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1. In accordance with references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December 1967 to 31 December 1967

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PART I

Organizational Data1. DesignationCommander

3d Battalion, 3d Marines

LtCol R.C. NEEDHAM 1-31 Dec

Subordinate Units

H&S Co.	Capt. F.R. MATTHEWS	1-31 Dec
"I" Co.	Capt. R.R. BEERS	1-31 Dec
"K" Co.	Capt. T.W. ARNOLD	1-31 Dec
"L" Co.	Capt. R. ZERNEN	1-31 Dec
"M" Co.	1st Lt. J.A. CIAIONE	1-31 Dec

Attached Units

One section, (Otters) H&S Co, 3d MT	2nd Lt. V.G. RICHIEY	1-29 Dec
4th Section, 2nd Plt, 1st Bn, ADA AW (SP), 44th Arty USA	1st Lt. W.D. GREGG	1-29 Dec
3rd Plt, "C" Co, 3rd Tank Bn.	1st Lt. V.L. BUCKLEY	29-31 Dec

2. Location.

1-29 Dec, Quang Tri Province, YD 146615 (Cam Lo) RVN
 29-31 Dec, Quang Tri Province, YD 175723 (A-3) RVN

3. Staff Officers.

Executive Officer	Major C.V. LYNN JR.	1-31 Dec
S-1	1st Lt. D.C. MARSHETTE	1-31 Dec
S-2	2nd Lt. B.D. GREWS	1-31 Dec
S-3	Major R.F. FINDLAY JR.	1-31 Dec
S-4	Capt. O.J. IERACK	1-31 Dec

4. Average Monthly Strength:

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF</u>	<u>FO</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>BNL</u>
45	11.6	2	43

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

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From 1 to 29 December, the Battalion (-) continued in its mission to defend the Cam Lo Artillery Base and Cam Lo Bridge positions in the Ninth Marines AO. Routine activities consisted of security patrols, ambushes, Dye Marker construction and measures to ensure security and control of traffic on MSR 561 between the Cam Lo Artillery Base and Con Thien. The battalion was also assigned the responsibility for Dye Marker construction at the C-3 position. An extensive program was initiated to sandbag and apply back fill and burster layers to bunkers in accordance with the Dye Marker Plan specifications.

On 5 December India Company returned to the battalion after being OPCON to the 11th Engineer Battalion since 27 November 67. The Battalion (-) on 11 December conducted a sweep and clear operation which was conducted in the area of Van Quat Xa and Van Ba Thung vicinity of coordinates YD 110610. Although enemy ammunition and equipment were found, contact with the enemy was not made. On 12 December Mike Company was chopped from OPCON 3/3 to OPCON 3/4 to assist that unit in manning their lines and then returned the following day. The remainder of the month the battalion participated in several joint operations with ARVN and RF units, without gaining contact with the enemy. On 26 December Mike Company (Rein) chopped from OPCON 3/3 to OPCON 12th Marines and Kilo Company (Rein) returned to OPCON 3/3 from OPCON 12th Marines. On the 29th and 30th of December the Battalion (-) left the Cam Lo Artillery Base (C-3) and Cam Lo Bridge (C-3A) to occupy the A-3 position. The movement was by vehicle to a point south of Gio Linh, from which point a tactical move to the A-3 position was conducted. The move was completed the afternoon of 30 December and negative enemy contact was made. The battalion established a daily routine of heavy patrolling and ambushes to ensure security of the A-3 position. Also an extensive program was initiated to sandbag and back fill all bunkers in accordance with the Dye Marker Plan specifications.

The battalion established a civic action program at the C-3 and C-3A positions consisting of Med Caps and the hiring of Vietnamese people to fill sandbags for bunker and oil. Also on Christmas Day a party was held for a large number of children of Cam Thi village.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Missions Assigned:

a. Basic Mission: To conduct missions in assigned area of operations in accordance with 3d Mar Div Operation Order 59-67 (Kentucky).

b. On 11 December 1967, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines mission was to seize Objectives 1, 2, 3, and 5 and to be prepared to search adjacent villages on order; destroy all fortifications encountered; provide assistance and security for attached Hoi Chan personnel by assisting in search operations and taking custody of identified VCS. Reference: Battalion Frag Order 60-67.

c. On 29 and 30 December, the Battalion () (Rein) displaced to A-3 and assumed control of that position from 1/3. On assumption of the A-3 position conduct reconnaissance and screening operations and provide security for engineer elements. Reference: Battalion Frag Order 61-57.

2. Significant Operations Conducted.

a. On 11 December 1967 the Battalion () (Rein) left the Cam Lo Artillery Base (C-3) and Cam Lo Bridge (C-3A) positions and proceeded west towards Battalion Objectives 1, 2, 3 and 5. On seizure of Objectives 1, 2, and 3 and, on order, Lima Company () (Rein) secured Objective 5 and established a blocking position oriented to the north and west to cover India Company's sweep south. On order, India Company commenced sweep and clear operations south passing forward of the blocking forces. Enemy ordnance and equipment were uncovered but contact with the enemy was negative. The battalion returned to C-3 and C-3A positions at 1600H.

b. On 13 December 1967, Lima Company left the Cam Lo Bridge position and established a blocking position in vicinity of grid square YD1861 in conjunction with PF and RF operations to the east. There was negative enemy contact.

c. On 20 December 1967, India Company and a Command Group departed the C-3 position to assist 3/4 as a blocking force while 3/4 made a sweep south. Negative enemy contact was made.

d. On 22 December 1967, India Company departed C-3 position to establish a blocking position at YD 163610 in conjunction with an ARVN sweep to the east. On 23 December 1967, Lima Company left the Cam Lo Bridge (C-3A) and commenced movement to Battalion Objective #2

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at coordinates TM 165605 also in conjunction with the ARVN sweep to the east. At 1500H, both units returned to their respective positions. Negative enemy contact was made during the operation.

e. On 29 December 1967, Lima and India Companies and Command Group Alpha departed Cam Lo Artillery Base (C-3) and the Cam Lo Bridge (C-3A) positions for movement to the A-3 position. The move was made by vehicle to a point south of Gio Linh, and by tactical march into A-3. On 30 December 1967, Kilo Company and Command Group Bravo left the C-3 and C-3A positions for their move to A-3. Their move to A-3 was completed in the same manner as the first units. Both movements were uneventful and with negative enemy contact.

3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

The battalion inflicted no casualties on the enemy during the month of December.

4. Casualties Sustained.

a. Name of Surgeon: Lt Walter F. DRYSPALE, MC USNR

b. Significant Events:

(1) On 1 December two members of Kilo Company were killed when their bunker caved in trapping them underneath.

(2) On 13 December one member of Lima Company was wounded when he stepped on a mine.

(3) On 28 December one member of India Company was killed by small arms fire while flying in a helicopter from C-3 to A-3 position.

c. Number of Battle Casualties.

		<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DCW</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>NBC</u>	<u>NBC KILLED</u>
USMC	3/3	0	1	0	0	7	2
USN	3/3	0	0	0	0	0	0

d. Outpatient Visits. 892

(1) Common Complaints.

(a) Fever Undetermined Origin	14
(b) Lacerations	11
(c) Traumatic Injuries	60
(d) Malaria	3

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(e)	Heat Casualties	3
(f)	Diphtheria	13
(g)	Upper Respiratory Infection	6
(h)	Cellulitis	53
(i)	Animal Bites	1
(j)	Venereal Disease	10

e. There were a total of 1237 inoculations given during the month.

f. A total of 836 Vietnamese civilians were seen and treated under a Med Cap program.

g. Medical Trends. None.

h. Problem Areas. None.

