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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 February to 26 February 1969

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PART I

Organizational Data1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDERS

1st Battalion, 3d Marines

1stLt P. B. TROPEY
1stLt J. S. KYLE(1-Feb69)
(2-28Feb69)Subordinate Units

H&S Co

1stLt M. A. SELBY /

(1-28Feb69)

Co A

1stLt J. A. BOIVIN

(1-28Feb69)

Co B

Capt G. A. SAMPSON

(1-28Feb69)

Co C

1stLt J. J. TOLAND

(1-7Feb69)

Co D

Capt T. H. GUERIN

(8-28Feb69)

1stLt W. C. JORDAN

(1-28Feb69)

2. LOCATION1-15 February: AN HCA/ANTENNA VALLEY AO. 16-20 February HILL 55
20-21 February PHU LOC. 22-28 February VANDERGRIFT COMBAT BASE3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major M. B. NEILSON

(1-28Feb69)

S-1

1stLt. P. CHAVEZ

(1-28Feb69)

S-2

Capt J. M. MCADAMS

(1-28Feb69)

S-3

Major G. P. HUML

(1-28Feb69)

S-4

1stLt W. J. CAMPBELL

(1-28Feb69)

S-5

2ndLt J. O'LEARY

(1-28Feb69)

Capt M. D. PHILLIPS

(1-28Feb69)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTHUSMCUSNOFF/ENLOFF/ENL

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Enclosure (1)

PART II

Narrative Summary

During the period 1 February 1969 to 15 February 1969 the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines (Rein) operated in the AN HOA, ANTIENNA VALLEY area. During the period frequent contact with small units of NVA/VC was made, and numerous enemy equipment and caches were found. On 15 February 1969 the battalion conducted a helicopterborne withdrawal from ANTIENNA VALLEY to HILL 55. On 21 February 1969 the battalion conducted air lift to DONG HA and trucked to VANDERGRIFT COMBAT BASE. From 1 February 1969 to 1 March 1969 the battalion conducted:

30-Company Patrols
44-Platoon Patrols
27-Squad Patrols
192-Ambushes
124-Listening Post
19-Cutposts

The following events during the period of 1 February 1969 to 28 February 1969 are offered in chronological order:

At 010830h Co D in vicinity (ZC 080445) reported that re-supply helicopters (CH-53's) received small arms fire (AK-47) from vicinity (ZC 077449). Conducted 81mm mortar and 60mm mortar missions on enemy position. Results unknown.

At 011430h Co A in vicinity (ZC 095417) found bunker and hut complex. Huts (9) were (9x12) and bunkers (9) were (6x7). Structures appeared to be 3 to 4 months old. Also found on elevated platform (3x6x8) 1500 lbs. to 2,000 lbs. unrefined oats, 10 ChiCom Type 53 carbines, 2 French bolt action rifles, 1 bolt action rifle (1886), 1 AK-50, 1 American made shotgun (unservicable and rusty), 24 spears, 6,000 rounds of 7.62mm, 1 small bottle poppy seeds, 1 axe and small amount of pills. Destroyed huts, bunkers and oats. Sent sample of oats, pills and seeds to S-2 also turned in gear.

At 012000h 1/3 reported their air net was jammed by music and conversation from an apparent radio broadcast. Reported to Regimental S-2.

At 020930h 1/3 was visit d by Regimental Commander.

At 021040h 1/3 on PSB reported that a CH-53 was hit by small arms fire. 6 rounds hit aircraft from vicinity (1240 grid). Fired 106mm MR into area. Results unknown but fire from this area has ceased.

At 021050h Co L reported that re-supply helo (CH-53) received burst (4-5 rounds) small arms fire from vicinity (ZC 079448). Co L confirmed location of enemy. Fired 81mm mortar and 60mm mortar missions. Also fired 106mm MR's and FC on station conducted air strike. Results unknown.

At 021330H Co B in vicinity (ZC 094467) reported that re-supply helo (Ch-53) approaching their position from the West received small arms fire from vicinity (ZC 089467). Pilot confirmed this report but stated there was several positions firing. Fired mortars and 106mm MR's into area suspected. Results unknown.

At 021340H Co B reported that their ambush in vicinity (ZC 095462) engaged 2 enemy coming from the Northeast. 1 Enemy withdrew to the Northeast. Fired mortars 60mm and 81mm's on route. Results 1 NVA KIA, captured 1 AK-47.

At 021530H Co B reported that platoon patrol in vicinity (ZC 078442) heard movement to the Southwest. While attempting to establish immediate ambush they were engaged by sniper 30 meters to their front. Returned fire and swept area receiving sniper fire from another direction. Squad layed down base of fire and 2 squads enveloped enemy position, then receiving sniper fire from rear. Fired 81mm mortar mission. Results 2 USMC KIA.

At 030805H Co B reported that a night ambush in vicinity (ZC 095405) heard movement coming from East to West. Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions. Threw grenades into area. Swept area found 1 AK-47 and 2 Chicom grenades.

At 030945H Co B reported platoon in vicinity (ZC 098457) was moving South to meet leading element of Co C when taken under fire by approximately 4 enemy in bunkers. The bunkers were mutually supporting in an "X" pattern. Platoon returned fire and called in artillery and 81mm mortar missions. Enemy fled to the West. Fired artillery on route of withdrawal and swept area. Bunkers approximately 2 weeks old were destroyed. Results 1 USMC KIA, 2 USMC WIA.

At 031000H Co B in vicinity (ZC 063465) reported a combat patrol from their 2nd platoon while moving to the South to replace an ambush of their 3rd platoon received fire from one man in 3rd platoon ambush. Word of their close proximity had been passed but had not had time to be relayed to all men in the ambush. Point of B 2 came into observation of an individual who had not been informed and he opened fire. Results 1 USMC KIA.

At 031050H Co B reported that a platoon in vicinity (ZC 0804) had a combat patrol returning to their patrol base which informed them of their approach when 60 meters from lines. Patrol did not stop moving and before word could be passed to men in lines the patrol's point was observed and fired on at 40 meters. The man who fired had not been informed of friendlies in area as the word had not reached him at that time. Results 1 USMC KIA.

At 040850H 1/3 (FSS 111-11) reported that Ch-53 approaching their position received small arms (AK-47) from vicinity (ZC 1240 grid). Same location as previously reported by another helo (see 021040H Feb 69). Fired 106mm MR's and used air strike. Results Helo reported being hit, no casualties.

At 040930H 1/3 conducted change of command ceremony. LtCol R. B. TROPHY was relieved by LtCol J. S. KILE. Regimental Commander and Division Commander were present.

At 041040H Co A patrol in vicinity (ZC 109431) moving north found hut and bunker complex. While searching area 1 enemy fired 1 M-79 round and fled to the north. There were 14 huts in the complex, 7 (10x20) and 7 (8x16). Each separate hut had a bunker of approximately (6x4). There was no sign of recent activity in the area. Huts and bunkers were about 1 month old, thatch and wood construction. Destroyed huts and bunkers. Searched area with negative results.

At 041245H 1/3 in vicinity (ZC 097418) observed 2 enemy digging in the vicinity of large hut (ZC 085297). Hut appeared to be 20' to 30' long. Fired artillery, 106mm AT, 81mm mortar missions. AO on station conducted air strike. Results 1 hut destroyed.

At 041600H 1/3 reported Regimental Commander visited FSB MAX-BELL.

At 051000H Co B combat patrol in vicinity (ZC 078445) found fighting bunker (3x4x4) with small storage tunnel. Bunker was behind a large tree with trail running from it on a 290 degree azimuth. Found 3 helmets, 2 M-16 magazines, 29 M-16 cartridges, 3 empty M-16 AK casings, 1 empty M-60 cartridge carton and 1 empty M-16 bandolier. Destroyed bunker.

At 051100H Co B combat patrol in vicinity (ZC 078448) following trail from report of 051000H on a 290 degree azimuth found 3 fighting holes 30 meters down the trail. Holes were 3x3x4, camouflaged with leaves. The holes formed a diamond shape and extended for 30 meters along the trail. Holes were approximately 20 meters apart. Also found 1 empty M-60 ammo can, 1 MVA pick, 1 MVA entrenching tool, salt in waterproof bag, 2 pages from paperback book in english, empty M-16 bandolier with blood stains, wrapping from battle dressings, part of enemy battle dressing, miscellaneous enemy documents with blood stains, 1 small bottle of enacin, 4 M-16 magazines (3 full, 1 empty) and 1 Argosy magazine. Destroyed the holes.

At 061000H Co A combat patrol in vicinity (ZC 090411) found 2 huts of thatch and wood (10x10) built (4') above ground. Huts were old and partially destroyed by decay. Terrain was extremely thick. Also found 1,000 lbs. of rice in potting vases and woven baskets. The rice and baskets were extremely decayed and unserviceable. Samples of rice returned to Regimental S-2. Destroyed remainder of gear.

At 061050H Co B platoon in vicinity (ZC 051489) fired on 6 enemy advancing from the north on trail vicinity (ZC 050489). Enemy returned fire with AK-47 and 120mm grenades. 5 enemy fled to Northwest. Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions on route of withdrawal. Results 2 USMC KIA (non med-evac) 1 NVA KIA, captured 1 AK-50, 1 pack containing manual for functioning and operation of .50 caliber MG, 1-127 Chinese MG in us barrel, 200 rounds AK-50, 40 rounds AK-47, 100 rounds 12.7, 10 lbs rice, and 2 sets green uniforms.

At 061115H Co A (FSB DACOM vicinity (ZC 144410) reported that sensor device on their position detected movement on abandoned FSB SPAN vicinity (ZC 18654065). Fired artillery mission, results unknown.

061200H Co B found in vicinity (ZC 075450) 2 destroyed huts and fresh grave on bank of small stream in bombed out area. Huts were (5x5). Grave (2') deep and approximately 1 week old. Body appeared to have small arms wounds. Found 1 crutch, 2 black shirts and small amount of rice. Results 1 NVA/VC, KIA.

At 062320H Co B (-) returned to vicinity (ZC 076447) where they had MIA on 30 January 1969. Found 2 bunkers (4x4x2). 1 was overheard with logs and dirt, other was not. The uncovered hole contained a small tunnel (3' in diameter 2' deep). 10 meters from the bunker was a fresh grave (2' deep) containing the USMC MIA's body. Results 1 USMC, KIA, MIA recovered.

At 061720H Co A on (FSB DACOM - ZC 144410) reported that sensor device detected movement of undetermined nature in vicinity (ZC 18424023). Artillery missions fired in area, results unknown.

At 071000H 1/3 reported Regimental Commander visited FSB MAXWELL.

At 071030H Co B in vicinity (ZC 095468) moving on azimuth of 360 degrees was engaged by 8 NVAs. NVA opened up with AK's, and ran from South side river bed. Co B returned small arms fire and enemy fled to the North. Area was thick and canopy high. Found 1 box 12.7 ammunition, 1 AK-47, 2 magazines, 40 rounds AK, 1 small pack of rice and 1 cooking pot. Results 1 USMC - KIA, 1 NVA KIA.

At 071500H Co C in vicinity (ZC 095467) reported that resupply hole (CH-46) received fire from vicinity (ZC 076464). Hole reported the small arms (2 burst) and said they were not hit. Fired artillery mission, results unknown.

At 071700H Co D in vicinity (ZC 097555) moving North along trail found 3 fighting holes. Two were (3x3x2) with no overhead. The third was (3x3x4) with overhead. Also found AA position dug in horseshoe with field's of fire cut for 10 yards. All fighting holes approximately 2 weeks old. Trail was under thick canopy and probably not visible from the air. Searched area thoroughly with negative results.

At 091250H Co D combat patrol in vicinity (ZC 066467) moving to South West observed 6 enemy advancing to the northeast. Enemy taken under fire and they withdrew to the Southwest. Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions on route of withdrawal and searched area. Found 1 AK-47 and 1 pair shoes.

At 091430H 1/3 was visited by the Regimental Commander on FSB MAXWELL.

At 1008830H Co B seized CO's BOLAITHA (ZC 075497).

At 101000H Co D patrol found in vicinity (ZC 065475) 5 fighting holes (2x3) along road, also found 1 circular mortar pit 6' deep 10' in diameter. The holes and pit were approximately 6 to 8 months old with no signs of recent use. Found concrete bridge (5x8) cross-

ing river at this location. Destroyed holes but not bridge.

At 101435H 1/3 was visited by the Regimental Commander.

At 101700H FSB MAXELL visited by MR. ED.

At 102000H Co B in vicinity (ZC 075497) observed headlights of approximately 20 vehicles moving in a westerly direction in vicinity (ZC 125519). Vehicles moving approximately 10 MPH on a 70 degrees azimuth from Co B's position. Pop up illumination flares observed in same area. Fired 106mm RR's and called in artillery mission, results unknown.

At 1022110H 1/3 in vicinity (ZC 097418) observed 2 secondary explosions in vicinity (ZC 1139 grid) resulting from TPs in that area.

At 111945H 1/3 in vicinity (ZC 075497) observed 1 light moving rapidly to the north in vicinity (ZC 060498). Light disappeared after firing 106mm RR's and 81mm mortar missions.

At 121310H 1/3 in vicinity (ZC 075497) received report from plane (fixed wing) that he was receiving fire from an AA gun in the vicinity (ZC 056499). The plane was not hit but reported observing round's as high as 7,000 feet. Fixed wing ran a strike and reported a secondary fire. Results unknown.

At 121430H 1/3 on COB SCHMITAR vicinity (ZC 075497) observed 4 huts (10x20) in vicinity (ZC 045506). Ran air strike (fixed wing) and destroyed huts.

At 121500H 1/3 visited by Regimental Commander on COB SCHMITAR.

At 121500H 1/3 observed 3 huts approximately (10x20) in vicinity (ZC 056454) and another hut in vicinity (ZC 046505). Destroyed huts with 106mm RR's.

At 131105H 1/3 visited by Regimental Commander and Division Commander on COB SCHMITAR (ZC 075497).

At 131130H 1/3 reported that AO had observed 4 to 5 fighting holes with trenches approximately 10 feet long, by 4 feet wide and 5 feet deep in vicinity (ZC 095903). Fired artillery mission, results unknown.

At 131500H 1/3 visited by Regimental Commander.

At 140900H Co D (-) in vicinity (ZC 0524484) found a corn field approximately 170 meters long and one (1) old house with cooking utensils inside. Also across river observed cultivated fields and old houses near a trail. Fired artillery missions and conducted air strike. Destroyed 6 huts, 1 bunker and had a secondary explosion.

At 141015H Co D in vicinity (ZC 151463) observed 6 enemy crossing river in a boat in vicinity (ZC 051465). Enemy went from East bank to west bank and had 3 weapons. Fired artillery and 81mm mortar missions, results unknown.

At 141300H Co D (-) in vicinity (ZC 044477) found 1 hut and 2 bunkers not overhauled. One was (3x5) other (4x8). Also one ChiCom pin. 5 enemy fled from hut and were taken under fire.

Fired artillery mission to the southwest on route of withdrawal. Searched area and found 3 SK's, 1 U.S. carbine, 1 French bolt action rifle, 1-9mm magazine with rounds, documents, 1 tooth brush with paste, pair black pajama bottoms, 2 black shirts and 2 new hammocks. Results 2 USMC WIA, 1 NVA/VC KIA.

At 141255H 1/3 reported that their AO had observed a number of huts and a bunker in vicinity (ZC 038451). Huts were of thatched material approximately (19x20 feet) in size. Conducted air strike (fixed wing) and destroyed all.

At 151130H 1/3 observed 2 huts in vicinity (ZC 045506). Fired 106mm AT's and destroyed huts.

At 16115H Co A patrol observed 1 enemy moving East on trail in vicinity (ZC 104424). Fired on enemy and fired 60mm mortars on route enemy took to the West. Results unknown.

At 161300H Co C patrol in vicinity (ZC 097471) moving South on trail found 1 fresh grave approximately 4 days old. Body was riddled by shrapnel. Found with body in grave 1 AK-47 (Chinese) in excellent condition serial no# 11087428. Results 1 NVA KIA (arty).

At 161300H 1/3 began helicopterborne retrograde to HILL 55. Moved Bravo Command and Co A.

At 1712230H 1/3 reported that all units were now in new position at HILL 55.

On 17-18-19 Feb 1/3 conducted re-hab of all units. Shower, clean clothes, hot meals provided by the 7th Marines, beer and soda provided by Special Services, movies and a USO show provided by the battalion. At this time all weapons were inspected and repaired by a contact team.

At 191100H 1/3 reported that engineers attached to battalion found 2 separate booby-trapped 105 rounds. The first was located to the left of trail in vicinity (ZC 981631) that leads to river. This round was rigged with a mousetrap underneath in turn attached to a secondary charge and detonator. Trap had been set in last 24 hours. The second was located 15 meters to the South of Co B's position in vicinity (ZC 981623) in a trench line. This trap was rigged with a pull type friction device on the nose of the round. An MGI Peanut Butter can held plastic charge in place covering the nose of the round. Wire led from can and was secured 3 feet away on a small plant. This round had been in place for some time. Destroyed, both traps in place.

At 201000H 1/3 reported moving elements moving by truck to PHU LOC.

At 201330H 1/3 reported all elements now at PHU LOC.

At 201430H 1/3 conducted move back to HILL 55. Move completed at 1645H.

At 211000H 1/3 conducted air lift to QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE. Completed lift at 1700H.

At 220800H 1/3 passed OPCON of Co B, C and D to Task Force Hotel.

At 231200H 1/3 moved to LAKEBRIGHT COMBAT BASE. Assumed OPCON Co D (-).

At 240845H 1/3 reported that road sweep found in vicinity (YD 023404) found one (1) Anti-Tank Mine. Destroyed in place.

