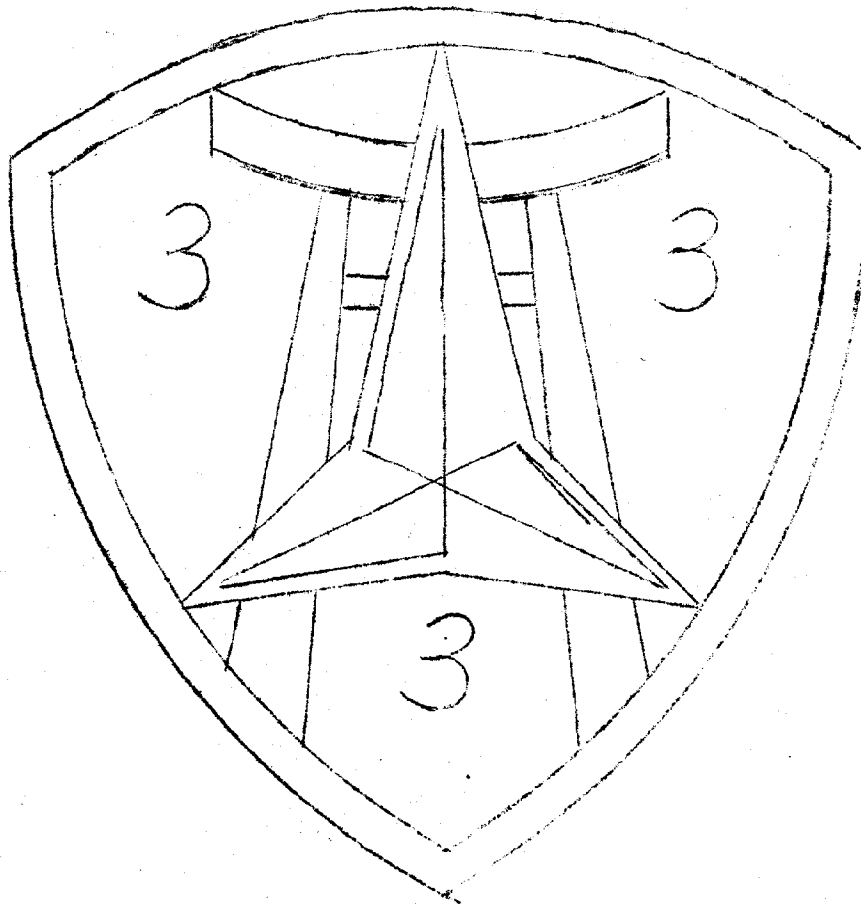


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(3) Commanding General, III MAF
(4) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), Enclosure (1) is submitted.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION

3d Battalion, 3d Marines

COMMANDER

LtCol W. H. BATES 1-30Nov

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

Capt M. B. RILEY 1-30Nov

Company I

1stLt W. E. HEINECKE 1-30Nov

Company K

1stLt B. D. HOLDRIDGE 1-30Nov

Company L

Capt W. B. GRAY 1-30Nov

Company M

Capt B. J. WILLIAMSON 1-30Nov

2. LOCATION

1-30 November: Kentucky AO Vicinity YD118702 Map Sheet #6342 I

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Major H. W. KIMBELL 1-30Nov

S-1/Adjutant

1stLt R. K. COULTER 1-30Nov

S-2

1stLt W. H. DOUGLASS 1-8Nov
SSgt W. E. HARMON 8-30Nov

S-3

Major E. E. EVANS 1-8Nov
Capt K. E. JUNKINS 8-9Nov
Capt C. E. DAVIS 9-30Nov

S-3A

Capt K. E. JUNKINS 1-8Nov
1stLt W. H. DOUGLASS 8-30Nov

S-4

Capt C. P. PRESTON 1-30Nov

Personnel Officer

1stLt P. P. SAUGER 1-30Nov

Air Liaison Officer

Capt R. J. EASLEY 1-13Nov
1stLt C. E. CROOKALL 13-30Nov

Forward Air Controller

1stLt C. E. CROOKALL 1-13Nov
1stLt B. B. CRAWFORD 13-30Nov

Supply Officer

Capt W. J. WHITE 1-30Nov

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Motor Transport Officer

Communications Officer

Battalion Surgeon

Battalion Chaplain

Battalion Sergeant Major

1stLt K. J. CONNOR 1-30Nov

1stLt D. P. BARBIERO 1-30Nov

Lt W. P. ASHFORD 1-30Nov

LtCdr R. W. BEDINGFIELD 1-30Nov

SgtMaj F. E. DES JARDINS 1-30Nov

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Battalion, 3d Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein) FPM
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of November, the change of AO brought a new type of enemy activity. Enemy-initiated activity consisted primarily of attacks by fire, mining of the MSR, and hasty ambushes of opportunity along the MSR. The Battalion has patrolled the AO and made significant ground contact once. It is evident that the enemy in our AO is VC-oriented and is definitely not willing to or capable of meeting us on the ground.

The western portion of the AO was covered by aggressive patrolling. Control of the eastern portion was hampered by VC mining and ambushing of the MSR. The Battalion conceived a counter-ambush plan and has not been ambushed since. Night ambushes were increased to counteract the mining of the MSR.

The Battalion reported numerous signs of activity in the DMZ, consisting of lights at night and sightings and contacts made by Recon teams.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

- 1-9 November 1968
1. Relieve elements of 1st Bde, 5th Div (Mech) at C-3, C-2, C-2 bridge, and A-4 by 311800H Oct.
 2. Conduct company patrol operations in AO.
 3. Conduct road sweep of MRR in AO.
 4. Maintain convoy control from C-3 to A-4.
 5. Be prepared to receive Jump CP, 3d Mar at C-2 or A-4. (Regt Operation Order 6-68)
- 9 November 1968
- Continue assigned mission. (Regt Frag Order 60-68)
- 10-12 November 1968
1. Conduct heliborne assault to seize LZ Comet. on 100845H. Alternate LZ is Domino.
 2. Conduct S/D operations along Axis Gray.
 3. Be prepared to pursue enemy to north if deemed necessary for self defense of your forces. Report at once as no US ground forces will cross into the DMZ without specific orders from highest authority.
 4. If incoming artillery, mortar, or rocket fire is received from the north, be prepared to counter with heavy ground or naval gunfire and air attack until enemy weapons are silenced.
 5. Conduct road sweep of MRR in AO.
 6. Provide N/S blocking positions along MRR in AO.
 7. Assume OPCON Co C and 1 Company (-) from 1/3 at 091030H. (Regt Operation Order 7-68)
- 13-20 November 1968
1. Maintain security of A-4, C-2, C-2 bridge.
 2. Maintain security of C-3 until demolished.
 3. Conduct S/D operations in AO.
 4. Conduct road sweep of MRR in AO. (Regt Operation Order 8-68)
- 15 November 1968
- Continue assigned mission. (Regt Frag Order 61-68)
- 16 November 1968
1. Maintain security of A-4, C-2, and C-2 bridge.
 2. Maintain security of C-3 with a platoon until demolished.
 3. Conduct S/D operations in AO.