5. New Techniques Employed. None.

6. Command Relations.

a. OPCON - 9th Marines, ADCON - 3d Mar Div.

b. 051700H India Company (Rein) chopped from OPCON 11th Engineer Battalion to OPCON 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

c. 111530H, Mike Company chopped from OPCON 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines to OPCON 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines.

d. 121515H, Mike Company chopped from OPCON 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines to OPCON 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

e. 181630H, India Company chopped from OPCON 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines to OPCON 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines.

f. 191715H, India Company chopped from OPCON 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines to OPCON 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

g. 251037H, Mike Company chopped from OPCON 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines to OPCON 12th Marines.

h. 261230H, Mike Company chopped from OPCON 12th Marines to OPCON 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines.

i. 301630H, Kilo Company 3/4 chopped from OPCON 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines to OPCON 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines.

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7. Equipment. On 27 and 28 December the battalion replaced all M-16 rifles with a new modified M-16 rifle. The replacement of weapons were exchanged on a rifle for rifle basis by a mobile contact team.

8. Logistics.

a. Supply.

(1) General. While at the C-3 and C-3A positions the battalion maintained an adequate supply of all classes of supply. A daily resupply maintained it at this level, plus providing the battalion with mail and SP packs, when available. There were no problems encountered in getting the battalion resupplied. On 29 December the battalion moved to the A-3 position. At the present time is in the process of building up its stocks to 5 days for Class I and V items. A daily resupply by helicopter is the only means this battalion has to transport its gear and personnel to A-3. The weather has been the only problem of resupplying the battalion and has had a large effect on being able to get helicopters out to resupply that position.

(2) Class I - While at the C-3 and C-3A positions the battalion maintained a 7 day supply of C-rations. A daily resupply maintained it at that level. At the A-3 position the battalion is building up its stocks to a five day supply and a daily resupply by helicopter to maintain it at that level.

(3) Class II - There still remains a shortage in jungle utilities, sizes small and X-small; jungle boots sizes, 8W, 9R, and 10W.

(4) Class III - No problems encountered in keeping an adequate supply of POL on hand.

(5) Class IV - Due to operation Dye Marker, no problems have been encountered in obtaining Class IV items.

(6) Class V - The battalion supply of Class V items was adequate and a daily resupply maintained it at a minimum level of BA plus 5 days while at the Cam Lo Artillery Base. The battalion is in the process of building up its stocks of Class V at our new position at A-3.

b. Motor Transport.

(1) The battalions present status is considered adequate on M7442's (Mules) for current operations but our present status on the

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M422A1 (Mites) is below operational level.

- (a) Breakdown of M274A2 (Mules)
- (1) T/E QTY 30 - Operational 30
- (b) Breakdown of M422A1 (Mites)
- (1) T/E QTY - 20
 - (2) On hand - 13
 - (3) 2nd Echelon Maintenance - 0
 - (4) 3rd Echelon Maintenance - 7
 - (5) Code "X" - 5

(c) One M-37B1 (PC) is in 2nd echelon maintenance awaiting spare parts. One MRC - 87 Code "X"ed, one MRC - 63 Code "X"ed, and one M-170 (jeep ambulance) in 3rd echelon maintenance. This battalion is without a jeep ambulance at this time.

(2) Ninth Motor Transport Battalion trucks are utilized for surface runs. An average of 20 to 25 tons is hauled daily over a distance of 15 miles. Organic transportation is utilized for courier runs, base transportation and trash runs. At the present time, all our transportation is handled by helicopter while at our new position at A-3.

c. Engineer Assistance.

(1) 11th Engineers commenced clearing an area for the emplacement of a mine field and wire obstacles according to Operation Dye Marker specifications at the C-3 position. Engineer support required to assist in construction of Dye Marker bunkers has been informally requested through appropriate channels.

d. Maintenance Problems.

(1) A shortage still exists on carburetors for the M422A1 (Mites). A shortage also exists for spark plugs for the M274A2 (Mules). These parts have been on order for a period of 90 days.

e. Quinnance.

(1) At the end of the month the Battalion maintained the following status:

<u>Item</u>	<u>TE</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>Operational</u>	<u>FISU-1 (3d Ech)</u>
M-14 Rifles	0	55	56	0
45 Pistols	325	265	265	51 on order

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Item	TE	OH	Operational	FLSU-1(3d Ech)
Shotguns	13	8	8	5 on order
M-60	35	35	34	1
106RR	8	7	6	1
M-79	36	32	31	1
81mm Mortar	8	8	7	3 on order
60mm Mortar	12	12	11	1
Flame Thrower	8	8	7	1
3.5 Rockets	32	23	23	5
M-16 Rifles	917	925	922	4 on order
106RR Mounts	8	7	6	3 1 Code "X"
				1

9. Civic Action.

Civic action for the month of December was concentrated on Med Caps, traffic control along MSR 561 and the hiring of Vietnamese laborers for the filling of sandbags for Dye Marker bunkers.

Nine Med Caps were held during the month and a total of 836 Vietnamese people were treated for various minor ailments. Two locations have been established for regular Med Caps within the Cam Thi area. The battalion surgeon held a Med Cap each Tuesday and Thursday and gave assistance to the District Health Chief. At YD 148607, a permanent shelter was erected for Med Caps to be held on Wednesday and Saturday of each week.

During the first half of the month, Vietnamese labor was hired to fill sandbags that were needed at the C-3 position. However the program was discontinued for the lack of oil and bulgar with which to pay the laborers.

The biggest problem encountered during this reporting period remained the control of traffic between Route 9 and C-3 along MSR 561. Two serious incidents involving U.S. military vehicles resulted in the deaths of two Vietnamese people. The parent organizations involved were notified and they took action as necessary. The battalion has posted speed signs along the MSR and the road is patrolled periodically. A permanent MP patrol has been recommended for that section of the MSR.

Other incidents for this period of a minor nature involved the engineers accidental uncovering of a cemetery and damage to a civilian boat by an external load dropped accidentally by a helicopter.

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Both incidents were resolved promptly at the time of the incident to the satisfaction of all concerned.

On Christmas Day a small party was held at the Cam Thi village market place at YD 147602. Cookies, candy and kool aid were served to 400 Vietnamese children. The reception was friendly and hospitable.

10. Administration.

a. An awards ceremony was held on the 25th of December. The below listed medals were presented to members of this battalion by Brigadier General M TZGER, Assistant Commander, 3d Marine Division:

- 1 18th Award of Air Medal
- 1 Air Medal
- 14 Purple Hearts

b. A total of 7 Court Martials were held during December: 5 SPCM and 2 SCM. No Court Martials are pending. Five Battalion Commander's Office Hours were completed and none are pending. There were five Company Commander's Office Hours completed and four are pending.

c. Special Services provided stationery during the month of December. Free beer was provided on 28 December. Various Christmas gifts received from the American Red Cross and the USO, were distributed to members of the battalion by Special Services.

d. Post Exchange services were available to all companies of the battalion during the regular Dong Ha exchange runs to C-3 and Gio Linh during the month of December.

e. Liberty was not authorized during this period.

f. During the month one officer and 75 enlisted Marines rotated to CONUS. 5 Officers and 41 enlisted were transferred within the regiment or division. 23 enlisted Marines were transferred as a result of medical evacuation.

11. Personnel

- a. Gains: 3 USMC Off; 254 USMC Enl; 0 USN Off; 14 USN Enl
- b. Losses: 4 USMC Off; 142 USMC Enl; 0 USN Off; 5 USN Enl
- c. Monthly Strength (average):

<u>MC OFF</u>	<u>MC ENL</u>	<u>USN OFF</u>	<u>USN ENL</u>
43	1146	2	

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d. Net Loss/Gain:

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MC OFF	MC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
0/4	0/112	0/0	0/9

e. Emergency leave for the month of December: 1 USMC Officer, 2 USMC enlisted. There were no Humanitarian Transfers during the month of December. Twice/thrice wounded or reassigned outside of RVN due to father/brother in country: 5 USMC enlisted.

f. There were no Hardship Discharges applied for during the past month. None are pending.

g. One Administrative Discharge is pending.

h. The R&R Program continues to be a major morale factor within this command. There were 31 In-Country and 68 Out of Country R&R quotas used during this reporting period.

i. Morale is considered to be excellent to outstanding.

j. Postal services during the month of December has been excellent, with 3 to 5 mail pick-ups per day from the Post Office in Dong Ha. Mail was broken down into each company and delivered to the forward echelons the same day it was picked up.

