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Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division
(2) Commanding General, III MAF

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1-21 September 1969

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1B
(b) FMFDoc 5750.8
(c) Divo 5750.1C

Encl: (1) Subject Command Chronology

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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 September to 21 September 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDERS</u>	<u>DATES</u>
1st Battalion, 3d Marines	LtCol D. G. HERRON	(1-21 Sep 69)
<u>SUBORDINATE UNITS</u>		
HLSCo	1stLt J. C. SANBORN	(16Jul-17Sep 69)
	1stLt T. K. SHAW	(18Sep-21Sep 69)
CoA	Capt J. M. MCADAMS	(1-21Sep 69)
CoB	1stLt A. K. CHESSON	(1-21Sep 69)
CoC	1stLt T. K. SHAW	(1-13Sep 69)
	Capt M. T. HOPGOOD	(14-21Sep 69)
CoD	Capt J. B. CROFT	(1-21 Sep 69)
<u>ATTACHED UNITS</u>		
2nd Platoon, CoB, 3d Engr Bn	Det Scout/Sniper Plt, 3d Mar	
HST Det, CoA, 3d SP Bn	Det Interpreters	
Det Dog Team, 3d MP Bn	Det KCS	
<u>2. Location</u>		
1-21 September: Idaho Canyon AO, Quang Tri Province, Cam Lo District, RVN		
<u>3. Staff Officers</u>		
Executive Officer	Maj W. R. EBYRE	(1-21Sep 69)
S-1	1stLt P. CHAVEZ	(1-21Sep 69)
S-2	GySgt A. C. VAILLENCOURT	(1-21Sep 69)
S-3	Maj G. H. WELSH	(1-21Sep 69)
S-4	Capt T. H. GUERIN JR	(1-21Sep 69)
S-5	2ndLt J. P. MYERS	(1-21Sep 69)
<u>4. Average Monthly Strength</u>		

	USMC	
OFF		ENL
33		1100

	USN	
OFF		ENL
2		46

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Overview of all Activities. Throughout the month of September, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines continued search and destroy operations in the Mutter's Ridge/Helicopter Valley complex and provided security for that portion of Route #9 within the assigned area of operations. These primary missions and other missions assigned were accomplished in support of the 3d Marine Regiment operation "Idaho Canyon."

2. Missions Assigned

Commencing 28 July realign forces to maintain a minimum of two companies in a search and destroy role along 1/11's southern boundary with emphasis on the Cam Hung area. Continue to provide security for FSB Fuller and Khe Gio Bridge. Continue to provide security for Route #9 in AO with 100% day and night surveillance on unpaved portion. Provide security for road construction from the Khe Gio Bridge west in the AO. Provide security for road sweeps emanating from Khe Gio Bridge.

Ref: Regt OpnO 8-69 (Idaho Canyon)

Effective from time of receipt until 110100H Sep 69, conduct no ground operations except as necessary for security of area. Continue normal ground recon activities, increase use of aerial observers, employ supporting arms for normal MDF, rocket suppression, and counter-battery fire.

Ref: Regt Frago 101-69 of 9 Aug 69

On or about 110100H, on order resume normal operations. (Order to execute received 110101H Sep 69)

Ref: 3dMar msg 102210H Sep 69

On 110800H Sep 69, airlift one company from present position to Dong Ha airfield for operations in the Dong Ha and Quang Tri Combat Bases as may be directed by the Dong Ha Combat Base Defense Coordinator. Pass opcon of company to 3d Marines.

Ref: Regt Frago 102-69 of 13 Sep 69

Opcon of your company (ref Frago 102-69) passed to parent battalion on 210800H Sep 69.

Ref: 3d Mar oral msg of 21 Sep 69

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1st Battalion, 3d Marines is relieved of responsibility for assigned AO and will stand down from all offensive operations as of 211135H Sep 69.

Ref: 3d Mar oral msg 211135H Sep 69.

3. Intelligence

The month of September disclosed the continued presence of at least two battalions of the 9th NVA Regiment in the northern portion of 1st Battalion, 3d Marines' assigned AO. Enemy forces were heavily disposed north of the 64 easting line, north of which line the infantry units were not permitted to operate.

The enemy showed a willingness to make contact with units operating north of the 63 easting line, apparently to permit easy withdrawal north of the 64 line to a fairly safe haven. No capability to attack in any force was apparent, and it is believed that the continuous program of air and artillery targeted north of the 64 line prevented the NVA from massing the necessary forces.

