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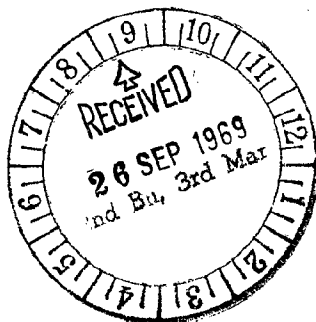
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010001H to 212400H September 1969

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b),
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>
2d Bn, 3d Marines	LtCol. W. S. DANIELS	1-21 Sept 69
<u>SUBORDINATE UNITS</u>		
H&S Company	1stLt. J. R. BOWEN	1-21 Sept 69
Company E	Capt. J. E. SCURAS	1-21 Sept 69
Company F	Capt. S. W. LEACH	1-21 Sept 69
Company G	Capt. J. M. HARGROVE	1-21 Sept 69
Company H	Capt. K. W. NISEWANER 1stLt. C. S. GAEDE	1-15 Sept 69 16-21 Sept 69

2. LOCATION

(a) Operation Idaho Canyon, Cam Lo area, Quang Tri Province, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major A. L. VAIL	1-21 Sept 69
S-1/Adjutant	Capt. T. L. CARR	1-21 Sept 69
S-2	1stLt. J. R. BUCHER	1-21 Sept 69
S-3	Major D. J. MYERS Major J. C. BUCKLEY	1-10 Sept 69 11-21 Sept 69
S-4	1stLt. W. C. HELTON Capt. K. W. NISEWANER	1-15 Sept 69 16-21 Sept 69
S-5	1stLt. R. A. COMBS	1-21 Sept 69
CommO	1stLt. M. W. SMITH	1-21 Sept 69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
32	1132	2	49

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Hotel Company to its parent organization. By the end of the 21st after relief in place by 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, all units of the battalion (with the exception of the 3d Platoon of Fox Company assigned convoy security duty at Dong Ha) were relocated in Quang Tri Combat Base in a stand down status.

2. INTELLIGENCE

Enemy activity during the month was extremely light as the enemy moved in small groups, concentrating their efforts farther to the western boundary of 3d Marines AO. There was one incident in the Battalion's AO on 13 September. An ambush from Echo spotted five to six people with an M-60 machine gun. A hasty ambush was set up but the NVA spotted the ambush and fled. The area was searched and the following equipment and gear was found: two hammocks, one canteen, one MPA cover, one NVA poncho, one NVA flashlight, and ten pounds of rice. Also captured were assorted personal documents.

3. OPERATIONS

a. General

The area of operation continued to be the Con Le District area. On 21 September, the Battalion concluded operations in Ichho Canyon and all combat operations were terminated on that date.

b. Saturation Ambushes

The concept of saturation ambushing was emphasized during the period 14 to 20 September 1969. This technique consisted of emplacing a maximum number of four to six man ambushes branching out in all directions like the spokes of a wheel from the "hub" or patrol base. Communications were enhanced through the use of the PRC-88 radios. Good results were realized using the saturation technique; however, the 21 September stand down of the 3d Marine Regiment cut short the opportunity to evaluate their concept fully.

The use of the PRC-88 as primary communication between ambush sites and platoon patrol base proved to be successful. The saturation ambushes proved the PRC-88 a satisfactory radio, with limitations. It was found that the PRC-88 was not durable enough or that the battery life was too short. Since the PRC-88 is a line of sight radio, the range was not always constant, especially in thick vegetation. The major limitation was that the receiver makes too much noise and can compromise the ambush location.

c. Long Range Patrol

The battalion was directed to conduct a long range company

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size patrol into the AO referred to as the Division Recon Zone. The concept of the operation was to conduct a recon patrol with one company unit, operating initially with five days supply of rations and ammunition. Resupply was to be accomplished on the fifth day by helicopter. Three recon teams from 3d Recon Bn. accompanied the movement. These recon teams were dropped off as "stay-behind" forces, left in position after the company moved out from successive areas. Recon teams were replaced every five days with fresh teams.

Echo Company, commencing 14 September, conducted the clandestine long range patrol into the recon zone. Each night at least two squads moved out from the PFB's. Once out the squads broke into three separate ambushes using the squad leaders position as the ambush base. The ambush sites were approximately 30 meters apart. This technique enabled the platoon to saturate completely one to two grid squares, depending on the terrain. In effect, one company was able to place, in mutually supporting positions, a minimum of 21 ambushes.

