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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November to 30 November 1968

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Enclosure (1)

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PART I

Organizational Data1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDERS

1st Battalion, 3d Marines LtCol R. B. TWOHEY (1-30Nov68)

Subordinate Units

H&S Co

1stLt S. B. HUNT JR. (1-4Nov68)

1stLt W. J. CAMPBELL (5-30Nov68)

Co A

Capt J. L. SHAW (1-30Nov68)

Co B

1stLt G. SEMLAR JR. (1-30Nov68)

Co C

Capt G. A. KIESEL (1-30Nov68)

Co D

1stLt W. C. JORDAN (1-30Nov68)

2. LOCATION

1-30 Novomber: LANCASTER/KENTUCKY AO.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major B. A. PIPEL (1-30Nov68)

S-1

1stLt P. CHAVEZ (1-30Nov68)

S-2

1stLt S. W. BELL (1-30Nov68)

S-3

Major G. F. HUML (1-30Nov68)

S-4

1stLt M. E. MCCLUNG (11-30Nov68)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFF/ENLOFF/ENL

33/1062

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the Period of 1 November to 21 November 1968 the 1st Battalion 3d Marines (Rein) provided security for Camp Carroll, LZ MAC, DONG HA MOUNTAIN OP, KHE GIO BRIDGE and Route #9 in AO. Also during this period the Battalion provided convoy escorts and road sweep details daily, plus maintained a Sparrow Hawk and Bald Eagle. At all times from 1 November to 21 November aggressive local patrolling was carried out as well as nightly ambushes and company search and destroy operations. On 21 November the Battalion (-) moved into the Kentucky AO and conducted cordon operations in cooperation/coordination with the 2nd ARVN Regiment. The Battalion at this time entered actively into the pacification program. The operations during this period with the 2nd ARVN Regiment were highly successful and command relations remained excellent. The following events during this period are offered in chronological order:

At 010015H Co D at KHE GIO BRIDGE received a probe by estimated 15 NVA from the South. The probe was supported by enemy 60mm mortar fire from vicinity (YD 025548) plus automatic and small arms fire. 60mm mortar fire was then received from the East, position unknown, total mortar rounds was 10. Fired Artillery, and 81mm mortar with MG's and small arms. Negative results at first light.

At 011000H 1/3 assumed OPCON Co I/3/3 from 3/3.

At 011750H Co D while firing a 60mm mortar mission, man loading did not remove his hand quick enough resulting in the round hitting hand. Man med-evac (Non-Battlo)

At 020800H 1/3 passed OPCON Co I/3/3 to 3/3.

At 030605H Co C individual at Camp Carroll while cleaning pistol wounded himself in right leg. Investigation officer appointed, med-evac (Non Battlo)

At 031445H 1/3 passed OPCON Co C 1/3 to 2/3.

At 031500H Co B (-) executed tactical Helo lift to LZ MAC.

At 031915H Co D OP at DONG HA MOUNTAIN observed one steady light at an azimuth of 330 degrees, approximate range 14,000 meters. Light was in vicinity (XD 966719). Reported to S-2 Regiment.

At 032315H Co D observed 1 indigenous person in vicinity (YD 029559). Unable to tell if person was armed. Fired illumination and 81mm mortar mission. Results unknown.

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At 041330H Co D reports Helo made parachute drop of "C" Rations in vicinity of (YD 066535). Drop was 200 meters West of intended zone. Indigenous personnel moved in on drop. Security force moved in and retrieved all but 2 cases of rations.

At 041340H Co D at KHE GIO BRIDGE reports individual (Marine) from 5th 155 gun Battery at TSL fired his rifle from truck in convoy while passing through above area. Rounds impacted near friendly positions. Stopped truck, took mans name and reported to his CO for further action.

At 041540H 1/3 received report that Army and Navy (MCB) personnel in vicinity of (YD 034566) were firing weapons indiscriminately into and around river. Rounds were impacting near Vietnamese who were fishing in area. Dispatched mobile patrol, and continued to patrol daily.

At 051210H 1/3 security at (YD 042557) Camp Carroll dump apprehended one VC suspect. Suspect attempted to flee area. Turned over ITT.

At 060200H Co D at the KHE GIO BRIDGE received eight friendly artillery rounds between 060150H and 060200H. Rounds impacted in vicinity (YD 026564). Rounds were H&I fire from CALU FSB. Corrective action taken.

At 060845H Co A individual at Camp Carroll was handling a fuze device from an M-26 hand grenade when it exploded taking off part of his little finger on his left hand. Appointed investigation officer and med-evac man. (Non Battle)

At 061300H 1/3 passed OPCON of Co K/3/9 to 3/9.

At 061300H 1/3 assumed OPCON of Co M/3/4 from 3/4.

