. UNIT SEARCHED COMPLEX WITH NEGATIVE FINDINGS. WILL DESTROY COMPLEX.
		8	171730H	TEMP BNDRY CHANGE REQ BY 2/3 FM PRESENT BNDRY AT GRID 000584 N ALONG 00 GRID LINE TO GRID 000659 FM DTG 181200H TO 201800H APPROVED BY 1/3.
		9	171540H	I/3/3: SQD SIZE PTL FND (7) BNKERS (4'x 5'x 3'). (3) BNKRS

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				WERE CONNECTED BY TUNNELS. BUNKERS ESTIMATED TO BE 8-12 MO OLD SEARCHED AREA AND FOUND (2) BROKEN E-TOOLS AND SEVERAL NVA TYPE BATTLE DRESSINGS. DESTROYED BUNKERS.
		10	171650H	RECON TEAM "SALINAS" VIC (095735) HEARD MOVEMENT AND OBSERVED APPROX (7) NVA. AO RAN (5) FLIGHTS FIXED WING RESULTING IN (6) NVA KIA, (7) BUNKERS DESTROYED AND (5) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, GRIDS (103732 TO 105730).
		11	172100H	TEMPORARY BOUNDARY CHANGE IN VINH DAI AREA EXTENDED TO 181700 AS REQUESTED BY MAJ DAVIS (G-3 OPNS).
		12	172400H	JOURNAL CLOSED
				I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ENTRIES ARE COMPLETE, FACTUAL, AND UP TO DATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
				/S/ G.E. PLANT 1ST LT USMC
				TOTALS: (6) NVA KIA

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			180001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	180830H	C/1/3: PLT FND (32) 82MM RNDS ALONG TRAIL, VIC (067586); UPON FURTHER SEARCH OF AREA, FND (4) BUNKERS AND (4) ADDITIONAL 82MM RNDS. ORDNANCE AND BUNKERS DESTROYED.
		2	181200H	MCB-53 REPORTED FINDING (1) RUSSIAN MADE PLASTIC MINE AT (061576). MINE WAS 12" IN DIA AND 4" THICK. MINE WAS 20 METERS OFF THE ROAD IN SIGHT OCCUPIED USUALLY BY A DUSTER, THE MINE WAS BLOWN IN PLACE.
		3	181345H	RECON TEAM "ELK RIVER" VIC (135750) MADE CONTACT WITH ESTIMATED (10) NVA. TEAM RETURNED SAF AND ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. TEAM HAD AO ON STATION. RESULTS: (1) USMC KIA AND (3) USMC WIA. MEDEVAC ON 1ST EXTRACT ATTEMPT TOOK SAF AND RETURNED TO A-4. TEAM EXTRACTED 181530H JULY. (2) NVA KIA (C).
		4	181600H	C/1/3: IN VIC (068589) DISCOVERED (45) BUNKERS IN GOOD CONDITION AND (5) 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS. ORDNANCE WAS BLOWN IN PLACE AND BUNKERS WILL BE BLOWN TOMORROW.
		5	182010H	F(-) 2/3: AT (975646) RECEIVED (18-20) 60MM MORTAR RNDS. UNIT CALLED IN ARTY. NEGATIVE CASUALTIES.
		6	181640H	I/3/3 SQUAD PATROL AT (084624) FND (14) LIVING AND STORAGE BUNKERS IN 75 METER PERIMETER. BUNKERS WERE OLD AND PARTIALLY COLLAPSED. FND MISC ORDNANCE. ORDNANCE WAS DESTROYED IN PLACE AND BUNKERS WERE BLOWN.

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		7	181600H	M PLT WHILE CHECKING OUT THE AREA OF PREVIOUS DAYS CONTACT OF RECON TEAM SALINAS VIC (103732) FND (2) BUNKERS DESTROYED BY AIR. AREA HAD NO OTHER SIGN OF ENEMY ACTIVITY, SWEPT AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.
		8	182100H	CALLED DIV RECON TO ARRANGE FOR LT COL BURRITT TO VISIT S-3 CONCERNING THE LAUNCHING OF RECON TEAMS FROM A-4 AND COMMAND RELATIONS.
		9	182145H	DIV RECON CALLED S-2; LT COL BURRITT WILL COME FOR LIAISON VISIT WITH S-3 AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE ON 19 JULY.
		10	182234H	NOD AT A-4 SPOTTED WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE A (10) VEHICLES MOVING NE IN VIC (140768). CALLED IN A FIRE MSN AND OBSERVED (4) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.
		11	182245H	K/3/3: AT C-2. LP HEARD MOVEMENT OF 3 TO 5 ENEMY IN VIC (133652). GROUND SURVEILLANCE ALSO RECORDED 3 TO 5. LP THEN OBSERVED (3) ENEMY, (1) WITH PACK AND WEAPON, AND TOOK THEM UNDER FIRE. LP WAS PULLED IN AND 60MM AND 81MM MSNS WERE CALLED IN. WILL SEARCH AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
				I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ENTRIES ARE COMPLETE, FACTUAL, AND UP TO DATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. /S/ 2D LT JOHN P. MCCANN
				TOTALS: (1) USMC KIA; (3) USMC WIA (E); (2) NVA (C)

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			190001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	190110H	RECVD WORD FM 3D MARDIV SITREP WRITER TO ADD (3) NVA KIA TO 3D MAR TOTALS. REF: 3/3 SPOT REP #09, 181345H.
		2	190415H	I/3/3: FIRE TEAM INITIATED AMBUSH ON (4 TO 6) NVA MOVING THROUGH SITE FM WEST AT (082639). FT USED CLAYMORES AND SAF; RECVD CHICOM GRENADES. PTL RETURNED TO PARENT UNIT TO REPORT. WILL CHECK SITE AT 1ST LIGHT. ADD (2) NVA KIA.
		3	190545H	I/3/3: SQD PATROL SEARCHED AREA OF AMBUSH (REF: ENTRY #1) FINDING MISC BLOODY CLOTHING AND BLOOD TRAILS LEADING NORTH.
		4	190850H	HELILIFT OF 1 SEC 81MM OF 2/3 FM ECB TO FSB BIRD COMMENCED, COMPLETED 0923.
		5.	190910H	M/3/3: PLT IN SMALL ARMS CONTACT WITH UNKNOWN SIZED ENEMY UNIT AT (138378). 81MM MSN BEING FIRED. ADD (1) USMC WIA (E)
		6	190930H	F/2/3: PTL FND 60MM PIT AND MISC GEAR AT (972647).
		7	190945H	F/2/3: PLT RAN INTO CS VIC (985641). MASKS USED BUT HAD TO RETURN TO POS AT (981647).
		8	190945H	B/1/3: SQD PTL SEARCHING STREAM CAME ~~XXXXX~~ UPON (1) NVA WITH GREEN UNIFORM AT (031573). POINT MAN OPENED FIRE WITH M-16 BUT WEAPON JAMMED. NVA FLED NE, DROPPING THE PACK AND WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY M-79. SQD SEARCHED AREA. NEG RESULTS.
		9	191015H	C/1/3: FND BUNKER COMPLEX VIC (072615-073613) CONSISTING OF APPROX (50) FIGHTING BUNKERS (4'x 3'x 4'); (100) 1-2 MAN FIGHTING HOLES AND POSSIBLE AMBUSH SITE.

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				APERATURES FACING NE - ESTIMATED TO BE 4-8 MO OLD. BUNKERS AND HOLES DESTROYED.
		10	191100H	I/3/3: FND (1) M-26 GRENADE AT (084645) LYING ON SIDE OF TRAIL. THE PIN WAS MISSING, SPOON HELD DOWN BY PACKED EARTH. GRENADE BLOWN IN PLACE. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED NO OTHER FINDINGS.
		11	191230H	I/3/3: FND (1) 250 LB BOMB 2-3 WKS OLD AT (093624) 5" INTO THE BANK OF A STREAM. GRID NOTED FOR POSSIBLE DESTRUCTION.
		12	191016H	I/3/3: SQD PATROL FND (1) AT MINE (10"x 8") AT (085645). DESTROYED SAME.
		13	191415H	G-3 OPNS CALLED TO REPORT (1) CH-34 DOWN (1) KM. EAST OF ECB NEAR ROAD. 2/3 INFORMED, SECURITY SENT OUT. BIRD LIFTED OUT 1445.
		14	191600H	BOUNDARY CHANGE- W/3/3 AND 2D ARVN FM PRESENT BNDRY AT (150710) EAST TO (170710) AND N ALONG (17) LINE TO CLOSE AT THE DMZ. EFFECTIVE FM 191600H TO 211200H.
		15	191715H	C/1/3: PTL FND (6) HOOTCHES AND (5) A FRAME BUNKERS AT (072614); COMPLEX WELL CAMOFLAGED; FRESH SETS OF TENNIS SHOE PRINTS IN AREA. COMPLEX DESTROYED.
		16	191745H	C/1/3: PTL SPOTTED (5) NVA WITH PACKS MOVING SE VIC (093603). CONDUCTED ARTY MSN WITH EXCELLENT COVERAGE. MOVEMENT STOPPED. WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT.

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		17	191900H	M/3/3: CONDUCTED AN A-6 BEACON HOP VIC (145726) WITH BDA CONDUCTED BY AO. WHILE CONDUCTING BDA, AO RECVD AUTO-WPNS FIRE FM VIC (145726). (6) BUNKERS DESTROYED; (50) METERS OF TRENCHES AND (3) TRAIL CUTS, ALSO DESTROYED. AO CONDUCTED ARTY MSN ON ENEMY POS. REQUEST FOR BEACON HOP XXXXX FOR 3/3 AT 200600H.
		18	192030H	K/3/3: AT A-4, OBSERVED WITH NOD WHAT APPEARED TO BE A VEHICLE MOVING EAST VIC (122749). CONDUCTED ARTY MSN WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
		19	192145H	I/3/3: FIRE TEAM AMBUSH HAD MOVEMENT W TO E ALONG OLD TANK TRAIL AT (086651). OPENED FIRE WITH MG AND M-79 AND SAF. CONDUCTED ARTY MSN. FT RETURNED TO PLT POS. WILL CHECK AREA BEFORE FIRST LIGHT.
		20	192250H	F/2/3: REQUEST PRIORITY WATER RESUPPLY FOR F PLT ON 200700H. 2/3 INFORMED IT WAS 2-3 HOURS TOO LATE FOR COC TO HELP THEM, ADVISED THEM TO GET IN TOUCH XXXXXX WITH 2/3 S-4 AT VCB.
		21	192250H	F/2/3: ALSO REQUESTED BOUNDARY CHANGE TO 211800 TO THE 00 GRID LINE. 2/3 ADVISED 99 GRID AS EASTERN BOUNDARY REMAINS IN EFFECT INDEFINITELY.
		22	192322H	M/3/3: CALLED IN ACTIVE ROCKET MSN ON VIC (047683). K-5 REPORTS AT LEAST (10) EXPLOSIONS OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN IN GRID SQUARE (1070). APPEARED TO BE IN VOLLIES OF (5).

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		23	192150H	I/3/3: FIRE TEAM AMBUSH ON TANK TRAIL SPOTTED (4) NVA MOVING EAST. INITIATED AMBUSH. FIRED SMALL ARMS, DETONATED CLAYMORE MINES. CONDUCTED ARTY MSN ON ESCAPE ROUTES. PLT WILL SEARCH AREA TONIGHT.
		24	192325H	I/3/3: REFER TO ENTRY 23 (Follow Up) FND DRAG MARKS IN AMBUSH SITE (086651). DRAG MARKS LOOKED LIKE THAT OF A DRAGGING BODY OR BODIES. INSUFFICIENT ILLUMINATION TO SEE ANY DETAILS.
		25	192255H	K PLT: AT A-4 RECEIVED (2) VOLLIES OF (5) RNDS OF UNKNOWN CAL OR SIZE ROCKETS. ALL RNDS IMPACTED IN GRID 1070. CALLED ARTY MSN ON SUSPECTED FIRING SITE. NEG X CASUALTIES.
				I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ENTRIES ARE ACCURATE, COMPLETE, AND UP TO DATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
				/S/ M.J. MAEHL 2D LT USMC
				TOTALS: (5) NVA KIA
				(1) USMC WIA (EVAC)

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			200001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	200315H	K PLT 3/3: (A-4) RECEIVED (3-5) RNDS OE SUSPECTED ROCKET FIRE. ALL ROUNDS IMPACTED IN GRIDS (1070-1069). CALLED ARTY MSN ON SUSPECTED ENEMY ROCKET POS(058683) NEG CAS.
		2	200645H	M (-) 3/3: SPOTTED (10) NVA MOVING SE AT (140723). M (-) FIRED SMALL ARMS. AO RECEIVED 50 CAL FIRE. M (-) AWAITING FIXED WING.
		3	200900H	AO WORKING FOR M (-) 3/3 RAN (2) FLTS OF FIXED WING ON ACTIVE 50 CAL MG AND ENEMY IN OPEN RESULTING IN (2) BUNKERS AND (4) FIGHTING HOLES DESTROYED, AND (4) NVA KIA. M (-) 3/3 WILL SEARCH AREA. [illegible]
		4	200930H	/3/3: REQUESTED A TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF AND EXPANSION OF THEIR TEMPORARY AO FROM THE 2D ARVN AO. 3/3 [illegible] REQUESTS AN EXPANSION E TO THE 18 N-S GRID LINE AND AN EXTENSION UNTIL 251800H.
		5	200815H	I/3/3: SQUAD FOUND (9) BUNKERS AT (093646) (REFER TO ENTRY #2 9-12 MO OLD. (2) BUNKERS SHOWED SIGNS OF RECENT USE. BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED.
		6	200620H	M (*) 3/3: NOTED ADDITIONAL BUNKERS AT (153761). FIXED WING HAD DESTROYED (8) ADDITIONAL BUNKERS. THEY REQUESTED ADDITIONA FLIGHTS [illegible] OF FIXED WING.
		7	200805H	C/1/3 PLT: SPOTTED (15-20) NVA AT (088617) AND AO ALSO SPOTTD

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		AN ENEMY BUNKER COMPLEX AT (088624). HAVE FIRE MISSION AND AND FIXED WING ON THE AREA.
8	201130H	M/3/3 PLT MOVING TO SEARCH OUT THE AREA OF EARLIER FIXED WING FOUND 3 BUNKERS WITH (20) 82MM ROUNDS AND (3) AT MINES AT (145725). 82MM RNDS AND 82MM ROCKETS AND MINES WERE BLOWN.
9	201405H	2/3: REQUEST CLEARANCE TO 00 GRID LINE- NEGATIVE CLEARANCE. 2/3 WILL LIAISON WITH 1/3 WHEN A PATROL MOVES INTO 1/3'S AO.
10	201045H	B-3 RPT HAS UNIDENTIFIED NVA ELEMENT OF UNKNOWN SIZE WITHIN 500 METERS OF (160748). 3/3 NOTIFIED.
11	201500H	3/3 REPORTED RECON TEAM "PEACH STATE" CONDUCTED ARTY MSN ON 3-4 NVA WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AO IN AREA, TEAM WILL CHECK AREA PHYSICALLY BEFORE DARK.
12	201700H	1/3: REQUEST NAPALM RUN BE CHANGED FM GS (0763) TO GS (0762) AND NORTH, ⅓ OF GS (0761). 3/3 AND DASC NOTIFIED. REQ APPRV
13	201755H	RECVD FROST CALL FM ENGR OOD INTELL REPS A STRONG POSS OF RCKT AND GRND ATTACK. ALL SECTORS WILL USE MAX ILLUM BETWEEN 2000 AND 0400. ALL TOWERS WILL BE ON SPECIAL ALERT W/MAX USE OF NODS SECTORS 2,3,4, W/H&I, M-79. Co Hq NOTIFIED
14	201500H	2/3: REQ FOR TEMP BNDRY EXT. (SEE ENTRY #9) BECAUSE PTL WAS ALREADY IN 1/3 AO. 1/3 NOTIFIED, GRANTED EXT FM 201600H TO 211800H.
15	201000H	SQD PTL SWEPT THRU AREA OF 19 JULY AMB (086650) TO (086651). FND (25) LIVING AND STORAGE BNKERS APPROX (1) YR OLD.

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			CMPLX IN 360 W/CONNECTING TRAILS. SEARCHED AREA AND FND (1) AP MINE. DESTROYED SAME.
		16 201900H	2/3: REQ C&E BIRD TO TAKE F-5/F-8 TO FIELD; PRESENCE NEEDED; 5 AND 8 AT ECB.
		17 201000H	AO COND BDA OF F/W MSN VIC (148724) AND FND (18) BNKERS USED APPROX 24-48 HRS AGO. ALSO FND (1) MORTAR PIT, MISC DOCUMENTS, 782 GEAR AND ORDNANCE-(32) 82MM RNDS, (6) 60MM RNDS, (2) AT MX MINES AND (1) SATCHEL CHARGE. COMPLEX BELIEVED TO BE 1½ MO OLD TRAIL RUNNING N TO S TO COMPLEX- ALL AND ORDNANCE DESTROYED. M/3/3 CONDUCTED BDA.
		18 200815H	C/1/3 PTL SPTD APPROX (40-45) NVA VIC (089619) MOVING N OVER HILL WEARING WELL CAMOFLAGED UTILITIES, CARRYING STRETCHERS. CONDUCTED ARTY MSN, EN RAN OVER HILL. RAN FW MSN, (3) STINGRAY PTL COMBINED TO SWEEP AREA. FOUND SEV BLOOD TRAILS.
		19 201530H	E/2/3: FND (4) OLD BUNKERS ALONG TRAILS AT (983606). TRACKS LEADING NE INDICATE (3-4) NVA. UNIT CHECKED ARE W/NEG RESULTS AND DESTROYED BUNKERS.
		20 201545H 201715H	RECON TEAM PEACH STATE (087712) SPOTTED (2) NVA IN GREEN UTILITIES AND HELMETS, CARRYING UNK TYPE WPNS AND BINOCULARS. ALL GEAR APPEARED TO BE NEW. TM CALLED IN ARTY MSN. AO CALLED ON STATION TO CHECK TARGET AREA FOR BDA. AO OBS SEVERAL BNKRS AND TRENCHES IN AREA WHICH WERE STILL INTACT. AO RECVD SAF FM SE OF TARGET AREA.

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		21	201930H M/3/3: VIC (148735) SPOTTED (9) NVA AND INITIATED CONTACT WITH SAME AT GRID (145735). ENEMY FLED TO THE WEST. AO ON STATION SAW THEM MOVE INTO TRENCHES AND CALLED ARTY MSN ON (139728). AO REQ ILLUM TO CHECK BDA. M CO WILL SWEEP AND CHECK AREA.
		22	REFER TO ENTRY #1: K/3/3: CONDUCTED CRATER ANALYSIS, WHICH INDICATED 122MM ROCKETS FM 4600 MIL EST GRID (058688).
		23	201945H I/3/3 (093644) SPOTTED (8-10) NVA HEADING SOUTH VIC (093650). ENEMY WERE WEARING PACKS AND SOME TYPE OF HEADGEAR. UNIT CALLED ARTY MSN AND WILL SEARCH AT 1ST LIGHT.
		24	202345H MSG SENT TO 1/3 LETTING THEM KNOW NAPALM DROP IS HUNG UP AND DETAILS WILL FOLLOW AS WE RECEIVE THEM.
		25	201200H (LATE ENTRY) TEMP BNDRY CH BETWEEN 1/3 AND 3/3 (0866 SW TO 0764 THEN SE TO 0962) WILL REVERT BACK AT 211000H

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/S/ G.E. PLANT 1ST LT USMC

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			210001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	210742H	RECVD MSG ADVISING US OF DISPLACEMENT OF 3/3 CP TO A-4.
		2	210410H 210610H	RECON TEAM PEACH STATE (087713) MADE CONTACT AND OBSERVED (1) TO (10) NVA IN VIC (089709)AND @ 0410 RECVD MG FIRE, AT 0500H MOVEMENT, AT 0610H TM SPT (1) NVA. TM SEARCHED AREA FND MISC GEAR AND (4) BLOOD TRAILS.
		3	210835H 08XXH	M/3/3 (INIT) (148735) RECEIVING (8) RNDS 60MM FM VIC (145743). AO ON STATION CONDUCTING ARTY MSN WITH UNK RES.
		4	210900H	K/3/3 (INIT) (135660) RECEIVING SA SNIPER FIRE FM UNK SIZE EN FORCE AT (120660). AO AND (2) GUNSHIPS ON STATION, K REACTION FORCE W/ (5) TANKS SWEEPING TOWARD EN POS AND ELEMENT OF I/3/3 PIT SWEEPING FM WEST TO BLOCKING POS. ENGR RADIO OP KILLED AND UNK WIA @ THIS WRITING.
		5	210855H	THIS HQ RECVD REPLY FM 3/3 GIVING NAMES FOR TWO RZ'S SUBMITTED. THE WESTERN RZ IS EAGLE EYE AND EASTERN IS JAW BREAKER.
		6	211000H	RECVD REQ FM 2D ARVN FOR AO EXTENSION FM 67 N TO 71 N-S GL ONE KM TO THE WEST. DURATION FM 211000H TO 221800H. NOTIFIED 3/3. REPLY ANSWERED 211100H, OK BY MAJ DOLSON (S-3), FSCC AND DIV.
		7	210820H	REFER TO ENTRY #4. ROAD SWEEP WAS ATTACKED BY 15-25 NVA IN TREELINE WELL CONCEALED. TM RECVD RPG AND AUTO WPN FIRE. AO CONDUCTED ARTY MSN. RES (2) USMC KIA, (2) USMC WIA, (3) USA WIA.

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8	210934H	RECVD MSG (210934H-SECRET) FM 3D MARDIV TO NOTIFY THEM OF ANY OPCON CHANGES WITHIN UNITS.
9	211100H	RECVD B-3 INTELL REP UN-IDENTIFIED NVA ELE OF UNK SIZE WITHIN 200M 1/3. 3A NOTIFIED 1110H, A/1/3 CONDUCTED 81 MSN ON AREA OF EN (010590).
10	210945H	F/2/3: SQD PTL FND NUMEROUS FOOTTRINTS VIC (993654). EST PLT WEARING HO CHI MINH SANDELS. SIGNS VERY FRESH, PRINTS SHOWING MOVEMENT TO THE NE. SQD CONTINUED THE PATROL ALONG STREAM BED.
11	211240H	REFER TO ENTRY NR #4. K/3/3: ELEMENT SPT UNKNOWN SIZE EN FORCE MOVING EAST VIC (114685). INITIATED CONTACT, AO ON STATION. ADD (1) NVA KIA. MORE TO FOLLOW.
12	210830H	C/1/3: PTL FND (11) BUNKERS VIC (070614) ALSO FOUND (5) CHICOMS. ALL BUNKERS WERE IN GOOD SHAPE AND WERE LIVING TYPE ACCOMODATIONS. UNIT DESTROYED THE CHICOMS IN PLACE. WILL CALL ARTY MSN TO DESTROY BUNKERS.
13	211510H	LT COL LILLY, CO 3D ENGR BN CALLED SAYING HE IS GOING TO RELOCATE CO B TO VCB WHEN 3D MAR MOVES TO XX ECB, WITH OUR CONCURRENCE. GRANTED.
14	211300H	BEACON HOP RAN ON 971653 RESULTING X IN (8) BUNKERS DESTROYED AND (2) BUNKERS DAMAGED, (1) SECONDARY EXPLOSION.
15	211520H	3/3 CP (-): MOVED TO A-4 FOR PERIOD OF ABOUT 3 DAYS.

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	16	210700H	M/3/3: (148735) PLT PTL SEARCHED AREA OF CONTACT OF 20 JULY. PTL FOUND NO BLOOD TRAILS OR BODIES IN THE AREA, BUT DID FIND (11) BUNKERS, (3) WERE (6'x 6'x 4'), (8) WERE (6'x 5'x 3'). BUNKERS SHOWED RECENT USE WITHIN LAST 48 HRS, ALSO FOUND MISC GEAR IN (3) NEW BUNKERS. WILL CALL ARTY MSN ON BUNKERS AND WILL DESTROY ALL GEAR IN PLACE.
	17	211945H	~~XXXXX~~ RECEIVED WORD FM CAPT MEEKER, G-3 OPNS, THAT A TRUCK CONVOY FOR CONTINGENCY OPNS WAS ON ITS WAY TO CAM LO AND IT WILL BE THERE TOMORROW NIGHT.
	18	211100H	M/3/3: (148735) PLT PTL FND (3) BUNKERS, APPROX (2 TO 4) WKS ~~XX~~ OLD. (1) WITH A MORTAR PIT NEAR AT (149733). AT (154742) FND (15) BUNKERS, (5) OF WHICH HAD BEEN USED RECENTLY ~~XXXX~~ (WITHIN LAST 48 HRS). (1) BUNKER WAS (12'x15'x 7') AND CONTAINED MISC GEAR, BLOODY CLOTHING, AND BANDAGES. SOME BUNKERS HAD BEEN PARTIALLY DESTROYED BY AIR AND ARTY, ALSO FOUND (3) DEAD NVA. DESTROYED ALL. RESULTS: (3) NVA KIA, (1) AK-47 CAPTURED.
	19	211350H	REFER TO ENTRY #11, K PLT WITH TANKS CHECKED AREA OF AMBUSH ~~XXX~~ FINDING (1) RPG LAUNCHER, (2) RPG ROUNDS AND NVA FLAG.
	20	211615H	I/3/3 PLT PTL SPOTTED (2) NVA IN HEDGEROW. PLT ASSAULTED THE HEDGE KILLING BOTH NVA. UNIT SWEPT AREA FINDING (6) FIGHTING HOLES, (4) RPG LAUNCHERS AND MISC AMMO AND NVA 782 GEAR.
	21	211445H	C/1/3: FND (1) NVA TROUSER WITH BLOOD STAINS, (1) USED TOURNICUIT, AND (1) NVA TENNIS SHOE APPROX # DAYS OLD AT 059609.

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		22	211945H C/1/3: FOUND FRESH NVA TRACKS LEADING S-SE AT 078609. EST (6-8) MEN MADE THE TRACKS. FIRED 81MM MSN.
			DAILY TOTALS.
			(2) USMC KIA
			(2) USMC WIA
			(3) USA WIA
			(6) NVA KIA
			I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ENTRIES ARE FACTUAL, CORRECT AND UP TO DATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
			/S/ J.P. MC CANN 2D LT USMC
		23	211945-212045H I/3/3: (093638) SPT (10-12) NVA ON TOP OF A SM HILL AT (082639). CONDUCTED ARTY MSN AND PREPARED SCD TO CHECK AREA, BUT ~~XXXXX~~ HELD THEM BACK ~~XXXX~~ DUE TO MOVEMENT NEAR THEIR POS. INVESTIGATED AND SPT (2) NVA ON TANK TRAIL AND FIRED M-79'S. UNIT WILL SEARCH BOTH AREAS AT 1ST LIGHT.

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			220001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	220145H	I/3/3 SQD PTL SEARCHED AREA (082639) OF LAST NIGHTS ENEMY MOVEMENT WHERE (10-12) NVA WERE SPOTTED AND FIRED ON. SEARCH REVEALED (1) DEAD NVA AND NUMEROUS FOOTPRINTS INDICATING ENEMY MOVEMENT TO NW.
		2	220935H	RECON TM SHURCHVIEW WAS INSERTED INTO RZ FOR BDA.
		3	220755H	POSITION RPTS FOR EAGLE EYE AND LAWBREAKER SUBMITTED BY MSG TO DIVISION.
		4	221200H	C/1/3: FOUND ENEMY REST AREA AT (079616). AREA CONSISTED OF (3) INCOMING BUNKERS AND (6) DESTROYED BUNKERS. EQUIPMENT FOUND CONSISTED OF (6½) LBS OF TNT, (300) AK-47 RNDS, (1) 61MM, AND (50) LBS OF RICE.
		5	221230H	AO "V" RED AT (167712) FOUND (30) MOUNDS OF DIRT, SUSPECTED NVA GRAVE SIGHT. 3/3 notified AND WILL CHECK GRAVES TOMORROW.
		6	221230H	AO "V" RED AT (070614) FOUND (7) BUNKERS AND HEAVY TRAIL ACTIVITY. NOTIFIED 1/3.
		7	221100H	M/3/3 HAD AO CHECK AREA OF BEACON HOP OF 201827H AT 153760. BDA: (7) BUNKERS DESTROYED, (5) BUNKERS UNCOVERED, AND (10) M OF TRENCH LINE DESTROYED.
		8	220715H	K I/3/3: FIRE TEAM AMB SPOTTED (3) NVA MOVING S AT (093652). CALLED IN ARTY AND AO ON STATION. SQD CHECKING AREA, FOUND (4) bunkers and FRESH TRACKS.
		9	220805H	SWEEP TM 305 WHILE SWEEPING ROAD AT (113554) RECVD (1) RND OF 60MM FIRE. ACTION TAKEN, NEGATIVE

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		10	221020H	F/2/3: (964627), PTL FND (9) BNKERS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN RECENTLY USED AND VERY OLD. DESTROYED BUNKERS.
		11	221730H	NOTIFIED BY1/3-S-3, THAT CB TRUCK HAD BLOWOUT 1000M EAST OF KHE GIO BRIDGE. RAN OVER EMBANKMENT AND ROLLED OVER. MINOR INJURIES.
		12	221530H	1/3 REQUESTED (1) ADDITIONAL HST TEAM FOR FSB FULLER. 3A INSTRUCTED 1/3'S 3A TO TAKE HST WITH CO B TO FULLER TOMORROW & ENSURE FULLER CONSTANTLY HAS HST.
		13	221530H	RECON TEAM CHURCHVIEW CHECKED OUT EASTERN AREAS OF ARCLIGHT AND WAS EXTRACTED.
		14	221407H	C/1/3: FND (16) LIVING BUNKERS (068616) & NUMEROUS FIGHTING HOLES. CPLX HAD COOKING AREA AND LIVING SPACE. UNIT SEARCHED AND FOUND MISC GEAR. DESTROYED GEAR AND COMPLEX.
		15	221600H	M/3/3: (155747) WAS CONDUCTING AN ARTY MSN VIC (159755), RNDS IMPACTING (800) TO (1000) METERS FROM FRIENDLY POSITION. WHILE MSN BEING CONDUCTED A PIECE OF SCHRAPNEL STRUCK THE FO IN THE LOWER ABDOMEN. ADD (1) USMC WIA (E)
		16	221403H	NITE POS FOR JAW BREAKER IS AT (166752); FOR EAGLE EYE AT (145759). 2100H DUE TO CONTACT, EAGLE WILL MOVE TO (149751). SEE ENTRY #19.
		17	222245H	3D TANKS 6 SENT TANK LOCATION AND STATUS CHANGES. A-4 (4GUN) C-2 (5 GUN, 1 FLAME); C-3B (4 GUN). REQ TODAY (2) FLAMES AT 3D TANKS POS, THEY ARE CHOPPED TO 3D TANKS 231000H AND REMAIN

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				AS LONG AS TACTICAL COMMAND NEEDS.
		18	221900H	M/3/3: SPOTTED (7) NVA IN OPEN AND INITIATED CONTACT BY SAF AND CONDUCTED ARTY MSN ON EGRESS ROUTES. WILL SEARCH AT 1ST LGT.
		19	221900H	EAGLE EYE: (148754) RECVD (6) RNDS 60MM, NEG CAS; ALL RNDS IMPACTED OUTSIDE PERIMETER. AO ON STATION, COND COUNTER MORTAR MSN (144748). TM SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RESULTS; MOVED TO NEW NIGHT POS. (SEE ENTRY #15).
		20	222240H	K/3/3: AT C-2, USINGS NOD'S, SPOT ED (5) PEOPLE MOVING WEST. CONDUCTED 60MM, 81MM AND TANK MSN. AFTER MSN, NOD PICKED UP (2) PEOPLE IN AREA. UNIT WILL SEARCH AT FIRST LIGHT.
		21	221630H	JAW BREAKER, VIC (166752), SPOTTED (7) NVA IN TREE LINE MOVING SW AT (169759), ALSO MANY TRAILS IN AREA. NEG ACTION TAKEN.
		22	212100H	(LATE ENTRY) JAW BREAKER VIC (166752), FND UNK NUMBER OF BUNKERS IN RAVINE (164753) RUNNING N TO S APPROX (200) METERS. TM ALSO HEARD NVA PLAYING RADIOS IN AREA. AO LOCATED BUNKERS AND CONDUCTED ARTY MSN; (4) BUNKERS DESTROYED.
		23	220230H	1/3: (3) RUNS OF (2) ARC LIGHTS EACH ON ARC LIGHT OPNS IN THEIR AO. AO AND RECON TEAMS TO COLLECT BDA.
TOTALS:		(1) NVA KIA (1) USMC WIA (E)		I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ENTRIES ARE COMPLETE, FACTUAL AND UP TO DATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
				/S/ M.J. MAEHL 2D LT USMC

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			230001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	230210H	M/3/3: (155747) RECEIVED (15) RNDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC (144745). ALL ROUNDS LANDED OUTSIDE PERIMETER. FIRED ARTY MSN ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION. NEG CAS.
		2	230655H	INFORMED BY 3D MAR AIR SECT THAT 1/3'S HELILIFT DELAYED UNTIL 1000H.
		3	230800H	AO CLOUDY SKY CHECKED FOR BDA FROM BEACON HOP RUN AT 221835H ON (171736). AO OBSERVED FIVE BUNKERS DESTROYED AND MXXXX 14 OBSERVED (1) SECONDARY EXPLOSION AT TIME OF STRIKE.
		4	230925H	JAWBREAKER 3/3 EXITED DMZ AT 230915H. IS NOW MOVING TOWARD M (-) POSITION.
		5	230945H	(FINAL) K/3/3: FROM C-2. SEARCHED AREA OF ACTIVITY IN WHICH NOD PICKED UP THE MOVEMENT OF (5) NVA, REPORTED ON 222240H. NEG RESULTS.
		6	231100H	INFORMED BY 3D MAR 14 SECT THAT 1/3'S HELILIFT DELAYED UNTIL 1300H.
		7	231045H	EAGLE EYE EXITED DMZ, MOVING TO MX M (-) POS.
		8	231130H	RECVD MSG FM DAGMAR 3 THAT ECB COULD BE EFFECTIVELY COVERED W/(2) TOWERS, (1) BY REG CP AND (1) INX WESTERN CORNER

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		9	231145H INFORMED BY 3D MAR 1Lt SECT THAT 1/3'S HELILIFT COMMENCED AT 111511 WITH 2 46'S. HELILIFT COMPLETE @ 231215H
		10	230900H C/1/3: (054624) PTL FND CACHE OF MISC ORDNANCE IN BUNKER. DESTROYED ORDNANCE.
		11	230800H M/3/3: PLT (157747) SWEPT THROUGH BUNKER COMPLEX NEAR AREA WHERE UNIT MADE CONTACT (221920H). FND (10) BUNKERS, MISC ORDNANCE, MISC GEAR AND PAPERS AND (3) MORTAR PITS. COMPLEX APPROX (1) TO (5) MO OLDX TENNELS CONNECTING MORTAR PITS, BUNKERS, PITS AND ALL GEAR AND ORDNANCE DESTROYED WITH EXCEPTION OF MEDICAL GEAR AND (1) NEWSPAPER.
		12	231717H M/3/3: RPTD ACTIVE MORTARS AT (155756). CALLED FOR FIRE MSN. AO IN AREA.
		13	231500H D/1/3: PTL FND (32) 2.75 RKT RNDS-U.S.- IN A GULLY. THEY WERE IN AN A/C ROCKET POD WHICH SHOWED SIGNS OF BEING TAMPERED WITH.
		14	231500H C/1/3: PTL FND BNKR COMPLEX OF (25) BUNKERS RUNNING FM HILL 162 WEST 300 METERS THEN NORTH 200METERS. VIC (062637-056639). APPROX (4) TO (6) MO OLD; USED WITHIN LAST MO ALSO FND MISC ORDNANCE AND GEAR. AREA SEARCHED; GEAR AND ORDNANCE DESTROYED WILL DESTROY BUNKERS WITH ARTY.
		15	231600H M/3/3: VIC (165732) HEARD THE IMPACTING OF 6-8 ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE. THE ROUND APPEARED TO HAVE LANDED IN THE

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				COMPANY'S OLD POSITION VIC (152744). CALLED ARTY MSN ON
				SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION VIC (155754).
		16	232400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.
				DAYS TOTALS. ENEMY 0; FRIENDLY 0.
				I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ENTRIES ARE FACTUAL, COMPLETE, AND
				UP TO DATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
				/S/ G.E. PLANT 1ST LT USMC

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			240001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	240600H	BOUNDARY CHANGE EAST TO THE 18 GRID LINE AND SOUTH GENERALLY TO THE 64 GRID LINE EFFECTIVE UNTIL 281800H.
		2	232050H	LATE ENTRY. RECVD MSG FM 2/3 ABOUT DISPLACING 81MM PLT FM H/2/3 (977597) TO E/2/3 (987623) TO TAKE PLACE @ 250800H.
		3	232300H TO 240600H	G/2/3: PTL AMBUSH HEARD MOVEMENT VIC (000564 TO 002565) @ 232300H. AT FIRST LIGHT, UNIT WILL SEARCH AREA. FOUND (1) LARGE NVA FLAG, SEVERAL SMALL NVAR PAPER FLAGS, PROPAGANDA, AND (5) HOLES DUG FOR MINES.
		4	240650H	I/3/3 (091653) SPT AND INITIATED CONTACT WITH 1 NVA. PTL SEARCHED AND FOUND (1) BODY AND BLOOD TRAILS, THEN RECEIVED SAF FM (5) TO (10) NVA (090656). AO CONDUCTED ARTY MSN, PTL SEARCHED AND FND (4) NVA KIA AND (4) AK-47'S,XXX (2) NVA MAPS WITH INTELL INFO. BODIES WERE IN EXCELLENT, HEALTHY CONDITION, WITH FRESH HAIRCUTS AND GOOD WEB GEAR. RESULTS: FR:(1) KIA, (2) WIA (E), (1) WIA (M). EN: (4) NVA KIA, (4) AK-47. PTL KØ FOLLOWING BLOOD TRAILS.
		5	240800H	M/3/3: PLT RETURNING TO A-4 HAD MARINE STEP ON A SFD (137727). RESULTS: (1) USMC KIA, (1) USMC WIA.
		6	240935H	I/3/3: RECVD (10) RNDS 82MM. AO ON STATION, COUNTER MORTAR MSN BEING CONDUCTED ON (095665), (097658). ADD (1) USMC WIA(E)
		7	240850H	ROAB SWEEP TM FM A-4 FND AN AP MINE WHICH HAD BEEN SET IN LAST NIGHTX (129677). MINE BLOWN IN PLACE; INDICATION OF OTHER MINE BENEATH. SEARCH REVEALED 2 SETS OF FOOTPRINTS HEADING SW.

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		8.	241010H	M/3/3: FOLLOW UP TO ENTRY #5. MARINE WAS FROM 1/3 WHO WAS IN REAR PORTION OF COLUMN AND STEPPED ON PRESSURE RELEASE A/T MINE ON TRAIL WITH APPROX (25) LBS OF EXPLOSIVE CONTAINED IN MINE. MARINE DIED BEFORE MEDEVAC. AREA PROBED WITH NEG FINDINGS.
		9	240945H	AO CHECKED FOR BDA FM A-6 BEACON HOP ON 231807H VIC (164753). OBSERVED (2) BNKRS DEST AND 30 METERS OF TRAIL DESTROYED.
		10	240930H	AO RAN A F/W STRIKE VIC (092728) ON A BNKR CMPLX. AIR CRAFT RECEIVED SAF DURING RUN. BDA WAS (5) BUNKERS DEST AND 15 METERS OF TRENCH DESTROYED.
		11	241200H	A/1/3: CHECKING AREA OF CS EMPLOYMENT OF 15 JULY (022620) TO (028620). REPORTED ONLY FAINT TRACES OF GAS PERSISTED WITH HIGHEST DENSITY IN LOW LYING AREAS;NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO NECESSITATE USE OF GAS MASKS.
		12	241200H	B-3 REP: UNIDENTIFIED NVA ELEMENT OF UNK SIZE WITHIN 200METERS OF (189689). 3/3 NOTIFIED.
		13	241300H	B-3 REP: UNIDENTIFIED NVA ELEMENT OF UNK SIZE WITHIN 500METERS OF (176708). 3/3 NOTIFIED.
		14	241100H	E/2/3: PATROL FND MISC U.S. GEAR AND ORDNANCE SPREAD AROUND AREA VIC (969616). UNUSABLE GEAR WAS DESTROYED.
		15	240745H	M/3/3: PATROL DISCOVERED (1) PARTIALLY DESOMPOSED NVA BODY VIC (168721) APPROX (1) MO OLD. BODY WAS IN SHALLOW GRAVE COVERED WITH PLASTIC SHEET. ADD (1) NVA KIA.

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		16	240815H	E/2/3: PTL FND MISC GEAR AND ORDNANCE SPREAD OVER AREA VIC (974616), ALSO FOUND (1) ALMOST COMPLETELY DECOMPOSED NVA BODY. UNUSABLE GEAR WAS DESTROYED.
		17	241100H	I/3/3: SQD PTL FOLLOWING BLOOD TRAILS CAME UPON (1) WOUNDED NVA. TRIED TO GET HIM TO CHIEU HOI WHICH HE REFUSED AND FIRED ON SQD. SQD KILLED HIM AND THEN SWEPT AREA 75 METERS FURTHER AND FOUND (1) DEAD NVA. BOTH ENEMY WERE WEARING GREEN UTILITIES AND SOFT COVERS. ALSO FOUND MISC GEAR.
		18	241730H	B-3 REP: UNIDENTIFIED NVA ELEMENT WITHIN 200 METERS OF 176708. 3/3 NOTIFIED.
		19	241430H	B/1/3: PTL FND TRAIL VIC (024621), THE TRAIL RAN NW AND APPEARED TO BE 12 DAYS OLD WITH FOOT PRINTS OF APPROX XX 13 PEOPLE. AT (023619) FND TRENCH LINE WITH LIVING QUARTERS AND COOKING AREA, LIVING QUARTERS APPROX (2 TO 3) MO OLD. UNITS SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. DESTROYED AREA AND FILLED TRNCH
		20	241741H	I (-) WHILE RECEIVING RESUPPLY WERE TOOK UNDER MORTAR FIRE. 10 TO 12 60MM ROUNDS IMPACTED. UNIT FIRED 60MMS. AO ON STATION FIRED ARTY MSN.
		21	241845H	I/3/3: (088655) REPORTED AO RECEIVED 25-50 RNDS OF 50 CAL MG FIRE. AO RAN HIS OWN ORDNANCE AND CALLED ARTY MSN ON SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION (088655) (075655).
		22	241830H	I/3/3: MOVING TO THE NORTH (091653) RECVD 3-4 RNDS SA SNIPER FIRE FM UNK POS. S-2 SCOUT WAS WOUNDED. (1) USMC WIA (EVAC)

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		23	241715H	M (-) 3/3: SEARCHED AREA ENCOMPASSING GRAVE SITES REPORTED B AO, ON 221730H. RESULTS WERE NEG. GRAVES, OLD CIVILIAN.
		24	241640H	A (-) 1/3: WHILE MOVING, HEARD ENEMY VOICES IN A DEEP DRAW (023626). FRAGGED THE DRAW AND CALLED ARTY ON (024634). AREA WILL BE SWEPT IN THE MORNING.
		25	241715H	M (-): SEARCHED THE AREA ENCOMPASSING GRAVE SITES REPORTED BY AO AT 221730H. RESULTS WERE NEG.
		26	242400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.
				TOTALS: (2) USMC KIA
				(6) USMC WIA
				(8) NVA KIA
				I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ENTRIES ARE FACTUAL, COMPLETE AND UP TO DATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
				/S/ JOHN P. MC CANN 1ST LT USMC

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			250001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	250705H	HELILIFT OF SECT OF 81MM MORTARS FM H/2/3 TO E/2/3 COMMENCED.
		2	250810H	HELILIFT COMPLETED.
		3	250830H	LT COL EVANS INTERROGATIVE RESULTS: 240945H, SUSPECTED BUTTERFLY MINES VIC (133625). CONTACTED 3/3; THEY HAD RECVD NO REPORT OF THIS. G-4 OPNS NOTIFIED AND ACKNOWLEDGED 0835H.
		4	250830H	C/1/3: (052651) SPOTTED (10) ENEMY IN THE OPEN. CALLED ARTY MSN. ELEMENTS OF C/1/3 WILL PURSUE. ENEMY GRID (048652).
		5	250717H	ELEMENTS OF C/1/3 FOUND (2) CHICOMS ON A HEAVILY USED TRAIL. TRAIL EXTENDED FROM (068639 TO 070646). THE CHICOMS WERE BLOWN IN PLACE.
		6	250900H 0000	C/1/3 SWEEP OF CS TARGET AREA (069656 TO 069651 AND 068632 TO 066655) PRODUCED NEG RESULTS. THE SROPS OF 22 JULY LEFT NO SIGNS OF CS GAS IN THE AREA.
		7	241800H 250830H	I PLT: MOVED INTO NIGHT POSITION (088664) AND FOUND SIGNS OF RECENT ACTIVITY. ALSO FND FAIRLY NEW MORTAR PITS WITH AIMING STAKES FM WEST TO EAST.
		8	251039H	I/3/3: (INITIAL REP) RECEIVING MORTAR FIRE FM VIC YD 075665.
		9	251100H	C/1/3: (INITIAL REP) PLT IN CONTACT WITH UNK SIZE EN FORCE VIC (052645).

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		10	251210H	B-3 REP: (251120H) UNIDENTIFIED NVA ELEMENT OF UNKNOWN SIZE WITHIN 700 METERS OF 156726. FSCC AND 3/3 NOTIFIED, ARTY MISSION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY 3/3.
		11	251220H	H CO: PICKED UP 2 RECON AT 985563. ARE ESCOURTING THEM IN FOR QUESTIONING.
		12	251500H	CO H: PICKED UP BY TRUCKS ON RT #9 AND TAKEN TO C-2.
		13	251130H	I/3/3: (FOLLOW UP) IN ADDITION TO 60mm FIRE, I PLT RECVD BURSTS OF SAF AND (1) RPG. PLT THEN SPOTTED (4) NVA MOVING SOUTH, RETURNED SAF AND CALLED FOR ARTY MSN AND GUNSHIPS. AO ON STATION DIRECTED FIXED WING ON ENEMY POS. I PLT OBSERVED (2) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. HUEY GUNSHIP RECEIVED SAF AND 30 CAL FIRE.
		14	251415H	A/1/3: WHILE CHECKING DRAW FRAGGED ON 240640H FOUND COOKING SITE AT (023634). ENEMY APPARENTLY WERE SURPRISED WHILE EATING AND LEFT GEAR STRUNG AROUND AREA. AO ON STATION FIRED ARTY. A/1/3 SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.
		15	251130H	(REFER TO ENTRY 11): SMALL ARMS EXCHANGE WITH ENEMY. C PLT IS NOW SWEEPING AREA AT (048653). NEG RESULTS.
		16	251200H	(REFER TO ENTRIES 11 AND 15): UNIT OF C/1/3 PURSUED ENEMY AROUND (052654) BUT COULD NOT REESTABLISH CONTACT; ENEMY FLED TO THE WEST. SEARCH ENDED WITH NEG RESULTS.
		17	251630H	CO H: HAS ARRIVED AT C-2.