Movement was made in late afternoon so arrival at the night position would be at dusk--when it becomes more difficult for the enemy to distinguish base locations, while enabling sufficient preparation of night position.

On 15 September, one Marine had to be helo med-evaced as a result of a snake bite, thereby risking disclosure of the patrol's location.

Patrol activities continued until 20 September when Echo was ordered to move to Quang Tri Combat Base to "stand down" and begin preparations for redeployment.

d. Combined Operations with PF/RF Forces

On 14 September a briefing was held at Cam Lo by the District Chief to plan the beginning of a new operation which would integrate elements of the battalion into designated Regional Force units in the Cam Lo Area. Plans were made for integrating two platoons of Golf with two companies of RF's.

Integration was planned as follows: one USMC platoon with an RF company, each squad of the platoon with an RF platoon, down to the level of Marine fire teams with each RF squad.

Plans called for initial employment of the two combined units within that portion of the battalion AO area north of the Cam Lo River up to the 62 grid line.

Following the briefing, unit leaders were introduced to one another. Marines of Golf Company were given personal response lectures by the Battalion S-5 on 15 September in preparation for combined operations.

The operation failed to materialize; however, due to the fact that the District RF companies were rotated without notice on 15 September, and the battalion was moved to Quang Tri Combat Base to stand down on 20 - 21 September.

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e. Mortar fire and support of RF/PF forces operating north of the Cam Lo River was rendered on 9 September, consisting of an illumination mission followed by six rounds of 81mm HE.

4. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

a. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy

The enemy suffered a total of nine KIA during the month of September. All enemy KIA's were due to air strikes in the vicinity of the Dong Ma Hill complex. The number of enemy WIA is unknown. There were no NVA POW's and no detainees during the month.

b. Casualties Sustained

The battalion sustained no combat casualties during the month.

c. Equipment and Weapons Captured

Mines: Four plastic anti-tank mines

Miscellaneous: Two hammocks
One NVA camouflage cover
One NVA poncho
One NVA flashlight
Ten pounds of rice
One NVA canteen

5. SUPPORTING ARMS

a. Artillery Support

Artillery support of the battalion during the month of September was severely limited by the size and nature of the battalion's area of operation. The area encompassed static positions at C-3 Bridge, Cam Lo District Headquarters, FSB Dakota, and populated areas in and around Cam Lo. Consequently approximately 90% of the area of operations consisted of no fire zones. Up to 21 September, when offensive operations terminated, a total of 391 rounds were expended on 56 targets. This included 281 fired during 14 observed fire missions. The remaining 110 rounds were expended on H&I, SID targets, special fires, and rocket suppressive targets. One active mortar was silenced on 15 September.

Batteries firing in support of the battalion were: A 1/12, B 1/12, and the Army's C battery, 6/33. Liaison was also effected with the ARVN artillery battery at FSB Angel, southwest of Quang Tri, but occasion for their employment in behalf of the battalion did not arise.

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b. Air Support

1. The air support was satisfactory.
2. There was a total of 54 support missions flown, these included:

a. Med-evac.....	10
b. Visual Recon.....	4
c. Administration.....	6
d. Logistics.....	15
e. A/O.....	5

3. A total of four flights of fixed wing were requested and four flights were run resulting in nine NVA KIA's.

6. LOGISTICSa. General

Units in the field received resupply and replacements from the ISA at Vandergrift Combat Base. The companies in fixed positions were resupplied by trucks. There were no major problems encountered.

b. Motor Transport

The availability of vehicles increased; deadline vehicles were kept at a minimum. Three new M151A1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ton vehicles were received.

7. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIONa. Awards

Purple Hearts.....	18
Cross of Gallantry.....	5
Bronze Star.....	1
	<u>24</u> Total Awards

b. Promotions

POC.....	11
L/CPL.....	223
CPL.....	5
SGT.....	12
	<u>251</u> Total Promotions

- c. A total of 60 R and R quotas were utilized.

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d. Personnel Losses and Gains

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OFF		ENL		OFF		ENL	
Join	Drop	Join	Drop	Join	Drop	Join	Drop
3	6	19	56	1	1	8	3

e. Legal and Discipline

A total of 12 Non-Judicial Punishments were awarded.

f. Pay and Allowances

Monetary services have been satisfactory. Troops were paid in the most expedient manner possible, depending on the situation.

g. Postal

Postal service has improved.

h. Post Exchanges

Exchange facilities in Dong Ha were available to the battalion rear. Supplementary packs were obtained through supply channels for personnel in the field. The 2 September typhoon temporarily interrupted exchange services.

i. Religious Services

Catholic services were conducted in the field by the Battalion Chaplain. Protestant services were held in the field by visiting Chaplains when available. Catholic and Protestant services were held in the rear for all personnel.

