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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Battalion, 3d Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol. J. W. MARSH 1 - 30 June

Subordinate Units

H&S Company	1st Lt. P. B. CLONZ	1 - 3 June
	Capt. W. H. MCADAM	3 - 30 June
India Company	Capt. M. G. MCTIERNAN	1 - 30 June
Kilo Company	Capt. D. R. FRANK	1 - 10 June
Lima Company	1st Lt. L. C. IVERSON	10 - 30 June
Mike Company	Capt. F. R. MATTHEWS	1 - 30 June
	Capt. W. H. MCADAM	1 - 3 June
	1st Lt. R. E. LOGAN	3 - 30 June

ATTACHED UNITS

2d Plt, Company "A", 3d Tank Bn.	1st Lt. D. M. MURPHY	1 - 30 June
1st Plt, Company "C", 3d Tank Bn,	1st Lt. S. LARSON	1 - 30 June
3d Plt, Company, "B", 3d Engineer Bn.	1st Lt. E. LENOIR	1 - 30 June
Detachment, H&S Company, 1st Amtrk Bn.		1 - 30 June
Detachment, H&S Company, 3d MT Bn. (Otters)		1 - 30 June

2. Location.

1 - 26 June	Quang Tri Province	YD 278663, Camp Big John RVN
26 - 30 June	Quang Tri Province	Vicinity of YD 155695, YD 160700, ( Leatherneck Square)

3. Staff Officers.

Executive Officer	Major G. P. SLADE	1 - 30 June
S - 1	1st Lt. D. C. MARCHETTE	1 - 30 June
S - 2	Capt. R. ZENSEN	1 - 30 June
S - 3	Major J. A. RINFLEISCH	1 - 30 June
S - 4	1st Lt. G. ESCHENFELDER	1 - 30 June

4. Average Monthly Strength.

USMC	USN
OFF 30	ENL 1032
OFF 2	ENL 49

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## PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

The majority of the month of June was spent by the Battalion occupying defensive positions in the Napoleon Beline AO. Companies "M" and "I" operated from Company patrol bases at YD 267702 and YD 268704 respectively, Company "K" operated from a patrol base at YD 165648 while Company "L" and the Command group were located at Camp Big John (YD 278663). While at these positions, in addition to normal patrolling and security activities, a program of constructing and improving defensive positions was initiated. On 4 June 68 Companies "K" and "L" and a Command group conducted a search and destroy mission in the vicinity of KY TRUC (YD 250660) and KY LAM (YD 245669), no contact was made by either company during this operation. At YD 255650 Company "K" encountered approximately 100 civilians who were enroute to a rice harvest; the civilians were searched, checked for identification and allowed to continue on their way. The search and destroy mission was completed without further incident and the Companies returned to their patrol bases.

On 14 June 68 Company "L" was chopped to OPCON of the 9th Marines for bulldozer security in Leatherneck Square and Company "M" was moved from its patrol base stated above to occupy the perimeter at Camp Big John.

On the evening of 14 June at 2130H a Company "M" ambush at YD 265702 engaged two NVA/VC who were observed crossing the river, the NVA/VC were taken under fire with M-79s and mortar fire, a search of the area at first light the following morning disclosed bloodstains and items of ordnance and equipment, the most significant of which was a 140mm rocket.

On 25 June Company "L" was returned to Battalion control from 9th Marines OPCON.

The Battalion continued to carry out its basic mission until 26 June when in accordance with a 3d Marine Frag Order, the Battalion was heli-lifted to LZ Yankee in Leatherneck Square to conduct a search and destroy mission. The LZ was secured and consolidated without resistance by 1015H. At 1525H the same day, Company "L" elements were engaged with heavy automatic weapons fire from bunkers at YD 173695, the bunkers were believed to be occupied by a reinforced NVA squad. The enemy was engaged with small arms, artillery and fixed wing. At 1730H, under the cover of a smoke screen, contact was broken. Friendly casualties were one (1) KIA and sixteen (16) WIA med evacs. The enemy casualties were 8 NVA KIA confirmed.

On the night of 27 June there were two light contacts by listening posts one of which resulted in one friendly WIA med evac. There were no known NVA/VC casualties as a result of these two listening post contacts.

During the month of June approximately 111 bunkers were destroyed and numerous amounts of enemy equipment and ordnance were captured. On 30 June the Battalion was chopped to OPCON of the 9th Marines and continued to operate in Leatherneck Square engaging in screening operations for the artillery build up of Operation Thor.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTINGS OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Missions Assigned.

a. Basic Mission. To conduct missions in assigned area of AO operations in accordance with 3d MarDiv Operations Order 5-68.

b. To conduct combat operations in assigned AO on both banks of the Song Thach Han, including all tributaries as required to ensure uninterrupted passage of shipping from Cua Viet to Dong Ha and to deny enemy access to rocket positions oriented toward Dong Ha or Quang Tri. Conduct supplemental operations within AO to deny enemy access to rice stores, caches, and harvest operations, to deny enemy freedom of movement within AO and to provide security for dredging operations within AO.

1. Establish a combat operating base in Mai Xa Thi vicinity (YD 282688) to include both banks at mouth of Jones Creek.

2. Conduct S&D operations in AO to screen Cua Viet Loc, interdict NVA/VC infiltration routes and deny enemy use of rocket sites in AO.

3. Maintain company patrol bases in the hamlet vicinity (YD 261632), the hamlet vicinity (YD 265648), and Dai Loc / My Loc (YD 304680) to deny enemy access to inhabitants and restrict enemy freedom of movement in that area. Reference; 3d Marines Frag Order 12 (Operation Napoleon/Saline).

c. To conduct a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of Ky Truc (YD 250660) and Ky Lam (YD 245669). Reference Battalion Frag Order 10-68.

d. Conduct a Heliborne assault from LZ at Mai Xa Chanh (YD 2866) into vicinity of LZ Yankee, upon consolidation of LZ Yankee commence attack to southeast/south along assigned axis to locate and destroy enemy forces. Reference: Battalion Operations Order 11-68.

2. Significant Operations Conducted.

a. A two Company search and destroy mission was conducted on 4 June in the vicinity of Ky Truc (YD 250660) and Ky Lam (YD 245669). Company "K" on order moved from its patrol base to the stream at YD 249652 and on order conducted a sweep along the stream to YD 244666, then moved to Ky Lam and searched the objective area. Company "L" at 0500H moved from its patrol base to Ky Truc via YD 268654 and YD 260656 and upon arrival conducted a search of the objective.

Company "K" encountered approximately 100 civilians who were enroute to a rice harvest, the civilians were checked for identification and allowed to proceed to the rice harvest. No contact was gained during the operation and the companies returned to their patrol bases.