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4. Conduct road sweep of MMR in AO. (Regt Frag Order 62-68)
1. Maintain security of A-4, C-2, C-2 bridge.
2. Maintain security of C-3 with 1 platoon until demolished.
3. Conduct S/D operations in AO.
4. Conduct road sweep and maintain security of MMR in AO. (Regt Operation Order 9-68)

22 November 1968

1. 2^d Bn, 3d Marines will pass OPCON Co A to 3d Bn, 3d Marines. Effective 221800H.
2. 2d Bn, 3d Marines will pass OPCON 1 plt, Co G to 3d Bn, 3d Marines. Effective 221900H.
3. 3d Marines will pass OPCON 1 plt, A Troop, 4th of the 12th to 3d Bn, 3d Marines.
4. Co A, 1st of the 61st reserved at Dong Ha to be employed if necessary.
5. OPCON units will assist 3d Bn, 3d Marines in conducting S/D operations in AO. (Regt Frag Order 63-68)

24 November 1968

Concept of Operation in the DMZ.

1. On 25 Nov 68 to insert 2 Recon teams in the DMZ to seize prisoners.
2. To be prepared to commit a Sparrow Hawk from Recon L7 QTCB for extraction of Recon teams if required.
3. To be prepared to commit a Bald Eagle followed by a Bn (-) if needed.

29 November 1968

1. On 29 Nov, Recon team Hungarian will move by APC with C/1/61 (rein) with plt, 1/3 Tks from A-4 and enter DMZ in the area UL1277 and LR1574. C/1/61 will be prepared to support Recon team by fire.
2. On 30 Nov, Recon team Salinas will move by foot with L/3/3 from A-4 and enter the DMZ in the area UL0773 and LR0971. L/3/3 will be prepared to support team by fire.
3. Neither company will enter the DMZ, however, L/3/3 will remain just south of the DMZ in area where insert occurs while C(-)/1/61(rein) returns to A-4.
4. There will be a plt of G/2/3, with a capability to observe and control air and artillery, located at QTCB that may be employed as Sparrow Hawk upon order CO 3/3.
5. If required to execute a Bald Eagle with L/3/3 or C/1/61, immediately 3/3 (-) will close and move on order from A-4 to the assistance.

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1040H In the area of YD1146615, the OP at C-11 observed 4 PT's entering Co I's 3d platoon position. They were in uniform and 2 had ID cards. They were apprehended and turned over to 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

1425H In the area of YD115724, elements of C/1/61 were moving north when a directional type Chicom Claymore was tripped.

1500H In the area of YD102693, a flame tank of Co A, 3d Tanks hit a very deeply buried metal mine. The tank was the fourth one to pass over the mine.

30 Nov 68 1755H In the area of YD104666, elements of Co K spotted 6 indigenous personnel north of their position. They seemed to be picking up or putting something down. Fired 60mm, 81mm mortar and artillery. Results unknown.

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2. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS

- 1 November Command Post, 3d Bn, 3d Marines moved to A-4
- 10-12 November Conducted battalion size S/D operations in western Kentucky AO.
- 24-30 November Conducted Recon operations in DMZ.
- 26 November Committed Sparrow Hawk into DMZ to extract Recon team Intrigue.

3. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

- a. During the month of November, 3d Bn, 3d Marines had 2 confirmed KIA. 1-VC, 1-NVA.
- b. Casualties inflicted on the enemy by air strikes and artillery are unknown.

4. NUMBER OF BATTLE CASUALTIES

Totals	KIA	MIA	DOW	MIA	NBC	NBC	Killed
USMC 3/3	13	86	1	0	14		0
USN 3/3	0	7	0	0	1		0

5. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED

None during the month of November.

6. COMMAND RELATIONS

- a. OPCON-3d Marine Regiment

ADCON-3d Marine Division

- b. Subordinate Units

- (1) 1-3 Nov 68, Company I, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines OPCON 1st Battalion, 3d Marines.
- (2) 9-12 Nov 68, Companies A and C, 1st Battalion, 3d Marines OPCON 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.
- (3) 12-19 Nov 68, Company L OPCON 2d Battalion, 3d Marines
- (4) 23-30 Nov 68, Company C, 1/61 of 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry (Mech) USA OPCON 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.
- (5) 25-30 Nov 68, Teams of 3d Recon Battalion OPCON 3d Battalion, 3d Marines for operations in DMZ.
- (6) 26 Nov 68, platoon, Company C, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines OPCON 3d Battalion, 3d Marines as Sparrow Hawk.

7. EQUIPMENT

As of 30 November, 87.5% of the combat essential equipment was combat operational. (FORSTAT Report of 30 Nov 68)

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8. LOGISTICS

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a. Supply

(1) Class II

- (a) The Battalion had 70.6% of its combat essential equipment on hand. Critical shortages existed in the following items:

Item	Shortage
Flack Jackets	200
Pistol Magazines	100
Antenna, RC 292	6
Telephone, TA-1PT	53
Flamethrower	3

(2) Class V

- (a) The Battalion had no problems in the resupply of Class V. Although the Quang Tri ASP was out of 81mm H7 rounds for 4 days, the Battalion had an adequate reserve and there was no adverse effect on the Battalion's combat capabilities. The Class V problem which faced the Battalion during the period was the turn-in of ammunition left behind by units previously occupying A-4, C-2, and C-3. This included both grade III and good ammunition. Approximately 150 tons of ammunition were taken from the above mentioned positions to the ATF's at Dong Ha and Quang Tri.

(3) Resupply

- (a) During the month of November, the Battalion was supplied exclusively by ground transportation. Five 2 1/2 ton 6x6 trucks from 3d MT Bn were to be allotted to the Battalion for this purpose. Due to mechanical difficulties and other commitments, the average number of trucks working for the Battalion was 3. The Battalion was also supported by 2 stake bed trailers from 9th MT Bn once a week.

(4) Evacuation and Hospitalization

- (a) No problems in this area during the month.

(5) Transportation

- (a) Total mileage on organic vehicles during the reporting period was 7660 miles.

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(6) Service

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(a) A platoon of Co B, 3d Engineer Bn rendered assistance in all engineering tasks, but heavy equipment was unobtainable.

(b) During the reporting period, the Battalion was supported by a HSP team from 3d SP Bn.

9. CIVIC ACTION

Not applicable.

10. ADMINISTRATION

- a. No battalion awards ceremonies were held during the month.
- b. A total of 2 Court Martials were held during November; 2 PCM. 8 Court Martials are pending. 5 Battalion Commanders Office Hours were completed and 12 are pending. There were 8 Company Commanders Office Hours completed and 19 are pending.
- c. Post Exchange services were not available, however Sundry Packages were distributed.
- d. Liberty was not authorized during this period.

11. PERSONNEL

- a. Gains: 13 USMC OFF 114 USMC ENL 0 USN OFF 12 USN ENL
- b. Losses: 8 USMC OFF 104 USMC ENL 0 USN OFF 9 USN ENL
- c. Net Loss/Gain:

USMC OFF	USMC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
0/5	0/10	0/0	0/3
- d. Monthly strength (average):

USMC OFF	USMC ENL	USN OFF	USN ENL
36	1140	2	53
- e. The R&R program continues to be a major morale factor within the battalion. There were 72 out of country R&R quotas and 29 in country R&R quotas used during this month.
- f. Morale is considered excellent to outstanding.
- g. Postal services during the month have been good.