12. Intelligence.

During the month of December there were numerous sightings of enemy troops and intelligence reports from Vietnamese villagers. On 3 and 4 December there were a total of 5 NVA bodies recovered by the battalion in the Cam Lo River and it was reported from the District Headquarters that villagers found six more bodies. All the bodies had wounds and bruises on the face and head. The battalion surgeon reported that the bodies died of these wounds and not of drowning. Papers and clothes found on the bodies confirmed that they were NVA. What had started as a rumor and later confirmed by the District Headquarters of Cam Lo was that villagers further up the river had beaten the soldiers to death and had thrown their bodies into the river.

On 11 December, three companies swept the western portion of the Battalions A.O. The sweep was conducted with the support of a Psychological Warfare Armed Propaganda Team from the Quang Tri Chieu Hoi center. A company of RF's from the District Headquarters of Cam Lo was also moved to the battalions southern boundary as a blocking force.

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During the sweep India Company uncovered a shelter which was well concealed from ground and air observation. The Armed Propaganda Team was used to search the shelter and surrounding area and recovered three weapons and an assortment of enemy ordnance and equipment. Approximately 100 meters from the shelter the A.P.T. located and disarmed a booby trapped mine.

There was one mine and one booby trap incident during the reporting period. On 13 December a Marine from Lima Company stepped on a mine at coordinates YD 166616 and on 23 December two Vietnamese boys were injured by a booby trap at coordinates YD 165617. Both the mine and booby trap could not be identified. Also both incidents occurred near the village of Cam Vu on a known infiltration route.

Many of the enemy sightings during the month of December were in the areas adjacent to the 3/3 AO and could not be exploited by the battalion. On 21 December, a 3/3 Kit Carson Scout reported that he received information from a villager that the NVA crossed the Cam Lo River at YD 175608 and were asking for details on the Cam Lo Bridge position and CAP units to the south.

On 28 December a helicopter received automatic weapons fire from grid square YD 1860. One Marine on a 3/3 advance party to A-3 was killed.

An increase in enemy sightings to the northwest, northeast and southeast indicate that the enemy is actively reconitering the area and sometimes uses civilians for this purpose. Sightings increased in frequency and unit sizes increased also towards the end of the month.

ENEMY ORDNANCE/EQUIPMENT CAPTURED

7 NVA Battle Dressings	2 Knife Sheaths
1 Calendar	2 AK-47 Magazine Pouches
1 Tobacco Bag	1 Comb
1 NVA Cartridge Belt	1 Canteen
4 Chi Com Grenades	2 Canteen Covers
2 Chi Com Grenade Pouches	1 Knife
1 Mirror	2 Blasting Caps
2 Booby Trap Devices	1 Soviet AT Mine
1 Thompson Submachine Gun	1 First Aid Kit
1 French 9mm Submachine Gun M16 49	
1 Chicom 7.62mm Submachine Gun Type - 50	
7 Magazines for above weapons	
1 Picture of Female NVA Officer	

RECOVERED US EQUIPMENT/ORDNANCE

1 M-26 Grenade	1 Magazine Pouch
1 Loaded M-14 Magazine	1 Cartridge Belt

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13. Communications.

a. General. During the month of December the Communications Section ran the wire and radio systems necessary for the battalion to operate. At the Cam Lo Artillery Base there were an increased number of radio nets for the Communication Section to guard. The Communications Section also operated three SB-22's and had overhauled all the internal CP wire. In late December the battalion moved to A-3 maintaining communications between the advance party, battalion and the battalion rear as much as possible. At A-3 an extensive rewiring program was initiated.

b. Training. The battalion is continually cross-training wire and radio people as they enter the Communications Section. Also several communications classes were held in the Battalion NCO School by the communications personnel. In late December the platoon held a four day extensive wire course for two members of each rifle company.

c. Problem Areas. Personnel in the 2542 and 2511 occupational fields are becoming critical. Tape antennas and bases for the PRC-25 continue to be in short supply and replacement for Code "X"ed, PRC-25 radios are still hard to obtain.

d. Equipment Status. The battalion has received two PRC-25's from the Dye Marker stocks in addition to the wire equipment received last month. The following is a list of major combat equipment that is not operationally ready:

(1)	5 - TA-312	Telephone
(2)	8 - PRC-25	Radio Set
(3)	2 - PRC-41	Radio Set
(4)	1 - MRC-83	Radio Jeep
(5)	1 - MRC-109	Radio Jeep
(6)	3 - GRA-39	Local Remote for PRC-25

14. Weather. The weather for December was generally cool and fair with sporadic rains at the first part of the month and increasing in frequency toward the end of the month. The average high temperature was 76 degrees with an average low of 65 degrees. The normal humidity was 85% with 12.61 inches of rain recorded. The wind was generally from the north at an average speed of 9 knots. Visibility averaged 8 miles.

15. Fire Support.

a. During the month of December the majority of missions fired were of a practice nature, suspected enemy positions, and suspected enemy observation posts. The live fire missions that came through the battalion were relays from a CAC unit south of the Battalions AO.

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On 29 December the battalion moved from the Cam Lo Artillery Base and Cam Lo Bridge to the A-3 position. Missions fired at the new position consisted of close defensive fires with the remainder of missions being practice in nature.

b. Problem Areas. There were no problem areas during the month of December.

c. Units Providing Direct and General Support.

- (1) Btry "D", 2nd Bn, 12th Marines
- (2) Btry "W", 2nd Bn, 12th Marines
- (3) Btry "W", 3rd Bn, 12th Marines
- (4) Btry "F", 2nd Bn, 12th Marines
- (5) Btry "E", 2nd Bn, 12th Marines
- (6) 1st 8", Howitzer Btry, 3rd MARDIV
- (7) 4th Section, 2nd Plt, 1st Bn, ADA AW (SP) 44th Arty USA.
- (8) 3rd Plt, "C" Co, 3rd Tank Bn.

d. Missions Fired.

(1) Artillery.

(a) Probable Enemy Movement	2
(b) Suspected OP	1
(c) Suspected Enemy Position	2
(d) Harrassing and Interdiction	300

(2) 4.2 Mortars.

(a) Suspected Enemy Position	35
(b) Suspected Enemy OP's	13
(c) Suspected Enemy Mortar Positions	11
(d) Target of Opportunity	7
(e) Counter Mortar Defensive Fire	2
(f) Suspected Enemy Mortars	1
(g) Marking Round	1
(h) Prep Fires	1
(i) Harrassing and Interdiction	120

(3) 81mm Mortars.

(a) Target of Opportunity	7
(b) Prep Fire	30
(c) Practice Missions	50
(d) Counter Mortar	0
(e) Night Defensive Fires	10
(f) Harrassing and Interdiction	130

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e. Ammunition Expended.(1) Artillery.

(a)	105 HE	1,790
(b)	105 WP	3
(c)	105 ILL	0
(d)	155 HE	0
(e)	155 WP	0
(f)	4.2 HE	730
(g)	4.2 WP	104
(h)	4.2 ILL	15

(2) 81mm Mortars.