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b. On 26 June in accordance with Battalion Operation Order 11-68 the Battalion was heli-lifted into 4 landing zones in the vicinity of Loc Son (YD1670) to conduct a search and destroy mission, the landing zones were secured and consolidated without incident, and the battalion commenced the attack on a dual axis with Companies "C", "E", and the Alpha Command group on the northern axis and Companies "L", "J" and the Bravo Command group on the southern axis. No contact was gained until approximately 1520H when a element of Company "J" came under heavy automatic weapons fire from a reinforced enemy squad fighting from well concealed bunkers at YD 173645. The enemy was engaged with small arms artillery and fixed wing. The contact continued until approximately 1730H when it was broken under the cover of a smoke screen. 1 KIA and 16 med evacs were sustained by Company "J", enemy casualties were 7 NVA KIA confirmed. That evening at 2055H Companies "L" and "E" came under 60mm mortar fire from approximately YD 155702, artillery and mortar missions were requested, the reaction time for the counter mortar fires was very poor. Two light contacts were made by listening posts during the night of 27 June, one of which resulted in 1 friendly WIA med evac. No contact was gained during the remainder of the operation, numerous bunkers were destroyed and a large amount of ordnance was captured during the operation.

3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

a. During the month of June the 3d Battalion inflicted the following casualties on the enemy; 29 NVA KIA (confirmed).

4. Casualties Sustained.

a. Name of Surgeon: Lt. Joseph W. Wolfe, MC, USMR.

b. Significant Events.

1. On 5 June, one member of India Co. NBC due to self-inflicted M-16 wound of the left foot.

2. On 6 June, one member of Lima Co. non-hostile, FUO possible malaria.

3. On 7 June, one member of India Co. non-hostile shrapnel wound of the leg due to standing too close to a fire in the hole.

4. On 8 June, one member of H&S Co. nonhostile dead due to drowning, body recovered and identified on 10 June 1968.

5. On 13 June, one member of Mike Co. NBC due to self-inflicted M-16 wound of the left foot.

6. On 15 June, one member of India Co. NBC due to can of "C" ration cheese exploding in his face, burning both eyes.

7. On 17 June, 5 members of Lima Co. WIA due to enemy artillery, 1 member of Lima Co., NBC due to anxiety reaction.

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8. On 18 June, one member of Mike Co. WIA due to rifle exploding while firing against enemy, one member of India Co. WIA from friendly sniper, one member of India Co. KIA due to friendly sniper.

9. On 19 June, One member of India Co. NBC due to self-inflicted M-16 wound of the left foot.

10. On 20 June, 8 members of Lima Co., 2 members of H-ho S Co. WIA due to enemy mortars, 2 members of Lima Co. WIA due to enemy artillery, one member of Lima Co. WIA due to enemy rockets, one member of Kilo Co. WIA due to concussion from exploding ammunition dump.

11. On 21 June, one member of Lima Co. WIA due to enemy RPG.

12. On 22 June, 8 members of Lima Co. WIA due to enemy Chicom, 2 members of Lima Co. WIA due to enemy RPG, one member of Lima Co. WIA due to enemy small arms fire, one member of Lima Co. non-hostile due to self-inflicted accidental discharge of M-79, one member of India Co. NBC due to bunker cave in, one member of Mike Co. NBC possible cervical fracture due to diving into water that was too shallow while swimming.

13. On 23 June, one member of Kilo Co. NBC due to convulsions.

14. On 24 June, one member of Lima Co., NBC due to self-inflicted M-16 wound of the left foot.

15. On 25 June, one member of India Co. WIA due to friendly ARVN artillery.

16. On 26 June, 8 members of Lima Co. WIA due to enemy small arms fire, 6 members of Lima Co. WIA due to enemy chicom, one member of Lima Co. WIA due to small arms and chicom, 11 members of Mike Co. and 2 members of Kilo Co. NBC due to heat exhaustion, 2 members of Lima Co. NBC due to anxiety reaction, 2 members of Lima Co. NBC due to sprained ankles, one member of India Co. NBC when he fell off a hill sustaining contusions of the right shin. one member of Lima Co. KIA due to enemy small arms fire.

17. On 27 June, 2 members of Lima Co. WIA due to friendly artillery, one member of Mike Co. WIA due to friendly small arms fire and DOW the same date at D-Med.

18. There were a total of 479 inoculations given during the month of June 1968.

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19. Outpatient Visits.

## a. Common complaints;

(1)	FUO	12
(2)	Venereal Disease	07
(3)	Heat Casualties	16
(4)	Malaria	01
(5)	Dental	57
(6)	Cellulitis	61
(7)	Diarrhea	22
(8)	Miscellaneous	<u>1001</u>
		1170 TOTAL

20. Number of Battle Casualties:

TOTALS	KIA	DOW	MLA	NEC	NEC KILLED
USMC 3/3	02	01	00	31	01
USN 3/3	00	01	00	00	00
USMC OTHER	00	00	00	00	00

c. Medical Trends. The increase in the number of cellulitis was due to operational conditions existing throughout the month for Lima Co. Drinking water being drawn from questionable wells caused a sharp increase in diarrhea cases. HTH should be carried on a regular basis by Battalion supply.

d. Problem Areas. None.

5. New Techniques Employed. None.

6. Command Relations.

a. OPCON - 3d Marines, ADCON - 3d MarDiv.

b. On 1 June 68 the Battalion assumed OPCON of Company "D", 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

c. On 2 June 68 the Battalion chopped OPCON of Company "D", 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

d. On 14 June 68 Company "L", 3d Battalion, 3d Marines was chopped to OPCON 9th Marines.

e. On 25 June 68 Company "L", 3d Battalion, 3d Marines returned to OPCON of the Battalion.

f. On 30 June 68 the Battalion was chopped to OPCON 9th Marines.

7. Equipment. None.

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(1) General. During the reporting period the Battalion moved to the Camp Big John area and participated in extensive patrolling and sweep operations along the Cua Viet river and for a short time in the Leatherneck Square area. Daily resupply by river barge, Mike boats, and helicopter were the principal means of transportation to Camp Big John.

(2) Class I. A daily resupply maintains the regular supply of Class I at a three to five day level. Water buffalos are lifted in and out primarily by helicopter.

(3) Class II. There still remains a critical shortage on:

Compasses	Magazines - 45
Magazines - M-16	Binoculars
Utility shirts, all small sizes	
Utility trousers, small and extra small sizes.	

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

(5) Class IV. There were shortages in the following items;

Air Strip matting	8 foot engineer stakes
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(6) Class V. The Battalion supply of Class V is maintained at a BA + 5 DOA. There has been a shortage in the following items; C - 256 (in fiber containers)

b. Motor Transport.

(1) The present status of the Battalion's vehicles is as follows;

	T/E	O/H	2d Feb	3d Feb
M151A1	20	19	4	1
M274A2	30	30	0	1
M37	4	3	0	1
MRC 109	2	2	0	0
MRC 83	2	2	0	0
M170	1	1	0	2

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(2) A shortage of magnetos, cable leads, starter assemblies for the M274A2 and regulators for the M151A1 still exists in the section.

(3) 9th MT Battalion provides trucks to pick up and deliver supplies to the ISA for helicopter resupply, at the present time a truck is available to the S-4 throughout the day.

c. Engineer Assistance, Engineer assistance was received from the 3d Engineer Battalion, in addition to normal support the engineers provided bulldozers to construct ration, fuel, ammunition storage areas and cleared fields of fire at the company patrol bases. A water point was set up at Camp Big John with the capacity of producing 3000 gallons of water a day.

d. Ordnance.