The contacts made, most of which were during the first ten days of the month, indicated that enemy troops were fresh, extremely young, in good physical condition, with new weapons and equipment.

Attempts at mining Route #9 within the AO disclosed an innovation to adapt to the factor that the road was almost completely hard surfaced. The NVA would emplace two Chinese claymores, separated by a sandbag or similar buffer, along the roadside. The bottom claymore would be command detonated, blowing the second claymore 5-10 feet in the air, whereupon it would detonate. Due to alertness of units providing security of the road, these mines were recovered after an ambush had killed three NVA attempting to emplace them.

4. Operations

Throughout the month, infantry companies conducted search and destroy operations throughout the AO, with one platoon providing security for FSB Phuoc, and one company maintaining the security of Route #9. Contacts lessened gradually, until 211135H Sep 69, when the battalion was relieved of responsibility for the assigned AO, and ordered to stand down from all offensive operations.

5. Results of Operations

a. Casualties inflicted on the enemy

KIA
22

b. Friendly casualties

KIA WIA
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c. Equipment, weapons and ordnance captured

<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>ORDNANCE</u>	<u>SUPPLIES</u>
4 Entrenching tools	12 AK-47	1 Overlay
4 Canteens	1 SKS	1 Map
4 Helmets	54 Chicom grenade	1 PRC-25
1 Combination	7 M-26 frag grenade	Radio battery
14 NVA Packs	49 82mm rds	1 Messagebook
3 Picks	3 60mm rds	1 Radio log
4 Water bags	11 RPG rds	Propaganda
3 Cartridge belts	4 RPG launchers	Long ration
2 Metal I. D. tags	10 lbs explosive	4 NVA Cigarette packs
20 AK-47 magazines	12 Claymores	15 rice bags
8 Pouches	5 Directional Mines	5 Rice bowls
9 NVA uniforms	6 Anti-tank mines	4 Battals dressings
4 Hammocks	12 Blasting caps	1 NVA flag
1 Messcan	5 Booby traps Det cord	
1 Pr. Field Glasses	1250 S/A rds	
1 Corpsman pack	79 50 Cal. rds	
1 Field radio	25 M-79 rds	
6 Gas masks		
5 Pr. sandals		
1 Saw		
1 Barrel bag Hg type		
5 NVA covers		

6. Supporting Armsa. Air

(1) The air support for the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines from 1 Sep-21 Sep 1969 was broken down as follows:

Aerial Observers	52	Sorties
Gun Ships	16	Sorties
Resupply	100	Sorties
Command and Control	201	Sorties
Fixed Wing	20	Sorties
Beacon	3	Sorties
TPQ	19	Sorties
MedEvacs	15	Sorties
Resupply to LZ Fuller		
for BA-A & BA-W	79	Sorties
Battalion move from		
LZ Fuller to VCB	25	Sorties

(2) A large portion of the fixed wing in the 1/3 AO during the month of September was controlled by aerial observer and run in the area on and just north of the 66 line - north of the pink line.

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(3) After 11 Sep Beacons and TPQs were allowed as far north as the Ben Hai River. Aerial observers consistently reported NVA buildup in the area. Fixed wing called into the area received heavy automatic weapons fire above the 65 line.

(4) Emergency medevacs could be counted on under normal circumstances to be completed within 40 minutes of original request. On one occasion - 2 September - an emergency medevac took two hours and five minutes to complete. The request was called in at 2120 and the lift out was completed at 2325. The ceiling was low and a typhoon was approaching. The delay was caused by a wait for flareships which were requested by the medevac pilot before he left his base.

(5) The fixed wing sortie rate for the battalion dropped during the first 21 days of September due to diverts of many scheduled sorties to other battalions in heavy contact.

(6) At 0830 21 September the battalion was lifted from LZ Fuller to VCB. The lift was completed in two hours in conjunction with a troop lift of 4th Marine troops into LZ Fuller from LZ Russel. The 1/3 lift out was completed with 25 sorties of H 46 helicopters.