At 081800H Co C 1/44 USA reported 81mm mortar round landed in their position (Pos #21 Camp Carroll) but did not go off. Round removed by Engineers attached to 1/3. Investigation officer appointed.

At 091030H 1/3 passed OPCON D(-)/1/3 to 3/3.

At 091030H 2/3 passed OPCON Co C 1/3 to 3/3.

At 092305H Co B 3rd Tanks received an estimated 6-60mm mortar rounds from friendly's. Checked fire on 60mm mortar mission. Investigation was held. Results 1 KIA Marine (med-evac)

At 101030 - 101130H Co C at A-4 received 16 rounds 75mm Pack Howitzer from vicinity (YD 06357026). Fired artillery mission on above coordinates. Results unknown.

At 10115H Co C road sweep found two homemade, pressure type, anti-tank mines in vicinity (YD116686). Destroyed in place.

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At 101330H Co D in vicinity (YD 134643) reported Holo attempted to land at C-2 received 10 rounds 140 RR on LZ. Holo returned to Camp Carroll.

At 110740H Co B on LZ MLC (XD 969617) received 7 rounds 60mm mortars from vicinity (XD 965626-XD 947621). Fired artillery, 81mm mortar and 60mm mortar mission on above grids. Results unknown.

At 111300H Co B on LZ MLC (XD 969617) observed one NVA in vicinity (XD 966626) moving East. Fired 60mm mortar mission with unknown results.

At 111305H Co B on LZ MLC (XD 969617) received 30 rounds 82mm mortars from vicinity (XD 946620). Fired artillery mission and used fixed wing. Results unknown.

At 111400H 1/3 passed OPCON of M/3/4 to 3/4.

At 111835H Co B on LZ MLC (XD 969617) received 12 rounds 60mm mortars from vicinity (XD 946623). Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions. Results unknown.

At 120820H Co B on LZ MLC (XD 969617) received small arms fire from vicinity (XD 973615). AO working for Co B also received small arms fire from vicinity (XD 955622). AO observed three NVA moving toward (XD 968617). Fired artillery, 81mm mortar, 60mm mortar missions and employed fixed wing. Results unknown.

At 120830H Co D at KHE GIO BRIDGE observed 6 indigenous personnel moving Northwest, 2 with packs. Upon seeing patrol ran in draw. Fired artillery mission with unknown results.

At 121030H Co B on LZ MLC (XD 969617) received small arms fire from East and West of their position, then received 2 rounds incoming 60mm mortars from vicinity (XD 976616). Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions. Results unknown. 1 Marine WIA was med-evac.

At 130805H AO working for Co B observed 2 NVA vicinity (XD 945625) and one NVA in vicinity (XD-951622). Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions on both locations with unknown results.

At 131330H Co A individual removing pack when hook caught in grenade pin pulling pin from grenade. Grenade exploded in tent. Investigation was held. Results 1 Marine KIA, 3 Marines WIA all med-evac. (Non Battle).

At 131340H Co B patrol had definite movement in vicinity (XD 963615) to their West. Fired small arms, enemy fled to North and South. Believed to be OP. Fired artillery mission on routes of withdrawal.

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At 140810H Co A (Rein) commenced tactical Hole lift to LZ MAC. Negative action.

At 141420H Co B observed 2 NVA running across bomb crater in vicinity (XD 976611). Fired 60mm mortar mission and M-79's. Results unknown.

At 141615H Co A at LZ LEE (XD 953622) point elements made contact with estimated platoon size enemy force in vicinity LZ SIERRA (XD 946625).

Enemy initiated contact with directional mines, grenades, automatic weapons and small arms fire. Also fired 60mm mortars on Co A position. Co A countered with direct fire artillery missions, 106mm RR's, 81mm mortars, 60mm mortars and utilized fixed wing. Results 7 Marine KIA, 23 Marines WIA, 1 Dog KIA, 5 NVA KIA. Captured 1 AK-47, 1 directional mine, 24-82mm mortar rounds, numerous ChiCom grenades and 1 entrenching tool. All destroyed.

At 150900H 1/3 conducted tactical Hole lift to LZ MAC.

At 160937H 1/3 visited by General Davis.

At 161330H Co C found in vicinity (XD 947626) numerous bunkers camouflaged as trash piles with "C" ration cartons, etc. Also found 1 fresh foot print same vicinity. Fired H&I fire on all abandoned PSB positions.

At 161400H 1/3 visited by Colonel Sparks.

At 161400H Co C vicinity (XD 937627) reports 1 NVA detonated 2 directional type mines. AO reported observing 1 NVA vicinity (XD 937628) and another NVA at (XD 937627) in open. Fired artillery mission and employed fixed wing. Results 1 Marine WIA med-evac.