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		18	251630H	H/2/3: CHOPPED OPCON TO 3/3.
		19	251630H	C/1/3: MADE CONTACT WITH 5-10 NVA (083677) PURSUING ENEMY S TOWARD I/3/3 POS. AO ON STATION. 1/3 CALLED FIRE MSN. FSCC GAVE NEGATIVE CLEARENCE
		20	251730H	BOUNDARY CHANGE WEST FROM 1/3 TO 3/3 IN FRAG ORDER 92-69 IS EFFECTIVE % 26 JULY.
		21	251900H	3D MAR S-3 NOTIFIED REGT S-2, 14, 24 THAT ADVANCE ELEMENT OF 3D MAR WILL DISPLACE TO ECB ON 27 JULY AND BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON ON 28 JULY WHEN CP WILL DISPLACE TO ECB. S-2, 14, 24 NOTIFIED THAT A RECON OF FACILITIES AVAIL IS SUGGESTED.
		22	251800H	RECVD MSG FM 3/3'S 6, CONCERNING THE B-2 REP. TEXT: DISREGAURD PREVIOUS - REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN. UNITS WILL PASS TO THE NORTH OF GRID (108652) WILL FIRE ARTY ON GRID.
		23	251250H	H/2/3: PICKED UP (2) RECON PERSONNEL FM S RELAY. REQ FOR RECON PERSONNEL TO TAKE CUSTODY.
		24	250930H	AO ON VR IN DMZ SPTD RCKT POS, BNKRS WITH RECENT ACTIVITY; RECVD (20) ROUNDS AWF FM (038713). AO FIRED ORDNANCE; CALLED IN (5) ARTY MSNS. RES: (1) SECONDARY EXPLOSION, (1) HIT ON A/O. (FM REGT 1-4)
		25	251030H	I/3/3: WHILE SWEEPING THRU AREA OF SUSPECTED ENEMY MORTAR POS (080667), UNIT FND (1) 60MM TUBE W/BIPODS AND (2) BASE PLATES. ALSO (1) AK-47 RIFLE. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW ON FINAL REP.

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				A THOROUGH SWEEP OF AREA WAS MADE DIFFICULTX BY FIRES AND SMOKE CAUSED BY EXTENSIVE BOMBING AND NAPALMING OF AREA. PLTS DID FIND (1) 60MM MORTAR (DESTROYED), (1) 82MM MORTAR (DESTROYI (2) AK-47'S, (24) 82MM RNDS AND MISC 782 GEAR AND ORDNANCE AS WELL AS EST 50 FIGHTING HOLES AND AN UNDETERMINED AMOUNT OF BUNKERS. THIS GEAR WAS IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE ENTRY. SEARCH WILL CONTINUE AT FIRST LIGHT.
		26	251155H	(LATE ENTRY) AO WORKING FOR 3/3 RAN FIXED WING ON NVA IN OPEN AT 095675 RESULTING IN (4) NVA KBA.
		27	252400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.
				TOTALS: (5) NVA KIA
				(3) IWC
				(3) CSWC
				I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ENTRIES ARE COMPLETE, FACTUAL AND UP TO DATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
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	260001H	JOURNAL OPENED
1	260730H	PORTION OF % BOUNDARY BETWEEN 1/3 AND 3/3 (05 S TO 66 E TO 08) IN EFFECT. REST OF BOUNDARY IN EFFECT UPON C/1/3 CHANGING AO. 3/3 CO AND 1/3 S-3A NOTIFIED.
2	260850H	PLT OF A/1/3 FOLLOWING USED TRAIL FND (2) BNKRS ABOUT (1) MO OLD. BUNKERS WERE REINFORCED AND CAMOFLAGED. BUNKERS ARE BEING DESTROYED.
3	26100H	ENTIRE % BNDRY CHANGE FROM FRAG O 251500H BETWEEN 1/3 AND 3/3 NOW IN EFFECT.
4	261015H	1/3: REPORTED USMC TRUCK 314749 FROM KHE GIO BRIDGE AND EAST HAS KILLED 4 WATER BUFFALOS BETWEEN 13 AND 24 JULY. INFO PASSE TO PMO . 1/3 TO NOTIFY CA M LO DISTRICT HC.
5	261000H	(REFER TO #3) A/1/3 CONTINUED TO FOLLOW TRAIL. FND 2 ADD BUNKERS AND MORTAR PIT (RECENT). ALSO FND (9) 82MM RNDS BROKEN OUT AND CHARGED FOR USE. BNKRS AND RNDS WERE DESTROYED.
6	261045H	K/3/3: WHILE ON SWEEP THROUGH AREA WITH TANKS UNCOVERED (1) 60MM MORTAR WHILE SEARCHING AREA.
7	261215H	3/3: S-3 CALLED REQUESTING A BNDRY EXT FM PRESENT EXT AT (070630) SE TO PRES BNDRY AT (088610). REQ EFF 270600H.

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		8	260615H	2/3: BEACON HOP VIC (971653) RECVD SAF ON RUN. DROPPED ORDNANCE; NEG DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT.
		9	261406H	REGT 10 A AT ECB INFORMED THIS STATION THAT THE BULLDOZER IS BROKEN DOWN AND AWAITING MECH. APPARENTLY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PREPARE AREA THIS PM. HAVE REQ DOZER FM ADJ UNITS WITH NO POSITIVE REPLY. S-4 NOTIFIED.
		10	260630 TO 261050H	I/3/3: SWEPT THROUGH AREA OF 25 JULY CONTACT (083661) INITIALLY REPT BY C/1/3 @ 251630H. UNIT FND (1) AK-47, PACKS, (2) SIGHTS FOR 60MM MORTAR AND SIGHT BOXES WITH NAMES ON THEM; TRUO NGUON, THE TONG, CUET, 0233 CHOAI, XM THUONG, 0258 UNIT CONT SEARCH, FND PIECES OF BODIES AND MISC GEAR. GEAR DESTROYED. UNIT WILL CONT TO EXPLOIT AREA.
		11	261215H	F/2/3: VIC (964616) FND (1) CHICOM CLAYMORE SET FACING DOWNHILL ALONG A TRAIL; RIGGED FOR COMMAND DETONATION. MINE BLOWN IN PLACE.
		12	261215H	C/1/3: FND AN A/A PIT VIC (037653). PIT CONNECTED TO BNKRS BY TRENCH LINE (6) TO (8) MO OLD. UNIT DESTROYED ALL.
		13	261602H	A/1/3: UNIT DISCOVERED TRACES OF CS AND (1) CANISTER VIC (006631). WATER WAS CONTAMINATED BY CS.
		14	261600H	A/1/3: REPORTS OFFICER TO BE INTERVIEWED AS GENERALS AIDE CANNOT LIFT OUT TODAY DUE TO TERRAIN. WILL HAVE SUITABLE LZ AFTER MOVE TOMORROW. GENLS AIDE NOTIFIED.
		15	261000H	AO DELIVERED OWN ORDNANCE AND RAN (2) HUEY GUNSHIPS AND (1)

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				FLT FW VIC (061694); AO WORKING FOR K/3/3. BDA (10) BNKRS DESTROYED, (5) BNKRS DAMAGED, (24) FIGHTING HOLES EXPOSED.
		16	261600H	K/3/3: AO RAN (2) FLTS FW ON RECENT TRAIL AND BNKR ACTIVITY VIC (058698). BDA IS (3) BNKRS DESTROYED AND (2) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.
		17	261215H	3/3: REQ BNDRY CHANGE FM PRES EXT AT (070630) SE TO PRES BNDRY AT (088610) * EFF 270600H. APPROVED - 3/3 ACK 1750; 1/3 AT 1808.
		18	261745H	1/11: CO REQ TO BE AT THIS HQ FOR PLANNING DURING AM 27 JULY. WILL ARRIVE 0930-1030H 27 JULY 69.
		19	261050H	CO I: SEARCHED AREA OF CONTACT 25 JULY FINDING (3) CHARRED BODIES AND PIECES OF 5 OTHERS. 8 NVA ALL KILLED BY AIR, ARTY.
		20	262030H	F/2/3: AT 946626 OBSERVED LIGHTS AT 967652. ARTY MSN CALLED RES IN 2 SECONDARIES.
		21	261620H	BEACON HOP BEING RUN ON 008655, HAD ONE BOMB HIT OFF TARGET AT 005636 150 METERS FM A/1/3. (1) USMC NBC (E) BY FLYING ROCKS.
		22	261845H	A/1/3: REPTD TRAPPING (5) NVA IN RAVINE AT (012638). FIRED 60MM MORTARS AND BLOCKED OFF AREA. WILL SEARCH AT 1ST LIGHT
		23	262200H	I/3/3: SCD AMB MADE CONTACT WITH UNK SIZE EN FOR VIC (085663). (2) MEN WERE WOUNDED BY SCHRAPNEL FM CHICOMS. SCD AMB RETURNING TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR LZ TOOK 1 UNK CAL RND AT (088669) WOUNDING 7 MORE. 9 WIA EVACS.

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		24	260900H	FRM OP HIGHRISE ADD (1) NVA KIA.
		25	262130H	I/3/3: FIRE TEAM AMB SPTD (3) NVA MOVING WERE SEEN AS FT WAS MOVING TO AMBUSH SITE AT 085663. NVA MOVED TO THE WEST BUT COULD NO LONGER BE SEEN. CALLED 81MM AND ARTY MSNS.
				TOTALS: (9) NVA KIA (1) USMC KIA (9) USMC WIA (E)
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			270001H	JOURNAL OPENED
		1	270715H	K/3/3: FIRING AGAINST ACTIVE MORTAR VIC (065675). AO ON STATION.
		2	270845H	FSCC REPT A/1/3 IN CONTACT BUT TOO CLOSE FOR ARTY MSN.
		3	270830H	A/1/3: PLT (015645) MADE CONTACT WITH UNKNOWN SIZE EN FORCE RES AS OF THIS ENTRY. EN (3) NVA KIA.
		4	270830H	A/1/3: PLT (005629) MADE CONTACT WITH UNKNOWN SIZE EN FORCE AS OF THIS ENTRY RES: EN (2) NVA KIA.
		5	270945H	F/2/3: SPOTTED PEOPLE IN OPEN; THEY ARE IN 4TH MAR AO. THEY ARE CHECKING WITH 4TH MAR BEFORE TAKING ACTION.
		6	270735H	I/3/3: FIRING COUNTER MORTAR MSN (075675). AO ON STATION.
		7	270955H	A/1/3: UNIT (015645) REPT SNAKE AND NAPALM RUN (013646). (2) PLTSX CONVERGING ON THIS GRID. AO RUNNING ARTY MSN ALSO. XXXTXES TOTALS AT THIS REPORT (1) USMC KIA (9) NVA KIA, (1) AK-47 IWC.
		8	271030H	A/1/3: 6 REPTD FINDING A MAP WITH FRESH MARKINGS. SQD IS GOING TO SECURE AN LZ (006636). 14 NOTIFIED, WILL SEND BIRD W/WINCH TO PICK UP MAN AND MAP.

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		9	270750H	K/3/3: (072679) RECVD (35-40) RNDS 82MM IN BALLPARK FM (077670). AO ON STATION COND FW AND ARTY MSN AGAINST SUSPECTED ENEMY MORTAR POS. ALSO, UTILIZED TANKS IN DIRECT FIRE. ABD (4) USMC WIA (E), (2) USMC WIA (M).
		10	270940H	K/3/3: (065674) SPTD (3) NVA MOVING INTO TREELINE VIC (063684). AO CONDUCTED ARTY MSN. TANKS COMMITTED. UNIT WILL SWEEP AREA.
		11	270900H	AO CONDUCTED (3) FLTS FIGED WING AND (1) FLT OV-10 ON ENEMY MORTAR POS VIC (065675). BDA IS (8) BNKRS DESTROYED AND (12) BNKRS DAMAGED.
		12	271225H	S-3 CP: DISPLACING TO CAM LO. ARRIVED 1255H.
		13	271230H	F/2/3: INITIAL CONTACT WITH ENEMY IN BUNKERS; AO UP, ARTY MSN BEING FIRED ON (936604 & 932638).
		14	271030H	1/3 6x 6 AND 3; 2/3 6 AND 3; 3/3 6 AND 3; REGT S-4, 10, S-2 S-3, 1/12 6 AND 3, IH 6 AND 5 AND ELEMENTS FM 1/11 (USA) ARRIVED AT 3D MAR CP TO DISCUSS AO CHANGES AND DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES FOR UPCOMING COMBINED OP.

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15	271000H	C/1/3: (041639) PTL FND (3) 6 TO 8 MAN A FRAME BNKRS FACING DOWNHILL. BNKRS DESTROYED IN PLACE.
16	271200H	(2) PLT A/1/3 VIC (015646) & (006629) SIMULTANEOUSLY MADE CONTACT WITH (5) AND (8) NVA RESPECTIVELY. UNIT CONDUCTED ARTY MSN ON ROUTES OF EGGRESS, AO ON STATION CONDUCTED FW MSN UTILIZING NAPALM AND SNAKE EYE BOMBS. (1) NVA KB AIR; BDA IS (2) BNKRS DESTROYED. UNITS SWEPT AREA AND FND (5) & (3) NVA KIA RESPECTIVELY. ALSO, (1) AK-47. UNITS ALSO FND (6) PACKS WITH FOOD, MISC PERSONAL GEAR, (1) MAP AND MISC PAPERS TO BE FWD TO S-2. add: (1) USMC KIA, (9) NVA KIA AND (1) AK-47 (IWC).
17	271415H	A/1/3: (993643) SPTD UNK SIZE ENEMY FORCE IN DRAW, MOVING NE. CO PULLED BACK AND RAN FW ON THE DRAW. WILL CHECK AFTER AIRSTRIK
18	REFER TO	ENTRY #17: A/1/3 RAN 3 FLIGHTS OF FW ON TARGET. UNIT OBSERVED (2) BODIES BLOWN INTO AIR. ADD (2) NVA KIA.
19	271125H	K/3/3:(065675) PLT SWEPT AREA FINDING 2 NEW MORTAR PITS, (1) BNKR AND (9) FIGHTING HOLES WHICH SHOWED SIGNS OF RECENT USE. CONTINUED SWEEP FINDING MISC ORDNANCE BUT NO SIGNS OF (3) NVA WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.
20	271200H	F/2/3: SQD PATROL (940611) RECVD SAF FM (4) NVA WHO FLED WHEN SQD RETURNED FIRE. ARTY MSN CALLED. AO RAN ORDNANCE, GUNSHIPS FIRED AT ENEMY POS. THE AREA WAS SEARCHED FINDING 20 OLD BNKRS AND MISC 782 GEAR. AREA WAS NOT THOROUGHLY SEARCHED DUE TO FIRE WHICH HAD STARTED. AREA WILL BE SEARCHED AGAIN.
21	271500H	REFER TO ENTRY #18: A/1/3 RAN 1 ADD FLT OF FIXED WING ON TGT WILL SEARCH TOMORROW. WILL FIRE ARTY TONIGHT

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22	271920H	K (-)3/3: SPOTTED (2) NVA IN CAMI UTILITIES CROSSING TRAIL AT 078638 MOVING FROM E TO W. CALLED IN 60MM'S, TANKS FIRED, AND AO SUSPENDED HIS ORDNANCE. I/3/3 TO SEND PTL INTO AREA.
23	272130H	DIV CALLED. ADD (3) NVA KIA FM OPN HIGHRISE.
24	271340H	3/3: A COMMAND SET UP AT CLDH AS OF ~~XX~~ CLDH AS OF 1340H.
25	271945H	A/1/3: REPORTED TWO DISCREPANCIES ~~WXXXH~~ WITH THEIR AIR RESUPPLY TODAY CONCERNING THE COMPLETE DISREGAURD BY CHOPPER PILOTS OF THEIR ~~XX&X~~ 14'S ZONE BRIEFINGS. MATTER WAS REFERED TO OUR ~~k~~ 14.

TOTALS: (1) USMC KIA (14) NVA KIA
(6) USMC WIA

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	280001H	JOURNAL OPENED
1	280045H	FSCC REPT CONTACT MSN FM K/3/3 VIC (088648); FIRING ILLUM ONLY AT THIS TIME.
2	280200H	3/3'S 3 HAS A PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF (5) NVA KIA (C). HE ADVISES THAT THERE MAY BE A COUPLE MORE BUT IS STILL SPORATIC FIRING. AMBUSHES HAVE SET IN AGAIN; WILL EXPLOIT AREA FURTHER AT FIRST LIGHT. NEG FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.
3	280250H	K/3/3: AT (093659) INITIATED CONTACT ON PERIMETER FORCING SM EN UNIT INTO SCD AMB. AMB USED CLAYMORES, FRAGS AND SAF. REESTABLISHED AMBUSH AND WILL SEARCH ENEMY BODIES IN AM. ADD (1) USMC WIA (M); (6) NVA KIA (C) AND (2) AK-47'S W/MAGS.
4	280350H	K/3/3: IN CONTACT W/RPG FIRE AND HEAVY SAF. HITTING BACK W/ORGANIC WPNS, ARTY, AO ON STATION W/FLARES.
5	REFER TO	ENTRY #4: ENEMY ELEMENT EST TO BE 35-40 NVA. NVA FIRED 30 RNDS RPG FIRE AT TANKS AND TROOPS. (3) TANKS DAMAGED. SWEEP OF AREA REVEALED (1) NVA KIA AND (1) AK-47. RES: (3) USMC KIA, (8) USMC WIA (E), (2) USMC WIA (M), (1) NVA KIA AND (1) AK-47.
6	REFER TO ENTRY #3:	UNIT FOUND (1) MORE NVA KIA AND (1) AK-47. UNIT WILL CONTINUE SEARCH OF AREA.
7	280900H	B-3XX INTELL REP: UNIDENTIFIED ENEMY ELEMENT OF UNK SIZE WITHIN 250 METERS OF YD 108728. AO REPORTED NUMEROUS TRAIL ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA. WILL FIRE AR Y MSN.
8	280940H	I/3/3 & A (-) TNKS: REACHED C-2.
9	280900H	ARMY LIAISON OFFICER FROM 1/11 PICKED UP FRAG O 93-69.
10	281140H	1052-1135H, (45) 4.2 RDS FIRED AT B-3. ENTRY 7 AT 108728.

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11	281220H	1/3 S-3: NOTIFIED THIS HQ THAT A2 & A(-) RESUPPLY (SA) IS NOW EMERGENCY STATUS. 1230H S-4 NOTIFIED.
12	280945H	A/1/3: (003641) OBS EN IN OPEN VIC (008661). BALLED ARTY MSN.
13	281000H	A/1/3: (015645) PLT IN CONTACT WITH UNK SIZ EN FORCE. CALLED ARTY MSN. RES: ADD (3) NVA KIA.
14	281115H	A/1/3: (006639) OBS ENEMY IN OPEN. CALLED ARTY MSN AND RAN FW.
15	281400H	RECVD A COPY OF 1/11 OP ORDER.
16	281350H	A/1/3 PLT: OBS (2) NVA IN OPEN AT (023654). CALLED ARTY MSN ON GRID. UNK RESULTS.
17	281438H	B-3 REP: UNIDENTIFIED ENEMY ELEMENT OF UNK SIZE WITHIN 300 METERS OF (944542). 2/3 NOTIFIED.
18	281000H	(REFER TO ENTRY #13) A/1/3: COMPLETED SEARCH OF AREA OF EARLIER CONTACT AT (015645). (3) NVA KIA'S REPORTED EARLIER WORE CLEAN UTILITIES AND FRESH HAIRCUTS. PLT ALSO FND (2) GAS MASKS AND (5) CONCUSSION GRENADES.
19	281505H	(REFER TO ENTRY #19) 2/3 CALLED ARTY MSN ON GRID (944542).
20	281500H	ASSUMED OPCON OF 1/11 AT 1500H.
21	280945H	(REFER TO ENTRY #12) A/1/3 UNIT OBS (6) NVA MOVING NE WEARING (008661) KHAKI UNIFORMS AND HELMETS. CALLED ARTY MSN & WILL SEARCH AREA.
22	281115H	(REFER TO ENTRY #14) A/1/3 PLT OBS (4) NVA MOVING NE IN KHAKI UNIFORMS AT (006636). CALLED ARTY MSN & WILL SEARCH AREA.
23	280900H	(REFER TO ENTRY #6) K/3/3 PLT COMPLETED SEARCH OF PLT AMB SITE ON 280100H TO 280320H. FND 9 AK-47 MAGS, 8 CHICOMS, AND MISC GEAR AND CHOW. ORDNANCE AND GEAR WERE DESTROYED.

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24	(REFER TO ENTRY #5)	K/3/3 (085648) CONDUCTED FINAL SEARCH OF AREA OF LAST NIGHTS CONTACT. FND (7) BLOOD TRAILS LEADING W & NW. ALSO FND (20) CHICOMS AND (2) RPG RNDS. UNIT DESTROYED ORD AND CONT MSN. ADD (2) USMC WIA (M).
25	281723H	BNDRY CH IN EFFECT. 1/11 ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY OF AO-OUTLINED IN ANNEX A FRAG ORDER 93-69.
26	281420H	A/1/3: EMERGENCY RESUPPLY OF ORDNANCE COMPLETE.
27	281800H	1/11: WILL USE FREQ AND CALL SIGNS INDICATED IN IH OP O 8-69. PARENT UNIT 1/5 HAS BEEN NOTIFIED.
28	281723H	M (-) 3/3: OPCON TO 1/11.
29	282040H	3/3: REPTS TRUCKS FOR H/2/3 MOVE @ 1400 29 JULY. DIC RPTS THAT 3/3 HAS NO FRAG FOR TRUCKS FOR H/2/3'S MOVE.
30	282126H	B-3 REP: ENEMY ATTACKS EXPECTED AT OR IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO (101641) & (100628). 3/3 NOTIFIED, ACKNOWLEDGED 2200.
31	282245H	10 AT ECB NOTIFIED OF IMMEDIATE NECESSITY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HOT LINE BETWEEN 3D MAR COC AND FSCC AT DONG HA AND A-4. 10 ADVISED IT NECESSARY TO NOTIFY SIV 69. 69 NOTIFIED @ 2345H.
32	281834H	A/1/3: PTL VIC (012647) FND (1) NVA BODY IN GREEN UNIFORM WITH NO MARKINGS. HE HAD BEEN KILLED BY ARTILLERY. ADD (1) NVA KIA.
33	281930H	A/1/3: PTL (013648) FND (4) NVA BODIES KILLED BY NAPALM. ADD (4) NVA KIA, UNIT CONT SEARCH.
34	281925H	A/1/3: PTL (001649) FND (8) MORE NVA BODIES KILLED BY ARTY. ADD (8) NVA KIA. DUE TO DARKNESS, UNIT WILL CONTINUE SEARCH AT 1ST LT.

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~~(XX) XKSMC XWIA X(EMER&ENEY) XX(EVAC)~~

(8) USMC WIA ~~(RRXX@RXTXES)~~ (EVAC)

(5) USMC WIA (MINOR)

(24) NVA KIA (CONF)

(4) IWC

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NO	290001H	JOURNAL OPENED
1	290915H	A/1/3: CONTINUED SEARCH OF AREA OF EARLIER CONTACT. FND (4) NVA KIA AND FRESH GRAVES AT (011653). (2) KIA BY SAF AND (2) KIA BY ARTY. WILL CONTINUE SEARCH OF AREA. ADD (4) NVA KIA.
2	290930H	B-3 REP: ENEMY WILL ATTEMPT AN ATTACK BY FIRE ON A-4 ANYTIME TODAY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TROOP MOVEMENT, NEW TROOPS IN POS AND INCREASED TROOP DENSITY. 3/3 & 1/11 NOTIFIED.
3	291300H	M (-): LEFT BY TRUCK FROM A-4 TO MOVE TO C-3 BRIDGE. 1/11 CHOP M XXXX (-) 3/3.
4	291230H	A/1/3: FND MISC NVA 782 GEAR AT (010655) ALONG A N-S TRAIL. FND (8) NEW BNKRS, PARTIALLY DESTROYED BY ARTY, AT (014656). ALSO FND (2) NVA BODIES KILLED BY SAF AND DRAGGED TO (014656). AT (003652) FND NEW MORTAR PIT, 4 - 82MM FNDS, AND (1) CRATER CHARGE ALL WERE DESTROYED. ADD (2) NVA KIA.
5	291350H	A/1/3: CONDUCTED SWEEP THRU AREA OF ENEMY CONTACT ON 281000H VIC (019649) AND FND (2) NVA KBA AND (1) SKS. ADD (2) NVA KIA, (1) IWC.
6	291335H	SENT MSG TO 1/11 (USA), 1/3, 3/3, NOTIFYING THEM OF BNDRY CHANGE BETWEEN 1/11 AND 3/3 EFF 291600H.
7	291345H	C/1/77 (USA):A-4 HAD AN UNIDENTIFIED EXPLOSION IN MOTOR POOL, REPTD AS BEING SUSPECTED AS AP MINE. ADD (1) USA NBC KIA, (2) USA NBC WIA (EVAC).
8	291500H	2/3: REQ (2) SCOUT DOG TEAMS; PASSED TO DIVISION.
9	291517H	1/11: ADVISED THEY ARE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SEC FOR ROAD SWEEP FM A-4 TO C-2 WITH 3D ENGRS DOING ACTUAL SWEEPING. ACKNOWLEDGED BY USA @ 291702H.

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		10	291515H	A/1/3: CONDUCTED FINAL SEARCH OF AREA. AT (016654) FND (1) NVA KBA WITH MISC 782 GEAR; (091653) FND (2) NVA BODIES KILLED BY ARTY. SHOULDER PATCHES RIPPED FM SLEEVES. ALSO (5) 82MM RDS. (016657) FND (4) BNKRS , (1) DOUBLE BARRELED RPG LAUNCHER, MISC FOOD AND (2) NVA KILLED BY SAF. ENTIRE FINDINGS DESTROYED EXCEPT RPG LAUNCHER TO BE SENT TO S-2. ADD (5) NVA KIA, (1) CSWC. NOTE: TOTAL (40) NVA KIA FM A/1/3 CONTACTS TO DATE, (27 JULY- 29 JULY).
		11	291530H	H/2/3: CHOPPED OPCON FM 3/3 TO 2/3.
		12	291300H	M (-) 3/3: CHOPPED OPCON FM 1/11 TO 3D MAR. CHOPPED FM 3D MAR TO 3/3.
		13	291910H	A/1/3: PATROL FND (3) BNKRS AT (006646) NOT RECENTLY USED. AT 006647 FND (12) BUNKERS IN A CIRCLE, ONE CONTAINING PRC-25 (UNSERVICEABLE) AND TIN SIGN MARKED (DB3). ARTY MSN TO BE CALLED ON COMPLEX.
		14	REFER TO	ENTRY #7: EXPLOSION BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AP MINE LOCATED IN GRASSY AREA, 30 FEET FROM BNKR. AN INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY 1/11. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.
		15	292400H	JOURNAL CLOSED.
				TOTALS: (13) NVA KIA, (1) IWC, (1) CSWC.
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	DTG	INCIDENT, MESSAGE, OTHERS
	300001H	JOURNAL OPENED
1	300849H	AO CALLED IN ARTY MSN ON ACTIVE 50 CAL POS VIC (065692).
2	300900H	1/11: FIRING ARTY MSN ON ACTIVE 50 CAL POS VIC (059690).
3	300930H	2/3: REPT BEACON HOP HIT CLOSE TO F/2/3 POS; THERE ARE FRIENDLY CASUALTIES-MORE TO FOLLOW; (5) USMC NBC (EVAC), (3) NBC KILLED.
4	300845H	D/1/3: SCD PTL FND (1) USABLE BUNKER IN AN OLD COMPLEX THAT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED.
5	300930H	(FM DAG 14) A/6 BEACON HOP DROPPED ON WRONG GRID (961617). WITH IN 500METERS OF F/2/3 POS. AIRCRAFT MADE (3) PRACTICE RUNS AND REPTD A GOOD HEADING ACCORDING TO BEACON. BEACON LOCATED SE OF ROCKPILE. AIRCRAFT DROPPED ENTIRE LOAD. CASUALTIES EVACED. FURTHER HOPS SUSPENDED PENDING INVESTIGATION. ADD (3) USMC NBC KILLED, (5) USMC NBC (EVAC).
6	301250H	C/1/77: MADE CONTACT AT (089659) WITH NVA FORCE OF UNK SIZE WHILE ON WAY TO REINFORCE A/1/11. NVA FIRED RPG'S AND SAF. TANKS FIRED, AO ON STATION CALLING FIXED WING. RESULTS: (3) USA KIA, (6) USA WIA (E), (7) NVA KIA, (4) IWC.
7	301500H	2/3 CP: HELILIFT COMMENCED. COMPLETED AT 1530H. LIFTED FM ECB TO 974615.
8	300935H	C/1/3: VIC (059642) DISCOVERED BNKR COMPLEX WITH 25-30 BNKRS AND FIGHTING HOLES. BUNKERS 6-8 MO OLD. MOST BNKRS AND FIGHTING HOLES DESTROYED. FND (3) NVA BODIES KILLED BY ARTY. SEARCHED AREA AND DESTROYED BUNKERS.
9	301150H	C/1/77: AT 089660 FND (7) NVA BODIES (3) ON STRETCHERS. BODIES 2-3 DAYS OLD. ADD (7) NVA KIA.

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	10	301515H A/1/11: AT 075645 RECVD RPG RNDS AND (1) CHICOM, PLT MOVING TO HIGH GROUND. RES: ADD (1) USA KIA, (1) MEDEVAC.
	11	301010H A/1/11: AT 079644 SPOTTED (6) NVA, PLT LAID DOWN BASE OF FIRE WHILE REMAINDER OF COMPANY MANEUVERED TO ENCIRCLE ENEMY AO ON STATION COMMITTED D/1/11 WITH PLT OF TANKS REACTION FORCE. ADD (2) FR WIA, (4) MINOR, (2) NVA KIA.
	12	301545H REFER TO ENTRY #12: UNIT RETURNED SAF, SWEPT THRU AREA. RES ADD (5) NVA KIA, (3) AK-47'S AND (2) RPG LAUNCHERS.
	13	301700H DUSTER HIT AN A/T MINE AT 130722 WHILE EXTRACTING 1/11 RECON TM. XXX (3) USA (MINOR). DUSTER TOWED TO A-4.
	14	302130H A/1/11: AT (078642) HAD THEIR LINES PROBED BY AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE. FRIENDLY UNIT FIRED SAF. RESULTS: (1) NVA KIA.
	15	302110H A/1/11: AT (078642) HAD LINES PROBED. FIRED SMALL ARMS. RES: (1) NVA KIA AND (1) CSWC (RPG LAUNCHER).
	16	302211H A/1/11: AT (078642) RECVD (2) MORTAR RNDS FM UNK POSITION. AO ON STATION.
	17	302341H ENEMY UNIT INITIATED CONTACT WITH PLT B/1/11 AT (065684). AO ON STATION DROPPED FLARES. PLT CHECKED THE AREA, FND (1) AK-47. ADD (1) NVA KIA.
	18	302230H EFF 302400H, 1/3'S N BNDRY AND 2/3'S AND 1/11'S BNDRY IS AS FOLLOWS: FM PRES BNDRY AT 990623 NE ALONG SONG NGAN RIVER TO 027640 THEN E ALONG 64 GRID LINE TO PRES BNDRY AT 060640. BNDRY BETWEEN 2/3 AND 1/11 FROM DMZ AT 020659 SE TO 023650 THEN S TO TO 023644 THEN SE TO BNDRY MENTIONED ABOVE AT 027640.

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TOTALS: (4) USA KIA

(16) USA WIA

(27) NVA KIA

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	310001H	JOURNAL OPENED
1	310019H	B/1/11: AT (065684) RECVD INCOMING MORTAR RNDS OF UNK CAL AND GRENADES IN THE PERIMETER. A/O ON STATION, CONDUCTING ILLUM MSN, GUNSHIP, FLARESHIP, AND MEDEVAC CHOPER ON STATION. RES: ADD (1) USA KIA, (5) USA WIA.
2	310205H	B/1/3: AMB SPOTTED (4) EN APPROACHING RT #9 FROM N. AMB OPENED FIRE AND ENEMY FLED TO NW. 2/3 WAS NOTIFIED, THAT ENEMY MOVING TOWARD G/2/3 AMB. OTHER AMB OPENED FIRE AND EN FLED TO W. ARTY MSN WAS THEN CALLED ON FLEEING ENEMY. AREA IS BEING SEARCHED.
3	310230H	14 NOTIFIED THAT MEDEVAC CHOPPER GOING TO B/1/11 WAS DOWN IN GRID (065684), DOWNED BY AN RPG RND.
4	310300H	B/1/11: IS NOW TAKING 60MM AROUND AREA OF DOWNED CHOPPER. REPORTS INDICATE CREW CHIEF AND GUNNER ON CHOPPER WOUNDED BY SAF. B/1/11 NOW UNDER GROUND ATTACK FROM BELIEVED ENEMY COMPANY SIZED UNIT. AO AND FLARESHIP ON STATION. ARTY F FIRING ILLUM MSN AND MORTAR SUPPRESSION MSN. REQ PUT IN FOR SPOOKY.
5	310405H	14 INFORMS THAT SPOOKY WILL BE ON STATION IN 15 MIN WORKING FOR B/1/11.
6	310020H	L/3/3; AMB (077613) HAD MOVEMENT FROM THEIR SW. ENEMY CROSSED STREAM AND AMBUSH OPENED UP WITH CLAYMORES AND SAF. WILL SEARCH THE AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.
7	310700H	L/3/3: PTL SEARCHED AREA OF LAST NIGHTS CONTACT AT 077613, FND (5) NVA KIA AND (1) NVA WIA (E). APPROX (9) IWC, (2) USMC WIA(E) (4) WIA (M).

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		8	310205H	B/1/3: AMB SEARCHED AREA OF LAST NIGHTS CONTACT AND FND (2) PLASTIC A/T MINES DROPPED ON THE ROAD. MINES WERE DESTROYED.
		9	310810H	24 INFORMS THAT C/1/11 (USA) IS IN CONTACT AT (070677). ARTY MISSION BEING FIRED.
		10	310430H	B/1/11: REQUESTS EMERGENCY RESUPPLY OF AMMO.
		11	310330H	B/1/11: REQUESTS SPOOKY. SPOOKY ON STATION AT 0415H.
		12	310730H	B/1/11: EMERGENCY RESUPPLY COMPLETE.
		13	310500H	1/11 (USA): ADVISES THAT C/1/11 (USA) IS MOVING N TO REINFORCE B/1/11 (USA), D (-) 1/11 (USA) MOVING BACK TO A-4 TO PICK UP D/1/11
		14	310236H	XXX. RECEIVED POSS RCKT RND NE AND OUTSIDE A-4 PERIMETER. POSSIBLE ERRATIC RCKT RND FROM GUNSHIP WORKING FOR B/1/11 (USA).
		15	301050H	(LATE ENTRY) AO CALLED ARTY MSN ON ACTIVE 50 CAL SITE 065592 RESULTING IN (4) NVA KIA.
		16	301145H	(LATE ENTRY) AO RECVD AAW AUTO WPNS FIRE FM VIC (086645). AO RAN ORDNANCE RESULTING IN (2) NVA KIA.
		17	301220H	(LATE ENTRY) AO RAN 2 FLTS OF FW IN SUPPORT OF 1/11 RESULTING IN (1) NVA KBA.
		18	310824H	B/1/11: CONDUCTED FURTHER SEARCH OF CONTACT AREA (062687) AND FND (5) NVA KIA, (11) KBA, (1) RPG LAUNCHER, (1) RPD MG.
		19	310719H	C/1/77: MADE CONTACT WITH UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE AT 065677. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT.
		20	310750H	A/1/11: SWEPT AREA OF CONTACT ON NIGHT OF 30 JULY AT 078642 FINDING (1) RPG-2, (2) RPG RNDS, (5) CHICOMS, (1) HAT WITH (95 PLUS T3) WRITTEN INSIDE.

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		21	310830H	A/1/11: FIRED ON (2) NVA IN OPEN AT 078642. SEARCHED AND FND (1) AK-47.
		22	311100H	C/1/3: FND (15) A FRAME BNKRS WITH COMM WIRE AT (055627). ALSO FND (7) GRENADES, (4) 60MM RNDS, (1) CLAYMORE MINE, (2) AT MINES, AND MISC 782 GEAR. BNKRS & GEAR BELIEVED TO BE 6 MO OLD. BNKRS AND ORDNANCE DESTROYED.
		23	311230H	A/1/11: AT (080637) FND (80) BNKRS, MISC ORDNANCE AND OPEN GRAVES. WEAPONS FND WERE (5) RPG LAUNCHERS AND (1) RPD. BNKRS ARE BEING DESTROYED AND AREA BEING SEARCHED.
		24	311415H	B/1/11: MOVING TOWARD A-4 WITH TANKS IN VIC (062687) TOOK INCOMING 60MM RNDS. ARTY SUPPRESSION MISSION FIRED. (1) USA WIA
		25	311718H	C/1/77: TANK MOVING FROM A-4 TO INSERT A RECON TEAM, HIT A MINE AT (136718). DAMAGE TO TANK WAS TO (2) ROAD WHEELS. MINE WAS RUSSIAN TYPE. TANK BEING TOWED TO A-4. (1) USA WIA.
		26	312045H	D/1/3: SCD AMB HAD MOVEMENT TO THEIR FRONT. FIRED ILLUM. (6) INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL CAME FORWARD. ALL UNHARMED AND FROM RESETTLEMENT VILLE. ALLOWED SAFE PASSAGE OUT OF AREA.
		27	311915H	C/1/77: TANK DETONATED AN A/T MINE AT (136717). MINE WAS UNK TYPE. (2) WHEELS AND (2) HOUSINGS DAMAGED. TANK BEING TOWED TO A-4.
		28	311930H	C/1/77: RECVD 8-10 RNDS OF UNK CAL MORTARS. RECON TM SHOT AZIMUTH OF 520. RANGE APPROX 600 METERS. VIC (137715). CONDUCTED ARTY MISSION.
		29	312345H	BNDRY EXT BETWEEN 3D MAR & 2D ARVN TO 18 N-S GL EFF UNTIL 051800H AUG 69. TELECON MAJ DAVIS (G-3 OPNS).

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		30	311630H	L/3/3: SCD PTL FOLLOWING A BLOOD TRAIL OBS (1) NVA WIA AT (089629). SCD TOOK HIM PRISONER. HAD WOUNDS IN BOTH LEGXS PRISONER HAD BEEN WOUNDED BY L AMB OF 310020H. POW WAS INTERROGATED AND INTEL INFO WAS PASSED TO S-2. POW TO BE LIFTED OUT IN MORNING.
		31	312045H	D/1/3: SCD AMB HAD MOVEMENT TO THEIR FRONT, FIRED ILLUM AND SAW (6) INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL UNHARMED AND FROM RESETTLEMENT VILL. WERE PERMITTED SAFE PASSAGE OUT OF AREA. DISTRICT CHIEF NOTIFYD.
		32	312200H	D (-)1/3: AT 068575 SMELLED MARIJUANA SMOKE FM OUTSIDE LINES. FIRED 60MM HE AND (1) ILLUM RND. (1) NVA RETURNED SAF. BELIEVED TO BE (3-4) NVA FLED SOUTH IN THE STREAM BED.
		33	312330H	BNDRY CHANGE BETWEEN 1/3'S N AND 2/3'S SOUTHERN BNDRY IN EFFECT AT 312000H. BNDRY CHANGE BETWEEN 1/3'S ~~N~~ E AND 3/3'S W BNDRY IS EFF IN STEPS, WITH 08 GL AT 010800H, 09 GL AT 011500H, AND COMPLETE CHANGE AT 020800H.
		34	312400H	JOURNAL CLOSED

TOTALS: (1) USMC KIA, (3) USA KIA, (2) KIT CARSON SCOUTS KIA
(9) USMC WIA, (22) USA WIA
(19) NVA KIA
(2) NVA WIA POW'S

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 61.

2. 301801H JUNE TO 011800H JULY 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY.
DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 ATTACKS BY FIRE, 1 ENEMY SIGHTING AND 1 EN FORT AREA FND.

A. GRND FORCES.

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 010615H B/1/3 YD 065656 OBSD 20 NVA W/PACKS AND WPNS AT YD 059665. CALLED IN ARTY MSN AND SEARCHED AREA.

(B) 011120H B/1/3 YD 066657 RECD 2 RNDS 60MM MORT FM YD 055666. CALLED IN ARTY MSN. AO ON STATION.

(C) 011600H B/1/3 YD 073656 RECD 8 RNDS 82MM MORT FM YD 05026739. CALLED IN ARTY MSN.

(2) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 010930H M/3/3 AT YD 118722 FND 1 CONCEALED 6-MONTH-OLD BNKR 10FT X 5FT X 5FT. ALSO FND 13 STICKS TNT, 3 RNDS 60MM MORT, 1 ASSAULT PACK, 30 AK-47 RNDS, 1 CANTEEN AND 2 E-TOOLS. FORWARDED MISC GEAR TO S-2 AND DEST BNKR.

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4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA = 342
NVA MIA = 183
VC KIA = 2
NVA POW = 9
DEF = 1
ARV GOV = 3
AFO = 233
CSUS = 35

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 62.

2. 011800H TO 021800H JULY 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY.
DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 SA CON AND 1 INN CIV CAPT AND RELEASED.

A. GRND FORCES.

(1) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 020800H 1/3/3 YD 139603 CAPT 1 MALE VN W/3FT DET CORD, BLASTING CAPS AND 1 X 105MM CANNISTER. TURNED OVER TO CIT AND THEN RELEASED AS INNCIV. RMS: 1 INN CIV.

(B) 021000H 1/3/3 YD 155533 MADE CON W/2 NVA. WOUNDING 1. NVA MOVED TO W AS WOUNDED NVA DROPPED SHOES AND PACK CONTAINING DRIED FISH. FND BLOOD TRL WHICH SQD AND DOG 2M FOLLOWED UNTIL THEY LOST TRAIL. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA	342	DET	2
NVA KBA	101	INN CIV	3
VC KIA	2	IWC	133
NVA POW	9	CSWC	35

5. THRU 14. NEG.

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FM: THIRD MARINES
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV (REIN)

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SUBJ: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE ITTUSM NO. 63.

2. 021800H TO 031800H JULY 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY.
DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, THE ENEMY ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 SNIPER INCIDENT, 1 SMALL ENEMY UNIT AMBUSHED AND 1 ENEMY SIGHTING BY RECON.

4. OWN FORCES.

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 030400H C/1/3 YD 011629 RMCD 1 RED SNIPER FIRE [illegible] BTLNOP AT YD 001629. SWEPT THRU AREA W/NEG RES.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 022300H B/2/3 YD 003565 AMBUSHED UNK SIZE EN FORCE W/SAF AND M-79. EN RETURNED SAF AND CHICOMS. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(3) OTHER

(A) 030450H RECON PL PEACHSTATE OBSD APPROX 5-10 EN MOVING IN S-E AT YD 105782. CALLED IN ARTY, F/W AND GUNSHIPS.

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4. ENEMY LOSSES

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 64.

2. 031800H TO 041800H JULY 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, THE ENEMY ACTY WAS LT. IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 ENEMY SIGHTING, 2 ENEMY CONT AND 2 KNEMY FORT PSNS FND.

A. GRND FORCES.

(1) 1ST Bn 3D MAR

(A) 040930H A/1/3 YD 029637 FND 18 BNKRS 8FT X 5FT X 4FT. BNKRS WERE REINFORCED. ALSO FND 22 CHICOMS, 1 US C-4 DEMO PACK, 3 CHICOM MINES, 2 RPG RNDS, 30LB TNT, 8AK-47 MAG W/AMMO, 50 BELTS OF MG AMMO (2,500 RNDS), 20LB OF RICE, 12 RNDS 60MM MORT W/FUSES, 2 CHICOM CLAYMORES, 20LB OF SALT, 3 E-TOOLS, 3 NVA PACKS, 3 NVA BELTS BELONGING TO ENL. MEN AND 1 NVA GAS MASK. BNKRS WERE DEST.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 032300H E/2/3 YD 042564 OBSD MORT FIRE. CALLED IN ARTY.

(B) 040830H F/2/3 YD 068602 FND 40/5LB BLOCKS TNT. TNT DEST.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 031530H L/3/3/ YD 145537 HAD CONT W/4 NVA. OBSD 1 NVA FALL, VIC YD 147527. SQD PURSUED EN AND TRIPPED SFD. UNIT MVD TO SEAL OFF AREAS OF ESCAPE AND SWEPT THRU AREA W/ NEG RESULTS.

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(B) (LATE ENTRY) 031840H I/3/3 YD 151520 HAD CON W/5-10 NVA IN BKR COMPLEX. ENEMY WORE DARK GREEN TROUSERS LIGHT COLORED SHIRTS AND HELMETS OR HELMET COVERS. ENEMY EMPLOYED 30 CAL MG, AK-47 FIRE AND CHICOM FRAG GREN. CALLED IN ARTY MSN. AO ON STATION. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 2 NVA KIA. RES: 2 NVA KIA.

(C) 040930H I/3/3 YD 138525 FND 30 UNDERGROUND BNKRS W/2FT OF LOGS AND DIRT ON TOP. FND 5 RPG RNDS, 10 RNDS 82MM MORT, 968 AK-47 RNDS, 133 RNDS 30 CAL, 2 AK-47 MAGS, 3 E-TOOLS, 1 PR BINOCULARS, 5 BA-30 BATTERIES, 50 CHRISTMAS CARDS, SEVERAL NVA PACKS AND COOKING GEAR. BNKRS AND GEAR WILL BE DESTR.

(4) OTHER

(A) 041100H RECON TM PEACH STATE YD 107733 OBSD 3 EN WEARING GREEN UTILITIES NEAR BNKR COMPLEX. CALLED IN ARTY MSN. AO ON STATION. RAN OV-10 CRD. AO TOOK SAF. 041300H TM BRD MOVT ON NE AND OBSD 2 EN. RN FIRED SAF RES IN 1 NVA KIA. AO RAN F/W AND ARTY MSN W/UNK RES. RES: 1 NVA KIA(NOT COUNTED ON 3D MAR TOTALS).

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA	342
NVA KBA	181
VC KIA	2
NVA POW	9
DET	2
INN CIV	3
NWC	133
CSWC	85

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 65.

2. 041801H TO 051800H JULY 1969.

3. SUM OF ENEMY ACTY.
DURING THE ABOVE REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 3 MINING INCIDENTS AND 1 ENEMY PTL AMBUSHED.

A. GRID FORCES

(1) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 050845H 2/3 REPT THAT SWEEP TM HIT AT MINE YD 018565. ROAD WAS RESWEPT TWICE AFTER INCIDENT.

(B) 051232H E/2/3 REPT WRECKER HIT AT MINE RES IN HEAVY DAM, VIC YD 018565. AREA RESWEPT.

(2) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) REFER 3D MAR INTSUM NO. 64, PARA 3A(3)(C) L/3/3 SEARCHED AREA OF BNKR COMPLEX. FND 2 SKS, 9 RPG RNDS, 2 PACKS AND 10 GREEN NVA UNIFORMS.

(B) 050400H L/3/3 AMBUSHED 2 NVA PTLS VIC YD 146525. SWEPT THRU AREA. FND 5 NVA KIA, 4 AK-47'S, 8 AK-47 MAGS, 17 CHICOM GRNS AND MISC DOC. RES: 5 NVA KIA, 4IWC.

(3) OTHER

(A) 050900H RF AND MARINE PERSONNEL TRIPPED BOOBY TRAPPED [illegible] ON 82MM MORT RND VIC YD 124615.

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4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA = 347
NVA KBA = 161
VC KIA = 2
NVA POW = 9
DET = 1
FRN CIV = 4
VNC = 137
CSVC = 35

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 66.

2. 051801H TO 061800H JULY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 CONTACT INCIDENT.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 051045H D/1/3 VIC YD 011630 FND 2 BUNKERS BUILT APPROX 2 MONTHS AGO AND NOT USED IN PAST 2 WEEKS. ALSO FND MISC NVA FOOD WRAPPERS IN AREA. DEST BY UNIT.

(B) 061000H A/1/3 REPORTED THAT AN AO OBS'D AND FIRED ORDNANCE ON 2 AW PSNS AND BUNKERS. UNIT SEARCHED AREA FINDING 2 AW PSNS W/BUNKERS CONNECTING EACH. NO SIGN OF RECENT ACTY IN AREA. AREA VIC YD 057633.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 051040H 2/3 REPORTED THAT A TRUCK DETONATED 1 AT MINE VIC YD 018565.

(B) 060000H E/2/3 VIC YD 030563 HAD TRIP FLARE TRIPPED ON LINES. UNIT OBS'D 1 NVA/VC, CALLED FOR ILLUM, AND FIRED SA FIRE. UNK RES.