(7) During the subsequent truck convoy from VCB to Quang Tri an aerial observer was overhead as security escort.

b. Artillery

(1) Different types and numbers of missions

Observed	468
Special Fires	495
Registrations	172
Preparation	33
Patrol Route Preparation	24
HA	244

(2) Number and types of ammunition

HE	16,742
Illum	146
WP	1,412
HC	160
FC	41
CS	18
Total	18,519

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7. Personnel and Administrationa. Personnel(1) Administrative Gains

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
3	38	0	8

(2) Administrative Losses

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
1	66	1	5

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

(1) Promotions Effected

5 Corporal
198 Lance Corporal
3 Private First Class

(2) Awards Recommended

1 Navy Cross
5 Silver Star
10 Bronze Star
15 Navy Commendation Medals
35 Navy Achievement
24 Purple Heart

(3) Awards Presented

1 Silver Star
2 Bronze Star
6 Navy Commendation
1 Navy Marine Corps
11 Navy Achievement
5 Purple Heart
1 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry

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c. Postal. Considered to be satisfactory although at time the delivery rate has been very slow.

8. Training. During the month (5) Incountry Troop Indoctrinations sessions were conducted and a total of 73 men attended. The following schools were attended by members of this Battalion.

NCO School	3
Staff NCO School	2
Land Mine	3
III MAF 16mm Projectionst Course	1
Embark Officer School	1

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PART III

CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

On 1 Sep at approx 1500H at grid 027634 elements of Company B made contact with 4 NVA in bunkers. Friendly units used S/A IAAW and grenades, killing three. The fourth NVA was given an opportunity to Chieu Hoi but refused and was subsequently killed. After searching area they were moving to their night pos and encountered one more NVA who was killed by S/A. They destroyed the bunkers and captured 2-AK-47, LRFG launcher w/2rds. One NVA field radio, message book and radio log. Twenty ~~oblongs~~ and 2 gas masks were also captured.

On 042015H Sep at grid 998614 elements of Company C discovered three 82mm rounds along trail. Plastic fuze cap had been removed and rounds were left there approximately one week prior to their discovery. Rounds were blown in place.

On 051955H Sep 69 elements of Company A at grid 036563, moving into a night ambush site, observed four enemy at grid 039564. Took the enemy under fire with S/A and enemy was observed moving northwest. Area was searched with negative results and S-3 of 2/3 was notified of incident.

On 061200H Sep., three NVA in khaki uniforms were spotted at 042566 by road sweep team. One NVA was carrying a pack. Sweep team personnel were providing point security IAW instructions for conduct of roadsweep until fired upon. Elements of Company A were providing rear security IAW instructions issued by the sweep team. Sweep team personnel did not fire on NVA nor notify infantry squad; subsequently NVA escaped to the north.

On 062000H Sep at grid 016565 elements of Company A set up security for one disabled tank retriever. At 070130 security squad observed movement. Fired S/A and illum upon searching area they found one blood trail.

On 070930H Sep, four rounds impacted at grid 998564; impacts were observed by CB's and other personnel along Route #9. Elements of artillery HQ took crater analysis and estimated crater was made by 122 to 140mm rocket, with back azimuth of 0100. They found one PD/delay fuze which was retained.

On 071600H Sep, at grid 027637 a patrol from Company B found a tree with toilet paper wrapped around it and three notches below the tissue. An enemy body which had been there from previous contact on 011500H Sep. was gone. Search of the area brought negative results.

On 081335H Sep at grid 039566, a Marine Corps 2½ ton truck went off the road injuring two marines. The two marines were redeployed to 3d Med. Vehicle retained at Company A position.

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On 091700H Sep, elements of Company B observed 4-5 NVA setting up a mortar; artillery mission was called in and as initial rounds impacted the NVA fled northeast into draw; more artillery was run in the draw with results unknown. 12 WP & 18 HE 105 rounds were expended w/three batteries firing.

On 092130H Sep, dusters from KGB fired on a suspected enemy pos. at grid 027567. Area was searched the following day finding 1 NVA w/body badly burnt and a mutilated pack. NVA was wearing only ~~skivvie~~.

On 111030H Sep CB truck hit mine at end of hard surface access road leading to Cam Lo River. Road had been ~~swept previously without~~ detection of any mines. Road was swept again after incident. Negative casualties.

On 131130H Sep. squad patrol from Company A found cave at grid 020558. Cave had 36" entrance, went back approx four feet then made 45 degree turn which lead into a 12x3 foot room. Search was conducted with negative results and cave was destroyed.

On 131630H Sep, elements of Company D found 7 NVA bodies at 997631, bodies were two-three weeks old, killed by arty. Patrol searched area finding one chicom, three gas masks (unservicable), one serviceable gas mask, one saw, five rice bowls, five pair sandals, three NVA E-tools, four ponchos, one barrel bag for MG, 25 M-79 rds, four bloody battle dressings and numerous S/A rounds.