(a)	81mm New HE (M)	1,800
(b)	81mm Old HE (M)	30
(c)	81mm HE (L)	0
(d)	81mm New WP	200
(e)	81mm Old WP	100
(f)	81mm ILL	150

16. Air Support

a. During the month of December there was a limited use of air support. Air contributions by the First Marine Air Wing consisted of medical evacuations, logistic and troop helicopter lifts, recon overflights, aerial observation and TPQ - 10 missions.

b. Recon overflights and aerial observation aircraft were used by the battalion while conducting operations from the Cam Lo positions.

c. Marine medical evacuation helicopters were used to med evac wounded civilians from the Cam Lo village.

d. During the battalions move to the A-3 position transport helicopters were utilized to move troops and equipment. Helicopters continued to be used to resupply this position.

e. Types and Numbers of Air Missions;

Type	<u>Requested</u>	<u>Completed</u>
(1) Troops	3	3
(2) MedEvacs	9	9
(3) Aerial Observation	2	2
(4) Recon Overflights	2	2
(5) Logistics	3	3
(6) TPQ - 10 Strikes	4	8

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17. Activities/Deactivations/Redesignations. None

18. Training Report. During the month of December two NCO School classes were held at the C-3 position, approximately six to seven days in duration. Approximately 40 Corporals and L/Cpls attended the courses of instruction. It was planned to conduct more classes but due to operational commitments and planned move to A-3 position it was not practicable to continue the school.

A copy of the two NCO Schools Training Schedules is enclosed in Part IV of the chronology.

The companies conducted daily training in basic military subjects. Subjects stressed were patrolling, map and compass reading, radio procedures and forward observer procedures.

On 27 and 28 December the battalion recieved new M-16 rifles and immediately conducted familiarization firing and zeroing of weapons prior to planned move to A-3. Also in late December a wire school was held for ten selected men from the rifle companies.

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Journal Summary

01 Dec 67. No significant events.

02 Dec 67. At 1540H, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines conducted a Med Cap in village at coordinates YD 148600. Treated 75 Vietnamese people for various infections. The people were friendly toward the Medical Team.

03 Dec 67. At 0850H, Popular Forces sighted 20 enemy troops at coordinates YD 141606 moving in a easterly direction. Also at 0934H Popular Forces reported two dead enemy in vicinity of YD 145605. Lima Company sent one squad out to check area. At 1030H, Lima Companies squad found one body at YD 134607. The body appeared to be approximately 6-8 hours old wearing sundels, utility shirt and belt with pouch around the neck, no trousers. Body was turned over to PF's for disposition by District Headquarters. A Med Cap was held in the village at coordinates YD 164611, at 1030H. Approximately 114 Vietnamese people were treated for various infections, attitude toward the medical team was friendly.

04 Dec 67. At 0830H, a Mike Company patrol found a body in Cam Lo River at coordinates YD 133607. Shrapnel wound to the head was the cause of death and he was of Vietnamese nationality. Papers were found on body and turned into the S-2. At 0830H, a Lima Company patrol found (3) dead NVA/VC bodies at coordinates YD 137605. All bodies had green utility jackets on and were dead approximately 8 hours and had been in the water 3-4 hours. Cause of death undetermined. A small amount of enemy gear was found on bodies. All items forwarded to Regimental S-2.

05 Dec 67. At 0940H, Mike Company sighted 2 NVA/VC at coordinates YD 140631. The enemy were in a tree line and one was carrying a weapon. Fired a 4.2 mortar mission, results unknown.

06 Dec 67. At 1400H, a Med Cap was held in village at coordinates YD 165612. Approximately 147 Vietnamese people were treated. No other significant events.

07 Dec 67. At 1420H, while clearing for a mine field around Cam Lo position, Engineer units uncovered about 60 Vietnamese graves. Vietnamese people in the area started complaining. Mine field clearing activities were ceased and the people were allowed to move graves. Third Battalion, Third Marines assisted as much as possible and a letter of apology was submitted through District Headquarters to Cam Thi Village chief.

08 Dec 67. At 1645H, a military M35-7 vehicle hit a Vietnamese 5 year old girl at coordinates YD 148601. The girl darted into the road in front of vehicle. Emergency Med Evac was called and completed. Villagers reaction not hostile and District Headquarters was notified. A Med Cap was held at 0930H in village at coordinates YD 145599. A total of 79 Vietnamese people were treated for various infections and colds. Vietnamese people were friendly toward the medical team.

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09 Dec 67. No significant events.

10 Dec 67. At 1055H, a F/2/12 vehicle hit an old Vietnamese male at coordinates YD 143597. Vietnamese male was the father of the village chief of Cam Thi. Villagers were hostile toward incident. Emergency Med Evac requested and completed. S-2 and S-5 Officer investigating incident, and written report followed.

11 Dec 67. At 0300H, IAW Battalion Frag Order 60-67 Lima Company departed Cam Lo Bridge position and commenced movement to Objective #1 vicinity ID 108603. India Company departed Cam Lo Artillery Base at 0310H and commenced their movement to Objective #3, vicinity YD 106619. Mike Company and Command Group departed CP at 0430H and commenced movement to Objective #2, vicinity YD 103609. At 0700H Lima Company consolidated Objective #1. At 0950H, India Company uncovered (1) NVA hut with 3 weapons inside at coordinates YD 095606. Enemy weapons and miscellaneous equipment forwarded through channels. At 1000H, Mike and India Companies consolidated Objectives 2 and 3. India Company then swept south with negative enemy contact. At 1415H, on order, all units commenced movement to their respective positions. At 1530H, Mike Company chopped from OPCON 3/3 to OPCON 3/4. At 1600H, all units returned to their positions.

12 Dec 67. At 1515H, Mike Company chopped from OPCON 3/4 to OPCON 3/3. No other significant events.

13 Dec 67. At 0510H, Lima Company left the Cam Lo Bridge and established a blocking force in vicinity grid square YD 1861 in conjunction with RF and RF operations to the east. At 1015H a Med Cap was held in the village located at coordinates YD 121588. There were approximately 129 Vietnamese people treated for minor colds and infections. Attitude toward Med Cap team was friendly. At 1435H, a Marine from Lima Company detonated a mine at coordinates YD 166616. Type of mine undetermined and was detonated while moving through brush. Result one USMC KIA (Med Evac). At 1600H, Lima Company returned to their position with negative enemy contact.

14 Dec 67. At 1100H a Med Cap was held at coordinates YD 147602. Eighty four people were treated for minor colds and infections. Villagers were friendly toward medical team.

15 Dec 67. No significant events.

16 Dec 67. At 1130H a Lima Company patrol discovered footprints at coordinates YD 154622 made by tennis shoes. It was estimated to be ten different sets of footprints heading north. At 1245H, OP#3 sighted 2 personnel that seemed to be digging on MSR 561 at coordinates YD 136617. Fired 81mm mortar and twin 40mm missions, results unknown. Area to be checked for mines at first light by sweep team.

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17 Dec 67. At 1420, Mike Company reported a patrol received one round small arms fire at coordinates YD 133619. Patrol checked area out with negative results. Area kept under observation by sniper team at this position. At 1415H a Lima Company patrol uncovered a Chi Com grenade along side of road at YD 134604. Grenade checked closely and brought into S-2. Will be forwarded to Regiment.

18 Dec 67. At 1540H a Med Cap was held at YD 145599. Approximately 96 people were treated for cold and minor infections. Reaction was friendly and many village elders were present for treatment. At 1540H, a UH-53 while in flight dropped an external load of 105mm artillery rounds in grid YD 136609. One round detonated and there were no casualties. EOD was requested and all rounds were recovered. At 1630H India Company chopped from OPCON 3/3 to OPCON 3/4.

19 Dec 67. At 0058H, approximately one round from an eight round volley impacted in village at YD 114564. All fire in and around grid YD 1156 placed in check fire. There were no casualties as a result of short round. At 1715H, India Company chopped OPCON from 3/4 to OPCON 3/3.