At 161410H 1/3 received Frag orders 60-68 and 62-68.

At 161530H Co C in vicinity (XD 947624) received 8 rounds 60mm mortar fire from vicinity (XD 934627). Countered with artillery and 81mm mortar missions. Results unknown.

At 161715H Co C was engaged by NVA who detonated 5 command detonated directional mines. 1 NVA was observed coming from hole to detonate these mines. Co C tactically pulled back and employed fixed wing, artillery missions, fired MG's and used sniper team on NVA in open. Results AO reported 4 NVA KIA confirmed due to air, and CO reported 1 NVA KIA confirmed for sniper.

At 161830H Co C received 8 rounds 60mm mortar fire from vicinity (XD 934627) fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions. Results unknown.

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At 171410H Co C received 7 rounds 60mm mortar fire from vicinity (XD 926627) fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions. Unknown results.

At 171530H Co C found in vicinity (XD 938628) 4-82mm mortar positions, 15 well constructed bunkers with 1 1/2 foot thick roofs about 1 to 2 months old. Also found 2 NVA bodies in fresh graves they appeared to have been killed by artillery or fixed wing. Found 75 old 82mm mortar rounds, 50MM rounds, 50 AK-47 rounds, 6 AK-47 magazines 2 NVA packs, belt with "309" on buckle, brand new uniforms, carrying case for AK-47 rounds, 1 directional mine, 3 ChiCom grenades and 2 MM drums. All intelligence gear turned over Regimental S-2, destroyed everything else.

At 181315H Co C reports AO working for Co C destroyed 2 hootches in vicinity (XD 892635) with air strike. Strike uncovered what AO believes to be a small village. Destroyed everything.

At 181350H 1/3 visited by Colonel Sparks.

At 181425H Co C received 5 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vicinity (XD 925621). Fired 81mm mortar mission. Results unknown

At 181615H Co C received 5 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vicinity (XD 925621). Fired artillery, 81mm mortar missions. Results unknown

At 191350H 1/3 visited by Colonel Sparks.

At 191415H Co C found well defined trails running Northeast and East in vicinity (XD 946624). No signs of recent NVA activity.

At 191515H Co C received 4 rounds 60mm mortar fire from vicinity (XD 943633). Returned fire with 106mm RR's and 81mm mortars. Results unknown.

At 191800H Co D observed 1 vehicle heading East and another going West on Route #9 received small arms fire and grenades from vicinity (YD 056566). Vehicles returned fire and ran through ambush. Co D fired artillery on suspected position of enemy. Unknown results.

At 200930H Co D point element detonated mine on road sweep in vicinity (YD 063570). A second mine was uncovered 30 meters East of first. Both were in the North track line of Route #9. Destroyed other mine. Results 1 Marine KIA, 1 Marine WIA.

At 201200H 1/3 passed OPCON M/3/4 to 3dMarDiv.

At 201245H Co A found communication wire on both sides of stream in vicinity (XD 956606) also 25-82mm mortar rounds, 3 bunkers, 2 cocking hootches, and 2 fighting holes. In vicinity (XD 953604) found 3 ChiCom directional mines and 2 RPG-2 rounds. Both areas had no signs of recent enemy activity. Destroyed all.

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At 201545H 1/3 visited by Colonel Sparks.

At 211000H 1/3 sent follow up report of incident which occurred on 200930H, Spot-Report #49. Engineers on sweep team found 5 AT mines in vicinity (YD 090577). Two were Russian type and three were homemade, consisting of approximately 20 lbs. of TNT with pressure device. Mines were marked by 3 rocks and bushes on West side of mines.

At 211400H 1/3 passed OPCON D(-)/1/3 to Task Force Hotel.

At 211430H 1/3 (-) commenced hole-lift to C-1. FSB in Eastern QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

At 211700H 1/3 assumed OPCON Co C 3rd Tank Battalion.

At 211800H 1/3 assumed OPCON Recon platoon.

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At 212300H 1/3 (-) (Rein) established cordon in the GIO LINH/HA THANH area in cooperation/coordination with the 2nd ARVN Regiment, Battalion operation code name (NOMAD I)

At 220900H 1/3 visited by Colonel Sparks.

At 221115H Recon. team working for 1/3 found 1 ChiCom drum type magazine with 150 rounds of 7.62mm on trail in vicinity (YD 208714). Also found fresh camp site with freshly cooked food and scattered tracks vicinity (YD 206720) and observed 2 people sitting in vicinity (YD 208725) in what appeared to be OP. Reported to Regiment S-2.

At 221535H Recon. team working for 1/3 received 1 round sniper fire from vicinity (YD 195716). No active action taken.