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(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (FOLLOW-UP REPT: SEE ABOVE) 052400H 3/3 AMBUSHED APPROX 2 PLTS OF NVA VIC YD 134525, SEARCHED AREA FURTHER YIELDING 1 ADDITIONAL DEAD NVA, [illegible] NVA KIA.

(B) 052000H 3/3 REPORTED CONT SEE ABOVE IN VIC YD 133728 REC'D SA FIRE AND CHICOM GRENADES FM APPROX 20 OR MORE NVA IN BUNKERS. 3/3 SPT OUR REACTION FORCE AND FWD ARTY FSCTS. MSG NOT SEARCHED OWING TO 2 DEAD NVA, 3 BUNKER, 7 FIGHTING HOLES, 2/82MM MORT POS, AND 50 FT OF TRADING PASS AND VERY CLOSE OF AREA. [illegible]

4. BN LOSSES:

NVA KIA - 35
NVA KBA - 131
NVA POW - 2
VC KIA - 2
DEW - 1
FOM GVN - 4
USC - 137
USMC - 35

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1. 3D MAR IN OIN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 67.

2. 060800H TO 070800H JULY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 SIGHTING OF 4 NVA/VC AND 5 BOOBY TRAP INCIDENT.

4. GND FORCES

(3) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 070145H B/1/3 VIC XD 078632 TRIPPED A BOOBY TRAP RECEIVED TO BE CHICOM GRENADE W/TRIP WIRE. GRENADE WAS ATTACHED TO TREE APPROX 7' OFF (ROAD). TRIP WIRE WAS ACROSS TRAIL.

(B) 070230H 1/1/3 VIC XD 047628 FND 9 OLD BUNKERS. THERE WERE 45/82MM MORT RDS AND 3 RPG RD'S IN THE BUNKERS.

(C) 070500H 1/1/3 VIC XD 047625 FND GRAVE W/2 NVA BODIES. ONE KILLED BY ARTY APPROX 1 WEEK AGO AND THE OTHER UNKNOWN. SEARCHED AREA FURTHER FINDING 15 INCOMING TYPE BUNKERS. BUNKERS WERE 6-12 MONTHS OLD AND HAD SIGNS OF RECENT ACTY. VIC XD 047631 UNCV FND 4 MORE INCOMING TYPE BUNKERS, 1 SKS, 2 RPG RDS, 3 BOXES OF RPG BOOSTERS, 10/82MM MORT RDS, 35 CHICOM GRENADES, 7 E-TOOLS, 2 PICKS, 75 LBS OF RICE, SMALL AMOUNT OF COMM WIRE, 20 PACKS OF CHEWING TOBACCO, VIC XD 047632 UNCV FND 2 OLD RPG SIGHT LAUNCHERS, 8 RPG RDS, 20 RPG BOOSTERS, 35/82MM MORT RDS, A WALLET, AND MISC PAPERS. [illegible] 2 PAVN KIA, 3 WIA, AND 2 CSW.

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(2) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 070659H K/3/3 VIC XD 106642 (OSCO) 4 NVA/VC KIA(BC) SOUTH VIC XD 103658. ENEMY WERE GROUP OF(CROSS AND UNKN CARRYING PACKS. ARTY MSN WAS FIRED AND AREA WAS SEARCHED.

(B) 070730H K/3/3 VIC YC 114716 FND A HEAVILY USED TRAIL 2' WIDE CURVING SW EAST TO SOUTH. TRAIL WAS BEEN USED IN PAST 24 HRS.

4. BN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 352
NVA KBA - 180
NVA POW - 9
VC KIA - 2
DET - 1
CHI CIV - 4
CHC - 138
CHWC - 37

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CO 9TH/4TH MARINES
CO USS ST PAUL (CA-73)
CO HMAS BRISBANE
CO USS RICHARD S. EDWARDS (DD-950)
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EXTRAORDINARY PERFORMANCE (U)

1. (C) COMMENCING ON THE NIGHT OF 16-17 JUNE 1969, ELEMENTS OF THE THIRD MARINES CLOSED WITH AND SOUNDLY DEFEATED NVA FORCES OF THE 270TH REGIMENT AND THE 33RD SAPPER BN. THIS WAS A PLANNED OPERATION AND ITS CONCEPT CALLED FOR FULL USE OF NAVAL GUN FIRE PREPLANNED AND ON-CALL MISSIONS. THE FOLLOWING SHIPS OF YOUR TASK GROUP WERE ASSIGNED TO SUPPORT THIS OPERATION AND WERE ON STATION AS FOLLOWS:

USS ST PAUL (CA 73)	16-18 JUNE 19-21 JUNE
HMAS BRISBANE	16 JUNE
USS RICHARD S. EDWARDS (DD 950)	17-20 JUNE

2. (C) THESE SHIPS WITHOUT EXCEPTION PROVIDED SOME OF THE FINEST NGF SUPPORT OF THE WAR. THEY WERE EAGER, COOPERATIVE, DEPENDABLE, RESPONSIVE AND TOTALLY EFFECTIVE IN THEIR SUPPORT OF THE 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES AND THE 1ST BATTALION, 2D ARVN REGIMENT.

3. (U) HOW MANY WERE KILLED BY AIR, ARTILLERY, NGF OR RIFLE BULLETS IS UNKNOWN AND UNIMPORTANT. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT TWO NVA BATTALIONS WERE RENDERED UNFIT FOR FURTHER BATTLE AND CIVILIAN VILLAGES AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WERE PROTECTED FROM AN IMMINENT ENEMY ATTACK.

4. (U) ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 3D MARINE REGIMENT AND 2D ARVN REGIMENT, I WISH TO THANK EACH AND EVERY SEAMAN INVOLVED IN THIS TREMENDOUS DISPLAY OF PROFESSIONALISM AND AWESOME DEMONSTRATION OF EFFECTIVE FIRE SUPPORT.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 68.

2. 071801H TO 081800H JULY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 CONTACT INCIDENTS AND 1 MINE INCIDENT.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 080900H A/1/3 VIC YD 054625 FND 1 RPG RKT, 2 CHICOM GRENADES, AND 1 PITH HELMET.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 080220H E/2/3 VIC YD 003564 HRD DIGGING ALONG ROAD AND OBS'D 4 NVA/VC IN TREELINE. UNIT INITIATED CONTACT AND ENEMY FLED SW. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 DEAD NVA AND 1 PLASTIC AT MINE NEAR 2 HOLES IN ROAD. RES: 1 NVA KIA

(B) 080645H F/2/3 VIC YD 063550 FND 4 US TANK RDS (90MM). RDS WERE DEST IN PLACE.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 071830H M/3/3 VIC YD 115715 FND MORT PIT W/BUNKER. AREA WAS APPROX 4-6 MONTHS OLD AND HAD NO SIGN OF RECENT ACTY. DEST BY UNIT.

(B) 080730H L/3/3 VIC YD 145513 FND 12 BUNKERS 5'X8' AND 1 MESSHALL HOOTCH 6'X12'. AREA SHOWED RECENT ACTY OF APPROX 15-18 ENEMY IN PAST 2 DAYS. DEST BY UNIT.

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(C) 080835H 3/3 ROAD SWEEP TM VIC YD 140613 FND AN AP MINE. DEST IN PLACE.

(D) 080840H M/3/3 VIC YD 098713 FND 1 FIGHTING HOLE W/ORDNANCE IN IT. ORDNANCE CONSISTED OF 28/60MM MORT RDS, 2 CANS OF 60MM BOOSTERS, 2 CANS OF 60MM FUSES, AND 1 AK-47 MAGAZINE. NO SIGNS OF RECENT ACTY IN AREA. ORD DEST BY UNIT.

(E) 081230H 1/3/3 VIC YD 145529 INITIATED CONTACT W/3 NVA, ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AND FLED SW. FIRED ARTY MSN W/UNK RES.

(4) OTHER

(A) 080730H AO OBS'D AND FIRED ORDNANCE ON 2 NVA IN OPEN VIC YD 052692. RES: 2 NVA KBA

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA = 355
NVA KBA = 182
NVA PON = 9
VC KIA = 2
DET = 1
INN CIV = 4
IWC = 138
CSWC = 37

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M16A1 RIFLE RETROFIT PROGRAM

A. CG THIRD MARDIV msg 241324Z JUN69
B. CG THIRD MARDIV msg 300630Z JUN69

1. TEN (10) CHROME WPNS STILL REQUIRED
2. THIRTY-ONE (31) UNCHROMED WPNS BEING PREPARED FOR TURN-IN
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA UNISON NO. 69.

2. SITREP AS OF 0915HOURS JULY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
THERE WAS NO SIGNIF ACTY REPORTED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

4. GND FORCES

(1) 3SU 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 081630I A/L/3 VIC XD 051623 FND 6 NVA BODIES, 4 WERE IN SHALLOW GRAVES AND 2 IN OPEN. NVA HAD BEEN DEAD APPROX 1 MONTH. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 4 RPG BOOSTERS, 1 RPG SKT, 1 CHICOM GRENADES, 2 PITH HELMETS, 2 PLASTIC BODY BAGS, AND MISC 782 GEAR.
RES: 6 NVA KIA

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 081600I B/L/3 VIC XD 076635 FND ORDNANCE NEAR BANK OF RIVER. ORD CONSISTED OF 53/82MM MORT RDS AND 37 RPG RDS. DEST IN PLACE.

4. EN LOSSES

NVA KIA - 361
NVA KBA - 482
NVA POW - 9
VC KIA - 2
DET - 1
INN CCV - 4
INC - 138
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2. 3D MAR IN CEN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA, ENTSUM NO. 70.

2. 091000H TO 101000H JULY 69

3. (U) OPN OF EN ACTY
A. (U) DURING REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 BOOBY TRAP INCIDENT AND 1 SIGHTING OF 10-50 NVA.

4. (U) FORCES

A. (1) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 100710H S/2/3 VIC YD 021564 DETONATED BOOBY TRAP ALONG SIDE OF ROAD. DEVICE WAS CLAYMORE MINE AND TRIP WIRE.

(2) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 100945H S/3/3 VIC YD 158663 AND YD 168669 OBS'D 10-50 NVA/VC VIC YD 157678 AND YD 156674. NVA/VC WALKED IN SOLDIERS AND WORE ASSORTED UNIFORMS. UNIT CALLED HIMM AND ARTY MSNS, THEN CHANGED THEIR WESTWARD MOVEMENT AND RETD EM. UNIT SEARCHED AREA W/NEG RES.

(4) 091330H I/1/3 VIC YD 135512 FND 12 "A" FRAME SHELTER HALF BUNKERS AND A GRAVE W/1 NVA BODY KILLED BY ARTY. WHO HAD BEEN DEAD APPROX 1 WEEK. NO SIGNS OF RECENT ACTY IN AREA. BUNKERS DEST BY UNIT. RES: 3 NVA KIA

(3) OTHER:

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 091625H A0 DIRECTED F/3 VIC YD 149524 ON 3 BUNKERS AND (SUCH) LOCATION RESULTING IN 2 BUNKERS DEST AND 2 LARGE SECONDARY EXPL.

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4. ENEMY LOSSES

[illegible] KIA = 362
[illegible] KIA = 362
[illegible] POW = 9
[illegible] KIA = 2
[illegible] CIV = 5
[illegible] = 138
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5. = 34. ENEMY

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INSUM NO. 71.

2. 101800H TO 111800H JULY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 CONTACT INCIDENT.

4. OWN FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LAAM ENTRY) 101100H B/1/3 VC XC 06361 910 62/A 58 BLOCKS OF TNT, 2 PICKS, AND 1 E-TOOL OF DESTROYED BUNKER COMPLEX. CND DESC BY UNIT.

(B) (LAAM ENTRY) 101435H A/1/3 VC XC 028608 DETONATED A BOOBY TRAP APPROX THE SIZE OF A BASEBALL CAP BY DROPPING HIS PACK ON IT.

(C) (LAAM ENTRY) 101800H C/1/3 VC YD 06392 910 12/3254 MORTAR RDS, 1 CAN OF INCREMENTS, 4/C2MM AM-MO, 1 E-TOOL IN BOOBY CRATER. CND DESC BY UNIT.

(2) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LAAM ENTRY) 101759H K/3/3 VC XC 15866 [illegible] 3 MVA/C BOUND SE VC XC 17265 [illegible] AND ABANDONED ITEM CACHE. ARTY AND TAC AIR [illegible]

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(B) 110815H K/3/3 VIC YD 160661 FND 2 NVA BODIES LYING IN OPEN. BODIES HAD BEEN DEAD APPROX 4-6 DAYS AND WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY ARA. RES: 2 NVA KBA

(C) 130920H K/3/3 VIC YD 185667 OBS'D SEVERAL GROUPS OF POSS LABORERS VIC YD 185667 AND YD 197667. ALSO OBS'D 2 MEN WITH PACKS AND HELMETS WHO WERE ROUNDING UP THE LABORERS. LOOKED LIKE FORCED LABOR UNIT. AO AND ARTY WERE CALLED. UNK RES.

(3) OTHER

(A) 110800H RECON EM SALINAS VIC YD 096725 INITIATED CONTACT U/2 NVA/VC. CALLED FOR AO. UNK RES OF CONTACT.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

FWA KIA = 352
NVA KBA = 18
NVA POW = 9
VC KIA = 2
UNI CIV = 5
DWC = 198
CSUC = 37

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 72.

2. 111801H TO 121800H JULY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 SIGHTING OF 3 NVA/VC.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 111830H K/3/3 AT C-2 OBS'D 3 NVA/VC TO THEIR WEST VIC YD 125664. TANKS AND 81MM MORTAR MSNS WERE FIRED W/UNK RES.

(B) 121130H M/3/3 AT A-4 REPORTED THAT AN AO OBS'D 10 DEST BUNKERS VIC YD 118738. BUNKERS WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DEST BY TPQ ON 1 JULY 69.

(2) OTHER

(A) (FOLLOW-UP RPT: REF INTSUM # 71) 110800H RECON TM SALINAS MADE CONTACT VIC YD 096725. TRAM BELIEVED THAT THE 2 NVA/VC WERE POINT ELEMENT FOR LARGER UNIT. AFTER CONTACT AND NVA/VC FLED TM HRD MOVEMENT TO THEIR NW, APPROX 20-25 ENEMY. TRAM ALSO FND IN AREA 3 TUNNELS, 1 OF WHICH HAD AIR VENTS. CALLED FOR AO AND F/W. UNK RES.

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4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA = 364
NVA KBA = 184
NVA POW = 9
VC KIA = 2
CIV CIV = 5
UNK = 138
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO. 73

2. 122800H TO 131600H JULY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 INCIDENT OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE.

4. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 121600H C/1/3 VIC YD 079610 OBS'D 10-15 NVA/VC VIC YD 076616. NVA/VC WORE LEAVES FOR CAMOUFLAGING, CARRIED HVY PACKS, AND WEAPONS. UNIT FIRED SA AND ENEMY FLED NW. ALSO CALLED ARTY MSNS AND CALLED FOR AN AO. UNK RES.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 121730H F/2/3 REPORTED THAT AN AO COVERING THEIR HELO-LIFT OBS'D 1 ENEMY RUNNING NORTH VIC XD 938631. F/N WAS DIRECTED ON THE AREA. UNIT SEARCHED FINDING 4 OLD BUNKERS.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 121750H F/2/3 VIC XD 948628 FND 1 NVA BODY. NVA HAD BEEN DEAD APPROX 3 WEEKS, CAUSE OF DEATH COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. RES: 1 NVA KIA

(C) (LATE ENTRY) 121800H F/2/3 VIC XD 949627 FND 2 NEW BUNKERS. ALSO FND BUNDLES OF LOGS AND CUTTING TOOLS IN AREA. BUNKERS WERE DEST BY UNIT.

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(D) 121616H M/2/3 VIC YD 989578 FND HARBOR SITES FOR APPROX 4-5 ENEMY USED IN THE PAST 2 DAYS AS OVER NIGHT STOP. ALSO FND TRAILS RUNNING OUT OF THE AREA TO THE EAST.

(E) 121615H F/2/3 VIC XD 950636 REC'D 6 INCOMING RDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC XD 921654. CALLED FOR ARTY MSNS. UNK RES.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 120915H I/3/3 VIC YD 150608 SWEEP TM FND HOMEMADE AP MINE IN CENTER OF ROAD. MINE WEIGHTED APPROX 10 LBS AND WAS BLOWN IN PLACE.

(B) 130630H K/3/3 VIC YD 107657 FND 32 FIGHTING HOLES AND 2 BUNKERS. AREA WAS APPROX 1 YEAR OLD W/NO SIGNS OF RECENT ACTY.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA - 365
NVA KBA - 184
NVA POW - 9
VC KIA - 2
INN CIV - 5
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CSWC - 37

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1. 3D MAR TI OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA SITSUM NO. 74.

2. SITCON TO 14/0800H JULY 69

3. CON OF IR ACTS
DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS HIGH IN THE
3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 7 INCIDENTS OF ATTACK BY ROCKET
AND 2 ROCKET/RAP INCIDENT.

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A) [illegible] IN 3D MAR

(1) (MAIN ENEMY) 1217(CON) C/1/3 VIC XD 075606 FND
1 CYLIND AMMON CH GRD. SYMBOL WAS APPROX 12" LONG
AND [illegible] POUND. AREA IS BEING SEARCHED IN DIRECTION
FROM WHICH WAS POINTED. UNK RES.

(2) [illegible] C/2/3 VIC XD 078620 FND 67/82MM MORTAR RDS,
10/[illegible] FUSES, AND 6 CANS OF 82MM INCREMENTS. DEST IN PLACE.

(3) [illegible] AT 3D MAR
1330HH

(MAIN ENEMY) B/2/3 VIC XD 952632 FND 5 CHAVES WITH
[illegible] FOOTER IN EACH. NO SIGNS OF RECENT ACTY IN AREA.
[illegible] CLEARED FND 8 OLD BUNKERS AND 15 NVA CANTEENS.
[illegible] OF SUSPECTED ACTY IN AREA. RES: 5 NVA KIA

(4) (MAIN ENEMY) 1316(CON) M/2/3 VIC XD 9156[illegible] FND
[illegible] OF EVIDENCE A MAJOR FLD MOVING THRU OR TRAIN
[illegible] AREA OBSD. ALSO FND 1 S.L. OF
[illegible] OF SUSPECTED TRACKS.

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(7) 271600H C/2/3 YUG XD 977545 FND 6 AT MINES ON OBJ. WHEN WAS RETURNING CHECKED TO DEEP MINES AND BOOBY TRAP WAS DISCOVERED. CHARGE WAS RESET AND MINES WERE DEST.

(8) NO NEW 30 MAR

(9) 300930H K/3/3 AT C-2 REC'D 4 RDS INCOMING 122MM ROCKETS FM VIC YD 055667. ALL ROUNDS LANDED OUTSIDE WIRE. CALLED ARTY MSNS. UNK RES.

(10) 301030H K/3/3 AT A-4 REC'D 2 RDS INCOMING 122MM ROCKETS FM VIC YD 078694 AND YD 072678. CALLED ARTY MSNS. UNK RES.

(11) 301100H K/3/3 AT C-2 REC'D 8 RDS INCOMING 122MM ROCKETS FM VIC YD 078694, YD 072678, AND YD 055667. ALL RDS LANDED ALONG ROAD BETWEEN A-4 AND C-2. CALLED ARTY MSNS. CO. 1-50 3/7. UNK RES.

(12) 301130H K/3/3 AT A-4 REC'D 4 RDS INCOMING 122MM ROCKETS FM VIC YD 055667. ONLY ONE LANDED INSIDE WIRE. CALLED ARTY MSN ON SUS EN PSN. UNK RES.

(13) 301400H K/3/3 AT C-2 REC'D 2 RDS INCOMING 122MM ROCKETS FM VIC YD 055669. BOTH RDS LANDED OUTSIDE WIRE. NO CASUALTIES WERE RUN ON SUS EN PSNS.

(14) 301500H K/3/3 AT A-4 REC'D 4 RDS INCOMING 122MM ROCKETS FM VIC YD 055667. ALL RDS LANDED OUTSIDE WIRE. CALLED ARTY MSN. UNK RES.

(15) 301630H K/3/3 AT A-4 REC'D 8 RDS INCOMING 122MM ROCKETS FM VIC YD 0568. ALL RDS LANDED ON ROAD LEADING INTO A-4. CALLED ARTY MSNS ON SUS EN PSNS. UNK RES.

6. NO NEW LOSSES

EN KIA - 7 PC KIA - 2 INC - 136
EN CIV - 4 EN CIV - 5 CSRC - 37
EN PW - 5

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1. 3d MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE AREA INTSUM NO 75.

2. 3418000 TO 3518000 JULY 1969

3. (C) ENEMY ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS MODERATE IN THE 3D MAR AO CONSISTING OF 2 CONTACTS AND 1 BOOBY TRAP INCIDENT.

CONTACTS
(1) 1ST BN 3d MAR

(A) LARGE ENEMY 112515R A/1/3 VIC XD 005604 FND HARBOR SITES USED BY UNK NO OF ENEMY WITHIN THE PAST 2 DAYS. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 1 SMALL STRIP FROM A PONCHO, SMALL LENGTH OF DET CORD AND MISC NVA FOOD WRAPPERS.

(2) CO BN 3D MAR

(A) 141800H F/2/3/ VIC XD 955637 MADE CONT WITH UNK SIZE NVA FORCE USG SA FIRE AND RPG FIRE. ALSO LOCAL AMBUSH SITE WAS CA BY UNK SIZE CONT ON USMC. HVY MVMNT WAS REPORTED AT BOTH POINTS.

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(B) 312114.01 P/2/3 VIC XD 966640 AMBUSH PLT AMBUSHED 2 NVA/VC IN THEIR KILL ZONE. UNIT HRD HVY MOVEMENT COMING UP TRAIL THAT THE 2 NVA/VC WERE ON. UNIT PULLED BACK AND SEARCHED AREA AT FIRST LIGHT FINDING 1 NVA PACK, 3 LBS OF TNT, 3 CHICOM GRENADES, 1 AK-47 MAG W/AMMO, 3 RPG RNDS, AND BLOODY BANDAGES.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 142100I M/3/3 AT A-4 OBS'D A RECON HOP A/S ON SUS RET PSN VIC XD 057684 RESULTING IN 7 LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. EXPL WERE YELLOW AND ORANGE, AND WENT FM 200' TO 500' HIGH.

(B) 150730H I/3/3 VIC XD 113624 DETONATED A BOOBY TRAP ON TRAIL.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA - 373
NVA KBA - 384
NVA POW - 9
VC KIA - 2
INT CIV - 5
INC - 136
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN VIRGINIA RIDGE INTSUM NO. 76.

2. 151800H TO 161800H JULY 69

3. NOT OF SF NOTE
THERE HAS BEEN NO ENEMY ACTY REPORTED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

4. OWN FORCES

a) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(1) 161400H C/1/3 VIC YD 079621 FND 5 BUNKERS AND 1 BUNKER COMPLEX EACH. AREA HAD SIGNS OF RECENT ACTY WITHIN PAST WEEK. BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED.

(2) 161230H C/1/3 VIC YD 076623 FND LARGE MINE. MINE WAS 12" IN DIAMETER AND 9" THICK. ALSO MINE WAS GREEN AND HAD [illegible] SHAPED DETONATOR 2" IN DIAMETER AND ½" ABOVE MINE. MINE IN PLACE BY UNIT.

b) 2D BN 3D MAR

(1) 161630H I/3/3 VIC YD 122625 FND 1 DECAYED NVA BODY. BODY HAD BEEN THERE APPROX 6 MONTHS. RES: 1 NVA KIA

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NVA KIA - 105 IRN CIV - 5 CSWC - 37
NVA POW - 9

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN IDAHO CANYON INTSUM NO. 1.

2. 161800H TO 171800H JULY 69

3. LOW OF EN ACTY
DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 SIGHTING OF 2 ENEMY.

4. NEW FINDS

(1) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (BLANK SHEET) 161700H F/2/3 VIC XD 976633 FND 5 BUNKERS AND 2 MORTAR PITS W/TRENCHLINE CONNECTING. NO SIGN OF RECENT ACTY. DEST BY UNIT.

(B) 171400H E/2/3 VIC XD 973595 FND MORTAR PIT W/BUNKER. NO SIGN OF RECENT ACTY. DEST BY UNIT.

(2) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 162000H I/3/3 VIC XD 094622 OBS'D 2NVA/VC MOVING SOUTH VIC XD 096626. AO WAS CALLED. THE AO FIRED HIS ORD ON 1 NVA/VC THAT BE OBS'D RUNNING INTO A BUNKER. AREA WAS SEARCHED AT 170700H BY UNIT W/NEG FINDINGS.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN IDAHO CANYON INTSUM NO. 2.

2. 171800H TO 181800H JUN 69

3. SUM OF INF ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 MINE INCIDENT.

4. CMD FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 180830H C/A/3 VIC YD 067586 FND 36/82MM MORTAR RDS, 4 FUSES, AND DESC INCREMENTS FOR 82MM. ORDNANCE WAS FND ALONG TRAIL AND IN 4 RECENTLY USED BUNKERS. ORD AND BUNKERS WERE DEST BY UNIT.

(B) 181200H I/3 REPORTED THAT THE CB'S VIC YD 061576 FND 1 PLASTIC RUSSIAN AT MINE. MINE WAS BURIED 20 METERS OFF SMALL ROAD IN PARKING AREA FOR DUSTER. DEST IN PLACE.

(2) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 171115H I/3/3 VIC YD 098624 FND 12 BUNKERS, EACH WITH A TUNNEL IN THE REAR. NO SIGN OF RECENT ACTY. DEST BY UNIT.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 171540H I/3/3 VIC YD 098629 FND 7 BUNKERS, 3 OF WHICH WERE CONNECTED BY TUNNELS, NO SIGN OF RECENT ACTY IN AREA. ALSO FND 2 BROKEN NVA K-TOOLS AND SEVERAL NVA BANDAGE DRESSINGS. BUNKERS DEST BY UNIT.

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(B) (LAST ENTRY) 271650H RECON TM SALINAS WORKING FOR 3/3 BDO MOVEMENT VIC YD 105730 AND YD 102732. TM CALLED FOR AN AO. THE AO OBS'D FRESH TRAIL ACTY IN AREA AND UNK NUMBER OF ENEMY IN OPEN NEAR BUNKERS. AO DIRECTED F/W RESULTING IN 5 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, 7 BUNKERS DEST, AND KILLING 6 NVA. REQ LOG NIA KIA

4. ENEMY LOSSES

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DUEL BLADE COMM/ELECT EQUIPMENT (U)

A. THIRD MARDIV 170104Z JULY 69

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF (A), EQUIPMENT IS BEING PREPARED TO TURN IN.

2. LIASON WAS EFFECTED WITH GROUND SERVIELLANCE, LT. RAINES, ON 1 JULY 1969.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN IDAHO CANYON INT[illegible]M NO. 3.

2. 181801H TO 191800H JULY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN AC[illegible]T WAS MODERATE IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 3 SMALL CON[illegible]ACT INCIDENTS, 1 INCIDENT OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE, 1 MINE F[illegible]D, AND 1 BOOBY TRAP FND.

4. (END FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 181600H C/1/[illegible] VIC YD 068589 FND 45 BUNKERS. ALL BUNKERS WERE IN G[illegible]OD SHAPE. ALSO FND 5/82MM MORTAR RDS, 14 FUSES FOR 82[illegible]M, AND 1 CAN INCREMENTS.

(B) 190945H B/1/3 VIC YD 0315[illegible] OBS'D AND MADE CONTACT W/1 NVA/VC. ENEMY FLED NE. SEARC[illegible]ED AREA FINDING 1 NVA PACK CONTAINING BLASTING CAPS, TIME FUS[illegible], AND SEVERAL BLOCKS OF TNT. DEST GEAR.

(C) 191015H C/1/3 VIC YD 07261[illegible] FND 50 FIGHTING BUNKERS AND 100 FIGHTING HOLES FACING NE. AREA WAS APPROX 4-8 MONTHS OLD AND HAD NO SIGN OF RECENT ACTY. UNIT DEST AREA.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 182010H F/2/3 VIC XD 97564[illegible] REC'D APPROX 18-20 RDS INCOMING 60MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC [illegible]D 969647. CALLED ARTY MSN. SEARCHED AREA AT FIRST LIGHT FINDING 1 MORTAR PIT, 1 CAN OF 60MM INCREMENTS, AND 1 E-[illegible]OOL.

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(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 181640H I/3/ VIC YD 084624 FND 14 SHELTER TYPE BUNKERS. AREA HAD BEEN USED IN PAST MONTH. BUNKERS DEST BY UNIT.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 181645H RECO TM ELK RIVER WORKING FOR 3/3 MADE CONTACT W/8-10 NVA KILLIN 2 OF THEM. ENEMY INITIATED CONTACT FROM PREPARED PS , VIC YD 134740. EXTRACT HELO REC'D SA FIRE DURING EXTRACTI AND WAS FORCED TO LAND AT A-4. AO WAS CALLED AND F/W AND ARTY MSNS WERE RUN ON THE AREA RESULTING IN 1 SECONDARY RE AND 1 SECONDARY EXPL. RES: 2 NVA KIA

(C) 182245H K/3/3 LP OUT FM C- OBS'D 3-5 ENEMY VIC YD 133652. ENEMY FLED WEST WHEN S AND 81MM MORTARS WERE FIRED. UNK RES.

(D) 182305H M/3/3 AT A-4 OBS'D VEHICLE VIC YD 140768. FIRED ARTY MSN AND OBS'D 1 SECONDA EXPL. AT 2340H UNIT OBS'D 10 VEHICLES MOVING NE AT SAM GRID. FIRED ARTY MSNS RESULTING IN 2 LARGE SECONDARY EXP , AO WAS CALLED AND SEARCHED AREA AT FIRST LIGHT W/NEG SIGHTINGS.

(E) 190415H I/3/3 VIC YD 08263 INITIATED AMBUSH ON 4-6 NVA MOVING EAST. UNIT FIRED S AND CLAYMORES AND ENEMY RETURNED FIRE W/SA AND CHICOM GREN DES. CONTACT RESULTED IN 2 NVA KIA.

(F) 190900H M/3/3 VIC YD 14173 REC'D 1 SNIPER RD AND 2 RPG RKT FM VIC YD 136736. NO EN MY WERE SIGHTED. CALLED ARTY MSN W/UNK RES.

(G) 191015H I/3/3 VIC YD 08564 FND METAL AT MINE ONLY HALF BURIED. MINE WAS GREEN AND 1 ' IN DIA. DEST IN PLACE.

(H) 191100H I/3/3 VIC YD 08564 FND M-26 GRENADE WITHOUT PIN ON GND. GRENADE SPOON WAS HEL BY PACKED EARTH ALONG SIDE OF TRAIL. BOOBY TRAP HAD BEE THERE 4-6 WEEKS AND WAS DEST IN PLACE.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN IDAHO CANYON INTSUM NO. 4.

2. 191801H TO 201800H JULY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS MODERATE IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 CONTACT INCIDENT, 1 INCIDENT OF ATTACK BY ROCKET FIRE, AND 2 SIGHTINGS OF SMALL NVA UNITS.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 191715H O/1/3 VIC YD 072614 FND 5 SHELTER TYPE BUNKERS AND 6 LIVING HOOTCHES. SEARCHED AREA FINDING 7 SETS OF FRESH SANDAL TRACKS, 3 LBS OF TNT, AND SMALL AMOUNT OF PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS.

(B) (LATE ENTRY) 191745H O/1/3 VIC YD 076619 OBS'D 5 NVA W/PACKS MOVING SE. CALLED ARTY MSN W/GOOD COVERAGE. UNK RES.

(2) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 191900H M/3/3 REPORTED THAT AN AO COVERING A BEACON HOP REC'D AW FIRE FM VIC YD 153761. ARTY MSN WAS FIRED ON ENEMY PSN. AFTER MSN AO AGAIN REC'D AW FIRE FM SAME GRID. AO DIRECTED ARTY MSN AGAIN ON AREA DESTROYING 14 BUNKERS AND 50 METERS OF TRENCHLINE.

(B) 192030H 3/3 AT A-4 OBS'D WHAT APPEARED TO BE 1 VEHICLE MOVING SOUTH. OBSERVATION WAS MADE W/NOD. CALLED ARTY MSN W/UNK RES. VEHICLE OBS'D VIC YD 122749.

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(C) 192150H I/3/3 VIC YD 086650 AMBUSHED 4 NVA/VC MOVING SOUTH ON TRAIL. UNIT FIRED SA AND CLAYMORES. SEARCHED AREA UNDER LIGHT OF ILLUM FINDING ONLY 1 SET OF DRAG MARKS.

(D) 192255H K/3/3 AT A-4 REPORTED RECEIVING 10 INCOMING ROCKETS OF UNK CAL FM VIC YD 047683. ROCKETS CAME IN 2 VOLLEYS OF 5 EACH AND IMPACTED IN THE YD 1070 GRID. ARTY MSNS WERE FIRED W/UNK RES.

(E) 200315H K/3/3 LP 500 METERS SOUTH OF A-4 OBS'D 3-5 SUS ROCKETS IMPACT IN THE YD 1070 GRID AND 1 AIR BURST IN THE YD 1069 GRID. EN PSN UNK.

(F) 200645H M/3/3 VIC YD 144728 OBS'D 10 NVA/VC RUN INTO TREELINE VIC YD 140723. UNIT FIRED SA AND CALLED ARTY MSN AND AO. AT 0900H THE AO DIRECTED F/W ON ENEMY PSN VIC YD 145725 DESTROYING 1 ACTIVE 50 CAL AND KILLING 4 NVA. RES: 4 NVA KIA

(G) 200815H I/3/3 VIC YD 093646 FND 9 BUNKERS. AREA WAS APPROX 9-12 MONTHS OLD AND ALL BUNKERS EXCEPT 2 WERE CAVED IN. THESE 2 BUNKERS HAD RECENT SIGNS OF ACTY. UNIT DEST BUNKERS.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA = 14

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FM: CO, THIRD MARINES
TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV (G-3 AND G-5)

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SUBJECT:

RESTRICTION OF AREAS IN CAM LO DISTRICT TO INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL

REF: A. [illegible] DTG 292303Z MAY 69 (C)
B. [illegible] DTG 280522Z JUN 69 (S)

1. AS STATED IN REFERENCE A, AND B. THE 3D MARINES CLOSED THE AREA WEST OF [illegible] 7 (YD 089579) TO INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL ON 28 JUNE 69 DUE TO A [illegible] SECURITY SITUATION. SINCE THAT TIME, SATURATION PATROLLING HAS AGAIN RESTORED THE AREA TO A SECURE STATE.

2. [illegible] AFTER CONFERRING WITH DISTRICT AND ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVES, THE FOLLOWING ACTION WILL BE EFFECTED:

A. [illegible] NOW AND 22 JUNE, CAM LO DISTRICT WILL CONDUCT A PSYOPS [illegible] TO INFORM THE PEOPLE WHY THE AREA WAS CLOSED, WHAT AREAS WILL BE [illegible] AND WHAT PART THEY CAN PLAY IN MAINTAINING SECURITY FOR THE [illegible] AND THEMSELVES.

B. [illegible] 22 JUNE, THE AREA EAST OF HILL 37, NORTH OF THE 53 E-W GRID LINE, WEST OF THE 03 E-W GRID LINE, AND SOUTH OF THE CAM LO RIVER WILL BE RESTORED TO PEACEFUL PURSUITS.

C. THE NATIONAL POLICE AND ELEMENTS OF THE 3D MARINES WILL RUN MOBILE CHECK POINT ALONG ROUTE #9, BETWEEN THE GIO BRIDGE AND HILL [illegible] TO ASSIST IN POPULATION AND RESOURCES CONTROL.

3. IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE 3D MARINES, IN CONCERT WITH CAM LO DISTRICT, TO OPEN ADDITIONAL AREA TO WOODCUTTING AND FISHING AS THE PAVING OF ROUTE #9 WEST OF THE GIO BRIDGE IS COMPLETED AND AS THE PROGRAM CAN BE PROPERLY POLICED.

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1. 3d MAR IN OPN IDAHO CANYON INTSUM NO. 5.

2. 201801 TO 211800H JULY 1969

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTED PERIOD, EN ACTY HAS INCREASED IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 4 CONTACT INCIDENTS AND 1 INCIDENT OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE.

A. GROUND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 200815H C/1/3/ VIC YD 080610 OBS'D 40-45 NVA/VC MVG N. VIC YD 089619. EN. WAS WELL CAMOFLAGED AND CARRYING 2 STRETCHERS. UNIT CALLED ARTY MSN W/GOOD COVERAGE OF AREA. UNIT SEARCHED AREA AND FND MANY BLOOD TRLS.

(B) 210830H C/1/3/ VIC YD 070114 FND 11 SHELTER TYPE BNKRS AND 5 CHICOM GRENADES. NO SIGN OF ACTY. DEST BY UNIT.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) E/2/3/ AT 201530H VIC XD 983606 FND 4 BNKRS AND FRESH TRLS HEADING NE OUT OF AREA.

(B) 210945H F/2/3 VIC XD FND MANY FRESH SANDAL TRACKS HEADING NE. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG FINDINGS.

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(S) 3D BN 5TH MAR

(A) (LATE REPT) 2010000H M/3/3 VIC YD 148721 FND 10 BUNKERS LESS THAN 2 WEEKS OLD. P/W HAD BEEN RUN ON AREA APPROX 1 DAY BEFORE. 2 OLD MORTAR PITS WERE PARTIALLY DEST AND THERE WERE BLOOD TRAILS IN THE AREA. ALSO FND 32/82MM MORTAR RDS, 6/60MM MORTAR RDS, 2 CHICOM GRENADES, 2 AP MINES, 1 SATCHEL CHARGE, AND MISC DOC'S.

(B) (LATE REPT) 2010COH L/3/3 VIC YD 086651 FND 2 STORAGE TYPE BUNKERS. IN 1 OF THE BUNKERS UNIT FND SMALL AP MINE. DEST MINE IN PLACE, NO SIGN OF ACTY IN AREA.

(C) (LATE REPT) 2015L8H 3/3 REPORTED THAT THE RECON TEAM PEACH STATE OBS'D 2 NVA/VC CARRYING WEAPONS AND BINOCULARS. VIC YD 085724. TM CALLED ARTY MSN. UNK RES.

(D) 2018:0H 3/3 REPORTED THAT THE RECON TM PEACH STATE VIC YD 0927.2 HAD MOVEMENT AND RECV'D SA FIRE FM UNK NUMBER OF ENEMY TO THEIR NORTH. CALLED FOR AN AO AND THE AO REC'D SA FIRE FM 30 MEMBERS NORTH OF TEAM. AO RAN HIS ORD AND THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT.

(E) 2019:0H M/3/3 VIC YD 1507:6 OBS'D AND INITIATED CONTACT W/APPROX 9 NVA/VC VIC YD 139728. UNIT FIRED SA AND CALLED ARTY MSNS. UNK RES.

(F) 2019:5H M/3/3 VIC YD 0926:4 OBS'D 8-10 NVA/VC MOVING SOUTH VIC YD 093650. CALLED ARTY MSNS. UNK RES.

(G) 2022:0H 3/3 REPORTED THAT THE RECON TM SAND BOX HAD MOVEMENT TO THEIR NORTH, WEST, AND SOUTH VIC YD 102723. AFTER ½ HR MOVEMENT LEFT AREA.

(H) 2104:0H 3/3 REPORTED THAT THE RECON TM PEACH STATE MADE CONTACT W/6-10 ENEMY VIC YD 089706. TM OBS'D 5-6 OF THE ENEMY AND REC'D LIGHT MG FIRE. THE AO WORKING FOR THE TM REC'D SA FIRE FM ENEMY. SEARCHED AREA AFTER CONTACT FINDING 4 BLOOD TRAILS, 2 PACKS, 1 AK-47 MAG, AND 1 PR OF SANDALS.

(I) 2107:0H M/3/3 VIC YD 145737 FND 11 BUNKERS, 3 HAD BEEN OCC IN PAST 2 DAYS. ALSO FND FRESH TRAILS LEADING OUT OF AREA IN ALL DIRECTIONS, 20/60MM MORT RDS, 3 RPG RKTS, 3 AP MINES, MISC SMALL AMOUNTS OF MORT FUSES AND INCREMENTS, 6 CHICOM GRENADES, 3 E-TOOLS, 2 PICKS, AND 4 GAS MASK FILTERS.

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(J) 210800H M/3/3 VIC YD 148[illegible]5 RECV'D 8 RDS INCOMING 60MM MORTAR FIRE FR VIC YD 145744 NO RDS HIT INSIDE OF WIRE. CALLED ARTY MSN W/UNK RES.

(K) 210820H M/3/3 VIC YD 1290[illegible]9 ROAD SWEEP WAS HIT WITH RPG AND AW FIRE FM APPROX 15-25 [illegible]EMY VIC YD 127678 AND YD 132677. UNIT RETURNED THE FIRE W/SA, DUSTERS, AND CALLED ARTY MSNS. ENEMY WAS WEARING CAMOUFLAGE AND HIDDEN WELL. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. UNIT SEARCHED AREA FINDING SEVERAL BLOOD TRAILS, 3 NVA KIA, 4 RPG LAUNCHERS, 2 RPG RKTS, AND 1 SMALL NVA FLAG.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA - 17 AND 4 CSWC

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN IDAHO CANYON INTSUM NO. 6.

2. 211801H TO 221800H JULY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 SIGHTINGS OF SMALL ENEMY UNITS.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 211145H C/1/3 VIC XD 089609 FND 1 PR OF BLOODY NVA TROUSERS AND 1 TENNIS SHOE. ITEMS WERE APPROX 3 DAYS OLD.

(B) 211945H C/1/3 VIC YD 078609 FND FRESH TRACKS OF 6-8 ENEMY HEADED SW. TRACKS WERE APPROX 5-6 HRS OLD.

(C) 221200H C/1/3 VIC YD 079616 FND 3 RECENTLY BUILT BUNKERS. IN BUNKERS UNIT FOUND 300/7.62MM RDS, 6½ LBS OF TNT, 1/60MM MORT RD, AND 50 LBS OF DECAYED RICE. EVERYTHING DEST BY UNIT.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 221020H F/2/3 VIC XD 964627 FND 9 OLD BUNKERS W/ NO SIGN OF RECENT ACTY. DEST BY UNIT.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 211100H M/3/3 VIC YD 154742 FND 5 BUNKERS THAT WERE RECENTLY BUILT AND USED IN PAST 48 HRS. THERE WERE OTHER BUNKERS IN AREA THAT HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY AIR OR ARTY. ALSO FND 3 DEAD NVA KILLED BY ARTY APPROX 18-24 HRS BEFORE, 1 DEST AK-47 W/4 MAGS, 3 GAS MASKS, 200/7.62MM RDS, 6 NVA CARTRIDGE BELTS, 1 NVA PONCHO, 3 FIRST AID PACKS, AND 8 CHICOM GRENADES. RES: 3 NVA KIA AND 1 IWC

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(B) (LATE ENTRY) 211335H K/3/3 VIC YD 127678 OBS'D AND MADE CONTACT W/1 NVA KILLING HIM AND CAPTURING 1 RPG-7 W/SIGHT. RES: 1 NVA KIA AND 1 CSWC

(C) (LATE ENTRY) 211615H I/3/3 VIC YD 095675 OBS'D UNK NUMBER OF ENEMY POSSIBLY SETTING UP AMBUSH FOR UNIT. UNIT MOVED IN AND MADE CONTACT W/2 NVA KILLING BOTH OF THEM. SEARCHED AREA FINDING FRESH SIGNS OF MANY MORE ENEMY IN AREA, ALSO 3 RPG-2'S, 1 RPG-7, 3 NVA PACKS, 2 GAS MASKS, 1 E-TOOL, 3 CHICOM GRENADES, AND 6 RPG RKTS. RES: 2 NVA KIA AND 4 CSWC

(D) 211945H I/3/3 VIC YD 093638 OBS'D 10-12 NVA ON SMALL HILL VIC YD 082639. CALLED ARTY MSN ON EN PSN. AT SAME TIME UNIT OBS'D 2 NVA/VC APPROX 150 METERS TO THEIR WEST AND FIRED SA W/NEG RES. AT 220645H UNIT SEARCHED AREA WHERE 10-12 NVA WERE SIGHTED FINDING 1 DEAD NVA HIDDEN IN BUSHES. RES: 1 NVA KIA

(E) 220715H I/3/3 VIC YD 093649 OBS'D 3 NVA/VC MOVING SOUTH WEARING GREEN AND CARRYING WEAPONS. CALLED ARTY MSN. SEARCHED AREA FINDING FRESH TRACKS AND 4 OLD BUNKERS.

(F) 220805H 3/3 REPORTED THAT THE SWEEP TEAM VIC YD 113554 REC'D 1 RD INCOMING, POSS 60MM MORTAR FIRE.

(G) 221100H M/3/3 REPORTED THAT AN AO OBS'D 5 UNCOVERED BUNKERS VIC YD 153760. BUNKERS HAD BEEN UNCOVERED BY A/S.

(4) OTHER

(A) 22 JULY 69 AO OBS'D 7 BUNKERS AND HVY TRAIL ACTY VIC YD 070614. ALSO VIC YD 167712 THE AO OBS'D 30 MOUNDS OF FRESH DIRT, POSS GRAVES.

4. ENEMY LOSSES - 21 NVA KIA, 1 IWC, AND 5 CSWC

5. - 13. NEG

14. (CORRECTION ENTRY) INTSUM #5 210820H K/3/3 WAS AMBUSHED WHILE ON ROAD SWEEP. DELETE THE 3 NVA KIA AND 4 RPG LAUNCHERS (CSWC) FM ENTRY.

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EVALUATION OF U.S. REDEPLOYMENT

A. CG, 3D MARDIV 210810Z JULY 69

1. A NEGATIVE REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO REF A.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN IDAHO CANYON INTSUM NO. 7.

2. 221801H TO 231600H JULY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 INCIDENT OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 221400H C/1/3 VIC YD 068616 FND 16 SHELTER TYPE BUNKERS AND NUMEROUS FIGHTING HOLES. IN THE AREA UNIT FND 8 CHICOM GRENADES, 6 E-TOOLS, 50 LBS OF DECAYED RICE, 10 LBS OF TNT, 200/7.62MM RDS, 2 MACHETES, MISC CLOTHING, AND MISC MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

(B) 230900H C/1/3 VIC YD 054624 FND BUNKER W/MISC GEAR INSIDE. GEAR CONSISTED OF 4 RPG RKTS, 8 CHICOM GRENADES, 50 LBS OF DECAYED RICE, 4 RICE BOWLS, AND 2 GAS MASKS. EVERYTHING DEST BY UNIT.

(2) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) 222240H K/3/3 AT C-2 NOD OBS'D 5 NVA/VC MOVING WEST NEAR THEIR DUMP AREA VIC YD 136657. AT 2345H UNIT AGAIN OBS'D 5-7 NVA/VC W/NOD IN SAME AREA. IN BOTH CASES UNIT FIRED 81MM AND 60MM MORTARS. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG FINDINGS.

(B) 230210H M/3/3 VIC YD 155747 REC'D 15 RDS INCOMING 60MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC YD 144745. CALLED ARTY MSN W/UNK RES.

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(C) 230800H M/3/3 REPORTED THAT AN AO OBS'D 5 DESTROYED BUNKERS AND 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION AS RESULT OF A BEACON HOP A/S VIC YD 171736 AT 221835H.

(D) 230800H M/3/3 VIC YD 157747 FND 10 BUNKERS W/RECENT SIGNS OF ACTY. IN THE COMPLEX AREA UNIT ALSO FND 2 MORTAR PITS, 2X/82MM MORT RDS, 11/82MM FUSES, 2 GAS MASKS, 4 HELMETS, 2 PACKS, 1 FIRST AID KIT, AND PART OF A NEWSPAPER. AREA WAS DEST BY UNIT.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA - 21
IWC - 1
CSWC - 5

5. - 14. ENG

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MALARIA AND FUO CONTROL

1. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE HIGH INCIDENCE OF MALARIA AND FEVERS OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN IN THIS REGIMENT. IT DETRACTS FROM OUR COMBAT READINESS AND EFFICIENCY TO AN UNTOLERABLE DEGREE.