At 241500H Co A (-) in vicinity (YD 056585) found a bunker (8x10) feet. Bunker had overhead and contained 2-52mm mortar rounds and one directional mine. Destroyed all.

At 241630H Co A (-) in vicinity (YD 056585) found a hole approximately 30 feet away from a bomb crater. Hole was cache containing 1 - AR-17, 10 ChiCom grenades, 4 AK-47 magazines, 1 mortar sight (unservicable), 11 mortar fuzes, assorted medicines, 4 snadals, 2 canteens, 2 gas masks, 1 belt, 2 mess kits, 2 bowls, 1 poncho, 1-82mm round. Equipment appeared to have been stored for approximately 6 months. Turned in gear to S-2 and destroyed mortar round, fuzes and grenades.

At 250840H 1/3 reported that road sweep found in vicinity (YD 046568) one (1) heavy plastic Anti-tank mine. Destroyed in place.

At 251645H Co C at THON SOM LAM (XD 984544) received 6 rounds of 122mm rockets. No casualties. Counter battery fire conducted on suspected enemy position vicinity (XD 972578) Results unknown.

At 251930H 1/3 assumed OPCON of Co C from Task Force Hotel.

At 261140H 1/3 helolifted a platoon to Signal Hill.

At 261600H 1/3 was visited by Regimental Commander.

PART IIISequential Listing of Significant Events1. Combat Missions Assigned

Basic Mission:

1-9 February 1969

Continue present mission. On order, commence a tactical withdrawal of combat and combat support units by helilifts moving men and material from western positions and FSB's initially and progressively clearing all positions east to the AN HOA airstrip, subsequent moves of all units and equipment by fixed wing aircraft from AN HOA to QUANG TRI/DONG HA for further deployment on 3rd Marine Division Zone.

Ref: CO, 3rd Marines OpP 1-69 24 January 1969

10-12 February 1969

Commencing on R-Day Task Force Yankee reduces scale of Operation TAYLOR COMMON by displacing one (1) Marine Regiment (-) (Rein) and one (1) Marine Battalion (Rein) from BA 112 to AN HOA area while continuing recon screen and search and clear operations with one (1) Marine Battalion (-) (Rein) to find, fix and destroy enemy forces and command/logistic installations in BA 112.

Ref: CG, Task Force Yankee OpO 1-69 10 February 1969

13-22 February 1969

Be prepared, on order; conduct displacement from BA 112. On order re-deploy to location to be designated. Not later than R-day displace a platoon (Rein) of 3/5 to relieve the platoon (Rein) of 1/3 on COB DA GGER. On R+1 day be prepared, on order to lift one (1) infantry battalion and two (2) artillery batteries to AN HOA for subsequent re-deployment as directed.

Ref: CO, 3rd Marine OpP 2-69 13 February 1969

23-28 February 1969

No change (See Operations Order number 3-69)

Ref: CO, 3rd Marines FragO 10-69 23 February 1969

2. Significant Operations Conducted

1-9 February 1969

On order, close units to LZ's within ZOA and retrograde men and material by helilift to AN HOA. Subsequently board fixed wing aircraft and move from AN HOA to QUANG TRI/DONG HA. Be prepared to further deploy within 3rd Marine Division Zone.

Ref: CO, 3rd Marines OpP 1-69 24 January 1969

15-22 February 1969

On R+2 Day be prepared, on order to lift one (1) infantry battalion and one (1) artillery battery to AN HOA for subsequent re-deployment as directed.

Ref: CG, Task Force Yankee OpO 1-69 10 February 1969.

17-22 February 1969

Continue present mission until R+2 Day. On R+2 day helilift to AN HOA; prepare to deploy as directed. On arrival AN HOA, 3rd Marines assumes responsibility for AO.

Ref: CO, 3rd Marines OpP 2-69 13 February 1969

23-28 February 1969

Effective 231200H assume OPCOM D(-) 1/3. Effective 231200H assume responsibility for new AO. Provide security for mine sweeps in AO. Provide security for fixed installations in AO (IHE GIO Bridge) and effective 251200H C-3 bridge. Provide security for lines of communication Route #9 East and West in AO. Conduct search and destroy operations in the About Cao, Dong Kio areas. Effective 251200H assume OPCOM of H&F 2/3. Effective 251200H assume responsibility for CAM LO and HUONG HOA districts in AO. Effective 251200H assist in the pacification program of GVN by conducting operations in cooperation and coordination with the RF and PF forces in CAM LO, and HUONG HOA districts. DURLAVTH Co 1/3 with Province and District Advisors.

Ref: CO, 3rd Marines OpP 2-69 28 February 1969

4. Casualties Inflicted

NVA/VC KIA's	7
POW's	0

5. Casualties Sustained

KIA's	3
WIA's	11
MIA	0

6. Supply Other than the usual problems encountered after moving supply had no major problems. We were able to re-hab the battalion on the 17th - 18th and 19th on HILL 55. Giving each man clean cloths and other gear that required survey was surveyed.

7. Motor Transport The process of moving and disrupting our section has caused the section to get behind on our maintenance. However, at present we are bringing all our vehicles up to standard and for see no major problems.

8. Administration

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

(1) Awards Recommended

5 Silver Stars
35 Bronze Stars
11 Navy Commendations
63 Navy Achievements
6 Vietnamese Crosses of Gallantry

(2) Awards Presented

1 Navy Commendation Medal

(3) Promotions Effected

1 Gunnery Sergeant
7 Sergeants
5 Corporals
11 Lance Corporals
4 Private First Classes

b. Postal: Satisfactory

9. Personnela. Administrative Gains

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	4	0
Enlisted	115	8

b. Administrative Losses

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
Officers	6	1
enlisted	116	8

10. Intelligence From the beginning until mid-February, our TAC was in the mountains to the southwest of An Hoa. During this period, numerous enemy positions were discovered, several caches were found, and scattered light contacts were reported.

On 1 Feb Co A found a cache which included several weapons, 6,000 rounds small arms ammunition and approximately 2,000 pounds of unhusked rice. The cache was discovered in a small hut and bunker complex, with the rice in woven baskets placed on an elevated platform.

In the following four days there were six sniper incidents, three involving helicopters. A Co B ambush netted 1 enemy KIA, and several small hut and bunker complexes were found.

On 6Feb a Co A patrol found 2 huts built 4 feet off of the ground which contained 1,000 pounds of rice in pottery vases and woven baskets. A Co B ambush killed 1 enemy, and Co D found a fresh grave containing 1 enemy apparently killed by small arms fire.

On 7Feb a Co B patrol took a small group of enemy under fire resulting in 1 enemy KIA and the capture of 1 weapon and ammunition including .50 caliber and 12.7mm rounds. Co D found a small complex with one AA position, and a sniper incident involving a helicopter was also reported.

During the period of 8-13 Feb, all units continued to find fortified enemy positions (including 1 mortar pit and 1 machine gun position), cultivated areas, and living areas. One flight of fixed wing reported taking fire and another caused a secondary explosion.

On 14Feb a Co B patrol entered a living area adjacent to a cultivated field. Several enemy fled before them, and were taken under fire resulting in 1 enemy KIA and 5 IWC. A further search of the area resulted in the discovery of 1 additional weapon and a small cache. One sniper incident was also reported and a flight of fixed wing reported causing 1 secondary explosion.

On 17Feb 1/3 moved to Hill 55, southwest of DaNang.

On 19Feb, 2 booby trapped 105mm rounds were found near Hill 55 one of which had been rigged within 24 hours of discovery.

On 23Feb we returned to the northern I Corps area and began operating in the area to the west of Elliott Combat Base (Rock Pile). Our road sweep, on 24 Feb found 1 plastic anti-tank mine on the road to NUCG HA, and later found a bunker containing (2) 82mm mortar rounds and 1 directional mine. A Co A patrol found a small cache in a hole which appeared to be approximately 6 months old. Included in the cache were mortar fuzes, rounds and a sight for a 82mm mortar.

The last incidents of the month occurred on 25 Feb. Our road sweep found one plastic anti-tank mine, and Co C received (6) 122mm rockets at Elliott Combat Base.

We encountered no organized enemy resistance while operating in the DaNang area. Upon moving north, it has become apparent that enemy activity has increased during the past several months, particularly in the areas to our north and west.

The following is a list of enemy material losses for the month of February:

Individual Weapons

AK'47's	1
Bolt Action Rifles	4
Sub-machine guns	2
Shotgun (U.S.)	1
12.7mm machine gun	1
SKS	4
Carbine (U.S.)	1
Crossbows	3

Positions Destroyed

Huts	56
Bunkers	30
Elevated Platform	1
AA Position	1
Mortar Position	1
Machine gun positions	1
Concrete bridge	1
Cultivated Fields	2
Chicken pens	2

Captured Equipment

S. A. ammunition	6,309
12.7mm	200
.50 Caliber	100
82mm mortar	3
Directional mines	1
Chinese Communist Grenades	22
Bottle poppy seeds	1
Axe	1
Bottles pills	3
Helmets	3
M-16 magazines	6
Pick	1
Entrenching tool	1
Packs	3
Crutch	1
Black shirts	4
Green uniforms	2
M-47 magazines	6
Cooking pots	5
Pair rubber sandals	1
Hammocks	4
ponchos	2
9mm Pistol magazine	1
Pair Black pajamas	1
82mm mortar sight	1
82mm mortar fuses	1
Canteens	2
Gas masks	2

Documents

Operation manual for .50 caliber machine gun 1
 Argosy Magazine

Missions Fired

Unobserved	1
Registration	35
Navigation	1
Prep	130
Observed	228
BAT	199
Total	594

Ammunition Expended

Type	No. Fired
HP	13,964
WP	672
Other	69
Total	14,705

Batteries That Fired In Support

Btry	Location
SEABY "A"	Pike, Tomahawk, Rock File
SEABY "C"	Maxwell, Spere
DIAGUIP FOX	Cutlass
COFFEE CUP	Pike, Tomahawk
LY	Cutlass
ORIGINAL "L"	Rock File

12. Air Support Air operations in support of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines in February have been light since the completion of this battalion's phase of Operation TAYLOR COMMON. Reconnaissance (AROC & T. A.) support is now, as it was throughout that operation below requirements. Beacon Strike activity continues to be impeded by poor communications. The AR/ARC-41 seems most often to be responsible. Either this radio is too fragile, too old, or both to bear up under mobile maintenance support for it has been poor.

Re-supply	261
C&C	118
Troop lifts	81
Med-evac	19
Gunships	26
V.A.	1
AC	22

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Fixed Wing	16
Beacon Hops	14
Troops	51

19. Communications There were no unusual problems, although problems certainly occurred. These were mostly of re-supply nature.

20. Training

a. Objectives To maintain and improve the high state of combat efficiency of the battalion.

b. Highlights During the month of February 5 in-country Troop Indctrinations were conducted, 115 men attended and zeroed their rifles. Added to the indctrination was a lecture by the battalion doctor on the physical and mental damage caused by the use of drugs or other forms of narcotics. Also covered by the doctor was a more intense lecture on malaria and the means of prevention. On the 13th and 15th of February the companies received lectures from the engineers on mines and booby traps.

Ref: DivO 1510.00

General training was conducted throughout February in the battalion room at BAN O/QUANG TRI and in the field. Companies are continually conducting classes on all GMS but are now placing more emphasis on patrolling, ambushing and attacks on fortified positions. Cross training of BAS Company sections (81mm mortars-106mm RK-Flames) is a continuous project. Motor transport cross trained drivers in 81mm mortars and the drivers conducted live fire missions satisfactorily.

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- ✓1. CO, 3rd Marines OpP 1-69 24 January 1969
- ✓2. CO, Black Horse Yankee OpO 1-69 10 February 1969
- ✓3. CO, 3rd Marines OpP 2-69 13 February 1969
- ✓4. CO, 3rd Marines OpC 3-69 23 February 1969
- ✓5. CO, 3rd Marines EngrO 10-69 23 February 1969
- ✓6. " " S+T RPTS - 1-28 FEB 69
- ✓7. " " SPOT RPTS - 1-28 FEB 69

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Operation Plan 1-69 (Contingency for retrograde of 3d Mar (M)
 (Rein) to Quang Tri/Dong Ha, RVN, within
 48 hours)

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000, series L 7014, sheets (5401,
 6501I, 6501II, and 6501IV)

- (b) 3d MarDiv LOR 1-69 (Five Support Bn, Mountain)
 (c) Task Force Yankee SOP for PSC

Re: 20-31

Task Organization: No change.

SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. To be promulgated.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1st Marine Division will provide fire support and necessary helilift capability for initial retrograde of 3d Marines (M) (Rein) from Taylor Common AO to An Hoa.

(2) TF Yankee will coordinate withdrawal of 3d Marines (M) (Rein) from Taylor Common AO with superior and adjacent units as required.

(3) 1st Marine Division will provide, on request, necessary fixed wing aircraft for inter-division movement.

c. Attachments and detachments. None.

d. Assumptions.

(1) That success exploitation or additional security requirements are necessary in 3d Marine Division Zone requiring immediate presence of all T/O units.

(2) That the enemy in present AO will not reinforce or attack with present forces sufficiently to negate and orderly withdrawal.

(3) That weather will not prohibit use of air within span of withdrawal and subsequent movement to Quang Tri/Dong Ha.

2. MISSION

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3d Marines, on order, retrogresses combat and combat support units from Taylor Common AO by helilift and proceeds from An Hoa to Quang Tri/Dong Ha RVN via fixed wing aircraft to close all elements within 48 hours in order to be prepared for immediate tactical deployment in 3d Marine Division Zone.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. 3d Marines (-)(Rein), on order, commences a tactical withdrawal of combat and combat support units by helilifts moving men and material from western positions and FSB's initially and progressively clearing all positions east to the An Hoa airstrip, subsequently moves all units and equipment by fixed wing aircraft from An Hoa to Quang Tri/Dong Ha for further deployment in 3d Marine Division Zone.
- b. 1st & 3rd Bns, 3d Marines. On order, close units to LZ's within ZOA and retrograde men and material by helilift to An Hoa, subsequently board fixed wing aircraft and move from An Hoa to Quang Tri/Dong Ha. Be prepared to further deploy within 3d Marine Division Zone.
- c. 2nd & 3rd Bns, 5th Marines. On order, close units to designated COB's/FSB's positions, be prepared to helilift to An Hoa or new positions in AO. Chop op/con to CG 5th Marines on order.
- d. 1st Bn, 12th Marines. On order, retrograde men and artillery from FSB's in a mutually supporting sequence to An Hoa. Be prepared to board fixed wing aircraft and move from An Hoa to Dong Ha and support further operations in 3d Marine Division Zone. Be prepared to chop op/con 11th Marine elements to CG 1st Yankee on order.
- e. CIDG and MAF. Units will be prepared to provide flank security to withdrawal movement, chop op/con to parent unit on order.
- f. Reserve. As constituted by 1st Yankee.
- g. Coordinating Instruction.
 - (1) All units establish defensive perimeter and fire plans to support retrograde from current LZ's to An Hoa. Annex A (Fire Support Coordination)

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(2) D-Day and H-Hour to be announced.

(3) This plan effective on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS (See Annex B (Administration & Logistics))

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS (See Annex C (Communications & Electronics))

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ANNEXES:

- ✓ A. Fire Support Coordination
- ✓ B. Administration & Logistics
- ✓ C. Communications & Electronics

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Annex A (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation PL

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000, series L 703, sheets
65401, 65402, 65403, and 65404
(b) 3d MarDiv Ltr 1-69 (Fire Support Coordination)
(c) Task Force Yankee SOP for FSC

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See current INTSUM.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 1st Bn, 12th Marines (-)(Rein) D/S 31st Airborne
Regiment (-)(Rein)
- (2) 1st Bn G/S Task Force Yankee

2. MISSION

The 3d Marines fire support coordination center (FSCC) will exercise overall responsibility for planning, coordinating, and controlling supporting area fires to the Taylor Comm area. On order, the responsibility for controlling subject fires will be shifted to Task Force Yankee's FSCC, thereby insuring maximum effective fire support and troop safety throughout the redeployment and movement of forces to An Hoa.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Fire support coordination will be in accordance with references (b) and (c).
- b. "D" day and "H" hour to be announced.

4. TARGET INFORMATION

- a. All units will be prepared to submit, on order, to this Headquarters, a defensive fire plan and troop suppression plan for the timely withdrawal of forces to An Hoa.

5. AIRCRAFT SAFETY

- a. Aircraft safety will be in accordance with SOP's.

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6. SAFETY OF GROUND FORCES

- a. Safety of ground forces will be in accordance with existing SOP's

7. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. See Annex C (Communications-Electronics)

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Annex B (Administrative Plan) to Operations Plan 2-49

Time Zone: H

1. SUPPLY

a. General

(1) Upon order, the 3d Marine Regiment (-) (Rein) will be directed to return to the area of operations of the 3d Marine Division for immediate deployment.

(2) The logistic support of the 3d Regiment will be provided by FLSG-3. The location and method of the primary source of supply will be dependent on the AC assigned upon arrival at Dong Ha/Quang Tri.

b. Supplies and Equipment

(1) The prescribed loads are: /

- (a) Class 1- 2 days MCI and 6 days LCH's -
- (b) Class 2- normal arms and equipment
- (c) Class 3- 3 days
- (d) Class 4- as required
- (e) Class 5- BA plus 3 DCA's -
- (f) Class 6- none
- (g) Class 7- all essential T/E and special allowances items.
- (h) Class 8- see appendix (1)
- (i) Class 9- critical high usage items as determined by units operating locally
- (j) Class 10- none
- (k) Water - three full canteens per unit - plus 5 days halizone/iodine tablets and 24 salt tablets

c. Control and Distribution

(1) FLSG-3 will be the control agency for all classes of supplies, except classes 8 and 10.