8. EQUIPMENT

The overall supply situation remained satisfactory during this reporting period, with resupplies being provided to the companies in the field via Cam Lo.

Items of significant importance received during this reporting period were three M151A1 vehicles which satisfied a T/E deficiency within the unit. Crew-served weapons and individual equipment availability was satisfactory.

An item that is once again in short supply is small size trousers, with limited quantities available thru FILSG-B.

A total of seven hours of technical training was conducted during the month.

9. TRAINING

The companies were able to conduct intensive training pro-

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grams while providing security for fixed positions. Emphasis was placed on tactics, communications, M-60 machine gun, weapons safety, immediate action drills, ambushes and patrolling, and the use of claymores and trip flares.

New troops continue to take part in the Command Orientation Training Program. The battalion also filled the following school quotas:

Staff NCO School.....	1 SGT
NCO School.....	2 CPL's
Land Mine Warfare.....	2 PFC's
Ground Surveillance.....	1 PFC
Embarkation School.....	1 Lt

10. SERVICES

The only messhall maintained and operated throughout the month was the regimental messhall at Dong Ha. A temporary facility was maintained for the GP and supporting companies at Cam Lo until 21 September.

Showers were provided for the troops in the rear and the troops at Cam Lo.

All third echelon maintenance was performed by FLSG-B. Minimal problems were encountered and services were rendered satisfactorily.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

The communications platoon of the battalion continued to support the battalion throughout their movements and operations. The battalion GP remained open at Cam Lo and communications were maintained at Vandergrift Combat Base. Relay sites and stations were maintained to preserve communications consistent with the tactical situation. On 21 September, the battalion was moved from the field to Quang Tri Combat Base. The battalion rear established communications with Quang Tri, and the station at Vandergrift Combat Base was closed.

Throughout the month of September, the technicians repaired and maintained 23 RT-505's, one RT-524, 144 AN/PRT-4's, 143 AN/PRR-9's, one AM-2060, one C2329A, one PP-388, one AN/PSR-1, one MX-2799, one CP-95A, and seven TA-1/PT's. One technician remained with the battalion GP to repair all faulty AN/PRC-25 radios that came from the field until stand down on 21 September.

12. MEDICAL

Medical care was provided by the hospital corpsman assigned to the line companies. They were equipped to hold routine sick call and provide emergency treatment for casualties.

More extensive care was provided by the battalion aid station

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forward as the battalion CP was stationary throughout the month. The battalion aid stations at Dong Ha provided administrative and medical support.

Medical support was also provided by the following units:

Bravo Medical Battalion, Quang Tri
Delta Medical Battalion, Dong Ha
USNH USS REPOSE
USNH USS SANCTUARY

Statistics:

Total outpatients	652
Total immunizations	104
Prescriptions	600

Breakdown of Important Symptoms:

URI...3	Limited Services...81
FUO...2	Diarrhea.....1
VD....4	

13. CIVIC ACTION

During the period 1 September 1969 to 20 September 1969 materials in the form of wood and tin were given to Trong Giang for a school. The school was 80% complete and all materials necessary for completion on hand.

Four Med-caps were run to four different hamlets in the Cam Lo area. These serviced a total of 400 people.

Solation payment was made to a Mrs. Nguyen Thi Tiu who was wounded by a mortar round.

Two personal response lectures were given to members of Golf 2/3 totaling 130 people.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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011320H CO 3d Marines arrived at Cam Lo.

011355H CO 3d Marines departed Cam Lo.

011515H CO departed for Dong Ha.

011638H CO returned to Cam Lo.

031830H Company E 2/3 (YD ⁰⁶⁶⁵⁴⁶ ~~112552~~) patrol found one IAAW which was booby-trapped with a RPG round inserted into the IAAW. The booby-trap was set to fire across a small rice paddy. The booby-trap was destroyed in place.

040925H CO departed Cam Lo for Regimental briefing at ECB.

041450H CO returned to Cam Lo.

04----- Company G was relieved of mission to provide platoon size blocking forces (YD 1255 to YD 1855) in support of the 9th ARVN Regiment operation in Rao Vinh area from 29 August to 4 September.

051300H CO departed Cam Lo for Dong Ha Combat Base.

051640H CO returned to Cam Lo.