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

ITEM	T/H	O/H	OPERATIONAL	2nd EOH	3d ECH (FLSU)
M-14 Rifles	52	52	52	0	0
45 Pistols	329	351	351	0	0
Shotguns	13	19	18	1	0
M-60 MG	35	32	31	1	0
106 RR	8	8	6	2	0
M-79	36	37	36	1	0
81mm Mortars	8	8	8	0	0
60mm Mortars	12	12	12	0	0
3.5 Rockets	32	27	24	3	0
M-16 Rifles	919	982	974	8	0
106 RR Mounts	8	8	7	0	0
Flamethrowers	8	6	4	2	0

9. Civic Action.

(1) On 12 June 68 a Med Cap was held in a school building at ID 273628 by Company "L", B.A.S., and a Civic Action group from Quang Tri. Approximately 80 civilians were treated, an additional 15 civilians were treated by the 1st Platoon, Company "L" during a sweep through grid squares 2863, 2864, 2963, and 2964. A estimated 650 civilians turned out for the Med Cap at the school and it was considered very successful.

10. Administration.

a. An awards ceremony was held on 18 June. The below medals

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were presented by Major General Davis, Commanding General, 3d Marine Division,

3 Bronze Star Medals  
47 Purple Heart Medals  
3 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry

b. A total of 8 Court Martial were held during the month of June; 3 SPCM, and 5 SCM, one court martial is pending. Six Battalion Commanders Office Hours were completed and 4 are pending. There were 5 Company Commanders Office Hours completed and 7 are pending.

c. Special Services provided the below during the month of June:

- (1) Stationary Kits
- (2) Nightly motion picture films in rear area.
- (3) Weight Sets
- (4) Game Kits to include athletic recreation equipment.
- (5) Movie sets and books

d. Post exchange services were not available to the Battalion due to it being located in the field, however, Sundries Packages were distributed.

e. Liberty was not authorized during this period.

f. During the month 2 Officers and 46 Enlisted Marines rotated to CONUS. Six enlisted Marines were transferred within the Regiment or Division. 83 enlisted Marines were transferred as a result of medical evacuation.

**11. Personnel.**

a. Gains: 6 USMC OFF; 146 USMC ENL; 1 USN OFF; 10 USN ENL.

b. Losses: 8 USMC OFF; 171 USMC ENL; 0 USN OFF; 19 USN ENL.

c. Monthly Strength (Average):

MC OFF	MC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
30	1032	2	49

d. Net loss/gain.

MC OFF	MC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
2/0	25/0	0/1	9/0

e. Emergency leave for the month of June: 6 USMC Enlisted. Twice/thrice wounded or reassigned outside of RVN due to father/brother in country: 13 USMC Enlisted.

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

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g. One administrative Discharge is pending, One man rotated to CONUS for Discharge by reason of unfitness.

h. The R&R program continues to be a major morale factor within this command. There were 83 out of country quotas used and 28 in-country quotas.

i. Morale is considered excellent to outstanding.

j. Postal Services during the month has been good. Mail was delivered to the forward position by boat and available air.

12. Intelligence.

During the period 1-26 June the Battalion operated from patrol bases in the 3d Marines AO. There were few enemy sightings and little contact was made by the Battalion.

On 13 June at YD 288702 elements of Company "I" apprehended a VC suspect. A few minutes after the suspect was detained a Company "I" unit discovered NVA ordnance and equipment in the same area. The suspect was taken to the 3d Marines S-2 and later released as a innocent civilian.

On the night of 14 June a Company "I" ambush took under fire two NVA crossing the river at YD 265702; a search of the area the following morning disclosed packs, chicom grenades, satchel charges, and a 140mm rocket, the rocket was turned in to Regimental S-2. On 24 June a Vietnamese male was captured in the perimeter at YD 282668, he was taken to the 3d Marines S-2 for questioning and released as a innocent civilian.

On 26 June the Battalion was lifted to Leatherneck Square for a search and destroy operation. At 1525H the same day a heavy contact was made with the enemy by elements of Company "L" when they received heavy automatic weapons fire from what was believed to be a reinforced NVA squad. Contact was broken at 1730H, enemy casualties were 8 NVA KIA confirmed. On the night of 27 June there were two light contacts by listening posts, no enemy casualties were confirmed. No contact was made during the remainder of the operation and on 30 June the Battalion was transferred to OPCON of the 9th Marines.

ENEMY WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT CAPTURED 1-30 JUNE 1968

4	SKS's	40	RPG-7 rounds
1	barrel and receiver group (M-14)	15	blasting caps
1	9mm pistol	14	lbs C-4
11	AK-47's	3	satchel charges
1	pistol cal 45	15	feet time fuse
1	140mm rocket	2	M-79 rounds
2	RPG rocket launchers	1	DH-10 mine

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1	60mm Base plate	4	Gene instruments for 60mm
111	Chi Com grenades	2	Gene instruments for 82mm
995	AK-47 ammunition	2	AT mines
56	82mm mortar rounds	5	fuses for 82mm mortar rds.
34	RPG-2 rounds	1	concussion grenade
3	LAA's	3	headsets
1	250 lb bomb (U.S.)	5	Batteries
1	500 lb bomb (U.S.)	19	NVA packs
2	90mm rounds	11	AK-47 magazines
11	105mm rounds	3	Hammocks
1	155mm round (U.S.)	6	entrenching tools
1	8 inch round (U.S.)	1	ammo pouch for RPD MG
71	60mm mortar rounds	3	M-14 Magazines
13	60mm mortar fuses	1	Canteen
3	82mm recoilless rifle rounds	385	1bs rice
1	AT recoilless rifle round	5	Helmets
3	propellant charges f/RPG-2	1	Knife
1	M-26 grenade	1	pair binoculars
14	2.75 rocket rounds	3	battle dressings
1	gas mask	2	gas mask filters
2	drum magazines for RPD MG	1	shovel
2	flashlights	2	bottles morphine (NVA)
2	picks		

13. Communications

a. The Communications Platoon ran normal wire and radio operations at Camp Big John during the entire month of June. Along with wire and radio communications a message center was used to handle traffic.

b. Training. Classes were held to cross train all radio operators as wiremen and to train the wiremen as radio operators.

c. Equipment Status. The Battalion received two (2) AN/URM -127 signal generators and one (1) H-44 telephone. Essential equipment down is as follows;

2	AN/PRC-25
1	AN/USM-50
1	AN/GRR-5
1	TA-1/PT
2	TA-312/PT

d. Problem areas. A critical shortage has developed for a 2847 KY-8 technician. Tape antennas and bases are still in very short supply.

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14. Weather. The weather during the month of June was hot and humid with little rain.

Average High	95 degrees	Humidity	68%
Average Low	78 degrees	Precipitation	1.80 inches
		Wind	

Wind. 7 knots from the northwest.

15. Fire Support. During the month of June Forward Observers concentrated most of their fires on possible enemy infiltration routes, suspected enemy positions and other missions in support of patrolling units. On 26 June the Battalion was heli-lifted into Leatherneck Square to conduct a search and destroy mission, fire support during this operation included preparatory fires, suppressive fires and live missions.

a. Units Providing Direct and General Support.

- (1) Btry "A", 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (2) Btry "B", 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (3) Btry "C", 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (4) Btry "H", 3d Bn, 12th Marines
- (5) Btry "I", 3d Bn, 12th Marines
- (6) Btry "G", 1st Bn, 40th Artillery, USA
- (7) Btry "W", 2nd Bn, 12th Marines
- (8) Btry "W", 3d Bn, 12th Marines
- (9) Btry, "K", 4th Bn, 12th Marines ( General Support)

b. Missions Fired.