(2) The method of resupply (method and/or route) will be determined when assigned a location by 3d Marine Division.

(3) Unit distribution will be determined for all units operating within the assigned area.

(4) The levels of supplies to be maintained are stated in paragraph 1. b. (1).

d. Resupply

(1) The supply agency to be used will be FLSG-B, but the method will be determined when mission is assigned.

(2) Resupply will be issued to battalions on a daily basis. Care should be exercised to maintain levels of supply in order to guard against limited resupply due to inclement weather and shortage in the supply agencies.

2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

a. Evacuation

(1) Present procedures will remain in effect until return to 3d MAF Div A O at which time procedures in effect prior to operation Taylor Common will be re-instituted.

b. Hospitalization

(1) Battalion Medical Facility Liaison teams will be relocated to 3d Medical Battalion.

3. TRANSPORTATION

a. (See appendix (1) for movement instructions)

4. SERVICES

a. Maintenance

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

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

b. Engineer

(1) Combat engineer support will be provided in the task organization if required.

c. Motor Transport

(1) Arrangements for required truck support will

be made with the Division Motor Transport Officer upon arrival at Dong Ha.

5. PERSONNEL

(All matters pertaining to replacements, discipline, law and order, POW's, Graves Registration, morale and personnel services, decorations, medals and awards, religious activities, special services, welfare services, civil affairs, personnel procedures, and interior management will be handled according to establishment procedures prior to this deployment.)

a. Strength

(1) Embarkation strength will be the on board strengths located in the field, An Hoa and Nam Bridge Battalion Rear sites.

(2) Personnel hospitalized in the DaNang area will re-join their respective organization in 3d Marine Division A upon return to duty.

b. Postal Service

(1) Postal delivery through the 1st Marine Division Post Office will be discontinued and reestablished through 3d Marine Division Post Office. This change will be effected by the Regimental Postal Officer.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Excess Equipment

(1) All class I, III, and IV excess to the prescribed load will be returned to the LSU, An Hoa.

(2) All class IV on hand at time of retrograde will be made available for use by the resident regiment at An Hoa.

b. Uniform and Equipment for Embarkation

(The following items will be taken when retrograding to 3d Marine Division A G):

(1) Individual Marine;

- a. Three pairs of socks
- b. Normal arms and equipment
- c. Individual weapons & cleaning gear
- d. Six days LPR's and one day MCI (plus adequate heat tablets)

- e. Rain suit and hat
- f. Three full canteens
- g. Entrenching tool with cover
- h. Poncho
- i. Gas mask
- j. Jungle packet, first aid (note enclosure (1))

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APPENDIXES:

- 1. Medical Supplies
- 2. Movement Plan

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Appendix 1 (Medical Supplies) to Annex B (Administrative Plan) to Operation Plan 1-69

1. BASIC MEDICAL ITEMS NEEDED FOR A THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD

a. Individual Marine: (One kit per man)

Contents

6545-823-8165 FIRST AID KIT, INDIVIDUAL (Total Wt.: 1.00 lbs)

6545-912-0625	Case, First Aid Kit, Empty	1 EA
6505-299-8183	Benzalkonium Chloride Tincture, 2cc	1 BT
6505-663-2636	Sodium Chloride/Sodium Bicarbonate Mix	1 PG
6510-200-3180	Bandage Gauze, Compressed, 2"x6 yds	1 EA
6510-201-7455	Dressing, 1st Aid Field, 4x7 inches	2 EA
6510-913-7909	Bandage, Adhesive, 3/4x3", 18 s	1 BX
6530-926-2267	Bottle, Snap-on cap, Plastic, 5 grams	3 BT
	a) Two Bottles-Salt tablets	
	b) One Bottle-four (4) Chlorquine- Primaquine Tablets and thirty (30) Dapsone Tablets	

6850-985-7166	Water purification tablets, Iodine, 50s	2 BT
8510-641-4865	Lipstick, Antichap, Hot Climate Type II (GSA)	1 EA

Suggested addition to be carried by each Marine in his Flak Jacket:

6510-201-7430	Dressing, 1st Aid Field, 7 1/2 x 8"	2 EA
(Total Wt.: 1/2 oz.; Total Volume 0.040)		

b. Individual Line Corpsman

6545-927-4960 SURGICAL INSTRUMENT AND SUPPLY SET, INDIVIDUAL
(Total Wt.: 9.5 lbs; Total Vol.: 0.596)

6545-912-9870	Case, Empty	1 EA
5335-373-2800	Wire Fabric	1 RO
6500-100-9985	Aspirin Tablets, 5 grain, 100s	2 BT
6505-129-5518	Morphine Injection, 16 mgm, 1.5cc, 5s	3 PG
6505-147-1720	Tetracaine Ophthalmic Ointment, 1/8 oz	1 TU
6506-299-6123	Benzalkonium Chloride Tincture, 10cc	1 PG
6505-637-4417	Atropine Injection, 2mgm, 1cc, 12s	2 PG
6510-200-3185	Bandage Gauze, 3 inch x 6 yards	2 EA
6510-201-1755	Bandage, Muslin, 37x37x52 inches	2 EA
6510-201-7430	Dressing, 1st Aid Field, 7 1/2 x 8 inches	2 EA
6510-201-7435	Dressing, 1st Aid Field, 4x7 inches	3 EA
6510-203-5000	Adhesive, 3/4x3 inches, 18s	2 BX
6510-913-7909	Bandage Adhesive, 3/4x3 inches 18s	2 BX
6515-383-0565	Tourniquet	1 EA
6515-660-0046	Airway, Pharyngeal, plastic	1 EA
6515-793-2000	Thermometer, Oral	1 EA

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6515-935-7138	Scissors, Bandage, angular, 7½ inch	1 EA
6530-663-1556	Pia, Safety, Medium, 12s	1 PG
6545-957-7650	Surgical Instrument Set, Minor Surgery	1 32
7510-281-5235	Pencil, Black Lead, Hard, with eraser	1 2A
(DGSC)		
DD Form 1380	U.S. Field Medical Card	2 6A

Note: Each Battalion Aid Station should have enough additional supplies to supplement these sets as the need arises. It is recommended that each unit anticipate their needs for a thirty day period.

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Appendix 2 (Movement Plan) to Annex B (Administrative Plan)
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1. GENERAL

- a. Upon activation of Operation Plan 1-69 this regiment will commence a movement to Dong Ha/Quang Tri. The time frame for this movement is 48 hours.

2. SEQUENCE OF THE RETROGRESS

- a. The sequence of echeloning to Dong Ha/Quang Tri will be:

- (1) Command element of Headquarters, 3d Marine Regiment.
- (2) One battalion with supporting artillery heli-lifted from Base area 112 to An Hoa where they will board awaiting fixed wing aircraft for flight to Dong Ha/Quang Tri.
- (3) The remaining battalion to follow procedure noted above.
- (4) The remaining personnel of 3d Marine Headquarters and the battalion rears at An Hoa.
- (5) Battalion administrative rears at DaNang (Name).

3. CONTROL OF RETROGRESS

- a. The processing of the deployed battalions and supporting artillery batteries. (Phase I)

- (1) Equipment and supplies that will be carried forward to Dong Ha/Quang Tri will be deposited on the logistic pad of the LOC in the sections presently assigned the battalion/battery.
- (2) Excess supplies (class I, V, and all Class IV) will be retrograded to the passenger pad and disposed of in accordance with instructions in the administrative plan.
- (3) Personnel will be ferried by helicopter to the BAS pad. When a company/battery has closed at the BAS they will proceed on foot to the turn around portion of the An Hoa airstrip. Upon

their arrival a C-130 will be awaiting to provide transportation to Dong Ha/Quang Tri.

b. Processing of the Regimental Headquarters and the Battalion rears at An Hoa (Phase II)

- (1) During phase I, Headquarters Commandants will be preparing the battalions assets at An Hoa for shipment to Dong Ha/Quang Tri.
- (2) Material handling equipment (forklift trucks) will be provided by the 1st and 3d Shore Party Battalions.
- (3) There are sufficient motor transport assets at An Hoa to haul items to staging area. Nine trucks will be under the control of the Regimental Embarkation Officer.
- (4) The cargo manifest and staging diagrams will be published under separate cover.

c. Processing of battalion administrative rears at Namo/DaNang. (Phase III)

- (1) The final units to be processed will be the administrative rears.
- (2) Care will be taken to insure maximum loading is accomplished on organic motor transport vehicles (i.e., trucks, trailers, mules) prior to embarkation.
- (3) Trucks to move remaining organic property to the embarkation point will be provided by the Motor Transport Officer, 1st Marine Division.
- (4) Detailed information will be published in forthcoming embarkation order.

d. The fixed wing requirements stated in enclosure (1) can be satisfied in the required time frame if one C-130 arrives at An Hoa airstrip every thirty minutes. This echeloning would start at 0900 with the last flight of the day being at 1830.

4. VACATING OF POSITIONS

- a. An orderly retrograde of supplies and equipment will be accomplished prior to Marines leaving Fire Support Bases (FSB) and company positions.

- b. Immediate deployment of tactical units is foreseen upon arrival at Dong Ha/Quang Tri. It is imperative that battalion's coming from the field to board fixed wing aircraft have in their possession all items in the prescribed load that will be needed to sustain combat operations.
- c. Care must be taken while disbanding FSB's that all items of use to the enemy are either retrograded or destroyed in place.
- d. Rear elements at An Hoa and Namo should note that speed is of the essence in preparation for embarking but this will not justify areas left in an unsatisfactory state of police.

5. COORDINATION

- a. All units leaving An Hoa will provide guides at the debarkation point.
- b. Battalion rears at Quang Tri will coordinate with the 3d Regiment S-4 Chief at Dong Ha for trucks required by units arriving at Dong Ha/Quang Tri
- c. Embarkation requirements will be made through the Embarkation Officer 1st Marine Division. Tab (A) gives a break down of the requirements for fixed wing aircraft.

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TABS:

- A: Fixed Wing (C-130) Requirements for Retrogress of 3d Marine Regiment (-)(Rein)

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Tab A to Appendix 2 (Fixed Wing Requirements) to Annex B (Administrative Plan) to Operation Plan 1-69

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>FLIGHTS FROM</u> <u>AN HOA</u>	<u>FLIGHT FROM</u> <u>DANANG</u>
HqCo, 3d Mar Regt	Personnel 3.6 Cargo 4.3	Personnel 4.0 Cargo 4.0
<u>1stBn, 3d Mar</u>	Personnel 9.1 Cargo 1.0	Personnel 4.7 Cargo 4.0
3dBn, 3d Mar	Personnel 9.3 Cargo 1.4	Personnel 4.7 Cargo 3.5
1stBn, 12th Mar	Personnel 3.9 Cargo 7.3	Personnel 4.6 Cargo 4.6

- Note: 1. Flights for personnel are based on 90 combat loaded Marines. ✓
2. Flights for cargo are based on loads weighing 30,000 lbs. ✓

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Annex C (communications and electronics) to Operation Plan
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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex () Intelligence
- (2) Enemy has an excellent EW capability and intercept and deception is to be expected.

b. Friendly Forces

(Task Organization Annex A to Operation Plan)

2. MISSION

On order, install, operate, and maintain communication facilities to support a retrograde operation from Taylor Common A 0 to 3d Marine Division Zone within a 48 hour time span and be prepared for immediate tactical employment therein.

3. EXECUTION

a. Communications Platoon

- (1) Message Center. Task Force Yankee maintains communications and crypto guard for 3d Marines until such time as control is assumed by 3d Marine Division.
- (2) Wire. Local wire system shall remain operational until the Regimental Command Group departs, at which time administrative telephone traffic will be through Yankee switchboard.
- (3) Radio. In accordance with appendixes 1. (radio plan), 2. (radio call signs), and 3. (radio frequencies).

b. Coordination Instructions

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- (1) 1st and 3rd Battalions, 3d Marines shall maintain radio communications within the Battalion and their administrative rears during the retrograde movement as well as assigned nets in appendix 1(Radio Plan)
- (2) 1st Battalion, 12th Marines shall coordinate the movement of its units to An Hoa on the Arty In Net as assigned in appendix 1(radio plan).
- (3) Medevac requests will be placed over 35.5 (M-168)
- (4) The HF radio link with An Hoa, appendix 1(radio plan) will commence continuous operation upon implementation of this Plan.
- (5) Radio communications within the respective Landing Zones shall be over the controlling units LZ Push, appendix 3(radio frequencies).
- (6) Call signs shall be in accordance with appendix 2(call signs).
- (7) Frequencies shall be in accordance with appendix 3(radio frequencies).
- (8) Brevity Codes shall be in accordance with Operation Order 10-68 (Taylor Common)
- (9) Voice Cipher systems shall be in accordance with Operation Order 10-68 and the effective edition of KAK

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS (See Annex 3 (Administrative Plan))

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APPENDIXES:

- ✓(1) Radio Plan
- ✓(2) Radio Call-signs
- ✓(3) Radio Frequencies

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Q - Net Control
X - Guard
A - Guard as
required

Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) to Annex C (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 1-69

UNIT	FEY CND	FEY MAC#1	FEY MAC#2	FEY MAC#3/Intell	FEY SPEC.	FEY PURPOSE	IZ CONTROL AH	IZ CONTROL	FEDEAC	VEH ILLION	REGT MAC#1	REGT MAC#2	REGT ADMIN	IACP	1/3 BN IAC	1/3 BN ADMIN	IZ PUSH	3/3 BN IAC	3/3 ADMIN	IZ PUSH	1/12 BN CND	BN PD#1	BN PD#2	BN PD#3
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A War ALC							C	C	A					C										
A War FSCF																						X	X	X
/3 CP							A	A	A		X	X		A	C	C	C							
/3 (R)															A	X								
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/3 CP							A	A	A		X	X	A	A				C	C	C				

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UNIT	1 (Rear)	2 Units	12 FDC	12 Units
Net Control				
X - Guard				
A - Guard as Required				
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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CALLSIGNS</u>
3d MarDiv	BARBROFF
ADC 3d MarDiv	BEACH BOY
ADC Command Group	CONSTITUTION
Task Force, 3d MarDiv	WHITE FISH
Task Group, 3d MarDiv	TARZAN
3d Marines	BEWARE
1stBn, 3d Marines	AIR POLICE
3rdBn, 3d Marines	SMITTY
12th Marines	PROTRACTOR
1stBn, 12th Marines	SELBY
2ndBn, 11th Marines	FLAG DIP
Prov. 2ndBn 11th Marines	COFFEE CUP
3dBn, 11th Marines	QUIZ MASTER
4thBn, 11th Marines	DESK FOKK
1stBn, 13th Marines	CHAIN WORK
1st Force Recon	NIGHT SCHOLAR
3d Engineer Bn	ALEXANDER
3d Shore Party Bn	SELVEDERE
3d Motor Transport Bn	BLACK BOTTOM
AO, 3d MarDiv	COLORADO

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Appendix 3 (Radio Frequencies) to Annex C of Operation Plan 1-69

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>FREQ</u>	<u>MIKE</u>
TFY Command	(P) 2780 KHZ	M-1089
	(S) 8531 KHZ	M-940
Task Force TAC#1	30.45 MHZ	M-185
Task Force TAC#2	72.9 MHZ	M-524
Task Force TAC#3/Intell	72.3 MHZ	M-101
LZ Control A.H.	36.2	M-749
Task Force Spec. Pur(1)	62.0 MHZ	M-923
LZ Common Control	45.6	M-848
Medevac Vermillion	35.5	M-168
TATC (ivory)	316.9	M-859
PAD-7 (lime)	248.7	M-322
PAD-8 (tan)	314.6	M-196
PAD-9 (chocolate)	348.0	M-71
HD-10 (khaki)	258.8	M-1313
3d Marine Regt TAC 1	47.7	M-1465
3d Marine Regt TAC 11	(P) 3180	M-1170
	(S) 74.45	M-1202
3d Marine Regt Admin	(P) 8630	M-879
	(S) 3322	M-1162
<u>1/3</u>		
Bn TAC	75.6	M-233
Bn Admin	41.65	M-1472
81 COF	58.65	M-94
A Co TAC	75.8	M-267
B Co TAC	64.85	M-191
C Co TAC	50.0	M-701
D Co TAC	62.25	M-113
LZ	49.3	M-1461
<u>3/3</u>		
Bn TAC	68.10	M-687
Bn Admin	65.85	M-874
81 COF	68.9	M-862
I Co TAC	71.1	M-904
K Co TAC	72.0	M-2
L Co TAC	63.7	M-458
M Co TAC	74.35	M-576
LZ	51.4	M-402
<u>1/12</u>		
Bn Commander	68.70	M-702
T.F. Yankee	33.65	M-1467
Bn F.D.#1	49.85	M-1468
Bn F.D.#2	41.35	M-1052
Bn F.D.#3	63.80	M-457
A COF	51.65	M-1472
C COF	36.60	M-782

UNITS	FREQ	TIME
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F COF	55.05	M-168
W COF	65.95	M-873
CIDG NLF	(F) 32.90	M-131
	(S) 41.35	M-1052

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

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XO	
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S-4	OK
S-2	OK
S-4	OK
22	OK
14	MDP
Y-7	
16	MDP
19	
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815	
106's	
S3A	RR

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence).
- (2) Current INTSUMS and PERINTREPS.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) III MAF supports displacement and redeployment as required.
- (2) 1st Marine Division redeploy 3d Marines (-) when directed.
- (3) 1st Marine Aircraft Wing provides fixed wing and helicopter support as required.
- (4) Force Logistic Command provides logistic support as required.
- (5) 11th Marines provide artillery support as required to include assets to maintain FSB's TOMAHAWK and MAXWELL each with a D/S battery (rein) for support of operations in BA 112 subsequent to R+1 Day.
- (6) 1st Engineer Battalion provide engineer support as required.
- (7) Company "C", 5th SFGA continues to provide USF/CIDG support for screening approaches to BA 112.