2. I AM AWARE OF THE STEPS WHICH YOU HAVE TAKEN TO ASSURE CONSUMPTION OF THE WEEKLY AND DAILY ANTI-MALARIA PILLS. IT HAS BECOME APPARENT THAT ADDITIONAL STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO REDUCE OUR LOSSES.

3. THESE STEPS ARE SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE, [redacted] THEY CONSIST OF MINIMIZING SKIN EXPOSURE, I. E. ROLLING DOWN SLEEVES WHEN DUSK SETS IN, [redacted] APPLYING MOSQUITO REPELLENT TO EXPOSED SKIN AND AROUND THE EDGES OF SLEEVES AND COLLARS.

4. TOWARDS THIS END, ALL PERSONNEL WILL WEAR THE CAMOUFLAGE HELMET BAND AROUND THEIR HELMETS, AND WILL PLACE A BOTTLE OF THE ISSUE MOSQUITO REPELLENT UNDER THE BAND ON THE SIDE OF THE HELMET. T IS GIVES VISUAL EVIDENCE THAT EVERY MAN HAS THE REPELLENT IN HIS POSSESSION.

5. OBVIOUSLY, ACTION DOES NOT STOP AT THIS POINT. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY COMMANDER, FROM THAT OF THE REGIMENT TO THAT OF THE FIRE TEAM, TO POINT OUT TO EACH INDIVIDUAL THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UNIT, TO THE HEALTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL OVER HIS ENTIRE LIFE SPAN, AND TO DISPELL OLD WIVES TALES ABOUT THE REPELLENTS'S ODOR, AND BEING A CAUSE OF SKIN RASH.

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN IDAHO CANYON INTSUM NO. 8.

2. 231801H TO 241800H JULY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY INCREASED IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 CONTACT INCIDENTS, 2 MINE INCIDENTS, AND 1 INCIDENT OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE.

4. GND FORCES:

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 232500H C/1/3 VIC YD 062637 TO YD 056639 FND OLD BUNKER COMPLEX W/MISC GEAR. GEAR CONSISTED OF 10 LBS OF EXP, 6 CHICOM GRENADES, 250/7.62MM RDS, 2 SATCHEL CARRYING CASES FOR RPG RDS, AND 1 VN FLAG W/ WRITING ON BLANK SPOTS.

(B) 241130H B/1/3 VIC YD 022621 FND A TRAIL W/FRESH TRACKS OF APPROX 10-15 INDIV LEADING TO YD 023619 WHERE UNIT FND 30 METERS OF TRENCH AND 1 COOKING FIRE.

(C) 241610H A/1/3 VIC YD 023626 HRD VOICES IN A DRAW. UNIT FIRED SA AND THREW GRENADES W/UNK RES.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 240600H G/2/3 HRD AND OBS'D MOVEMENT VIC YD 004564 TO YD 002565. UNIT SAW CROSSED AREA FINDING 5 HOLES IN ROAD FOR MINES, 1 NVA FLAG ON A STICK, SEVERAL SMALL PAPER NVA FLAGS, AND PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS.

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(1) 240815H E/2/3 VIC YD 976626 FND 2 LEAVES, 1/60TH [illegible] RD, 2 US HELMETS, 30M/7.62MM RDS (CHICOM), 1 NVA BATTLE DRESSING, 1 NVA HELMET, 2 STICKS OF C-4, 2 NVA E-TOOLS, 1 NVA PACK, 1 AK-47 MAG, 200 RDS M-60 BELT AMMO, AND THE BOTTOM HALF OF 1 NVA BODY. GEAR WAS SPREAD AROUND AREA AND IN NO ORDER. RESULT: 1 NVA KIA

(2) 241300H A/2/3 VIC YD 969616 FND MISC US ORDNANCE. ORD CONSISTED OF 1500 RDS M-60 BELT AMMO, 1 US CLAYMORE, 2 M-16 BARRELS, 1 M-16 BOLT, 12 LEAVES, 6 US GAS MASKS, 3 CC/4.5MM RDS, 100' OF TIME FUSE, 2 POP-UP FLARES, 20 M-16 MAGS, 7/81MM HE/CHICOM RDS, 5/82MM WP RDS, 8/81MM HE RDS, 1/60MM RDS, 1 US HELMET, 2 M-26 GRENADES, AND 1/4.5MM RDS. ORD AND GEAR WERE NOT CONCEALED OR POLLUTED.

(3) NO BW NO DAM

(4) (DATE EFFECTIVE) 251600H M/3/3 VIC YD 165732 FND 6-8 RDS 82MM FIRED FM 60MM MORTAR VIC YD 155754 AND IMPACTING AT 985IR OUD PSN VIC YD 152744. FIRE MSN WAS CALLED W/UNK RDS.

(5) 240615H T/3/2 VIC YD 091653 OBS'D AND MADE CONTACT W/6-8 NVA VIC YD 090653. 5TH OBS'D 4-6 MORE NVA IN SAME AREA. UNIT FIRED AA, AW AND CALLED ARTY MSNS AND RECV'D SA AND GRENADES BY ENEMY. AREA WAS SEARCHED FINDING 4 DEAD NVA, 1 AK-47'S, 5 AK-47 A/C POUCHES, 12 AK-47 MAGS, 3 NVA PACKS, 2 CHICOM GRENADES, 4 CANTEENS, 5 PONCHOS, 2 E-TOOLS, MISC NVA GEAR, AND 2 MAPS. AT 0935H UNIT VIC YD 092653 RECV'D 20 RDS INCOMING 82MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC YD 097653 AND YD 093665. CALLED ARTY MSNS ON SUS EN PSNS. AT 1100H UNIT OBS'D 1 WOUNDED NVA VIC YD 094652, WHEN WOULD NOT SURRENDER AND DECI KILLED HIM. SEARCHING AREA FINDING ANOTHER DEAD NVA, 2 AK-47'S, 6 AK-47 MAGS, 2 CANTEENS, 1 GAS MASK, 1 PR OF BINOCULARS, AND 6 PACKS OF CAMO. RES: 6 NVA KIA & 6 INC

(6) 240715H M/3/3 VIC YD 168723 FND 1 NVA BODY. NVA BODY WAS DECAYED AND COVERED W/PLASTIC AND DIRT. UNK CAUSE OF DEATH. RESL: 1 NVA KIA

(7) 240830H M/3/3 VIC YD 137727 DETONATED AT MINE OR BOOBY TRAP.

(8) 240850H E/3/3 VIC YD 129677 FND 1 AP MINE IN ROAD. MINE HAD BEEN PUT THERE THE NIGHT BEFORE. SEARCHED AREA FOUND 3 FOOTPRINTS OF 2 BOOBY HEADED SE.

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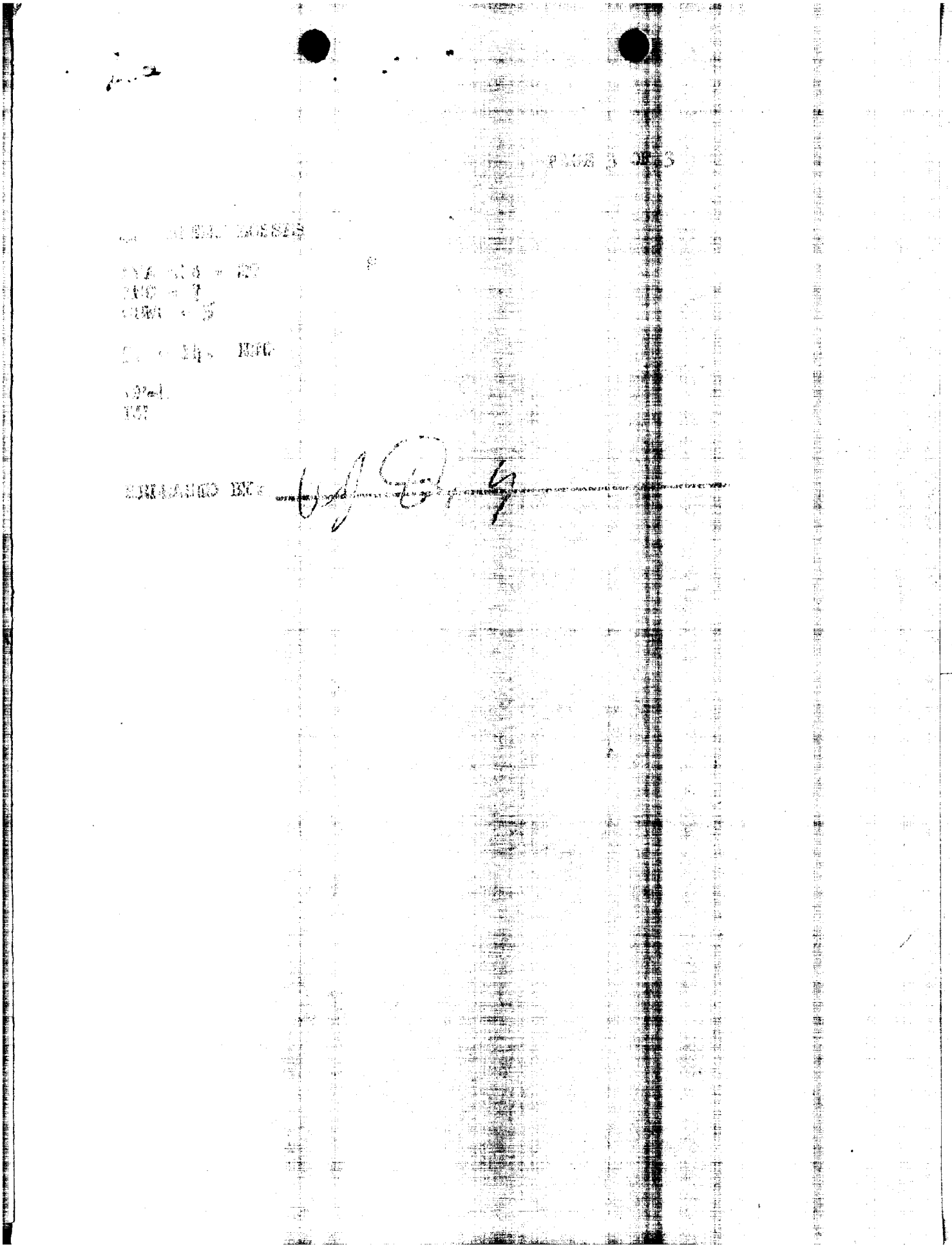

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25 JULY 1969
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN IDAHO CANYON INTSUM NO. 9.

2. 241801H TO 251800H JULY 69

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS MODERATE IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 2 CONTACTS, 1 SNIPER INCIDENT, AND 1 INCIDENT OF ATTACK BY MORTAR FIRE.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 250717H C/1/3 VIC YD 070646 FND 2 CHICOM GRENADES AND A HEAVILY USED TRAIL RUNNING TO YD 068639.

(B) 250830H C/1/3 VIC YD 052651 OBS'D 10 NVA/VC MOVING NW VIC YD 048652. UNIT CALLED ARTY MSN ON EN PSN. THEN AT 1100H UNIT REC'D SA FIRE FM UNK NUMBER OF EN AT SAME LOCATION AS SIGHTING. SA WERE FIRED AND EN BROKE CONTACT. AT 1200H UNIT VIC YD 051652 OBS'D AND MADE CONTACT W/11 NVA/VC ALONG A STREAM VIC YD 052654. AO FIRED ORD ON AREA. SEARCHED AREA W/NEG FINDINGS.

(C) 251630H C/1/3 VIC YD 083677 INITIATED CONTACT W/5-10 NVA MOVING SOUTH. UNK RES.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 240745H M/3/3 VIC YD 165713 SEARCHED AREA WHERE THE AO SPOTTED A GRAVEYARD APPROX 2 DAYS AGO. THERE WERE APPROX 120 GRAVES. AREA WAS OLD AND GRAVES CONTAINED NO TRACE OF BODIES. AREA BELIEVED TO BE AN OLD CIVILIAN GRAVEYARD.

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(B) (LATE ENTRY) 241540H 3/3 REPORTED THAT AN AO OBS'D A/S VIC YD 094728 RESULTING IN 2 SEC FIRES; A/S VIC YD 096730 RESULTING IN 1 BUNKER DEST AND 1 SEC FIRE; A/S VIC YD 091716 RESULTING IN 1 SEC FIRE.

(C) (LATE ENTRY) 241750H I/3/3 VIC YD 091653 WHILE RESUPPLY HELO WAS IN LZ UNIT REC'D 10-12 RDS INCOMING 60MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC YD 097667. FIRED 60MM MORTAR AND CALLED ARTY MSN. UNK RES.

(D) 241801H I/3/3 PATROL VIC YD 088664 FND FRESH MATTED GRASS AND 1 MORTAR PIT W/RECENT SIGNS OF ACTY.

(E) 241830H I/3/3 VIC YD 091653 REC'D 3-4 RDS SNIPER FIRE FM UNK EN PSN. SNIPER FIRE CAME FM THE NORTH. AREA WAS SEARCHED W/NEG RES.

(F) 241845H I/3/3 REPORTED THAT AN AO REC'D 25-50 RDS OF 50 CAL FIRE FM VIC YD 075655. AO FIRED HIS ORD AND CALLED ARTY MSN W/UNK RES.

(G) 251030H I/3/3 VIC YD 088667 REC'D 15 RDS INCOMING 60MM MORTAR FIRE, SA FIRE, AND RPG FIRE FM UNK NUMBER OF ENEMY VIC YD 084665 AND YD 084667. ONLY 4 NVA/VC WERE OBS'D MOVING SOUTH. UNIT FIRED SA AND CALLED FOR AO AND GUNSHIPS. AT 1145H THE GUNSHIPS REC'D SA FIRE AND LIGHT 30 CAL FIRE FM VIC YD 083667. UNK RES OF CONTACT. AREA WILL BE SEARCHED.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA - 29
IWC - 20
CSWC - 5

5. - 13. NEG

14. (FOLLOW-UP RPT TO INTSUM #6; PAR (2) (B)&(C))
THE 13 LAAWS REPORTED WILL BE COUNTED AS IWC. ADD 13 IWC

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CHANGE OF COMMAND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RECON PLATOON (DMZ PATROLS) AND THIRD MARINES

A. CONFERENCE BETWEEN CO, THIRD RECON BN AND S-3, THIRD MARINES OF 21 JULY 69

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE A, THE LAST RECON PATROL UNDER THE OPCON CONCEPT WILL BE SAND BOY (PRESENTLY COMMITTED).

2. HENCEFORTH, ALL RECON BN PATROLS INTO THE DMZ NORTH OF THE THIRD MARINES AO WILL BE UNDER THE FOLLOWING SYSTEM:

A. THE THIRD MARINES WILL DESIGNATE THE RZ, MISSION, AND ORDER OF PATROL INSERTS.

B. THE RECON BN WILL DESIGNATE THE TEAM, TIME FRAME, AND ISSUE THE WARNING ORDER TO THIRD MARINES; THIRD MARINES IN TURN PASS TO BN WITH COGNIZANCE OVER A-4.

C. THE TEAMS WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO A-4 FOR OVERLAND LAUNCH. UPON ARRIVAL AT A-4 THE TEAM LEADER WILL CHECK IN WITH THE SENIOR INFANTRY COMMANDER AND ADVISE HIM OF LAUNCH TIME, ROUTE, AND DURATION.

D. THE RECON BN WILL MAINTAIN A LIAISON TEAM AT A-4 FOR COORDINATION WITH PARENT UNIT AND SENIOR INFANTRY COMMANDER AT A-4.

E. BN WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR A-4 WILL MAINTAIN A TANK-INFANTRY (PLT EACH) GROUND REACTION FORCE TO PROVIDE OVERLAND EXTRACTION COMMITMENT OF FORCE ON REQUEST OF RECON BN CO AND DIRECTED BY CO, THIRD MARINES.

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F. RECON TEAMS WILL BE UNDER NORMAL OPCON OF PARENT BATTALION UNLESS JOINED WITH OVERLAND EXTRACTION FORCE; THEN UNDER EXTRACTION FORCE COMMANDER UNTIL CLOSURE ON A-4 COMPLETED.

3. BN WITH COGNIZANCE FOR AO ENCOMPASSING A-4 HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY TO PLAN FOR, DIRECT, OR CONTROL RECON TEAMS EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN PARA 2.F. ABOVE.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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CONVOY SECURITY ASSIGNMENTS FOR AUGUST 1969

A. 3D MARDIV OP ORDER 24-68
B. CG, 3D MARDIV MSG DTG 190010Z JULY 69

1. REFERENCE A. SETS FOR A REQUIREMENT FOR CONVOY SECURITY. REF B. REFLECTS THE SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

2. PREVIOUS TO THE STAND DOWN OF THE 9TH MARINES, EACH INFANTRY REGIMENT RECEIVED THE SECURITY ASSIGNMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS PER MONTH. REF B. INCREASES THE 3D MARINES ASSIGNMENT TO 16 DAYS FOR AUGUST.

3. PRESENT COMBAT COMMITTMENTS OF THE THIRD REGIMENT MAKE IT IMPERATIVE THAT MAXIMUM FIELD STRENGTHS BE MAINTAINED. IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO USE OF A PROVISIONAL PLATOON FROM ONE OF THE COMBAT BASES OR FROM THE COMBAT SUPPORT UNITS FOR THAT MONTHLY PORTION OF CONVOY SECURITY DUTY NORMALLY ASSIGNED THE 9TH MARINES.

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3D BN 3D MAR
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN IDAHO CANYON INTSUM NO. 10.

2. 251801H TO 261800H JULY 1969

3. (U) SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 INCIDENT OF A COMMAND DET CLAYMORE BEING FOUND.

4. (U) FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (LAOS ENTRY) 253605H C/1/3 VIC YD 083677 OBS'D 4 NORTH MOVING SW VIC YD 082672. UNIT FIRED SA AND ENEMY FLED SW. UNK RES.

(B) 260550H A/1/3 VIC YD 009626 FND A HVY USED TRAIL RUNNING EAST AND WEST. AT SAME GRID UNIT FND 2 BUNKERS APPROX 1 MONTH OLD W/RECENT SIGNS OF ACTY IN AREA. UNIT FOLLOWED TRAIL TO VIC YD 012634 WHERE THEY FND A MORTAR PIT W/2 BUNKERS AND 9/82MM MORTAR RDS. BUNKERS AND ORD DEST.

(C) 261315H C/1/3 VIC YD 037653 FND OLD AA/AW PSN WITH CONCEALING UNDERBRUSH AND BUNKERS. AREA WAS APPROX 6-8 MONTHS OLD AND HAD NO SIGN OF RECENT ACTY. DEST BY UNIT.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 261215H F/2/3 VIC XD 964616 FND 1 CHICOM CLAYMORE SET UP ON TRAIL TO BE COMMAND DETONATED. MINE WAS SET NEAR TOP OF HILL FACING DOWNWARD. DEST IN PLACE.

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(3) [illegible] 3D MAR

(A) (FOLLOW-UP RPT: REF INTSUM # 9) 251030H I/3/3 VIC XD 088667 CONTACT. THE CONT WAS WITH AN EST NVA CO AND LASTED THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE DAY. THE XD 0866 GRID WAS SWEPT THROUGH AFTER THE CONT AND CONT TODAY. UNIT FND 1 NVA KIA, 2/60MM MORTARS, 1/82MM MORTAR , 4 AK-47'S, 24/82MM MORTAR RDS, 35/82MM MORTAR RDS, 1 RPG RKT, 3 CHICOM GREN, 4 GAS MASKS, 3 AK -47 MAGS 25 LBS OF RICE, 3 NVA PACKS, 2 CANTEENS, AND MICS OTHER T&E GEAR. HVY STENCH OF BURNING FLESH WAS PREDOMINANT THROUGHOUT THE AREA ALSO PARTS OF BODIES AND PIECES OF FLESH WERE FND STREW ABOUT. RES: 1 NVA KIA, 4 IWC, AND 3 CSWC

(B) 261045H I/3/3 VIC YD 077668 FND 1/60MM MORTAR IN BUSHES NEG OTHER FINDINGS. RES: 1 CSWC

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA = 30
IWC = 24
CSWC = 9

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN IDAHO CANYON INTSUM NO. 11.

2. 261801H TO 281800H JULY 1969

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY INCREASED IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 4 CONTACT INCIDENTS AND 2 INCIDENTS OF ATTACK BY FIRE.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 261845H A/1/3 VIC YD 011637 OBS'D 5 NVA/VC MOVING EAST TOWARD THEIR PSN. UNIT OPENED FIRE W/SA AND 60MM MORT. ENEMY FLED NORTH. AFTER DARK UNIT COULD HEAR 1 OF THE ENEMY MOANING IN PAIN. VIC YD 012638.

(B) 270830H A/1/3 PLT VIC YD 005629 AND ANOTHER PLT VIC YD 015645 MADE CONTACT AT SAME TIME. THE FIRST PLT MADE CONTACT W/APPROX 8 NVA KILLING 5 OF THEM AND CAPTURING 1 AK-47. THE SECOND PLT MADE CONTACT W/APPROX 5 NVA KILLING 3 OF THEM W/SA AND THE AO REPORTED THAT 1 WAS KILLED W/AN A/S. ARTY MSNS WERE FIRED ON SUS EN ESCAPE ROUTES TO THE NORTH OF THE CONTACTS. ALL THE NVA BODIES WORE NEW GREEN UTILITIES, HAD CLOSE HAIRCUTS, AND WERE CLEAN SHAVING. THE FIRST PLT FND 6 NVA PACKS FILLED W/FOOD AND PERSONAL GEAR AND 1 SKETCH MAP ON 1 OF THE DEAD NVA. RES: 9 NVA KIA AND 1 IWC

(C) 271000H C/1/3 VIC YD 011639 FND 3 OLD BUNKERS W/NO SIGNS OF RECENT ACTY. DEST BY UNIT.

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(1) 270415H A/1/3 VIC YD 013643 OBS'D AN UNK NUMBER OF ENEMY MOVING NE IN A DRAW VIC YD 011645. F/W MSN WAS FLOWN ON AREA RESULTING IN 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS GIVING OFF DENSE WHITE SMOKE. F/W MSN WAS RUN AGAIN AND THE UNIT OBS'D 2 NVA BODIES GET BLOWN INTO THE AIR. RES: 2 NVA KIA

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) (LATE ENTRY) 261130H E/2/3 VIC XD 985627 FND 1 DEAD NVA. BODY HAD BEEN THERE 3-4 MONTHS AND WAS KILLED POSSIBLY BY SA. RES: 1 NVA KIA

(B) 262030H F/2/3 OBS'D LIGHTS OF UNK ORIGIN VIC XD 967652. ARTY MSN WAS FIRE AND THE UNIT OBS'D 2 POSS SECONDARY EXPL.

(C) 271200H F/2/3 VIC XD 940611 REC'D SA FIRE FM APPROX 4 ENEMY VIC XD 937611. FIRED WAS RETURNED W/SA AND ARTY MSN. AO ALSO RAN HIS ORD ON AREA. UNIT SEARCHING AREA FOUND 20 OLD BUNKERS, 1 PACK CONTAINING LOADED AK-47 MAGS, 1 GAS MASK, 2 PITH HELMETS, MISC 782 GEAR, AND 2 SMALL PIECES OF PAPER W/WRITTING ON THEM.

(3) 3D BN 3D MAR

(A) (FOLLOW-UP RPT: REF INTSUM #9) 251030H - I/3/3 CONTACT IN THE YD 0866 GRID. FURTHER SEARCH OF THE ON THE 26TH RESULTED IN THE FINDING OF 8 ADDITIONAL NVA BODIES. THE BODIES WERE BURNED AND BLOWN APART BY AIR AND ARTY. MISC 782 GEAR WAS FND SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE AREA ALSO. RES: 8 NVA KIA

(B) 262130H I/3/3 AMBUSH VIC YD 085663 OBS'D 3 ENEMY 100 METERS TO THEIR SOUTH. UNIT FIRED SA AND THE ENEMY DISAPPEARED TO THE WEST.

(C) 262140H I/3/3 AMBUSH VIC YD 093666 HRD MVOEMENT 10-15 METERS FM THEIR PSN. UNIT THREW GRENADES AND REC'D 1 CHICOM GRENADE IN RETURN. THEN 60MM MORTARS WERE FIRED W/UNK RES.

(D) 262240H I/3/3 AMBUSH VIC YD 088667 REC'D 1 INCOMING RD OF UNK CAL FM AN UNK EN PSN.

(E) 270750H K/3/3 VIC YD 072679 REC'D 35-40 RDS INCOMING 82MM MORTAR FIRE FM VIC YD 077670. TANKS AND F/W WERE USED ON EN PSN. AREA WAS SEARCHED FINDING 2 MORTAR PITS, 1 BUNKER, 9 FIGHTING HOLES, 5/82MM MORT RDS, AND 2 CANS OF INCREMENTS.

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(F) 270940H K/3/3 VIC YD 063674 OBS'D 3 ENEMY MOVING INTO A TREELINE VIC YD 063684. TANKS FIRED DIRECT FIRE AND ARTY MSN WAS CALLED W/UNK RES.

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA - 50
IWC - 25
CSWC - 9

5. - 14. NEG

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NIGHT OBSERVATION DEVICES

A. CG THIRD MARDIV msg 240550Z JULY 1969

B. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (A), THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

ITEM	T/E	SPEC ALLOW	O/H
METASCOPE, ASSEMBLY, IMAGE, INFRA-RED M9902A	0	0	0
NIGHT OBSERVATION DEVICES AN/TVS-4	0	0	0
CREW SERVED WEAPONS SIGHTS AN/TVS-2	0	0	0
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1. 3D MAR IN OPN IDAHO CANYON INTSUM NO.12.

2. 271801H TO 281800H JULY 1969

3. SUM OF EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY REMAINED AT AN INCREASED LEVEL IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WERE 3 CONTACT INCIDENTS AND 4 SIGHTING OF SMALL ENEMY UNITS.

A. GND FORCES

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) 280945H A/1/3 VIC YD 003641 OBS'D 4 NVA/VC MOVING NE VIC YD 008661. NVA/VC WERE WEARING KHAKI UNIFORMS. ARTY MSN WAS CALLED W/UNK RES.

(B) 281000H A/1/3 VIC YD 015645 MADE CONTACT W/AN UNK NUMBER OF ENEMY VIC YD 019652. AREA WAS SEARCHED FINDING 3 DEAD NVA, 2 GAS MASKS, AND 5 CHICOM GRENADES. THE NVA WORE CLEAN UNIFORMS AND HAD CLOSE HAIRCUTS. RES: 3 NVA KIA

(C) 281350H A/1/3 VIC YD 015645 OBS'D 2 NVA/VC IN OPEN VIC YD 023654. ARTY MSN WAS CALLED W/UNK RES.

(D) 281115H A/1/3 VIC YD 004641 OBS'D 6 NVA/VC MOVING NE VIC YD 006636. ARTY AND F/W MSNS WERE CALLED ON AREA W/UNK RES.

(2) 2D BN 3D MAR

(A) 271920H K/3/3 VIC YD 085648 OBS'D 2 NVA/VC MOVING WEST AND WEARING CAMOUFLAGED UTILITIES VIC YD 078638. TANKS AND MORTARS WERE FIRED W/UNK RES.

(B) 280100H K/3/3 VIC YD 093659 AMBUSHED AN UNK NUMBER OF ENEMY. THE ENEMY FLED EAST INTO ANOTHER AMBUSH SET UP ON THE SAME TRAIL. UNIT FIRED CLAYMORE MINES, SA, AND THREW GRENADES RESULTING IN 7 NVA KIA AND 3 AK-47'S CAPTURED. AREA WAS SEARCHED FURTHER FINDING 9 AK-47 MAGS, 8 CHICOM GRENADES, AND MISC 782 GEAR. RES: 7 NVA KIA AND 3 IWC

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(C) 280325H K/3/3 VIC YD 085648 REC'D HVY RPG AND SA FIRE FM APPROX 35-40 NVA ATTACKING PRIMARILY FM THE WEST. APPROX 30 RPG RKTS WERE REC'D BY THE UNIT. AN AO WAS CALLED, ARTY MSNS, GUNSHIPS, AND SPOOKY. THE NVA FLED IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION. AREA WAS SEARCHED FINDING 1 DEAD NVA, 1 AK-47, MANY BLOOD TRAILS, AND DRAG MARKS. ALSO FURTHER SEARCH IN THE MORNING PRODUCED 20 CHICOM GRENADES AND 2 RPG RKTS. RES: 1 NVA KIA AND 1 IWC

(D) 280430H 3/3 REPORTED THAT H/2/3 VIC YD 134654 CAPTURED 1 NVA MOVING SOUTH ON ROAD. THE NVA HAD NO WEAPON, WORE CLEAN UNIFORM, AND WAS CARRYING ASSORTED PAPERS, 2 CHICOM GRENADES, MISC MEDICAL SUPPLIES, AND A RUSSIAN WATCH. RES: 1 NVA POW

4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA - 65
NVA POW - 1
IWC - 29
CSWC - 9

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1. 3D MAR IN OPN IDAHO CANYON INTSUM NO. 13.

2. 281800H TO 291800H JULY 1969

3. ENM CT EN ACTY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, EN ACTY WAS LIGHT IN THE 3D MAR AO. THERE WAS 1 MINE INCIDENT.

4. CMD POLICE.

(1) 1ST BN 3D MAR

(A) (POSITIVE) RPT: MSF INTSUM # 12) 281135H A/1/3 OBSVD 6 NVA MOVING NE VIC YD 006636. ARTY AND F/W MSNS WERE CALLED ON THE ENEMY ESCAPE ROUTE TO THE NORTH THROUGH YD 0164 AND THE YD 0165 GRIDS. SEARCHING THE AREA THEY FND 1 NVA BODY KILLED BY ARTY VIC YD 012647, 6 NVA BODIES KILLED BY ARTY VIC YD 001649, 2 NVA BODIES KILLED BY SA AND 2 KILLED BY ARTY VIC YD 011653, 2 NVA BODIES KILLED BY SA VIC YD 001656, 2 BODIES KILLED BY F/W VIC YD 015649, 2 BODIES KILLED BY SA, 2 BODIES KILLED BY ARTY, AND 1 BODY KILLED BY F/W VIC YD 019653. ALSO FND IN AREA WAS 3 DAMAGED SKS, 100 LBS OF RICE, 9/82MM MORT RDS, AND MORE 782 GEAR. THE UNIT ALSO REPORTED CAPTURING 1 DOUBLE BARREL RPG LAUNCHER. THE NVA BODIES WERE WEARING NEW GREEN UNIFORMS AND WERE CLEAN CUT. RES: 22 NVA KIA, 1 WIA, & 1 CSUC

(2) 281930H A/1/3 VIC YD 013648 FND 4 NVA BODIES KILLED BY F/W APPROX 3 DAYS BEFORE. RES: 4 NVA KIA.

(3) 1/3 USA

(1) 280625H A/1/3 WHSK VIC YD 125711 DETONATED 1 AP MINE.

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4. ENEMY LOSSES

NVA KIA - 91
NVA POW - 1
INC - 30
CIVC - 30

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Operation Plan 8-69 (Eaton Yoke)

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000, Series L 7014, Sheets 6342 I, 6342 II, 6342 III and 6342 IV
(b) 3d Mar Div Op Order 25-69

Time Zones: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization).

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) The 3d Marine Division (Rein), continues to conduct offensive operations against the enemy within it's assigned AO. At the same time, [illegible] infantry regiment and certain designated units commence advance party [illegible] and begin preparation for an amphibious withdrawal via designated ports while continuously maintaining the capability for the resumption of [illegible] operations.

(2) Direct support (DS) artillery to be provided by 1st Bn, 12th Marines. General support (GS) by the 12th Marines and elements of XXIV Corps Artillery, as assigned.

(3) Air support provided by the 1st Marine Air Wing and 7th Air Force as required.

(4) Engineer tasks will be accomplished by Company B, 3d Engineers in Direct Support (DS).

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

d. Assumptions.

(1) That enemy activity will not increase to an intensity to preclude the redeployment of RLT - 9.

(2) That reference (b) will be executed without major modifications to Areas of Operation, Concept, Mission, or Forces Available.

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2. MISSION

The 3d Marines will, on order, occupy and assume control of operations in new AO, to include responsibility for security of Route #9 therein.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) Maneuver (Annex C, Operations Overlay). The regiment will commence shift of forces to the west to relieve elements of the 4th Marines and commence initial saturation of the AO with platoon and smaller sized patrols. These patrols will search for the enemies routes of movement and caches, ambushing and destroying same, while remaining in mutual supporting distances, in order to mass forces and fires if the enemy displays a desire or disposition to stand and fight.

(2) Fires (Annex D, Fire Support Coordination). The concept of multi-maneuvering units will be supported by preplanned fires to a maximum degree possible. As the number of maneuver units increases so decreases the responsiveness for fires on targets of opportunity. Thus, the onus must be on the platoon and company commanders to preplan and submit their requests for fires along with their patrol routes. The battalions must monitor and enforce this program to ensure timely and effective fire support. The regiment will continue to supplement the battalions and cover voids with special fire programs.

b. First Battalion.

(1) On order, about 6 July, relieve in place units of the 2d Battalion at FSB Fuller and Khe Gio Bridge.

(2) Upon relief of 2d Battalion, assume responsibility for new AO to include security for Route #9.

(3) Commence "Denial-Stingray" operations when properly deployed (about 7 July). Annex G (Special Denial Operation).

c. Second Battalion.

(1) On order, about 6 July, upon being relieved by the 1st Battalion at FSB Fuller and Khe Gio Bridge, commence relief-in-place of elements of 2d Battalion, 4th Marines on FSB Russell and other positions of your selection.

(2) Upon relief of 2d Battalion, 4th Marines elements assume responsibility for new AO, provide security for FSB Russell, and commence mutually supporting platoon patrols of ridges and valleys to locate and destroy NVA elements and supply stores.

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d. Third Battalion.

(1) Be prepared, subsequent to 6 July, for relief in place at A-4 and C-2.

(2) Upon being relieved, conduct a motor march to vicinity of Elliot Combat Base, relieve the unit at ICB, assume control of new AO, and provide security for Route #9 therein.

(3) Commence mutually supporting platoon patrols in new AO, to locate enemy trails, storage areas, and redoubts in valleys and along ridge lines, destroying same.

e. Reserve. The 3d Marine Division Bald Eagle, Sparrow Hawk plus organic forces as designated by separate instructions.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) D-Day TBA, about 6 July.

(2) Operation Virginia Ridge will terminate upon this commencement of Eaton Lake.

(3) Thrust Points in effect, on order:

0666	Bathroom Fixtures
0660	Soap
0655	Weapons
0364	Continents
0261	Snakes
9965	National Parks
0157	Famous Dogs
9760	Gangsters
9656	Chain Stores
9563	Indian Tribes
9358	Canals
9354	Presidents
9162	782 Gear
8956	Softdrinks
8763	Flowers
8659	Mountains
8753	Insects

(4) This plan is effective immediately for planning purposes and for execution on order.

(5) Annex H (Psychological Operations).

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Maximum use will be made of overland resupply and local water to reduce dependence on helicopters.

b. Annex E (Administration and Logistics).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Command. The 3d Marines CP may displace to Vandegrift Combat Base, on order, commencing about 8 July.

b. Communications-Electronics.

(1) Current COI

(2) Annex F (Communications-Electronics)

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT

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COLONEL, U.S. MARINE CORPS
COMMANDING

ANNEXES: √A - Task Organization
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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Plan 8-69

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1/12 (-) (Rein)	DS	Lt Col WEST
Co B, 3d Engr Bn	DS	1st Lt STEVENSON
Det Co A, 3d Shore Party Bn	DS	
Det 3d Recon Bn	DS	
Det 7th ITT	DS	
Det ARVN Liaison, III MAF	DS	
Hq Co		Capt B.B. PORTER
1st Battalion		Lt Col HERRON
Det 1/12	DS	
Plt, Co B, 3d Engr Bn	DS	
Det 3d Shore Party Bn	DS	
Det ARVN Liaison III MAF	DS	
Scout/Snipers Hq Co 3d Mar	DS	
Scout Dogs 3d MP Bn	DS	
Det Kit Carson Scouts	DS	
H & S Co		1st Lt SANBORN
Co A		Capt MCADAMS
Co B		Capt SAMPSON
Co C		Capt CARLSON
Co D		Capt CROFT
2d Battalion		Lt Col MCMONAGLE
Det 1/12	DS	
Plt, Co B, 3d Engr Bn	DS	
Scout/Snipers Hq Co 3d Mar	DS	
Scout Dogs 3d MP Bn	DS	
Det Kit Carson Scouts		
Det 3d Shore Party Bn	DS	
H & S Co		1st Lt BOWEN
Co E		Capt SINNOTT
Co F		Capt LEACH
Co G		Capt HARGROVE
Co H		Capt NISEWANER

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3d Battalion		Lt Col SCHULZE
Det 1/12	DS	
Plt Co B, 3d Engr Bn	DS	
Det 3d Shore Party Bn	DS	
Det Kit Carson Scouts	DS	
Scout/Snipers Hq Co 3d Mar	DS	
Scout Dogs 3d MP Bn	DS	
H & S Co		Capt WILLIAMSON
Co I		1st Lt ENGLES
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ANNEX B (INTELLIGENCE) to Operation Plan 8-69

Reference: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 Series L7014, Sheets 6342 I, 6342 II, 6342 III, and 6342 IV

Time Zone: H

1. MISSION. See paragraph 2. of Operation Plan 8-69.

2. CHARACTERISTICS OF AREA OF OPERATION

a. Weather. The weather follows a somewhat regular daily pattern throughout July with afternoon showers occuring on an average of 10-15 days for this time period. Low ceilings occur on a few mornings, but are relatively rare during the afternoon and evening, except in passing thunderstorms and showers. During early morning hours moderately low visibilities frequently occur in haze and smoke near mountain slopes. A normal day will find cumulus clouds forming by mid-morning, lowering and increasing in amount by mid-afternoon, then breaking up at night. Mean daily maximum temperatures in the AO will run 93°F, whereas, the daily mean minimum temperatures will run 79°F. The relative humidity will generally run high throughout the month of July averaging from 75-80%. Maximum July precipitation may run as high as 20-25 inches, whereas, minimum precipitation may run as low as 0-2 inches. Maximum amount of precipitation within a 24 hour period is 8-10 inches. Mean low-level winds will generally flow southwesterly with maximum speeds of 8-12 knots, although gusty winds associated with thunderstorms maybe of a greater velocity.

(1) Effects on Enemy Operations. Generally the weather for the month of July will have no adverse effects on enemy operations, although high temperatures and humidity, and possible daily thunderstorms may slow down enemy troop movements. Heavy precipitation will also hinder enemy observation.

(2) Effects on Friendly Operations. High temperatures and humidity will slow down foot movement. Heavy precipitation will have a direct adverse effect on foot movement, employment of tanks, aerial resupply, close air support, aerial and ground observation and employment of gas. High humidity will also provide conditions favorable for mildew, corrosion and decay of susceptible items.

b. Terrain. Military geography within the AO generally consists of the Upper Cam Lo River Valley running from the northwest to the southeast with mountainous terrain on both flanks.

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(1) Existing Situation

(a) Cover and Concealment. The predominance of the terrain throughout the AO is covered with multi-canopied dense undergrowth forest which should afford excellent cover and concealment. In areas of single canopy with light undergrowth forests, cover and concealment should run from fair to good. Cover and concealment in areas classified as brushwood, coffee and tea plantations will be contingent on the density and height of the growth. Cover and concealment will generally run poor on landing zones and fire support bases.

(b) Obstacles. The primary obstacles within the AO will be the dense undergrowth and mountainous terrain. The Cam Lo River and streams could become major obstacles depending on the amount of rainfall.

(c) Critical Terrain Features. Within our AO, hill masses the Razorback, Rockpile, Dong Ha Mountain, Mutters Ridge, Lu Bu (XD 849649), Dong Khi (XD 925654), Dong Long (XD 852593), Dong Kho Sac (XD 910564) and Hill 1701 (XD 831545) are considered critical terrain features. In addition, Route #9, Khe Gio Bridge, Elliott Combat Base, and Fire Support Bases Winchester (XD 905588) and Russell (XD 912591) are considered critical terrain.

(d) Observation and Fields of Fire. Observation and fields of fire will generally run from poor to fair dependent on the density of the undergrowth. Observation from hill masses should be excellent, weather permitting.

(e) Avenues of Approach. The enemy generally has three primary avenues of approach that he utilizes to move into our Area of Operations, all of which eventually run into the Upper Cam Lo River Valley. The first generally runs from the northeast to the southwest and follows the streams Khe Nhi and Khe Khi. The second and third avenues of approach perpetuate and pivot out from hill masses Lu Bu (XD 849649) and Dong Khi (XD 925654).

(2) Effects on Enemy Operations. Generally terrain throughout the AO is favorable to the enemy in that the terrain affords him the capability of movement with relative freedom from observation by ground troops and aerial reconnaissance. In view of the dense undergrowth, the enemy will be hindered in rapid cross country movement and in observation of friendly operations.

(3) Effects on Friendly Operations. Throughout the AO, foot movement will be impeded by terrain that is generally classified as unsuitable to fair. Generally the same class-

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ifications hold true for tracked vehicles, whereas, movement for wheeled vehicles is completely unsuitable except for along Route #9 and tributary roads. Obstacles will also slow down the movement of foot troops while on search and destroy operations.

3. ENEMY SITUATION. See Appendix 3.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES

a. Capabilities. Based on evaluation of the enemy's present situation and disposition, the enemy courses of action in probable order of adoption are as follows:

(1) Continue to maintain pressure on friendly operations by conducting attacks by fire and or sapper attacks with up to company size units. In conjunction with this effort, he can continue to use mines, booby traps and ambushes to harass, delay, cause damage and inflict casualties.

(2) Defend in present positions, withdrawing in the face of determined friendly operations.

(3) Increase present operations by attacking friendly installations with two to possibly four infantry regiments supported by elements of two to possibly four artillery/rocket regiments.

(4) Reinforce present committed forces with up to seven infantry regiments within a 24-48 hour time period.

b. Vulnerabilities

(1) Enemy forces and installations are vulnerable to air and artillery attacks.

(2) Enemy forces based upon losses in the field are vulnerable to increased psychological operations.

(3) Enemy is vulnerable to sustained offensive operations.

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XD 817534	Oxen (3)	XD 903637	Grape (45)
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XD 849648	Catalina (9)	XD 912591	Russell (51)
XD 842666	Battle (10)	XD 911641	Dodge (52)
XD 856507	Macardale (11)	XD 927546	Fox (53)
XD 853593	Cougar (12)	XD 920591	Arthur (54)
XD 854593	Fort (13)	XD 924625	Fig (55)
XD 858615	Becky (14)	XD 928625	Fern (56)
XD 854651	Kiowa (15)	XD 934553	Stork (57)
XD 856650	Clipper (16)	XD 939603	Joan (58)
XD 862540	Wasp (17)	XD 939611	Cardinal (59)
XD 865591	Crossbow (18)	*XD 935679	Bonanza (60)
XD 862648	Beaver (19)	XD 940626	Jackal (61)
XD 872533	Mercury (20)	XD 946624	Bible (62)
XD 872536	Gazelle (21)	XD 946625	Sierra (63)
XD 878576	Cheeta (22)	*XD 941685	Barroom (64)
XD 875590	Coors (23)	*XD 945685	Canada (65)
XD 886538	Uranus (24)	XD 958536	LeJeune (66)
XD 888538	Neptune (25)	XD 955594	Grouse (67)
XD 880585	Attila (26)	XD 956599	Bird (68)
XD 882584	Cobra (27)	XD 966616	Arizona (69)
XD 888587	Animal (28)	XD 969617	Mack (70)
XD 883638	Ark (29)	XD 971616	Alabama (71)
XD 899516	Moon (30)	XD 973616	Marilyn (72)
XD 894536	Pluto (310	XD 977615	American (73)
XD 891573	Krypton (32)	*XD 970678	Monkey (74)
XD 897589	Amber (33)	*XD 970682	Duster (75)
XD 899623	Bagdad (34)	XD 982547	Opal (76)
XD 892639	Dynamo (35)	XD 980558	Bazooka (77)
XD 894633	Bandy (36)	XD 983610	Bob (78)
XD 895632	Keystone (37)	XD 980623	Alaska (79)
*XD 896678	Pearl (38)	XD 989629	Champ (80)
XD 908535	Venus (39)	XD 984640	Blackjack (81)
XD 907543	Mars (40)	XD 987645	Tarzan (82)
XD 901550	Aries (41)	XD 989668	Camel (83)
XD 906553	Leo (42)	XD 986670	Deacon (84)

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XD 820564 Chapultepec (85)
XD 960616 Helen (86)
XD 953621 Loe (87)
*XD 909677 Penguin (88)
XD 977585 Pete (89)
* Not on overlay

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Appendix 3 (Order of Battle) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 8-69

1. ENEMY SITUATION

a. Disposition. See Tab A.

b. Composition. The enemy's combat forces influencing the tactical situation are primarily North Vietnamese. Control, administration and logistical support are exercised by the B-5 Front. Composition of units operating within and around our AO are shown below:

(1) 246th Regiment - This regiment during the latter part of 1968 was assigned to a logistics/security role, however, because of recent friendly operations it has been released for combat duty. The 246th Regiment with its four organic battalions (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th) and estimated strength of 1690 men is presently carried as operating in the western portion of the DMZ, however only one battalion (1st) has been located; in vicinity XD 9066.

(2) 308th NVA Division - During Operation Virginia Ridge, intelligence developed that organic units of the 308th Division (36th, 88th and 102nd Regiments) were operating in or around the central portion of the DMZ), however, there have been no contacts or sightings with units of this division since May 1969 in vicinity YD 0066. Breakdown of the organic units is as follows:

(a) 36th NVA Regiment - This regiment was committed in the Mutters Ridge-Helo Valley area during April and May when it suffered heavy casualties against friendly operations. Since that time it has been refurbishing in the central DMZ and should be fully operational at this time. The 36th Regiment is composed of three infantry battalions (1st, 2nd and 3rd) and a Headquarters and Support element.

(b) 88th NVA Regiment - Captured documents and a prisoner from a reconnaissance element indicated that the 88th Regiment is generally located in the central portion of the DMZ just north of the Ben Hai River. The estimated strength of the 88th Regiment is approximately 2310 men. Organic units are the 4th, 5th and 6th Infantry Battalions and a Headquarters and Support element.

(c) 102nd NVA Regiment - Intelligence has indicated that this regiment is presently operating in the eastern portion

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of the DMZ. It has an estimated strength of 1800 men and has organic to it the 7th, 8th and 9th Infantry Battalions, along with a Headquarters and Support element.

(3) 27th NVA Regiment - This regiment based on captured documents is carried as operating in the Mutters Ridge-Helo Valley area. The units strength is estimated at 1495 men which is divided amongst its four organic infantry battalions (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th) and a Headquarters and Support element.

(4) 304th NVA Division - The strengthoof this division is estimated at 10,000 men. Based upon contacts, prisoners and captured documents it is accepted that one regiment (24th) is operating in SVN near Khe Sanh where it has taken heavy losses. Its other two regiments (9th and 66th) are carried as unlocated in Laos. The following support units are organic to the 304th Division: 13th AT Battalion, 14th AA Battalion, 15th Engineer Battalion, 16th Signal Battalion, 17th Medical Battalion, 19th Transportation Battalion, and the 20th Sapper Battalion. Further breakdown of organic units of the 304th Division is as follows:

(a) 9th NVA Regiment - Due to lack of contact with this regiment it is carried as unlocated in Laos. The 9th Regiment has has an estimated strength of 2210 men and is composed of a regimental headquarters and three infantry battalions (1st, 2nd and (3rd).

(b) 66th NVA Regiment - This regiment has an estimated strength of 2000 men and is composed of a regimental headquarters and three infantry battalions (7th, 8th and 9th). This regiment is also carried as unlocated in Laos.