At 221600H 1/3 assumed OPCON platoon searchlights from 1st Searchlight Battalion.

At 230800H 1/3 assumed OPCON of CO from 1/44th Artillery AWSP.

At 231140H Recon team working for 1/3 found fresh camp site and food in a bunker vicinity (YD-208721). Also found grenades and paper with diagram of a pill box. Papers turned to S-2.

At 240852H 1/3 visited by General Davis and Colonel Sparks.

At 240940H Co A reported that in vicinity of (YD 224697) a local child was accidentally wounded in stomach with M-16 round. Investigation held, further information Admin Channels.

At 241525H 1/3 visited by General Stillwell.

At 241600H Co B found in vicinity of (YD 2187-05) 1 pressure release mine, very old and rusty. Destroyed in place.

At 251650H 1/3 visited by General Goodpasture, LtGen Stillwell, and LtGen Cushman.

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At 251650H 1/3 received report from Vietnamese boy that he know location of weapons cache. Cache was 2000 meters SW of our position and reportedly consisted of 10 mines and 7 weapons. Vietnamese boy agreed to show location. Sent platoon and three tanks out but boy could not locate the cache. Fired artillery mission in area.

At 252300H Recon team working with 1/3 received automatic weapons fire and grenades from vicinity (YD 193682). At 252355H team was extracted by helo. Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions on area. Results unknown.

At 260000H 1/3 passed OPCON 1 platoon Co A and 1 platoon of tanks to Bolview Bench.

At 261200H 1/3 assumed OPCON 1 platoon Co A and 1 platoon of tanks from Bolview Bench.

At 261526H 1/3 visited by Colonel Sparks.

At 271300H Co B found in vicinity (YD 191693) 7 Chinese directional mines, 5 TM 44 Russian AT mines, 2 U.S. AT mines, 1 M-79, 1 M-14, 20 RPG rounds, 10 ChiCom grenades, 150-60mm mortar rounds, 73-82mm mortar rounds, 1 block TNT, 500 machine gun rounds, 165-60mm mortar fuzes, 100-82mm mortar fuzes, 4-M 60 U.S. mine fuzes, 5-M 33 bouncing Betty's and 35 lbs. of rice. Destroyed in place.

At 271646H Co B found 1 NVL body in vicinity (YD 194666). Body 1-2 months old. Also found 24 fighting holes and 4 camp fire sites. Reported to S-2.

At 281230H Recon team working for 1/3 found in vicinity of (YD 192693) 8-82mm mortar rounds above ground. Rounds were damaged at fin assembly. Destroyed in place.

At 281700H Co A found in vicinity of (YD 1946-94) 1-250 pound bomb. Fuze missing. Destroyed in place.

At 290800H 1/3 (-) (Rein) assumed OPCON of 1 platoon Regional Forces (Vietnamese) and 2 platoons of Popular Forces (Vietnamese).

At 290930H Co B found in vicinity of (YD 197-648) 65 bunkers approximately 3-5 weeks old. Bunkers were 4 foot by 6 foot with no overhead cover. Destroyed bunkers and reported to Regiment S-2.

At 291000H 1/3 (-) (Rein) assumed OPCON 1 platoon 1/3.

At 291440H Recon team working for 1/3 received 7-M-79 rounds approximately 100 meters from their position. The rounds came from the East at an azimuth of 100 degrees. Called team in.

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291730H 1/3 assumed CPGON one company from 5th
Battalion 2nd ARVN Regiment.

300630H 1/3 reports cordon in effect of designat-
ed hamlets. Assumed CPGON FM Shark and IT sub team.
Battalion code name of operation (NOMADII)

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At 200000H Co C at NICE 300 East vicinity (XD 984545) received approximately 6 rounds 82mm mortar fire. Could not determine azimuth or distance for counter battery fire.

At 202000H 1/3 was visited by MajGen DAVIS.

At 201700H Co B vicinity (YD 051627) found enemy base camp (possible Regimental Headquarters) which appeared approximately 2 weeks old. Bunkers were constructed of plywood nailed logs. OP bunker had double log for overhead. There was a kitchen bunker and ammo storage bunker. Also found 3 M-16 Field Knives and antenna equipment. Detailed sketch, photo and antenna sent to Regt S-2. Destroyed bunkers.

At 202300H Co E found 60 well constructed bunkers in vicinity (XD 061627). Bunkers were destroyed.

At 201900H Co G at NICE 300 East vicinity (XD 984545) received approximately 5 rounds unknown caliber incoming. Could not determine azimuth or distance for counter battery fire.

At 201900H Co I found 10 82mm mortar fuzes, 300 rectangular boxes, 18" X 10" X 18". Found aiming stakes and unknown type rocket, 10" long, 4" diameter (possible ChiCom 87mm rocket) in vicinity (XD 061627). Everything was destroyed.