2. MISSION

Commencing on R-Day Task Force YANKEE reduces scale of Operation TAYLOR COMCON by displacing one Marine regiment (-) (rein) and one Marine battalion (rein) from BA 112 to AN HOA area while continuing recon

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screen and search and clear operations with one Marine battalion (-) (rein) to find, fix and destroy enemy forces and command/logistic installations in BA 112.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

Annex C (Concept of Operations)

b. 3d Marines (-) (Rein)

- (1) Be prepared, on order, conduct displacement in accordance with Annex C (Concept of Operations).
- (2) Be prepared, on order, to redeploy to location to be designated.
- (3) Not later than R-Day displace a platoon (rein) of 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines to relieve the platoon (rein) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines on COB DAGGER.
- (4) Be prepared, on order, to pass OPCON 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein) and 3d Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein) to 5th Marines.
- (5) On R+1 Day be prepared, on order, to lift one infantry battalion and two artillery batteries to AN HOA for subsequent redeployment as directed.
- (6) On R+2 Day be prepared, on order, to lift one infantry battalion and one artillery battery to AN HOA for subsequent redeployment as directed.

c. 5th Marines (-) (Rein)

- (1) Continue assigned mission.
- (2) Be prepared, on order, to assume OPCON 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein) and 3d Battalion, 5th Marines (Rein) from 3d Marines (-) (Rein).
- (3) Be prepared, on order, to assume responsibility for that portion of TAYLOR COMMON's AO presently under the control of the 3d Marines (-) (Rein).
- (4) Be prepared, on order, with one infantry battalion (-) (rein) with a strength of 2 rifle companies to continue search and clear operations to find, fix and destroy enemy forces and command/logistic installations in BA 112 in accordance with Annex C (Concept of Operations). FSB's TCHAHANK and MAXWELL will be secured with a minimum of 1 rifle company on each base. The other two rifle companies will be located at AN HOA as a rapid reaction force.

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d. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company

Be prepared to continue operations in accordance with Annex I (Intelligence) and Annex C (Concept of Operations).

e. MSF/CIOG

(1) Continue assigned mission.

(2) Be prepared, on order, to pass to area element control of Company "C", 5th SFGA.

f. Coordinating Instructions

→ (1) R-Days To be announced.

→ (2) Redeployment of 3d Marines (-) (Rein) may be by air, sea, land or a combination thereof.

(3) This Order effective for planning upon receipt and execution on order.

(4) Annexes E (Air) and G (Engineer).

(5) Direct liaison authorized for all concerned.

(6) Helicopter requirements are listed in Appendix 1 (Displacement Schedule and Helicopter Requirements) to Annex C (Concept of Operations).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

Annex H (Logistics)

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS

a. Command

(1) Task Force YANKEE, on order, passes OPCON of redeploying units to CG, 1st Marine Division.

(2) Command Relations

Annex C (Concept of Operations)

b. Communications/Electronics

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Annex I (Communications)

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ANNEXES:

- ✓ A - Task Organization
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Command Group

1st Plat, SU #1, 1st Radio Bn

Comm Plat, 7th Comm Bn

TACP, HqBn

3d Marines (-) (Rein)

Col LAFOND

Hq Co (-) (Rein)

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Sub Tm, ITT, HqBn, 3d MarDiv

Det, PIO, HqBn, 3d MarDiv

PLIU Tm, HqBn, 3d MarDiv

HSG Delta

B Co, 3d Engr Bn

D Co, 3d SP Bn

LtCol KYLE

LtCol SCHOLZE

LtCol STEMPLE

LtCol ATKINSON

5th Marines (-) (Rein)

Col ORD

Hq Co

1/5

BIT 2/26

BIT 3/26

LtCol DAILEY

LtCol SPARKS

LtCol ROBERTSON

1st Force Reconnaissance Company (-) (Rein) Maj SIMMONS

Plat, 1st Recon Bn

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 (c) Task Force Yankee message 051140Z Jan 1969

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1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. See current Intelligence Estimate and current INTSUMS.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

- a. Determine if enemy forces detect the unit displacement from Base Area 112 or from the remaining FSB's/COB's.
- b. Determine if enemy forces will attempt to interdict the unit displacement. If so, where, when, how and in what strength?
- c. Determine if enemy will attempt to attack the staging area at An Hoa; if so, where, when, what size force and by what means?
- d. Determine if enemy forces will attempt to reoccupy Base Area 112. If so, when, with what forces and from what direction?
- e. Determine if enemy will attempt to harass FSB's which remain occupied in Base Area 112. If so, when, which FSB's and what strength?
- f. Requests to higher headquarters, adjacent, and supporting units.

(1) First Marine Division

(a) Provide daily IR, SLAR, APD and PHOTO coverage as follows:

	IR	SLAR	APD	PHOTO
R-5	N/A	N/A	N/A	Trident, Rapier, Stiletto
R-2	N/A	Entire AO	Bolo	N/A
R-1	Song Cai & Song Boung	Entire AO	Bolo & Tomahawk	N/A
R	SW portion of AO	Entire AO	Saber & Maxwell	N/A
R+1	Song Cai & Song Boung	Entire AO	Saber & Tomahawk	N/A

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	<u>IR</u>	<u>SLAR</u>	<u>APD</u>	<u>PHOTO</u>
R+2	Song Cai & Song Boung	Entire AO	Tomahawk & Maxwell	N/A
R+3	Song Cai & Song Boung SW portion of AO	Entire AO	N/A	N/A
R+5	N/A	Entire AO	Tomahawk & Maxwell	N/A
R+6	Entire western portion of AO	Entire AO	N/A	N/A
R+8	N/A	N/A	N/A	all un- occupied COB's/FSB's

(b) Provide a daily 48 hour weather forecast.

(c) Provide one additional air observer, daily, to supplement the organic Task Force Yankee capability. Request this AO brief and debrief daily at Task Force Yankee Headquarters.

(d) Provide information regarding the following:

(1) Movement of enemy forces to or from Task Force Yankee area of operation.

(2) Identification of new units.

(3) Indications to validate or correct the Intelligence Estimate at tab A.

3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION TASKS

a. Orders to subordinate and attached units.

(1) Third Marines (-) Rein

- (a) Conduct local patrols in the vicinity of FSB's/COB's.
- (b) Apprehend and expedite the return of detainees to An Hoa for interrogation.

(c) Employ sensors as directed by reference (a).

(2) Fifth Marines (-) Rein

(a) Commencing R-3, conduct counter-reconnaissance patrols within 4,000 meters of the An Hoa Base, continuing until the displacement of forces is completed.

(b) Apprehend and expedite the return of detainees to An Hoa.

(c) Conduct reconnaissance patrols in Base Area 112, from occupied FSB's.

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(d) Emplace sensors in accordance with reference (a).

(3) First Force Reconnaissance Company

(a) Commencing R-6, conduct recon/stingray patrols along routes of movement from the recon zone to FSB's/COB's, to determine direction of movement of enemy forces and in support of the deception plan. (See recon schedule Appendix 1 to Annex B Task Force Yankee Operation Order 1-69.)

(b) Commencing R-1, conduct recon/stingray patrols within mortar/direct fire weapons range from FSB's/COB's, to locate enemy indirect/direct fire weapons positions.

(c) Emplace sensors in accordance with reference (a).

(d) Subsequent to R-4, conduct reconnaissance patrols, as directed, in support of Fifth Marines.

(4) First Radio Battalion. Conduct operations from FSB Dagger as directed.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL

- a. Detainees: Reference (c) applies.
- b. Captured documents: Through intelligence channels to 13th ITT.
- c. Captured materials: Evacuate through logistic channels to AN Hoa.

5. DOCUMENTS AND/OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- a. Reference (b) is designated as the standard map.
- b. Sensor equipment as allocated in reference (a).

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

a. Fifth Marines: Prior to R-Day, employ counterintelligence capability to determine possible compromise of plans.

7. REPORTS AND INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Standard intelligence will be submitted.
- b. Report, immediately, attempts to monitor or jam friendly forces communication nets.

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8. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Units in contact continue to make maximum effort to capture detainees.

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APPENDICES:

- ✓1 - Intelligence Estimate
- ✓2 - Reconnaissance Plan
- ✓3 - Mines/Booby Traps Plan

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Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate of the Situation) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 1-69

Ref: (a) Map: AMS Series: L7014; Sheets: 6540 I, II, III, IV, 6640 III, IV; Scale: (1:50,000)
 (b) Intelligence Estimate Operation TAYLOR COMMON dated 6 Dec 1968
 (c) First Marine Division Special Study Base Area 112 dated Dec 1968

1. MISSION

a. Basic Mission. Provide continuous surveillance over Base Area 112 and deny the enemy the use of that area by conducting periodic search and destroy operations against enemy forces and logistic/command installations.

b. Previous Decisions. To retain two company size fire bases, recon elements, and supporting artillery in Base Area 112 to continue interdiction of enemy LOC's and units attempting to reoccupy command/logistic installations.

c. Purpose of Estimate. To determine the most probable courses of enemy action during friendly unit displacement from Base Area 112.

2. ENEMY SITUATION

→ a. The enemy activities in Base Area 112 have continued to conform to the estimate published in reference (b). Enemy headquarters and logistic elements continue to avoid contact while moving south and west from the Base Area. Enemy counter-reconnaissance, reconnaissance and harassment efforts continue, in the form of small mobile units of 6-20 men, with the mission to deny our observation of their retrograde, determine friendly positions and movements, slow our advances and attack forces with the minimum possible troop commitment.

b. Characteristics of the Area of Operations

1. Characteristics of area as stated in reference (c) remain valid except as noted herein.

2. Critical Terrain. Helicopter landing zones on FSB's/COB's and the contiguous high ground, within crew served weapons range, are particularly critical during the unit displacement. Thereafter, critical terrain will be the occupied FSB's, contiguous high ground within crew served weapons range, and trail junctions controlling movement within

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Base Area 112.

3. Routes of Approach. Road nets, ravines and streams leading to FSB's.

4. Effect on Enemy Operations. Limits areas for deployment of direct and indirect fire weapons, against displacement, to terrain where direct observation/mask clearance can be obtained.

5. Effect on Friendly Operations. Observation of enemy anti-air sites will be limited. The size of existing BLZ's constricts rapid displacement of forces and equipment. Incremental (1-2 helicopters at a time) movement creates a longer period of vulnerability, to enemy forces, while continually decreasing the local FSB defense force. It is not anticipated that terrain and vegetation will hamper communications.

C. Climate and Weather

1. Climate and weather as stated in reference (b), except as noted herein.

2. February and March are the final months of the winter monsoon period. The precipitation history during these months is:

	<u>Average Rain</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>
February	1.6	10.4	.05
March	0.9	5.7	.05

3. Effect on Enemy Operations. Visibility and rain could hamper enemy attempts to interdict/harass our displacement.

4. Effect on Friendly Operations. Evacuation of FSB's/COB's could be adversely affected by periods of heavy rains and low cloud cover. Such occasions could interrupt the unit displacement, resulting in decreased friendly forces occupying FSB and/or cause helicopters to operate at lower altitudes making them more vulnerable to enemy anti-air fire.

D. Enemy Military Situation. As stated in reference (b), except as revised or restated for emphasis below.

→ 1. Composition and Strength. The headquarters and logistics elements occupying Base Area 112, prior to TAILOR COMBAT, have deployed to the south and west. It is estimated that the forces remaining to conduct recon/counter recon/harassment are less than 50%, dispersed throughout the Base Area.

2. Electronic Warfare. The enemy retains the capability of monitoring, intercepting, jamming friendly radio communications. This

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interference will be particularly critical as friendly strengths decrease on FSB's/COB's and they become more vulnerable to enemy attacks by fire or ground.

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. Attack. Enemy forces can organize and implement attacks by ground forces and/or fire against FSB's/COB's or An Hoa, during displacement from those bases.

b. Defend. There are no enemy positions threatened by friendly offensive operations in this phase.

c. Reinforce. Using forces, contiguous to the Task Force Yankee operating area, provide additional impetus to any attack plans.

d. Withdraw. Continue to withdraw in reaction to our deception plan and/or maintain current force dispositions and not interfere with the displacement efforts.

4. ANALYSIS OF ENEMY CAPABILITIES

→ a. Limited ground probes and attacks by fire against FSB's/COB's, during the final stages, of unit displacement, would provide enemy forces the opportunity to inflict casualties on friendly forces whose retaliatory capability is reduced by the departure of forces. This same tactic was employed by enemy forces against the displacement from Operation MAUI PEAK. The presence of the recon elements in the Base Area indicates that such a course of action is probable, if and when the enemy discovers that a large scale displacement is in effect. Air cover, artillery suppressive fires and the deception plan could significantly reduce enemy reaction. Attacks by fire, against An Hoa, during the period of increased illumination and an opportune target invite such an attempt by local force/main force units, operating in the Fifth Marines AO.

b. Enemy command/logistic units could continue to withdraw to avoid continued friendly offensive actions indicated by our deceptive activities. Penetration of the deception will probably cause a halt to the withdrawal and a period of reflection to determine the exact intent of friendly movements.

c. It is unlikely that the enemy will use any regular NVA units to reinforce attacks against FSB's/COB's or the base at An Hoa. Such a course of action would leave them extremely vulnerable to friendly supporting arms, without providing the opportunity of success against a significant target. Additionally, it is characteristic for their forces not to react to friendly operations or targets of opportunity on short notice.

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d. There is no requirement for enemy forces to defend.

5. CONCLUSIONS

→ a. The relative probability of enemy action is in the order indicated in paragraph 4.

→ b. None of the enemy's efforts can preclude the accomplishment of the displacement effort; however, limited attacks by fire or ground against FSB's/COB's and aircraft can impede the rapid, orderly displacement from Base Area 112.

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Appendix 2 (Ground Reconnaissance Plan) to Annex B (Intelligence) to
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 III, IV; Scale: (1:50,000)

1. MISSION

a. Commencing R-6, conduct recon/stingray patrols along routes of movement from the recon zone to the FSB's/COB's, to determine direction of movement of enemy forces. Appendix 1 (Recon Schedule) to Annex B Task Force Yankee Operation Order 1-69.

b. Commencing R-1, conduct recon/stingray patrols within mortar/direct fire weapons range from FSB's/COB's, to locate enemy indirect/direct fire weapons positions.

c. Emplace sensors in accordance with reference (a).

d. Subsequent to R+4, conduct reconnaissance patrols, as directed, in support of Fifth Marines.

2. CONCEPT. Commencing on R-7, utilizing helicopter insertions, First Force Reconnaissance Company (Rein) will provide reconnaissance/surveillance units to accomplish the foregoing mission in accordance with paragraph 3 below.

3. Ground Reconnaissance is Planned as Follows:

<u>EVENT NUMBER</u>	<u>TIMING</u>	<u>MISSION</u>
1.	R-7	Conduct a detailed reconnaissance of YC 956369 and immediate adjacent area. When completed, move to safe OP and call fire mission to prepare the above coordinates for exploitation.
2.	R-6	Conduct a detailed reconnaissance of YC 942448 and immediate adjacent area. When completed, move to safe OP and call fire mission to prepare the above coordinates for exploitation.
3.	R-6	Conduct a detailed reconnaissance of YC 946293 and immediate adjacent area. When completed, move to safe OP and call fire mission to prepare above coordinates for exploitation.

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<u>EVENT NUMBER</u>	<u>TIMING</u>	<u>MISSION</u>
4.	R-6	Remain behind after the CIDG evacuates FSB PIKE. Select an OP from where FSB PIKE can be observed in order to call fires on enemy attempting occupation of PIKE.
5.	R-1	Establish a clandestine radio relay vicinity ZC 0831; relay all messages received to Night Scholar.
6.	R-1	Observe and report all enemy actions on the approach routes to FSB BULO in grid square ZC 0625 and ZC 0724.
7.	R-1	Observe and report all enemy actions on the approach routes to FSB BULO located at ZC 098272.
8.	R-1	Select an OP vicinity YC 9934. Observe and report all enemy activity within sight. Be prepared to direct supporting arms upon the enemy.
9.	R-1	Select an OP vicinity ZC 0143. Observe and report all enemy activity within sight. Be prepared to direct supporting arms upon the enemy.

4. COMMAND AND LOGISTICS

a. At such time as control of the Third Marines area of operation passes to the Fifth Marines, the First Force Reconnaissance Company will revert to direct support of the Fifth Marines, under operational control of the First Marine Division.

b. A dedicated package of 2 UH1E and 2 CH-46 helicopters is required to support the plan outlined herein, except on R-1 where the requirement is 4 UH1E and 4 CH-46 helicopters.

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Appendix 3 (Mine/Booby Trap Plan) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 1-69

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1. MISSION: Provide harassment/interdiction of enemy forces along routes of ingress to Base Area 112, during friendly unit displacement.

→ a. Recommend booby trap/mine employment, during displacement from Base Area 112, in following areas:

- (1) Along the trail networks leading to FSB's/COB's.
- (2) Trail nets on the banks of the Song Cai River with particular emphasis to the bands at ZC 0344, ZC 0142, and YC 9736.
- (3) River basin of the Ha Ra River from YC 9341 to YC 9845.
- (4) HidgeLine from ZC 0144 to YC 966435.

→ b. Mined/booby trapped areas will be recorded with the Fifth Marines.

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1. MISSION

Commencing on R-Day, Task Force YANKEE reduces the scale of Operation TAYLOR COMMON by displacing one Marine regiment (-) (rein) and one Marine battalion (rein) from Base Area 112 to the AN HOA area, while continuing recon screen and search and destroy operations with one Marine battalion (-) (rein) to find, fix and destroy enemy forces and command/logistic installations in Base Area 112.

2. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

a. General

→ Essentially the reduction in scale of Operation TAYLOR COMMON is keyed to the withdrawal of the 3d Marines (-) (Rein) from Base Area (BA) 112 and the redeployment to other areas as determined by higher authority. Operations conducted by 5th Marines in other assigned areas will continue at the same level of force employment. Operation control of forces and responsibility for the area of operations in BA 112 will pass from the 3d Marines (-) (Rein) to the 5th Marines (Rein) at a mutually agreeable time after the majority of the 3d Marines (-) (Rein) elements have displaced by helicopter to AN HOA, but not later than R+2 Day.

b. Phases

→ (1) General: The reduction in scale of TAYLOR COMMON is visualized as a three phase operation. The first phase will be a cover and deception plan, covering the period from R-7 Day to R-Day. The second phase will be the displacement of the 3d Marines (-) (Rein) and the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines from present position to the AN HOA area. The third phase will be the redeployment of the 3d Marines (-) (Rein) from AN HOA as directed.

→ (2) Phase I (Cover and Deception)

(a) Basically cover and deception operations will be two separate

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efforts that are integrated and mutually supporting during the initial phase of the displacement of Task Force YANKEE units from BA 112.

(b) Annex D (Cover and Deception).

(3) Phase II (Displacement from BA 112)

- (a) The reduction of forces in BA 112 would be effected by heli-lifted battalion size elements reinforced with D/S artillery units directly from their present areas of employment to the Combat Base at AN HOA. This operation will be executed over the shortest possible time span to reduce the total force vulnerability. Since units will be most susceptible to enemy attack during withdrawal from FSB/COB's, utilization of the minimum possible time will be the goal. Following the schedule in Appendix 1 will reduce the exposure time to three days. This is an acceptable time frame particularly if the deception plan has engendered a response by the enemy in another direction.
- (b) Concurrent with the stringent displacement schedule will be the acceptance of the risk of austere stockage levels on the FSB's just prior to close out. This latter evolution will be a matter of close command attention and will require the strictest compliance with the scheduled downgrading of stockage levels. Annex H (Logistics) and Annex D (Cover and Deception).
- (c) The most critical ingredient of this phase of the operation will be the control of helicopters and the detailed coordination that will be required to assure that units or equipment to be heli-lifted are staged at the proper site and at the time prescribed. Appendix 1 (Displacement Schedule and Helicopter Requirements) depicts the general schedule. To coordinate this movement a helicopter director airborne will be on station each day of the displacement operation.
- (d) The displacement schedule set forth in Appendix 1 (Displacement Schedule and Helicopter Requirements) has a certain amount of elasticity to assure relative flexibility in the schedule in the event of inclement weather. However, any delay greater than one day duration will require a change in the fixed wing or motor transport schedule of redeployment to other locations designated. The requirement for helicopter support under the reduced force posture in BA 112 are listed in Appendix 1 (Displacement Schedule and Helicopter Requirements).

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(4) Phase III (Redeployment)

(a) Redeployment of the 3d Marines may either be by motor transport, helicopter, fixed wing or a mixture thereof. The mode of travel is immaterial to this order. Transportation for a redeployment outside Task Force YANKEE AO will be scheduled by the 1st Marine Division under the cognizance of the Embarkation Officer as necessary.

// → (b) Under optimum conditions the helicopters will be capable of delivering 3d Marine units to AN HOA in such a sequence that the units will have a minimum of 18 hours for rehab and staging, but still be capable of completing the deployment, if directed, within a 48 hour time span.

3. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP

- a. During Phase I.--Operational control of Task Force YANKEE forces in BA 112 and the responsibilities of this area of operations will be retained by 3d Marines. Operational control of the CIDG companies (THUONG DUC and NONG SON) will be retained by Task Force YANKEE. Area of operations will remain the same.
- b. During Phase II.--Operational control of the Task Force YANKEE forces remaining in BA 112 after R+2 Day will pass from the 3d Marines to the 5th Marines at a mutually agreed time not later than 1800H. Operational control of the two CIDG companies will remain with Task Force YANKEE. The 5th Marines AO will expand to include all of BA 112 not indicated within the CIDG AO.
- c. During Phase III.--Operational control of the 3d Marines, if they are to deploy outside of the Task Force YANKEE AO, will pass to the 1st Marine Division upon the departure of the last elements of the regiment. It is envisioned that operational control of the CIDG companies will pass back to Company "C", 5th SFGA. When this occurs, the TAYLOR COMMON AO in the THUONG DUC and NONG SON CIDG TAOR will pass back to the respective camps. When this is implemented, either 5th Marines or Task Force YANKEE, whichever is the senior unit in TAYLOR COMMON at the time, must establish an AO extension between the Arizona Area into BA 112 through the THUONG DUC TAOR. This corridor would encompass FSB PIKE, FSB LANCE, FSB SPEAR, FSB TCMANAVK, COB DAGGER and COB MACE.

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d. All other command relationships not described above will be normal.

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APPENDIX

1 - Displacement Schedule and Helicopter Requirements

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Appendix A (Displacement Schedule and Helicopter Requirements) to Annex C
(Concept of Operations) to Operation Order 1-69

1. The following schedule outlines the projected departures of units from
BA 112 and the aircraft requirements to support such lifts.

DATE	FROM	UNIT	TO	A/C REQUIREMENTS
R	HOLO	2 Co 3/3	AN HOA	3 CH-53, 12 CH-46,
	TONIAHAWK	Co 3/5	MAXWELL	1 UH-1E(S), 5 UH-1E(G)
R+1	TONIAHAWK	2 Btry 1/12	AN HOA	
	HOLO	1 Btry(+) 2/11	TONIAHAWK	2 CH-53, 7 CH-53, 13 CH-46, 2 UH-1E(S),
	HOLO	2 Co 3/3	AN HOA	7 UH-1E(G)
	ARTIE AX	1 Plt 4.2		
R+2	IE (1/3)	1/3	AN HOA	8 CH-53, 12 CH-46,
	MAXWELL	1 Btry 1/12		2 UH-1E(S), 7 UH-1E(G)
	BARRE	Btry 2/12	MAXWELL	
	COMPANT 1/5 WALK FROM BARRE TO TONIAHAWK			
R+3	BARRE	2/5	AN HOA	4 CH-53, 12 CH-46,
	TONIAHAWK			1 UH-1E(S), 7 UH-1E(G)
R+4	TONIAHAWK	2 Co 3/5	AN HOA	2 CH-53, 12 CH-46, 1 UH-1E(S), 7 UH-1E(G)

2. Helicopter requirements for reduced force operations in BA 112,
Arizona Area and 5th Marines Northern AO.

a. Daily requirements:

- (1) Command and Control; 1 UH-1E(S), 1 CH-46
- (2) Medical Evacuation; 1 CH-46, 1 UH-1E(G)
- (3) Resupply; 4 CH-46, 1 CH-53, 2 UH-1E(G)
- (4) Reconnaissance; 2 CH-46, 2 UH-1E(G)

TOTAL: 1 CH-53, 4 CH-46, 1 UH-1E(S), 5 UH-1E(G)

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b. Periodic requirements:

(1) Troop movement; 4 CH-46, 2 UH-1E(G)

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces

1st Marine Aircraft Wing provides fixed wing and helicopter support as required.

2. PROCEDURES

a. Air strikes within the operating area must be under positive control of TACP, TAC(A) or ASRT.

b. Submit pre-planned mission requests prior to 1000 daily.

c. Minimum aircraft requirements are listed below; additional requests will be made as subordinate plans are developed.

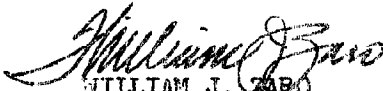
(1) Helicopter Requirements: Appendix 1 (Minimum Helicopter Requirements)

(2) Fixed Wing Requirements: Appendix 2 (Minimum Close Air Support Requirements)

3. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS

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DATE	C&C MSN 50		RESUPPLY MSN 52			DISPLACEMENT MSN 54				MEDEVAC MSN 55		RECON MSN 53		HCA
A/C	UH-1E(S)	CH-46	CH-53	CH-46	UH-1E(G)	CH-54	CH-53	CH-46	UH-1E(G)	UH-1E(G)	CH-46	CH-46	UH-1E(G)	UH-1E(S)
R-1	1	1	2	4	2					1	1	4	4	
R	1	1	2	4	2		1	6	2	1	1			
R+1	1	1	1	3	2	2	6	8	4	1	1			1
R+2	1	1	2	4	2		4	6	4	1	1			1
R+3	1	1	2	4	2		2	6	4	1	1			
R+4	1	1	2	2	2			6	2	1	1	2	2	

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	FSB STILETTO				FSB RAPIER				FSB TRIDENT			
COORDINATES	YC 942458				YC 956369				YC 940041			
IN SUPPORT OF	TF YANKEE				TF YANKEE				TF YANKEE			
TOT DESIRED	R-7	R-6	R-4	R-3	R-7	R-6	R-4	R-3	R-7	R-6	R-4	R-3
	1000	1000	1400	1400	1400	1400	1600	1600	1600	1600	1000	1000
	2000	2000			2200	2200			2400	2400		
TCF DESCRIPTION	LZ PREP				LZ PREP				LZ PREP			
TOT DESIRED	R-7	R-6	R-4	R-3	R-7	R-6	R-4	R-3	R-7	R-6	R-4	R-3
ORDNANCE	D2X	D2W	D2DC	D2Y	D2X	D2W	D2DC	D2Y	D2X	D2W	D2DC	D2Y
RDZ	238/30/77				231/33/77				227/36/77			

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 (b) 1stMarDivO P2000.4 (Comm SOP)
 (c) Task Force Yankee Frag Ord L-68, Annex A (Communication-Electronics)
 (d) Maps: VIETNAM 1: 50,000 Series L7014; sheets 6540 I, II, III, IV; 6640 I, II, III, IV.

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) See Annex B (Intelligence)
- (2) The enemy has the capability to:
 - (a) Conduct communication-electronic counter-measures.
 - (b) Insert deceptive traffic on any communication channel.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Reference (c).
- (2) 1st Field Artillery Group establishes normal artillery communication in support of this operation.
- (3) Command Posts

1st Marine Division	AT950750
Task Force Yankee	AT875474
196 Brigade, Americal Division	BT132452
3d Marine Regiment (-) (Rein)	AT875474
5th Marine Regiment (Rein)	AT875474
1st Field Artillery Group	AT875474
1st Force Reconnaissance Company	AT875474
Mobile Strike Force	ZC192456

2. MISSION

To provide communication to support the displacement of elements of Task Force Yankee from BA 112.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Communication Platoon, 7th Communication Battalion, 1st Marine Division. Maintain communication in accordance with reference (c).
- b. 3d Marine Regiment (-) (Rein)
 - (1) Maintain normal communication until completion of displacement of units.
 - (2) Be prepared to shift communication and cryptographic guard.
 - (3) Be prepared to pass communication responsibility for forces remaining in BA 112 to 5th Marine Regiment upon passage of operation control.
- c. 5th Marine Regiment (Rein)
 - (1) Maintain normal communication.
 - (2) Be prepared to assume communication responsibility for forces operating in BA 112 from the 3d Marine Regiment upon passage of operational control.
- d. 1st Force Reconnaissance Company. Maintain communication to support reconnaissance efforts supporting displacement of units.
- e. Coordinating Instruction. Communication installed to support Task Force Yankee in accordance with reference (c) will be maintained.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS

- a. See Annex H (Logistics)

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Annex G (Engineer) to Operation Order 1-69

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 (c) FM 20-32
 (d) 1st MarDiv Admin O 448-68 (S)

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Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 1-69

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 1-69

b. Friendly Forces

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2. MISSION

Commencing on R-Day, provide necessary engineer support for the reduction in scale of Operation TAYLOR COMBOW which includes displacement of units to the AN HOA area and continuing search and clear operations with a reduced force, to find, fix and destroy enemy forces and command/logistics installations in BA 112.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

- (1) Combat engineer elements in support of 3d Marines (-) (Rein) will continue to provide close combat support to infantry and artillery elements in their respective AO's and to FSB/COB's within Base Area 112, through E+3 Day. Engineer elements will continue to provide direct support to 5th Marines, as required, in the Arizona Area and AN HOA, and will be prepared to continue support of reduced scope of operations in Base Area 112.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Mines and Boobytraps

- (a) Sweeps and clearance of mines and boobytraps will be in

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accordance with established operational procedures and reference (b).

(b) Priority of mine and boobytrap clearances:

1. Those limiting tactical operations.
2. Those limiting logistic operations.
3. Those interfering with administrative operations.
4. Others.

(c) Assistance of EOD personnel in clearance and handling non-standard enemy mines available on request.

(d) Employment of Mines and Booby Traps

1. Emplacement, reporting and recording in accordance with reference (b) and (c).
- 2. Harnessing, interdiction and denial mines and boobytraps to be emplaced in accordance with Annex B (Intelligence).

(2) Demolitions

(a) All units be prepared to conduct demolition of enemy installations by use of explosives.

- (b) Units will prepare for demolition only those fixed, primary installations or facilities that are specifically designated for destruction.

(3) Engineer Assistance: Engineer units will continue to provide half-transportable equipment (including chain saws) and technical assistance for tactical requirements to include:

- (a) Initial clearing, preparation and development of LZ's/FSB's (including gully pits) employing techniques and special explosive devices as explained in Appendix 1, Annex C (Engineer) to reference (d).
- (b) Continued development of occupied FSB/GOB's in DA 112 and close combat support of maneuvering elements including those bases.
- (c) Necessary dismantling and closing of FSB/GOB's in DA 112.
- (d) Re-opening FSB/GOB's as required.

(4) Field Fortifications

(a) Provide technical assistance in computing requirements for barbed wire entanglements.

(b) Prepare all 8'X8'X12' bunkers for:

- 1 Construction/repair in AS HDA Combat Support Base.
- 2 Heli-lift as a completely constructed unit for initial emplacement; relocation; recovery and retrograde for repair and stock.

→ (c) All units will ensure that dismantling of FSB/COB's include:

- 1 Removal and retrograde of complete timber bunkers wherever possible.
- 2 Where impracticable to remove entire timber bunkers, the very least acceptable dismantling will include removal of the top covers and retrograde of the dimensionalized material contained therein. Sides and ends may be left in place.
- 3 All MSA: A/F matting will be removed, banded into bundles of 14 each long (or 13 long and 2 short) and retrograded.
- 4 All culvert materials will be recovered and retrograded.
- 5 All other CL IV material will be recovered where possible.
- 6 Bunkers of native materials may be left in place, with tops removed or blown in place.

(5) Reports

Submit as required by appropriate Engineer Battalion SOP's.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Classes I, II, III and V supplies available. Reference (c).

b. Class IV Engineer Items Available**(1) Fortification Material:**

(a) 8'X8'X12' TSFC timber bunkers. As required, request through 1st Marine Division Engineer Officer.

(b) MSA: airfield matting. As required. Request through 1st Marine Division Engineer Officer.

(c) Barbed wire, U-shaped pickets and sandbags through normal unit supply channels.

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(2) Construction Materials: In accordance with reference (b).

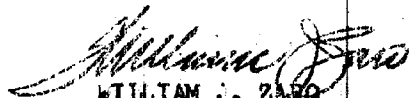
5. c. Retrograded CL IV Materials

All retrograded materials returned to AB HOA Area ISA come under redistribution control of the 5th Marines. Annex H (Logistics).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Command nets as assigned by appropriate Engineer Battalion.
- b. Command posts as established by appropriate Engineer Battalion.

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1. MISSION

Displace Personnel, supplies and equipment from FSB/COB's in BA 112 to An Hoa, and continue logistic support to remaining units conducting operations in Base Area 112 and the Arizona Area in consonance with the reduction in scale of Operation TAYLOR COMON.

2. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- a. Selected FSB/COB's in BA 112 will be vacated commencing on R-Day and personnel, supplies and equipment will be withdrawn by helicopter to An Hoa. Commencing on R-7 Day levels of supply at the FSB/COB's to be vacated will be scaled down to insure a minimum number of supply lifts to be displaced to the An Hoa LSA.
- b. Units continuing to operate in B 112 and the Arizona Area will continue to be resupplied from the LSA at An Hoa.

3. EXECUTION

a. Deactivation of FSB/COB's

- Units deactivating FSB/COB's will take the following action:
 - (1) Commence scaling down supply levels on R-7 to R day levels. See Appendix 1 (R-day Supply levels and prescribed loads).
 - (2) Withdraw remaining supplies and equipment to LSA An Hoa on appropriate R-day. Class IV supplies and construction material will be withdrawn in accordance with Annex C (Engineer)
 - (3) Stage all supplies and equipment to be withdrawn from FSB/COB's by CH 46 or CH 53 loads and notify LOC, number of lifts required by R-1.
 - ! → (4) Grade III class V will be destroyed in position and not return to An Hoa. Request EOD personnel as required.
 - (5) Destroy all refuse by burning.

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- b. Inspections of Fire Support/Combat Operating Bases. Police and inspection of bases to be vacated to insure that all supplies and equipment have been withdrawn and refuge destroyed will be the responsibility of CO 3d Marines.
- c. Retrograded Supplies and Equipment at AN HOA ISA
- (1) All supplies withdrawn from BA 112 to the AN HOA ISA will be placed in those lanes assigned to each unit.
- (2) Unit 3d representatives will insure that all withdrawn supplies and equipment received at the ISA are removed immediately and delivered to the proper storage location (ISU AN HOA or unit storage areas).
- d. Personnel. All personnel being displaced from BA 112 to AN HOA will be loaded at the BAS helicopter LZ.
- (1) Unit 3d representatives will be at the BAS helicopter LZ to accept for any supplies, returned by individual Marines, that require turn in.
- ? → (2) Units will provide transportation as required to move personnel from BAS helicopter LZ to their respective rear areas or staging areas for further deployment as directed.
- e. Continued Operation of Fire Support Bases in Base Area 112. Prescribed loads and levels of supply for units continuing to operate in BA 112 will be in accordance with reference (a).