- (1) Artillery.
  - (a) Night Defensive Fires 55
  - (b) Preparatory Fires 47
  - (c) Suspected Enemy Positions 37
  - (d) Live Missions 16
  - (e) Marking Rounds 15
  - (f) Recon. by Fire 2
  - (g) Illumination 2
  - (h) Counter Battery Fire 1
  - (i) Smoke Screens 1
  - (j) TOTs 40
  - (k) H&Is 450

(2) 81mm Mortars.

- (a) Suspected Enemy Positions 20
- (b) Preparatory Fires 15
- (c) Live Missions 23

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(d)	Night Defensive Fires	20
(e)	Practice	4
(f)	H&T's	20

c. Ammunition Expended.(1) Artillery.

(a)	105mm	3483
(b)	4.2 Mortar	45
(c)	155mm	68

(2) 81mm Mortars.

(a)	HE medium	1620
(b)	MP (new)	125
(c)	Illumination	50

16. Air Support. During June the Battalion manned defensive positions in the Napoleon/Saline AO, on 26 June the Battalion was heli-lifted to conduct a search and destroy mission in Leatherneck Square. A total of 2 air strikes were controlled by the ALO/FAC team resulting in 6 NVA KIA confirmed by air.

a. AO support consisted of 15 flights requested and 15 completed.

b. There were 34 TPQ's requested by this Battalion of which 2 were completed.

c. Ten C&C flights were requested and ten received.

d. During the month 81 personnel were med-evacued by air.

e. Helicopters lifted 250,000 pounds of cargo and 31 passengers for the Battalion.

f. Two troop lifts were executed during the month of June.

One in 14 June lifted Company "L" to Leatherneck Square to provide security for engineer elements, the second lifted the Battalion (-) to LZ Yankee on 26 June for a search and destroy operation.

17. Activities/Deactivations/Reactivations. None.

18. Training Report. Due to operational commitments during the month of June only a limited amount of training on the Battalion level was held.

a. On 13 June a 90 minute class on ground surveillance devices was held for selected members of the rifle companys and H&S company.

b. Classes on Patrolling, Ambushes and the M-16 rifle were held at the Company level.

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1 June 68. At 1730H the Battalion assumed OPCON of Company "D" 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

2 June 68. At 0030H Company "I" reported one (1) NVA was observed walking inside the perimeter, the line watch challenged and the NVA fled, the NVA was fired upon with small arms but escaped. One (1) SKS carbine was captured.

At 1045H Company "D", 1st Battalion, 9th Marines was chopped from OPCON.

At 1855H Company "I" received eleven (11) rounds of estimated 85mm incoming artillery fire from a azimuth of 6000 mils and a range of 9,000 meters. Counter battery fires were requested, no casualties were sustained.

3 June 68. At 0730H a EOD team was requested to disarm a 81mm dud at YD 269704.

At 0800H Company "I" sighted approximately fifty (50) indigenous personnel at YD 233705, the personnel were detained for questioning.

At 0815H Company "I" observed approximately 100 indigenous personnel at YD 284715. A 60mm mortar mission was fired in front of them and they withdrew in a northerly direction.

At 0830H Company "I" observed 62 civilians moving from the southwest at YD 263706, the civilians were detained and I.D. cards checked, no eligible males were found. The civilians were turned back.

At 1030H Company "M" reported discovering one NVA pack containing the following equipment;

- 2 headsets
- 2 batteries
- 1 writing tablet (U.S.)

At 1745H a message was received from the 3d Marines advising of a rice harvest to be held under the supervision of the district Headquarters and the 2nd ARVN Regiment.

At 2245H a tank with Company "I" at YD 266706 sighted one NVA through a infrared device, the tank engaged with machine gun fire, the area will be search at first light.

4 June 68. At 0642H a search of the area where one NVA was sighted at 032245H disclosed no trace of any NVA.

At 0800H Company "K" at YD 255560 questioned and searched approximately 100 civilians, the civilians were enroute to harvest rice.

Between the hours of 1000H and 1200H Company "I" in the vicinity of YD 283713 discovered sixteen (16) NVA bodies and the following equipment;

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1 M-14 barrel and receiver group.	1 AK-47
19 Chi Com grenades.	600 AK-47 rounds.
4 82mm mortar rounds.	9 RPG-2 rounds.
5 NVA packs.	11 AK-47 magazines.
2 Hammocks	1 Entrenching Tool.
2 Rice bags.	1 Canteen (NVA)
1 Ammunition pouch f/ RPD.	1 NVA Radio (Russian made)

At 0930H Company "I" reported hearing a tracked vehicle at approximately YD 295697.

At 2050H a Company "I" listening post sighted three (3) persons and engaged with small arms, the area will be checked out at first light.

5 June 68. At 0900H Company "I" at YD 267704 received 15 rounds of 85mm pack howitzer fire from a azimuth of 6000 mils and a distance 9000 meters. A 81mm mortar mission was fired at a probable FO site, no casualties were sustained.

A search of the area of Company "I" s listening post contact was made with negative results.

At 1200H Company "K" found the following ordnance at YD 245670;

3 250 pound bombs.	2 90mm rounds.
4 8inch artillery rounds.	4 105mm artillery rounds.
8 60mm mortar rounds.	1 LAW
44 82mm mortar rounds.	2 Chi Com grenades.
1 RPG-2 round.	

All of the above ordnance was destroyed.

Between the hours of 0700H and 1300H Company "L" discovered and searched a bunker complex of 39 bunkers in grids 2767, 2770, the bunkers were dug into graves or house ruins, one 155mm dud was also found, the bunkers and dud were destroyed.

At 1340H Company "M" reported a mine was detonated by a Marine at YD 276692, the resulting crater was approximately 4 feet deep and 5 feet across. A search of the area failed to disclose anything further, one (1) KIA was sustained.

6 June 68. At 0930H Company "K" found the following ordnance at YD 248631;

40 60mm mortar rounds.	13 60mm mortar fuses.
4 82mm recoilless rifle rounds.	10 Chi Com grenades.
1 AT recoilless rifle round.	200 pounds of rice.

The rice and ordnance was destroyed.

At 0943H Company "I" at YD 274709 observed one (1) individual with a weapon and helmet in the vicinity of the rice harvesters, no friendly units were reported in the area, a patrol was sent to check out the area.

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At 1400H between coordinates YD 280657 and YD 270647 Company "L" discovered 9 bunkers dug into sides of graves, two artillery duds were also found, the bunkers and duds were destroyed.

At 1530H at YD 267699 elements of Company "M" found one SKS carbine which had been buried in the sand, the weapon was forwarded to S-2.

At 1500H Company "I" elements discovered 9 bunkers and various enemy explosives at YD 255703, the bunkers and explosives were destroyed.

1 RPG-2 round.	5 Chi Com grenades.
1 propellant charge for RPG-2.	

7 June 68. At 1255H Company "I" at YD 267703 while sweeping area discovered the following ordnance and explosives;

45 Chi Com grenades.	6 60mm mortar rounds.
10 RPG-2 round's.	1 M-26 grenade.
13 rifle grenades.	14 pounds TNT w/ fuse attached.