(c) 24th NVA Regiment - The 24th Regiment has organic to it three infantry battalions (4th, 5th and 6th) and a Headquarters and Support element. The 24th Regiment is presently operating out of the Khe Sanh-Lang Vei area with all of the support elements of the 304th Division with the exception of the 13th AT Battalion, 16th Signal Battalion and the 17th Transportation Battalion. The estimated strength of the 24th Regiment is 1700 men, less current losses.

(5) 27th Battalion, 31st Independent Regiment - This unit has been assigned the mission of interdicting Route #9 and has most recently been sighted in the Rao Vinh, Cua Valley region. Organic units of the 27th Battalion include three infantry companies (C-5, C-6 and C-7) and one weapons company (C-8). The battalion also operates with the help of the C-11 Sapper Company, 31st Independent Regiment. The estimated strength of the 27th Battalion is 340 men.

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(6) 31st Independent Regiment - This unit is generally carried as operating northwest of Gio Linh in the DMZ. It has an estimated strength of 980 men and has organic to it the 15th and 27th Battalions. As mentioned above, the 27th Battalion operates along Route #9 and in the Rao Vinh valley.

(7) U/I Element, 84th Rocket Regiment - This unknown size element of the 84th Rocket Regiment is generally carried as operating west or northwest of VCB. It has been the unit that is responsible for the standoff attacks by fire against VCB.

c. Strengths and Weaknesses. The essential strength of the NVA derives from the fact that their forces are usually well indoctrinated and the average soldier is well adapted to the environment in which he is required to fight. The most glaring deficiencies and weaknesses of the NVA include: limited availability of fire support; lack of adequate modern communication equipment; limited ground mobility; and the requirement to use line combat units in logistical support roles (thereby diminishing by 30-40% their combat strength).

d. Committed Forces. Forces actually in the 3d Marines AO are normally of platoon size or smaller. The 27th Regiment probably has parts of two battalions, the 1st and 3rd in the eastern Mutters Ridge-Helo Valley-Cam Hung area. The 31st Regiment has only elements of its 27th Battalion in and near the southeast Eaton Lake area at this time. The 1st Battalion of the 246th Regiment has been working north of LZ Sierra and LZ Mac. The units the 4th Marines have encountered in the western portion of the Eaton Lake AO are transportation and artillery units supporting the logistics concerned with rocket firings. An estimate of the number of enemy actually working in Eaton Lake, at this time, is around 500. This does not include infiltration groups.

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3 May - XD 997511
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4 May - XD 968571
4 May - XD 809505
4 May - XD 977610
6 May - XD 906696
7 May - XD 967617
7 May - XD 960640
7 May - XD 920600
8 May - XD 968571
9 May - XD 910532
9 May - XD 852669
10 May - XD 866586
11 May - XD 888609
11 May - XD 971586
11 May - XD 980672
11 May - XD 980680
14 May - XD 873572
15 May - XD 924532
15 May - XD 991535
15 May - XD 987607
16 May - XD 970690
16 May - XD 997573
17 May - XD 997573
18 May - XD 972686
18 May - XD 950689
18 May - XD 965547
21 May - XD 870540
22 May - XD 984699
22 May - XD 964645
27 May - XD 952600
28 May - XD 931659
28 May - XD 942581
29 May - XD 983581
31 May - XD 993608
1 Jun - XD 967605
3 Jun - XD 946635
3 Jun - XD 859649
3 Jun - XD 876571
3 Jun - XD 961554
3 Jun - XD 956501
3 Jun - XD 944577
3 Jun - XD 949549
3 Jun - XD 971551
4 Jun - XD 873566
4 Jun - XD 885586
5 Jun - XD 958638
5 Jun - XD 979562
5 Jun - XD 911578
6 Jun - XD 996554
6 Jun - XD 813596
6 Jun - XD 839677
6 Jun - XD 869633
6 Jun - XD 865605
8 Jun - XD 974588
8 Jun - XD 941621
8 Jun - XD 904673
8 Jun - XD 843572
8 Jun - XD 852585
10 Jun - XD 968665
11 Jun - XD 846629
12 Jun - XD 998635
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AO	3 May	XD 984686	Poss assembly area
AO	3 May	XD 820624	Bnkrs
AO	4 May	XD 971621	Bnkrs
AO	4 May	XD 894671	Bnkrs
AO	4 May	XD 872610	Bnkrs
Recon	4 May	XD 887610	Bnkrs
AO	4 May	XD 890539	Bnkrs
AO	4 May	XD 891639	Bnkrs
AO	6 May	XD 808668	Bnkrs
K/3/3	7 May	XD 997603	Bnkrs
AO	7 May	XD 877576	Bnkrs
AO	7 May	XD 878586	Bnkrs
AO	7 May	XD 879584	Bnkrs
AO	8 May	XD 875588	Bnkrs
AO	8 May	XD 884609	Bnkrs
Recon	8 May	XD 878498	Bnkrs
B/1/4	9 May	XD 857615	Bnkrs (50-75)
1/4	9 May	XD 876575	Bnkrs
Recon	10 May	XD 903618	Bnkrs
I/3/3	10 May	XD 990629	Bnkrs
B/1/4	10 May	XD 847587	Bnkrs
L/3/4	10 May	XD 880542	Bnkrs
L/3/4	10 May	XD 873589	Bnkrs
AO	10 May	XD 989629	Bnkrs
I/3/3	11 May	XD 990629	Bnkrs
B/1/4	11 May	XD 867611	Bnkrs
AO	11 May	XD 990630	Bnkrs
AO	11 May	XD 996604	Bnkrs
C/1/4	11 May	XD 823615	Bnkrs
1/4	11 May	XD 828610	Bnkrs
AO	11 May	XD 888648	Bnkrs
Recon	12 May	XD 877502	Bnkrs
AO	12 May	XD 894672	Bnkrs
AO	12 May	XD 875634	AW position
AO	15 May	XD 875663	Bnkrs
AO	15 May	XD 864657	Bnkrs
AO	15 May	XD 874630	Bnkrs
AO	15 May	XD 945658	Bnkrs
AO	16 May	XD 873626	Bnkrs & AW position
AO	18 May	XD 899571	Bnkrs & AW position
AO	19 May	XD 875635	Bnkrs
AO	19 May	XD 907634	AW position
AO	20 May	XD 825635	Bnkrs & AW position

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Recon	21 May	XD 943582	Bnkrs
Recon	21 May	XD 942581	Bnkrs
Recon	21 May	XD 945593	Bnkrs
3/3	21 May	XD 965636	Bnkrs
Recon	22 May	XD 979559	Bnkrs
Recon	23 May	XD 944593	Bnkrs
AO	23 May	XD 946595	Bnkrs
AO	23 May	XD 897627	Two AW positions
AO	25 May	XD 977682	Bnkrs & AW position
AO	25 May	XD 977682	Bnkrs
AO	25 May	XD 949525	Bnkrs & AW position
AO	25 May	XD 940610	Bnkrs
AO	26 May	XD 956645	Bnkrs
AO	26 May	XD 968618	Bnkrs
AO	28 May	XD 884624	Bnkrs
AO	28 May	XD 974694	Bnkrs & AW position
AO	29 May	XD 967668	Bnkrs
3/3	29 May	XD 970633	Bnkrs
AO	30 May	XD 953658	Bnkrs
AO	30 May	XD 941661	AW position
AO	30 May	XD 939654	Bnkrs
3/3	31 May	XD 979639	Bnkrs
AO	31 May	XD 848644	Bnkrs
AO	31 May	XD 889588	AW position
AO	31 May	XD 882640	Bnkrs
Recon	1 Jun	XD 954622	Bnkrs
AO	1 Jun	XD 947670	AW position & mortar pits
M/3/3	1 Jun	XD 987626	Bnkrs
AO	1 Jun	XD 968668	Bnkrs
AO	1 Jun	XD 935667	Bnkrs
AO	1 Jun	XD 984677	Bnkrs
AO	1 Jun	XD 947670	Two AW positions & bnkrs
AO	1 Jun	XD 939654	AW position
AO	2 Jun	XD 971650	Bnkrs
AO	2 Jun	XD 943653	AW position
AO	2 Jun	XD 944631	Bnkrs
AO	2 Jun	XD 927485	Bnkrs
C/1/4	3 Jun	XD 837609	Bnkrs
AO	3 Jun	XD 966675	Bnkrs
AO	4 Jun	XD 924683	Bnkrs & Supply point
3/3	4 Jun	XD 971616	Bnkrs
3/3	5 Jun	XD 975623	Bnkrs
AO	5 Jun	XD 947627	Bnkrs
3/3	5 Jun	XD 956636	Bnkrs
3/3	5 Jun	XD 969624	Bnkrs
AO	5 Jun	XD 928643	Bnkrs
AO	5 Jun	XD 908660	Bnkrs
3/3	6 Jun	XD 965626	Bnkrs

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AO	6 Jun	XD 970659	Bnkrs
3/3	7 Jun	XD 957633	Bnkrs
AO	7 Jun	XD 984615	AW position
AO	7 Jun	XD 897627	AW position
AO	7 Jun	XD 885650	AW position
AO	7 Jun	XD 970660	Bnkrs
AO	8 Jun	XD 941660	Bnkrs
AO	8 Jun	XD 943672	Bnkrs
AO	8 Jun	XD 947630	Bnkrs
AO	9 Jun	XD 970657	Bnkrs
AO	9 Jun	XD 968654	Bnkrs
AO	9 Jun	XD 968655	Bnkrs
AO	9 Jun	XD 912563	Bnkrs
Recon	9 Jun	XD 913603	Bnkrs
AO	9 Jun	XD 824640	AW position
AO	9 Jun	XD 863662	AW position
AO	9 Jun	XD 857669	AW position
AO	9 Jun	XD 853669	AW position
AO	10 Jun	XD 947640	AW position
AO	10 Jun	XD 948636	AW position
AO	10 Jun	XD 885640	Bnkrs
3/3	12 Jun	XD 963627	Bnkrs
AO	12 Jun	XD 933647	AW position
AO	13 Jun	XD 969618	Bnkrs
AO	13 Jun	XD 850575	Bnkrs
AO	13 Jun	XD 898644	Bnkrs
AO	13 Jun	XD 901643	AW position
AO	14 Jun	XD 900645	Two AW positions & mortar pit
AO	14 Jun	XD 943664	Trl & Bnkr complex
AO	15 Jun	XD 928643	Bnkrs
AO	15 Jun	XD 939659	Bnkrs
AO	15 Jun	XD 946635	Bnkrs
AO	16 Jun	XD 939659	Bnkrs
AO	16 Jun	XD 865592	Bnkrs
AO	17 Jun	XD 866589	Bnkrs
AO	17 Jun	XD 872590	Bnkrs
AO	19 Jun	XD 939642	Bnkrs
AO	20 Jun	XD 935615	Bnkrs
ARVN	21 Jun	XD 907480	Three rocket positions
AO	22 Jun	XD 874576	Bnkrs
AO	22 Jun	XD 877577	Bnkrs
AO	22 Jun	XD 873574	Bnkrs
AO	22 Jun	XD 978485	Bnkrs & rocket position
AO	22 Jun	XD 865591	Bnkrs
AO	22 Jun	XD 942654	Bnkrs
AO	25 Jun	XD 932472	Bnkrs
AO	25 Jun	XD 942638	Bnkrs
AO	25 Jun	XD 873590	Bnkrs
AO	25 Jun	XD 979630	Bnkrs
AO	25 Jun	XD 942636	Bnkrs

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MORTAR POSITIONS

XD 835635
XD 947627
XD 943538
XD 977646
XD 987566
XD 975657
XD 878628
XD 997630
XD 908677
XD 970659
XD 908672
XD 954661
XD 896597
XD 939663
XD 910655
XD 938672
XD 948648
XD 946630
XD 920615
XD 933476
XD 886608
XD 979630
XD 966589
XD 989602
XD 977630
XD 964637

XD 945625
XD 886624
XD 885636
XD 978588
XD 978653
XD 901638
XD 975638
XD 849649
XD 949643
XD 894672
XD 928668
XD 885587
XD 894572
XD 880594
XD 867630
XD 849648
XD 954639
XD 920610
XD 963662
XD 929616
XD 834637
XD 941484
XD 827635
XD 952603
XD 969638
XD 960642

XD 830612
XD 907630
XD 962560
XD 968654
XD 967563
XD 972662
XD 925598
XD 942646
XD 932654
XD 974488
XD 900673
XD 996577
XD 873589
XD 940667
XD 952629
XD 943634
XD 901610
XD 998658
XD 935603
XD 830640
XD 910563
XD 857637
XD 956645
XD 943660
XD 998466

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A: Fortifications, AW Positions and Mortars Overlay

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Sensors	2 May	XD 82306325	Four on dir of movement unk
AO	2 May	XD 984675	Sleeping area (50mx50m)
H/2/4	2 May	XD 831627	Contact w/USEF
Sensors	3 May	XD 93255645	Three on moving W
AO	3 May	XD 96679	En in bnkr complex
Sensors	4 May	XD 98155532	Four on moving SE
Sensors	4 May	XD 976545	Five on mvoing NW
Recon	4 May	XD 809656	Contact w/USEF
AO	4 May	XD 803667	Contact w/USEF
E/2/4	4 May	XD 812621	Contact w/USEF
E/2/4	4 May	XD 841631	Contact w/USEF
AO	4 May	XD 872610	Supported recon team in contact
M/3/4	4 May	XD 970619	Contact w/USEF
M/3/4	4 May	XD 971623	Contact w/USEF
Recon	6 May	XD 896620	Obsd five en 75m to NE
Recon	6 May	XD 920546	Contact w/3-4 NVA
Helo	7 May	XD 861529	Recd 50 cal fire
Recon	7 May	XD 881586	Contact w/USEF
Recon	7 May	XD 862589	Contact w/6 NVA
C/1/3	8 May	XD 997611	Contact w/10-12 NVA
AO	8 May	XD 837687	Obsd 6 NVA moving W along river
AO	9 May	XD 941684	Obsd 15 NVA
I/3/3	10 May	XD 990629	Contact w/USEF
I/3/3	10 May	XD 989628	Contact w/ USEF
B/1/4	10 May	XD 867614	Recd SAF from USEF
Helo	12 May	XD 859615	Recd 50 cal fire
D/1/4	14 May	XD 828575	Contact w/USEF
Sensors	15 May	XD 93255645	Five on moving W
Sensors	15 May	XD 93255645	16 en moving W
AO	15 May	XD 943624	Obsd 12 NVA
B/1/4	15 May	XD 903609	Contact w/4 en
Recon	15 May	XD 903609	Had SAF contact w/USEF
AO	15 May	XD 943624	Obsd 12 NVA
Sensors	16 May	XD 93255645	18 en mvoing W
Sensors	16 May	XD 93255645	10 en mvoing E
M/3/3	16 May	XD 989633	Contact w/10 NVA
3/4	16 May	XD 997507	Engr Tm recd SAF
Recon	17 May	XD 935612	Obsd 5 NVA
AO	17 May	XD 937614	Obsd 5 NVA
Recon	17 May	XD 933612	Obsd 4 NVA
AO	17 May	XD 944613	Obsd 5 NVA
L/3/9	18 May	XD 949532	Contact w/est 15 en
Recon	18 May	XD 944614	Obsd 4 NVA
AO	18 May	XD 955533	Obsd 15 NVA in treeline

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AO	18 May	XD 954534	Obsd 10-20 NVA in treeline
AO	19 May	XD 875635	Obsd en in bunker complex
M/3/3	19 May	XD 989629	Contact w/est en squad
K/3/3	19 May	XD 984636	Contact w/USEF
Sensors	19 May	XD 93256545	Six en moving S
Sensors	19 May	XD 94206537	Ten en moving W
Sensors	19 May	XD 93256545	Eight en moving E
Sensors	20 May	XD 94206537	Ten en moving W
Sensors	20 May	XD 93256545	14 en moving S
Sensors	20 May	XD 968564	Ten en moving NW
C/1/4	20 May	XD 828627	SA contact w/USEF
AO	20 May	XD 825626	AO obsd 30 cal position
C/1/4	21 May	XD 825626	SA contact w/USEF
Recon	21 May	XD 939590	Obsd 15 en 200m to NE
K/3/3	21 May	XD 978653	Contact w/USEF
K/3/3	21 May	XD 978647	Contact w/4 NVA
K/3/3	22 May	XD 962649	Contact w/28 NVA
I/3/9	22 May	XD 976540	Obsd 6 en 100m to W
Recon	22 May	XD 979559	Contact w/11 en
Sensors	22 May	XD 93956536	20 en mvg W
Sensors	23 May	XD 93006536	11 en moving unk direction
Sensors	23 May	XD 93006536	10 en moving unk directio
Sensors	24 May	XD 93006536	18 en moving E
Sensors	24 May	XD 93956536	14 en moving unk direction
Sensors	24 May	XD 93446553	17 en moving E
A/1/4	24 May	XD 897588	Contact w/5 en
Helo	24 May	XD 900588	Recd 50 cal fire
B/1/4	25 May	XD 887637	Contact w/USEF
Sensors	26 May	XD 91706760	20 en moving unk direction
AO	26 May	XD 973678	Obsd NVA in open
K/3/3	26 May	XD 968653	Contact w/USEF
K/3/3	26 May	XD 968662	Contact w/8-10 NVA in bnkr
Recon	26 May	XD 999578	Obsd 7 NVA 500m to E
B/1/4	27 May	XD 892619	Obsd 3 NVA
A/C	27 May	XD 8662	Recd 50 cal fire
Sensors	28 May	XD 9445636	Ten en moving W
Sensors	28 May	XD 93006536	Ten en moving E
B/1/4	28 May	XD 874619	Obsd 15 NVA
A/C	28 May	XD 945645	Recd 50 cal fire
Sensors	29 May	XD 93446535	Ten en moving E
Helo	29 May	XD 878622	Recd 50 cal fire
M/3/3	29 May	XD 965625	Obsd 8-10 NVA moving W-E
E/2/4	29 May	XD 977517	Contact w/11 en
AO	30 May	XD 947696	Five en moving S
AO	30 May	XD 947686	Five en moving S
Recon	2 Jun	XD 964617	Contact w/USEF
Sensors	3 Jun	XD 93956536	13 en moving unk direction
Sensors	3 Jun	XD 93006336	14 en moving unk direction
Sensors	4 Jun	XD 92056665	Four en moving unk direction
Sensors	4 Jun	XD 91056685	Four en moving unk direction

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AO	4 Jun	XD 9468	Recd 50 cal fire
I/3/3	4 Jun	XD 971616	Contact w/35-40 NVA
Sensors	5 Jun	XD 92046665	Four en moving unk direction
Sensors	5 Jun	XD 91756605	Four en moving unk direction
AO	5 Jun	XD 865676	Obsd large fires
Sensors	6 Jun	XD 92056665	Four en moving unk direction
Sensors	7 Jun	XD 92056605	Four en moving unk direction
A/C	7 Jun	XD 873657	Recd 50 cal fire
A/C	7 Jun	XD 891639	Recd 50 cal fire
A/C	7 Jun	XD 871665	Recd 50 cal fire
A/C	7 Jun	XD 879662	Recd 50 cal fire
A/C	7 Jun	XD 8966	Recd 50 cal fire
A/C	7 Jun	XD 874658	Recd 50 cal fire
A/C	7 Jun	XD 865640	Recd 50 cal fire
A/C	7 Jun	XD 888640	Recd 50 cal fire
AO	7 Jun	XD 912563	Obsd 4 NVA
K/3/3	7 Jun	XD 973638	Contact w/4 NVA
K/3/3	8 Jun	XD 949627	Contact w/4-5 en
AO	8 Jun	XD 843666	Recd 50 cal fire
AO	8 Jun	XD 885650	Recd 50 cal fire
AO	8 Jun	XD 845665	Recd 50 cal fire
AO	8 Jun	XD 844665	Recd 50 cal fire
AO	8 Jun	XD 929682	Truck turn around point
AO	8 Jun	XD 842665	Obsd 5-10 NVA
Sensors	8 Jun	XD 92056665	20 en moving unk direction
Sensors	9 Jun	XD 92056665	15 en moving unk direction
AO	9 Jun	XD 970658	Obsd 2 NVA in bunker
A/C	10 Jun	XD 859651	Recd 50 cal fire
AO	10 Jun	XD 859651	REcd 50 cal fire
Recon	10 Jun	XD 877665	Obsd 10-12 NVA
K/3/3	11 Jun	XD 963637	Obsd 7 NVA
Recon	11 Jun	XD 841666	Heavy contact w/USEF
I/3/3	11 Jun	XD 974618	Obsd 4 NVA
A/C	11 Jun	XD 859651	Recd 50 cal fire
Sensors	11 Jun	XD 92056665	15 en moving unk direction
Sensors	14 Jun	XD 92056665	Five en moving unk direction
H/2/4	15 Jun	XD 951630	Contact w/ USEF
AO	16 Jun	XD 954650	Obsd 5 NVA bathing in river
AO	17 Jun	XD 880584	Obsd 10-12 NVA in full combat gear
Sensors	17 Jun	XD 92056665	Four en moving unk direction
H/2/4	18 Jun	XD 968649	Contact w/5 en
Sensors	20 Jun	XD 972562	Eight en moving NE
H/2/3	20 Jun	XD 952629	Contact w/USEF
H/2/4	20 Jun	XD 952628	Contact w/6 NVA
E/2/4	21 Jun	XD 880577	Contact w/USEF
H/2/4	21 Jun	XD 945623	Contact w/5 NVA
Sensors	22 Jun	XD 90276082	15 en moving unk direction
Recon	22 Jun	XD 982558	Obsd 5 NVA
AO	23 Jun	XD 933634	Four NVA in open

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Sensors	25 Jun	XD 98436860	15 on moving unk direction
B/1/4	25 Jun	XD 826617	SAF contact w/USEF
AO	25 Jun	XD 872590	Obsd 3 NVA

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XD 831627	2 May	Two booby trapped claymores
XD 970618	4 May	Booby trap
XD 991613	8 May	Booby trap
XD 991613	9 May	Booby trap
XD 989629	10 May	Booby trap
XD 901645	10 May	Booby trap
XD 970619	4 May	Booby trapped claymore
XD 997563	10 May	AT Mine
XD 996561	10 May	AT Mine
XD 997561	10 May	Two command detonated type mines
XD 994558	10 May	AT Mine
XD 982536	12 May	AT Mine
XD 989629	17 May	Booby trap
XD 980561	18 May	Booby trap
XD 969633	21 May	Four booby trapped claymores
XD 931591	30 May	Booby trap
XD 979519	10 Jun	AT Mine
XD 952632	13 Jun	3 Booby traps
XD 995560	16 Jun	AT Mine
XD 947643	23 Jun	two booby traps

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A: Mines and Booby Trap Overlay

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Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Plan 8-69

Ref: (a) 3d Mar Div ltr dtg 291800H June 69
(b) 3d Mar Div SOP
(c) 3d Mar SOP
(d) 12th Mar SOP
(e) 1st Bn, 12th Mar SOP

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Annex B (Intelligence) and intelligence summaries as issued.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See paragraph 1.b. Operation Plan 8-69.

(2) Artillery Support.

(a) A/1/12 105 How Btry
B/1/12 105 How Btry
C/1/12 105 How Btry
W/1/12 4.2 Mor Btry

(b) General support provided by 12th Marines.

c. Attachments. 2d Prov 155 How Btry

2. MISSION

The 3d Marine Regimental fire support coordination center (FSCC) will exercise overall responsibility for planning, coordinating, and controlling supporting arms with the mission of supporting Operation Eaton Lake. The FSCC functions ensure maximum effective fire support and troop safety to all units throughout the operation.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

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(1) Maneuver (Annex C, Operations Overlay). The regiment will commence shift of forces to the west to relieve elements of the 4th Marines and commence initial saturation of the AO with platoon and smaller sized patrols. These patrols will search for the enemies routes of movement and caches, ambushing and destroying same, while remaining in mutual supporting distances, in order to mass forces and fires if the enemy displays a desire or disposition to stand and fight.

(2) Fires (Annex D, Fire Support Coordination). The concept of multi-maneuvering units will be supported by preplanned fires to a maximum degree possible. As the number of maneuver units increases so decreases the responsiveness for fires on targets of opportunity. Thus, the onus must be on the platoon and company commanders to preplan and submit their requests for fires along with their patrol routes. The battalions must monitor and enforce this program to ensure timely and effective fire support. The regiment will continue to supplement the battalions and cover voids with special fire programs.

b. Air Support.

(1) See Appendix 2 (Air)

c. Artillery Support.

(1) Artillery will provide preplanned special fires, prep fires, and on call fires as the situation warrants.

(2) Organization for Combat. 1/12 D/S, 12th Marines G/S.

d. Naval Gunfire Support.

(1) Not applicable.

e. Miscellaneous.

(1) Target information will be found in the target list, appendix 5 to Annex B (Intelligence.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Coordinating responsibilities and functions will conform with existing SOP's. (Ref: (b), (c), (d) and (e))

(2) Restrictive Fire Plans: 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.

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(3) Rockpile Blue, from YD 2h2609 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.

(4) Clearance to fire into or through the restrictive zone will be requested through FSCC.

(5) 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.

(6) Destruction of restricted targets or fires into restricted areas is prohibited except on approval of the infantry bn commander.

(7) Company commanders will ensure maximum utilization of supporting arms to support their scheme of maneuver and defensive postures.

(8) Fire coordination measures will be utilized to regulate all supporting fires and airstrikes, occurring between forces involved in link-up operations, or operations in which adjacent friendly units are anticipated. The fire coordination line may be moved as the situation warrants.

(9) Air sentries (Bird Watch) will be positioned at artillery and mortar firing positions and will check fire when friendly aircraft are observed approaching the gun target line or other danger areas.

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

(11) Harrassing and interdiction fires will be submitted by the battalions to the regimental FSCC by 1400 daily. Subsequent cancellations to H & I fires will be submitted by 1800.

(12) TPQ-10 air strike requests will be submitted through FSCC channel by 1700 daily, or when required.

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS

a. Admin SOP.

b. Ammo supply rates (ASR) per battery

105 How 302 rnds per day
155 How 95 rnds per day
155 (SP) 166 rnds per day
4.2 Mort 112 rnds per day

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c. Because of the ammunition supply rate the following priorities apply for the delivery of artillery fires:

(1) contact missions
(2) fleeting enemy targets
(3) known enemy positions
(4) suspected enemy positions
(5) harrassing and interdiction fires

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Command SOP

b. Current COI

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Appendix 1 (Artillery) to Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Plan 8-69

Ref: Appendix 1 to Annex D (Overlay)

1. Boundaries. Annex C (Operations Overlay)

2. Battery Positions: A/1/12 - FSB Fuller
B/1/12 - Elliot CB
C/1/12 - FSB Russell
D/1/12 - Elliot CB

3. Scheduled Fires.

a. Battalions will plan on call fires to support the movement of their units into their respective AO's. Ref: Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Priority of fires from FSB Elliot will initially be in support of the 2d Battalion movement into its AO.

c. Countermortar and counter-rocket fires will be active programs.

d. All batteries be prepared to fire on call smoke and CS missions.

4. TOT's and all other massed fires will be coordinated through FSCC and appropriate supporting arms agencies.

5. Air Targets duplicated (when necessary) within capability of artillery fire means.

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Appendix 2 (Air Support) to Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Plan 8-69

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Offensive air operations conducted by 1st MAW and 7th Air Force as required.

(2) Helicopter operations conducted by Prov MAG 39 and MAG 36 as required.

2. MISSION

To ensure timely and imaginative air support for the operating battalions of the 3d Marine Regiment.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. The concept of multi-maneuvering units will be supported by preplanned air to the maximum degree possible.

b. Procedures.

(1) Aerial Observation. A standard daily request, two per Regiment during daylight hours, more if required.

(2) Med-Evac. Requested as needed.

(a) Emergencies will be performed ASAP.

(b) All lower medical priority evacs will be completed in numerical order during daylight hours.

(c) No Med-Evacs, other then emergencies will be attempted during the hours of darkness.

(3) Tactical helicopter requests will be submitted by 1100 the day prior to need.

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(4) Tactical preplanned fixed wing requests will be requested by 1000 the day prior to need, including A-6 Becon Flights and TPQ's. Anticipate more fixed wing being made available due to a decreased demand by other previous users.

(5) Emergency air support requests will be submitted as required.

(6) Resupply requests and replacement personnel will be directed to the Regimental S-4.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Annex E (Administration and Logistics)

5. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. Annex F (Communications-Electronics)

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Annex E (Administration and Logistics) to Operation Plan 8-69

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1. General. This annex provides for combat service support to the Third Marine Regiment.

2. Materiel and Services.

a. Supplies and Equipment.

(1) The amount of LBAE's and MCI's carried by each unit will be commensurate with their assigned mission.

(2) Attention will be exercised to ensure each man carries a serviceable gas mask.

(3) Units will carry a B/A of Class V.

(4) Ensure an ample amount of malaria pills and salt tablets are held by deployed units.

b. Services.

(1) Maintenance.

(a) Units are responsible for 1st and 2d echelon maintenance.

(b) Maintenance contact teams are available from FLSG-B upon request. Weapons and equipment requiring repair will be delivered to the appropriate maintenance facility at FLSG-B, Dong Ha.

(2) Engineer.

(a) Each battalion will have in direct support one engineer platoon for combat engineer support.

c. Transportation.

(1) Daily requests to Division MTO will be made for trucks required to resupply fixed positions.

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d. Resupply.

(1) All helicopter resupply will be from the LSA at VCB. Units utilizing helicopter support will maintain personnel at the LSA.

(2) Resupply of FSB's will be made by heavy lifts (CH 53's).

(3) Resupply sorties can be planned down to the platoon level, therefore, affording maximum mobility. As an illustration: if platoons are properly provisioned they should be self-sustaining for 2-3 days if local water is available. If the scheduling of resupply for these units is staggered, then the total helicopter effort per day should not be significantly higher than if supporting on the company level.

(4) B/A of Class V will be staged for the purpose of emergency resupply.

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

3. Medical Evacuation and Hospitalization.

a. Evacuation will be to C-Med (VCB) for collection and sorting of patients.

b. Hospitalization will be made at 3d Med Bn, Quang Tri, or hospital ships as appropriate.

4. Personnel.

a. Active command attention will be exercised to ensure minimum delay in the forwarding of replacements and mail from the LSA to company positions. Immediate coordination will be made with the regimental representative at the LSA if problems are encountered in this area.

5. Miscellaneous.

a. Units will ensure the smooth turnover of any civil affairs projects to the relieving units unless relieving units are GVN forces in which case it is anticipated the 3d Marines will continue present civil affairs projects.

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Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 8-69

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000, Series L 7014, Sheets 6342 I, II, III, IV
(b) DivO 2000.2D

Time Zones H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Annex B (Intelligence) and intelligence summaries as issued.

(2) Enemy is known to have excellent EW capabilities, interception and deception is expected.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) See paragraph 1.b, Operation Plan 8-69

(2) Command Posts

Unit	Location
Hq, 3d Mar	DHCB
1/3	TBA
2/3	TBA
3/3	TBA
1/12	VCB

2. MISSION

a. Communication elements of this command install, operate and maintain communications facilities to support Operation Eaton Lake.

3. EXECUTION

a. Communication Platoon

(1) Assume Comm and Crypto guard for Hq, 3d Marines from 3d Marine Division, on order.

(2) Be prepared to furnish communications for "Jump CP".

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b. Air Support Communications.

(1) Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) and Appendix 1 (Radio Plan).

c. Artillery Communications.

(1) Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) and Appendix 1 (Radio Plan).

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Radio.

(a) Call signs and frequencies in accordance with reference (b).

(b) Appendix (1) Radio Plan.

(c) All units shall guard both Regimental TAC #1 and #2.

(d) All units shall maintain voice cypher on one Regimental TAC net.

(e) Report losses of equipment via this Hq in accordance with reference (b).

(2) Radio-Relay communications shall be established by this Headquarters to battalions when their locations allow. Channelization shall be in accordance with Appendix (2) Radio Relay Diagram.

(3) Wire.

(a) Local wire system will be maintained within the 3d Marines CP.

(b) Priority of installation upon displacement shall be:

1 3d Mar COC - 3d Mar Div hot line.

2 3d Mar FSCC - 3d Mar Div FSCC hot line.

3 3d Mar FSCC - 1/12 FDC hot line

4 3d Mar COC - Battalion COC hot line (if transmission medium is available).

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6 COC subscribers

7 CO subscribers

8 S-3 subscribers

(c) Battalions will have available sufficient wire equipment to support the Radio-Relay system when established.

(4) Cryptographic.

(a) Battalion will assure timely receipt of cypher key lists and codes from RHQ.

(b) Only those systems listed in Appendix 3 (Cryptographic) shall be used.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Administrative Order 4-69.

b. All units have logistical responsibility for attached communication elements.

c. Excessive battery failure shall be reported to this Headquarters in USMC form.

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APPENDICES: 1 - Radio Plan
2 - Radio-Relay Diagram
3 - Cryptographic

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Appendix 3 (Radio Plan) to Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 8-69

C - Net Control
X - Guard
O - Monitor
A - As Required

	CP FSCC	DASC FACP1	DASC FACP2	FACP TACP	FSCC AIRCP	FSCC ASOC	FSCC DASC
3d Mar Div	C						
3d Marwing	X	C	C				
TACP				C			
FSCC					O	O	O
1/3		X	X				
TACP				X			
FSCC					O		
2/3		X	X				
TACP				X			
FSCC						O	
3/3		X	X				
TACP				X			
FSCC							O
1/12		A			X	X	X

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Appendix 2 (Radio-Relay Diagram) to Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 8-69

* This is a standard plan for all battalions. Four additional channels are available and can be used if the situation dictates.

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Appendix 3 (Crypto) to Operation Plan 8-69

Refs: (a) DivO 2000.2D
(b) OPNAVINSTRUCT 5510.1C
(c) 3d Mar msg dtg 250030Z June 69

Time Zone: H

1. All cryptographic transmissions will be in accordance with ref (a), (b) and (c).

2. KAC-PZ is the only authorized brevity code system to be used.

3. For numeral encryption, only two systems will be used:

KAG-PZ Operations Code
KAC-QAL Authentication/Numeral Code

4. For ground-to-air communications, only AKAC-275 "Wonder Wheel" system may be used.

5. Thrust Points shall be used only as indicated in ref (c).

6. Crypto systems security and operation will be in accordance with ref (b) and respective KPS manuals.

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Annex G (Denial/Stingray Operations) to Operation Plan 8-69

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. The enemy continues to employ attacks by fire as their basic tactic against friendly units operating in the eastern Mutter's Ridge Area. No elements larger than squad size have been sighted and the enemy has made no recent attempts to initiate ground contact.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) The 7th Air Force and 1st MAW provide air support to include:

(a) Delivery of CS gas, at least five flights per day for a period of 30 days.

(b) Air strikes on preplanned targets and targets of opportunity.

(c) Delivery of herbicide on preplanned areas.

(d) Aerial observer coverage to support the infantry, conduct BDA's, run fixed wing and call artillery.

(2) 1st Bn, 12th Marines provides artillery support to include;

(a) Massive H&I fires above the denial zone on selected targets.

(b) Fires on enemy activity as a result of SID activation, both HE and CS gas.

(c) Fires in support of stingray units.

(3) Ground Surveillance Unit 3d Marine Division, provides teams for emplacement of SID at preplanned sites and team to read-out SID's at FSB Fuller commencing about 7 July 69.

2. MISSION

To deny enemy access along likely avenues of approach from the north, which cross Mutter's Ridge, through the use of a denial area and the "Stingray" patrol concept.

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3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Through the use of an H&I zone, Denial Zone, and saturation patrol zone (See Annex C, Operations Overlay), the infiltration of enemy forces south from the DMZ will be eliminated or highly restricted.

(1) H&I Zone: An area 3KM wide adjoining and parallel to the DMZ, will be subjected to massive H&I fires. In this zone suspected enemy infiltration routes and positions will be hit heavily by both artillery and air.

(2) Denial Zone: A three KM wide belt just south of the H&I Zone parallel to the DMZ, which is known to contain large numbers of enemy infiltration routes and redoubts. In this area seismic intrusion devices (SID) will be employed on known enemy routes. When activated, the SID's will cause saturation fires by supporting arms. In the areas not covered by SIDs, a program of CS Gas, defoliation and massive artillery fires and air strikes will be utilized.

(3) Patrol Saturation Zone: The area south of the Denial Zone and north of Route #9. This area will be saturated with numerous stingray, independant squad sized patrols. Maximum coverage (one squad per grid square) will be instituted just south of the Denial Zone and then thinning out further south. A minimum of Company CP positions will occupied during the conduct of the Denial Operation, thus decreasing security requirements.

b. One Infantry Battalion.

(1) Provide security for fixed positions and LOC's in AO.

(2) Provide security for SID emplacement teams 2-4 July.

(3) Withdraw all forces from H&I and Denial Zones prior to 7 July.

(4) Commencing about 7 July maintain a maximum of stingray, squad size units, south of the Denial Zone.

(5) Submit to this Headquarters list of desired targets for air, artillery, employment of gas and areas to be defoiliated.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

The Regimental S-4 will work in conjunction with the ALO to ensure adequate quantities of CS and Herbicide are available to support this program.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS See Annex F, (Communications) to Operation Plan 8-69.

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Annex H (Psychological Operations) to Operation Plan 8-69

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Annex B (Intelligence)

(2) The NVA soldier this regiment will encounter is a well trained, highly motivated individual. It has been proven in the past however, that psychological operations especially after heavy contact and/or heavy use of supporting arms, have successfully encouraged NVA to Chieu Hoi to USMC or GVN forces.

b. Friendly Forces. See paragraph 1. b. Operation Plan 8-69.

(1) Psyops units available to 3d Marines as follows:

a. Detachment of 9th Air Commando Squadron (transmission plane and leaflet drops).

b. HB Combat Speaker teams from 3d Marine Division.

2. MISSION

US/ARVN psychological operations will support operation Eaton Lake commencing on or about 7 July 69, with leaflet and loud speaker operations as requested by battalions. All units will be prepared to assist in the exploitation of these operations.

3. EXECUTION

a. Psychological operations to include dissemination of leaflets from the air and on the ground, aerial and ground loud speaker missions will be conducted to emphasize the Chieu Hoi theme, the inevitable enemy defeat, reports of recent significant enemy defeats in the area, enemy hardships and the effects of Free World Supporting Arms. Due to a recent increase in mining incidents along Route #9, a conscientious effort should be made by the battalions with responsibility for Route #9 to use psyops to exploit all mining incidents and to inform the local populace of the hazards not only to Marines, but also civilians, of mines on Route #9.

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4. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Time is the most critical factor in the employment of tactical psychological warfare. Exploitable items, incidents, or individuals if reported immediately to higher headquarters can be programed back into operation in as little time as 24 hrs. Leaflets can be produced and tapes made overnight to support operations and can be employed by 9th Air Commando Squadron aircraft on the following day.

(2) Employment of III combat speaker teams is the quickest way to introduce exploitable incidents into an operation. These teams are on constant availability from division and can be requested by the battalions at any time. In addition any tapes made by ralliers or cooperative captives can be employed by ground speaker teams as well as aircraft.

(3) When possible all requests for leaflet and loudspeaker operations should be submitted by battalions to this headquarters 24-48 hours prior to date-time of requested action. All battalions are reminded that Psyops is responsive to their needs and limited only to the imagination of the people who make up requests. Just about any type of message may be put out and all requests no matter how complex they may seem, will be given the utmost consideration.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS Annex E (Administration and Logistics)

5. COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS Annex F (Communications-Electronics)

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Encl: (1) New page inserts to Operation Plan 8-69

1. Purpose. To transmit new page inserts and effect pen changes to the basic order.

2. Action.

a. Remove present pages 1, 2, 3, and 4 and replace with enclosed corresponding pages.

b. Remove the present Annex C and replace with the enclosed corresponding Annex C.

c. Appendix 1 to Annex D, pg D - 1 - 1, para 2, make the following pen changes:

After C/1/12 - Delete FSB Russell; Add C-2
After W/1/12 - Delete Elliott CB; Add A-4

d. Annex F, pg F - 1, para 1.b. (2), under column LOCATION - make the following pen changes.

Opposite 1/3, delete TBA and add KGB
Opposite 2/3, delete TBA and add ECB
Opposite 3/3, delete TBA and add CLDH

e. Change title and all references thereto in plan to read "Operation Order 8-69 (Idaho Canyon)" vice "Operation Plan 8-69 (Eaton Lake)".

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Operation Order 8-69 (Idaho Canyon)

Refs (a) Maps Vietnam 1:50,000, Series L 7014, Sheets 6342 I, 6342 II, 6342 III and 6342 IV
(b) 3d Mar Div Op Order 21-69

Time Zone: H

Task Organization. Annex A (Task Organization).

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) The 3d Marine Division (Rein), continues to conduct offensive operations against the enemy within it's assigned AO. At the same time, one infantry regiment and certain designated units commence a phased stand down and begin preparation for an amphibious withdrawal via designated ports while continuously maintaining the capability for the resumption of offensive operations.

(2) Direct support (DS) artillery to be provided by 1st Battalion 12th Marines. General support (GS) by the 12th Marines and elements of XXIV Corps Artillery, as assigned.

(3) Air support provided by the 1st Marine Air Wing and 7th Air Force as required.

(4) Engineer tasks will be accomplished by Company B, 3d Engineers in Direct Support (DS).

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

2. MISSION

The 3d Marines will, on order, occupy and assume control of operations in new AO, to include responsibility for security of Route #9 therein.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) One battalion in the west will conduct multiple, mutually supporting, platoon patrols to search valleys and ridge lines for enemy units and caches. Maximum use will be made of airmobile to destroy enemy forces

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infiltrating through AO. Primary fire support will be DS Artillery, 60mm mortars and 81mm mortars if within range. Patrols will be prepared to mass if the enemy situation so dictates.

(2) One battalion in the central portion of the AO will institute a Denial Stingray operations; employing maximum use of CS gas, sensors, and artillery in a three KM wide belt. Stingray patrols will be conducted on the periphery to destroy any groups able to penetrate the denial area.

(3) One battalion in the eastern portion of the AO will defend with minimum forces the fixed patrol, fire support, and operating bases. Platoon sized patrols of several days duration will seek out enemy infiltration groups. Upon contact with any sizeable force, the unit will react with tanks and infantry, held in reserve, along Route #561.

b. First Battalion.

(1) Conduct Stingray patrols in AO.

(2) Continue Denial concept, submit special artillery and CS gas proposals to channelize the enemy and supplement employment of SIDS in denial area.

(3) Continue to provide security for FSB Fuller and Khe Gio Bridge.

(4) Continue to provide security for Route #9 in AO with 100% day and night surveillance on unpaved portion.

(5) Provide security for road construction from Khe Gio Bridge west in AO.

(6) Provide security for road sweeps emanating from Khe Gio Bridge.

c. Second Battalion.

(1) Commence mutually supporting platoon patrols to the north of ECB to locate enemy route and caches.

(2) Continue to provide security for ECB and Route #9 in AO; 100% day and night surveillance of road from Elliot Combat Base east to boundary.

(3) Provide security for road construction east from Elliot Combat Base in Ao.

(4) Provide security for mine sweeps emanating from Elliot Combat Base.

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d. Third Battalion.

(1) Continue to provide security for fixed positions within AO.

(2) Provide security for IOC's and road sweeps within AO.

(3) With maximum number of platoon patrols continue thorough search for signs of enemy infiltration along western, northern, and north-eastern boundaries.

e. Reserve. The 3d Marine Division Bald Eagle, Sparrow Hawk plus organic forces as designated by separate instructions.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Operation Commences 161800H July 69.

(2) Operation Virginia Ridge will terminate 161800H July 69.

(3) Thrust Points in effect 150600H July 69:

Phonetic Alphabet	1272
Oceans	1168
Soft Drinks	1464
Civil War Battles	0666
Ships	0164
Chain Stores	9563
John Wayne Movies	1161
Gangsters	1658
Toothpaste	9960
Ice Creams	9656
Fish	0155
Bathroom Fixtures	0459
Candy Bars	0762
Famous Dogs	0856
National Parks	1849

(4) Annex H (Psychological Operations).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Maximum use will be made of overland resupply and local water to reduce dependence on helicopters.

b. Annex E (Administration and Logistics).

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Command. The 3d Marines CP will displace to Elliot Combat Base on order.

b. Communications-Electronics.

(1) Current COI

(2) Annex F (Communications-Electronics)

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B - Intelligence
C - Operation Overlay
D - Fire Support Coordination
E - Administration and Logistics
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MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6442 IV AND 6342 I

REF: (A) OPERATION ORDER 6-69
(B) 3D MARINES MSG DTG 011546 JULY 69 SENSOR INPLACEMENT

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. NO CHANGE

B. FRIENDLY. UNIT LOCATIONS

A/1/4	003552
E (-) 2/9	976567
M/3/4	ECB
G (-) 2/4	952628

RECON TEAM "VENEER" UL 1954 LR 2152 PRESENT POSITION 200536. RECON TEAM "GARDEN VALLEY" UL 1951 LR 2250 PRESENT POSITION 196505. BOTH TEAMS TO BE EXTRACTED 1ST LIGHT 02 JULY.

2. MISSION NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. FIRST BATTALION

(1) ORIENT FORCES TO FACILITATE SID IMPLACEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (B).

B. SECOND BATTALION

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS IN AO.

(2) PROVIDE (1) COMPANY FOR REACTION FORCE TO BE UTILIZED IN A-4, C-2 AREA IN EVENT OF LARGE ENEMY CONTACT. ENSURE COMPANY IS WITHIN (1) HOUR CLOSING TIME OF PREPLANNED ASSEMBLY AND LZ AREA.

(3) NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS OF ASSEMBLY/LZ POSITION YOUR EARLIEST.

C. THIRD BATTALION

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS IN AO.

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(2) SUBMIT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY 021800H JULY, PLAN FOR RELIEF/REINFORCEMENT OF A-4, C-2, UTILIZING A TANK-INFANTRY OVERLAND MOVE (NOT ALONG RT #561) OR THE HELILIFT OF ONE (1) COMPANY OF 2D BATTALION FROM A PRE-DETERMINED ASSEMBLY AREA.

(3) SUBMIT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS, DECEPTION PLAN FOR A-4 IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS.

(4) EXPLOIT SUSPECTED ENEMY ACTIVITY VIC 205537.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) TEMPORARY BOUNDARY EXTENSION FOR 3/3 EFFECTIVE 011800H JULY 69 AS FOLLOWS:

FROM PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 180560 NE ALONG TRAIL TO 188566, E TO 205567, SW TO STREAM AT 201558, SE ALONG STREAM AT 210552, S ALONG 21 N-S GRID LINE TO 50 E-W GRID LINE, W ON 50 GRID TO CLOSE AT PRESENT BOUNDARY.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS NO CHANGE

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS NO CHANGE

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MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6442 IV AND 6342 I

REF: (A) OP ORDER 6-69
(B) FRAG ORDER 80-69

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. THE ENEMY, WITHIN THE AO, CONTINUES TO USE THE TACTICS OF ATTACKS BY FIRE AND THE MINING OF ROADS AS HIS CHIEF MEANS OF AGGRESSION. THE 3D BN, 27TH NVA REGT LAST LOCATED IN VICINITY 064645 IS BELIEVED TO HAVE MOVED TO VICINITY OF 947591. ALSO OF IMPORTANCE IS THE RECENT REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED NVA BN MOVING FROM NORTH VIETNAM TO THE CAM LO AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF REINFORCING MAIN AND LOCAL FORCE UNITS OPERATING IN THAT AREA. IF THESE REPORTS ARE TRUE, ENEMY FORCES OPERATING IN THIS AREA MAY BE ABLE TO DO MORE THAN HARASS VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WITH MINES AND ATTACKS BY FIRE.