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Appendix 1 (R-Day Supply Levels and Prescribed Loads) to Annex H (Logistics)

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1. The maximum R-day prescribed loads and levels of supply for withdrawing units is as follows.

- a. Class Ic - 3 days
- b. Class IIE and M - as directed by unit CO.
- c. Class IIW - None, will be consumed by R-Day. Remaining supply will be used to destroy refuse.
- d. Class IV - None
- e. Class Vw (sa) - BA plus 3DOA
- f. Class Vw (Arty) - 3DOA
- g. Class VI - None
- h. Class VII G, K, and M - as directed by CO.
- i. Class VIII - MAL as modified by CO.
- j. Class IX G, K, and M critical high usage items as reg.
- k. Class X - None

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Time Zone: H

Task Organizations: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Current Intelligence Summaries

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Task Force Yankee. Commencing R-day Task Force Yankee reduces scale of Operation Taylor Common, by displacing one (1) Marine Regt (-) (Rein) and one (1) Marine Bn (Rein) from BA 112 to An Hoa, while continuing Recon Screen and Search and Clear operations with one (1) Marine Bn (-) (Rein) to find, fix and destroy enemy forces and command logistic installations in BA 112.

(2) Artillery see 1/12 Operation Order

(3) Air Support Annex B

c. Attachments & Detachments

(1) Two (2) Companies 3/3 detached on R-day pass OpCon Task Force Yankee

(2) 3/3(-) detached on R+1-day pass OpCon Task Force Yankee

(3) 1/3 detached on R+2-day pass OpCon Task Force Yankee

(4) BSA-0 detached on R+2-day pass OpCon Task Force Yankee

(5) 1/12 (Rein) detached on R+2-day, 1st FAG pass OpCon 1st MARDIV

(6) 2/5(-) & 3/5 detached on R+2-day at 1200H. Pass OpCon Task Force Yankee.

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d. Assumptions

- (1) 1st MARDIV will support displacement and redeployment as required.
- (2) 1st MARDIV Aircraft Wing provides fixed wing and helicopter support as required.
- (3) 7th Air Force provides fixed wing transport support as required.
- (4) Schedule promulgated in Air Annex is dependent on weather conditions that will support helicopter and fixed wing operations.

2. MISSION

- a. Be prepared, on order; conduct displacement from BA 112.
- b. Be prepared, on order; to redeploy to location to be designated.
- c. Not later than R-day displace a plt (rein) of 3/5 to relieve the plt (rein) of 1/3 on COB DAGGER.
- d. On R+1-day be prepared, on order; to lift one (1) Infantry Bn and two (2) Artillery Batteries to An Hoa for subsequent redeployment as directed.
- e. On R+2-day, be prepared, on order; to lift one (1) Infantry Bn and one (1) Artillery Battery to An Hoa for subsequent redeployment as directed.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation

(1) Operational control and responsibility for the area of operations in BA 112 will pass from 3rd Marine Regt (-) (Rein) to 5th Marine Regt (Rein) at 1200H on R+2-day. The reduction of forces in BA 112 will be accomplished in three (3) days; by the schedule in Annex B, Air Support. To accomplish the redegrade in three (3) days, there must be strictest compliance with the scheduled downgrading of stockage levels at all positions. Under optimum conditions, the helicopters will deliver the 3rd Marine units to An Hoa in the morning with their deployment being possible; the same afternoon.

b. 1st Bn, 3rd Marines

- (1) Continue present mission until R+2-day.

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(2) On R+2-day helilift to An Hoa; prepare to deploy as directed.

(3) On arrival An Hoa, 3rd Marines assumes responsibility for AO.

c. 3rd Bn, 3rd Marines

(1) Continue present mission until R-day.

(2) On R-day helilift two(2) companies to An Hoa.

(3) On R+1-day close remainder of Bn on An Hoa by helilift.

(4) On arrival An Hoa, be prepared to deploy as directed.

(5) On arrival, An Hoa, 3rd Marines assumes responsibility for AO.

d. 2nd Bn, 5th Marines

(1) Continue present mission in AO.

(2) Chop to 5th Marines at 1200H; R+2-day.

e. 3rd Bn, 5th Marines

(1) On R-day helilift one (1) company to FSB MAXWELL to relieve company, 1/3.

(2) On R-day helilift one (1) plt to COB DAGGER to relieve one (1) plt, 1/3.

(3) Chop to 5th Marines at 1200H; R+2-day.

f. Coordinating Instructions

a. R-day : 15 Feb, 1969

b. Air Support Annex B

c. This plan effective for planning on receipt and execution on R-day.

d. Movement order and Embarkation Order to be published separately when destination designated.

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4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS. Admin Order 2-69, to be published separately.

5. COMMAND & COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Thrust Points now in effect, remain in effect.

b. HDA controls helilifts to An Hoa.

c. Command Post report when established.

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1. The following is a schedule of helilifts in the order of their precedence by aircraft type.

Today

(TO) UNCT	FROM	BY	TO
1 Co 3/3	ZC054288 ZC132275	(5) CH-46	AN HOA
1 Plt 3/5	LZ TOMAHAWK	(5) CH-46	LZ DAEGER
1 Plt 1/3/3	LZ BOLO LZ TOMAHAWK	(2) CH-46	
1st Searchlight	LZ MAXWELL	(1) CH-53	AN HOA
(PM) 1 Plt LY 4/11	LZ BOLO	(2) CH-53 (1) CH-54 (2) guns	LZ MAXWELL

Tomorrow

1 Plt 12	LZ TOMAHAWK	(5) CH-53	AN HOA
2d Prov	LZ TOMAHAWK	(6) CH-53 (2) CH-54 (2) guns	AN HOA
2/2/1	LZ BOLO	(6) CH-53	LZ TOMAHAWK
1 Plt 12 1/11	LZ BOLO	(6) CH-53 (2) CH-54 (2) guns	LZ TOMAHAWK
01-3/3/13	LZ BATTLE AKE	(6) CH-46	AN HOA
01-2 Co 2/3	LZ BATTLE AKE LZ BOLO ZC(054336)	(6) CH-46	AN HOA

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>BY</u>	<u>TO</u>
07/1/12	LZ MAXWELL	(4) CH-53	AN HOA
07/2/11	LZ SABER	(4) CH-53	LZ MAXWELL
07/1/13	LZ SCIMITAR ZC098489 ZC067474 LZ MAXWELL LZ DAGGER	(6) CH-46	AN HOA

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Time Zone: B

Task Organization: Annex A

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Current Intsams.
- (2) Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 3d Mar Div continues offensive operations in Quang Tri Province and supports RVN pacification program.
- (2) Task Force Hotel conducts offensive operations in the Dewey Canyon and Scotland XI AO.
- (3) Artillery
 - (a) 1/12(-) (REIN) B/S 3d Marine(-) (Rein)
 - (b) LVTH-6 Plat. B/S 1st Amtrac Bn
 - (c) 4/12 G/S 3d Mar Div
 - (d) 108th Artillery Gp G/S XXIV Corps
- (4) Air - 1st Marine Air Wing provides fixed wing and helicopter support.
- (5) A and B Companies 3d Tank Bn in direct support 3d Marines.
- (6) One (1) platoon(-) 3d Motor Transport Bn direct support 3d Marines.
- (7) Company B, 3d Engineer Bn direct support 3d Marines.

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

2. MISSION

3d Marines(-) (Rein) continues pacification operations in coordination and cooperation with 2nd ARVN Regiment; conducts offensive operations to destroy enemy forces within the Kentucky AO; provides security for fixed installations, lines of communication, and land clearing operations within AO; provides security screen for Dong Ha City north of the Mieu Giang and Bo Dieu rivers, and conducts an aggressive reconnaissance effort north of the Cua Viet river in the vicinity of Mai Xo - Mai Ka Chi (Mai Ka Chan).

3. EXECUTION

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

b. 2nd Bn(-) (Rein) 3d Marines(-) (Rein)

(1) Effective 201100Z Feb 69 when AO responsibility is assumed by 3d Bn, 3d Marines commence helilift from Cam Lo to FMB Erskine Vic (YD 164107).

(2) Effective 201100Z Feb 69 chop two (2) companies to 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

c. 3d Bn(-), 3d Marines

(1) Effective 201100Z Feb 69 assume responsibility of 2nd Bn, 3d Marines AO.

(2) Effective 201100Z Feb 69 assume OPCON two (2) companies 2nd Bn, 3d Marines.

(3) Provide security for fixed installations in AO.

(4) Provide security for the lines of communication; Route #9, east to west in AO, Route #561 south from A-1, Route #558 north from Mai Loc.

(5) Provide security for mine sweeps in AO.

(6) Assist in pacification program of GVN by conducting operations in cooperation and coordination with RF and RF Forces in Cam Lo and Huong Hoa Districts.

(7) Provide security for the 59th Engineer Land Clearing Company in clearing of the area south of the road between C-2 Bridge and C-1 in Leatherneck Square.

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(18) Conduct search and destroy operations in AO.

(19) From 20 - 28 Feb 69 provide daily convoy security between DHCB and VCB. (See Annex I).

d. C Troop 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry

(1) Screen north of Dong Ha City.

(2) Conduct operations with cooperation and coordination with district RF and PF, and USG Forces.

(3) Be prepared to defend north of DONG HA City along major avenues of approach.

e. A Co., 3d Engineers

(1) Conduct road sweeps daily on all lines of communication in AO.

(2) Assist in improvement of all fixed installations in AO.

f. 1st Amtrak Bn

(1) Conduct search and destroy operations in the north east portion of AO.

(2) Be prepared to defend north of CUA VIST River along major avenues of approach.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) DIRLAUTH CO 3d Bn with province and district officials, COMUSMACV Advisory personnel.

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

(3) Boundaries: Annex C.

(4) FSC: Annex D. To be published separately.

(5) THROST POINTS effective 222400H Feb 69. (Annex F).

(6) REPORTS: See Annex E.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supply.

All units to participate in Operation Dewey Canyon issue per individual:

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| (1) 5 days LRFB | (5) Normal arms and equipment |
| (2) 1 DOS ECH | (6) 3A of same |
| (3) 3 canteen water | (7) 1 lb. C-4. |
| (4) 1 week supply malaria tablets | |

b. Resupply.

(1) Primary resupply will be by road from QICB or DRGB as appropriate.

(2) Helicopter resupply will be from DRGB.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

a. Brevity code. Annex G

b. Communications. Annex H

c. Locations of command posts

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| (1) 3d Marines | DRGB |
| (2) 1st Amtrac Bn | XD 349694 |
| (3) C/3/5 | XD 210740 |
| (4) 3d Bn, 3d Marines | XD 129592 |

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- ✓a - Task Organization
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1. SUMMARY OF THE ENEMY SITUATION

A. Enemy units within the 3d Marines' Area of Operations and within the Demilitarized Zone to the north are shown in appendix (1). Of those, the following units constitute the greatest threat:

(1) 138th NVA Regiment - estimated strength 1,785 men - has previously operated east of Route 1 and north of the Cua Viet River.

(2) 270th NVA Regiment - estimated strength 1,800 men - is operating in conjunction with the 138th Regiment.

(3) 27th NVA Regiment - estimated strength 1,085 men - has operated in the past throughout northern Quang Tri Province. This regiment is now believed to be operating in and north of western Leatherneck Square and Mutter's Ridge.

(4) 126th NVA Naval Sapper Regiment - estimated strength 345 men - is known to be sending small elements to mine the Cua Viet River.

(5) 31st NVA Group (previously 31st VC Local Force Group) - estimated strength 340 men - operates in the Mai Loc - Cam Lo - Gio Linh populated areas. This group has an organic sapper capability (C-11 Co). It has always operated in small elements, not as a single unit.

B. Enemy units to the south of the 3d Marines' Area of Operations are shown in appendix (2). These units constitute a continuous threat to Quang Tri City.

C. Known enemy fortifications and positions are shown in appendix (3). Contacts, sightings and incidents during the past two months are shown in appendices (4) and (5). All recent contacts have been isolated sniping or small unit contacts. Mining incidents have been increasing. Appendix (6) shows enemy infiltration routes and supply points as shown on a captured map.

D. Helicopter Landing Zones are shown in appendix (7).

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D. Enemy Courses of Action in Probable Order of Adoption

(1) Conduct unconventional and psychological warfare including the use of mines and booby traps, propaganda activities, interdiction of lines of communication, ambushes, terrorism, sabotage, and intelligence collection. In conjunction with this effort, continue limited small-scale probes and attacks by fire on friendly installations and activities. ARVN units can expect continued attention from the enemy in this regard. Efforts to reconnoiter and intercept the Cua Viet River can continue, including occasional attempts to expand these activities in the event that friendly weaknesses should become evident to the enemy. Generally, the enemy can continue to avoid direct confrontations with friendly units except for an occasional small-unit ambush or probe.

(2) Expand present operations within the 3d Marines' Area of Operations by adopting the following courses of action:

(a) Take advantage of the delayed Tet holiday for ARVN troops, by attacking key installations and vital areas during this period of reduced friendly troop strength.

(b) Attack friendly villages and hamlets in the Cam Lo River Valley with up to four infantry battalions and supported by up to four artillery/rocket regiments.

(c) Attack friendly fixed positions at A-4, C-2 and/or C-2 Bridge with up to two infantry regiments and supported by up to four artillery/rocket regiments.

(3) Withdraw into secure areas north of the Ben Hai and in Base Area 101.

(4) Reinforce the forces presently operating in the southern portion of the Demilitarized Zone and Base Area 101.

F. Vulnerabilities

(1) From now until September, clear skies will make the enemy vulnerable to air reconnaissance and attack.

(2) Aggressive patrolling, search and clearing operations, and cordon and search operations have denied guerrilla units the opportunity to engage in clandestine operations with any degree of freedom and safety. Friendly operations have created shortages of ammunition and medical supplies and have made troop replacement and reinforcement difficult, except in the case of enemy forces in or near the Demilitarized Zone. The VC are thus vulnerable to psychological warfare operations.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

- A. How large is the enemy force present? This question will be answered in all reports of enemy activity.
- B. Is the enemy delaying, withdrawing, defending, reinforcing, or attacking?
- C. Has the enemy established any patterns?
- D. Is the enemy armed with any new or unusual weapons?
- E. What locations and type of locations are the enemy using for troop concentrations or logistic facilities?
- F. What are the effects of our air strikes and supporting arms on enemy fortifications?

3. MEASURES FOR HANDLING CAPTURED PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL

- A. All captured personnel, documents, and material will be appropriately tagged by units in the field before they are evacuated. Tags for this purpose are available from the Regimental S-2 section.
- B. The 3d Marines' collection point for captured personnel, documents, and material will be located in the vicinity of the Regimental command post.
- C. Captured personnel will be interrogated by battalions only to the extent necessary to obtain necessary immediate tactical intelligence. All detailed interrogation will be done by IFF at the Regimental collection point. Results of this interrogation will be provided to battalions as soon as they are obtained.
- D. All captured personnel and documents will be sent to the Regiment's collection point within an hour after their capture except when darkness, unavailability of transportation, or the tactical situation make their dispatch impractical. In such cases, the Regimental S-2 will be informed of the reason for the delay.
- E. Captured material will be sent to the Regimental collection point as soon after their capture as feasible. All items will be forwarded, regardless of their apparent significance, including clothing of enemy killed. All items captured with a prisoner will be evacuated with him.

4. DISSEMINATION OF INTELLIGENCE

a. Intelligence of immediate significance will be provided to battalions by radio as it is acquired.

b. Intelligence of a less urgent nature will be contained in the Regiment's Daily Intelligence Summary (Intsum) and the Daily Intelligence Overlay. Both will be available for pick-up by battalions at the Regimental S-2 section anytime after 0730 daily. They will be delivered by a Regimental S-2 representative during visits to battalions.

5. REPORTING IS CRITICAL/ONS

a. Spot reports will be used by battalions to report all incidents in accordance with SOP's. Complete and timely reporting is essential. Guidance is contained in the 3d Marine Intelligence SOP.

b. In addition to spot reports, wrap-ups, sketches, and statements of conclusions or opinions and their basis are encouraged.

APPENDICES: (Distributed Separately)

- (1) Order of Battle
- (2) Base Area 101 and Order of Battle
- (3) Enemy Fortifications and Positions
- (4) Contacts, Sightings, and Incidents, January 1969
- (5) Contacts, Sightings, and Incidents, February 1969
- (6) Enemy Infiltration Routes and Supply Points (Copy of Captured Map)
- (7) Helicopter Landing Zones

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REPORTS REQUIRED

1. Six Hour Situation Reports. The purpose of the six hour situation report is to provide summaries of activities during each six hour period. Submit six hour situation reports at 0600, 1200, 1800 and 2400. Format for Six Hour Situation Report, Appendix 1.

2. Spot Reports. Spot reports will be submitted this Headquarters at first sighting of significant incidents. A follow-up report will be submitted as soon as possible after incident. Format for Spot report, Appendix 2.

3. Day and Night Acts Reports.

a. The day acts report will be submitted this Headquarters at 0700 daily. The day acts report will include: all planned activities for the following day, positions of observation posts, size and check-points for patrols. Significant events will be submitted this Headquarters at 1800 daily. (Significant changes are those which involve a company size unit or larger). Format for day acts report, Appendix 1.

b. The night acts report will be submitted as part of day acts report at 1700 daily. This report will include: night positions of units, positions and size of ambushes, number of listening posts. Format for night acts report, Appendix 3.