All of the above ordnance was destroyed in place.

At 1645H Company "I" reported one (1) Marine wounded by shrapnel, the engineers were destroying a 105mm dud and the Marine was in a hole approximately 300 meters from the blast when he was injured.

At 1730H Company "K" reported a civilian boy was playing with a hand grenade when it exploded, resulting in one (1) boy being killed and one (1) seriously wounded, the injured child was med evaced to Dong Ha, the child's mother accompanied him.

8 June 68. At 0825H at YD 266705 Company "I" elements discovered five (5) NVA bodies and the following weapons and equipment;

3 AK-47 rifles	1 9mm pistol
1 45 cal pistol.	250 AK-47 rounds.
2 rifle grenades.	4 blocks TNT.
1 bottle of pills.	1 rice bowl.
1 hammock.	1 NVA pack.
3 helmets.	2 entrenching tools.
1 knife.	1 pair binoculars.

9 Chi Com grenades.

The weapons and binoculars were forwarded to S-2, all other equipment was destroyed.

At 1600H while bathing in the river a Marine dove under and was not observed to surface, a search was immediately initiated with negative results at this time, the Marine's identity is known.

9 June 68. At 0650H Company "K" discovered one bunker at YD 259632, fresh footprints were also found, the bunker was destroyed.

At 1126H elements of Company "M" while sweeping at YD 266684 discovered one (1) AK-47 partially buried in the sand, the weapon was turned into S-2.

At 1250H Company "M" at YD 266702 received 20 rounds of estimated

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105mm enemy artillery fire, the fire was received from a direction of 5500 mils at an unknown distance, no casualties were suffered.

At 1320H Company "I" at YD received 14 rounds of estimated 130mm or 152mm enemy artillery fire, the fire was received from a azimuth of 5300 mils at an unknown distance, no casualties were suffered.

At 1800H 14 rounds of 85 pack howitzer fire impacted approximately 800 meters from Company "I"s position, no casualties were sustained.

10 June 68. At 0730H at YD 285670 elements of Company "L" found a dead body in the water, the body was unclothed and was believed to be that of the Marine who drowned on 8 June 68. The body was med evaced to "D" Med for positive identification.

At 2245H Company "M" elements found one (1) AK-47 rifle at YD 245675, the weapon was turned into S-2.

11 June 68. At 1200H Company "K" found the following ordnance at YD 245670;

2	500 pound bombs.	2	60mm mortar rounds.
2	8 inch artillery rounds.	6	105mm artillery rounds.
14	2.75 rocket duds.	2	pounds TNT
10	RPG-7 rounds.	2	Chi Com grenades.
5	82mm mortar rounds.		

All of the above was destroyed in place.

At 1300H Company "K" elements at YD 253644 found a bunker containing the following explosives;

14	pounds C-4	1	self detonating grenade.
15	blasting caps.	20	feet time fuse.

All ordnance was destroyed in place.

At 1310H at YD 282692, a Company "I" element sighted 8 - 10 suspected NVA/VC. A 81mm mortar and artillery mission was fired, a Company "I" element sent to check the area reported negative results.

12 June 68. At 1400H at YD 283619 two (2) booby traps were encountered by elements of Company "L", one was a M-26 grenade with trip wire, the other was a "C" ration can with a trip wire on a stake, the booby traps were left to be disposed of by Popular Forces.

Between the hours of 0900H and 1800H a company patrol base was set in and a med cap was held in a school building at YD 273628 by Company "L" and a Civic Action group from Quang Tri. One platoon occupied the patrol base while two platoons patrolled. An estimated 650 civilians turned out for the Med Cap at the school, approximately 80 civilians were treated. The 1st Platoon, Company "L" treated 15 civilians while sweeping through grid squares 2863, 2963, 2964, 2864. There were no enemy sightings.

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At 1600H at YD 286708 Company "I" found 4 bunkers and the following ordnance and equipment;

1	RPG-2 round.	2	NVA packs.
175 pounds of rice.			

The ordnance and rice was destroyed.

13 June 68. At 1000H a Company "I" element while providing security for engineers at YD 288702 uncovered the following weapon and equipment;

1	AK-47	1	RPG-2 round.
1	15 pound satchel charge.		
2	NVA packs	2	bottles morphine (NVA)
3	battle dressings (NVA)	2	fuses
2	packages food.		

At 1400H elements of Company "I" apprehended one VC suspect and found the following items of ordnance in the same area. (YD 288702)

2	RPG-2 rounds	80	AK-47 rounds.
3	NVA packs.	1	entrenching tool.
1	gas mask.	1	set earphones.
1	battery.		

The VC suspect was taken to the 3d Marines for interrogation and the ordnance and equipment destroyed.

At 2135H at YD 258626 Company "K" elements observed the movement of a undetermined number of enemy, the enemy was taken under fire by small arms with unknown results.

14 June 68. At 0830H the detainees sent to the 3d Marines for interrogation on 131400H was released as an innocent civilian.

At 1515H Company "L" was chopped to the OPCON of the 9th Marines.

At 1700H Company "M" returned to the battalion position to man Company "L" s lines.

At 2130H a Company "I" ambush sighted two (2) personnel crossing the river at YD 265702 and engaged with M-79s and mortar fire, the area is to be checked at first light.

15 June 68. At 0700H a search of the area of the Company "I" contact disclosed bloodstains and the following equipment;

1	NVA pack.	140mm rocket.
2	15 pound satchel charge.	
2	M-79 rounds.	3 Chi Com grenades.
1	drum magazine for RPD machine gun.	

At 1930H a Marine from Company "I" was injured when a "C" ration can exploded, a med evac was called and completed at 2050H.

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16 June 68. At 2055H at YD 297652 elements of Company "K" heard movement, fired illumination and then observed three (3) persons moving in a northern direction, the persons were engaged with small arms and M-79s. A check of the area was made with negative results.

17 June 68. At 0230H a Company "I" listening post sighted approximately five (5) persons 100 meters from the wire and what was believed to be a large group of personnel 200 meters from the wire, a 60mm and 81mm mortar mission was fired, the area will be checked at first light.

At 0630H a Company "I" element checked the area of contact with negative results, a 81mm mortar mission was fired on a suspected enemy position and three (3) persons were observed moving in a treeline at YD 267708. Artillery and 81mm mortar mission was fired with unknown results.

At 1725H elements of Company "I" discovered the following weapons, in the vicinity of YD 267704 when they were uncovered by a bulldozer:  
1 SKS rifle. 1 60mm base plate.

18 June 68. At 1400H General Davis, Commanding General, 3d Marine Division presented awards to members of the Battalion.

At 2140H a Company "M" ambush sighted approximately five (5) personnel at YD 270670 and engaged with small arms, the personnel withdrew. The area will be checked at first light.

19 June 68. At 0005H Company "I" spotted movement along their wire, the listening posts and ambush patrol was contacted to ensure they were not moving, both elements reported negative friendly movement. A sniper on the 6P fired, the fire resulted in one (1) friendly KIA and One (1) friendly WIA. An investigation is being conducted.

At 0630H a search of the area of the Company "M" sighting at YD 270670 revealed nothing significant.