On 132300H Sep, elements of Co. 4 at grid 016562 with aid of NOD observed four NVA laying mines at grid 008565. Fired one round of 106 destroyer. Upon searching area the following day found three NVA KIA; also two packs, six claymores (NVA type), det cord, NVA flag, several booby traps, and propaganda material. Ordnance was destroyed and other material retrograded.

On 141215H Sep. elements of Co D found one enemy body at grid 005628. Body was two-three months old killed by artillery.

On 141100H Sep. squad size patrol from Co A found NVA cigarette packs, long rations, and five NVA covers with a red star on them at grid 008571. Area appeared to be used as staging area for six or more enemy.

Continuing their patrol they found one chicom grenade. and freshly used trails at 005570. At grid 008573 patrol heard what they determined was soundings upon searching area they found what appeared to be a freshly dug grave.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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| ✓1. Log book of Regt Frago | 95-69 to 100-69 |
| ✓2. Log book of Bn Frago | 214-69 to 237-69 |
| ✓3. Log book of Day and Night Acts. | September 69 |
| 4. Situation Report and Spot report Log | September 69 |
| 5. Air Officer Log (TACP) | September 69 |
| 6. Artillery Officer Log (FSCC) | September 69 |

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 3D MARINES (REIN)
 ELLIOTT COMBAT BASE, RVN
 172115H AUGUST 69

FROM: CO, 3D MARINES
 TO: 3D MARINES

INFO: 3D MARDIV (-) (REIN)
 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES
 CO B, 3D INOR. BN

SUBJ: 3D MARINES FRAG ORDER 98-69

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS.

B. FRIENDLY.

(1) 2D BN, 4TH MARINES WITH TWO COMPANIES BLOCKS THE ENEMY ON 3D MARINES WESTERN BOUNDARY.

(2) 2D REGT, 1ST INF DIV, RVN, WITH TWO (2) BATTALIONS CONDUCTS HELICOPTERBORNE ATTACK ON D-1 IN DESIGNATED LZS AND ON D-DAY COMMENCES ATTACK TO THE WEST AND NORTH.

(3) 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES (A,B,C,W, 2D PROV) IN DIRECT SUPPORT AND BTRY K/4/12 AND C, 5TH OF THE 4TH IN A "QUICK FIRE" STATUS.

(4) 12TH MARINES: GENERAL SUPPORT.

(5) 7TH AIR FORCE AND 1ST MAW SUPPORT OPERATIONS COMMENCING 181600H AUG 69 WITH GRAND SLAM.

(6) DIVISION RESERVE - 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES.

2. MISSION. IN ADDITION TO NORMAL S/D AND SECURITY MISSIONS IN AO, 3D MARINES ATTACKS TO DESTROY THE ENEMY, ASSESS GRAND SLAM, AND GATHER INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION IN NORTHERN PORTION OF AO IN CONJUNCTION WITH RVN FORCES.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. AT H-HOUR, D-DAY THE 3D MARINES ATTACK TO THE NORTH WITH TWO (2) BATTALIONS ABREAST TO DESTROY THE ENEMY, ASSESS GRAND SLAM, AND GATHER INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH RVN FORCES.

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B. 1ST BATTALION.

(1) COMMENCING AT H-HOUR, D-DAY ATTACK TO THE NORTH WITH TWO (2) COMPANIES AND ONE (1) COMPANY (-) TO DESTROY THE ENEMY, ASSESS GRAND SLAM, AND OATHER INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION.

(2) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE NORMAL SECURITY FOR FIXED POSITIONS AND RT. #9 IN AO.

C. 2D BATTALION.

(1) CONTINUE PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED MISSIONS.

(2) ON 18 AUGUST PROVIDE ONE (1) PLATOON TO THE 3D BATTALION FOR SECURITY OF FSB PETE.

(3) PROVIDE ONE (1) COMPANY ON A TWO (2) HOUR ALERT FOR REGIMENTAL RESERVE.

D. 3D BATTALION.

(1) COMMENCING AT H-HOUR, D-DAY ATTACK TO THE NORTH WITH THREE (3) COMPANIES TO DESTROY THE ENEMY, ASSESS GRAND SLAM, AND OATHER INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION.

(2) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE NORMAL SECURITY FOR ECB AND RT. #9 IN AO.

(3) ON 18 AUGUST ASSUME OPCON OF ONE (1) PLATOON FROM 2D BATTALION FOR SECURITY FOR FSB PETE.