B. FRIENDLY. UNIT LOCATIONS

3/4 CP & M	(ECB)
G (-) 2/4	(951629)
G PLT	(965636)

2. FIRST BN.

A. COMPLETE SID INSTALLATION AND CONTINUE TO CONDUCT PREPARATIONS FOR DENIAL STINGRAY.

B. EXTEND TIME ELEMENT ON SEARCH OF CAM HUNG IF YOU SEE FIT.

C. RECOMMENDED POSITIONS FOR YOUR COMPANY CP ALONG RIVER AT YD 070578 OR YD 073574.

3. SECOND BN.

A. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

B. THOROUGHLY SEARCH AND STAKE OUT NEW EXTENSION AREA WEST OF KGB.

4. THIRD BN.

A. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

B. EXTEND OPERATIONS IN RAO VINH AREA BASED ON SLIPPAGE OF EATON LAKE.

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C. SUBMIT TO THIS HQ ASAP A LISTING OF ALL TENANTS AT A-4 TO INCLUDE THEIR TITLE, PARENT UNIT, AND MISSION. ALSO, ANY PRO'S AND CON'S REGARDING TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE, ON YOUR LEVEL, OF THE POSSIBLE CLOSING OF A-4.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. OPERATION EATON LAKE DELAYED TO 8 JULY OR LATER. WILL ADVISE ON FURTHER DELAYS. CONTINUE PLANNING AND PREPARATION IN THE EVENT WE GET A HASTY EXECUTION ORDER.

B. ALL UNITS SUBMIT CONCEPT AND PLANS FOR INITIAL ENTRY INTO EATON LAKE AO, BY COURIER, NLT 071200H.

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FRAG ORDER 82-69

MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6442 IV AND 6342 I

REF: (A) OPERATION ORDER 6-69

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. THE ENEMY CONTINUES TO EMPLOY AS HIS PRIMARY OFFENSIVE TACTIC INTERDICTION OF LINES OF COMMUNICATION TO INFLICT CASUALTIES AND DELAY FRIENDLY OPERATIONS. THE ENEMY CONTINUES TO POSSESS THE CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT STAND OFF ATTACKS BY FIRE AT TIMES AND PLACES OF HIS CHOOSING.

B. FRIENDLY.

(1) THE 3D BN 2D ARVN REGT CONDUCTS A 3-4 DAY OPERATION WEST OF A-4 (OVERLAY PASEP TO 3D BN 07 JULY) COMMENCING 081000H JULY 69.

(2) UNIT POSITIONS:

3/4 CP AND CO M	COB ELLIOTT	
G (-) 2/4	951631	
G PLT	952644	
E PLT 2/4	952644	

2. FIRST BN.

A. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

B. ON 9 JULY RELIEVE 2/3 OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR FSB FULLER. ASSUME MODIFIED AO TO INCLUDE SECURITY OF ROUTE #9 THEREIN.

3. SECOND BN.

A. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

B. BE PREPARED FOR RELIEF BY 1/3 OF SECURITY FOR FSB FULLER, 9 JULY. REDEPLOY UNIT IN AO.

C. BE PREPARED ON 9 JULY TO COMMENCE THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

(1) NW CORNER MAI LOC TAOR (WEST OF 06 GRID LINE AND NORTH OF 49 GRID LINE).

(2) UL 0656, LL 0654, UR 1056, LR 1054.

4. THIRD BN.

A. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

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B. ASSIST 2D ARVN OPERATION IN PASSING THROUGH YOUR AO.

C. SUBMIT INFORMAL REPORT UPON COMPLETION OF COMBINED OPERATIONS WITH REGIONAL AND POPULAR FORCES.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS EFFECTIVE 9 JULY. OVERLAY PASEP.

B. 3D BN USE LIAISON OFFICER WITH CTDG TO SECURE PORTIONS OF TAOR NOTED IN PARA # C FOR 2/3'S OPERATIONS FROM 090600H TO 111000H JULY 69. NOTIFY THIS HQ OF YOUR RESULTS.

C. 2D BN ENSURE RST PERSONNEL REMAIN AT FSB FULLER FOR USE BY RELIEVING UNIT.

D. 3D MARINES WESTERN AO EXTENSION STILL NOT APPROVED. EARLIEST POSSIBLE IS 9 JULY WITH EXECUTION ON 11 JULY.

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REF: (A) OP ORDER 6-69
(B) FRAG ORDER 82-69
(C) 3D MARINES MSG DTG 060600H

1. FIRST BN.

A. EXECUTE RELIEF OF 2/3 AT FSB FULLER BY HELILIFT COMMENCING AT 090800H.

B. UPON RELIEF ASSUME SECURITY FOR NEW AO, REF (B). PREVENT ALL CIVILIANS NOT ON AUTHORIZED COMMERCIAL VEHICLES FROM TRAVELING WEST OF HILL 37 (YU 068570) OR ADJACENT TO ROUTE #9 IN AO.

C. READJUST FORCES AND START "STINGRAY" PATROLS ASAP.

2. SECOND BN.

A. UPON RELIEF BY 1/3 OF SECURITY FOR FSB FULLER ASSUME NEW AO, RELOCATE FORCES TO MAINTAIN ROAD SECURITY, AND SEARCH OUT AREAS DESIGNATED IN REF (B).

B. BE PREPARED TO SHIFT FORCES TO WEST INTO PROPOSED NEW AO ON 48 HOUR NOTICE.

3. THIRD BN.

A. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

B. PLAN SUBMITTED FOR OPERATION IN 2D ARVN AO APPROVED. AO EXTENSION MODIFIED (PASEP).

C. BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SECURITY SQUAD FOR REGRADING ROUTE #561 IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ENGINEERS WILL PROVIDE DETAILS.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. BOUNDARY FOR 3/3 IN CUA VALLEY EXTENDED AS PER REF (C).

B. BOUNDARY CHANGES PASSED IN OVERLAY TO REF (B), (PASEP), ON ORDER 09 JULY 69.

C. AREA REQUESTED FOR 2/3 OPERATIONS INTO MAI LOC TAOR EFFECTIVE 081800H.

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PLAN ORDER 84-69

MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6342 I, II, III, AND IV

REF: (A) 3D MAR OP ORDER 6-69
(B) ANNEX C OVERLAY TO 3D MAR DIV OP ORDER 21-69 (NOTAL)

ENCL: (1) OP OVERLAY PASEP

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. INTEL ANNEX TO OP PLAN 6-69.

B. FRIENDLY.

G (-) 2/4 - 957635
G FLT 2/4 - 968635
F/2/9 - EOB

2. 3D MARINES ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR WESTERN EXTENSION TO VIRGINIA RIDGE AO (OPN'S OVERLAY) EFFECTIVE 102400H JULY 69.

3. FIRST BN.

A. RELIEVE 2/3 OF SECURITY FOR KGB BY 111000H.

B. ASSUME NEW AO AND SECURITY FOR ROUTE #9 IN AO UPON RELIEF OF 2/3 AT KGB.

4. SECOND BN.

A. CONDUCT A VERTICULAR LIFT AT 101200H OF ONE UNIT TO RELIEVE F/2/9 OF SECURITY FOR EOB. 3D MARINES SECURITY PLATOON WILL PROVIDE CONVOY SECURITY PRIOR TO PICK UP AND RETURN TRIP.

B. ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF NEW AO AT 102400H (OPNS OVERLAY).

C. CONDUCT ZIPPO AT 101500H OF LZ'S FOR HELO-ASSAULT ON 11 JULY (BRIEF AT 3D MARINES CP).

D. ON 11 JULY DISPLACE BN (-) INTO NEW AO BY HELO AND TRUCK AND COMMENCE MULTI-PLATOON, MUTUALLY SUPPORTED PATROLLING TO LOCATE AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND SUPPLIES

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5. THIRD BN.

A. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

B. RECONFIGURE CONTINGENCY PLANS TO INCLUDE ONLY ORGANIC UNITS EFFECTIVE 11 JULY.

6. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. 1ST BN CONDUCT TROOPER DEBRIEF OF 2D BN REGARDING ROAD SECURITY AND MINE SWEEP SECURITY OPERATIONS.

B. BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 1/3 AND 2/3 EFFECTIVE 101200H FROM PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 050578 SE IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO 060565, THEN E IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 075565.

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FRAG ORDER 85-69

MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6342 I, II, III, AND IV, 6442 III, IV

REF: (A) 3D MAR OP ORDER 6-69
(B) FRAG ORDER 84-69

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY. CURRENT INTSUMS

B. FRIENDLY. UNIT LOCATIONS: K (-) 3/4 (910553)
K PIT (919545)
2/4 CP AND H (-)(912590)

2. FIRST BATTALION.

A. COMMENCE STINGRAY PATROLS BY 13 JULY.

B. CONTINUE DENIAL CONCEPT. CS TARGET LIST WILL BE FURNISHED ASAP. PLAN AND SUBMIT SPECIAL ARTY PROGRAMS TO SUPPLEMENT SID'S IN DENIAL AREA.

C. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR FSB FULLER AND KGB.

D. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ROUTE #9 IN AO; 100% DAY AND NIGHT SURVEILLANCE OF UNPAVED PORTION.

E. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR SEA BEE ROAD CONSTRUCTION FROM KG3 WEST TO BOUNDARY.

F. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MINE SWEEPS EMINATING FROM KGB.

G. EVALUATE RETURN OF CIVILIANS INTO AREAS EAST OF KGB ALONG RT # 9 AND CAM LO RIVER FOR WOODCUTTING AND FISHING; REPORT YOUR OPINIONS THIS HQ BY 14 JULY.

3. SECOND BATTALION.

A. CONDUCT HELO-ASSAULT AND RIP INTO MUTTER'S RIDGE, VICINITY LZ SIERRA, AND COMMENCE MUTUALLY SUPPORTING PLATOON PATROLS THROUGHOUT AO.

B. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ECB AND ROUTE #9 IN AO; 100% DAY AND NIGHT SURVEILLANCE OF ROAD FROM ECB TO YOUR EASTERN BOUNDARY.

C. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR SEA BEE ROAD CONSTRUCTION FROM ECB EAST TO BOUNDARY.

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D. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MINE SWEEPS EMINATING FROM ECB.

4. THIRD BATTALION.

A. CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR A-4, C-2, C-3B, RT #9 IN AO, AND MINE SWEEPS IN AO.

B. CEASE OPERATIONS IN RAO VINH AREA NLT 13 JULY AND REDEPLOY FORCES INTO NORMAL AO. UPON REDEPLOYMENT SEND OUT MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLATOON SIZED ELEMENTS TO CONDUCT THOROUGH SEARCH ALONG WESTERN, NORTHERN, AND NORTH EASTERN BOUNDARIES TO CONFIRM OF REFUTE REPORTS OF INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITIES IN THESE AREAS.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. B/1/3 AND G/2/3 WILL MAKE DAILY LIAISON REGARDING NIGHT AND DAY ACTS, ROAD SWEEPS, AND SEA BEE SECURITY FOR ROUTE #9 BETWEEN KGB AND ECB.

B. CONFERENCE HELD THIS DATE REGARDING ROUTE #9 SECURITY PRODUCED REQUIREMENTS FOR FLAME TANKS, SCOUT DOGS, AND SURVEILLANCE DEVICES. 3D MARINES WILL PROCURE OR ASSIST IN GAINING THIS SUPPORT. ADVISE THIS HQ OF FURTHER NEEDS OR FAILURE TO GET THIS SUPPORT.

C. OVERLAY ADJUSTING WESTERN BOUNDARY PASEP ON 12 JULY.

D. KEEP YOUR POWDER DRY.

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FRAG ORDER 86-69

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1. THERE REMAINS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT TODAY'S PROLONGED ROCKET [illegible] AND 6-2 (52 122MM ROCKETS FIRED FROM ONSON TO [illegible]) WERE USED TO COVER A LARGE ENEMY MOVEMENT FROM NE TO SW: FROM VICINITY HILL 366 (YD 0056) TOWARD AND EAST OF LZ MAC AND CONTINUING SW PASSING THE RAZORBACK TO THE NORTH AND WEST. THE MOVEMENT MAY BE CONTINUING. THIS GENERALLY DUPLICATES A RECENT MOVE BY THE 3D BN, 27OTH REGT.

2. IN LIGHT OF THIS IT IS FELT YOUR H AND E COMPANIES WOULD BE MORE PROPERLY EMPLOYED NORTH OF THE 59 GRID LINE.

3. YOU ARE DIRECTED TO DEPLOY THESE COMPANIES NORTH OF THE 59 GRID LINE WHERE THEY CAN SEARCH FOR AND POSSIBLY BLOCK THIS SUSPECTED MOVE OR POSSIBLE FUTURE MOVES. THEIR MODE OF OPERATIONS CAN REMAIN THAT OF MUTUALLY SUPPORTING PATROLS.

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FRAG ORDER 87-69

MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, SERIES L 7014, 6342 I, II, III, IV AND 6442 III AND IV

REF: (A) 3D MAR OP ORDER 8-69 (IDAHO CANYON)
(B) 3D MAR MSG DTG 201200H JULY 69
(C) 3D BN, 3D MAR MSG DTG 200930H JULY 69

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE MOVING ALONG THREE GENERAL ROUTES IN 3D MARINES AO.

(1) THE FIRST IN THE WEST GENERALLY FOLLOWS THE TRACES:

(A) 000637 TO 997635 TO 994631 TO 988628 TO 980620.

(B) 980648 TO 974640 TO 971630 TO 966626 TO 974623 TO 969618.

(2) THE SECOND SQUEEZES THROUGH THE DENIAL AREA IN THE BAO THUONG AREA TOWARD CAM HUNG AND QUAT XA - (060657, 070646, 080638, 090630).

(3) THE ROUTE IN THE EAST IS GENERALLY FROM 116736, 150730, 180715, GOING SOUTH ALONG 18 LINE. THE SIZE OF ENEMY UNITS PRESENTLY ALONG THESE ROUTES IS ESTIMATED TO BE POSSIBLE COMPANY TO BATTALION SIZE.

B. FRIENDLY.

(1) 4TH MARINES

2/4 CP	(912591)
E/2/4	(896588)
H (-) 2/4	(912591)
K (-) 3/4	(911564)
I (-) 3/4	(908535)
3/4 CP	(ECB)

(2) 2D ARVN UNITS WHICH HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED ALONG THEIR WESTERN BOUNDARY HAVE BEEN PULLED BACK TO VICINITY OF ROUTE #1. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

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(3) OPERATION WILLIAMS GLADE

A/1/11 (136506)
B/1/61 (156485)
D/1/4 (127443)
C/1/4 (133427)

2. ELEMENTS OF THE 3D MARINES ARE OR WILL BE DEPLOYED ALONG THE MOVEMENT ROUTES NOTED IN PARA 1. A. TO BLOCK FURTHER ENEMY INCURSIONS TO THE SOUTH AND PREVENT ANY WITHDRAWALS TOWARD THE DMZ, DESTROYING FORCES ENCOUNTERED.

3. FIRST BATTALION.

A. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSIONS.

B. CONDUCT SPECIAL NAPALM OPERATION IN CAM HUNG AREA 211100H.

C. INCREASE CS DROPS ALONG THE ROUTE NOTED IN PARA 1. A. (2).

D. BE PREPARED FOR RAPID REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE COMPANY TO AREA NORTH OF CAM LO POPULATED REGION OR LEATHERNECK SQUARE ANY TIME AFTER 201600H. NOTIFY THIS HQ OF UNIT AND PROPOSED PICK UP POINT BY 1600H. COMPANY ON ONE HOUR ALERT.

E. INSTITUTE PLANNING TO TAKE OVER BLOCKS ALONG ROUTE NOTED IN PARA 1. A. (2), ON ORDER, WITH I/3/3, FORCE NOTED IN PARA 3. B. OR BOTH. SUBMIT CONCEPT BY 1600H.

4. SECOND BATTALION.

A. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

B. CONTINUE TO BLOCK ROUTES NOTED IN PARA 1. A. (1).

C. BE PREPARED FOR A RAPID REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE COMPANY BY HELO TO AREA NORTH OF CAM LO POPULATED REGION OR LEATHERNECK SQUARE BY 201600H. NOTIFY THIS HQ OF PROPOSED LZ PICK UP BY 1600H. UNIT ON THREE HOUR ALERT.

5. THIRD BATTALION.

A. CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

B. BOUNDARY CHANGE NOTED IN REF (B) ALLOWS BLOCK OF INFILTRATION ROUTE NOTED IN PARA 1. A. (2). EXECUTE BLOCK UNTIL NAPALM DROP THEN SUGGEST FORCE PUT BLOCKS ALONG POINTS 092623 AND 082638.

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C. EASTERN BOUNDARY REQUESTED IN REF (C) IS EFFECTIVE 201800H. ARVN FORCES IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO EAST PREPARE TO BLOCK ROUTE NOTED IN PARA 1. A. (3) WITH FORCES PRESENTLY IN VICINITY. SUGGEST FULL COMPANY.

D. COMMENCE PLANNING FOR REINFORCEMENT OF BLOCK IN LEATHERNECK SQUARE (PARA 1. A. (3)) WITH FORCES NOTED IN PARA 3. D. AND 4. C. ON ORDER. SUBMIT CONCEPT BY 1600H.

E. DEPLOY HEAVY SECTION OF TANKS TO C-3 BRIDGE BY 1600H FOR CONVOY SECURITY O/O 3D MARINES IF REQUIRED.

6. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. ALL PLANNING NOTED ABOVE WILL BE FULL AND READY FOR RAPID EXECUTION AS SITUATION DEVELOPS.

B. TRANSPORTATION FOR OVERLAND MOVEMENT WILL BE PRESTAGED. DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

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FRAG ORDER 87-69

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REF: (A) 3D MARINES OP ORDER 8-69
(B) 3D MARINES FRAG ORDER 87-69
(C) 3D MARINES MSG DTG 202130H JULY 69
(D) 3D MARINES MSG DTG 210855H (SPECIAL OPERATIONS)

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY. NO CHANGE

B. FRIENDLY.

(1) AT FIRST LIGHT ON 22 JULY, TWO RECON TEAMS WILL BE INSERTED INTO THE TWO EASTERN MOST STRIKE ZONES IN REF (C) FOR A PERIOD OF 24 HOURS TO COLLECT BDA.

(2) FOURTH MARINES.

2/4 CP AND H (-)	912591
H PIE 2/4	909609
G/2/4	922589
K (-) 3/4	911564
I PIE 3/4	911538

(3) THE 2D ARVN UNITS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT S & D OPERATIONS ALONG THEIR WESTERN BOUNDARY.

2. FIRST BATTALION. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS IN REF (A) AND (B).

3. SECOND BATTALION. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS IN REF (A) AND (B).

4. THIRD BATTALION.

A. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS IN REF (A) AND (B).

B. BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO ASSIST RECON TEAMS COLLECTING BDA IN THE TWO EASTERN MOST STRIKE ZONES IN REF (C) WITH ONE COMPANY (-) REACTION FORCE.

C. SUBMIT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS DTG UPON COMMENCEMENT AND TERMINATION OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS IN REF (D) FOR EACH UNIT.

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5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. UNITS REMAIN IN READY STATUS ESTABLISHED IN REF (B) FOR NEXT 48 HOURS.

B. UNITS AND PICK UP POINTS FOR REACTION FORCES IN REF (B) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) OVERLAND D(-) 1/3 YD (069573) AND PLT B/1/3 (KGB)

(2) HELIBORNE H/2/3 PLT AND CP (959596) PLT (963591) PLT (955594)

C. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR ROAD SWEEPS WITH 3D MARINES AO INCLUDE:

(1) A MINIMUM OF (1) T.O. INFANTRY SQUAD.

(2) A MINIMUM OF (1) TRACKED OR WHEELED VEHICLE WITH A DIRECT FIRE AUTOMATIC WEAPON MOUNTED.

(3) ONE RADIO WITH SQUAD (IN ADDITION TO RADIO PROVIDED BY SWEEP TEAM).

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REF: (A) 3D MARINES OP ORDER 8-69 (IDAHO CANYON)
(B) 3D MARINES FRAG ORDER 88-69

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY. NO CHANGE

B. FRIENDLY.

(1) RECON TEAM CHURCH VIEW COLLECTING BDA OF SPECIAL FIRES IN REF (B) WAS EXTRACTED 221535H.

(2) THE 2D ARVN REGT HAS MOVED ITS FORCES TO A-2 AND C-1, AND WILL CONDUCT S & D OPERATIONS TO THE WEST FROM THESE POSITIONS.

(3) FRIENDLY UNIT POSITIONS.

PLT H/2/4	(902609)
2/4 CP AND H (-)	(912590)
G/2/4	(922588)
I (-) 3/4	(908535)
3/4 CP	(FSB CATES)

2. FIRST BATTALION.

A. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS IN AO.

B. ON 23 JULY DEPLOY FORCES NORTHWARD INTO THE DENIAL ZONE TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND SUPPLIES, WHILE DETERMINING THE EFFECTIVENESS AND PERSISTENCY OF THE CS GAS IN THE AREA. MAKE SPOT REPORTS ON THE CS EFFECTS ON EACH ENCOUNTER. DURATION OF OPERATION ABOUT ONE WEEK.

3. SECOND BATTALION. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS IN AO.

4. THIRD BATTALION. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS IN AO.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. HELILIFT FOR 3/3 CP AND B PLT TO FSB FULLER IS FRAGGED FOR 230700H.

6. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. 3/3 ENSURE UNITS IN AND NORTH OF DENIAL ZONE REQUIRE MINIMUM RESUPPLY AND MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF AVAILABLE NATURAL RESOURCES. CAUTION YOUR TROOPS REGARDING POSSIBLE CS CONTAMINATION OF LOCAL WATER.

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REF: (A) 3d MARINES OP ORDER 8-69 (IDAHO CANYON)
(B) 3d MARINES FRAG ORDER 89-69
(C) 3d MARINES MSG DTG 231719H JULY 69

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY. ACTIVITY IN THE THIRD MARINES AO SEEMS TO BE DECREASING. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT SMALL ENEMY UNITS CONTINUE TO INFILTRATE ALONG THE WESTERN ROUTE, AND A BUILDUP CONTINUES IN THE DMZ NORTH OF 1/3'S AO.

B. FRIENDLY.

(1) 2D ARVN REGT CONTINUES SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS TO THE WEST OF C-1 AND A-2.

(2) CO A 3D TANK BN TO RESUME NORMAL POSTURE ALONG ROUTE #561.

(3) UNIT LOCATIONS:

2/4 CP AND H (-)	(YD 912591)
G/2/4 AND E PLT	(XD 922588)
I (-) 3/4	(XD 935515)
K (-) 3/4	(XD 912564)

2. EXECUTION.

A. FIRST BN. CONTINUE TO CONDUCT ASSIGNED MISSIONS IN AO.

B. SECOND BN. CONTINUE TO CONDUCT ASSIGNED MISSIONS IN AO.

C. THIRD BN.

(1) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT ASSIGNED MISSIONS IN AO.

(2) UPON COMPLETION OF S & D OPERATIONS TO THE NE OF A-4, COMMENCE S & D OPERATIONS TO THE SOUTH IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE 18 GRID LINE ON THE EAST, ROUTE #561 ON THE WEST AND GENERALLY TO THE 64 GRID LINE AS THE SOUTHERN LIMIT. (OVERLAY PASED)

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3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. UNITS OF 1/3 AND 2/3 ARE RELEASED FROM CONTINGENCY STANDBY.

B. 3/3 BOUNDARY EXTENSION TO THE EAST EFFECTIVE 240600H UNTIL 281800H AS FOLLOWS: FROM PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 180710, S ALONG 18 GRID LINE TO 180650, THEN SW ALONG STREAM TO 167639, WEST ALONG ROAD TO 155637 THEN WEST ALONG TRAIL TO PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 150637.

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MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000 SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6342 I, II, III, IV AND 6342 III, AND IV

S & C FILES
3D MARINES
00205-69

REFS: (A) 3D MARINES OP ORDER 8-69 (IDAHO CANYON)
(B) 3D MARINES FRAG ORDER 90-69

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY. ENEMY MAPS CAPTURED BY 1/3/3 THIS DATE REVEAL THE ENEMY UNITS CURRENTLY IN THE EAST CENTRAL PORTION OF THE AO (VIC 0965), USED ROUTES FROM THE DMZ SOUTH GENERALLY ASTRIDE THE 06 GRID LINE. IN THE BAO THUONG AREA (VIC 0664) THERE APPEARS TO BE A LARGE ASSEMBLY AREA. FROM THIS ASSEMBLY AREA THE ENEMY MOVED EAST WITH ANTICIPATED ACTIVITY SITES AT 0965 (CENTER OF (1) KM DIAMETER CIRCLE IS 093654) AND 1066 (CENTER OF 800 M DIA CIRCLE IS 106655). ALSO THE ENEMY INTENDED ACTIVITY OR ACTION IN A ONE KM SQUARE ASTRIDE ROUTE #561 WITH CENTER OF MASS AT 126658. THE FINAL SIGNIFICANT MARKINGS ON THE MAP WERE LARGE CIRCLES AROUND THE POSITIONS OF A-4 AND C-2.

B. FRIENDLY. NO CHANGE

2. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT. 3D MAR RE-DEPLOYS ONE COMPANY FROM WEST TO EAST. TO ASSIST IN THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY ELEMENTS AND DIMINISH THE ENEMY THREAT ON A-4 AND C-2.

B. FIRST BATTALION.

(1) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT ASSIGNED MISSION IN AO.

(2) ENSURE UNITS CONDUCT THOROUGH SEARCH OF SONG NGAM RIVER VALLEY BUT DO NOT MOVE NORTH OF VALLEY WITHOUT CLEARANCE FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS.

(3) ENSURE AREA BETWEEN A AND C COMPANIES (03 TO 05 GRIDLINES) IS THOROUGHLY SEARCHED.

C. SECOND BATTALION.

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION IN AO.

(2) UPON COMPLETION OF HELILIFT OF (1) SECTION 81MM MORTARS ON 25 JULY, COMMENCE OVERLAND MOVE OF ONE COMPANY TO THE CLOSEST MSR FOR REDEPLOYMENT VIA TRUCK TO EASTERN PORTION 3D MARINES AO. BE PREPARED TO CHOP TO 3D BATTALION, ON ORDER 25 JULY.

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D. THIRD BATTALION.

(1) CONT ASSIGNED MSNS IN AO.

(2) BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT OPCON ONE COMPANY OF 2D BATTALION ANYTIME AFTER 1500H ON 25 JULY. COMPANY WILL BE DELIVERED BY TRUCK TO A POINT OF YOUR CHOOSING. SUBMIT PLANS FOR EMPLOYMENT.

3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) 1/3 AND 3/3 ENSURE CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN CO C AND CO I REGARDING ENTRAPMENT OF POSSIBLE ENEMY UNITS IN VICINITY OF PRESENT POSITIONS.

(2) EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY ENSURE ONE CORPSMAN ACCOMPANIES ALL ROAD SWEEPS WITHIN 3D MARINES AO.

(3) 2/3'S HELILIFT OF (1) 81MM SECTION FRAGGED FOR 250630H JUL 69.

(4) 3D BATTALION'S EASTERN BOUNDARY REMAINS ALONG THE (18) [illegible] GRID LINE.

(5) WHEN REPORTING ENEMY DEAD, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE AND DISCERNIBLE, INDICATE CAUSE OF DEATH, I.E. KILLED BY ARTY, KILLED BY AIR, KILLED BY SMALL ARMS.

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251500H JULY 69
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FRAG ORDER 92-69

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S & C FILES
3D MARINES
00206-69

REF: (A) 3D MARINES OP ORDER 8-69
(B) 3D MARINES FRAG O 91-69
(C) 3D BN, 3D MAR MSG DTG 251200H JULY 69

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY. ENEMY SITUATION IN VICINITY OF 1ST AND 3D BNS BOUNDARY IS CONSIDERED EXPLOITABLE. AERIAL OBSERVERS SIGHTED RECENT TRAIL ACTIVITY N-S ALONG 02 GRID LINE ACROSS NATURAL BRIDGE TO 0264 AND 0263 GRID SQUARES.

B. FRIENDLY. NO CHANGE

2. EXECUTION.

A. FIRST BATTALION.

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS IN AO.

(2) AFTER COMPLETING SEARCH OF TODAY'S CONTACT, REDEPLOY COMPANY C TO THE WEST, VICINITY HELO VALLEY, TO SEARCH FOR ENEMY IN AREA OF RECENT N-S TRAIL SIGHTINGS.

B. SECOND BATTALION. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS IN AO.

C. THIRD BATTALION.

(1) DEPLOY ANOTHER COMPANY TO EXPLOIT RECENT ENEMY CONTACTS VIC OF BAO THUONG ARE AND NORTH THEREOF. COMPLETE DEPLOYMENT THIS DATE.

(2) REF (C) NOT CONSIDERED BEST USE OF ADDED MANEUVER ELEMENT.

3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) BOUNDARY BETWEEN FIRST AND THIRD BATTALION EFFECTIVE O/O 26 JULY 69, AS FOLLOWS: FROM DMZ AND 05 GRID INTERSECTION SOUTH TO 050652, THEN SE TO 060640 TO 070630 THEN E TO PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 087630.

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3D MARINES
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MAP: VIETNAM 1:250,000, SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6342 I, II, III, IV AND 6442 III AND IV

REF: (A) 3D MARINES OP ORDER 8-69 (IDAHO CANYON)

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS.

B. FRIENDLY.

(1) THE 2D ARVN REGT CONTINUES TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN VIC OF ROUTE #1.

(2) UNIT LOCATIONS: 1/3D MARINES

2/4 CP AND K (-)	XD 912591
G/2/4 FIT	XD 930537
K/2/4 FIT	XD 901610
G (-) 2/4	XD 911564

(3) RF/PF FORCES DIRLAUTH WITH DISTRICT SENIOR ADVISOR CAM LO.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS. 3/12TH INF (REIN) OPCON THIRD MARINES 28 JULY 69.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION. (OPERATIONS OVERLAY) ANNEX A

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. THE THIRD MARINES WITH 3/12TH INFANTRY (OPCON) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT S/D OPERATIONS IN AO WITH ONE FORCE DRIVING WEST FROM CON THIEN, ONE BATTALION PUSHING EAST ALONG MUTTER'S RIDGE, AND A THIRD UNIT BLOCKING FROM THE SOUTH, TO DESTROY ENEMY ELEMENTS REMAINING IN THE MUTTER'S RIDGE, FOXTROT RIDGE, BELO VALLEY AREAS. THE REMAINING BATTALION WILL BE DEPLOYED TO THE EAST TO PROTECT THAT FLANK, CUT OFF ENEMY INFILTRATION FROM THE DMZ (NE OF CON THIEN), AND REMAIN AVAILABLE TO EXPEDITE FURTHER CONTACTS OR PASSINGS AS REQUIRED. EMPHASIS WILL REMAIN ON PLATOON SIZED SEARCHES WITHIN MUTUAL SUPPORTING DISTANCES, AND MASSING INTO LARGER ELEMENTS UPON CONTACT.

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B. FIRST BATTALION.

(1) COMMENCING ON 28 JULY REALIGN FORCES AS INDICATED ON OPNS OVERLAY, COMPLETING RE-ORIENTATION ON OR ABOUT 30 JULY. UPON RE-ORIENTATION, MAINTAIN A MINIMUM OF TWO COMPANIES IN A S/D ROLE ALONG 1/11'S SOUTHERN BOUNDARY WITH EMPHASIS ON THE CAM HUNG AREA.

(2) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR FSB FULLER AND KHE GIO BRIDGE.

(3) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ROUTE #9 IN AO WITH 100% DAY AND NIGHT SURVEILLANCE ON UNPAVED PORTION.

(4) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION FROM KHE GIO BRIDGE WEST IN AO.

(5) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ROAD SWEEPS EMINATING FROM KHE GIO BRIDGE.

C. SECOND BATTALION.

(1) COMMENCING ON 28 JULY DEPLOY FORCES EASTWARD AS 1/3 MOVES TO THE SOUTH (SEE OPNS OVERLAY). COMPLETE RE-DEPLOYMENT INTO AO EXTENSION IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH 1/3 ON OR ABOUT 30 JULY. UPON RE-DEPLOYMENT, CONDUCT S/D OPERATIONS WITH EMPHASIS TOWARD MAINTAINING PRESSURE AGAINST THE 1/11 BOUNDARY TO THE EAST.

(2) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ECB AND ROUTE #9 IN AO 100% DAY AND NIGHT SURVEILLANCE OF ROAD FROM ECB TO BOUNDARY.

(3) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION EAST FROM ECB IN AO.

(4) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MINE SWEEPS EMINATING FROM ECB.

D. THIRD BATTALION.

(1) ON 28 JULY BEGIN SOUTH AND EASTWARD SWEEP WITH EXPLOITATION FORCE IN ORDER TO REDISPOSE FORCES IN NEW AO (SEE OPERATIONS OVERLAY) BY 30 JULY. UPON RE-ORIENTATION, CONDUCT S/D OPNS IN AO WITH PRIMARY EMPHASIS IN NORTH AND CENTRAL LEATHERNECK SQUARE AND SECONDARY EMPHASIS ON MAINTAINING PRESSURE AGAINST 1/11'S SOUTH EASTERN BOUNDARY.

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(2) BE PREPARED TO PASS OPCON OF SECURITY FORCE AT A-4 TO 1/11 FOR NIGHT OF 28-29 JULY. UNIT WILL RETURN TO 3/3'S NEW AO AND OPCON UPON RELIEF 29 JULY IN AM.

(3) ON 30 JULY TRANSPORT AND RELEASE H/2/3 BACK TO OPCON OF 2/3.

(4) MAINTAIN BATTALION IN A POSTURE FOR HELICOPTER REDEPLOYMENT ANYWHERE IN THE DIVISION AO ON FOUR (4) HOURS NOTICE.

E. FIRST BATTALION, ELEVENTH INFANTRY (REIN).

(1) ON 28 JULY DISPLACE FORCES OVERLAND TO VICINITY OF A-4 AND DEPLOY TO THE WEST COMMENCING S/D OPERATIONS IN AO (SEE OPERATIONS OVERLAY).

(2) ON ORDER 29 JULY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR A-4 AND RELEASE OPCON OF 3/3'S UNIT TO PARENT BATTALION.

(3) UPON ARRIVAL AT A-4, MAINTAIN OVERLAND LINK-UP/ EXTRACTION FORCE FOR RECON TEAMS OPERATING IN THE DMZ. (PLATOON OF INFANTRY AND PLATOON OF TANKS WITHIN TWO (2) HOURS CLOSING TIME.)

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) BOUNDARIES IN OPERATIONS OVERLAY EFFECTIVE ON ORDER. DATES NOTED SUBSEQUENT TO 28 JULY ARE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES AND WILL BE EFFECTED ON ORDER AS THE TACTICAL SITUATION DIRECTS.

(2) A-4 WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED AS LAUNCH SITE FOR OVERLAND INSERTED TEAMS BY THIRD RECON BN. PLANNED RECON ZONES WILL BE CLEARED WITH UNIT RESIDING AT A-4 PRIOR TO INSERTION.

(3) UNITS NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS OF ARRIVAL IN NEW AO'S, CP DISPLACEMENTS, AND ANY UNUSUAL ARRANGEMENTS AFFECTED DURING DIRECT LIAISON WITH ADJACENT UNITS.

(4) 1/11 PROVIDE ONE (1) LIAISON OFFICER TO THIS HEADQUARTERS TO ENSURE THOROUGH COORDINATION OF OPERATION.

(5) THE FOLLOWING THRUST POINTS ARE EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT FOR 1/11, AT 300600H JULY 69 FOR ALL OTHERS. PREVIOUS POINTS CANCELLED SAME DTG.

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OFFICE EQUIPMENT	9865
GARDEN TOOLS	9562
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AUTOMOBILES	9961
CAMERA EQUIPMENT	9954
SPORTING GOODS	0264
LIQUORS	0257
FURNITURE	0460
CIGARETTES	0567
MONTHS	0759
JEWELERY	0755
CLOTHING	0863
DANCES	1070
COMEDIANS	1167
KITCHEN APPLIANCES	1070
R & R CENTERS	1361
AIRCRAFT NAMES	1472
CARD GAMES	1565
GASOLINES	1669
NIGHT CLUBS	1773
CANNED FOOD	1758

(6) MINESWEEP SECURITY WILL CONSIST OF T/O SQUAD, CORPSMAN, RADIO OPERATOR AND DIRECT FIRE AUTOMATIC WEAPON ON VEHICLE(S).

(7) REPORTS.

(A) SITUATION REPORTS ARE DUE THIS HEADQUARTERS AT 0500, 1100, 1700 AND 2300H. THE 1700 REPORT WILL INCLUDE UNIT NIGHT POSITIONS, NIGHT AND DAY ACTIVITIES, AND PRIORITY RESUPPLY REQUESTS IF APPLICABLE.

(B) SPOT REPORTS WILL BE TIMELY AND ACCURATE. AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER AN INCIDENT GIVE THIS HEADQUARTERS FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION, IF NECESSARY, AND AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE THEREAFTER SUBMIT COMPLETE SPOT REPORT.

(8) TACTICAL AIR REQUESTS.

(A) HELICOPTER. SUBMIT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY 1030H ON THE DAY PRIOR.

(B) FIXED WING. SUBMIT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY 1100H ON THE DAY PRIOR.

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3. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE

4. (U) COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

A. (U) [illegible].

1) THIRD MARINES CP TO DISPLACE 30 JULY TO VICINITY CONSTANT [illegible].

a)	FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES	FSB FULLER (XD 039593)
b)	SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES	ECB
c)	THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES	CAM LO DISTRICT HQ (YD 32[illegible])
d)	FIRST BN, ELEVENTH INF	A-4 (CON THIEN)

B. (U) FREQUENCIES.

1) CONSTANT STORD MARINES COI
2) 1/11 INF FM NETS

BN C & C (P) 51.20 SHALLOW SHEILS
(A) 66.75 EMPTY STYLER
BN ADMIN/LOG (P) 35.80 MAYWOOD BRUISER
BN FO (P) 70.30 PAGAN BONUS
A CO CMD (P) 33.30 RIMMED RISKER
(A) 37.20
B CO CMD (P) 37.90 INSIDE DUKE
(A) 58.70
C CO CMD (P) 51.60 DEVILS BLOTTER
(A) 64.80
D CO CMD (P) 31.90 HUSKY CRITIC
(A) 66.80
CBT SPT CO CMD (P) 63.30 KICKING SPORES
BN SPARE #1 (P) 30.90 STANLEY CRISIS
BN SPARE #2 (P) 39.95 BRUTAL SUITS
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1. PURPOSE. TO EFFECT ITEM CHANGES TO THE BASIC ORDER.

2. ACTION. QUOTE BASIC TEXT, MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO MAP. LIKE 93-69:

A. PAGE 6 (TERRAIN FOLDER)

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B. PAGE 6 UNDER DISTRIBUTION, CHANGE FIRST SH, ELEMENT ZONE TO READ FIRST BN, SEVENTH MAR (USA).

C. ANNEX A. THE EASTERN REGIMENTAL BOUNDARY AND SCHILLING THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF 3/3 WILL REMAIN THE 16 N-S GRID LINE, RUNNING FROM THE DMZ SOUTH TO THE 1865 GRID INTERSECTION THEN GENERALLY SW AND WEST ALONG STREAM LINE TO 150637, THEN SOUTH TO 150630 AND SE ALONG NORMAL BOUNDARY LINE.

D. ANNEX A. THE INTERNAL BOUNDARY BETWEEN 3/3 AND 1/11 WILL BE THE 14 N-S GRID LINE, RUNNING SOUTH FROM DMZ TO THE 1858 GRID INTERSECTION THEN SW TO 120671, AND THE S AND ALONG THE BOUNDARY AS SHOWN IN ANNEX A.

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REF: (A) 3D MAR OP ORDER 8-69
(B) 3D MAR FRAG ORDER 93-69

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1. FIRST BATTALION.

A. BY 302000H ALL FIRST BN UNITS WILL BE SOUTH OF THE SONG NGAN RIVER.

B. BY 312000H ALL FIRST BN UNITS WILL BE WITHIN NEW AO AS PER REF (B). (ANNEX A)

C. ASAP AND NLT 1 AUGUST, COMMENCE CONTINUOUS PATROLLING OF THE DONG MA ABOUT CAO HILL COMPLEX TO SEARCH FOR ENEMY TRAILS, CACHES, AND WEAPONS POSITIONS.

2. SECOND BATTALION.

A. COMMENCING 31 JULY, IN COORDINATION WITH 1/3 BEGIN MOVEMENT EAST INTO NEW AO EXTENSION AS PER REF (B).

3. THIRD BATTALION. NO CHANGE

4. FIRST BN, ELEVENTH INF. NO CHANGE

5. BOUNDARY CHANGES CAUSED BY REDISPOSITIONING OF 1/3 WILL BE ON ORDER.

6. TEMPORARY BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN 1/3 AND 3/3, IN EFFECT FROM 300800H JULY TO 010500H AUGUST, IS AS FOLLOWS: FROM PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 070630 SOUTH ALONG 07 GRID LINE TO 070601 THEN SOUTH AND EAST ALONG TRAIL TO 080603 THEN SE TO PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 086590.

7. THIRD MARINES OP TO DISPLACE OR ORDER ABOUT 301100H TO ELLIOTT COMBAT BASE.

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(c) Operation Order 6-69 (Virginia Ridge)

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(2) Operations Overlay (From Frag Order 34-69)
(3) Operations Order 7-69
(4) Frag Order 70-69
(5) Tactical Planning Guidance Letter
(6) Annexes C and G to Operation Order 6-69

1. Code Name: Virginia Ridge (Search and Destroy Operation)

2. Dates of Operation: From 021300H May - 161800H July 69

3. Location: Map, Vietnam 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheets 6442 IV and 6342 I. Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam, area bounded generally by the DMZ on the north, the 15 N-S grid line on the east, Route #9 on the south and the 97 N-S grid line on the west.

4. Task Organization

3d Marines (Rein)	Col P.D. LA FOND	02 May-27 June
	Col W.F. SIMLIK	28 June-16 July
Hq Co, 3d Marines	1st Lt C.A. GREENFIELD	02 May-22 June
	Capt B.B. PORTER	28 June- 16 July
1st Bn, 3d Marines	Lt Col J.S. KYLE	02 May- 10 May
	Lt Col D.G. HERRON	11 May-16 July
2d Bn, 3d Marines	Lt Col J.J. MCMONAGLE	02 May-16 July
3d Bn, 3d Marines	Lt Col R.C. SCHULZE	02 May-16 July
1st Bn, 12th Marines	Lt Col R. MOSS	02 May-07 June
	Lt Col WEST	08 June-16 July

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5. Supporting Forces

a. Direct Support Artillery (Operation Virginia Ridge)

(1) 1st Bn, 12th Marines was in direct support (D/S) of the 3d Marines for Operation Virginia Ridge. The following direct support batteries were utilized during this operation:

A/1/12	105 How Btry
B/1/12	105 How Btry
C/1/12	105 How Btry
W/1/12	4.2 Mor Btry
2 Prov	155 How Btry
C/5/4	155 How Btry (SP) USA

(2) The D/S artillery was employed from fixed positions (A-4, C-2, ECB) and one fire support base (FSB Fuller) during this operation. The batteries were strategically located in order to provide continuous fire support to the infantry and to provide overlapping coverage for the entire AO. Operating from fixed positions or fire support bases is not new to the 3d Marines or 1/12, and all fire support was handled in a professional manner with few problems.

(3) Ammunition resupply of the batteries was not a serious or limiting factor during this operation. However, weather and other factors could cause problems in the future and the following points are offered for consideration:

(a) A minimum acceptable ammunition level must be established and when this point is reached only contact and active missions should be fired.

(b) Prior to commencing an operation the artillery battalion commander should make an estimate, based on past experience and the present tactical situation, of the heavy lift helicopters needed. The artillery battalion commander will establish priorities for resupply and these should be adhered to by the G-4, S-4 and ISA personnel.

(4) General support artillery was provided by the following units:

C/6/33 105 How (USA)	A 5th Gun Group (175)
B/1/40 105 SP (USA)	B 5th Gun Group (175)
K/4/12 155 SP	C 5th Gun Group (175)
L/4/12 155 SP	A 8/4 155 SP (USA)
M/4/12 155 SP	B 8/4 155 SP (USA)
A 1st 8" How	C 8/4 155 SP (USA)
B 1st 8" How	D 3/12 155 SP
C 1st 8" How	1st Prov 155 How

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(5) Significant Displacements

Btry	Date	From	To
C/1/12	03 May	FSB Gaucho	ECB
A/1/12	04 May	FSB McClintock	Cua Viet
2d Prov	06 May	DH West	C-2
A/1/12	09 May	Cua Viet	FSB Fuller
2d Prov	13 May	C-2	DH West
2d Prov	14 May	DH West	FSB Razor
W/1/12	19 May	ECB	A-4
2d Prov	29 May	FSB Razor	C-2
C/1/12	18 Jun	ECB	C-2
C/5/4	14 Jun	FSB Nancy	DH West
C/5/4	15 Jun	DH West	A-4
B/1/12	03 Jul	C-2	ECB

(6) Missions (Operation Virginia Ridge)

	OBS	UNOBS	H & I	TOTAL
105	2119	2763	3049	8027
155	607	486	350	1443
4.2	217	329	515	1061
8	87	217	31	335
175	10	105	3	118
TOTAL	3046	3900	4048	10994

(7) Total Rounds Expended (Operation Virginia Ridge)

	HE	WP	WP	TOTAL
105	95,285	1142	5186	101,553
155	20,634	234	926	21,794
4.2	8,568	376	485	9,429
8	3,327	0	1	3,328
175	1,196	0	0	1,196
TOTAL	126,950	1,752	6,598	137,300

(8) KBA's

NVA	74
VC	0
TOTAL	74

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(9) During Operation Virginia Ridge, fire direction for all batteries was centralized with 1/12 FDC to effect better control and coordination. Fire support coordination remained the responsibility of the 3d Marines FSCC during the entire operation. Communications were established with higher, lower, and adjacent units to ensure responsive fire support and effective control.

b. Air Operations. Operation Virginia Ridge was supported by the air assets of the 7th Air Force and the 1st MAW. All air support requests were submitted either by telephone or through the Regimental TACP radio net. The majority of all air support was requested on a pre-planned basis with the exception of medevacs and some close air support. The feed-back on pre-planned helo and close air support was good in that our missions were accepted and a schedule for their execution was telephoned to us by 2200 the night prior to the day of execution. Of specific interest are the following missions: Aerial Observation, Helo Assaults, Close Air Support. The noteworthy missions were the Arc-Lights and the flights in support of the Denial Concept.

Aerial Observation was excellent. The Regiment requested, and in most cases received, two Aerial Observers continuously during the daylight hours. These AO's were used primarily for recon purposes, but a portion of their work dealt with seeking out enemy bunker complexes. In the event these complexes were concealed by the dense vegetation, artillery was called in to clear away the jungle growth. Once the bunkers were easily visible, pre-fragged fixed wing, carrying 1000 - 2000 pound bombs, was used to destroy them.

Three helo assaults were conducted during this operation. The results were outstanding. No injuries were sustained during any of the assaults, and only one troop transport came under enemy fire and sustained minor damage. A large contributing factor to the great success of these assaults was the fact that for the first time, both the ground commander and the HDA were situated side-by-side in the same aircraft, which remained in the assault area until the entire lift was completed. An unarmed UH-1E was used for this purpose.

The Close Air Support provided by the 7th Air Force and the 1st MAW was very good. In particular, the support provided the 3d Battalion in the Leatherneck Square region was outstanding. It accounted for a large share of the enemy killed, and by marking enemy positions with smoke, enabled the ground forces to better employ their weapons in the destruction of these enemy forces.

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The three arc-lights during this operation were the first dropped in this area since the fall of 1968. All three were considered very successful. The first arc-light was at the specific request of the 3d Marines. Immediately after the completion of this drop, a two company helo assault was made into the area to exploit the psychological and shock effects. Wide spread destruction was very evident, and the assault met with no resistance. The second arc-light was instituted by higher authority, and also was successful in its shock effect. The third drop was used as a huge zone prep. It was dropped in an area where previous assaults had met with extreme resistance. This helo assault met with with no resistance at all.

The Daniel Concept required that CS gas be air delivered in quantity to deny the enemy certain terrain. Initially, the program got off to a slow start due to the availibility of aircraft. With an increased number of aircraft being available to the Third Marines, the gas is now being dropped in quantity to support the program. This concept will continue into Operation Idaho Canyon, and the overall results will be measured during that operation.