052015H Company E 2/3 (YD 112552) LP spotted five NVA and opened fire with small arms. The enemy returned fire with small arms and RPG's. The area was searched at first light with negative results.

060955H Regimental CO arrived at Cam Lo.

061020H Regimental CO departed Cam Lo.

071815H Company H 2/3 (YD 194589) vehicle returning to Dong Ha from Cam Lo struck and killed a Vietnamese girl near the Vinh Dai Rock Crusher. The girl's mother was notified and an investigation is pending.

080820H Regimental CO arrived at Cam Lo.

080840H Regimental CO departed Cam Lo.

081005H CO departed Cam Lo for FSB Dakota.

081145H CO departed FSB Dakota for ECB.

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081145H Cease fire in effect until 110100H.

081503H CO returned to Cam Lo.

090930H While driving through 2/3's AO, a US Army vehicle ran off the road and rolled down the hill near Mai Loc. A patrol was dispatched from Company E 2/3 to assist with the med-evac. No hostile action was involved.

091200H Company G 2/3 (YD 034700) patrol found five two-man bunkers that had been used recently. Also found were four 82mm mortar rounds and one aiming stake. The area was searched thoroughly and the bunkers and rounds were destroyed.

091417H CO departed Cam Lo for Cua Viet with Regimental CO.

091430H Company G 2/3 (YD 052489) while on patrol discovered five old bunkers with a tunnel nearby. Bunkers showed no signs of recent use and were destroyed.

091505H CO and Regimental CO returned to Cam Lo.

091510H Regimental CO departed Cam Lo.

091940H 81mm Mortar Platoon (Cam Lo District Headquarters) while conducting a fire mission in support of an RF/PF unit had a short round that landed in Cam Lo village. It seriously wounded a Vietnamese woman. Five rounds had been fired on the target before the sixth round fell short. Firing was stopped and MACV med-evacuated the woman.

101005H CO departed Cam Lo for ECB.

101210H CO returned to Cam Lo.

101300H Company G 2/3 (YD 036573, YD 053576, and YD 050579) patrol located two mortar pits with adjoining bunkers and the 50-caliber machine gun pit with bunkers. The bunkers were destroyed.

101400H CO departed Cam Lo.

101830H CO returned to Cam Lo.

101930H CO departed Cam Lo for Psyops show.

102215H CO returned to Cam Lo.

110105H Normal operations commenced after cease fire.

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110630H

Company E 2/3 (YD 162565) ambush spotted five to six NVA with an M-60 machine gun 100 meters to their rear. A hasty ambush was set up; however, the enemy spotted it and fled to the northeast before the ambush could be initiated. A patrol was launched in an attempt to follow the enemy, contact was not made but the following gear was found: two hammocks, one camouflage cover, one NVA canteen, one NVA flashlight, one NVA poncho and ten pounds of rice.

110830H

Road sweep (YD 136077) found three plastic Russian anti-tank mines, two on one side of the road 50 meters apart, and one on the left side further down the road. The mines were blown in place.

111915H

Company E 2/3 (YD 17584) received six rounds of AK-47 sniper fire from (YD 125585). Negative action was taken due to boundary limitations.

121230H

CO departed Cam Lo for Dong Ha.

121510H

Company F 2/3 relieved of Qua Viet security duty and returned to opcon of 2/3. Company F moving to Cam Lo area.

121715H

CO returned to Cam Lo.

131135H

CO departed Cam Lo for FSB Dakota.

131225H

CO departed FSB Dakota for Fox CP.

13-----

Battalion Frag Order #56-69 executed. Company F assumed security of Cam Lo District Headquarters and C-3 Bridge. Company G terminated search and clear operations in the Dong Ma, - Dong Kio - About Coa area (YD 0461- YD 0758) and prepared to move to vicinity C-3 Bridge in preparation for combined USMC/RF operations. Hotel 1 and 3 moved to vicinity of FSB Dakota and began operations in the Company H AO. Company E moved to night positions in the vicinity of (YD 1756) and prepared for long range patrol into the Division Recon Zone.

131300H

CO arrived at Fox CP.

131327H

CO returned to Cam Lo.

131535H

An aerial observer spotted ten unidentified persons in mixed uniforms at (YD 085605). A patrol was dispatched from Cam Lo to check the area and apprehend the suspects. Fourteen suspects were apprehended and sent to MACV at Cam Lo for interrogation after which they were released.

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140800H Golf Company moved to FSB Dakota and then to C-3 Bridge area.

141005H CO departed Cam Lo for resettlement village.

141125H CO returned to Cam Lo.