At 0800H a Company "I" element sighted numerous civilians on the west side of Jones creek at YD 270704 moving toward Company "I" s position. A 60mm mortar mission was fired and the civilians moved out of the AO.

At 1245H Company "I" reported that sentinel post #3 at YD 263704 received two (2) rounds of sniper fire from the Phu Con area at YD 250707, artillery and mortar missions were fired into the suspected area, An AO was requested.

At 1620H a Marine in Company "I" shot himself in the left foot while cleaning his rifle, the Marine was med evaced and a investigation is being held.

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**20 June 68.** At 0340H a Company "I" listening post observed six (6) NVA at the wire, a artillery mission was fired, the first round impacted approximately 600 meters off target, a check fire was called.

At 1545H a Company "I" sentinel post observed a person digging, the person ran into a treeline at YD 268698. The sentinel post received sniper fire from the treeline prior to the time the man got there. A mortar and artillery mission was fired into the treeline.

**21 June 68.** At 0900H a sweep of the treeline at YD 268698 revealed nothing significant.

**22 June 68.** At 0220H a Company "I" listening post observed one (1) person at the defensive wire, the person was challenged by the listening post and tried to escape, the listening post detonated a claymore and threw two grenades, the area will be checked at first light.

At 0630H the area was checked with negative results except for a few footprints.

At 1100H Company "I" reported that a fighting hole collapsed while being build, resulting in one (1) non battle casualty med evac.

At 1915H Company "I" received sniper fire from a direction of 2800 mils, tank personnel sighted two (2) NVA at YD 282707. A artillery mission was fired with unknown results due to darkness.

**23 June 68.** No significant events.

**24 June 68.** At 0600H a Vietnamese male was apprehended inside the perimeter (YD 282668). It was found that the vietnamse was fired upon while entering the lines and ran and hid, the detainee will be sent to Regimental S-2.

At 1400H elements of Company "K" reported finding 12 bunkers at YD 254647, also found were ten 60mm mortar rounds and 200 pounds of rice, the mortar rounds and the rice were destroyed.

At 1830H Company "I" while firing naval gunfire into the area at YD 255699 observed four (4) NVA run out of the village into a treeline, NGF was shifted to the treeline. Company "I" will check the area for results in the morning.

**25 June 68.** At 0155H Company "K" received four (4) rounds of incoming artillery fire estimated to be 105mm, the fire was received from the east.

At 0900H elements of Company "K" discovered a claymore mine, the mine was forwarded to S-2.

**26 June 68.** At 0840H the Battalion commenced heli-lift in accordance

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with Battalion Operation Order 11-68.

At 1010H the heli-lift was completed and the Battalion was consolidating LZ Yankee.

At 1300H at YD 177682 Company "I" found 2 bunkers containing two NVA packs, bandages and AK-47 ammunition, the bunkers, ammunition, and equipment was destroyed.

At 1345H Company "M" discovered a bunker complex at YD 170703 containing 18-20 bunkers, the bunkers were old and showed no signs of recent use.

At 1515H Company "L" at YD 169695 discovered 5 bunkers in good condition, the bunkers had not been occupied recently. All bunkers were destroyed.

At 1525H Company "L" elements at YD 173695 received heavy automatic small arms fire from a reinforced enemy squad fighting from bunkers, the enemy was engaged with small arms, artillery and air. Contact was broken at 1730H under the cover of smoke, friendly casualties were 1 KIA and 16 WIA med evacs. Enemy casualties were 8 NVA KIA confirmed.

At 2055H Companies "I" and "L" at YD 165693 received 60mm mortar fire from approximately YD 155702, a counter mortar mission was called, the ~~counter~~ time was very poor. No casualties were taken.

27 June 68. At 1015H Company "L" reported finding a 250 pound bomb at YD 177705, the bomb was destroyed in place.

At 1045H elements of Company "I" found 8 bunkers large enough for 4 persons each, the bunkers were estimated as having been used within the last two weeks, all bunkers were destroyed.

At 1110H Company "K" reported finding 7 bunkers at YD 176697, the bunkers appeared to have been occupied within the last 24 hours. All bunkers were destroyed by demolitions.

At 1330H elements of Company "L" discovered 13 overheaded, well camouflaged bunkers, the bunkers were destroyed by demolitions.

At 1420H Company "I" discovered 12 bunkers at YD 177695, all bunkers were destroyed.

At 2135H a Company "I" listening post engaged 4 NVA moving up a trail at YD 195709, the enemy was engaged with M-79s and a claymore mine was detonated, the listening post pulled back and illuminated the area of contact, no enemy were sighted. No friendly casualties were sustained.

At 2310H at YD 183699 a Marine in Company "M" shot and wounded another member of the command. An investigation will be conducted.

At 2315H a Company "L" listening post at YD 180700 fired at suspected enemy movement, the enemy returned fire, resulting in 1 friendly WIA med evac.

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28 June 68. At 1020H elements of Company "I" while sweeping the area at YD 164695 found the following ordnance in a bunker complex;

1	DH-10 mine.	14	rifle grenades.
5	pounds TNT.	2	gas mask filters.
3	Chi Com grenades.	1	AT mine.
2	cans increments, 60mm mortar.	3	cans increments, 82mm.
5	cans fuses, 82mm mortar.	1	drum magazine, f/ RPG.

between 25-30 bunkers were discovered, all ordnance was destroyed.

At 1322H a Marine from Company "L" stepped on some unexploded firecracker ordnance resulting in 2 WIA med evacs.

At 1645H Company "I" at YD 174694 discovered the following ordnance and equipment;

8	NVA packs	2	flashlights.
100	AK-47 rounds.	2	RPG-2 rounds.
misc. documents.			

The documents were forwarded to S-2, all other equipment and ordnance was destroyed in place.

29 June 68. At 0855H Company "L" elements found 9 bunkers and the following equipment and ordnance at YD 158702;

6	rifle grenades.	10	Chi Com grenades.
1	concussion grenade.	1	shovel.
2	entrenching tools.	2	pounds TNT.
1	AT mine.	1	pick.
3	82mm mortar rounds.	7	RPG-7 rounds.
1	60mm mortar round.		

The bunkers, equipment and ordnance were destroyed.

At 1030H Company "I" while searching the area at YD 163694 discovered a NVA body approximately two days old, 2 NVA helmets and a pick were also found.

30 June 68. At 0800H the Battalion was chopped to OPCON of the 9th Marines.

At 0800H Company "K" elements at YD 145685 discovered the following ordnance;

2	LAAWs	1	Chi Com grenade.
2	cans 60mm mortar primers.		

At 1300 Company "M" at YD 157690 reported finding 5 bunkers and the following ordnance and food;

14	60mm mortar rounds.	2	Chi Com grenades.
10	pounds of rice.		

The bunkers and captured material was destroyed.

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Battalion Frag Order 10-68

Time Zone H

Reference: (a) 1:25,000 AMS Sheet 6442 III, 6442 IV.

Task Organization.

3d Battalion, 3d Marines

1st Col. J. W. MARSH

Company "K" (Rein).

Capt. FRANK

Detachment, Btry 'C' 1/12 (FO Team)  
 Detachment, 81mm Mortar Platoon (FO Team)  
 Detachment, Company "B", 3d Engineer Battalion  
 TACP Team  
 Detachment, Headquarters Company, 3d Marines (Sniper Team)  
 Platoon, 3d Tank Battalion  
 Interpreter, III MAF

Company "L" (Rein).