6. Intelligence.

a. The intelligence estimate for Operation Virginia Ridge identified enemy units within or around our AO as being infantry and logistics/security type units with normal support elements. Unit identifications, as assessed by the intelligence estimate, were as follows:

(1) 308th NVA Division. Elements of this division were estimated as possible units that could be deployed into our AO. Organic units were the 36th, 88th and 102nd Regiments.

(2) 246th NVA Regiment. Organic units were four infantry battalions (1st, 2d, 3d and 4th) and two transportation companies (C-19 and C-25). This regiment's mission was one of logistics/ security.

(3) 27th Independent Regiment. It was estimated that this regiment had pulled back into the DMZ to refurnish although upon refurbishment could again be deployed into the Virginia Ridge AO. Organic units were the 1st, 2nd and 3d Infantry Battalions.

(4) 270th Independent Regiment. Lack of intelligence placed this regiment as a possible unit that could be deployed into our AO. It was also assessed that the mission of this unit was probably one of logistical support. Organic units were the 4th, 5th and 6th Infantry Battalions.

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(5) At 170[illegible]H June 1969, K/3/3 had contact with an unknown size enemy force in the vicinity of YD 188737. Results: 10 NVA KIA, 2 INC and 2 CSWC.

(6) At 1715hH, K/3/3 had contact with an estimated NVA platoon in the vicinity of YD 195705. Results: 18 NVA KIA, 11 INC and 3 CSWC.

(7) At 17[illegible]H, K/3/3 had contact with an estimated NVA company in the vicinity of YD 195707. Results: 26 NVA KIA, 3 NVA POW's, 12 INC and 5 CSWC.

e. The enemy throughout Operation Virginia Ridge utilized the capability of employing mines and booby traps to interdict LOC's and delay friendly movement within our AO. There were 63 incidents of mines and booby traps being employed by the enemy. The primary target for enemy mining activity was along Route #9.

f. During the operation, the following units were identified from interrogation of prisoners and translation of captured documents:

(1) 194th Engineer Company, 88th NVA Regiment. Subject unit identification was based on a POW captured by K/3/3 on 17 May 69 in the vicinity of XD 989629. Subject prisoner stated that the 88th Regiment was located north of the Ban Hai River in the central portion of the DMZ.

(2) C-2 Company, K-1 Battalion, 246th NVA Regiment. Unit identification was based on information developed from a POW captured by K/3/3 on 26 May 69 in the vicinity of XD 966667. C-2 Company was on the move at the time when they were ambushed by K/3/3. Further information developed that all organic units of the 246th Regiment were located north of the Ban Hai River in the DMZ.

(3) 12th Heavy Weapons Company, 6th Battalion, 270th Independent Regiment. Unit identification is based on documents and prisoners captured by K/3/3 on 17 June 1969 in the vicinity of YD 195707. Mission of the unit was to provide support for the C-9 Company of the 270th Regiment.

(4) C-9 Company, 6th Battalion, 270th Independent Regiment. Based on documents and prisoners captured by K/3/3 on 17 June 1969 in the vicinity of YD 195705.

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(5) 1st Company, 3d Battalion, 36th NVA Regiment. Unit identification based on a prisoner captured by B/1/3 on 22 May 1969 in the vicinity of YD 056667. Information developed from the prisoner reported that the regimental CP was located north of the Ben Hai River.

(6) 27th Independent Regiment. Documents found within the Virginia Ridge AO supported the fact that the 27th Independent Regiment was operating in the mountainous region northwest of Cam Lo. In addition, information developed from a prisoner captured by B/1/3 on 22 May 1969 in the vicinity of YD 056667 identified his unit as the 4th Mortar Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Regiment. The mission of his mortar company was to support the other companies within the 1st Battalion.

Based on the units indentified, the original estimate that enemy forces would consist of infantry and logistics/security type units with support elements was collaborated.

g. The terrain within the Virginia Ridge AO can be broken down into two sections. To the east the terrain is relatively flat with spotted slopes, whereas, to the west it consists of rugged mountainous terrain with intermittent valleys. Critical terrain features within our AO consisted of Mutter's Ridge, Dong Ha Mountain, Rockpile, Route #9, Khe Gio Bridge, Cam Lo, C-3 Bridge, C-2 and A-4.

h. Generally, the terrain within the Virginia Ridge AO did not present any major obstacles although the rugged mountain regions did slow down friendly ground movement.

i. Cover and concealment generally ran from good to excellent throughout the AO with the exception in areas where TPQ's, beacon hops, artillery TOT's and arc lights obliterated foliage. In these areas cover and concealment was poor. Observation from high ground generally was good although inclement weather did hinder it at times. Observation in the valleys was generally poor due to dense undergrowth.

j. Avenues of approach utilized by the enemy throughout Operation Virginia Ridge followed stream beds and established trails extending from the DMZ into our AO.

k. Psychological operations utilized during this operation consisted of loudspeaker operations and leaflets delivered by artillery fire. Subject operations failed to produce any overt results.

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1. The weather for the most part during Operation Virginia Ridge consisted of high temperatures with clear skies and unlimited ceilings. There were spotted incidents of rain and thunder showers. Temperatures during the day averaged in the high 90's and during the night in the mid 60's. The humidity remained high throughout Virginia Ridge.

7. Mission. 3d Marines phases out Operation Maine Crag at Cl May and redeploys to commence search and destroy operation (Virginia Ridge) north of Route #9 to locate and destroy enemy forces infiltrating across the DMZ. 3d Marines relieves 9th Marines at A-4, C-2, Cau Lo, Kho Gio Bridge, ECB and FSB Fuller.

8. Concept of Operation.

a. Phase I. Enclosure (1) (Operation Overlay) to Operation Order 6-69.

(1) Maneuver. With one battalion occupying fixed positions along Route #561, to the east and Route #9 to the south, two battalions of the 3d Marines conduct coordinated search and destroy operations, attacking from SW to NE against the fixed positions along Route #561. One battalion to the south along the Dong Ha Mountain-About Cau Ridgeline. One battalion to the north along Mutter's Ridge/ Helo Valley.

(2) Fires. Priority of artillery and tactical air support to 1st and 3d Battalions.

b. Phase II. Concept of Future Operations in Virginia Ridge AO.

(1) Due to recent enemy mortar incidents in the Foxtrot Ridge area, 3d Marines prepared to redeploy its forces to meet the current enemy threat.

(2) In keeping with our high mobile concept, a patrol zone will be established; an area 3000 Meters wide along the DMZ in our AO. With one battalion occupying, patrolling from and providing security for fixed positions along Route #9 and Route #561, two battalions will deploy their forces along the southern limit of the patrol zone.

(3) Through the use of aggressive, quick reaction patrols in the area up to the DMZ, the enemy will be constantly in doubt, as to our positions. In keeping with the patrolling concept, a quick reaction force will be dispatched from the battalion as the need arises to hit the enemy; inflict high losses and withdraw to dispatch patrol into the area again. The battalion commander will individually

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prescribe the size of patrols, and reaction force employed in keeping with the enemy situation.

c. Phase III. This phase was a modification of the normal concept of the battalions maneuvering and one covering the fixed positions, only to the extent that one maneuver battalion was on each side of the fixed positions vice both to the west. (See Enclosure #2).

5. Execution.

a. Phase I. (2 May - 11 May 1969)

(1) The initial execution of the plan for Virginia Ridge was altered due to the continued presence of the 2d ARVN Regiment within the 3d Marines AO. As they were still mopping up from the previous operation, the 3d Marines simply drove toward them using their positions to block. The orientation of the attack remained west to east. (Enclosure #2; Operations Overlay from Frag Order 3h-69).

(2) During this phase the physical contacts with the enemy were primarily night probes and sapper attacks against our positions, one of which was relatively successful and the others total failures for the NVA. Some meeting engagements occured and these lasted from 15 minutes to several hours dependent on whether the enemy was moving or had access to nearby bunkers; the latter being the longer duration contacts. All such contacts were at close range (25 to 100 meters) due to the undulating terrain and dense vegetation in the draws. The main tactic of the enemy however was use of his mortars for standoff attacks by fire. Having total familiarity with the terrain (every hill and nob a known registration point) the NVA could bring mortar fire to bear on any terrain feature in a short time, if we presented a target. It was for this latter reason we reoriented our forces and began Phase II of Virginia Ridge.

b. Phase II. (12 May - 15 June 69)

(1) On 12 May the battalions in the central and western portion of the AO were reoriented from a west to east direction of attack to a south to north posture. Elements operating within mortar range of the DMZ were directed to maintain mobility and dispersion to the maximum extent possible. This was done to minimumize losses to enemy mortar crews operating in or near the sanctuary of the DMZ.

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(2) Beginning on 22 May 69 as directed by the CG, 3d Marine Division, the 1st and 3d Battalions began a series of reconnaissance patrols into the DMZ. These patrols were to collect evidence of NVA and capture prisoners in the DMZ (Enclosure #3; Operation Order 7-69 (Pink Panther)).

(3) Both the reorientation and the special DMZ patrols [illegible] with relative success. The high threat diminished, and the friendly losses, with the reorientation. However, when the regiment began the DMZ patrols, it was again deemed necessary to locate company sized elements within mortar range of the DMZ. These companies were to provide back-up support to the special patrols. The special DMZ patrols were successful and in fact took prisoners without loss to friendly personnel. However, the supporting companies became subject to the enemy's mortars again and sustained losses to them.

(4) The DMZ patrols, having accomplished their mission, were discontinued and a 2 to 3 KM patrol zone was re-established below the DMZ. For the remainder of the Virginia Ridge Operation the preponderance of activity in this patrol zone was on platoon level. The platoons operated in mutually supporting distance of each other (800 - 1000 meters), moved their patrol base at least once daily, avoided the barren ridge lines, and set no pattern of activity, especially as to helicopter resupply. Resultantly losses to mortars diminished and the 1st Battalion operated from 25 June to 10 July throughout this dangerous area, without the loss of one Marine to the enemy's mortars. (It should be noted that the attacks continued, but were either too late or fell on a recently vacated position - an attestation to the effectiveness of total mobility).

(5) On the night of 6-7 June the first arc lights of many months were delivered just south of the DMZ in the 3d Marines AO. Based on continuous enemy activity over the previous several weeks, the eastern portion of Mutter's Ridge, Foxtrot Ridge, and Helicopter Valley were struck by six arc lights. Within one hour and 10 minutes after the last bomb fell, the first elements of the 2d Battalion were landing by helicopter within the drop zones, to exploit these strikes and collect bomb damage assessment (BDA). This operation took 72 hours and produced BDA to reflect 20 (+) NVA dead, scores of bunkers destroyed, and concealing foliage ripped away from several known and suspected enemy redoubt areas. Many weapons and items of enemy equipment were also found. The destruction was so (devastating) it was suspected that many more enemy were killed but were almost totally disintegrated by the bombs.

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c. Phase III. (16 June - 16 July 1969)

(1) Based on locally produced intelligence it was suspected that major sized enemy elements had exploited the 3d Marines - 2d ARVN boundary in western Leatherneck Square. As a result the 3d Battalion was deployed into the central portion of the AO by a night movement to contact and attack to the west. In those days this operation netted 200 NVA killed. Sixty NVA (33D Sapper Battalion) were killed when they were caught between the night movement and its supporting fires and the position C-1, which they were attempting to attack. The remaining 140 were killed in company sized battles as the 3d Battalion attacked to the west. The combats on the Marines drove most NVA at close quarters (50 to 150 meters) with the enemy entrenched in base lines and fighting tenaciously. The best supporting arms for those close in contacts were OV-10's (using their own ordnance) and UH-1 gunships. This was the first occasion on which the enemy has stood fast and fought in the daytime in many months. After the battle, it was determined the NVA were from the 6th Bn, 270th NVA Regiment and were providing a cover for the withdrawal of the elements of the 3d Sapper Battalion (previously annihilated at C-1). (See Enclosure #4; Frag Order 70-69 with operations overlay).

(2) With the enemy destroyed in Leatherneck Square, attention was re-directed to the Helicopter Valley area wherein the enemy had continued to mortar friendly forces. The 2d Battalion planned and executed a one company helicopter assault into the valley using an Arc-Light as the main preparatory fire. The assault on 24 June met with no resistance and the Arc Light BDA reflected complete annihilation of the area.

(3) The battalions were again reoriented after the Second Battalion's exploitation of the Arc Light (see above) with two battalions on the west and one manning the eastern fixed positions. Only this orientation provided for a stacking of units, north to south, with the 1st Battalion holding Mutter's Ridge and patrolling toward the DMZ and the 2d Battalion, upon being phased out, occupying the Route #9, Dong Ha, Dong Ha complexes to the south. (See Enclosure #5; Tactical Planning Guidance with planning overlay.)

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(4) On 28 June it was deemed necessary to deploy more forces into the Dong Ha - Dong Kio hill complexes and south of Route #9 to preclude enemy interdiction of this LOC between Hill 37 (vic YD 08 N-S grid line) and Angel's Nob (vic YD 00 N-S grid line). Resultantly the 2d Battalion was directed to provide 100% day/night surveillance on this area of the road. Civilians, here-to-fore allowed access for woodcutting and fishing were denied the area for thsir own safety. Within three weeks the road was again secure to Elliot Combat Base (the extension gained by a boundary change) and the civilians were allowed to return to peaceful pursuits.

(5) With the enemy limiting his activity in the eastern Mutter's Ridge area to mortar attacks, it was felt that a new tactic need be employed. Thus, the Denial Stingray concept evolved. Initiated on 7 July 1969, the outcome cannot be measured in this operation, but be gaged in Idaho Canyon, its successor (see Enclosure #6; Annex C with overlay to Operation Order 8-69; Special Denial Stingray Operation).

d. General. Throughout Operation Virginia Ridge the battalions of the regiment were continually rotated so that no battalion spent more than 30 days providing security for the fixed positions, fire bases, and LOC's. This proved to be a good breather for the battalion occupying the defensive positions while great incentive for those just leaving same to do combat as a battalion in the western AO.

e. Significant Events.

2 May. 1300H 3d Marines returned to OPCON of 3d Mar Div and assumed responsibility for Virginia Ridge AO. 3d Bn and Company G were passed to OPCON of TFH. 3d Marines received OPCON of Company E, 2d Bn, 9th Marines and Company L, 3d Bn, 9th Marines and in turn passed OPCON to 2d Battalion.
1540H 3d Marines CP closed on DTCB from FSB Whisman (973333).

3 May. 0700 - 1400H Company D vic (028643 to 025642) found a bunker complex consisting of approx (26) bunkers. Bunkers contained (30) 82mm mortar rounds and (1) 82mm sight.

4 May. A truck from MCB-58 hit a mine vic (060574).
1330H Lift of 3d Bn CP to FSB Fuller (Dong Ha Mtn) completed.

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5 May. 0605H Company C and 1st Bn CP received (10) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (020670).
1600H Company L, 3d Bn, 9th Mar relieved Company I of security role at Elliot Combat Base.
2300H ECB and adjacent AO chopped to 3d Marines. 3d Marines in turn chopped Company L, 3d Bn, 9th Marines and ECB OPCON to 3d Battalion.

6 May. Company C found (2) NVA bodies in a bunker, vic (008643).

8 May. 0830H Lead element of Company C made contact with a reinforced NVA squad vic (001641). Enemy in bunkers with (1) light machine gun. Results:

(2) USMC KIA	(5) NVA KIA
(2) USMC WIA (evac)	(2) IWC
(5) USMC WIA (minor)	

0715H Company I vic (991613) was hit by a directional explosive device of unknown type, detonated 40-50 meters off of trail. Res: (4) USMC WIA (evac)
(2) USMC WIA (minor)

10 May. 0415H Company D vic (007642) was attacked by an estimated platoon size enemy force using small arms, grenades, and RPG rounds. Enemy attacked from north and east for approx (10) minutes. Enemy then broke contact and fled to north and northeast. Results:

(8) USMC KIA
(10) USMC WIA (evac)

0800H A platoon from Company H in conjunction with Company B, 3d Engr Bn commenced work on building of road to Hill 162 vic (070635) from Route #561 vic (133649).
0830H 3d Bn CP helilift to vic (997613).
0945H Company A, 3d Tank Bn had a tank hit a mine vic (123724). Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac).
1015H 3d Bn road sweep discovered (2) tank trucks that had hit mines vic (994558).
1220H A platoon of Company I vic (989629) while moving on LZ detonated a mine believed to be a LAAW or 82mm mortar. Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac).
1500H A truck vic (994558) hit a large mine resulting in (2) USMC WIA (evac).
1515H A platoon of Company I received small arms fire and grenades from fresh bunker complex vic (990629). Results: (2) USMC WIA (evac).
Company A, vic (002657) discovered in bunkers:
(549) 82mm mortar rounds (16) Anti-tank mines
(332) Anti-personnel mines (200) Linked 50 caliber rounds

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mission called in on avenues of egress. Results: (1) NVA KIA.
1900H A platoon from Company H vic Hill #162 (070635) reported road completed from Route #9 vic (133646) to Hill 162. Returned to Company H (-) at Con Thien.

18 May. 0450H Company M vic (991632) captured (1) NVA who was wandering outside unit's lines.
0810H A platoon from Company H vic (134724) reported duster hit 20 lb platic anti-tank mine heavily damaging rear power drive.
1100 - 1205H Company L helilifted from vic (058613) to LZ Eagle (063544).
0730H A platoon from Company C vic (062648) received small arms fire from estimated (4) NVA in bunkers. Unit assaulted bunkers. Results: (1) USMC WIA (minor); (3) NVA KIA; (1) NVA KBA; (3) IWC; (1) CSWC (RPG).
1240H A platoon ambush of Company M vic (980620) spotted (4) NVA walking on trail, initiated ambush killing (2) NVA and capturing (1) individual weapon.
1315H Company B vic (076623) tank while moving across LZ detonated (1) anti-tank mine damaging track and road wheel. Unit searched area and found (2) additional AT mines.

19 May. 0200H Company M vic (989628) received (2) RPG rounds in perimeter from the northwest. Results: (1) USMC KIA; (3) USMC WIA (evac).
0615H Company H at Con Thien received (6) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (131725). Results: (2) USMC WIA (evac).
0750H 3d En CP helilifted to LZ Champ (989629).
0940H Company D vic (049631) found (6) 82mm mortar rounds and (6) 122mm rockets. Rockets were damaged by artillery.
1000H A platoon from Company I at FSB Fuller was helilifted to Quang Tri Combat Base to provide convoy security on Route #9 from 21 May to 31 May.
1030H A platoon from Company M vic (988629) found (1) dead NVA and (1) AK-47 on trail.
1415H Company K vic (984636) initiated contact with possible NVA FO team in a small bunker complex. Results: (2) NVA KIA; (4) IWC (including 9mm pistol).
1520H Company D vic (045635) received (17) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (035658).
1530H Company A vic (066654) received (25) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (051659). Results: (4) USMC KIA; (17) USMC WIA (evac).

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1600H Company C observed (17-19) NVA vic (061644). Fired mortars and artillery, ran fixed wing with unknown results.
2210H Company G vic (166698) reported tank hit mine damaging track and roadwheel. Results: (2) USMC WIA (evac).

20 May. 0045H Company D vic (045635) perimeter probed by estimated (6) NVA. Attack was repelled. Results: (5) NVA KIA; (3) IWC; (1) CSWC.
0320H Company C vic (063640) was attacked by an estimated (60-70) NVA using small arms, grenades and RPG's. Attack was against two places in perimeter. Results: (3) USMC KIA; (8) USMC WIA (evac); (5) USMC WIA (minor); (15) NVA KIA; (5) IWC; (1) CSWC.
0930H Company G found (2) NVA bodies in a grave vic (156698) dead approx (2) weeks.
1235H Company B vic (057644) discovered (2) NVA in a bunker. Results: (2) NVA KIA; (2) IWC.
1330H A platoon from Company D vic (044633) found (1) NVA body dead approx (2) weeks.
1325H Company L helilift commenced to LZ Champ vic (998618). All lifts including K platoon to (989629) at 1508H completed.
1415H A platoon from Company G vic (167706) found (138) 82mm mortar rounds and (250) 60mm mortar rounds.
2050H Company A, 3d Tank Bn, had tank detonate a mine causing extensive damage to left suspension system. Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac).
2200H Company M vic (989629) had lines probed by estimated enemy squad. No casualties.

21 May. 0900H Company K rear security spotted and fired on (3) NVA vic (979638). (2) NVA KIA and (1) IWC.
1200H Company K vic (979653) fired on unknown size NVA force. (1) IWC.

22 May. 0110H Company B vic (057665) trapped (30) NVA in a draw between Company night position and night ambush vic (056668). Used small arms and spooky gunship. Results: (19) NVA KIA; (2) NVA POW; (8) IWC; (3) CSWC (Including (1) 60mm morter).
0645H 1st Bn CP and Company D vic (046636) began receiving incoming rounds of unknown caliber. Received approx (120) rounds in (3) hour period, scheduled helilift to Con Thien delayed. Results: (4) USMC KIA; (2) USMC WIA (minor).

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0830H Company K vic (978650) captured (1) 60mm mortar and killed (1) NVA.
0845H A platoon from Company G vic (049586) made contact with (3) NVA, resulting in (1) NVA KIA; (1) IWC.
0900H Company K patrol vic (965636) found (50) 82mm mortar rounds.
1200H Company H (-) was chopped to OPCON of 1st Bn at Con Thien.
1400H Company K day ambush vic (978650) killed (1) NVA and wounded another.
1900H Company D and 1st Bn CP helilift to Con Thien completed.
2300H Company B ambush initiated contact with approx (10) NVA vic (052675). Results: (1) NVA KIA.
2330H Company K ambush vic (962649) initiated contact with (8) NVA. Results: (3) NVA KIA.

23 May. 0840H Company C vic (047671) found (2) NVA killed by arty.
1000H Company H (-) returned OPCON to 2d Bn.

24 May. 0710H Company A vic (069686) received probe by approx (3-4) NVA. Enemy taken under small arms fire, resulting in (2) NVA KIA.
0745H Company C vic (050675) received (30-35) rounds of unknown caliber mortar fire from vic (042678). Results: (10) USMC WIA (evac).
1345H Company G (055615) received (15) rounds of 82mm morter fire from vic (045631). Unit moved out of impact area. Results: (5) USMC WIA (evac).
1405H Company C (050675) received (15) rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vic (038668). Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac).

25 May. 1100H Company K vic (978651) found (1) NVA killed by small arms fire.
1125H Company B vic (055684) received approx (10) rounds 82mm morter fire from vic (030702). Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac).
1330H Company K vic (972659) lead element made contact with (8-10) NVA in a bunker complex. Enemy initiated contact with heavy machine gun fire and small arms, plus RPG's. Company K called in arty, assaulted position. Enemy withdrew using sniper teams to cover retreat. Results: (8) USMC WIA (evac); (2) USMC WIA (minor); (4) NVA KBA.

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1600H Company C vic (050683) received approx (15) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (035675). Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac).
1615H Company B received approx (20) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (063693). AO observed (4) NVA moving along trail vic (032702). Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac).
1730H Company B vic (055684) received incoming 82mm mortars impacting in 81mm mortar pit. Round ignited increments in pit, which in turn cooked off (1) pallet of 81mm mortar rounds staged in vicinity. Exploding rounds forced Company B off of hill until next morning. Results: (9) USMC KIA; (24) USMC WIA (evac); (1) USMC MIA.

26 May. 1100H Patrol from Company K vic (968653) moving into bunker complex received small arms fire. Returned fire, called arty mission. Results: (2) USMC WIA (evac); (1) NVA KIA; (1) NVA POW.
1330H Company G vic (056630) to (056634) found (60) bunkers. Majority had been destroyed by air and arty.
2200H Company M observed (40) NVA moving south on trail vic (003657). Fired artillery with unknown results.
2223H Company I at FSB Fuller had 60mm short round land in 105mm Howitzer gun pit. Results: (10) USMC WIA (evac).

27 May. 0700H Platoon from Company K vic (968658) while searching bunker complex initiated contact with NVA platoon. Called in 81mm and artillery mission. Results: (1) NVA KIA.
1000H A platoon from Company K vic (978659) exchanged fire with (1) NVA moving west. Results: (1) NVA KIA.
1030H A platoon from Company G vic (057644) observed (2) NVA in bunker complex and initiated contact. Results: (1) USMC KIA; (2) NVA KIA; (2) IWC. Additional search of area revealed (2) NVA KBA.
1100H Vic (982638) resupply helicopter working for 3d Bn crashed with no casualties to crew. Plt of Company M provided security for helo while awaiting Sparrow Hawk.
1325H AO working for 2d Bn spotted (10) NVA near stream vic (045635). AO ran fixed wing. Results: (3) NVA KBA.
1600H AO working for 1st Bn observed (2) NVA bodies vic (059644), (7) NVA bodies vic (055665) and (3) NVA bodies (055664). Total: (12) NVA KBA.
1650H-1845H Company K vic (972658) received approx (20) rounds of 60mm mortar from vic (958667) and (964646).
1745H Company G (-) came in contact with (4) NVA while moving through bunker complex. Assaulted positions: Results were (4) NVA KIA; (7) IWC.
1920H Company C vic (063687) received (15) rounds of unknown caliber mortar fire from vic (049682). Results: (1) USMC KIA; (5) USMC WIA (evac).

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28 May. 1015H Company C vic (073680) found (2) NVA bodies killed by mortars.
1030H Company K, 3d Bn, 9th Marines reached downed helicopter vic (982638).
1200H Company L vic (998642) found (1) dead NVA in a grave.
1230H Company G spotted (5) NVA coming out of bunker complex. Fired 60mm mortar and then swept through bunkers. Results: (3) NVA KIA; (3) IWC.
1515H Company K, 3d Bn, 9th Marines vic (982638) and downed helicopter lifted out. Company K, 3d Bn, 9th Marines helilifted back to VCB.
1600H 2d Bn AO spotted (15-20) NVA vic (041638) moving northwest carrying litters. Artillery and fixed wing employed. Results: (11) NVA KBA.

29 May. AO spotted (3-5) NVA vic (070635). Ran fixed wing. Results: (4) NVA KBA.
1200H Company H vic (057639) found (1) NVA KBA.
1120H Company E was relieved at (C-2) and Cam Lo Bridge by Company A and proceeded by truck to Dong Ha Ramp, from there by boat to Cua Viet for R & R.
1430H 3d Marines passed OPCON of Company E to 3d Marine Division.
1520H Company L vic (986626) completed search of bunker complex. Results: (1) IWC; (1) 82mm recoilless rifle and large numbers of various calibers of munition.
1600H Company H vic (061641) received (1) RPG round and (6-7) 60mm mortar rounds from vic (057637). Returned fire with small arms and mortars. Results: (4) USMC WIA (evac).
1643H Company D platoon vic (131729) received (6-8) rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vic (133731). Results: (2) USMC WIA (minor).
1715H (2) squads of Company H deployed to search area of enemy position vic (057635) and received small arms fire from southwest and west. Unit returned fire, maneuvered to assault enemy position and received automatic weapons fire. Unit conducted 60mm mission, and artillery conducted TOT later in evening with (4) batteries. Observed (4) secondary explosions. Results: (2) USMC KIA; (5) USMC WIA (evac).
2100H Ambush of Company F vic (040565) initiated contact on point element of approx (6) NVA. Enemy returned fire and fled. 60mm mortars fired on avenues of egress. Results: (2) USMC WIA (evac); (1) IWC.

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30 May. 1440H Company A, 9th MT Bn; truck moving north on Route #558 vic (106547) received (1) round of small arms sniper fire. Negative action taken and truck continued north. Results: (1) USMC WIA (minor).

31 May. 0430H Company H vic (060635) received (7) 82mm mortar rounds from vic (042655). Results: (1) USMC WIA (evac).
1430H Company K vic (059636) found (9) NVA bodies wrapped in plastic, approx (3) month old.
1630H Company G vic (050636) while on company sized movement received approx (12-15) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (035635). Results: (1) USMC KIA; (7) USMC WIA (evac).
1930H Company H vic (059636) while searching bunker complex of approx 40-50 bunkers, found: (44) 82mm mortar rounds; (15) Chicom grenades; (32) 60mm mortar rounds; (9) anti-tank mines.

1 June. 0400H Company H at YD 063627 had their lines probed by an unknown sized NVA element. Company H initiated contact with small arms and automatic weapons fire resulting in (2) NVA KIA, (1) AK-47, (1) RPG Launcher, (3) RPG rounds, (12) satchel charges, (4) Chicoms, and (2) letters while friendly losses were (1) USMC WIA (evac).
0645H Company G, located at YD 064634, received (20) rounds of 82mm mortar incoming from vic YD 056635 resulting in (1) USMC KIA and (2) USMC WIA (evac).
0730H Company M found a bunker complex containing twelve bunkers and misc ordnance at vicinity XD 987626. Ordnance found included (33) 60mm morter rounds, (271) 82mm morter rounds, (68) Chicom grenades, and (4) RPD Ammo drums. All bunkers and ordnance were destroyed.
1020H Company B point element from a platoon patrol detonated (2) anti-tank mines at YD 132710 resulting in (2) USMC KIA and (1) USMC WIA (evac).

2 June. 1430H Company H patrol found an old bunker complex YD 055634 containing misc ordnance. Ordnance found included (58) RPG rounds, (46) 60mm mortar rounds, (25) 82mm mortar rounds, (200) blocks of TNT, (4) cases of fuses for 60mm mortars. Also found were (20) NVA packs and misc NVA 782 gear.
1600H An AO received fire from vic YD 032653. One flight of fixed wing was run resulting in (3) NVA KBA and (3) bunkers destroyed.
1849H Company H point element came under fire by an unknown size enemy force in bunker complex at vic YD 045622. Upon reinforcement of point element, enemy broke contact and fled. An artillery mission was called on avenues of egress. During medevac, Company H received 15-20 rounds of 60mm

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mortars. An artillery mission was again called on suspected enemy mortar position. Results of contact were (2) USMC KIA and (7) USMC WIA (evac). An AO spotted 6-10 NVA sitting on bunkers at YD 061680. An artillery mission was conducted resulting in (2) NVA KIA.

3 June. 0830H An AO ran five flights of fixed wing at YD 047626 resulting in 15-20 bunkers destroyed and (2) NVA KBA.
1350H Company C received 16 rounds of 60mm mortars from vic YD 025634 resulting in (3) USMC KIA, (13) USMC WIA (evac), and (3) USMC WIA (minor).
1710H Company L received (12) rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vic YD 021638 resulting in (4) USMC KIA and (7) USMC WIA (evac).
1600H Company H received fire from (2) NVA at YD 056625. Small arms fire was returned and 60mm mortar mission was fired resulting in (2) NVA KIA.

4 June. 0930H Company H patrol found (1) NVA KBA, (3) RPD LMG's and (1) AK-47 at YD 051626.
1315H Company I point element came under heavy fire from (35) to (40) NVA in bunkers at XD 971616. Enemy broke contact when artillery and fixed wing were called in. Results of contact were (4) USMC KIA, (12) USMC WIA (evac), (2) USMC WIA (minor), (2) NVA KBA, (1) NVA KIA and (1) AK-47 captured.

5 June. 0745H Company F found (2) NVA bodies killed by arty at YD 061644.
0845H Company F found (8) bunkers, (68) rounds of 82mm mortars, (2) NVA KBA and (3) mortar pits at YD 057638.
1030H Company E patrol found (1) NVA killed by small arms fire at YD 047617.
1300H Company F found (4) NVA KIA, (2) AK-47's, (1) RPG launcher, (44) Chicom grenades, (9) Rpg rounds, (2) Russian grenades, and misc NVA 782 gear at YD 058646.
1620H 3d Bn CP found (4) graves containing (4) NVA KIA's at XD 975623. NVA had been dead approx six months.

6 June. 0230H Company C embush initiated contact with (3) NVA resulting in (1) NVA KIA at YD 016565.
0815H to 0945H Company H received 30 to 40 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic YD 029642 and YD 040625 which resulted in (4) USMC KIA and (7) USMC WIA (evac).
1315H Company C found (6) Russian anti-tank mines at YD 025565.
1300H Company H found (30) bunkers, (30) 82mm rounds, (15) RPG rounds and misc NVA 782 gear at YD 047624.

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7 June. 0940H Company K exchanged fire with (4) NVA at XD 973640. After an artillery mission was called in on fleeing enemy the area was searched and yielded (1) NVA KIA and misc NVA gear. Friendly casualties were (1) USMC WIA (evac).
0700H 2d Battalion (-) conducted a helo-assault into an area south of DMZ (UR 0769 LL 0063), which had been arc lighted the previous night, for the purpose of exploiting area and gathering BDA.
0730H Company F captured (1) NVA POW hiding in a bunker at YD 021645. POW was carrying (1) AK-47 and (6) satchel charges.
0915H Company E found (2) NVA KIA's in 2 old graves at YD 055668.
1200H Company F found (20) bunkers, (5) gun pits and (11) 82mm mortar rounds at YD 028652.
1400H Company E found (2) NVA bodies in a stream bed at YD 054664. NVA had been killed by arc light.
1515H Company E patrol found (40) bunkers, destroyed by arc light, between YD 044674 and YD 044665. Also found were (2) NVA KBA at YD 042667.

8 June. 0715H Company K came in contact with (4) NVA at XD 949627 preparing new bunkers. Results of contact were (1) NVA KIA, (1) AK-47, and (1) RPG launcher.
1225H Company K made contact with (3) NVA at XD 950628 resulting in (3) NVA KIA, (2) AK-47, and (5) 82mm rounds.
1915H 2d Bn CP found partially destroyed bunker complex containing (35) bunkers, (11) NVA KBA and (3) AK-47 rifles.

9 June. 0230H Company F at YD 027643 fired on movement in front of their lines. Upon searching the area at first light, blood trails, (2) cartridge belts and (1) AK-47 were found.
0650H Company F received (18) rounds of 82mm fire from vic YD 030632 resulting in (2) USMC WIA (evac).
0815H Company K fired 81mm mission on 5 NVA at XD 949633 resulting in (1) NVA KIA.
1000H Company K found (2) graves containing (2) NVA KIA at XD 949633.

10 June. 1400H Company K made contact with 4 to 5 NVA at XD 943633 resulting in (3) NVA KIA, (1) USMC KIA, (3) USMC WIA (evac) and (3) USMC WIA (minor).
1400H to 1930H Company K was engaged in heavy contact with 20 to 30 NVA in bunker complex at XD 943636. Artillery and fixed wing missions were called in. The results of the contact was (1) USMC KIA, (8) USMC WIA (evac), (6) NVA KIA, and (4) AK-47's.
1500H Company F found (12) bunkers, (1) SKS, misc mortar rounds and misc NVA 782 gear at YD 030637.

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11 June. 0820H Company F squad patrol shot and killed (1) NVA fleeing from them at YD 032636. The squad searched the area and found fresh graves containing (5) NVA bodies and misc demolitions and mortar rounds.
1130H Company E patrol found (2) NVA KIA's in graves at YD 054646 and (3) NVA KBA's in a bunker complex of 65 bunkers at YD 059644.
1600H Company G patrol found (1) NVA KBA in a grave at YD 061631.

12 June. 1155H to 1700H Company E was in heavy contact with an unknown size enemy force employing a heavy volume of RPG and 82mm fire at YD 051686. Unit attacked enemy position and caused them to break contact and flee to the north. The results of the contact were (2) USMC KIA, (6) USMC WIA (evac), (8) NVA KIA, (4) AK-47's, (1) RPG launcher, and (1) 82mm tube (destroyed).

13 June. 0615H Company G received (10) rounds of 60mm mortar from YD 048629 resulting in (6) USMC WIA (evac).
1237H USMC truck hit a mine and was heavily damaged at YD 001566. Sweep team reswept road and found (2) plastic mines.
1500H Company G spotted and fired on 3 NVA at YD 055620 killing one NVA. Search of area resulted in the finding of (14) bunkers, (1) 82mm mortar base plate, and misc NVA 782 gear and food stuffs.

14 June. 0810H 3d Bn (-) began helilifting to VCB for the purpose of a two day rehab. The lift was completed at 1130H.

15 June. 0200H Company E LP exchanged fire with (4) NVA at YD 076662 resulting in (1) NVA KIA, (1) AK-47, and (1) USMC WIA (evac).
0400H Company E received (10) rounds of 60mm mortar fire from YD 077668 resulting in (1) USMC KIA and (6) USMC WIA (evac).
1030H Company M was helilifted from FSB Fuller to VCB to rejoin the 3d Bn. The lift was completed at 1100H. Company M was relieved by Company H which was lifted to FSB Fuller at 0840H.

16 June. 1600H Company G platoon patrol came under fire from approx 10-15 NVA. Unit returned fire and conducted arty mission. Results: (7) USMC WIA (evac) and (4) NVA KIA. An AO ran fixed wing mission on active mortar position at YD 041678 resulting in (4) NVA KBA and (1) mortar position destroyed.

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The 3d Battalion commenced search and destroy operations in Leatherneck Square area at 2300H after a night convoy move from Dong'Ha Combat Base to Gio Linh.

17 June 0615H 5 to 6 VC walked into Company I's perimeter at YD 193693. VC were taken under fire which resulted in (2) VC KIA and (1) WIA. Friendly casualties were (2) USMC WIA (evac).
0930H Company M came under fire and air and arty missions were called in. Results: (11) USMC KIA, (11) USMC WIA (evac), (6) USMC WIA (minor), (10) NVA KIA, (2) AK-47's, and (1) 50 cal MG and (1) RPD MG.
1400H Company L, while moving to assist the 3d Bn's CP which was under heavy ground attack, came under fire and conducted fixed wing mission on enemy position. The contact resulted in (1) USMC KIA, (2) USMC WIA (evac), (2) USMC WIA (minor), (18) NVA KIA, (11) AK-47's and (3) RPG launchers.
1400H 3d Bn CP with a platoon of Company K for security came under heavy ground attack by an estimated NVA company at YD 195707. Unit engaged enemy in close combat and called artillery in when enemy broke contact and fled. Results: (6) USMC KIA, (13) USMC WIA (evac), (30) NVA KIA, (7) NVA KBA, (3) NVA POW, (10) AK-47's, (1) SKS, (1) M-16 (captured), (2) RPD (LTW) and (3) RPG launchers.
1505H Company G, 2d Bn, 9th Marines, was committed to assist the 3d Battalion.
1550H Company F, 2d Bn, 9th Marines was also committed to assist the 3d Battalion.
1530H Company K (-) reinforced with Company A, 3d Tank Bn departed C-2 as a reaction force to assist the 3d Battalion.
1615H Company B, 3d Tank Bn was committed to assist the 3d Bn.
1615H An AO conducted a fixed wing mission on 70 to 100 NVA at YD 207704 resulting in (25) NVA KBA. Other AO missions included artillery and air missions on 5 NVA at YD 166763 resulting in (1) NVA KBA and (1) NVA KIA; air mission on (3) NVA at YD 184748 resulting in (4) NVA KBA; and air mission on (25) NVA resulting in (18) NVA KBA.
2030H Company I ambush initiated contact with unknown size enemy force at YD 190699 resulting in (4) NVA KIA, (3) AK-47's and (1) 30 cal MG.
2100H Company E received (16) rounds of 60mm mortar fire from YD 085629. An arty mission was conducted and area was searched finding (1) NVA KIA. Results of incoming were (2) USMC KIA, (12) USMC WIA (evac).

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18 June. 0700H Company L had (2) NVA approach their perimeter at YD 190707. NVA were taken under fire and both killed. (1) AK-47 and (1) RPG launcher were captured.
0830H 3d Bn CP captured (1) NVA POW who had strayed into their lines at YD 195707.
1030H Company G at YD 030631, received (20) rounds of 82mm mortars from vic YD 025653 resulting in (1) USMC KIA and (11) USMC WIA (evac).

19 June. 0845H Company M found a grave containing (1) NVA KIA, who had been dead about three weeks at YD 166718.

20 June. 0715H Company M patrol found (5) NVA KIA's in graves at YD 175735. NVA had been dead 3 to 4 days.
1200H An AO ran a flight of fixed wing on (2) NVA resulting in (2) NVA KBA at YD 182762.

21 June. 1600H 3d Marines passed OPCON of the 3d Bn to 3d Mar Div for the purpose of conducting rehabilitation at the Cua Viet R&R Center.

22 June. 1640H Company B came in contact with an unknown size enemy force at YD 167672 resulting in (4) NVA KIA, and (4) AK-47's captured.

23 June. 0949H An AO ran a flight of fixed wing at YD 164752 resulting in (1) NVA KBA, (4) bunkers destroyed and (1) secondary explosion.
1350H Company E received (20) rounds of 82mm mortar from YD 094676 resulting in (3) USMC KIA and (7) USMC WIA (evac).

25 June. 1200H 3d Marine Division passed OPCON of the 3d Bn back to 3d Marines.
1500H Company G found (1) NVA KBA at YD 068631 who had been dead approx 2 days. Also found was (1) RPG launcher.
1600H 3d Marines passed OPCON of Companies F and G, 2d Bn, 9th Marines to 3d Marine Division.

27 June. 1030H A duster from 1/4 hit a mine at YD 057568 resulting in (1) USA KIA and (3) USA WIA (evac).

28 June. 0640H and 0830H Company M at A-4 received (8) 122mm rocket rounds from vic YD 055665 or YD 063671 resulting in (3) USMC WIA (evac).

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1 July. 0615H Company B on LZ Florida, spotted approx (20) NVA one Kilometer to the NW. The enemy was moving east with packs and weapons. Conducted artillery mission with unknown results.

3 July. 0600H Company D south of LZ Junior, a squad ambush patrol returning to company position heard movement. Point man opened fire. Movement was friendly LP. Results: (1) USMC NBC.
0930H Company F, NE of LZ Orange, found (40) 82mm rounds under brush in bomb crater. Rounds were blown in place.
1400H Company C, NW of FSB Fuller, received (1) sniper round from a hilltop to the west. Unit swept area with negative findings. Results: (1) USMC KIA.
1530H Company L in Rau Vinh area, initieted contact with (5) NVA. One NVA was hit but was retrieved by others. While in pursuit of enemy, point man tripped a SFD. Continued search with negative results. Results of contact were (1) USMC (evac).
1630H to 1840H Company L, platoon patrol, initiated contact with (5) to (10) NVA in a bunker complex. Called in arty mission. Results: (1) USMC KIA, (2) USMC WIA (evac), (2) USMC WIA (minor) and (2) NVA KIA.

4 July. 0930H Platoon patrol from Company L in Rau Vinh area found a complex of (30) living bunkers. Further search of area revealed: (5) RPG rounds, (133) 30 cal rounds and misc other gear. All gear destroyed.
0930H Company A patrol east of LZ Junior, found (18) bunkers. Also found (22) Chicom grenades, (1) U.S. C-4 demo pack, (5) Chicom anti-personnel mines, (30) pounds of TNT, (50) belts MG ammo.

5 July. 0400H Company L, squad ambush initiated contact with unknown size enemy force. Search of area revealed (6) NVA KIA, (4) AK-47's, and (17) Chicom grenades.
0845H A 4th Marines sweep team sweeping to Kho Gio Bridge detonated an anti-tank mine. Road was re-swept by 2d Bn and truck following the sweep detonated another mine. Road was re-swept again and a wrecker sent to retrieve truck detonated another mine. Analysis of situation indicated a counting device was on mines as other traffic had passed over area without incident. Road was graded, no further incidents. Results: (1) USMC KIA, (3) USMC WIA (evac).
2000H Recon team NE of A-4 made contact with (20) NVA in bunkers. Team received Chicom grenades and small arms fire. Team extracted at 2300H by 3d Battalion reaction force. Res: (2) NVA KIA.

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7 July. 1145H Company B while on patrol west of C-2 tripped a SFD in tree resulting in (2) USMC WIA (evac).
1230H Company A, SW of LZ Comet, found a bunker complex with a cache consisting of (45) 82mm rounds and (3) RPG rounds. Ordnance and (9) bunkers blown in place.
Fifty meters to south unit found (2) NVA bodies, bunkers, and another cache; (16) bunkers, (10) 82mm mortar rounds, (35) Chicom grenades, (1) SKS, (2) RPG launchers, (70) pounds of rice. All gear destroyed.

8 July. 0220H Ambush patrol from Company E heard digging in road west of Khe Gio Bridge. Unit observed (4) NVA/VC in treeline. Unit initiated contact and enemy fled to SW. Searched area and found (1) NVA KIA, (1) plastic anti-tank mine.
0730H Aerial observer west of LZ Junior spotted (2) NVA in the open. AO fired ordnance resulting in (1) NVA KIA.
0840H Company M north of LZ Jupiter discovered a cache of (28) 60mm mortar rounds and (2) cans increments. All ordnance destroyed.
1630H Company A, on patrol SW of LZ Comet found (4) NVA bodies in shallow graves and (2) bodies in a nearby stream. Results: (6) NVA KIA.
1800H Company B, west of C-2 found an enemy ordnance cache; (53) 82mm rounds, (25) rifle grenades, and (12) RPG's. All ordnance destroyed.

9 July. 0700H 1st Battalion CP helilifted to FSB Fuller.

10 July. 0710H Road sweep from Company E working east to Khe Gio Bridge tripped an enemy claymore. Results: (1) USMC (evac).
1330H Company L in Rau Vinh area discovered (12) bunkers and (1) NVA body. Bunkers destroyed.
2400H Company G, 2d Bn, 4th Marines chopped OPCON to 2d Bn.

11 July. 0815H Patrol from Company K, west of C-2 found (2) NVA bodies KBA.
1315H Company F chopped OPCON to 1st Battalion.
1415H 2d Battalion CO arrived at ECB.

12 July. 0900H OPCON Company F passed back to 2d Battalion.
0943H Company G, 2d Battalion, 4th Marines passed back to OPCON of 2d Battalion, 4th Marines.
1600H Company C, operating NE of FSB Fuller, spotted (10) to (15) NVA in green utilities with packs and weapons. Called arty mission, and searched area with negative results.
1750H Company F at LZ Sierra found (1) dead NVA. Cause of death was undetermined.

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13 July. 0700H 1st Battalion CP helilifted to Khe Gio Bridge from FSB Fuller.
1000H Company F while on patrol NE of LZ Sierra found (8) bunkers, (2) cooking areas, and (5) NVA bodies in graves. Destroyed bunkers.

14 July. 0500H Company C, NE of FSB Fuller, platoon patrol found (67) 82mm mortar rounds, (3) arty fuses, (3) arty increments, all destroyed.
0850H to 1430H Company M at A-4 received (18) rounds of 82mm mortar. AO conducted artillery mission on suspected enemy positions. Unit ran (1) A-6 Beacon Hop on suspected positions and observed (7) secondary explosions.
2045H Company F, east of LZ Sierra, received RPG and small arms fire on perimeter. Ambush to north of company perimeter made contact with unknown size enemy force. Continued artillery and 60mm missions. Results: (3) USMC KIA, (6) USMC WIA (evac).

15 July. 0730H While on sweep west of C-2, Company C point element detonated a SFD on old trail. Results: (1) USMC KIA, (2) USMC WIA (evac).

16 July. 0830H Company I found (1) decayed NVA body west of C-2. Body approx six months old in khaki uniform.
1800H Operation Virginia Ridge terminated and Operation Idaho Canyon commenced.

f. Civic Action.

(1) Significant Civic Action Accomplishments during Virginia Ridge.

(a) Total number of man days: 1585

(b) Cost of Civic Action Projects:

1 From military sources: $1,551,274VN

2 From the US/FWMAF CA (HEARTS) fund: $280,070VN

(c) Number of patients treated:

1 Medcaps: 396

2 Dentcaps: 0

3 Medevacs: 3

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(d) Institutions Supported:

1. Schools: 7

2. Hospitals/Dispensaries: 4

3. Others: 3

(e) A maternity ward under construction in Huong Van Village, Huong Hoa was completed, except for a coat of paint and some furniture.

(f) The Cua Boarding School for boys, a joint GVN and Third Marines project in Huong Hoa, has been completed.