141340H CO departed Cam Lo to Dong Ma.

141445H CO returned to Cam Lo.

141700H Brief by Cam Lo District Chief on integrated/combined USMC/RF operations.

151500H Combined operations with RF placed in hold status.

151250H CO departed for H-1's position.

151345H CO returned to Cam Lo.

151534H CO departed Cam Lo for C-3 Bridge.

151815H CO returned to Cam Lo.

152125H Company E 2/3 (YD 212518) heard a mortar tube at (YD 212517) firing on an ARVN FSB at (YD 207508). An artillery mission was called in silencing the tube.

160950H CO departed Cam Lo for Dong Ha.

161310H CO returned to Cam Lo.

170945H First Platoon Hotel Company helo-lifted to LZ at (YD 960595) and chopped to Lima Company 3/3 to reinforce that company following heavy Lima contact the night before.

171011H CO departed Cam Lo for ECB.

171137H CO returned to Cam Lo.

171630H CO departed Cam Lo for resettlement village.

171645H CO returned to Cam Lo.

180800H 2/3 directed to relieve 3/3 effective 19 September.

180940H CO departed Cam Lo for ECB.

181145H CO returned to Cam Lo.

181550H CO departed for ECB.

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181730H CO returned to Cam Lo.

190950H CO departed Cam Lo for ECB.

191230H 2/3 directed ~~not~~ to relieve 3/3, but rather was ss alerted to stand down commencing 21 September.

191300H CO returned to Cam Lo.

191315H CO departed for Dong Ha.

191520H CO returned to Cam Lo.

200530H 2/3 directed to stand down on order commencing this date.

200600H Echo Company directed to march on Quang Tri Combat Base.

201418H Hotel Company departed vicinity of FSB Dakota for Quang Tri Combat Base via truck convoy. Dakota was plowed under by Sea Bee bulldozer.

201523H Echo Company arrived at Quang Tri Combat Base and was assigned Bald Eagle/Sparrow Hawk reaction force missions.

210845H Advance echelon of 3/4 arrived at Cam Lo to effect relief of 2/3 by 3/4.

211115H Operation Idaho Canyon terminated.

211150H Golf Company departed the vicinity of old FSB Dakota for Quang Tri Combat Base.

211610H Fox Company departed Cam Lo District Headquarters and C-3 Bridge for Quang Tri Combat Base. Fox 3 remained at Dong Ha Combat Base for convoy security.

211710H 2/3 forward CP displaced to Quang Tri Combat Base.

211800H All 2/3 (less Fox 3) now at Quang Tri Combat Base.

211815 2/3 effected stand down.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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TAB A TO PART IV

STAFF LOG

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STAFF LOG

A. REGIMENTAL FRAG ORDER EXCERPTS

Frag Order #101-69 (081200H September)

3. 2/3

a. Conduct no ground offensive operations except for security of your forces.

Frag Order #102-69 (131900H September)

3. 2/3

a. Conduct previously assigned mission.

Frag Order #103-69 (September)

3. 2/3

a. With a force of one company conduct a long range clandestine patrol in portion of the Division Recon Zone in your AO with particular emphasis on the area south of Dong Ha Combat Base.

b. With one company conduct extensive ambush and patrol operations with RF/PF forces to intradict enemy movements in the northern portion of your AO.

c. With the remainder of available forces provide security for fixed installations and Route 9 in zone.

d. Make maximum use of ground surveillance equipment to support operations.

e. Assume opcon of three Recon teams upon their arrival at your position.

f. Maintain close and continuous liaison with Cam Lo MACV advisory staff.

B. REGIMENTAL BOUNDARY CHANGES

171900H

The following boundary 3d Marines and Mai Loc Mobile Scout Force from present boundary at YD 070530, north to YD 020566, east to 100566, south to present boundary at YD 100560.

200200H

Mai Loc boundary will revert to original boundary.