20 Dec 67. At 1435H, India Company and Command Group departed position to assist 3/4 as a blocking force. At 1500H, India Company uncovered several sets of NVA footprints moving west to east at YD 156627. The foot prints were about 4 to 6 hours old. At 1900H, India Company and Command Group returned to Cam Lo Artillery Base. There was negative enemy contact. At 2205H, a rocket type missile of undetermined caliber detonated in mid air at coordinates YD 179585. Believed to be possible sam missile. Area continued to be watched.

21 Dec 67. No significant events.

22 Dec 67. At 2030H, India Company departed Cam Lo Artillery Base for blocking position in vicinity of YD 163610 as blocking force for ARVN sweep.

23 Dec 67. At 1040H Lima Company departed Cam Lo Bridge position and established Battalion Objective #2 at coordinates YD 165605 in conjunction with ARVN sweep. At 1100H a Med Cap was held at coordinates YD 145599. Approximately 64 Vietnamese people were treated, reaction was friendly. At 1430H India Company returned to position, negative enemy contact. At 1500H, Lima Company returned to the Cam Lo Bridge with negative enemy contact. At 1550H two male children about 9-10 years old were brought into Cam Lo Bridge position for Med Evac. The children were injured by booby trap at coordinates YD 165617. Med Evac was completed at 1610H.

24 Dec 67. No significant events.

25 Dec 67. No significant events.

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26 Dec 67. At 1115H, a Lima Company patrol were told by villagers at coordinates YD 160606 (Thin Vinh An) that a VC squad had passed through at coordinates YD 165608 heading west. Also reported that another VC squad at the same coordinates set in for the night and departed early in the morning of 26 Dec. The patrol continued mission.

27 Dec 67. No significant events.

28 Dec 67. At 1815H, a helicopter lifting advance elements of 3/3 from Cam Lo Artillery Base to A-3 received small arms fire from grid square YD 1840 resulting in 1 USMC KIA. Helicopter returned to Dong Ha.

29 Dec 67. At 1045H India, Lima Companies and Command Group departed Cam Lo Artillery Base and Cam Lo Bridge for A-3. The units disembarked from vehicles south of Gio Linh and proceeded by tactical column to A-3. Assumed tactical responsibility for A-3 at 1400H. There was negative enemy contact during movement.

30 Dec 67. At 1130H, a 3/3 patrol uncovered a tunnel 10 feet deep at the end of which was a room 15X8X4 feet apparently caved in. Tunnel was approximately one month old. Tunnel was then destroyed. At 1400H, a Lima Company patrol uncovered one AK-47 magazine near some fresh foot prints at coordinates YD 178722. Magazine forwarded to battalion S-2. At 1630H, Kilo Company and Command Group Bravo arrived A-3 position from Cam Lo Artillery Base. At 1630H, Kilo Company 3/4 was chopped from OPCON 3/3 to OPCON 3/4.

31 Dec 67. At 1215H, an India Company patrol met with (20) Vietnamese children with marijuana at coordinates YD 188718. The children tried to sell the marijuana to the patrol. It was taken from the children and they were warned not to return to area. Cigarettes turned over to Battalion G.O.

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Ref: (a) Map; Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6342I and 6442IV.

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

Mike Company (Rein)

1ST Lt J. A. GIALONE

FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt.
FO Team, "C" Btry, 1/12
Dog Team
S-2 Scout

Lima Company (Rein)

Capt R. ZENSEN

FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt.
FO Team, "C" Btry, 1/12
FAC/TACP Team
Dog Team
Sniper Team
S-2 Scout
One Platoon, 3/4

India Company (Rein)

Capt. R.R. BEERS

FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt.
FO Team, "C" Btry, 1/12
FAC/TACP Team
Hoi Chan Team, 3d MarDiv
15th CI Team
Interpreter
S-2 Scout

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. An estimated enemy platoon NVA/VC operates in the general vicinity of Quat Xa and Van Ba Thang. It is also believed that a larger NVA unit up to battalion size in strength has operated to the north-west of Quat Xa in the vicinity of YD 083613.

All of the villages north of the Cam Lo River between grid lines 09 and 12 have been ordered vacated by the District Chief. Villages on the south side of the river still maintain family shrines, cemeteries etc. in this

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area and frequently return to the area to maintain their houses, gardens and to conduct worship. Civilians encountered in this area will be detained as VCS and turned over to the District Chief for questioning.

It is further known that enemy forces in the area establish positions at night near the river to avoid H&I fires and return to the more heavily vegetated high grounds during daylight hours.

Friendly villagers will not be found in the above area during hours of darkness.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Ninth Marines AO remains the same; Operation Kentucky continues. Third Bn. Fourth Marines to our north continues patrol activity south to the 63 grid line.

(2) One PF Company, (to be assigned) under the OPCON of the Cam Lo District Chief will secure Objective #4 and establish a blocking position not later than H+4.

(3) CAP #41 will provide security for one section of mortars (5/3) to be employed at YD 117589.

(4) W/2/12 and 7/1/12 will be in direct support (see annex B).

(5) Fixed wing air support will be available on call.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

(1) One platoon from I/3/4 will be OPCON from 111400H -- 121700H.

(2) K/5/3 remains OPCON to 12th Marines.

(3) See Task Organization.

2. Mission.

a. Seize Objectives 1,2,3, and 5, and be prepared to search adjacent villages on order.

b. Destroy all fortifications encountered.

c. Provide assistance and security for attached Hoi Chan personnel by assisting in search operations and taking custody of identified VCS.

d. Provide security for 15th CI personnel in the accomplishment of their mission.

3. Execution.

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a. Concept of Operations.

(1) Objective 1 and 2 will be seized and blocking position established prior to first light with one company (-) (Rein) each.

(2) Objective 3 will be seized by one company (-) (Rein) not later than D+4 hours.

(3) One PF Company will establish a blocking position on Objective 4 after sweeping south Quat Xa to commence at H+3½.

(4) On order, Objective 5 will be secured by the company (-) (Rein) assigned to seize Objective 1, at which time a blocking position will be established.

(5) On order, one company (-) (Rein) will commence sweep & clear operation from Objective 3 in accordance with operation overlay.

b. Lima Company. Commence movement from C-3 Bridge position at H-Hour to seize Objective 1. Upon seizure establish a blocking position oriented to cover avenues of ingress and egress to the Quat Xa area. Be prepared if necessary to support by fire PF Companies seizure of Objective 4. On order seize Objective 5 and search huts in vicinity of Quat Xa. Establish a blocking position oriented to the north and west to cover movement of India Company. Be prepared to receive and prepare one platoon from India 3/4 to assume security missions of C-3 Bridge positions on D-1.

c. Mike Company. Move at H+½ hour to secure Objective 2. Establish blocking position to cover the seizure of Objective 4 and 5 and movement of India Company during sweep operations. Retain one platoon at the C-3 position to carry out road sweep and normal security missions.

d. India Company. Move at H+1½ with 15th CI Team and Uni Chans to seize Objective 3. On order be prepared to sweep the village area as indicated on the operation overlay. Exploit propaganda capability to maximum extent during search. Provide security for the 15th CI Team in the accomplishment of assigned mission. Leave one platoon at C-3 position to assume road sweep and normal security mission as directed.

e. 81mm Mortar Platoon. Displace one section (-) to the Cam Lo District Headquarters on D-1. At H+2 move from the District Headquarters and establish a firing position at ED 113590. Be prepared to deliver supporting fires at H+3½. Coordinate security for movement and firing positions with Cam Lo District CAC Commander. Effort will be made to conceal displacement from C-3 to District Headquarters. One section will remain in position at C-3 position and one squad at C-3 Bridge position.

f. Security Platoon India 3/4. Man defensive positions at C-3 Bridge position and associated responsibilities at H-Hour.

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g. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Make maximum use of night observation devices.
- (2) Maneuver elements furnish security patrol to insure avenues of approach are secured and guides are furnished prior to the move.
- (3) Insure that all personnel are briefed as to the location of friendly units.
- (4) Maximum emphasis on light and noise discipline.
- (5) D-Day - 11 December 67
- (6) H-Hour - 0300
- (7) Caution all personnel to be alert for anti-personnel mines and booby traps.
- (8) Reference Points: Fish 1361; Days 1062.
- (9) Recon possible ford sites along avenues of advance prior to D-Day.