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APPENDIX 1 (Format for SITREP) to ANNEX E (Reports) to Operation Order 3.49

1. Subjects: (Consecutive Numbered Sitrep and Time Period included).

a. Unit Locations: (Report location of all units on each situation report. Report changes in unit locations as occurring on the sitrep for that period or "No Change" as appropriate).

b. Summary of Operations: (General description of operations during period).

c. Enemy Contacts: (Contact with the enemy during period covered; when enemy or friendly casualties are inflicted or contact is otherwise significant).

d. Other Significant Events: (Significant events not resulting from enemy contacts, such as aircraft accidents in zone, etc.).

e. Plans: (General description of operations planning for next six hour period).

f. Cumulative Losses: (Report cumulative casualties, friendly and enemy, at the end of each six hour period).

Friendly:

- (1) KIA
- (2) a. WIA (MEDEVAC)
- b. WIA (MINOR)
- (3) MIA

Enemy:

- (1) NVA KIA (CONF)
- (2) VC KIA (CONF)
- (3) NVA POW
- (4) VC POW
- (5) DNT
- (6) CIV DEF
- (7) INN CIV
- (8) INC
- (9) CSWC

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ADV/USAG Operations: (all joint operations with ADV).

U.S. Equipment Recovered: (all equipment recovered during a twenty-four (24) hour period).

Scout/Sniper Teams Employed: (listing of all Scout/Sniper teams employed to Br's).

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Operation Order 3-69.

FROM: _____ TOR: _____

A. UNIT _____ () INIT () FOLLOW UP () FINAL

B. DTS OF ACTIVITY/INCIDENT _____

C. COORDINATE 1. (PR) _____ 2. (RN) _____

D. DESCRIPTION: _____

E. ACTION TAKEN: _____

* F. FRIENDLY KIA _____

* G. FRIENDLY KIA 1. (MEDEVAC) _____

2. (MINO) _____

K. POW _____

* H. FRIENDLY KIA _____

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ANNEX B - Security Codes to Operations Order 3-69

1. THE FOLLOWING SECURITY CODES WILL BE UTILIZED BY JLG UNITS.

OPERATION	GAME
DEPARTED KNOWN LOCATION	AT BAT
RETURNING TO CP	HOME RUN
SAR IN POSITION	SAFE RETIRED
MISSION COMPLETED	TOUCHDOWN
AG	MANAGER
PG	CATCHER
FAC	PITCHER
RESUPPLY	BAT BOY
AMMO	BALLS
WATER	BATS
CHOW	GLOVES
AMBUSH	DOUBLE PLAY
COMBAT PATROL	SLUGGER
RECON PATROL	SWINGER
PREF FIRE	EXHIBITION
OP	GRANDSTAND
LP	PRESS BOX
FRIENDLY	TEAM
ENEMY	VISITOR
FIRE TEAM	FORWARD
SQUAD	GUARD
PLATOON	TACKLE
COMPANY	CENTER
BATTALION	END
REGIMENT	DADDY
DIVISION	BIG DADDY
REINFORCED	SUPER
KIA	FULLBACK
WIA	HALFBACK
MIA	QUARTERBACK
NBC	SLOTBACK
MEDEVAC	PLAYER
PATROL BASE	DUG OUT
NORTH	BLUE
SOUTH	GRAY
EAST	SILVER
WEST	GOLD
TANK	TIGER
ONTOS	PIG
TRUCK	PIPE
JEEP	PONY
ROAD	FREEMAN

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TRAIL
 RIVER
 HILL
 AMTRAC
 106
 1.2
 81mm
 60mm
 105
 155
 ARTILLERY
 INCOMING
 HIT
 MISS
 POW
 RIVER FORD
 BRIDGE

CH 53
 CH 46
 CH 34
 OV-10
 CH-1B GUNSHIP
 OH-1E SLICK
 O-10

COLT
 FISH
 HOTEL
 GATOR
 TANGO
 BIG WISKEY
 WISKEY
 LITTLE WISKEY
 DIME NICKEL
 PENNY NICKEL
 COMET
 RAIN
 IN THE BALLPARK
 OUT OF THE BALLPARK
 GREENBACK
 BELT
 BUCKLE

LARGE BUTTERFLY
 BUTTERFLY
 SMALL BUTTERFLY
 WASP
 BUMBLEBEE
 QUEEN BEE
 MOTH

2. THE FOLLOWING BREVITY CODE WILL BE UTILIZED FOR AREA LOCATIONS AND UNITS

A-4
 G-2
 G-2 BRIDGE
 G-3 BRIDGE
 VINH DAI ROCK CRUSHER
 CAN LO DISTRICT HQ
 MAI LOC AREA
 ROUTE #9
 ROUTE #558
 DECH
 KHE CIO BRIDGE
 DONG HA MTN OP
 TSL
 VGB

C-9
 C-10
 C-11
 C-12
 B-1
 B-2
 B-3
 I-80
 I-50
 D-1
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ANNEX H (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Order 3-69

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) ANNEX B (Intelligence)

(2) The enemy has an excellent electronic warfare capability and interception and deception is to be expected.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Command Posts

3d Marines	DHCB
1st Amtrac Bn	YD 349694
C/3/5	YD 210740
3d Bn, 3d Marines	YD 129592

2. MISSION. Install, operate and maintain communications facilities in support of the 3d Marines operations within the Kentucky AO.

3. EXECUTION

a. Communications Platoon

(1) Message Center. 3d Marine Division maintain comm-crypto guard with normal message center (Regimental) distribution.

(2) Wire. Maintain a normal centralized wire switchboard and install those hot lines to support COC/FSCA operations.

(3) Radio. In accordance with appendix 1 (Radio Plan) and 3d Marines COI (issued 21 Feb 69).

(4) Radio relay. In accordance with appendix 2 (Radio Relay Plan).

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b. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Medevac frequency 45.70 MHZ.
 - (2) Effective editions of KAK shall be used on the voice cypher nets.
 - (3) All RPS holders shall insure that the proper quantity and effective editions of RPS materials are available.
 - (4) Report all actual or suspected compromises. Compromises shall be reported to Regimental Headquarters by SECRET IMMEDIATE message.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. In accordance with paragraph 4 of the basic order.

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APPENDICES:

- 1 - Radio Plan
- 2 - Radio Relay Plan
- 3 - 3d Marines COI (issued separately)

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APPENDIX 1 (Radio Plan) to ANNEX H (Communication-Electronic)
 to Operation Order 3-69

	Div TAC *	Regt TAC *	Regt TAC *	Regt Guard *	Regt Intel *	TACP Local	LZ Control
C - Net Control							
X - Guard							
M - Monitor							
A - As Required							
3d Marines	X	C	C	C	C	C	X
3d Bn, 3d Mar		X	A	A	A	X	A
1st Ant/ac Bn		X	A	A	A	X	A
C/3/5		X	A	A	A	X	A

* - Covered circuits utilizing KE-8/28.

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ANNEX I (Convoy Security) to Operation Order 3-69

1. Unit Size: One (1) Infantry Platoon (Rein)
2. Mission: Unit will be responsible for providing security for motorized convoys between DHCB and VCB from 20 - 28 Feb 69.
3. Executions: Platoon will be picked up daily at 3d Bn. 3d Marines rear in Quang Tri. They will proceed to Dong Ha to the convoy assembly point. They will effect coordination with the convoy commander and arrange for control by spacing radios on three (3) trucks interspaced along the convoy and insure they are on the inter convoy net. (Frequency 35.35) (Call Sign Smitty A 1-2-3).
4. Support: Direct fire support will be provided by weapons intrinsic to the convoy vehicle and an artillery capability will be provided by 12th Marines in the form of an artillery observer.

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OW	<u>CH #1</u>	(DONG HA) (CON THIEN)	<u>CH #1</u>	OW
CU	<u>CH #2</u>		<u>CH #2</u>	CU
OPEN	<u>CH #3</u>		<u>CH #3</u>	OPEN
CU	<u>CH #4</u>		<u>CH #4</u>	CU
TT SP	<u>CH #5</u>		<u>CH #5</u>	TT SP
COC HOT	<u>CH #6</u>		<u>CH #6</u>	COC HOT
12TH MAR	<u>CH #7</u>		<u>CH #7</u>	12TH MAR
OPEN	<u>CH #8</u>		<u>CH #8</u>	OPEN
OW	<u>CH #1</u>	(DONG HA) (CAM LO)	<u>CH #1</u>	OW
COC HOT	<u>CH #2</u>		<u>CH #2</u>	COC HOT
CU	<u>CH #3</u>		<u>CH #3</u>	CU
FSCC HOT	<u>CH #4</u>		<u>CH #4</u>	FSCC HOT

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 3d Bn, 3d Marines
 1st Amtrac Bn
 C Troop 3d Squadron 5th Cavalry

Info: CG, 3d Mar Div

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1. SITUATION. No change (See Operation Order #3-69)
2. MISSION. No change (See Operation Order #3-69)
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept of Operations. (See Overlay)
 - b. 1st Bn (-), 3d Marines.
 - (1) Effective 231200H assume OPCON D(-)/1/3.
 - (2) Effective 231200H assume responsibility for new AO.
 - (3) Provide security for fixed installations in AO (KHE GIO Bridge) and effective 251200H C-3 Bridge.
 - (4) Provide security for lines of communication, Route #9 East and West in AO.
 - (5) Provide security for mine sweeps in AO.
 - (6) Conduct search and destroy operations in the About Cao, Dong Kio areas.
 - (7) Effective 251200H assume OPCON of H & F/2/3.
 - (8) Effective 251200H assume responsibility for Cam Lo and Huong Hoa districts in AO.

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(9) Effective 251200L assist in pacification program of GVN by conducting operations in cooperation and coordination with RF and PF Forces in Cam Lo and Huong Hoa Districts.

(10) DIRLAUTH GO 1/3 with Province and District Advisors

b. 3d Bn(-), 3d Marines (Rein)

(1) Effective 230630H assume OPCON C Troop 3d Squadron 5th Cavalry and L(-)/3/3.

(2) Effective 230700H assume responsibility for new AO. (See Overlay)

(3) Continue to conduct search and destroy operations in AO.

(4) Effective 241200H assume OPCON L Plt at Dong Ha Ramp.

(5) DIRLAUTH GO 1st Amtrac Bn.

(6) Provide security for fixed installations in AO.

(7) Provide security for lines of communication in AO.

(8) Provide security for mine sweeps in AO.

(9) Provide security for 59th Engineer land clearing company in clearing of the area South of the road between C-2 Bridge and C-1 in Leatherneck Square.

(10) Screen North of Dong Ha City.

(11) Conduct operations in cooperation and coordination with district RF and PF, and CAC Forces.

(12) Be prepared to defend North of Dong Ha City along major avenues of approach.

c. C Troop 3d Squadron 5th Cavalry

(1) Effective 230630H Chop OPCON to 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(2) DIRLAUTH GO 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

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d. 1st Amtrac Bn

(1) Effective 241200H Chap Plt L/3/3 to 3d Bn, 3d Marines at Dong Ha Ramp.

(2) DIRLAUTH CO 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(3) Conduct search and destroy operations in AO.

(4) Be prepared to defend North of Gue Viet River along major avenues of approach.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Rules of Engagement must be stringently adhered to.

(2) Boundries: (See Overlay)

(3) Thrust Points: (See Operation Order 3-69)

(4) Reports: (See Operation Order 3-69)

(5) 1st Bn, 3d Marines report when CP established.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. (See Operation Order 3-69)

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. (See Operation Order 3-69)

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Operation Order 3/69 (Taylor Common) (NOMAD IV)

Ref; (a) Map: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS; sheet 6640 IV, series L 7014.

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. During December 1966, January and February of this year signs of continuous enemy activity have been noticed east of Liberty Bridge. USMC's and low level reconnaissance reports have placed enemy units within and adjacent to this area. In addition, interrogation of civilians and detainees has disclosed the enemy's use of this area for planning and staging proposed attacks on the bridge, and for staging rice and equipment as well. The Viet Cong infrastructure is very active, conducting a vigorous propaganda campaign and tasking the people with supporting its war effort. A main enemy LOC runs from old Base Area 116 through the CHAU PHONG (1) and (2) areas, and then WNE into GO NOI Island and the Dodge City area. It is continuously used for communications and logistics support as well as troop movements, as witnessed by repeated Recon sightings during the past few months. Recently, a local source stated that the 1st Bn. has been operating in the area and that there are indications of the possible presence of the 1st Bn. Numerous intelligence reports of the past two weeks place these battalions (of the 36th NVA Regiment) in the GO NOI Island area.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 5th Marines (Rein) (Opcon of 1/3)
- (2) 1/5 (Adjacent Unit to West)
- (3) 2/5 (Adjacent Unit to East)
- (4) Artillery Support: 2/11 provides light artillery support as required. 1st Fd Co/S.
- (5) Air Support: 1st MAW provides AG, Fixed Wing, and TAC/ACC Helo support as required.
- (6) Recon: 1st Force Recon Co. continues operations in Base Area 112.

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

2. MISSION: RE H-HOUR on H-HOUR commence operation in Western GO NOI to find, meet with, and destroy enemy forces therein, and to support engineer efforts to destroy enemy fortifications in the assigned AO.

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3. Execution

a. Concept of Operations 1st Bn, 3rd Marines (Rein) conducts offensive operations to find, fix and destroy the enemy and eliminate his fortifications and installations. Operations in CO NOI Island area will be aimed at destruction of NVA/VC main force units and deliberate systematic elimination of all enemy fortifications, harboring sites and logistic caches in this area. Companies will move into their assigned areas (Anex B Operations Overlay) and establish Combat Patrol Bases with adequate Landing Zones for MedEvac and Re-supply. They will further conduct offensive operations, aggressive patrols and daily and nightly ambushes in their areas from established Patrol Bases.

b. Co A (Rein)

- (1) On order move by tactical foot march from assembly area at PHU LOC to Link up Point #1 (see operations overlay)
- (2) On order conduct relief of Co B 1/5 in the present position.
- (3) Establish Combat Patrol Base in designated area (APMOUT) with adequate landing zones to accommodate at minimum one CH 53.
- (4) Conduct offensive operations, aggressive patrols and establish day and night ambushes in assigned area.

c. Company B (Rein)

- (1) On order move by tactical foot march in trace of Co C from assembly area at Phu Lee to link up point #2 (see operations overlay).
- (2) On order contact relief of Co B 1/5 in their present position.
- (3) Establish Combat Patrol Base in designated area (BAM-BA) with adequate landing zones to accommodate at minimum one CH 53.
- (4) Conduct offensive operations, aggressive patrols and establish day and night ambushes in assigned areas.

d. Co G (Rein)

- (1) On order move by tactical foot march in trace of Co A from assembly area at PHU LOC to assigned area (D-TR) (see operations overlay)
- (2) Establish Combat Patrol base in designated area with adequate landing zone to accommodate at minimum one CH 53.
- (3) Conduct offensive operations, aggressive patrols and establish day and night ambushes in assigned area.

e. Co D (Rein)

- (1) On order move by foot tactical march in trace of Co B from assembly area at PHU LOC to assigned area (D-TR (see operation overlay)
- (2) Establish Combat Patrol Base in designated area with adequate landing zone to accommodate at minimum one CH 53.
- (3) Provide offensive operations, aggressive patrols and establish day and night ambushes in assigned area.
- (4) Provide Security for H&S Co (-).

f. Co B 1/5

- (1) on orders conduct a physical link up with Co B 1/3 at Link Up Point #2 (see operations overlay) and further provide guides to position.

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- (2) On orders when relieved return to parent unit AO
- E. Co D 1/5
 - (1) Upon chop on order conduct a physical link up with Co A 1/3 at link up point #1 (see operation overlay) and further provide guides
 - (2) On order when physically relieved return to parent unit AO.
- h. 81MM mortar plt. G/3 to Bn
- i. Flares, G/5 to Bn, on call from AN HQA.
- j. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) D-Day 21 February 1969
 - (2) Order of move from assembly areas at PHU LOC
 - Co A- 210200 H Feb
 - Co C- 210230 H Feb
 - Co B- 210230 H Feb
 - Co D- 210300 H Feb
 - Co V- 210300 H Feb
 - (3) Period of operation approximately 10-12 days.
 - (4) Spot reports upon occurrence
 - (5) Six (6) hour Sit Reports daily by 1700, 2300, 0500, and 1100
 - (6) Night and following day activities by 1400 daily.
 - (7) Report all enemy caches for retrograde to AN HQA
 - (8) Maximum use of supporting arms is directed.
 - (9) By prior agreement artillery fire within 500 Meters and air strikes within 1000 Meters of boundaries will be cleared by adjacent units.
 - (10) Flares are on call at AN HQA.
 - (11) Field Protective Mask will be carried by each individual upon receipt in the field.
 - (12) E-8 Gas dispensers are on call at AN HQA .
 - (13) Additional Engineer support on request.
 - (14) Stress night ambush operations as local security for patrol bases.
 - (15) Co's B & D 1/5 chop to 1/3 at 210200 H Feb and back to 1/5 on departure 1/3 AO.
 - (16) Extreme caution must be exercised in new area in relation to mines and booby traps. No area is considered safe.
 - (17) Priority of work:
 - (a) DIS DEEP
 - (b) CLEAR FIELD OF FIRE
 - (c) ERASE SIGNATURES
 - (18) Caution troops on taking Malaria pills weekly and daily
 - (19) Camouflage should be maintained whenever practical
 - (20) Report location of CPB and progress of LZ's
 - (21) This order effective for planning upon receipt. Execute on Order.