Capt. MATTHEWS

Detachment, Btry 'O', 1/12 (FO Team)  
 Detachment, 81mm Mortar Platoon (FO Team)  
 Detachment, Company "B", 3d Engineer Battalion  
 TACP  
 Detachment, Headquarters Company, 3d Marines (Sniper Team)  
 Interpreter, III MAF

1. Situation.

- a. Enemy Forces.
  - (1) See current intelligence summaries.
- b. Friendly Forces.
  - (1) No change.

2. Mission.

- a. To conduct a search and destroy operation in the vicinity of KY TRUC (YD 250660) and KY LAM (YD 245669).

3. Execution.

- a. Concept of Operations.
  - (1) See operations overlay (Annex A)

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(2) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, (-) (Rein) conducts search and destroy operations in the vicinity of KY TRUC and KY LAM through coordinated movement of Companies "K" and "L" with one platoon of tanks.

b. Company "K". Be prepared to support movement of Company "L" to objective "A". On order move from Company Patrol Base to vicinity of check point #1, conduct search and destroy operations along creek to check point #2. On order move to objective "B" and conduct search and destroy operations in the objective "B" area. On order move to objective "A" and move via check point #3 to Company Patrol Base.

c. Company "L". At 0500H move from Company Patrol Base through check points #4 and #3 to objective "A", conduct search and destroy operations at Objective "A". Be prepared to support movement of Company "K" to objective "B". On order move via check points #5 and #6 to Company Patrol Base conducting search and destroy operations along route.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) On order, tank platoon will chop from Company "K", move to objective "A" and attach to Company "L". On order, Tank platoon will chop from Company "L", attach to Company "K" and move to Company "K" and move to Company "K" patrol base.

(2) Continued emphasis will be directed to location of enemy equipment and weapons hiding areas.

(3) Units will emphasize use of supporting arms to cover movement and to exploit enemy contact.

(4) Artillery prep fires will be prepared and fired on objective "B" prior to movement to objective "B".

(5) Be especially alert to apprehend personnel who appear to be conducting reconnaissance of river or river traffic and make maximum effort to locate/destroy NVA/VC artillery FOs.

(6) Emphasis promptness and accuracy of reporting.

4. Administration and Logistics. No change.

5. Command and Communications.

(1) Battalion Command group will be located initially with Company "L".

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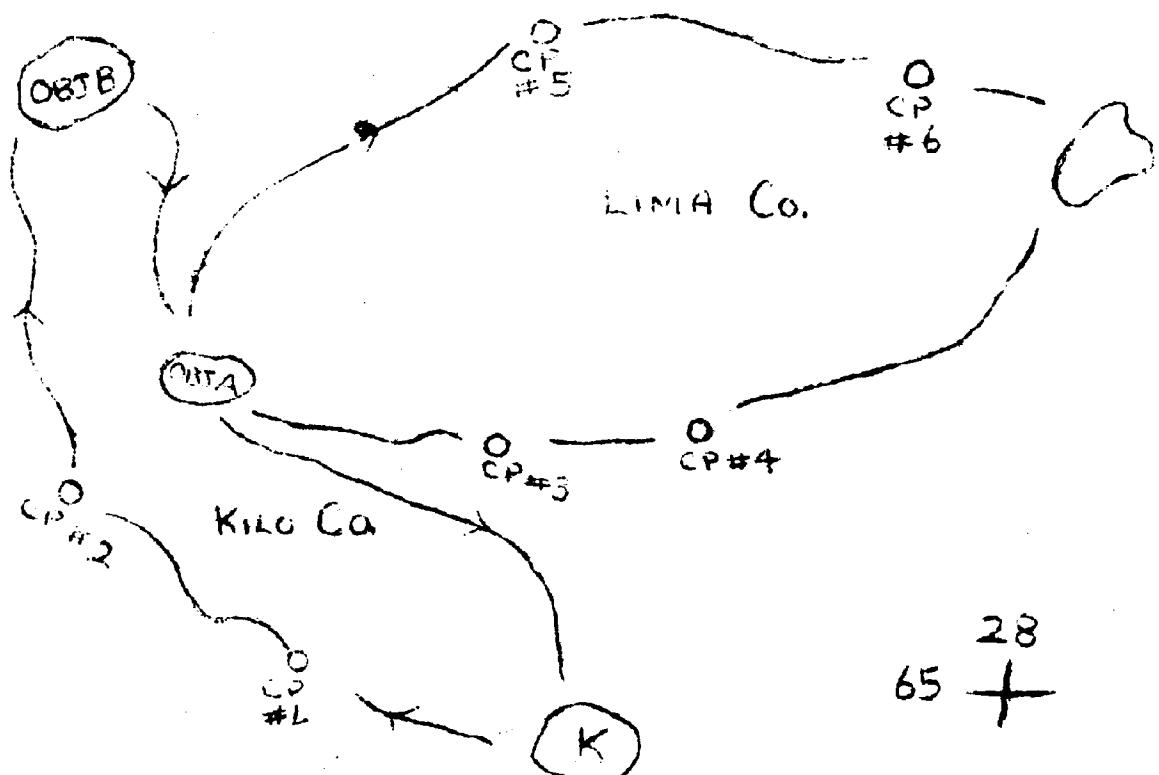
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## Battalion Operation Order 11-68

Time Zone H

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Task Organization.

3d Battalion, 3d Marines

Lt Col. J.W. MARSH

Company "M" (Rein).

1st Lt. LOGAN

Detachment, Btry "C", 1/12 (FO Team)

Detachment, 3d Engineer Battalion

Detachment, Headquarters Company, 3d Marines (Sniper Team)

Detachment, 3d MP Battalion (Scout Dog Team)

Kit Carson Scout

Company "K" (Rein).

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Kit Carson Scout

Company "L" (Rein).

Capt. MATTHEWS

Detachment, Btry "C", 1/12 (FO Team)

Detachment, 3d Engineer Battalion

Detachment, Headquarters Company, 3d Marines (Sniper Team)

Detachment, 3d MP Battalion (Scout Dog Team)

Company "I" (Rein).

Capt. MCTIERNAN

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Detachment, 3d Engineer Battalion

Detachment, Headquarters Company, 3d Marines (Sniper Team)

Kit Carson Scout

1. Situation.(a) Enemy Forces.

(1) Current intelligence indicates that within the area bounded by the north 72 grid, the east 21 grid, the south 64 grid

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and the west 15 grid there are possibly one to three NVA regimental headquarters units with three to six NVA battalions. Estimated troop strength is between 600 - 2000 personnel.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1st Bn, 3d Marines. At "L" hour on D-day the battalion will be heli-lifted to the vicinity of YD 1467 grid, they will sweep on an easterly axis toward the YD 20 north-south grid, seeking to locate enemy personnel and/or equipment in the area.

(2) 2nd Bn, 3d Marines. During the night of D-1, the battalion will move to the vicinity of Hill #27 (YD1765). On order the battalion will sweep on a northernly axis toward the 65 east-west grid line.

(3) 3d Marines. On D-1 the Command group will displace from its present location to the C-2 outpost.

c. Attachments and Detachments. See Task Organization.