(g) The Bo De School, Trung Son Village, Cam Lo District, was completed and dedicated on June 10th. Those attending the dedication ceremony were: Col P.D. La Fond, CO 3d Marines; Lt Col H.M. Smith, XO 3d Marines; Col Kerrigan and Capt Sullivan, G-5; Commander Groff and Lt Bohn, CBMU-301.

(h) The deck of the school for Brou refugees in Cam Lo was completed. The Brou self-help labor under supervision of the 3d Marines have almost completed the brick walls on the school.

(i) A sewing school for the Brou refugees in Cam Lo is almost completed. The school is being constructed by Vietnamese builders with materials provided by the 3d Marines.

(2) Significant Problems encountered during Operation Virginia Ridge:

(a) The dry rice project for the Brou refugees in Huong Hoa has fallen through. The rice seed did not arrive from III MAF until two weeks after the planting season was over.

(b) The reservoir constructed for the refugees in Cam Lo is not operating. The pumps were taken apart by the Vietnamese and never put back together.

(c) The 3d Marines help out the Brou refugees in Mai Loc by providing transportation to Mai Loc for rice that the Brou purchase once a month in Quang Tri City. It took two days to do this because the Brou rice purchase representative arrived late and had not completed transaction for the rice and the loading of the trucks until late afternoon. This problem will be solved in the future by:

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2 Having the rice purchase representative buy the rice and the labor to load it the day before the trucks arrive.

2 Meeting them at the MAC V compound, Quang Tri, at a specific time.

3 Drop off all the trucks at each place so they can be loaded simultaneously.

10. Results.

a. Friendly Losses.

(1) USMC

(a) 106 KIA

(b) 386 WIA (evac)

(c) 89 WIA (minor)

(d) 00 MIA

(2) USN

(a) 04 WIA (evac)

(b) 01 WIA (minor)

(3) USA

(a) 02 KIA

(b) 13 WIA (evac)

b. Enemy Losses.

(1) Personnel

NVA KIA	374
NVA KBA	184
VC KIA	2
Total	560
NVA POW	9

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(2) Weapons

(a) Crew-served (37) - 22 RPG's, 3 - 82mm mortars complete, 2 - 60mm mortars complete, 1 - 82mm RR, 7 RPD's, 1 - 7.62mm MMG with extra barrel, 1 - 50 cal MG.

(b) Individual (138) - 121 AK-47's, 6 AK-50's, 8 SKS's, 1 9mm pistol, 2 M-16's.

(3) Ammunition and Explosives - 40,504 rounds 7.62mm, 1 3.5" round, 406 RPG rounds, 2683 rounds 82mm mortar, 824 rounds 60mm mortar, 46,225 rounds 50 cal, 233 rounds 30 cal, 7 M-79 rounds, 10 122mm rockets, 97 rounds 120mm mortar, 119 rounds 82mm RR, 54 rounds 75mm Pack Howitzer, 1590 Chicom grenades, 5 M-26 grenades, 34 directional mines, 507 AT and AP mines, 12½ pounds of TNT, 764 boxes of fuze lighters, 25 boxes of 82mm mortar fuzes, 37 fuzes for 60mm mortar.

(4) Miscellaneous Equipment - 192 NVA packs, 51 ponchos, 42 canteens, 168 E-tools, 14 picks, 2 pair binoculars, 13 cartridge belts, 36 helmets, 32 gas masks, 14 mosquito nets, 1 land phone.

(5) Food Supplies - 5975 pounds of rice, 60 pounds of grain, 60 pounds of dried food, 20 pounds of salt.

II. Administrative Matters.

a. Supply.

(1) The provisions of the administrative plan were adequate. No major problems were encountered during this operation. The dispositions of the battalions were such that one unit was resupplied over the roads, while the other two depended completely upon resupply by helicopter. All classes of supply were drawn from FLSG-B's facilities, at either Dong Ha or Quang Tri. The helicopter resupply; which was excellent, came from the Quang Tri ISA. The procedures for resupply adjusted to the techniques employed by the enemy. Initially, units were building ample amounts of supplies in the field (four days MCI, 500 rounds of 81's etc.). When the enemy started to avoid contact and concentrate on attacks by fire, the units greatly reduced on hand quantities and became extremely mobile.

(2) Lessons Learned.

(a) When units are operating in a highly mobile concept, wherein they continually move and their basic load is reduced, the following actions have to be taken to ensure maximum efficiency of helicopter resupply:

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1. A strong TAC/LOG from battalions to the division level has to be exercised to ensure units can be resupplied in a timely manner, particularly with mortar ammunition when in contact.

2. Units must be immediately notified if requested priorities can not be met.

3. There must be emphasis to all concerned on the importance of retrograde. Companies cannot be kept stationary and susceptible to attacks while guarding retrograde.

b. Maintenance. Units performed maximum maintenance of equipment in the field. Items evacuated from the field were sent to the FLSG-B maintenance at Dong Ha. The combination of a rehab of equipment prior to the operation and the favorable weather conditions experienced, caused maintenance to be at a minimum. During this operation, ordnance equipment remained in category I.

c. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation and Hospitalization and Replacements.

(1) Whenever possible, casualties were treated in the field and returned to duty. Dependent on a units location, med-evacs were accomplished either by helicopter or by vehicle. The immediate availability of excellent medical care continues to bolster the confidence, fighting spirit and morale of our Marines.

(a) WIA's were evacuated to "D" Medical Company, 3d Medical Battalion, and the on-station hospital ships.

(b) KIA's were evacuated to 3d Medical Battalion for processing and further evacuation.

(2) COATIPS training was conducted in the battalion rear areas at Quang Tri Combat Base in conjunction with the administrative processing of new arrivals. From the rear areas, replacements were moved to field positions within 4-6 days. The input of replacements proved adequate and timely.

d. Transportation. The battalion that occupied the fixed positions depended on road resupply. This unit was provided six (6) trucks TAD for supply runs and position maintenance. These trucks were adequate and used effectively to meet requirements.

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e. Communications.

(1) The CP remained in a fixed location throughout the operation. A manual retransmission station was established at C-2 and FSB Fuller. latter team was required to retransmit to 2/3 when they moved into FSB Elliot. The Regimental Headquarters did not displace nor was a jump CP utilized.

(2) During thelatter part of May and early June, organic personnel and equipment were utilized to monitor all of the internal radio nets. Only clear text traffic was monitored. This was done in order to improve the overall unit COMSEC posture.

(3) Three multichannel radio relay circuits AN/TRC-27 were established. One circuit, from Dong Ha to Quang Tri, was established to handle the normal command (Admin/Log) traffic with the battalion rears and the Quang Tri LSA. The other two, Dong Ha/Cam Lo and Dong Ha/A-4, handled tactical traffic. The Dong Ha/A-4 circuit was later taken over by division.

(4) The AN/PRC-93 (UHF) radio was used successfully in conjunction with the A-6 beacon. An attempt to utilize the HF/SSB TAR NET was made. This system did not prove feasible.

f. Medical Evaluation.

(1) During the time period of Operation Virginia Ridge, the 3d Marines continued to have a high incidence of FUO's. The monthly rate paralleled that reported during Operation Maine Crag. Approximately 60% of the FUO's were finally diagnosed as Falciparum Malaria.

(2) As a result of the Maine Crag experience, a roster system for distribution of malarial prophylaxis was started. In spite of this, the malaria incidence continued at a high rate.

(3) Infection during Operation Maine Crag might account for the increased malarial rate during the initial period (7 to 14 days) of the Virginia Ridge operation; but the continued elevated rate of malaria seems to indicate that the new area of operation is a highly endemic area of malaria.

(4) Combat and non-battle casualties continue to be less of a problem than the FUO/Malarial cases.

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12. Special Equipment and Techniques.

a. Denial-Stingray Concept.

(1) Concept and Background. In order to restrict enemy movement into a temporarily inactive area with a minimum of forces, the 3d Marines on 28 June conceived a Denial Program. The trial period for the "Denial- Stingray Concept" was to have been 30 days commencing about 7 July 69, contingent on lining up the proper support.

(a) Persistant gas (CS-2) to deny the enemy use of streams, valleys, and other redoubt areas.

(b) Seismic Intrusion Devices placed along known or suspected enemy infiltration/supply routes. The CS-gas would be placed so as to channelize the enemy into the areas covered by the SID's.

(c) Massive artillery fires would be brought to bear against the enemy upon activation of the SID's. An increased H&I program would be initiated throughout the Denial Area.

(d) Defoliants. Defoliation was requested as part of a two phase project. The area within the Denial Zone would be sprayed with defoliant, the vegetation allowed to dry and it would then be burned off with napalm. This would offer Aerial Observers increased visibility into the Denial Area.

(e) Stingray Patrols. In order to locate and destroy enemy forces either getting through the Denial Area or around the Stingray Patrol Concept would be utilized. Squad size units each with an FO capability would saturate the area south of the Denial Zone (one per grid square).

(2) Implementation.

(a) By the end of the first week in June, SID strings were emplaced within the Denial Area and friendly forces moved to the south. The first gas was dropped in the Denial Zone on 7 June. Originally five flights of persistent gas per day for a period of thirty days was requested. The number of flights of CS gas dropped within the Denial Zone during the first fifteen days was an average of 3 flights per day. The effectiveness of the gas was realized when friendly units operating near the area were forced to alter their routes or return to their patrol base. Simultaneously on 7

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July the Stingray Patrol Program was initiated. Throughout the following fifteen days the stingray patrols made little contact, maintaining a highly mobile posture south of the Denial Zone.

(b) As the amount of gas increased, activations on certain SID strings increased also, while others decreased. This lent credence to the fact that the gas actually channelized the enemy into certain areas while it blocked him in others.

(c) Although defoliation of the Denial Area was requested it was never accomplished. It is felt the defoliation of this area would have aided greatly the Denial Concept and future operations within this area.

(d) The Denial Concept was employed for a period of fifteen days. As was requested, the 3d Marines believed CS-2 (persistent gas) was being employed within the Denial Area. On 22 July it was discovered the gas being utilized was CS-1 a non-persistant type lasting about 24 - 72 hours. Realizing immediately that the enemy may well have been using redoubt areas within the Denial Zone being less effected by the non-persistent gas, the 3d Marines launched two companies into the Denial Area. As was suspected the companies were effected little by the gas, although signs of enemy activity within the Denial Area appeared light.

(3) Present Status and Future Plans.

(a) The program is ready for reinstitution when the situation dictates CS-2 (persistant) gas, it is found, can be supplied by fixed wing drop through the U.S. Air Force.

(b) Presently due to an increased enemy interest in the entire Mutter's Ridge area and increased NVA forces in the eastern portion of the Denial Area, search and destroy operations are considered more appropriate. If in the near future the enemy withdraws from the area and returns to a tactic of indirect fire attacks, the Denial Concept may be reinstated.

(c) The concept is still considered viable and worthy of continued testing (in 15 day time increments) for the Mutter's Ridge and possible other areas.

b. Increased Security Measures on MSR, Route #9.

(1) Background. Route #9 has been an area of relatively high volatility in regard to mining incidents, over the past few months. After periods of relative quiet, several days of intensive enemy mining would ensue and attempt to prevent the disruptive activity met with only limited success. After a period of high incidence early in July, the 3d Marines felt it necessary to institute further measures of contact and surveillance.

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(2) Action Taken.

(a) On 28 June, three (3) rifle companies of the 26 Battalion, were sent into the area from Hill 37 (YD 089579) to Witch's Nob (YD 001563) to conduct thorough saturation patrolling astride Route #9 and the commanding terrain. Simultaneously, the area was temporarily put off limits to the civilian populace, for their safety

(b) Within the 3d Marines AO a program of 100% surveillance, 24 hours a day, was instituted over the MSR. The surveillance was carried out by a combination of:

1 Fire Team OP's.

2 PPS-1 and PPS-6 surveillance devices.

3 Night Observation Devices (NOD) and Starlight Scopes.

4 Patrol SID's (a test item).

5 Use of Scout/Sentry Dogs both for patrols and mine sweeps.

6 Flame Tanks were used to burn off close in foliage which restricted vision from the MSR.

(c) In addition, the night activities were varied to contain:

1 Static ambushes along the road and avenues of approach to include fire team size killer ambushes.

2 Patrols along the MSR and to the flanks.

3 Combination patrol ambushes or moving ambushes (1-2 hours in each position 200-300 meters apart).

(d) On 13 July, the 3d Marines AO was extended to include the MSR beyond Elliott Combat Base (ECB). This gave the regiment the responsibility for the entire section of the LOC from Khe Gio Bridge (KGB) to ECB, all under construction. The construction in progress provided an easily mineable threat yet. However, based on the experiences gained during 28 June - 13 July and the success enjoyed, the only steps felt necessary were:

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1. Training of the added security forces, conducted by the experienced and successful unit.

2. An invisible boundary between companies operating from KGB and ECB.

3. Daily face to face coordination of OP's, patrols, and ambushes between the adjacent company commanders.

(3) Results.

(a) Since 28 June there has been only one mining incident (3 mines) in the 3d Marines AO. There were some incidents in early July west of KGB, but these were not in the 3d Marines AO and ceased when the area was given to the 3d Marines.

(b) The three companies originally committed to the area were reduced to one company within 10 days. Since 13 July the security mission for the road construction crews, and both ECB and KGB has been carried out by the normal two companies stationed, one each, at ECB and KGB.

(c) The area was considered secure enough to reopen to peaceful civilian pursuits on 22 July after a 3-4 day PSYOPS campaign by Cam Lo District officials.

(d) Success of the program is considered attributable to a simple but intensified program of use of available surveillance devices, more detailed attention to patrol and ambush operations, closer coordination between adjacent units, and a crystal clear mission of 100% day/night surveillance.

13. Commanders Comments. The two most significant aspects of Operation Virginia Ridge were Fire Support and Evolutionary Tactics.

a. Fire Support was important from the aspect that it was frequently the deciding or weighted factor which won the battle. By full use of intelligence, the regimental FSCC was able to note voids or areas which needed more emphasis than the battalions were able to give at any particular moment. Using sound targeting techniques this ensured that the entire AO was covered by fire and maneuver or fire in lieu of maneuver. Added to this was the classic use of artillery, NGF, and air as was demonstrated in the Leatherneck Square portion of Phase III. This latter example proved how preplanned fires could be utilized for mass saturation and destruction in other battles in this war, besides the amphibious assault.

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b. Evolutionary tactics simply meant the continual changing of the method of operation to meet that of the enemy. As he stopped massing in company sized elements we changed our tactics. When he relied totally on attacks by fire, our tactics were altered and when he again presented a massed target we attacked with a battalion. All of these tactical changes occured in the same general area, in a short time span. Flexibility in tactics proved to be more than survival, it led to success.

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(5) 31st Independent Regiment. Organic units were the 15th and 27th Battalions. The 27th Battalion's mission was assessed as one of interdiction of Route #9.

b. Operation Virginia Ridge was based upon heavy contacts made by the 2nd ARVN Regiment and the 9th Marine Regiment against elements of the 36th NVA Regiment in the Matter's Ridge - Helo Valley area.

c. Throughout Operation Virginia Ridge, the enemy employed as his primary tactic standoff attacks by fire utilizing mortars and rockets. The enemy expended 1481-1514 rounds of ordnance in 110 attacks by fire. Some of the major periods or incidents of attacks by fire were:

(1) On 19 May 1969, the enemy conducted nine attacks by fire on friendly positions expending 81 rounds of mortar ammunition.

(2) At 220650H May 1969, D/1/3 received 120 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from YD 029652.

(3) On 26 May 1969, the enemy conducted six attacks by fire on friendly positions expending 83-88 rounds of mortar ammunition.

(4) On 14 July 1969, the enemy initiated eight standoff attacks by fire directed on the friendly positions at A-4 and C-2. During these attacks the enemy expended 32 x 122mm rockets.

d. During the operation, contacts with the enemy were generally point actions or sniper incidents with the following exceptions:

(1) At 100435H May 1969, D/1/3 and CP came under attack with an unknown size enemy force. The enemy employed SAF, RPG's and grenades throughout the attack. Enemy casualties were unknown, whereas, D/1/3 had 8 KIA's and 8 WIA's (Medevac).

(2) At 101400H Jun 1969, K/3/3 made contact with 20-30 NVA in a bunker complex in the vicinity of XD 943636. Enemy employed SAF and RPG's before breaking contact. Results: 3 NVA KIA and 4 IWC.

(3) At 141300H June, H/2/3 engaged approximately two squads of enemy in the vicinity of YD 079639. Results: 1 CSWC.

(4) At 161600H June 69, G/2/3 received SAF, AWF, RPG's and command detonated claymores from an unknown size enemy force. Results: 4 NVA KIA.

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

Code Name: Virginia Ridge

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A.

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B.

b. Friendly Forces. 3d Marine Division redeploys major forces to continue pressure and exploit contacts with enemy forces infiltrating across the central portion of the DMZ and prepares for search and destroy operations in the upper Da Krong Valley. 2d ARVN Regt operates to the east of 3d Marines AO and currently has units deployed in the Mutter's Ridge, Helicopter Valley area. 4th Marines is deployed to the west while 9th Marines prepares for operations in the upper Da Krong River Valley. 1/12 (-) is in direct support of 3d Marines. 4/12 is in general support of the 3d Marine Division. Other G/S Arty to incl., 105, 8", and 155, located at C-2, A-4; PASEP. 1st Marine Air Wing provides helicopter support in coordination with 7th Air Force, provides fixed wing support.

c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A.

2. MISSION 3d Marines phases out Operation Maine Crag on 1 May 69, and redeploys to commence search and destroy operation (Virginia Ridge) north of Route #9 to locate and destroy enemy forces infiltrating across the DMZ. 3d Marines relieves 9th Marines at A-4, C-2, Cam Lo, Khe Gio Bridge, ECB, and FSB Fuller.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Annex C, Operation Overlay.

(1) Manouver with one battalion occupying fixed positions along Route #561, to the east and Route #9 to the south, two battalions of the 3d Marines conduct coordinated search and destroy operations, attacking from SW to NE against the fixed positions along Route #561. One battalion to the south along the Dong Ha Mtn, About Cao Ridge Line. One battalion to the north along Mutter's Ridge/Helo Valley.

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(2) Fires. Priority of Arty and Tactical Air Support to 1st and 3d Battalions.

b. 1st Bn.

(1) On 29 April, chop OPCON to 9th Marines for employment in vic of Camp Carroll.

(2) On 1 May return OPCON 3d Marines, begin S/D operations in the Dong Ha Mtn/About Cao Ridge Line, relieve element of 2/9 and provide security for FSB Fuller.

(3) On 1 May chop company at FSB Elliot to 2/3 until 4 May.

(4) On 4 May attack SW to NE along the Dong Ha Mtn/ About Cao Ridge Line in conjunction with 3/3, in accordance with Annex C.

c. 2d Bn.

(1) On 1 May, assume AO within operation Virginia Ridge and provide security for A-4, C-2, C-3 Bridge, and Cam Lo Hq, relieving 1/9; assume security for Routes #9 and #561, Khe Gio Bridge, and FSB Elliot relieving 2/9, assuming OPCON Co/1/3 vic FSB Elliot.

(2) Chop Co/2/3 at FSB Whisman to 3/3.

(3) Be prepared, on 2 May, for return to 2/3's OPCON, C6/2/3 from FSB Whisman.

(4) Upon closing of Co/2/3 at FSB Elliot release Co/1/3.

(5) Be prepared, about 23 May to R & R at Cua Viet. Upon return, be prepared for S/D operations.

d. 3d Bn.

(1) On 30 April relieve Co/2/3 on FSB McClintock.

(2) On 1 May assume OPCON Co/2/3 at FSB Whisman; Be prepared to revert to OPCON to 9th Marines in present AO.

(3) On 3 May, relieved in AO by 9th Marines unit and return to OPCON 3d Mar vic Rockpile and FSB Pete.

(4) On 9 May, attack from SW to NE along Mutter's Ridge/Holo Valley in conjunction with 1/3 in accordance with Annex C.

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e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Operation Maine Crag terminates and Operation Virginia Ridge commences on 1 May 69.

(2) 1st and 3d Battalions will employ a totally mobile concept, with all elements foot transportable, and minimum dependence on helicopter support.

(3) In lieu of a boundary between 1st and 3d Battalions a FCL will be utilized, to allow closer direct coordination of fires and maneuvers between the two units.

(4) Direct Support Artillery units are in supporting range throughout the entire Virginia Ridge AO.

(5) The following thrust points in effect 010001H May 69.

Fish	1072	After Shave Lotions	0462
Furniture	1468	Planets	0158
Magazines	0666	Cars	9757
Ice Cream	0264	Cities	0555
Snakes	9963	Cowboy Stars	1658
Presidents	0959	Beers	1462
Nato Countries	0862		

(6) DMZ Rules of Engagement remain in effect.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Annex E

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. 3d Marines Command Post. Displace from Maine Crag AO to Dong Ha Combat Base. Be prepared to redeploy jump CP within AO as situation dictates within (1) hour after alert.

b. Communications. Annex F.

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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 6-69

3d Marines		Col P.D. LA FOND
1st Bn, 12th Marines (-)(Rein)	DS	Lt Col MOSS
Co B, 3d ENGR Bn	DS	Capt Goodale
Co, 3d Tank Bn	DS	
Det, 3d Shore Party Bn	DS	
Det, 3d Recon Bn	DS	
Det, 7th ITT	DS	
Det, ARVN Liaison III MAF	DS	
Plt, MP Bn	DS	
Hq Co		1st Lt Greenfield
1st Bn		Lt Col Kyle
Det, A/1/12 (-)	DS	
Det, 3d Shore Party Bn	DS	
2d Plt, B Co, 3d Engr Bn	DS	
INT ARVN Liaison III MAF	DS	
Scout/Sniper Hq Co 3d Mar	DS	
Scout Dog, 3d MP Bn	DS	
Kit Carson Scouts	DS	
H & S Co		Lt CAMPBELL
Co A		Capt McADAMS
B		Capt SAMPSON
C		Capt CLIFTON
D		Capt GAST
2d Bn		Lt Col McMONAGLE
Co, 3d Tank Bn	DS	
Det, 1/12 (-)	DS	
1st Plt, B Co, 3d Engr Bn	DS	
Scout Dogs, 3d MP Bn	DS	
Scout Sniper, Hq Co 3d Mar	DS	
H & S Co		1st Lt McDONNELL
Co E		
F		1st Lt AYERS
G		Capt HARGROVE
H		1st Lt MAZOLA
3d Bn		Lt Col SCHULZE
Det, 1/12 (-)	DS	
HST, 3d SHORE Party Bn	DS	
3d Plt, Co B, 3d Engr Bn		

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INT Liaison ARVN III MAF	DS
Kit Carson Scouts	DS
Scout Snipers HQ Co 3d Mar	DS
Scout Dogs 3d MP Bn	DS

H & S Co	
Co I	Capt TROUT
K	Capt GOODWIN
L	Capt KRULAK
M	Capt Rielly

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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 montains and the second working to the E which has spotted steep slopes.

(a) Critical Terrains. Within the objective area the hill masses Rockpile, Dong Ha Mntn, 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 norther 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)
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Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Order 6-69

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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) clearence may be required through GVN 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 3c.

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 XD 193590 along Highway 9 to XD 010564, width 2000 meters, min alt ground, max alt 1500, time 0730 to 1830 daily.

(b) Rockpile Blue, from XD 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 suppresive 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, occuring 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 I (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 TPQ'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 IO.

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 6-69 (Virginia Ridge)

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 LRRP'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 of 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 re-supplied 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 6-69 (Virginia Ridge)

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 subordinant 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 committments 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) to Operation Order 6-69 (Virginia Ridge).

C - net control
X - guard
A - as required
M - monitor

	DIV TAC	REGT TAC #1	REGT TAC #2	REGT COMMAND	TACP
FREQ	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
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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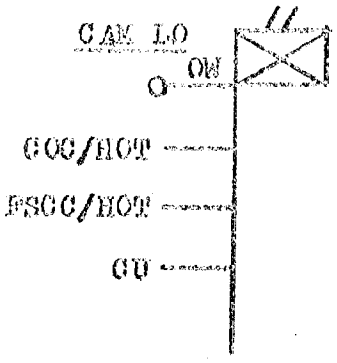

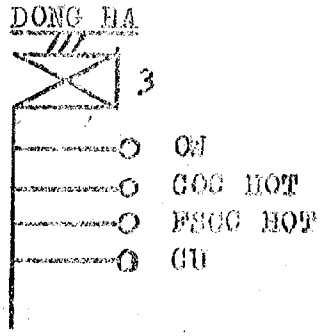

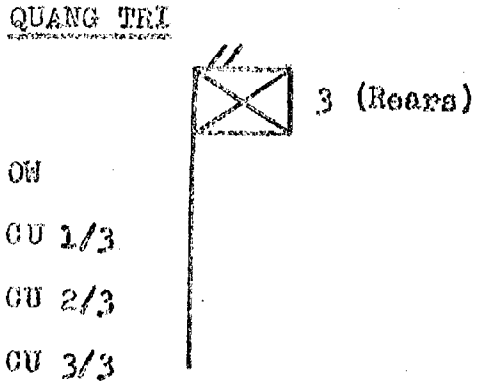

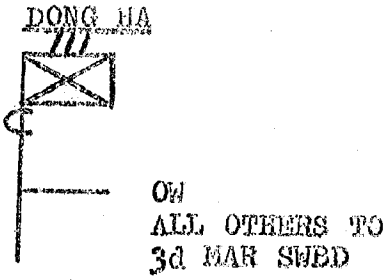

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15 May. 2300H 1st Bn 9th /NVA Bn's, 2d /NVA Reg moved out of Virginia Ridge AO.

16 May. 1030H 3d Bn (-), C's and Company I helilifted to LZ Buffalo. 1st Bn CP and Company D vic (021649) received approx (24) rounds of mortar fire from vic (021663). All rounds impacted on LZ Ironsides and just over. (10) USMC WIA (evac). Company A while moving vic (01h655) received approx (27) rounds of mortar fire from two different positions, resulting in (6) USMC WIA (minor).

17 May. A platoon from Company H vic (07h6h2) providing security for road construction received (6) rounds of rocket fire, resulting in (1) USMC WIA (evac).
1000H platoon of Company H reported road grader hit mine vic (07h637) while cutting road to Hill #162 causing heavy damage.
1622H 1st Bn CP and Company D vic (021649) received (13) rounds of 82mm mortar fire from vic (019665).

18 May. 0800H Company L vic (04761?) discovered a bunker complex consisting of (42) bunkers built inside of ravine.
0900H Company A vic (018658) found (9) anti-personnel mines placed along finger leading to a hilltop LZ. Mines were placed to datonate towards LZ.
1000H Company C vic (04958h) found (70) fortified enemy bunkers.
1600H A platoon from Company C found fresh grave vic (051586). Found (1) NVA killed by small arms fire.

19 May. 1030H Company A vic (022648) found (4) dead NVA in a bunker complex.
1130H Company L vic (058612) found a (60) bunker complex. Results: (1) 82mm mortar complete; (500) lbs of rice; (1) NVA flag.
1730H A platoon from Company M vic (989633) received small arms fire and RPG rounds from a bunker complex vic (991632). Platoon used CS gas and maneuvered squads up to complex while calling Blues, Artillery and Fixed Wing. Results: (4) USMC WIA (evac); (1) USMC WIA (minor); (1) Kit Carson Scout WIA (evac); (4) NVA KIA; (1) IWC.

17 May. 0810H 1st Bn CP left from Company D vic (021649) to Company C vic (04h635) completed.
1000H A platoon from Company B vic (080616) to (082616) Found a bunker complex consisting of (15) bunkers containing: (1200) lbs of rice; (6) Artillery rounds of unknown caliber.
1645H Company C vic (047638) point element received small arms fire from approx (4) NVA on high ground. Assaulted hill and received more fire from flanks. 82mm mortar

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FROM: AN
TO: BE, CS, 7-UP, MT
INFO: VICTOR & ZULU

021800H
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FRAG ORDER 31-69
REF OPORD 6-69

1. 2D ARVN UNITS REMAIN IN MUTTER'S RIDGE AREA.

2. 3D MARINES CLOSE MAINE CRAG & SIMULTANEOUSLY ASSUME OPCON OF VIRGINIA RIDGE AO & FORCES THEREIN AT 021100H MAY 69. FORCES PASSING TO 3D MARINES WILL BE: 1/3 ON MUTTER'S RIDGE, HOTEL 2/9 AT KGB & FSB FULLER, & LIMA 3/9 AT ECB. 3D MARINES SIMULTANEOUSLY PASSES H & L, 9THMAR TO 2/3.

3. 2/3
A. CONDUCT HELICOPTER-BORNE RETROGRADE FROM FSB MCCLINTOCK (K) LZ AT YD093323 (E), & LZ AT YD 111327 (F & CP) COMMENCING 020800H.
B. CHOP G/2/3 & K/3/3 TO 3/3 UPON DISPLACEMENT OF CP.
C. ASSUME OPCON OF AO WITHIN VIRGINIA RIDGE UPON ARRIVAL OF CP AT CAM LO; NOTIFY THIS HQ UPON ASSUMPTION.
D. RELIEVE 1/9 AT A-4, C-2, C-3B & CAM LO.
E. ASSUME OPCON OF H & L 9THMAR UPON ARRIVAL AT CAM LO OR 021100H, WHICHEVER IS EARLIEST.
F. PROVIDE FULL SECURITY AT ASSIGNED FIXED POSITIONS AGAINST A CONTINUAL HIGH THREAT OF SAPPER ATTACKS.
G. BE PREPARED ON 3 MAY TO RESUME OPCON G/2/3 AT VCB & RELIEVE ELEMENTS OF H/2/9 ON KGB.

4. 3/3
A. ASSUME OPCON G/2/3 & K/3/3 ON ORDER 2 MAY 69.
B. ASSUME 3D MARINES PRESENT AO ABOUT 021100H MAY 69.
C. PASS TO OPCON TASK FORCE HOTEL ON ORDER ABOUT 021100H MAY 69.
D. BE PREPARED ON 3 MAY TO HELICOPTER-BORNE RETROGRADE/RELIEF IN PLACE BY ELEMENTS OF 9TH MARINES FROM LZ AT YD 050203 (L&I), FSB WILLIAMS (G), FSB GAUCHO (M&CP) & MCCLINTOCK (K). ENSURE ON STATION CAP, AO, & GUN SHIPS FOR 3/3 LIFT OUT. CONTACT 3D MARINES UPON ARRIVAL VIRGINIA RIDGE AO.
E. BE PREPARED ON 3 MAY TO RELIEVE ELEMENTS OF H/2/9 AT FSB FULLER & L/3/9 AT ECB.

5. BOUNDARY BETWEEN 2/3 & 1/3.
FM 4THMAR BNDY AT 963600 EAST TO 980598 TO 9960 GRID EAST TO 000602 TO 010606 TO 020612 TO 2D ARVN BNDY AT 024615.

6. BOUNDARY BETWEEN 2/3 & 2D ARVN
FM 2D ARVN BNDY AT 021614 EAST ALONG BIOL LINE TO 071610 EAST ALONG 61 N GRID TO 101610, NORTH TO 103630, TO 105640, TO 109650, TO 110686, TO 093686 AND END AT 085688.

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7. ON ORDER BOUNDARY BETWEEN 2/3 & 3/3.
FM 3RDMAR ENDY AT 003526, NW TO 002530, NE TO 005540 to 01 N-S GRID AT 010544, N ALONG 01 N-S GRID TO BLUE LINE AT 012565, NE TO 014570, TO 020573, TO 030576, TO 040576 TO 050577 TO 060577, FOLLOW BLUE LINE TO 083594, N TO TRAIL AT 083603 NE TO ARVN ENDY AT 086610.

8. LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR VIRGINIA RIDGE WILL BE FROM QTCB. ALL REGT/BN FACILITIES AT KGB WILL BE CLOSED ASAP.

9. INDIVIDUAL BNS WILL DRAW GROUND TRANSPORT FOR UNITS & NOTIFY 3DMAR S-4 OF DETAILS NLT 040700.

10. CALL SIGNS & FREQS

2/3	7-UP	TAC #2	(P)	66.7 M-55
3DMAR	AM	TAC #2	(S)	65.25 M-1247
1/9	SPEEDING ROMEO			
3/9	KNIFE BOY			

11. 3D MARINES RELAY ON DONG HA MTN IS AN-XRAY ON M-1147 AND MAY BE USED UPON REQUEST BY 2/3 TO CONTACT UNITS AT ECB & KGB.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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221530H MAY 69

IMMEDIATE DTG: 2 MAY 69

FROM: THIRD MARINES
TO: FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES
INFO: SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES
FIRST BN, TWELFTH MARINES
THIRD MARDIV (COC & FSCC)
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OPERATION ORDER 7-69 (PINK PANTHER)

A. THIRD MARINES OP ORDER 6-69
B. CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG DTG:
C. DMZ RULES OF ENGAGEMENT
D. THIRD MARINES MSG DTG 210722Z MAY 69 (NOTAL)
E. REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR VIRGINIA RIDGE AO
F. THIRD MARINES OVERLAY DTG 200800H MAY 69

TIME ZONE: ROMK

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY. NVA/VC CONTINUE TO UTILIZE THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ FOR EXTENSIVE INFILTRATION, RESUPPLY, ARTILLERY, AND STAGING OPERATIONS.

B. FRIENDLY. NO CHANGE FROM REF A. EXCEPT:

(1) AIR SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FROM NORMAL DAILY 1ST WING ASSETS WORKING WITH THE 3D DIVISION. HELICOPTERS FOR INSERT OF REACTION FORCES WILL BE DIVERTED ASAP FROM OTHER MISSIONS.

(2) 3D RECON BN WILL PLACE PATROLS WITHIN 1/3'S AO UNDER OPCON OF 1/3. A LIAISON TEAM WILL BE PROVIDED 1/3 BY 3D RECON TO ASSIST IN COMMAND AND CONTROL. REF B.

(3) ONE PLATOON OF TANKS AND ONE PLATOON OF APC'S WILL BE IN D/S OF 1/3 FROM 3D TANK BN TO BE USED FOR OVERLAND REACTION FORCE INSERT, UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS. NO CHANGE FROM REF A.

2. MISSION.

THE 3D MARINES WILL CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLLING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTHERN DMZ (SOUTH OF

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THE FMDL), WHICH IS CONTIGUOUS TO THE VIRGINIA RIDGE AO. PATROLS WILL BEGIN AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER 22 MAY. PATROLS WILL SEEK DETAILED INTELLIGENCE WHILE RETAINING THEIR BASIC RECONNAISSANCE NATURE IN KEEPING WITH THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT REF C. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO CAPTURE PRISONERS.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT. ONE BATTALION CONDUCTS SQUAD SIZED PATROLS AND SUPPORTS RECON BN PATROLS IN THE DMZ. UPON ENEMY CONTACT BY ANY PATROL, THE BATTALION REINFORCES WITH A PLATOON SIZE REACTION FORCE TO ASSIST IN OVERLAND WITHDRAWAL (SEE REF D.). THE REMAINING BATTALIONS OF THE REGIMENT CONTINUE OPERATIONS AS PER REFERENCES A. AND E.

B. 1ST BATTALION.

(1) CONDUCT SQUAD SIZED RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS IN THE DMZ TO GAIN ENEMY INFORMATION AND ACQUIRE PRISONERS.

(2) PLAN FOR AND ASSUME OPCON OF 3D RECON BN PATROLS IN YOUR AO OF THE DMZ (MISSION, SAME AS B(1)).

(3) MAINTAIN PLATOON SIZED REACTION FORCE (RF) WITH THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS.

(A) ORGANIC CREW SERVED WEAPONS
(B) FORWARD OBSERVED TEAM
(C) FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER
(D) ENGINEER/DEMO TEAM

THIS FORCE WILL REMAIN AT, AND LAUNCH FROM A-4 TO REINFORCE AND ASSIST RECON BN TEAMS. THIS FORCE WILL NOT EXCEED (60) PERSONNEL.

(4) MAINTAIN ONE PLATOON SIZED RF, IN AN APPROPRIATE LAUNCH POSITION, FOR EACH ORGANIC PATROL ENTERING THE DMZ.

(5) DECISION TO LAUNCH REACTION FORCE(S) RESTS WITH THE CO, 1ST BN. AIR ASSETS WILL BE PROCURED BY 3D MARINES.

C. 2D BATTALION. NO CHANGE FROM REF A, E AND F.

D. 3D BATTALION. NO CHANGE FROM REF A, E AND F.

(1) NOTIFY THIS HQ 72 HOURS PRIOR TO INSERTION OF INITIAL DMZ PATROLS.

(2) UPON NOTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION TO INSERT PATROLS, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER AND REFERENCES B & C APPLY.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) OPERATIONAL AREA. INITIALLY PATROLS WILL BE LIMITED TO THE AREA BETWEEN THE 02 AND THE 12 N - S GRID LINES. NO PATROLS WILL CROSS THE FMDL/BEN HAI RIVER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

(2) SIZE OF PATROLS. PATROLS WILL BE LIMITED TO SQUAD SIZE; REACTION FORCES TO PLATOON SIZE; THE COMBINED FORCE WILL NOT EXCEED 75 PERSONNEL.

(3) WITHDRAWAL. UPON LINK-UP OF THE PATROL AND REACTION FORCE, THE TOTAL FORCE UPON DISENGAGEMENT WILL WITHDRAW TO THE SOUTH. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS TO THE SOUTH-EAST MOVEMENT ARE:

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(A) TO CLEAR A 360 DEGREE AREA TO SMALL ARMS RANGE (300 METERS).

(B) TO REACT TO ANOTHER PATROL, FURTHER NORTH, WHICH REQUIRES EXTRACTION ASSISTANCE.

(4) FIRE SUPPORT. THE AREA OF 1/3'S AO IN THE DMZ IS UNDER THEIR EXCLUSIVE CONTROL FOR ALL AIR, ARTILLERY, AND MORTAR DELIVERED FIRES. PERMISSION TO FIRE INTO THE DMZ(REF C) IS VESTED WITH THE 3D MARINES AND WILL BE GRANTED IMMEDIATELY WHEN:

(A) IN CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY - "ENEMY CONTACT".

(B) POSITIONS ARE OBSERVED OR REASONABLY CERTAIN OF BEING OCCUPIED -"OCCUPIED ENEMY POSITION".

(C) POSITIONS ARE KNOWN OR APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED WITHIN THE LAST 24 HOURS - "NEW FORTIFICATIONS".

(D) IT IS NECESSARY TO FIRE FOR THE INHERENT SELF DEFENSE OF THE UNIT (DOES NOT INCLUDE H & I OR NIGHT DEFENSIVE FIRES).

MORTAR FIRES CONTROLLED BY 1/3 WILL BE FIRED AS REQUIRED IN KEEPING WITH REF C AND REPORTED ASAP.

(5) REPORTS.

(A) REPORT ALL SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS IN THE DMZ BY HOT-LINE TO 3d MARINES COC.

(B) ALL DMZ FIRE MISSIONS REQUESTED THROUGH 3d MARINES FSCC WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REPORTED BY FSCC.

(C) CACHES WILL BE REPORTED IN THE STANDARD FORMAT TO S-2 (FORMAT PASEP).

(D) AFTER ACTION REPORT TO FOLLOW STANDARD AFTER ACTION FORMAT; SUBMITTED WITHIN (15) DAYS AFTER TERMINATION OF SPECIAL OPERATIONS.

(6) INTELLIGENCE ITEMS. ALL ITEMS FOUND IN THE DMZ HAVE A HIGHER THAN NORMAL VALUE. THE MANUFACTURE DATE, LOCATION, TIME OF ENTRY INTO THE DMZ, ETC. ALL ARE OF GREAT VALUE TO HIGHER ECHELONS. THEREFORE THE BATTALION WILL MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO RECOVER AND RETROGRADE ALL POSSIBLE ITEMS OF INTELLIGENCE VALUE.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE FROM REF A EXCEPT:

A. ALL DMZ PATROLS AND REACTION FORCES MUST BE SELF SUFFICIENT.

B. EMERGENCY SUPPLIES OF CLASS V SHOULD BE PRE-STAGED AT QUANG TRI AND CON THIEN.

C. HELICOPTERS FOR EMERGENCY RESUPPLY OF CLASS V, EMERGENCY MEDEVAC, REACTION INSERT, OR EMERGENCY EXTRACT ONLY.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

A. 3d MARINES CP REMAINS AT DHGB.

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D. 1ST BN CP TO BE LOCATED AT A-4.

C. RADIO RELAY FROM A-4 TO 3d MARINES COC/FSCC ESTABLISHED 22 MAY. CAN BE USED FOR CONFIDENTIAL TRAFFIC AND FLASH DMZ REPORTING.

D. 1/3 WILL MAINTAIN COVERED RADIO CIRCUITS WITH 3d MARINES AT ALL TIMES

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Frag Order 70-69

Ref: (a) 3d Marines OP Order 6-69 with Revised Concept.
(b) 3d Marines Frag Order 62-69.
(c) 3d Mar Msg 14.0800H June 69 (Opcon of Recon Plt).

1. Situation.

a. Enemy. PASEP

b. Friendly.

(1) 2d ARVN Regt will patrol daily from C-1 in the area south of 3/3's zone of action. Other ARVN forces will remain east of RR tracks.

(2) Armor. Company A, 3d Tank Bn (Rein), D/S to 3/3, will provide the armor portion of a Reaction Force/Reserve from C-2.

(3) Artillery. 1/12 remains D/S 3d Marines with:
4.2" Btry at A-4
105 Btry at C-2
155 Btry at C-2
155 Btry at C-2

Reinforcing Units:
1/4/12 (155 SP) at Dong Ha West
8" Plt at C-2

(4) Air. 1st MAW and 7th AF as requested.

(5) NGF. A heavy cruiser and a destroyer are available from 16 to 23 June. The primary use of the NGF will be for massive retaliatory fires into the DMZ, bunker destruction, and illumination.

2. Mission. No change from reference (a).

3. Execution.

a. Concept. (Operation Overlay)

(1) Maneuver. The 3d Regiment will continue to conduct mobile operations with two battalions while holding the fixed positions with a minimum of forces. The maneuver area, however, will be split with one battalion operating west of the fixed positions in the Rutter's Ridge area while the other mobile battalion conducts an east to west attack through Leatherneck

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Square, against the fixed positions. The attack in Leatherneck Square will commence with a night movement to contact.

(2) Fires. The concept of Fire Support continues to be:

(a) Maximum use of preplanned fires.

(b) Continuous employment of observed fires.

(c) Minimum of one FFE for each new position.

(d) Preemptive use of smoke and H & I fires.

(e) Integration of CAS and arty fires at all times.

(f) Continued use of heavy A/C ordnance for bunker destruction. HCPI's will be employed as noted in para 1 b (5).

b. First Bn.

(1) Continue present mission in accordance with ref (a) and (b).

(2) Readjust forces in order to increase patrol and ambush activity (day and night) along the western flank of 2d Bn's AO, commencing 161800H and continuing for duration of the Leatherneck Square Operation.

c. Second Bn. Continue present mission in accordance with ref (a), (b), and (c).

d. Third Bn.

(1) Complete rehab on afternoon of 16 June and motor march to DHCB.

(2) Upon LZIT 16 June, conduct motor march up Route #1 and using same as LCD by 162300H commence night movement to contact west within zone. The night movement will be supported, nonilluminated.

(3) Be prepared at daylight on 17 June to attack to the east, to destroy all enemy forces in the Leatherneck Square area, supported by an armor/infantry reaction/reserve force (from C-2).

e. Coordinating Instructions.

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(1) The 3d Bn will establish direct liaison with the 2d ARVN Regt prior to 161800H. 3d Marines will assist with personnel and equipment as requested.

(2) Reconnaissance of Leatherneck Square prior to 161800H will be limited to one aerial recon by the 3d Bn. All other reconnaissance will be cleared by this Hq.

(3) Maximum security is directed on this operation. Need to know only. NOFORN prior to 161800H unless cleared by this Hq.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. All requests for tactical and logistical transportation, direct to this Hq for security reasons.

b. Evening meal 16 June for 3/3 will be at 3d Marines' Mess.

5. Command and Communications.

a. 3d Marines CP remains at DHCB.

b. 3/3 report closing and opening of CP's.

6. Acknowledge Receipt.

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Subj: Tactical Planning Guidance

Encl: (1) Planning Overlay

1. On 25 June the Third Bn will complete its R & R and relieve the First Bn of the security role for the fixed positions (A-4, C-2, C-3B, CLDH, & KGB) and the LOC's in the Third Marines AO.

2. Upon relief, the First Bn will be committed into the western portion of the 3d Marines AO, astride Mutter's Ridge and north of Dong Ha Mountain. As they move west to east the First Bn will squeeze out the Second Bn.

3. The Second Bn will conduct a helicopter assault into Helicopter Valley at first light on the 24th. They will then continue their orientation to the east until they close on the fixed positions (toward end of June). Upon reaching the fixed positions, the Second Bn will assume an AO encompassing the Dong Ha Mountain complex, the valley north of there, and the SW area of the 3d Marines AO lying west of Hill 37.

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4. Thus about the 1st of July the 3d Marines will be generally oriented as per enclosure (1).

5. It is anticipated that our posture will again be changed around the 7th of July when we may move further to the west toward FSB Russell.

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Annex G (Denial/Stingray Operations) to Operation ~~Plan~~ ORDER 8-69

Time Zone: D

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. The enemy continues to employ attacks by fire as their basic tactic against friendly units operating in the eastern Mutter's Ridge Area. No elements larger than squad size have been sighted and the enemy has made no recent attempts to initiate ground contact.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) The 7th Air Force and 1st MAW provide air support to include:

(a) Delivery of CS gas, at least five flights per day for a period of 30 days.

(b) Air strikes on preplanned targets and targets of opportunity.

(c) Delivery of herbicide on preclaimed areas.

(d) Aerial observer coverage to support the infantry, conduct BDA's, run fixed wing and call artillery.

(2) 1st Bn, 12th Marines provides artillery support to include:

(a) Massive HRI fires above the denial zone on selected targets.

(b) Fires on enemy activity as a result of SID activation both HE and CS gas.

(c) Fires in support of stingray units.

(3) Ground Surveillance Unit 3d Marine Division, provides teams for emplacement of SID at preplanned sites and team to read-out SID's at FSB Fuller commencing about 7 July 69.

2. MISSION

To deny enemy access along likely avenues of approach from the north, which cross Mutter's Ridge, through the use of a denial area and the "Stingray" patrol concept.

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3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Through the use of an H&I zone, Denial Zone, and saturation patrol zone (See Annex C, Operations Overlay), the infiltration of enemy forces south from the DMZ will be eliminated or highly restricted.

(1) H&I Zone: An area 3KM wide adjoining and parallel to the DMZ, will be subjected to massive H&I fires. In this zone suspected enemy infiltration routes and positions will be hit heavily by both artillery and air.

(2) Denial Zone: A three KM wide belt just south of the H&I Zone parallel to the DMZ, which is known to contain large numbers of enemy infiltration routes and redoubts. In this area seismic intrusion devices (SID) will be employed on known enemy routes. When activated, the SID's will cause saturation fires by supporting arms. In the areas not covered by SIDs, a program of CS Gas, defoliation and massive artillery fires and air strikes will be utilized.

(3) Patrol Saturation Zone: The area south of the Denial Zone and north of Route #9. This area will be saturated with numerous stingray, independant squad sized patrols. Maximum coverage (one squad per grid square) will be instituted just south of the Denial Zone and then thinning out further south. A minimum of Company CP positions will occupied during the conduct of the Denial Operation, thus decreasing security requirements.

b. One Infantry Battalion.

(1) Provide security for fixed positions and LOC's in AO.

(2) Provide security for SID emplacement teams 2-4 July.

(3) Withdraw all forces from H&I and Denial Zones prior to 7 July.

(4) Commencing about 7 July maintain a maximum of stingray, squad size units, south of the Denial Zone.

(5) Submit to this Headquarters list of desired targets for air, artillery, employment of gas and areas to be defoiliated.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

The Regimental S-4 will work in conjunction with the ALO to ensure adequate quantities of CS and Herbicide are available to support this program.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS See Annex F, (Communications) to Operation ~~Plan~~ ORDER 8-69.

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