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12. INTELLIGENCE

On 1 Nov the Bn moved from Camp Carroll to Con Thien with half of the Bn at C-2. The month of Nov encountered several contacts with the enemy. The size of the enemy during the contact varied from fire team to squad size. On 3 Nov 2130H K/3/3 LP spotted 4 personnel north east on hill 561 in vic YD132665. Threw frag grenades and fired M-79. Pulled in LP. Unknown results. At 101130H M/3/3 observed 4 NVA vic YD057656. Took enemy under fire with small arms. Searched area and found old bunker complex vic YD058654. Results of contact were negative. At 111550H M/3/3 had contact with approx 15 NVA with small arms and automatic weapons vic YD082638. Arty MSN was called. Results were unknown. At 201100H K/3/3 spotted 2 enemy vic YD114626. Fired on enemy with small arms killing 1. ID card on the body stated that the enemy was from the 1st Company, 3d Battalion, 28th NVA (IND) Regiment. On 251920H L/3/3 spotted 6-8 enemy moving north on the road vic YD115697. Called artillery and fired 60mm mortars with unknown results. On 261130H K/3/3 spotted 4-5 enemy wearing brown camouflaged utilities vic YD089642. Fired on enemy and enemy returned fire with negative results.

The Bn had several mine incidents during the month of Nov. On 070912H L/3/3 walked into a mine field vic YD132617. Also at 070930H detonated anti-tank mine which was rigged as anti-personnel mine on the road. Called mine sweeper for road vic YD132617. Negative results. There was a notable increase in 122mm rocket, 82mm mortar, and 60mm mortar during the month. Incident on 101030H the Bn received 16 rounds incoming estimated 75mm Recoilless Rifle fire from vic YD165705, YD063702, and YD080675. Arty could not be called because of air traffic. On 101330H 3/3 received 18 rounds of 122mm rockets from vic YD035695, YD033679, YD080700, and YD063702. On 161125H 3/3 at C-2 received 20 rounds incoming 60mm and 82mm mortars from vic YD103669. The enemy also ambushed the MSR several times. On 081245H K/3/3 observed truck receiving 2 rounds small arms fire from vic YD133638. At 161345H 3/3 vehicles received approx 15 rounds of sniper fire from east of road vic YD137620. At 171030H 3/3 vehicle enroute from south to Con Thien vic YD133632 was ambushed. On 181725H I/3/3 truck vic YD132628 was ambushed from both sides of road, receiving 30-50 rounds of 30cal fire and 3 RPG rounds. Called arty and gunships. Area was checked with negative results. On 191445H I/3/3 vehicles were taken under fire by SAF RPG and hand grenades vic YD133624 to YD127622. 75-150 rounds of SA and RPG and unknown number of grenades. Spotted 5-8 enemy west of road. Arty MSN was called and fire was returned with SAF and 50cal.

Numerous bunkers were found during Nov. At 191645H K/3/3 found camp area recently occupied by large unit vic YD086656. Also fresh trails and 30 fighting holes. There was also fresh blood and bandages in area. On 261020H K/3/3 found 2 old bunkers at least 6 mo old in vic YD088634. Also 20 meters north K/3/3 found elaborate system of trenches in a zig-zag fashion. Approx 25 meters up trail vic YD088634 found numerous name plates with the following information:

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QUACH VAN PHU W3-19
 NGUYEN BA LINH W3-74
 TRAN VAN NU W3-73
 TRAN HUY CU W3-71

W3 on the plates is an AKA for the 64th Regiment, 320th NVA Division. Many lights were observed by the Bn's OP's. Vic YD172820, YD172807, YD142798, and YD125799. The month of Nov again indicated the enemy's desire to build up and occupy positions in the 3d Marines AO. The sighting of lights within the DMZ indicates that the enemy are taking advantage of the present bombing halt by utilizing the DMZ.

Unit Identification:

C-11 Company of 31st LF Group
 W-3 AKA for 64th Regt
 1st Company, 3d Bn, 27th NVA (IND) Regt.

ENEMY WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT CAPTURED 1-30 November 1968

- 1 AK-47
- 2 AK-47 loaded magazines
- 1 cartridge belt
- 2 Chicom grenades
- 50 blasting caps
- 1 Chicom AT mine
- 2 bags of propaganda leaflets
- 1 set of civilian clothing
- 1 pineapple stake mine
- 1 belt of 100 rds of 7.62mm ammo
- 1 American AT mine
- 1 spare barrel to M-60 machine gun
- 2 NVA E-tools
- 2 clips of AK-47 ammo
- 6 name plates
- 1 BAR magazine
- 1 AK-50
- 152 lbs of rice
- diary and assorted papers

13. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Significant Events

The forward command post was moved from Camp Carroll to A-4 and C-2. Communication assets were divided between each CP. Electrical power was nonexistent at both positions and an engineer team was dispatched to install permanent exterior electrical wiring. Two generators were obtained. A 20kw for C-2 and a 30kw for A-4. Project 972 equipment was used to support communication assets at A-4. 3d Mar assigned a TFC-27 radio relay team to A-4 for

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land-line communications between A-4 and Camp Carroll. Radio Relay could not be obtained for C-2.

b. Problem Areas

- (1) Handsets for AN/PRC-25 are in very short supply.
- (2) Telephones TA-1/PT are still on requisition and needed to support the rifle companies wire systems.

14. WEATHER

The weather remained much the same as October's.
Rain level stayed about the same as in October.

Average High - 85 degrees
Average Low - 71 degrees
Average Humidity - 67%
Average Daily Rainfall - .18in at Camp Carroll

15. FIRE SUPPORT

a. Unit providing direct and general support:

- (1) Btry A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines
- (2) Btry B, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines
- (3) Btry C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines
- (4) Btry K, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines
- (5) Btry L, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines
- (6) Btry M, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines
- (7) Plt A, 1st 8" Btry
- (8) Plt C, 1st 8" Btry
- (9) 2d Provisional 155mm Howitzer Btry
- (10) Btry A, 1st Bn, 40th Artillery (USA)
- (11) Btry C, 1st Bn, 40th Artillery (USA)
- (12) Btry A, 108th Artillery Group (USA)
- (13) Btry B, 2d Bn, 94th Artillery (USA)

b. Missions Fired

- (1) Artillery
 - (a) Preparatory Fires 35
 - (b) Night Defensive Fires 51
 - (c) Suspected Enemy Positions 65
 - (d) Live Missions 61
 - (e) Harassment & Interdiction Fires 294

(2) Ammunition Expended

- (a) 105mm 11072
- (b) 155mm 1570

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- (c) 8" 67
- (d) 175mm 34

(3) 81mm Mortars

- (a) Preparatory Fires
- (b) Targets of Opportunity
- (c) Suspected Enemy Positions
- (d) Counter Mortar Fires
- (e) Night Defensive Fires
- (f) Illumination
- (g) Ammunition Expended

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16. AIR SUPPORT

- a. During the month of November, 10 flights of fixed wing were requested and 25 received. 90 TPO's were requested and 12 were received.
- b. 25 AO's were requested and 100 received.
- c. 1 flight of gunships was requested and received.
- d. 114 medevacs were completed.
- e. 1 Bn size and 2 Co size troop lifts were completed.
- f. 46 G2C flights were used.

17. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REACTIVATIONS: N/A

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JOURNAL SUMMARY

- 01 Nov 68 No significant events.
- 02 Nov 68 1620H In the area of YD165715, elements of Co A, 3d Tank Bn observed 7 indigenous personnel moving northeast then changing to an eastern direction. The personnel appeared to be carrying 1 body.
- 1700H In the area of YD165715, elements of Co M observed 7 civilians carrying loads of straw and 1 body. The personnel entered a treeline and returned a few minutes later without their loads. The civilians returned to a village area to the east. 1 plt reinforced with a tank plt attempted to intercept, but were unable to.
- 03 Nov 68 2100H In the area of YD132665, elements of Co K spotted 4 enemy personnel and threw 9 M-26 frags, fired 2 M-79 rounds, and pulled in the LP, and fired 20 60mm HE rounds and 10 illumination 81mm rounds and 18 81mm HE rounds. The personnel were moving north by northeast. Negative results.
- 04 Nov 68 No significant events.
- 05 Nov 68 No significant events.
- 06 Nov 68 No significant events.
- 07 Nov 68 0930H In the area of YD132617, elements of Co L while crossing a trail stepped on an AP mine rigged as an AP mine. The result was 2 KIA, 4 WIA. The area was swept with mine detectors. Negative results.
- 1000H In the area of YD132617, engineers used mine detectors to sweep the area and found mine indicators. Description: triangular shape. The marker was made of bamboo and pointing to the detonation area.
- 1025 H In the area of YD132617, Co L began to receive incoming of approximately 15 rounds of 122mm rockets. An AO was employed and artillery fired on suspected rocket positions YD053665 and YD052675 with unknown results.
- 1130H In the area of YD159610, 2 indigenous personnel reported that 2 VC had placed mines in the road. The civilians were paid not less than 500, not more than 1000 Piasters by S-2.
- 1215H In the area of YD159610, the 2d Provisional Btry received 1 round of 122mm rocket which hit a powder bunker and in turn set fire to the fuse and projectile bunker. Also, a 5 ton truck was destroyed.
- 1330H In the area of YD135645, Co L began to leave C-2 on tanks and began to receive incoming of 122mm rockets. Artillery

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15 Nov 68 0700H In the area of YD133637 and YD133636, the engineers on the road sweep discovered 3 anti-tank mines. Two were Russian make and the other was homemade Box Mine. The mines were pressure type. The mines were blown in place.

16 Nov 68 0740H In the area of YD133635, elements of Co K received 2 sniper rounds, estimated to be 30 caliber, from the east. The fire was returned with M-79, 60mm mortars, and 90mm, 50cal from the tank. Also called artillery mission.

1100H In the area of YD153617, a Vietnamese male (age 14 years) turned in 1 US M-16 rifle, ser# 583842. He was paid 1000 Piasters from the reward fund.

1345H In the area YD137620, 3 vehicles moving west received approximately 15 rounds of small arms fire from the east.

1830H In the area of YD117638, Co K observed 1 indigenous personnel observing their positions. Fired 106's covering 100m area with unknown results.

17 Nov 68 0230H In the area of YD1000704, radar spotted possibly troop movement. Artillery mission called with unknown results.

0900H In the area of YD132655, the road sweep discovered 3 mines. 1 was a Chinese Claymore-type mine with pressure device. 1 conventional anti-tank mine in metal container, approximately 5 pounds with plug type pressure device. One box type mine using TNT wrapped in a poncho and using bamboo. One rock marker pointing inboard toward road and one stick pointing inboard toward road. One mine had a small metal washer on dirt over mine. Pulled mines out and made diagrams, then blew in place.

1030H In the area of YD133632, a vehicle traveling north was ambushed. Searched area with negative results.

1715H In the area of YD135616, elements discovered 1 M-16 rifle, ser# 643803, 1 USMC type pack containing 1 MCI, 1 poncho liner, 1 E-tool, 2 60mm mortar rounds M2 type, 1 bandolier of M-16 ammunition. All equipment turned into C-2.

18 Nov 68 0800H In the area of YD131638, the road sweep received 15 rounds of 60mm mortar and 9 rounds of small arms fire. Returned fire with 60mm, 81mm mortars and small arms fire.

0930H In the area of YD118645, YD118631, C-2 and C-3 began to receive incoming of unknown caliber. C-2 received 15 rounds, C-3 received 14 rounds. Counter battery fire was called.

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missions were called on suspected launchers. FO at C-2 observed 9 positive and up to 14 possible secondary explosions from artillery fire.

1330H In the area of YD159610, Co K received 10 rounds of 122mm rockets inside their perimeter.

08 Nov 68 0855H In the area of YD155610, elements of Co I received 1 incoming round of small arms fire. The round came from the west and passed over the heads of the patrol. The patrol checked out the area with negative results.

1245H In the area of YD133638, elements of Co K observed a truck receiving approximately 30 rounds of small arms automatic fire from the west side of the road. Co K and I sent out patrols with negative results.

09 Nov 68 1300H In the area of YD125694, elements of Co M observed 35 VC suspects, that were cutting stalks and other vegetation, moving east. A second group, in the area of YD125690, was moving north when apprehended by Co A, 3d Tank Bn. Claimed to be from Gio Linh and were going to Phu Phuong to get tea. The first group was apprehended by a squad from Co M for a total of 71 detainees. The detainees were turned over to Regt S-2.

1500H In the area of YD118694, elements of Co M discovered the following US ordnance in a pile. 6 M-26 frag, 12 M-79 rounds, 800 M-16 rounds, 300 7.62 rounds, and 2 LA's. All ordnance returned to Con Thien

10 Nov 68 1115H In the area of YD118686, elements of Co C, 1st Bn, 3d Marines with engineers on road sweep discovered 2 homemade AT mines approximately 20lb each. They were pressure type. The mines were 75yd apart on the road, one to the right center and one to the left center. The mines were made of a Chicom grenade and TNT wrapped in plastic tied with string. The mines were buried about 2in deep. The firing devices were covered with cardboard, then dirt. Markers consisted of green US canteens (3), open and toward center line and a mouse trap broken up and laying in a triangular pattern. The firing devices were wrapped in green tape. The top of the device resembled a MU-5, but it was a homemade device. There were 3 of them in the mine, extended about 1in above the mine surface and set in a triangular, evenly spaced pattern. The mines were blown in place and left craters 5ft wide and 3ft deep. 3 to 4 lbs of C-4 was used to blow mines.

1130H In the area of YD057656, Co M observed approximately 4 NVA moving in a western direction. The enemy was taken under fire with small arms. The area was searched and an old bunker complex was found at YD058654.

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1130H In the area of YD056666, Co L at LZ Comet received 8 rounds of incoming. Estimated to be 122mm rockets. Fixed wing was called.

1200H Co M began to receive approximately 10 rounds of 122mm rockets from the area of YD051669. Fixed wing was called on the firing positions.

1230H In the area of YD056666 and YD035698, all units of 3d Bn, 3d Marines received 4 rounds of unknown caliber incoming.

1315H In the area of YD135645, C-2 began to receive 18-20 rounds of rockets and artillery.

1850H In the area of YD122622, Co K was taken under fire. Received approximately 30 AK-47 rounds, 4 Chicom grenades, 4 rifle grenades, and 4 60mm rounds from YD086637.

2015H In the area of YD012642, Co M heard small arms fire and grenades from the east of their position at about 200-250 meters distant. Some rounds were heard to pass overhead. AK fire was distinctly heard.

11 Nov 68 1345H In the area of YD068635, elements of Co M while moving to a new objective, received 20 rounds of 60mm mortars also sniper fire from YD070635. Called in artillery and fired M-60 machine gun at the sniper.

1415H In the area of YD0756635, Co M received 31 rounds of 60mm mortars. Called artillery mission on mortar position at YD067627 and YD055643.

1550H In the area of YD826638, Co M's point made contact at point blank range with estimated 15 NVA. The enemy fired 30 cal automatic weapon. Co M returned fire with small arms. The NVA broke contact. Directed gunships and artillery fire on the enemy position. 1 confirmed enemy KIA resulting from contact.

12 Nov 68 0051H Elements of Co A 1/3 observed an unknown personnel moving south along outer row of concertina wire. He was wearing what appeared to be a white helmet. Was unable to see if he was in any type of uniform or armed.