4. Administration and Logistics.

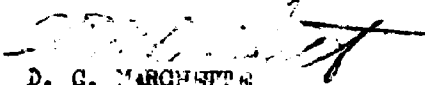
- a. Insure each squad is equipped with a demolition kit and pyro bag (complete).
- b. A basic allowance of ammunition will be carried.
- c. One meal per man will be carried on an optional basis.
- d. Med Evac LZ's will be established in the vicinity of Objective 1 as required.
- e. Carry rope and grappling hook for stream fording.

5. Command and Communications.

- a. Command Group Alpha will move at H-Hour with Mike Company (Rein).
- b. Monitor Battalion TAC #1 commencing 110230H.
- c. Ensure all maneuver elements carry air panels IAW SOP for operations.

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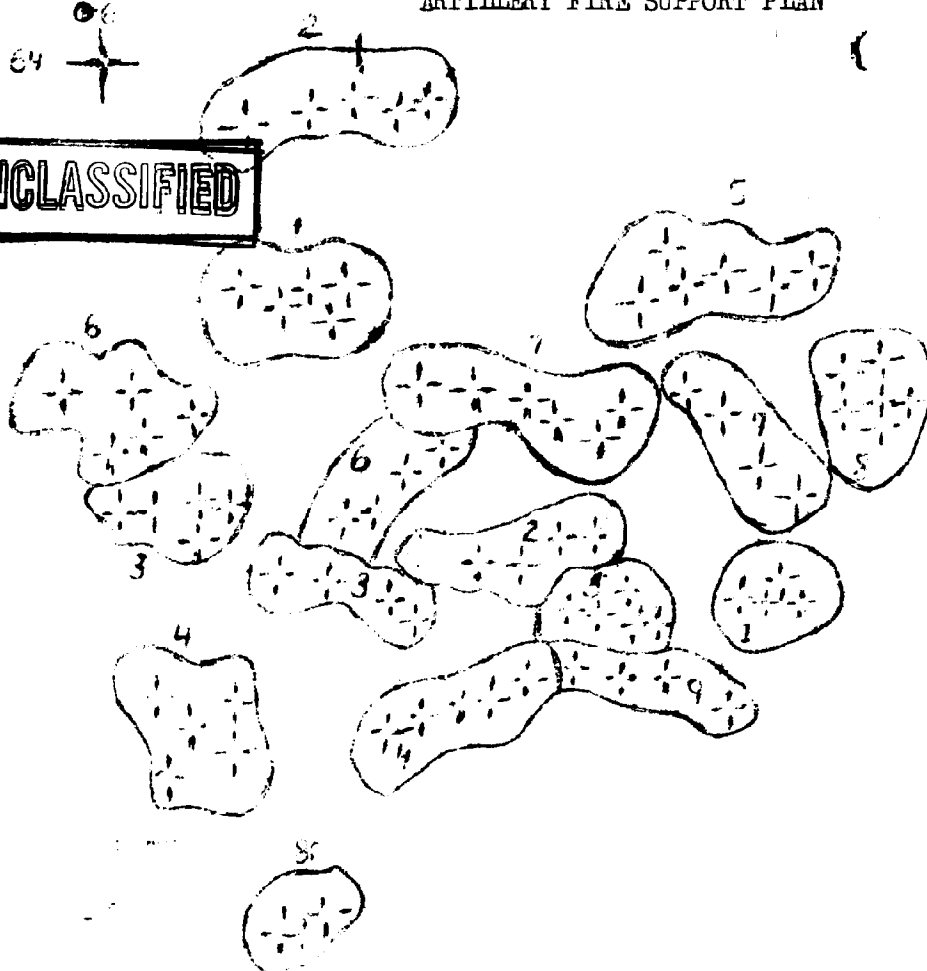
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COUNTER MORTAR SERIES

GROUP 1	GROUP 5
BX2955/075622	BX2975/098625
BX2956/073623	BX2976/101626
BX2957/074624	BX2977/104620
BX2958/078625	BX2978/107625
BX2959/069625	BX2979/110626
	BX2980/100620
GROUP 2	GROUP 6
BX2960/070636	BX2981/063617
BX2961/074637	BX2982/067615
BX2962/078637	BX2983/064613
BX2963/081637	BX2984/058617
BX2964/083638	BX2985/062612
GROUP 3	GROUP 7
BX2965/067606	BX2986/090616
BX2966/065608	BX2987/092614
BX2967/068609	BX2988/087617
BX2968/062608	BX2989/083618
BX2969/069607	BX2990/095614
	BX2991/096616
GROUP 4	GROUP 8
BX2970/069593	BX2992/077580
BX2971/070595	BX2993/075579
BX2972/065595	BX2994/076577
BX2973/070591	
BX2974/075589	

BLOCKING SERIES

GROUP 1	GROUP 5	GROUP 9
BX2995/108603	BX3013/093602	BX3031/100597
BX2996/110602	BX3014/096601	BX3032/098597
BX2997/109605	BX3015/098601	BX3033/099599
BX2998/105606	BX3016/097604	BX3034/106596
	BX3017/099601	BX3035/093597
GROUP 2	GROUP 6	
BX2999/095606	BX3018/090610	
BX3000/094607	BX3019/083613	
BX3001/090604	BX3020/084615	
BX3002/087605	BX3021/078600	
BX3003/083606		
GROUP 3	GROUP 7	
BX3004/081603	BX3022/107612	
BX3005/082600	BX3023/104615	
BX3006/077604	BX3024/100617	
BX3007/073604	BX3025/100610	
GROUP 4	GROUP 8	
BX3008/086595	BX3026/116615	
BX3009/087596	BX3027/114617	
BX3010/090597	BX3028/114619	
BX3011/084594	BX3029/116619	
BX3012/081593	BX3030/117617	

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Time Zone: H

Task OrganizationIndia Company (Rein)

Capt R. R. BEERS

FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt
FAC Team
FO Team, "C" Btry, 1/12
Dog Team
S-2 Scout (2)

Lima Company (Rein)

Capt R. ZENSEN

FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt
FAC Team
FO Team, "C" Btry, 1/12
S-2 Scout (2)

Kilo Company (Rein)

Capt T.W. ARNOLD

FO Team, 81mm Mortar Plt
FAC Team
FO Team, "C" Btry, 1/12
S-2 Scout (2)

1. Situation.

a. Enemy Forces. Enemy incoming mortars and artillery fires range from eminent to probable. The area in Grid 1770 is known to be heavily mined and controlled by the enemy. Ground contact within the AO is always considered probable.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) The 9th Marines AO remains unchanged as Operation Kentucky continues.

(2) 3/4 is presently conducting limited operations from a blocking position established at about YD 170730. 3/4 will continue to operate from that position until main construction effort is completed at A-3, at which

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time 3/4 will operate on the western flanks of 3/3 from Phu An area, YD 155703. 2/1 continues to occupy the A-4 position, 1/4 is presently manning the C-2 and C-2 Bridge positions. "E" Battery will be in direct support from C-2. "F" Battery, 1/12 will provide secondary support from A-4.

c. Attachments/Detachments.

- (1) HST will be attached by 9th Marines effective 28Dec67.
- (2) 11th Engineer Sweep Team will be attached effective 07Dec67.
- (3) A Radio Relay Team will be attached effective with the assumption of control of A-3.
- (4) One sniper team will be attached effective 28Dec67.
- (5) OPCON of one tank platoon will be assumed with the occupation of the A-3 position.
- (6) Two Dog Teams from the 3d MP Battalion remain attached.
- (7) Mike Company remains OPCON to 12th Marines (261250H Dec).
- (8) "I" Company, 3/4 will be OPCON and will defend the north sector of the A-3 perimeter on D-Day and D+1 until released upon arrival of "K" Company, 3/3 at A-3.