At 202200H Co D at FSB PIRE received 2 rounds 60mm mortar fire. Suspected enemy mortar positions in vicinity (XD 976598) and (XD 986600). Fired arty and 81mm mortar missions. Results unknown.

At 210500H Co D vicinity FSB PIRE heard movement in front of lines. Fired S/A. Received one grenade in lines. Checked front lines found nothing. Results 1 USMC KIA (No42vac).

At 211000H Co B vicinity (XD 988595) observed 1 NVA in front of lines. Fired 81mm mortar mission. NVA then headed west. Fired arty missions. Good coverage of area. Results unknown.

At 210000H Co D found 50 .50 caliber rounds in bunker complex vicinity (XD 033634). Destroyed everything.

At 210000H Co G found 10 82mm mortar fuzes, 300 rectangular boxes, 18" X 10" X 18". Found aiming stakes and unknown type rocket, 10" long, 4" diameter (possible ChiCom 87mm rocket) in vicinity (XD 061627). Everything was destroyed.

At 210000H Co D found 1 NVA body. Found 1 mortar mission in vicinity (XD 051627). Results 1 NVA KIA.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events1. Combat Missions Assigned

Basic Mission:

1-11 November 1968

Continue to clear LANCASTER II AO of enemy forces.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frago 56-68 22 October 1968

11-12 November 1968

Continue to clear LANCASTER II AO of enemy forces.
 Institute a firm pacification program in CAM LC and
 HUONG HOA districts in conjunction with GVN district
 forces.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frago 59-68 11 November 1968

12-15 November 1968

Continue responsibility for LANCASTER/KENTUCKY AO,
 conduct offensive operations to destroy enemy forces,
 maintain security for fixed installations and roads
 in AO, and assist RVN forces in pacification of CAM LC
 and HUONG HOA districts.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines OperationsO 8-68 12 November 1968

15-16 November 1968

Continue mission as outlined in Operations order
 8-68 12 November 1968.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frago 60-68 15 November 1968

16-21 November 1968

Continue mission as outlined in Operations order
 8-68 12 November 1968.

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At 211400H pass responsibility for modified LANCASTER AO east of 04 grid line until operation is terminated on or about 23 November 1968. At 211400H pass CPCCN Co D (-), 1/3 to Task Force Hotel and deploy the Battalion (-) to vicinity C-1 to conduct cordon operations in cooperation/coordination with 2nd ARVN Regiment.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Operations 9-68 21 November 1968

2. Significant Operations Conducted

1-11 November 1968

Continue to provide security for CATAPULT, WINCHESTER, MAC, KHE GIO BRIDGE, and DONG HA MOUNTAIN CP until extraction of 3d Battalion. On order (upon extraction of 3d Battalion) be prepared to extract FSB CATAPULT and WINCHESTER. On order assume new AO and maintain security for TSL, LZ MAC, and Route #9 in AO. Conduct company patrol base operations in AO.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frag 56-68 26 October 1968

11-12 November 1968

Assume CPCCN Co C and Co D (-) from 3d Battalion effective 120900H. Maintain security for CAMP CARROLL, convey escort, MCB security, and provide BALD EAGLE and SPARROW HAWK. Maintain security of DONG HA MOUNTAIN CP, KHE GIO BRIDGE and Route #9 in AO. Continue to maintain security of LZ MAC, conduct road sweeps of Route #9 in AO conduct search and destroy operations in AO. Division approved boundary change to 92 line.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Frag 59-68 11 November 1968

12-15 November 1968

Maintain security for CAMP CARROLL, convey escort, TSL, MCB security and provide BALD EAGLE, and SPARROW HAWK. Maintain security of DONG HA MOUNTAIN CP, KHE GIO BRIDGE and Route #9 in AO. Continue to maintain security of LZ MAC, conduct road sweeps of Route #9 in AO. Conduct search and destroy operations in AO.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines Operation Order 08-68 November 1968

15-16 November 1968

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Assume CPOON Co I 3d Battalion, 4th Marines from 3d Battalion effective 151600H. Prepare to seize LZ SIEMMA, upon order after heavy preparations by f/w and artillery. Prepare to heli-lift Command Group to LZ MAC at 151300H. Prepare to heli-lift one company to LZ HELEN at 151300H. Prepare to heli-lift one platoon to MUTTER's RIDGE at 160000H as security for 4.2 Btry, 3d Bn, 12th Marines. Continue mission assigned by Operations Order 8-68.