13 Nov 68 1330H In the area YD130635, 2 indigenous personnel fired AK-47's and rifle grenades at a vehicle heading south on the MSR. Elements of Co K dispatched a squad reinforced by 1 tank. Searched the area with negative results.

1745H Between C-9 and C-10, a truck reported taking sniper fire.

14 Nov 68 No significant events.

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1725H In the area of YD135634-133634, 1 6x6 truck traveling north on MSR was ambushed from both sides of the road by 30cal machine gun fire and RPG rounds. The truck received 30-50 machine gun rounds and estimated 3 rounds of RPG. Artillery missions were fired also gunships were employed.

19 Nov 68 0930H In the area of YD146615, elements of Co I during the night heard walking inside their perimeter. About 0200H, they saw someone run across the perimeter road and heard additional movement and occupying of bunkers. Someone whistled and all movement stopped. Approximately 10-12 persons were seen. Fired illumination and M-16's to keep the enemy personnel pinned down in the bunkers. Did not fire immediately after sighting because of positions of own personnel. Fired H&I and illumination in hopes of retaining the enemy in the bunker overnight. Ran short of illumination because of the size of our unit. Checked area at first light and discovered that the small arms bunker had been broken into and broke into a case of LAW's, M-26 grenades, and small arms ammunition. The amount taken is unknown. Checked the wire for entrance with negative results.

1045H In the area of YD133625, 132627, 133628, the road sweep located 3 mines. 1 anti-personnel and 2 anti-tank. The mines were blown in place.

1445H In the area of YD133624, 127622, vehicles moving north were taken under fire by 75-150 rounds of small arms, 2 rounds of RPG's and unknown number of hand grenades. 5-8 persons were spotted 15-30m to the west of the road. Fire was returned with small arms and 81mm mortars. Tanks fired 50cal.

1645H In the area of YD116624, elements of Co I discovered an area recently occupied by a fairly large unit. Fresh trails and approximately 30 fighting holes were found. A fresh blood spot and bandage was found.

20 Nov 68 1030H In the area of YD133635-YD1063 suspected enemy position. The counter-ambush unit received 12 rounds believed to be 82mm mortar. One round to the west of the road and the remainder to the east. Believed to be adjusting on the road. Called tank mission with the assistance of an AO.

1100H In the area of YD116626, elements of Co K observed 2 armed enemy walking along the trail. Took under fire with small arms. Killed one and wounded the other. Captured 1 AK-47, 2 30 round magazines loaded, and 2 Chicom grenades. 1 cartridge belt, protein bars, personal gear (letter writing gear, money, and ID card) The uniform was green utilities, regular NVA tennis shoes.

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1150H In the area of YD115711, Co L tripped a booby trap. The booby trap area consisted of 20 60mm mortar rounds running east to west about 4-5 meters apart and connected by a trip wire. The area was avoided because of unsafe mass of daisy chain. Artillery was called in on the area.

1230H In the area of YD116634, elements of Co K found fresh blood on trail leading to the east. Followed the blood trail to an area and found MCI cans, fireplaces, and 1 pair of sandals. Ceased to follow the trail and continued assigned mission.

21 Nov 68 1317H In the area of YD125635 and YD121633, elements of Co I observed 2 spools of electrical wire, 11lb box TNT, and 4 rounds of 105mm HE. The 105mm rounds were buried in the stream under mud. The other gear returned to position.

22 Nov 68 1850H In the area of YD135632, elements of C/1/61 was ambushed by approximately 10 VC/NVA on the west side of the road with estimated light machine gun, 2 AK-47's, and 1 command detonated claymore mine. The fire was returned with M-79, M-60, and 50 cal machine gun fire.

23 Nov 68 1000H In the area of YD696633 and YD089631, elements of Co I discovered 2 reinforced overhead bunkers, size 4x8. Overheading 2-3ft of dirt and logs. Believed to be occupied 1mo ago. Both bunkers located along a main trail. Also found 2lb of TNT, NVA type.

1030H In the area of YD092632 and YD089632, elements of Co I observed 2-3 enemy moving across small bomb crater into dense undergrowth. Persons were believed to be wearing packs and dark colored clothing. Fired M-79. Scout dog picked up scent and pursued with lead squad for 20 minutes with negative results.

1100H In the area of YD093631, elements of Co I received 10 rounds, believed to be 60mm, at YD091627. At YD091627, elements of Co I received 7 rounds of 60mm. Counter battery called with assistance of an A0.

1130H In the area of YD088617, elements of Co I discovered a bunker complex of 15 bunkers. The bunkers were 5 days old and some still under construction. Also found 50 blasting caps, 1 Chicom AT mine, 1 diary and assorted papers, 2 bags of propaganda leaflets, fragments of South Vietnamese flag, and 1 set of civilian clothes. The bunkers and 150lb of rice were destroyed.

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- 24 Nov 68 0700H In the area of YD094613, elements of Co A, 1/3 while sweeping in a southeast direction along river discovered 8 well-constructed bunkers. Size 4x5 and about a week old. Also found blasting caps, fuses for mines, comm wire, and 60 AK rounds. The bunkers were destroyed.
- 0740H In the area of YD093615, elements of Co I had 1 man trip a booby trap believed to be a 60mm round.
- 1012H In the area of YD100614, elements of Co I discovered 2 bunkers with 2ft overhead covering. Last occupied 2-4 weeks ago, also 1 pineapple stake mine (NVA type) and 1 belt of 100 rounds of 7.62.
- 1445H In the area of YD114644, elements of Co K received a small artillery or 60mm mortar from 3 or 4 different positions. Fired counter artillery with 2 secondary explosions.
- 1920H In the area of YD115697, elements of Co I moving into ambush site spotted 6-8 personnel moving north on road. 60mm and 81mm mortar were employed. Tanks deployed to utilize search light technique upon completion of mortar concentration. Further movement was detected by PFG-6. Fired dusters, quad 50's, direct artillery fire. Ambush moved into ambush site.
- 25 Nov 68 1230H In the area of YD1322634, elements of Co I received 3 60mm mortar rounds on the west side of the road. Called in artillery on suspected enemy position.
- 1230H In the area of YD116618, elements of Co I was checking a body on the trail. As they left the trail to return to their position received 4-5 small rounds over their heads. Called in artillery on suspected enemy position.
- 1930H In the area of YD130631, Btry A, 1/40 returning from C-9 passed through C-10 without authority and was ambushed from the west side of the road by RPG's and automatic weapons.
- 26 Nov 68 1000H In the area of YD105634, elements of Co K found 1 Chicom grenade on an 1hr old fresh trail. The unit ordered to withdraw before they could finish the sweep.
- 1005H In the area of YD088634, elements of Co K received automatic fire from the west. Searching the area with negative results.
- 1020H In the area of YD088634, elements of Co K discovered 2 well constructed bunkers approximately 6mo old. 6x3x5 size believed used as part of a fortified position. Also found 6 metal plates believed to be name plates. (See Intelligence)
- 1130H In the area of YD089642, elements of Co K observed 4-5 indigenous personnel with clean brown camouflaged utilities and rain covers. Fired a burst of small arms and M-79 and received a burst of small arms in return. Negative results.

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1145H In the area of YD087639, elements of Co K discovered a storage shelter 6mo old with no recent activity. There was 1 BAR magazine with 48 rounds, 1 AK-50, 1 7.5mm French automatic rifle, and 2 Chicom 7.62mm carbines Type 53.