(4) WHEN DIRECTED ON 18 AUGUST PROVIDE ONE (1) PLATOON FOR SECURITY OF ROAD SWEEP FROM RT. #9 TO FSB PETE.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) H-HOUR, D-DAY: 190600H AUG 69.

(2) ESTIMATED DURATION OF OPERATION: 72 HOURS.

(3) OCCUPY ATTACK POSITIONS AFTER DARKNESS ON 18 AUGUST. POSITIONS WILL BE SOUTH OF 62 E-W GRID LINE.

(4) ESTIMATED LIMIT OF ADVANCE: DMZ.

(5) AFTER REACHING POINT OF FARTHEST ADVANCE NORTH, BE PREPARED TO MOVE SOUTH AND ESTABLISH POSITIONS IN VICINITY PHASE LINE WHISKEY.

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(6) PHASE LINES: SEE OPNS OVERLAY. REPORT CROSSING.

(7) OCCUPY COMPANY NIGHT POSITIONS AFTER DARKNESS. PLATOONS WILL BE PHYSICALLY TIED IN AND COUNTERATTACK PLANS PREPARED.

(8) TAKE PRISONERS. SEARCH FOR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION.

(9) REPORTS. IN ADDITION TO NORMAL REPORTS:

(A) REPORT UNIT POSITIONS EVERY TWO (2) HOURS COMMENCING 190600H.

(B) IMMEDIATELY REPORT ENEMY ACTIVITY AND CONTACTS WITH NORMAL SPOTREPS TO FOLLOW.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE/LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE EXCEPT ON NIGHT OF 18 AUGUST UNITS WILL HAVE TWO (2) DAYS OF MCI'S AND THREE (3) DAYS OF LPR'S.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL. NO CHANGE

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ANNEX A-OPNS OVERLAY

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FROM: HULLMARK

TO: KNIFEBOY, ICECAST, ROCKCRUSHER, JOCKEY 30
INFO: ALEXANDER, BIG ALICE, DALLAS GIRL A, BEWARE BSUBJ: 3RD MARINES FRAS ORDER 96-69REF: (a) 3RD MARINES OP ORDER 8-69 (IDAMO CANYON)

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE ENEMY IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN THE INITIAL PHASE OF A MAJOR INFILTRATION EFFORT FROM THE DMZ. IT APPEARS THAT THE ENEMY IS ATTEMPTING TO INTRODUCE ELEMENTS OF COMPANY SIZE OR LARGER INTO THE MOTHER'S RIDGE AREA FROM TWO GENERAL LOCATIONS INSIDE THE DMZ. THE FIRST, THE ENEMY REFERS TO AS THE HIGHPOINT 333 ROUTE. HP 333 IS LOCATED AT (622650) AND HAS CONTINUOUSLY BEEN UTILIZED BY THE ENEMY IN HIS INFILTRATION EFFORTS SOUTH. IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN ENEMY ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN THE DONG BE LHO AREA. THE ENEMY MOVES SOUTH FOLLOWING THE BLUE LINE (015670) TO HP 333, MOVING ALONG THE TERRAIN CONTOURS TO (000640) THEN CONTINUES SOUTH OVER NUMEROUS TRAIL NETWORKS IN THE AREA. THE SECOND ENTRY POINT APPEARS TO BE THE DONG KHI AREA (924653). THE ENEMY UTILIZES

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THAT PORTION OF THE DMZ BETWEEN (924653) AND (948657) TO ENTER OUR AO.

CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS INDICATE THAT THE ENEMY IS EMPLOYING ELEMENTS OF THE 9TH REGIMENT, WHICH IS PART OF THE 304 NVA DIVISION, PARTICULARLY ELITE NVA UNITS.

THE ENEMY'S ULTIMATE INTENTIONS IN HIS INFILTRATION ARE NOT CLEAR AT THIS TIME. POSSIBLY A MAJOR INTERDICTION EFFORT AGAINST ROUTE 9 AS PART OF A SOMEWHAT LARGER OVERALL PLAN.

B FRIENDLY

- (1) 1ST OF THE 5TH, US. ARMY, CONDUCTS OPERATIONS NORTHEAST OF 3RD MARINES AO.
- (2) THE 2ND ARVN REGIMENT CONTINUES TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS TO THE WEST OF ROUTE 1 IN AO.
- (3) 4TH MARINES CONDUCTS OPERATION HERKIMER MOUNTAIN TO THE WEST AND WILLIAMS GLADE TO THE SOUTH.
 - (a) UNIT LOCATIONS:
 - 2/4 CP & F(-) (912591), FTRT (902610)
 - HL(-) 2/4 (923591), NPRT. (911591)
- (4) ON D-DAY 3RD MARINES PASSES OPON OF 1/1 TO 1ST OF THE 5TH.