Ref: CC, 3d Marines FragC 60-68 15 November 1968

16-21 November 1968

Maintain security for CAMP CARROLL convey escort, TSL, MCB security and provide BIRD EAGLE and SPARROW Hawk. Maintain security of DONG HA MOUNTAIN CP, KHE GIC BRIDGE and Route #9 in AO. Continue to maintain security of LZ MAC and LZ SIEMMA. Conduct road sweeps of Route #9 in AO (exception); Company A 3d Engr Bn, will sweep East from XD 982532, to KHE GIC BRIDGE, with Company M, 3d Bn, 4th Marines providing security.

Ref: CC, 3d Marines FragC 60-68 16 November 1968

21-30 November 1968

Effective 211430H or when relieved in position commence heli-lift from LZ SIEMMA and then LZ MAC to C-1. Conduct cordon operation in the GIC LINH/H. THAM area in cooperation and coordination with 2nd ARVN Regiment (annex C). Make tactical tank/truck move at 212300H from C-1 north along Route #1 to GIC LINH. Upon debarking establish tank/infantry cordon as outlined in red on annex C. Cordon to be in place by 220400H. Effective 211700H assume CPOON Co C, 3d tank Battalion, located at C-1.

3. Casualties Inflicted

0
0

VC/NVA KIA
POW

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4. Casualties Sustained

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
KIA	8	0
WIA	41	0

5. Command RelationsADGON

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1-30 November 1968 - Third Marine Regiment

6. Supply. The supply system during the month of November operated with no significant problems. However, WD 40 is desperately needed. All companies were rehabed in position or at THON SON LAM. Class IV supplies have been no problem during the month.

7. Motor Transport During the month of November truck support was not adequate to fulfill the Battalion's resupply, personnel movement and normal house keeping requirements continued breakdown of vehicles during assignments deprived the battalion of transportation in some cases for the entire day.

Civic Action On 21 November 1968 when the Battalion began operating with the 2nd ARVN Regiment we also emphasized the pacification program by conducting Med-Cap's whenever and where ever possible in cooperation/coordination with the 2nd ARVN Regiment. Soap and candy were distributed at every Med-Cap and a dentist was added to our medical staff. One incident occurred during the month with a Vietnamese boy being accidentally wounded by a rifle bullet. The boy was not seriously injured and after investigation the matter was settled so that relations remained excellent. Treatment of Vietnamese went as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total Treated</u>	<u>Children</u>
22Nov68	300	100
23Nov68	196	100
24Nov68	35	20
28Nov68	70	50
30Nov68	70	10

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8. Administration

a. The usual administrative problems were encountered during this time, however, overall administration was considered to be satisfactory.

(1) Awards Recommended

23 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry
 75 Navy Achievement Medals
 5 Navy Commendation Medals
 20 Bronze Star Medals
 2 Silver Star Medals
 3 Navy Crosses

(2) Awards Presented

55 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry
 1 Bronze Star Medal

(3) Promotions Effected

39 Sergeants
 51 Corporals
 91 Lance Corporals
 11 Private First Class

b. Postal Mail service was considered to be satisfactory.

9. Personnela. Administrative Gains

	USMC	USN
Officers	7	0
Enlisted	115	11

b. Administrative Losses

	USMC	USN
Officers	5	0
Enlisted	113	8

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10. Intelligence During the month of November 1/3 operated in its assigned AO. and made several significant findings of intelligence value.

From the 1st to the 10th of the month enemy activities in the AO were light. D-1/3 had one incident of a line probe with mortar support at KHE GIO BRIDGE (YD 025546) in the early morning of 1 November. This area was searched thoroughly and indications were found that the enemy had been in the area, but nothing else was found.

From the 10th to the 14th enemy activities increased in the AO. Co B 1/3 on LZ MAC (YD 967617) received intermittent sniper fire from vicinity (YD-973615), 60mm mortar and 82mm mortar rounds from vicinity (YD 976616) and a line probe during this period of time. This indicated that the enemy was definitely operating in the MUTTER'S RIDGE area.

On the 14th of the month Co A 1/3 made contact with an estimated platoon of NVA on Hill 461 vicinity (YD 946624). The enemy was securely in position on the hill. Results of the encounter were 5 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47, 24 82mm mortar rounds, numerous ChiCom grenades, and one directional mine. (See accompanying recap).

From the 15th to the 20th enemy activities were reduced slightly, but enemy findings were increased in 1/3's AO. Co C operating from Hill 461 vicinity (YD 938626) made findings of 75-82mm mortar rounds, numerous small arms rounds and 2 fresh graves vicinity (YD 938626). Co C took 30-60mm mortar and 82mm mortar rounds vicinity (YD 930627). The enemy was observed by an AC and air strikes were utilized resulting in 4 NVA KIA and 1 USMC KIA.