27 Nov 68 1030H In the area of YD026686, elements of Co M discovered a bunker complex approximately 7 months old. It was composed of 7 bunkers and 4 fighting holes, tunnels and trenches connecting. The bunkers had false bottoms with 2 RPG's, 178 rounds 82mm mortar, 171 primers and fuses for 82mm mortar, 2163 rounds of small arms ammunition. All the ammunition was blown.

1400H In the area of YD106721, elements of C/1/61 stepped on an 'P' mine.

1845H In the area of YD113727, elements of C/1/61 discovered in an old bunker 3 RPG rounds, 2 canisters of machine gun ammunition, 14 1lb blocks of U3 type TNT, fuses, 1 Chicom Claymore, 1 Chicom grenade, and loose NVA gear in the area.

28 Nov 68 0845H In the area of YD135645, a sniper fired 2 rounds of small arms fire and was observed by an OP. The sniper had green utilities. The OP fired 10-12 rounds at him then diverted a patrol to check out the area. The patrol saw the man moving south on a bicycle among civilians and the patrol couldn't fire. Fresh blood was found on the trail.

0900H In the area of YD135645, The road sweep received 10-12 rounds 82mm mortar on the west side of the road. C-10 also received 10 82mm mortar rounds outside the perimeter. Called in artillery and swept area with negative results.

1600H In the area of YD134671, elements of Co K searched out an area after an air strike and discovered a white flag on a pole about 8 feet tall. The area had been used by the enemy.

1630H In the area of YD117724, elements of C/1/61 while passing through the area had a member set off a Chicom Claymore mine.

29 Nov 68 0845H In the area of YD127617, elements of Co I while on patrol discovered a Class V dump. All U3 type. 8000 50cal rounds, 3000 7.62 rounds, 75 81mm mortar rounds, and 25 105mm rounds. All rounds blown in place.

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30 November 68 1545H In the area of YD197803, OP2 observed 1 person moving west. Observed with BC scope by Sp4 STARNES, T S, US5356116, F 26th Btry USA.

1620H In the area of YD183800, OP2 observed 5 personnel. Observed with BC scope by Sp4 STARNES, T S, US5356116, F 26th Btry USA.

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- 19 November 68 1950H In the area of YD127795, OP2 observed 1 stationary light. Observed with BC scope by Sp4 KARNOWSKI, R G, US56502887, F 26th Btry USA.
- 20 November 68 0100H In the area of YD180825, OP1 observed 1 light moving southwest. Observed with BC scope by Sp4 GEORGE, J P, US5598378, F 26th Btry USA.
- 1915H In the area of YD122800, OP1 observed 2 stationary and 2 moving lights. Observed with BC scope by Sp4 REIK, G L, RA16996310, F 26th Btry USA.
- 2025H In the area of YD170808, OP1 observed 4 stationary lights. Observed with BC scope by Sp4 GEORGE, J P, US5598378, F 26th Btry USA.
- 21 November 68 1835H In the area of YD107800, OP2 observed 5 vehicles moving west. Observed with BC scope by PFC MILLER, R C, US52857988, F 26th Btry USA.
- 1915H In the area of YD186817, OP2 observed 2 lights. Observed with BC scope by PFC MILLER, R C, US52857988, F 26th Btry USA.
- 22 November 68 0425H In the area of YD134805, OP2 observed 1 light moving west. Observed with NOD by Sp4 STARNES, T S, US53526116, F 26th Btry USA.
- 2020H In the area of YD182834, OP2 observed 4 lights moving east. Observed with NOD by Sp4 STARNES, T S, US53526116, F 26th Btry USA.
- 2050H In the area of YD190830, OP2 observed 6 small lights, 1 very bright. Observed with NOD by Sp4 STARNES, T S, US53526116, F 26th Btry USA.
- 2140H OP2 observed 1 flying aircraft (helicopter) with BC scope by Sp4 STARNES, T S, US53526116, F 26th Btry USA.
- 24 November 68 1800H In the area of YD202841, OP1 observed smoke resembling impact. Observed with BC scope by Sp5 CHAMBLESS, R A, RA14961757, F 26th Btry USA.
- 1800H In the area of YD226818, OP1 observed smoke resembling impact. Observed with BC scope by Sp5 CHAMBLESS, R A, RA14961757, F 26th Btry USA.

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2055H In the area of YD18477994, OP2 observed 1 stationary light. Observed with BC scope by Sp4 STARNES, T S, US53526114, F 26th Btry USA.

25 November 68 Inserted Recon teams Doc Leaf and Intrigue, reference Concept of Operation dtd 242100H Nov 68.

1640H In the area of YD1075, AO taking 50cal fire. Bulldozer and Ango.

1815H In the area of YD18687810, OP2 observed white smoke. Observed with BC scope by PFC MILLER, R C, US551881953, F 26th Btry USA.

2020H Intrigue received 4-82mm and Recoilless Rifle fire.

26 November 68 0945H In the area of YD096735, Intrigue in contact.

1045H Intrigue calling 360° continuous artillery fire.

1055H Decision made to commit the reaction force, platoon of Co G, 2d Bn, 3d Marines.

1120H Intrigue could hear wounded enemy making noise.

1137H Sparrow Hawk force lifted in.

1145H Sparrow Hawk force landed.

1230H Intrigue and Sparrow Hawk joined.

1240H Intrigue will stay in for 1-2 more days (Gen DAVIS).

1245H English speaking NVA on radio net.

1335H Cease artillery fire, Discovered 25 82mm rounds.

1620H A Marine from Intrigue fell on stick.

1630H Plan to extract Sparrow Hawk force.

1730H Helicopter picked up Sparrow Hawk and Intrigue.

1738H Intrigue chop to A-4. During debriefing stated that the area could hold a NVA company to a division.

27 November 68 Recon team Salinas inserted into DMZ.

1145H In the area of YD168790, OP2 observed 1 person carrying something shiny and heading west. Observed with BC scope by Sp4 GEORGE, J P, US55988378, F 26th Btry USA.

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1630H In the area of YD142784, OP2 observed dust which could be caused by vehicles. Observed with BC scope by Sp4 EARNOWSKI, R G, US56502887, F 26th Btry USA.

1926H In the area of YD172820, OP2 observed 1 stationary light. Observed with NOD by PFC LUTES, F N, US53881953, F 26th Btry USA.

2025H In the area of YD172807, OP2 observed 1 stationary light. Observed with NOD by Sp4 STARNES, T C, US53526116, F 26th Btry USA.

2045H In the area of YD142798, OP2 observed 1 stationary light. Observed with NOD by Sp4 STARNES, T C, US53526116, F 26th Btry USA.

2109H In the area of YD157799, OP1 observed 1 light moving east. Observed with BC scope by PFC REDER, M B, US53814231, F 26th Btry USA.

28 November 68 1500H Salinas observed 5 males and 1 female.

1522H Contact to rear (passed by).

1524H 1 person down, still alive, can't get to him yet.

1525H Co C, 1/61st ordered to stand by.

1528H Salinas going to assault to capture 1 enemy wounded and in bad shape.

1539H Co C 1/61st ordered to move out from A-4.

1540H Lift fire mission.

1600H Salinas arrived at A-4 with 1 dead VC.

1605H Plans made to insert Recon team Blend.

1608H Blend moved with Co C, 1/61st for insertion.

1824H Salinas and body lifted to Quang Tri.

2020H In the area of YD156745, OP1 observed 1 fire. Observed with BC scope by PFC JARRETT, W G, US53812522, F 26th Btry USA.

2145H In the area of YD156745, OP1 observed 1 light. Observed with BC scope by Sp4 REIK, G L, RA16996310, F 26th Btry USA.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

1. JOURNAL SUMMARY
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Operation Order 2-68

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, Series L7014, Sheets 6342 I & 6442 IV.