2. Mission. Assume control of A-3 position from 1/3 by 1450 29Dec67. Be prepared upon assumption of A-3 position to conduct reconnaissance and screening operations and provide security for engineer elements.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation.

- (1) D-2 conduct preliminary reconnaissance of A-3 (selected staff officers and company commanders)
- (2) D-1 helilift advance party to A-3 (include HST).
- (3) At H-Hour move with two companies, Command Group "A", 11th Engineer (Sweep) Detachment, and 81mm Mortars by vehicle to dismount point at YD 214727 and move in a tactical column to the immediate south of Route 566; to occupy A-3. One company will remain at the C-3 position and conduct normal activities.
- (4) Detach one company with 106 Plt and Command Group "B" (-) will depart C-3 position by vehicle and assume defensive positions, dismount at YD 241727 and proceed to A-3 in a tactical column and assume defensive positions in relief of 1/3.

b. India Company. Stage for loading at YD 150610 at H-1/2 hour. The first 10 trucks in vehicular column will be used for troop loading (#1 thru #10). From dismount point move immediately to area in vicinity of YD 210-726. Be prepared to move on order as advance guard for the battalion to A-3 position. Defend western sector of the perimeter upon arrival.

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Be prepared to furnish road sweep security to east to Route #1 on Route 566 at 0630H on D+1 with 1 reinforced platoon.

c. 81mm Platoon. Helilift 4 mortars tubes, associated equipment and 15 personnel at H-Hour. Remainder of platoon will stage behind (north) of India Company for entrucking, not later than H- $\frac{1}{2}$. Vehicles #11 thru #13 will be utilized for vehicular portion of move. Upon arrival at dismount point move in trace of India Company to occupy firing positions at A-3 with two sections.

d. Lima Company. Move from C-3 Bridge to entrucking point at YD 148603. Utilize vehicles #13 thru #24. Follow in trace of the 81mm Platoon to defend the south and southeast portion of the A-3 position.

e. Kilo Company. Man C-3 perimeter and furnish local security on D-Day. Furnish north and south road sweeps on morning of D+1. Be prepared to load trucks at 1030 on D+1 at YD 147613. Dismount at intersection of Route #1 and Route #566 and proceed in Company Tactical Column to A-3. Provide security for 106 Platoon (-) enroute. Defend north/northeast portion of A-3 perimeter on order. Be prepared to furnish squad size outpost at YD 175730 on evening of D+1.

f. 106 Platoon. Helilift 106 Recoiless Rifles and mounts to A-3 from LZ at 1000H on D+1 along with necessary personnel. Move to entrucking point with remaining personnel for transportation. Move with Kilo personnel from dismount point to A-3 position.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) H-Hour 1000H
- (2) D-Day 29Dec67
- (3) All companies inspect troops to ensure non-essential items are not carried to A-3 prior to entrucking at C-3.
- (4) Each unit will ensure proper dispersion is maintained and proper flank security is employed throughout the ground movement.
- (5) Reference Point - 2073 Countries
- (6) Upon arrival at A-3 troops proceed immediately to fighting holes and remain in same until further ordered.
- (7) Dismount point at intersection of Route #566 and Route #1.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Traffic Control Office r (S-4) will ensure troop vehicles move north on new road to C-3 and return to Bridge on old road. Lead vehicle will

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stage at YD 150608 for loading on D-Day and D+1. Vehicle number will be marked on right hand door panel with chalk.

- b. Troops carry 3 MCI and BA of ammo.
- c. Three filled canteens will be carried.
- d. All fighting hole covers and engineer tools will be turned into S-4 by 1200H on 28Dec67.
- e. Ensure a complete ammo inventory is left on position at each ammo storage area. Submit duplicate copy to S-3 no later than H-3 on D-Day.

5. Command and Communications.

- a. The Alpha Command Group will follow in trace of India Company.
- b. The Bravo Command Group will move with Kilo Company on D+1.

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BATTALION NCO SCHOOL

Date: 11 thru 17 December 1967Co "L" 7 Cpls or L/Cpls
Co "M" -do-4-6 months to do
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Will be TAD to S-3 Section for above period of instruction.

Companies will report names and service numbers of students to S-3 by 8 December 67. All instructors, excluding officers, will report to S-3 by 9 December 67.

1st Lt McGraw of 81mm mortars is here by appointed officer incharge of the Battalion NCO School. He will supervise and monitor all classes during the training day insuring that students and instructors are present and that classes are held at their scheduled times. He will report on the effectiveness of each class and instructors to the S-3 at the end of each training day.

Equipment needed:

Normal arms and equipment, helmet, flak jacket, gas mask, poncho, note books and pencils.

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DATE TIME	AREA	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR	EQUIPMENT
11 Dec. 0830-0930	Marshall	Radio Procedures	Cpl STEWART	Message books, FMFM 10-1
0930-1030	-do-	Field Expedient	Cpl STEWART	PRC-25, 292, FMFM 10-1
1030-1130	-do-	Maintenance Tips	Sgt HUTZLER	
1130-1230	-do-	Chow		
1230-1430	-do-	Field Wire & Phones - Employment & Maintenance	Cpl WATKINS	TA-1, T-10, FMFM 10-1
1430-1530	-do-	Employment of Starlight Scope Maintenance & Zeroing	SSgt TAYLOR	Starlight Scope
1530-1630	-do-	Employment of Sniper Scope Maintenance & Zeroing	L/Cpl WINDUS	Sniper Scope
12 Dec. 0830-1130	-do-	Employment of AN/PP55 & AN/PP56 Night & Day	Lt. JASKEWITZ	AN/PP55, AN/PP56
1130-1230	-do-	Chow		
1230-1330	-do-	Use & Nomenclature of demo tools, time fuses, demo cord, hell boxes and blasting caps	L/Cpl STEVENS	Demo tools, time fuses, demo cord, blasting caps, Hell boxes
1330-1430	-do-	The use of TNT and plastic explosives in relation with previous instruction	L/Cpl STEVENS	TNT Plastic Explosives FM 5-25
1430-1630	YD 144618	Practical Application in Demolitions	L/Cpl STEVENS	all above FM 5-25
1930-2100	Marshall	Use of NOD	Lt. JASKEWITZ	AN/PP55, AN/PP56

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13 Dec. 0830-0930	Marshall	Mine Sweep & Detection Techniques Nomenclature & Functioning of VC/MVA Mines & Booby-traps	Cpl Mc CALLUM	FM 20-82
0930-1030	-do-	Nomenclature & Functioning of U.S. Mines Employed in RVN	Cpl Mc CALLUM	FM 5-25
1030-1130	-do-	Zeroing Techniques of M-46, Tech- niques of Day and Night Firing	Sgt POCKETT	FFM 1-5
1130-1230	-do-	Chow		
1230-1430	-do-	Construction & Employment of var- ious types of tactical wire	Cpl Mc CALLUM	FM 5-15
1430-1530	-do-	Nomenclature & Functioning of Gas Launcher	L/Cpl CORIS	FM 3-50
1530-1630	-do-	Nomenclature, Maintenance and Functioning of Field Protective Mask M-17	Sgt STEWART	FM 21-40 M-17 Protective Mask
1930-2100	-do-	Use of MOC		AM/PP55, AM/PP56
14 Dec. 0830-0930	-do-	Elements of Fire Request - FO Procedure	Cpl BEBEE Lt. MORIARTY	FM 6-40
0930-1030	-do-	Methods of Adjusting Fire	-do-	FM 6-40
1030-1130	-do-	Practical Application on Adjusting Fires	-do-	FM 6-40
1130-1230	-do-	Chow		
1230-1300	-do-	Counter-mortar Fires	-do-	FM 6-40
1300-1400	-do-	Nomenclature & Functioning of 60mm Mortar	L/Cpl ADAMS	60mm Mortar AM 23-85
1400-1500	-do-	Methods of Fire for 60mm Mortar	L/Cpl COOTIS	60mm Mortar FM 23-85
1500-1600	-do-	Practical Application on Methods of fire	Cpl BAUSCH	