During this same period of time Co A operating from LZ MAC made findings of 25-82mm mortar rounds, 3 RPG rounds, miscellaneous small arms, and bunkers vicinity (YD 956600). Co D at CAMP CARROLL and KHE GIO BRIDGE made findings of mines and observed an ambush along Route #9. They took 1 detainee during this time.

From the 21st to the end of the month 1/3 conducted cordon operations in the vicinity of Route #1, North of DONG HA. 100 V.C. suspects and 44 draft dodgers/deserters have been detained they were being screened by the ARVN's. Recon teams attached to 1/3 during the cordon operations made several findings to the west of Route #1, FSA vicinity (YD 206714) and bunkers, vicinity (YD 206721). They also made

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contact with a suspected squad of NVA vicinity (YD-195716) and had to be extracted. Co B made a findings of a cache of 73-82mm mortar rounds, 15060mm mortar rounds, 20 RPG's, 10 ChiCom grenades, 1 block of TNT, 4 mines, 35 lbs. of rice, 1 M-14 and 65 bunkers vicinity (YD 194656) while moving west of Route #1.

As the month ends 1/3 is still conducting operations East of QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

The following weapons and equipment were captured during the period 1-30 November 1968:

<u>Individual Weapons</u>		<u>Positions Destroyed</u>	
AK-47	3	Bunkers & Fighting Holes	110
M-14	5	82mm Mortar Pits	4

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Captured Equipment

82mm Mortar Rounds	173	M-29 U.S. Grenade	1
Thatched Hootches	2	M-33 U.S. Grenades	5
60mm Mortar Rounds	150	60mm Mortar Fuzes	165
R.P.G. Rounds	23	82mm Mortar Fuzes	100
Directional Mines	10	Machine Gun Rounds	550
TM-44 Russian Mines	5	AK-47 Rounds	50
U.S. Tank Mines	6	Block TNT	1
ChiCom Grenades	10	Pounds of Rice	35

11. Fire Support From 1-30 November 1968 the following units fired in support of the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines:

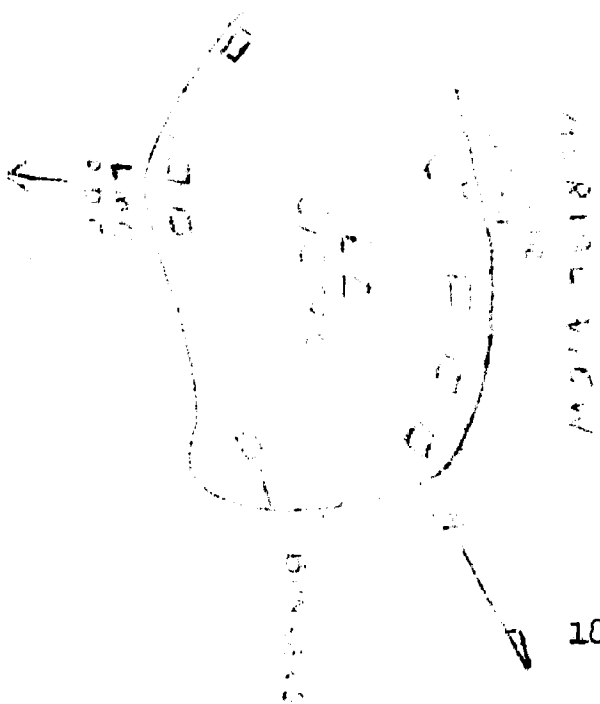
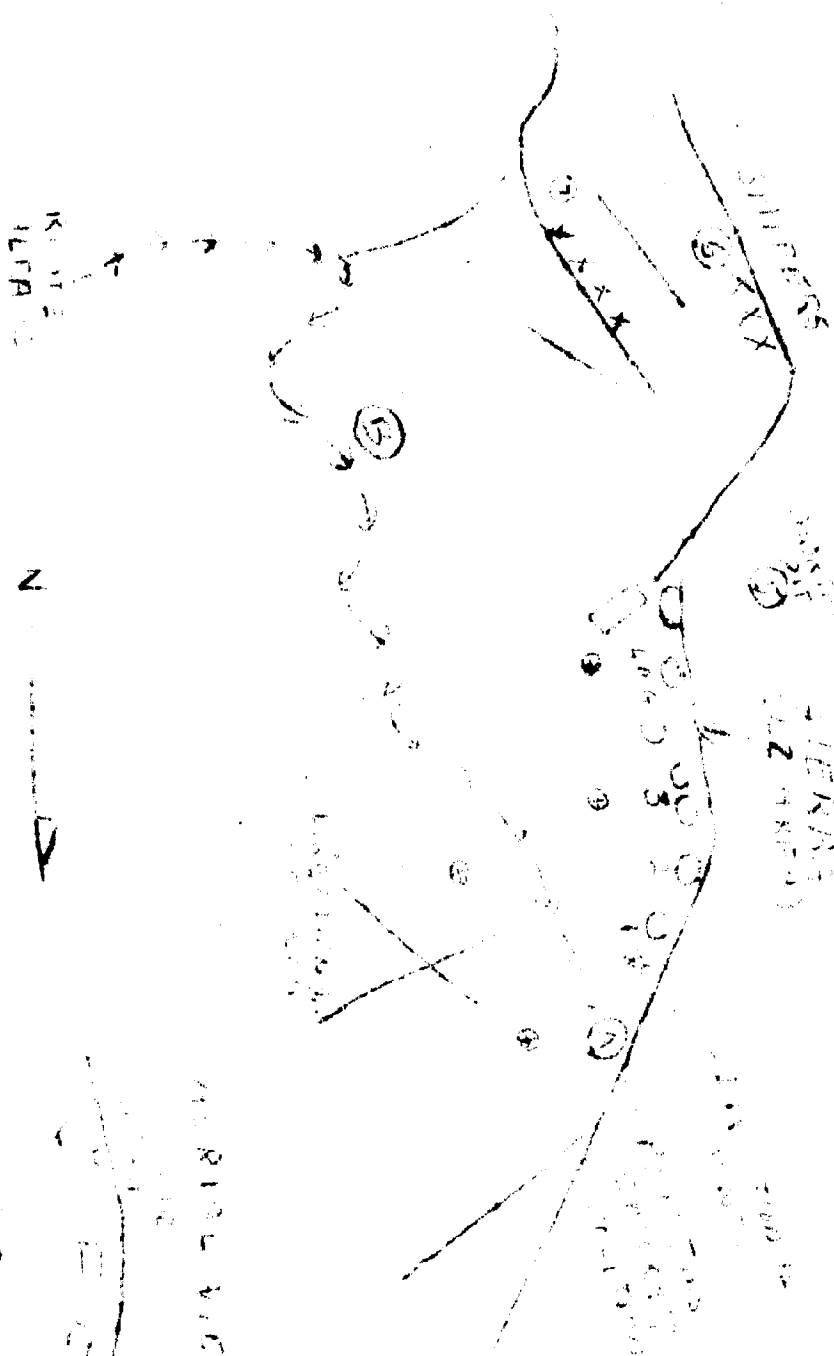
<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Btry D, 4th Bn, 12th Marines	(XD 985545)
Btry W, 1st Bn, 12th Marines	(XD 946624)
Btry A, 1/40	(YD 215673)
Btry C, 1/40	(YD 215673)