Time Zone: Hotel

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces Reliable sources report following VC/NVA elements in our objective area.

- (1) Command/Control element
- (2) Forward Observer capability
- (3) Rocket and artillery positions
- (4) Unidentified infantry units - up to Bn size

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 3d Marines conducts pacification and S/D missions in the Kentucky & Lancaster II AO's.
- (2) 1st Bn, 3d Marines to provide security for A-4, C-2, and C-2 Bridge.
- (3) Recon surveillance to the west and southwest.
- (4) ARVN block to the southwest and south.

c. Attachments & Detachments

- (1) 3d Plt, Co B, 3d Engineer Bn.
- (2) Co A, 3d Tank Bn.

2. MISSION

3d Bn, 3d Marines conducts S/D operation in the western portion of the AO.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations 3d Bn, 3d Marines lifts at H hour 10 Nov at LZ at YD056666 to conduct S/D operations in the western portion of the AO. Fire support includes fixed wing and gunships, and direct and general support from 12th Marines.

b. Co I

- (1) Lift from C-2 at H+3 and upon landing, move east to Objective #4 (077673)
- (2) Be prepared to move SE en order to seize Objective #5 (090653).

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- (1) Lift from C-2 at H+4 to LZ and upon landing move southeast to Objective #8 (066654).
- (2) Be prepared to move on order to Objective #9 (075646).

d. C. L

- (1) Lift from A-4 at H hour to LZ, and upon landing, establish perimeter to secure the LZ.
- (2) Be prepared to move on order with the Bn Command Group to Objective #8 (066654).

e. C. M

- (1) Lift from A-4 at H+1½ hour to LZ and upon landing move southeast to seize Objective #1 (058664).
- (2) Be prepared to move on order to seize Objective #2 (063641).

f. C. A, 3d Tank Bn

- (1) Continue present mission at A-4 and C-2.
- (2) Be prepared on order to assume blocking positions to the west of A-4 or C-2.

g. 3d Plt, C. B, 3d Engineer Bn

- (1) Maintain engineer capabilities with each company to blow bunkers and construct LZ's if necessary.
- (2) Continue present road sweep mission between A-4 and southern boundary of AO.

h. 81mm Mortar Plt

- (1) Provide 1 section (reinf) to move with Bn Command Group.

i. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) H hour is 0800, L hour is 0830.
- (2) Order of movement:
 - C. L
 - Bn Command Group
 - Section, 81mm Mortar Plt
 - C. M
 - C. I
 - C. K
- (3) Hand held radio-control agents are authorized

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(4) Tentative objectives:

#3 - 070636 #7 - 084639
#4 - 085647 #10 - 072658

(5) Plan on 15 man Heli-teams.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Carry normal BA

(1) 81mm mortar section carry maximum mobile load.

b. Carry 3 DOS MCI.

c. Be prepared to resupply water in 8" or 155mm disposable cannisters.

5. COMMAND COMMUNICATION/ELECTRONICS

a. Bn Command Group will travel initially with Co L.

b. Position reports every 1/2 hr when moving.

c. Report night positions when established.

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Task Organization: Annex A

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces VC/NVA seem to operate in this AO in squad to company size units, often employing mortars and automatic weapons in the vicinity of MSR. Recent contacts and sightings also indicate activity in western portion of AO, including rocket and artillery positions.
- b. Friendly Forces
 - (1) 3d Marines maintains responsibility for conducting S/D security and pacification operations in Landcaster & Kentucky AO.
 - (2) 1/3 conducts screening operations to west; 2/3 conducts S/D and pacification operations to south; 2d ARVN Regt operates to east.
 - (3) Artillery.
 - (a) C Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Marines D/S 3/3.
 - (b) C Btry, 1st Bn, 44th Arty (US Army) D/S 3/3 (Dusters)
 - (4) Air. 1st MAW provides helo, AO, and attack aircraft support.
 - (5) Co A, 3d Tank Bn, D/S 3/3.
Conducts road sweep security, counter-ambush, perimeter security, and reaction force missions as directed.
 - (6) 3d Plt, Co B, 3d Engineer Bn, D/S 3/3.
Conducts road sweeps and demolition/construction operations as directed.
 - (7) Various other combat support and combat service support units occupy positions A-4 and C-2. (See Annex B - Friendly Forces in 3/3 AO.)

2. MISSION 3/3 conducts continuous S/D operations in western portion of AO while maintaining the security of the MSR and positions A-4, C-2, C-2 bridge, and until its closing, C-3.

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- a. Concept Two companies conduct S/D patrols and MSR security operations in eastern portion of AO while 2 companies conduct 2 to 4 day S/D operations in western portion. Fire support will include direct and general support artillery, adjacent friendly units, and fixed wing aircraft. (See Annex C - Operation Overlay)
- b. Co I Provide 1 reinforced platoon for security of positions C-3. Be prepared to conduct 2 to 4 day company (-) S/D operations in SW portion of AO, OR to provide security for positions C-2 and MSR in SE portion of AO.
- c. Co K Provide 1 reinforced platoon for security of C-2 bridge. Be prepared to conduct 2 to 4 day company (-) S/D operations in SW portion of AO, OR to provide security for positions C-2 and MSR in SE portion of AO.
- d. Co L Be prepared to conduct 2 to 4 day S/D operations in NW portion of AO, OR to provide security for positions A-4 and MSR in NE portion of AO.
- e. Co M Be prepared to provide security for position A-4 and MSR in NE portion of AO, OR to conduct 2 to 4 day S/D operations in NW portion of AO.
- f. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Companies I & K be prepared to conduct company size S/D operations in SW section upon closing of position C-3. Each company will then assume responsibility for C-2 bridge when providing security for C-2 and MSR.
 - (2) Close coordination between unit commanders is directed during position reliefs and commencement of S/D operations.
 - (3) Operations in NW and SW portions of AO will be directed by Company Commanders. The following guidelines apply:
 - (a) Company CP's, platoon patrol bases, ^{and} NO FIRE ZONES, of 3 to 4 grid squares per platoon, will be established. These zones, as well as CP and, if necessary, PPB locations will be closely coordinated in advance with S-3, to include planned relocations. All fires in the NO FIRE ZONES will be controlled by the units therein.
 - (b) Dates and times of commencement and end of S/D operations will be established by frag orders. In general, all operations will commence before BMNT.

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- (c) Coordination with S-3 will be such that the companies operate with maximum flexibility and minimum radio traffic.
- (4) Security operations for MSR and positions A-4, C-2, C-2 bridge, and C-3 will be directed by company commanders. The following guidelines apply:
 - (a) Engineer road sweeps daily, commencing at first light, escorted by 1 squad, plus 2 tanks or 2 dusters. Report commencement, incidents, and completion to Bn COC.
 - (b) Daily patrols, consisting of 1 platoon, functioning as 1, 2, or 3 elements.
 - (c) *Minimum of* One night ambush per company.
 - (d) Two counter-ambush sites along MSR, located as directed and coordinated with S-3. Elements will include at least 2 armored vehicles and 1 squad.
 - (e) Traffic control and security for vehicles on MSR as established by current instructions.
- (5) All units will adhere strictly to current rules of engagement.
- 4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS
 - a. Administration No change from current SOP's.
 - (1) Admin radio traffic to companies operating in western portion will be cleared by S-3.
 - b. Logistics In accordance with current instructions.
 - (1) Companies take minimum rations and equipment on S/D operations.
 - (2) Emergency resupply of Class V will be staged at C-2 for helilift.
 - (3) Medevacs by helilift.
- 5. COMMAND & COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS
 - a. 3/3 Forward CP at A-4, intermediate CP at C-2.
 - b. CP locations of operating units as coordinated with S-3.