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- (5) ON D-DAY COMPANY A, 3⁰ TANK BN, DIRECT SUPPORT 1ST OF THE 5TH
- (6) 2⁰ BATTALION ON 11 AUGUST PASSED OPCON OF ECHO COMPANY TO 3⁰ MAR DIV.

2. MISSION

3⁰ MARINES CONDUCTS S/D OPERATIONS WITHIN ASSIGNED AO. BE PREPARED TO FURNISH ONE BATTALION MINUS ON ORDER TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS ANYWHERE WITHIN 3⁰ DIVISION AO.

3 EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS SEE ANNEX A (OPERATIONS OVERLAY)

B 1ST BATTALION

- (1) ON D-DAY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
- (2) CONDUCT S/D OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
- (3) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR FSB FULLER AND KHE GO BRIDGE.
- (4) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION FROM KHE GO BRIDGE WEST IN AO.
- (5) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ROAD SWEEPS EMANATING FROM KHE GO BRIDGE
- (6) IN EVENT THE 2ND BN. EXECUTES PARA.

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3. C(6) OF THIS ORDER, ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR REMAINDER OF 2⁰BV'S MISSION.

C. 2⁰ BATTALION (-)

- (1) COMMENCING ON D-DAY CONDUCT HELICOPTER-BORNE AND SURFACE MOVEMENT TO ASSIGNED AO.
- (2) ON ORDER ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEW AO AND COMMENCE S/D OPERATIONS.
- (3) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR C-3 BRIDGE, ROUTE 9 AND ROAD SWEEPS WITHIN A.O.
- (4) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY OF CONSTRUCTION CREW AND EQUIPMENT ON ROUTE 558 FROM CAM LO TO MAI LOC.
- (5) COORDINATE AND CONDUCT COMBINED OPERATIONS WITH RF'S AND PF'S IN AO.
- (6) BE PREPARED TO MOVE BY HELICOPTER, OR SURFACE MEANS TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE 3⁰ MAR DIV AO WITHIN THE FOLLOWING TIME FRAME: ONE (1) COMPANY IN THREE (3) HOURS, TWO (2) COMPANIES IN FOUR (4) HOURS, AND THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION (-) IN FIVE (5) HOURS.

D. 3⁰ BATTALION

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- (1) ~~ON~~ D-DAY COMMENCE MOVEMENT TO ASSIGNED AO.
- (2) ON ORDER ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR NEW AO AND COMMENCE S/D OPERATIONS.
- (3) PROVIDE (1) COMPANY FOR SECURITY OF ECB TO INCLUDE 3rd MAR C.P.
- (4) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ROUTE 9, ROAD CONSTRUCTION CREWS, AND EQUIPMENT IN AO.
- (5) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ROAD SWEEPS EMANATING FROM ECB WITHIN AO.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) D-DAY, 13 AUGUST 1969
- (2) OPERATIONS CONDUCTED NORTH OF LINE FROM 40(048620) TO 40(990598) TO 40(933600) MUST BE ^{AT LEAST} COMPANY MINUS SIZED WITH MUTUALLY SUPPORTING PLATOONS
- (3) UPON ARRIVAL OF THIS HQ OPERATIONS MAY BE CONDUCTED NORTH OF THE PATROL LINE FOR PERIODS OF NO MORE THAN 24 HOURS TO INCLUDE ONE (1) NIGHT. SUBMIT REQUEST 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE.
- (4) BUS NOTIFY THIS HQ UPON ESTABLISHMENT OF CPS IN NEW AOS.
- (5) MINESWEEP SECURITY WILL CONSIST OF

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T/O SQUAD, CORPSMAN, RADIO OPERATOR AND
 DIRECT FIRE AUTOMATIC WEAPON ON VEHICLE(S).
 (6) REPORTS AND THREAT POINTS: NO CHANGE
 (7) PROVIDE 100% DAY AND NIGHT SURVEILLANCE
 OF UNPAVED PORTIONS OF ROUTE 9 IN AOS.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS NO
 CHANGE

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CHANGE (1) TO ANNEX "A"
OPNS OVERLAY TO FRAG O 96-69

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