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A. Normal LSA AN HOA source of supply for Class I, III, and V and provide limited service and 3rd echelon maintenance support at AN HOA all other support, service and maintenance support from FLO through Battalion Service Platoon.

b. Prescribed Load:

- (1) CL 10- Two (2) days
- (2) CL V Basic allowance plus two DOA
- (3) Water- Minimum of three full canteens plus five days Halibone/Iodine and 24 Salt Tablets minimum per person.

c. Evac and Hospital: Evac best available transportation to clearing Plt An Hoa

D. Halo re-supply through LSA AN HOA. Coordinate surface resupply through 3-4

5. Command and Communications Electronics

a. The following Nets effective commencing 200500 H Feb

- (1) 1/3 Bn TAC 75.60 MHz M-233
- (2) 1/5 Bn TAC 23.85 MHz M-306
- (3) TACP Local 1/5, 2/5, 1/3 43.20 MHz M-908
- (4) Arty Liaison: 59.55 MHz M-37
- (5) Logistic Net: As presently established for each Battalion.

B. The following thrust points are effective 200500 H February 1969:

CIGAR 8450
SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY 8853
RELATIVES 8945
BIG GAME 9442
CANADIAN PROVINCE 9653
FLOWER 9948
HORSE 0551
FRUIT 0155
TOOLS 9456

c. Local Brevity Code remains in effect.

d. Bn. CP will be designated as established.

e. Companies report CP locations as established

ANNEXES:

A. Task Organization

B. Operations Overlay

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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operations order 3-69

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Hqs Co., 1st Bn, 12th Mar
1st Co (-)

A Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
Det A Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
2nd Plt (-), Co B, 3d Bn, 1st Mar
Hq (1)
Scout Sniper Team (1)

A Company (Main)

Det A Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
Det 2nd Plt, B Co, 3d Bn, 1st Mar (4)
Hq (1)
Hq (1)
Scout Sniper Team (1)
Det Hqs Co.
Plt FO (1)
Det TAG (1)
Det Intelligence Section
Det Medical Section
Det Communications Section

B Company (Main)

Det A Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
Det 2nd Plt B Co 3d Bn, 1st Mar (4)
Hq (1)
Hq (1)
Scout Sniper Team (1)
Det Hqs Co.
Plt FO (1)
Det TAG (1)
Det Intelligence Section
Det Medical Section
Det Communications Section

C Company (Main)

Det A Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
Det 2nd Plt C Co, 3d Bn, 1st Mar (4)
Hq (1)
Hq (1)
Scout Sniper Team (1)
Det Hqs Co.
Plt FO (1)
Det TAG (1)
Det Intelligence Section
Det Medical Section
Det Communications Section

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D Company (Main)
Det 1 Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
Det 2nd Plt B Co, 3d Bnpr (4)
M.F. (1)
Scout Sniper Team (1)
Det H&S Co
Platoon FO (1)
Det T/OP (1)
Det Intelligence Section
Det Medical Section
Det Communications Section

H Co 1/5
OPCON 1/5 210 CG H Feb

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Platoon Porter Platoon H&S Co
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Operation Plan 2-69 (Continuation of plan retrograde of 1stBn. 3dMar. (Rein) to Quang Tri/Dong Ha within 48 hours.)

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000, series L7014, sheets 6540I, 6540II, 6540III, 6540IV.

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: No change.

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. To be promulgated. Additionally, current INTSUMS and PERINTEPS.
- b. Friendly Forces
 - (1) 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
 - (2) 5th Marines (-) (Rein)
 - (3) 1stBn. 12th Marines (-) (Rein)
 - (4) 1st MAW c/s
- c. Attachments and Detachments. No Change.

2. MISSION

On order, 1stBn. 3d Marines (Rein) conducts a heliborne night type withdrawal from action from present position to An Hoa for subsequent retirement via fixed wing lift to Quang Tri/Dong Ha and immediate deployment within 3d Marine Division A.O.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. At H-Hour on D-Day, 1stBn. 3d Marines (Rein) will conduct a heliborne night type withdrawal from action from present positions to An Hoa. One company will be designated as Bn reserve. Subsequent to the arrival at An Hoa a retirement via fixed wing air lift utilizing C-130 aircraft will be conducted to Quang Tri/Dong Ha followed by immediate deployment within 3d Marine Division AO. Fire Support Plan (see Annex A). Air Support Plan (see Annex B).

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b. B Co. (Rein)

- (1) On order, close units on present patrol base and secure LZ.
- (2) Provide security for H&SCo.(-).
- (3) Be prepared, on order, to conduct heliborne night type withdrawal from action to An Hoa.
- (4) Be prepared to deliver suppressive fire in support of the heliborne lift.
- (5) Subsequently, on order, board fixed wing aircraft (C-130) and retire from An Hoa to Quang Tri/Dong Ha.
- (6) Be prepared, on order, for further deployment in 3d MarDiv AO.

c. C Co. (Rein)

- (1) On order, close units on present patrol base and secure LZ.
- (2) Be prepared, on order, to conduct heliborne night type withdrawal from action to An Hoa.
- (3) Be prepared to deliver suppressive fires in support of the heliborne lift.
- (4) Subsequently, on order, board fixed wing aircraft (C-130) and retire from An Hoa to Quang Tri/Dong Ha.
- (5) Be prepared, on order, for further deployment within 3d MarDiv AO.

d. D Co. (Rein)

- (1) On order, close units on present patrol base and secure LZ.
- (2) Be prepared, on order, to conduct heliborne night type withdrawal from action to An Hoa.
- (3) Be prepared to deliver suppressive fire in support of the heliborne lift.
- (4) Subsequently, on order, board fixed wing aircraft (C-130) and retire from An Hoa to Quang Tri/Dong Ha.
- (5) Be prepared, on order, for further deployment within 3d MarDiv AO.

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e. H&SCo. (-) (Rein)

- (1) Be prepared, on order, to conduct heliborne lift to An Hoa.
- (2) A Command, be prepared to displace on order.
- (3) B Command, be prepared to displace on order.
- (4) Subsequently, on order, board fixed wing aircraft (C-130) and retire from An Hoa to Quang Tri/Dong Ha.
- (5) Be prepared, on order, to further deploy in 3d MarDiv AO.

f. Battalion Reserve

- (1) A Co. (Rein) battalion reserve.
- (2) On order, conduct relief in place by elements of 5th Marines.
- (3) Upon relief, be prepared, on order to conduct heliborne retirement operations to An Hoa.
- (4) Subsequently, on order, board fixed wing aircraft (C-130) and retire from An Hoa to Quang Tri/Dong Ha.
- (5) Be prepared, on order, to further deploy within 3d MarDiv AO.

g. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) H-hour and D-day to be announced.
- (2) Order of move: B Command (-) on order, D Co, C Co., H&SCo.(-), A Command on order, B Co., A Co.,
- (3) Conduct thorough police of all company patrol bases prior to departure.
- (4) This plan effective for planning upon receipt, execute on order.

4. Administration and Logistics (See Annex C (Administration and Logistics))5. Command and Communications/ELECTRONICSa. Communications. (See Annex D (Communications and Electronics))b. Reports

- (1) Spot Reports will be submitted ASAP following incident.
- (2) Spot Reports will be detailed to include specific numbers, sizes, materials and surroundings.

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- (3) Situation Reports will be submitted on the hour after 1700H.
- (4) Thrust points for new AO will be passed separately.
- (5) Night and day acts will be submitted NLT 1700H.
- (6) Brevity code remains same.

c. Command Post

- (1) Initially, A Command will be located IAW Operations Order 1-69.

- (2) COMPANIES REPORT NEW CP LOCATIONS AS APPLICABLE DURING MOVEMENTS.

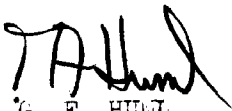
Annexes:

- ✓ Annex A (Fire Support Coordination Plan)
- ✓ Annex B (Air Support Plan)
- ✓ Annex C (Administration and Logistics)
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APPENDIX I TO ANNEX B (AIR SUPPORT PLAN) TO OPERATIONS PLAN 2-69

AIR SUPPORT DIAGRAM

Unit Order of Lift	Personnel	Ext	Sorties	Time
Bravo Cmd	0	0	1	30
Delta Co.	170	5	15/5	1440 Refuel 4 15
Charlie Co.	170	5	15/5	1440 Refuel 4 15
H&SCC.	125	3	11/3	1410
Alpha Cmd.	13	0	1/	30
Bravo Co.	145	5	12/5	1425 Refuel 4 15
Alpha Co.	150	5	13/5	1430

Total Time 7 plus 30

Time: Predicated on
minimum of 6 CH
46 A/C, Operation
in daisy chain
5 min. interval

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Annex D (Communications and Electronics) to Operation Plan 2-69

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) See current INTSUM.
- (2) Enemy has the capability to intercept, and deception is to be expected.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
- (2) 5th Marines (-) (Rein)
- (3) 1st Bn. 12th Marines (-) (Rein)
- (4) 1st FAG G/S

2. MISSIONS

COMMENCING ON H-HOUR ON D-DAY, COMM-ELECT ELEMENTS OF 1/3 WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY SUPPORT FOR COMM DURING THE HELICOPTER NIGHT-TYPE WITHDRAWAL FROM ACTION FROM PRESENT POSITIONS TO AN HOA AND SUBSEQUENT RETIREMENT VIA FIXED WING LIFT TO QUANG-TRI/DONG HA.

3. EXECUTION

a. Communications Platoon

- (1) Message Center. Task Force Yankee maintains communications and crypto guard for 3d Marines until such time as control is assumed by 3d Marine Division.
- (2) Wire. Local wire system shall remain operational until the regimental command group departs, at which time administrative telephone traffic will be through yankee switchboard.
- (3) Radio. In accordance with appendixes 1 (radio plan), 2 (radio call signs) and 3, (radio frequencies).

b. Coordination Instructions

- (1) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines shall maintain radio communications within the battalion and their administrative rears during the retrograde movement as well as assigned nets in appendix 1 (radio plan)
- (2) MEDEVAC request will be placed over 35.5 (M-168)

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- (3) The HF radio line with Danang, and An Hoa, Appendix 1 (radio plan) will commence continuous operation upon implementation of this plan.
- (4) Radio communications within the respective landing zones shall be over the controlling units LZ push, appendix 3 (radio frequencies).
- (5) Call signs shall be in accordance with appendix 2 (call signs).
- (6) Frequencies shall be in accordance with appendix 3 (radio frequencies).
- (7) Brevity codes shall be in accordance with operations order 10-68 (Taylor Common)
- (8) Voice cipher systems shall be in accordance with operation order 10-68 and the effective edition of KAK.

4. Administration and Logistics (SEE ANNEX C (ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS)).

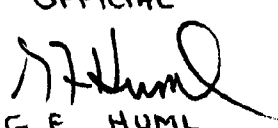
APPENDICES:

- (1) RADIO PLAN
- (2) RADIO CALL-SIGN
- (3) RADIO FREQUENCIES

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APPENDIX I (RADIO PLAN) TO ANNEX D TO OPERATION PLAN 2-69

LEGEND

C - Net control

X - Guard

A - Guard as required

1/3 Units	1/3 (R)	1/3 CP	
		A	LZ Control Ah
		A	LZ Common Control
		A	MedTAC Vermillion
		X	Regt TAC #1
		X	Regt TAC #2
		A	Regt Admin
		A	TACP
X	A	C	1/3 Bn. TAC
A	X	C	1/3 Bn. Admin
A		C	LZ Push

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Appendix 2 (radio call signs) to Annex D of Operation Plan A-69

UNIT

3d Marines	Beware
1stBn. 3d Marines	Air Police
3dBn. 3d Marines	Smitty
12th Marines	Protractor
1stBn. 12th Marines	Selby
2ndBn. 11th Marines	Flag Dip
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Appendix 3 (Radio Frequencies) to Annex 6 of Operation Plan 2-69

<u>NET</u>	<u>FREQ</u>	<u>MIKE</u>
LZ Control A.H.	36.2 MHZ	M-749
LZ Common Control	45.6 MHZ	M-848
Medevac Vermillion	35.5	M-168
3d Marines Regt TAC 1	47.7	M-1465
3d Marines Regt TAC 11	(P) 3180 KHZ (S) 74.45 MHZ	M-1170 M-1202
3d Marines Regt Admin	(P) 8630 KHZ (S) 3322 KHZ	M-879 M-1102
1/3		
Bn TAC	75.6	M-233
Bn Admin	41.65	M-1472
81 CoF	58.65	M-94
A Co TAC	75.8	M-267
B Co TAC	64.85	M-191
C Co TAC	50.0	M-701
D Co TAC	62.25	M-113
LZ	49.3	M-1461

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Annex B (Air Support Plan) to Operation Plan 2-69

Ref: (a) Maps Vietnam 1:50,000 series L7014 sheets 6540 II, 6540III, 6540IV

TIME ZONE: H. (Indochina Time)

Task ORGANIZATION: No Change

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. To be promulgated.
- b. Friendly Forces
 - (1) 3d Marines (-) (Rein)
 - (2) 5th Marines (-) (Rein)
 - (3) 1stBn. 12th Marines (-) (Rein)
 - (4) 1st MAW G/S
- c. Attachments & Detachments: No Change

2. MISSION

On order 1stBn. 3dMar. conducts heliborne night type withdrawal from action from present positions to An Hoa for subsequent retirement via fixed wing air lift to Quang Tri/Dong Ha and immediate deployment within 3d Marine Zone.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation

1st Battalion 3d Marines (Rein), at H-hour on D-day. Conduct a night type heliborne withdrawal utilizing CH46 A/C, from action, from present position to An Hoa for subsequent C130 airlift to Quang Tri/Dong Ha. Heliborne withdrawal to be covered by A/C on station, with fixed wing on call and gunship escort.

b. Appendix A - outlines the scheduled heliborne operation for 1/3.

c. Trooplift Requirements

Minimums

- (1) 6CH46
- (2) 4 HU Gunships (2 on station) at all times
- (3) 1 AC on station at all times
- (4) Fixed wing on call

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Annex C (Administration and Logistics) TO OPERATIONS ORDER 2-69

Time Zone: H

1. SUPPLY

a. General

- (1) Upon order, the 1stBn. 3dMar. (-) (Rein) will be directed to return to the area of operations of the 3d Marine Division for possible immediate deployment, *or such other area as directed.*
- (2) The logistic support of the 1stBn. 3dMar. will be provided by FLSC-B. The location and method of the primary source of supply will be dependent on the AO assigned upon arrival at Dong Ha/Quang Tri.
- (3) Sources - FLSC-B, Quang Tri
- (4) Control and distribution (See 4. SERVICES)
- (5) Resupply
 - (a) Requests will be submitted to 4A and handled on a daily basis.

b. Supplies and Equipment

- (1) The prescribed loads are:
 - (a) Class 1 - 2 days MGI and 6 days IPR's
 - (b) Class 2 - normal arms and equipment
 - (c) Class 3 - 3 days
 - (d) Class 4 - as required
 - (e) Class 5 - BA for M-16s and M-60 MG only
 - (f) Water - three full canteens per Marine plus 5 days halizone/iodine tablets and 24 salt tablets

2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

a. Personnel

- (1) Remain at medical facilities where they are presently located and upon release, will return to their parent unit.

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- (2) Battalion Medical Facility Liaison teams will be relocated to 3d Medical Battalion.

3. TRANSPORTATION

- a. From field to An Hoa via helicopter.
- b. From An Hoa to Quang Tri via C-130.
- c. From Quang Tri airfield to Quang Tri rear via truck.
- d. Movement Plan (See Appendix I)

4. SERVICES

a. Maintenance

- (1) All crew ^{serv} ~~sized~~ weapons will be T-I at Quang Tri.
- (2) Maintenance contact teams will be available at Quang Tri for TI of all weapons upon arrival at Quang Tri.

b. Messing

- (1) At Quang Tri, Regimental mess hall. Company time schedule will be published at a later date.

c. Control and distribution

- (1) FLSC-B will be the control agency for all classes of supplies except class 6 and 10.
- (2) The method of resupply (helicopter and/or truck) will be determined when assigned a mission by 3d Marine Division.

d. Transportation

- (1) An Hoa rear will move on R plus 3 via C-130.
- (2) Nam-o bridge will be moved on R day to Quang Tri via C-130.

5. PERSONNEL

a. Reports

- (1) Companies will muster all personnel and submit a daily strength report.

b. SRB's

- (1) Will be audited on an individual basis at Quang Tri. Companies will be scheduled on an individual basis.

c. Awards

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- (1) Will continue to be processed in accordance with Division order P1650.1A.

d. Pay

- (1) Those personal with pay discrepancies report to their respective First Sergeants for corrective action.

e. Baggage

- (1) All personal leaving on R&R or returning to CONUS between 11 and 17 February will return to An Hoa for transportation to Nam-o transit facility immediately. Baggage for these personal will be pulled and held pending their arrival at Nam-o.

f. Postal

- (1) The Battalion Postal Officer will insure that mail will be re-routed from 1st Division Postal Facilities to 3d Division postal facilities upon notification.

g. Discipline

- (1) Disciplinary problems arising during the movement will be held ~~to abeyance~~ until arrival at Quang Tri and handled by prospective companies.

h. Replacements

- (1) Upon notification, all replacement personal will be held at Nam-o for transportation to Quang Tri and assigned in accordance with current directives.

6. MISC

a. Excessive Supply and Equipment

- (1) Excessive Class V supply will be turned in at assembly area at An Hoa prior to boarding fixed wing aircraft.
- (2) Excessive equipment will be transported by individual to Quang Tri and turned in to battalion supply upon arrival.

b. Uniform and Equipment

- (1) For embarkation will be complete utilities with helmet, flak jackets and personal combat equipment.
- (2) Each Marine armed with a M-16, pistol or M-60 will carry a basic allowance of ammo to Quang Tri. Upon boarding C-130 aircraft, all weapons will be cleared and locked.

c. Rehab. (See Appendix II)

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Appendices:

1 Movement Plan
2 Rehab Plan (To be published)
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