C. THRUST POINT CHANGES

251400H Aug 69 Effective immediately the following thrust points are effective:

Nuts	9663
COD Commands	9659
Mixed Drinks	9462
Resort Areas	9761
Rock Groups	1460
Greek Gods	0459

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Female Singers	0058
Pies	9557
Mouth Wash	1257
Weapons	1756
Silverware	0753
Shakespearean Plays	0454
Pro Quarterbacks	9856
Planets	0153
Occupations	9954
Golf Equipment	0162
Dances	9962
Railroads	0861
Vegetables	0460

150600H All previous thrust points are cancelled and the following are effective:

Whiskey	3609
Gangsters	5910
Colleges	0651
Italian Food	6202
Chain Stores	0003
Comedians	1024
Lakes	4760
Girls Names	1836
Baseball Teams	2059
Motorcycles	5982
Famous Democrats	3065
Holidays	1550
Trees	5113
Cities	0534
Service Stations	1338
USMC Ranks	7220
Peanut Butter	8602
Ice Cream	9723
Night Clubs	8060
Jewelry	1113
Sports Cars	4729
Airlines	4013
Race Horses	6162
Sports	1790

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TAB B TO PART IV

ORIGINATED MESSAGES

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BATTALION FRAG ORDERS

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BATTALION FRAG ORDERS

Frag Order #56-69 (121125H Sept 69)

1. Situation - N/C
2. Mission - N/C
3. Execution
 - A. Echo
 1. When Echo 3 is relieved in place by Hotel 1, move to new AO.
 2. Report locations and prepare for future operations.
 3. Assure security for Route 9 in AO.
 - B. Fox
 1. Assume security for Hotel and Hotel 3 positions at 0800 13 September.
 2. Send one T/O platoon to Dong Ha Combat Base on 14 September.
 - C. Golf
 1. Be prepared on order to move to new AO 14 September.
 - D. Hotel
 1. Commencing 0800 13 September, Hotel 3 moves by truck to vicinity YD 067575.
 2. Hotel 1 moves by foot and relieves Echo 3 of security for Route 558.
 - E. 81mm Mortar Platoon

General support of Cam Lo District Headquarters.
 - F. 106 Platoon

Direct support of Hotel at FSB Dakota.

Frag Order #57-69 (171300H September)

1. Situation
 - A. Enemy - Small elements capable of clandestine movement, mining of roads and harassment of civilian and military activity in area of Route 9, Cam Lo, Rao Vinh, and south of Dong Ha Combat Base. Infiltration to south, recruiting of personnel, confiscation of rice are possible enemy missions.
 - B. Friendly - Flt, 3d Tank Bn direct support 2/3, Det, National Police Field Forces support USMC/RF combined operations.
2. Mission

2nd Bn continue to conduct search and destroy operations in assigned AO. Deploy recon south of and parallel to Route 9 to identify enemy infiltration routes south of DMZ toward Ba Long Valley. Continue search and destroy operations along Route 9 to west of Cam Lo. Commence long range clandestine combat patrols in area south of Dong Ha Combat Base, and extensive combined ambush and patrol operations north of Cam Lo River. Integrate with two RF companies from Cam Lo district to interdict enemy in the vicinity of Cam Lo village particularly to the north. Make extensive use of ground surveillance devices.
3. Execution
 - A. Echo

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1. On order, on or about 13 September commence clandestine patrol deep into Division Recon Zone. Conduct initial patrol six days without resupply. Three Recon teams in direct support.
 2. Conduct saturation ambush activities.
 3. Be prepared to enter Dong Ha Combat Base and Quang Tri Combay Base AO's on order.
 4. Be prepared to coordinate employment of mobile Tank/Infantry reaction force.
 5. Be prepared to conduct combined operations with RF company.
- B. Fox
1. Provide security for C-3 Bridge and Cam Lo District Headquarters, and C-3 dump as required.
 2. Provide T/O platoon for convoy security from Dong Ha Combat Base to Vandergrift, 15 through 30 September.
 3. Be prepared to constitute mobile reaction force on order.
- C. Golf
1. On order, on or about 14 September, move to new AO, integrate two platoons with RF companies in area and conduct combined operations in Cam Lo District.
 2. Conduct two day transition period training and continuous ambush training.
 3. Remaining platoon move to C-3 Bridge and constitute mobile reaction force with tank platoon in general support.
 4. Establish combined joint company group command post.
- D. Hotel
1. Provide security for FSB Dakota with one platoon.
 2. Conduct extensive surveillance and saturation ambush operations along Route 9 within assigned AO.
- E. 81mm Mortar Platoon - General support.
- F. 106 Platoon - Section direct support Hotel and one section in direct support of Fox.
- G. Coordinating Instructions
1. Maximum use of surveillance devices.
 2. Maximum use of PRC 25/PRC 88's in saturation ambushes.
 3. Utilize in house language capabilities to maximum.
 4. Vary night positions to avoid patterns..
 5. Utilize National Police Field Forces whenever possible.
 6. Sequence of illumination and organic, 81, artillery, and airborne.
 7. Exercise maximum cooperation and coordination of Vietnamese troops.