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15 Dec. 0830-0930	Messhall	Map Nomenclature	Cpl CRISTMAN Sgt ROGERS	FM 21-26 FM 21-26
0930-1030	-do-	Map Orientation with Compass	-do-	FM 21-26
1030-1130	-do-	Nomenclature & Functioning of Field Compass - Night OPS	-do-	FM 21-26
1130-1230	-do-	Chow		
1230-1300	-do-	Land Navigation Techniques (Intersection & Resection)	-do-	FM 21-26
1330-1430	-do-	Land Navigation Practical Ap- plication	-do-	FM 21-26
1430-1530	-do-	Nomenclature & Functioning of M-72 IAW	Cpl TENNYSON	M-72 IAW
1530-1630	FBI Range	Practical Application & Firing M-72 IAW	-do-	25 IAW
16 Dec. 0830-0930	Messhall	Terrain Appreciation	Lt. KRISCOWSKY	FTFM 6-4
0930-1030	-do-	Squad in the Defense	Lt. GONZALEZ	FTFM 6-4
1030-1130	-do-	Platoon in the Defense	-do-	FTFM 6-4
1130-1230	-do-	Chow		
1230-1330	-do-	Local Security-Offense & Defense - IP'S, OP'S	Lt. JANKINS	FTFM 6-4
1330-1430	-do-	Types of ambushes in relation to terrain and Organization of unit	Lt. LAWRENCE	FTFM 6-4
1430-1530	-do-	Types of Patrols in relation to organization and missions - Patrol Leaders Order	Lt. LAWRENCE	FTFM 6-4
1530-1630	-do-	Nomenclature, Functioning, Care and Cleaning of M-16, Zeroing Techniques	Cpl WIEBOS	

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17 Dec 0830-0930	Marshall	Lessons Learned - Know Your Enemy		
0930-1030	-do-	RVN Indoctrination		Mir. PAYNE provide
1030-1130	-do-	Combat Intelligence, what it is how it is used, where the Marine fits in	SGT ROGERS	FM 30-5
1130-1230	-do-	Chow		
1230-1330		Role & Function of S-2 Scout in the Rifle Company and reporting		
1330-1430	-do-	intelligence info.	CPL CRISTMAN	FM 30-5
1430-1500	-do-	Handling PCMS and Enemy Equipment	CPL ROBINSON	FM 70-5
1500-1600	-do-	NCO Leadership & Role of NCO in Combat	SGT MAJOR	

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BATTALION NCO SCHOOLDate: 20 thru 25 December 1967.

Co "L" and "M" 7 Cpls or L/Cpls
 Co "M" 10 Cpls or L/Cpls

4-6 months to do
 -do-

Will be TAD to S-3 Section for above period of instruction.

Companies will report names and service numbers of students to S-3A prior to 20 December 67. All instructors will submit lesson plans to S-3 prior to class for approval.

Capt. F. H. LOW of TACF as appointed officer in charge of Battalion NCO School. He will be responsible for supervising and monitoring all classes during the training day, insuring students and instructors are present and classes are held at their scheduled times. He will make a verbal report at the end of each training day with regard to attendance and the effectiveness of classes held during that training day.

Equipment needed:

Normal arms and equipment, helmet, flak jacket, gas mask, poncho, note books and pencil.

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20 Dec. 0830-0930	Marshall	Radio Procedure	Cpl STEWART	Messara Book	FMFM 10-1
0930-1030	-do-	Field Expedients	-do-	IRC-25, 292	-do-
1030-1130	-do-	Maintenance Tips	-do-		
1130-1230	-do-	Chow			
1230-1330	-do-	Field Wire, phones employment & maintenance	Cpl WATKINS	TA-1, T-10	FMFM 10-1
1330-1430	-do-	Employment of Starlight Scope Maintenance & Zeroing	Cpl DUKESTONE	Starlight Scope	
1430-1530	-do-	Employment of Sniper Scope Maintenance & Zeroing	Cpl WILSON	Sniper Scope	
21 Dec. 0830-0930	Marshall	Map Nomenclature	Cpl CRISTIAN Sgt ROGERS	Map & Compass	FM 21-26
0930-1030	-do-	Map Orientation with Compass	-do-	-do-	-do-
1130-1230	-do-	Chow			
1230-1300	-do-	Land Navigation techniques Resection & Intersection	-do-	-do-	-do-
1300-1330	-do-	Practical Application on navigation techniques	-do-	-do-	-do-
1330-1500	-do-	Nomenclature & functioning of M-72 & practical application	Cpl THOMPSON	25 M-72s	
22 Dec. 0830-0930	Marshall	Terrain Appreciation	Lt. KRISTOWSKI		FMFM 6-4
0930-1030	-do-	Squad in defense	Lt. Munson		-do-
1030-1130	-do-	Platoon in defense	-do-		-do-
1130-1230	-do-	Chow			
1230-1330	-do-	Local Security, Offense and Defense - IFA & OPA	Lt. BROWN		-do-
1330-1430	-do-	Types of ambushes in relation to terrain and organization	-do-		-do-
1430-1530	-do-	Types of patrols in relation to organization & mission of patrol leaders order	Lt. MCGRAW		-do-

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23 Dec. 0830-0930	Mess Hall	Elements of Fire Request	Sgt FREDRICK		FM 6-40
0930-1030	-do-	F.O. Procedure Methods of Adjusting Fires	-do-		-do-
1030-1130	-do-	Practical Application of Adjusting Fires	-do-		-do-
1130-1230	-do-	Chow			
1230-1300	-do-	Counter Mortar Fire	-do-		-do-
1300-1400	-do-	Nomenclature & Functioning of 60mm Mortar	1st Sgt BANGSTON	60mm Mortar	FM 23-85
1400-1500	-do-	Methods of Fire 60mm Mortar	-do-	-do-	-do-
1530-1730	-do-	Practical Application on Methods of Fire	-do-	100 Rounds 60mm Mortar	
24 Dec. 0830-0930	-do-	Mine Detection Techniques Nomenclature & Function of VC/WA Mines & Booby Traps	Lt. SCHRON		FM 20-82
0930-1030	-do-	Nomenclature & Functioning of Field Protective Mask M-17	Sgt STEWART	M-17 Mask	FM 21-40
1030-1130	-do-	Combat Marksmanship M-16	Lt. DINEEN		FM 3-3
1130-1230	-do-	Chow			
1230-1330	-do-	Nomenclature & Function of NOB	Lt. JASKEWITZ		
1330-1430	-do-	Use & Nomenclature of Demo Tools, Fuzes, Demo cord, Bell Boxes, Blasting Caps, and Plastic Explosives	GySgt HYATT	Demo Tools Etc.	FM 5-25
1430-1530	144618	Practical Application in Demolitions	-do-	15 lbs Plastic Explosives, Det. Cord Blasting Caps, Bell Box	FM 5-25
1530-2100	02#1	Practical Application in use of NOB	Lt. JASKEWITZ	NOB	
25 Dec. 0830-1030	Mess Hall	Personel Hygiene & First Aid	Doctor DRYSDALL		
1030-1130	-do-	Combat Intelligence	Sgt ROGERS		FM 30-5
1130-1230	-do-	Chow			
1230-1330	-do-	Role of S-2 Scout and Reporting Intelligence Info	Cpl CRISTMAN		FM 30-5
1330-1430	-do-	Handling POWs & Enemy Gear	Cpl ROBINSON		FM 30-5
1430-1500	-do-	NOB Leadership	Sgt Mjr		

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