Missions Fired

Un-observed	7
Navigation	2
Observation	445
Registration	36
Prop	39
H&I	25
Total	554

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Ammunition Expended

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. Fired</u>
Smoke	2
HE	17,995
WP	486
Illum	211
Total	18,694

Daily Average

Missions	- 10
Rounds Expended	- 623

12. Air Support During the month of November heaviest usage of helicopter support was for re-supply with troop lifts being next. Also there was a marked increase in AC support and TPQ's for the reporting period. Flare ships were used more by the Battalion in conjunction with cordon operations (NOMAD I&II).

MedEvacs	9
Resupply	173
Troop Lifts	114
V.h.	16
Gunships	50
AC	70
Fixed Wing	40
Flareship	5
C&C	102
Spooky	2

13. Communications. No major difficulties were encountered during November with the exception of occasional typical interference and over-riding of stations on certain nets.

14. Training

a. Objective To maintain and improve the high state of combat efficiency of the Battalion.

b. Highlights During the month of November, 4 in-country Troop Indoctrination and Zorcing of rifle programs were conducted.

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General training was conducted throughout November in the Battalion Rear at QUANG TRI, at CAMP CAMROLL and in the field. Emphasis was placed on cross training of troops in supporting arms, offensive tactics and defensive continual training on patrol procedures, ambush techniques and familiarization firing of individual and organic weapons was conducted.

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PART IV

Supporting Documents

- ✓1. CC, 3rd Marines FragO 59-68 11 November 1968
- ✓2. CC, 3rd Marines OperationC 8-68 12 November 1968
- ✓3. CC, 3rd Marines FragO 60-68 15 November 1968
- ✓4. CC, 3rd Marines FragO 62-68 16 November 1968
- ✓5. CC, 3rd Marines OperationC 9-68 21 November 1968
- ✓6. CC, 2nd ARVN Regiment Operations Overlay (LAM SCN 271) from D-43
- ✓7. CC, 3rd Marines Kentucky Boundry Change (overlay)
- ✓8. CC, 3rd Marines FragO 64-68 29 November 1968