3. Mission.

a. At L-hour conduct heliborne assault from LZ at Mai Xa Chanh into the vicinity LZ Yankee. Upon consolidation in LZ Yankee commence attack to southeast/south along assigned axis to locate and destroy enemy forces.

3. Execution.

Concept of Operations.

a. See Annex A ( Operations Overlay )

b. The battalion will be heli-lifted into four (4) separate LZ's in the vicinity of Loc Son (YD 1670). Upon securing the area around the LZ's and completion of the lift, the battalion will attack in an easterly direction. The attack will be on a dual axis with two Companies and the Alpha Command group on the north and two Companies and the Bravo Command group on the south.

c. Company "L".

(1) Company "L" will lift out on H-hour and land at LZ Yankee 1 (YD 156697).

(2) Immediately attack to the north and secure the high ground.

(3) On order be prepared to continue the attack on the southern axis in trace of Company "I".

(4) Be prepared to assume the attack or support Company "I".

d. Company "M".

(1) Company "M" will heli-lift into LZ Yankee 2 at YD 164699.

(2) Secure the surrounding ground and be prepared to attack along the northern axis on order.

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e. Company "I".

- (1) Company "I" will Heli-lift into IZ Yankee 3 at YD 155695.
- (2) Secure the ground to the east, west and south.
- (3) Be prepared to attack on the southern axis on order.

f. Company "K".

- (1) Company "K" will land into IZ Yankee 4 at YD 164697.
- (2) Secure the surrounding ground and be prepared to follow in trace of Company "M" along the northern axis.
- (3) Be prepared to assume the attack or support Company "M" if need be.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) D-day 26 June 1968
- (2) L-hour; 0900H
- (3) Thrust Points.
  - a. Planets 1569
  - b. States 2070
  - c. Animals 1767
  - d. Colors 1965
- (4) Utilize supporting arms to the maximum extent possible.
- (5) Report your location promptly on the hour and by thrust point. Be prompt and exact as Regiment must be notified at ten minutes past the hour, double check your spot reports and try to include all the necessary information.
- (6) Carry air panels and smoke to mark lines for air.
- (7) Southern axis is inclusive of the stream running generally from YD 160695 to YD 204684.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Spot reports will be submitted as per occasion. Submit initial report with basic information as soon as possible, forward complete information by follow on report.

b. An up to date Med Evac roster will be prepared by S-1 prior to L-hour. Deletions as a result of rotation, R & R, and casualties will be reported as soon as possible after individual leaves the field. The S-1 will provide the S-3 with effective field strength at 0700H each day.

c. Casualty reporting has been slow and inaccurate, casualty reports will be provided the S-1 not later than  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after the Med Evac is completed.

d. Normal resupply requests will be received by the S-4 by 2100H for the following day.

e. Under normal circumstances casualty evacuations will not be attempted until the enemy force at the point of contact has been

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- (11) 1 bottle mosquito repellent.
- (12) 2 malaria tablets.
- (13) 2 pair socks.
- (14) 1 can foot powder.
- (15) mosquito headnet.
- (16) 1 poncho.
- (17) normal '782 gear.
- (18) long sleeve shirt.
- (19) 3 MCI

k. Each unit (appropriate level) will carry the following items in the quantities listed below;

(1) Class III.

- a. 2 TA-1's per company headquarters.
- b. 1 TA-1 per platoon headquarters.
- c. 1 TA-312 per company headquarters.
- d. 200 meters communication wire per platoon headquarters.
- e. 400 meters communication wire per Company headquarters.
- f. 800 meters communication wire per battalion headquarters,
- g. 1 air panel per fire team.
- h. 1 starlight scope, mounted and carried on M-16 per Platoon.
- i. 12 nylon stretchers per company.

(2) Class IV.

- a. 1 file per platoon.
- b. 1 machete per squad.
- c. 1 grappling hook per company.

(3) Class V.

- a. 9 claymore mines per company.
- b. 1200 rounds, linked per M-60.
- c. 150 rounds, 60mm mortar per company.
- d. 1 E-8 gas launcher per platoon.
- e. 1 trip flare per fire team.
- f. 6 grenades, hand, smoke, yellow per TGP.
- g. 6 grenades, hand, smoke, yellow per company headquarters,
- h. 4 grenades, hand, smoke, yellow per platoon headquarters.
- i. 2 grenades, hand, smoke, yellow per squad.
- j. 2 each, illumination grenades/GSC/RSC/WSP per platoon,

company and battalion headquarters.

- k. 20 pounds C-4 per platoon.
- l. 50 feet, time fuse per platoon.
- m. 15 blasting caps, non electric per platoon.
- n. 72 LAAWS, 1 3.5 rocket launcher, 4 - 3.5 WP rounds

per company.

5. Command and Communications.

- a. Command Group Alpha.

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Commanding Officer w/ radio operator.  
 S-3 w/ radio operator  
 14 w/ 2 radio operators.  
 S-2  
 S-3 bravo  
 S-4 rep.  
 81mm Platoon Commander.  
 Communications Officer.  
 Sergeant Major.  
 Journal Clerks (2)  
 one Corpsman  
 Radio Operators (5) Regt. & Bn tac.

b. Command Group Bravo.

Executive Officer.  
 S-3 Alpha.  
 S-2 Chief.  
 S-1 rep.  
 S-4 rep.  
 HST team (3)  
 Armorer  
 one corpsman.  
 Journal Clerk (1)  
 Radio Operators (6)  
 Communications Tech.  
 Wiremen (3)

c. (1) CO, S-3A, FAC and 24 will be airborne during heli-lift.  
 (2) Command group Alpha (-) will move initially with Company "M".  
 (3) Command group Bravo will move initially with Company "I".

d. Signals.

(1) Commence and cease FPF.  
 a. Company "I", Red Star Cluster.  
 b. Company "L", White Star Cluster.  
 c. Company "M", Green Star Cluster.  
 d. Company "K", White Parachute.  
 (2) Yellow smoke - mark friendly lines and/or LZ.  
 (3) Red Star Cluster - enemy position.  
 (4) Red Smoke - enemy position.  
 (5) WP - enemy position.

Emphasis use of Med Evac frequency once med evac has been summoned on TACP net.

ANNEX: A Operation Overlay.

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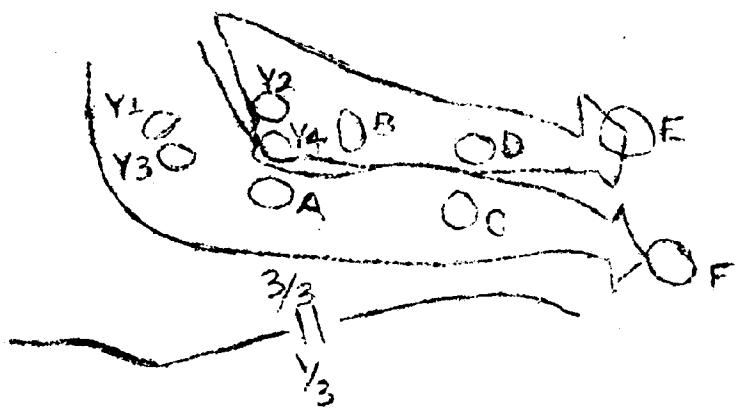
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