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- c. Companies operating in western portion will send absolutely minimum radio traffic. Situation reports at U-S-M-C times will consist of brief acknowledgement of radio check from Bn COC. Send spot reports when necessary.
- d. Routine night and day activities for eastern portion will be reported to Bn COC by 1600H daily.
- e. All units submit spot reports ASAP. Do not delay. Use initial, then final format.
- f. Current standard brevity codes, formats, COI, and thrust points will be used.

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ANNEX B (Friendly Units in 3/3 AO) to Operation Order 3-68

1. Position A-4

a. USMC Units

3d Bn (-), 3d Marines
 Radio Relay Det, Comm Plt, HQ Co, 3d Marines
 C ~~Det~~, 1st 8" How Btry, FMP
 CMR Det, HQ Btry, 12th Marines
 Det, 3d Plt, B Co, 3d Eng Bn
 Det, H&S Co, 3d MT Bn
 Det, 1st Radio Bn, FMP
 A Co (-), 3d Tank Bn

b. US Army Units

Det, F Btry, 26th Arty (Flash/Bang)
 C Btry, 1st Bn, 40th Arty (SP 105 How)
 Det, A Btry, 1st Bn, 44th Arty (Dusters)

c. US NAVY Unit

Det, A Co, MCB 7

2. Position C-2 (includes C-2 bridge and C-3)

a. USMC Units

Det, H&S Co, 3d Bn, 3d Marines
 I Co, 3d Bn, 3d Marines
 K Co, 3d Bn, 3d Marines
 C Btry, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
 T Btry, 3d Bn, 12th Marines
 CBR Det, HQ Btry, 12th Marines
 Det, 3d Plt, B Co, 3d Eng Bn
 Det, H&S Co, 3d MT Bn
 Det, 1st Radio Bn, FMP
 Det, Comm Plt, H&S Co 3d Recon Bn
 2d Plt, 1st Searchlight Btry, FMP
 Det, A Co, 3d Tank Bn

b. US Army Units

Det, F Btry, 26th Arty (Flash/Bang)
 Det, 1st Bn, 48th Arty

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Battalion Operation Order 1-68

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Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence)
- (2) Current INTSUMS

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 3d Marines (Reinf) conducts search and destroy operations in western LANCASTER II AO and provides security in AO.
- (2) Task Force Hotel continues search and destroy operations north of KHE SANH.
- (3) Annex C (Concept of operations)
- (4) Artillery
 - (a) 1st Bn, 12th Marines D/S from FSB CATAPULT & WINCHESTER
 - (b) 4th Bn, 12th Marines G/S
- (5) Annex D (Air)

c. Attachments and Detachments

- (1) 3d Plt, B Co, 3d Eng Bn
- (2) 5 Scout Dog Teams, 3d MP Bn
- (3) 2 Scout-sniper Teams, 3d Marines
- (4) Liaison Section, Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (5) Co , 1st Bn, 3d Marines

2. MISSION

3d Battalion, 3d Marines conducts search and destroy operations along Axis Red and seizes and destroys installations in vicinity of Division Objective 1.

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3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations: To land at LZ XD807671 and seize objectives 1, C, and 2 in that order utilizing one company for each objective while one company establishes a blocking position to the NE. Be prepared to conduct search and destroy operations along AXIS RED and seize Division Objective 1. See Annex C (Operation Overlay).
- b. Co I
 - (1) Upon landing relieve company of 2d Bn, 3d Marines and assume responsibility for LZ security.
 - (2) On order establish a blocking position facing NE from XD801678 to XD804675.
- c. Co K
 - (1) Upon landing be prepared to advance on order NW along the high ground to PL BLUE.
 - (2) Be prepared to assist in securing objective C.
 - (3) On order seize objective 2.
 - (4) Be prepared on order to seize objective 3.
- d. Co L
 - (1) Upon landing be prepared to advance on order west along the high ground to PL BLUE.
 - (2) On order seize objective C.
- e. Co M
 - (1) Upon landing be prepared to advance on order west along the high ground to seize objective 1.
 - (2) Be prepared on order to seize objective 4.
- f. H&S Co(-)(Reinf)
 - (1) 81mm Mortar Plt
 - (a) Upon landing establish firing positions to provide general support to the west and NW.
 - (b) Be prepared to displace on order to objective C.

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(2) 3d Plt, Co B, 3d Eng Bn

(a) Construct LZ's on objective C, 4, and B.

(b) Detach one squad to Co M to commence construction of LZ on objective 4.

(3) Provide security for 81mm Mortar Plt and CP Group.

g. Co___, 1st Bn, 3d Marines

(1) Continue mission of security of FSB CATAPULT.

h. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Upon relief on position, commence retraction to CAMP CARROLL at indicated time on 22 Oct.

(a) Co M - 0800H

(b) Co I - 0800H

(c) Co K, DONG HA Mtn OP - 1000H

(d) Co L - 1000H

(2) Effective 230800H commence landing in LZ at XD807671 in following order.

(a) Co I

(b) CP Group

(c) Co K

(d) 81mm Mortar Platoon

(e) Co L

(f) Co M

(g) H&S Co (-)(Reinf)

(3) All infantry companies:

(a) Establish company patrol bases on objectives and conduct S/D patrols in area.

(b) Be prepared to host H&S Co (-)(Reinf)

(c) Be prepared to furnish labor support for construction of LZ's.

- (4) PL BLUE from XD794662 to XD792667 to XD790670.
- (5) Thrust points effective 231200H Oct 68.
- (6) Sit Reps at USMC - 1 hour.
- (7) Hand held riot agents are authorized.
- (8) Due to possibly adverse weather conditions, be prepared for time delays.
- (9) Fire Missions and fire planning will be coordinated through normal conduct of fire and liaison channels.
- (10) All targets within 500 meters of Battalion Boundaries and 1,000 meters of Regimental Boundaries will be sent to 3d Marines FSCC for clearance.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Prescribed Loads

(1) Class I

- (a) 1 DOS MCI and water.
- (b) IRPR (Assault units only) six per individual (with 4 trioxane per package). To be used only when weather conditions do not permit delivery of MCI's. IRPR will only be used at a rate of one package per individual daily.
- (c) 5 DOS MCI, water trailer at FSB CATAPULT.

(2) Class II

- (a) 2 bottles insect repellent
- (b) 2 bottles halazone
- (c) 6 tubes foot ointment
- (d) 4 weeks supply malaria tabs (daily and weekly)
- (e) 50 salt tabs
- (f) rain suit and poncho
- (g) 1 can foot powder

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(h) communicators, 60mm and 81mm personnel carry pack boards, all others light marching packs

(i) 1 bottle aspirin

(j) 2 battle dressings

(k) 3 canteens and 1 canteen cup

(l) normal arms and equipment

(m) 3 pair socks

(3) Class V

(a) BA of ammunition (assault units)

(b) 1 lb block of C-4

(c) BA plus 2 DOA at FSB CATAPULT

b. Control and Distribution

(1) VCB - Classes I, II, III, and V.

(2) 3 DOS IRPR and 1 DOS MCI will be staged at both VCB and CAMP CARROLL.

(3) CAMP CARROLL - Classes I, II, III, and V.

c. Resupply

(1) Helicopter from VCB or CAMP CARROLL for assault and FSB CATAPULT.

d. Miscellaneous

(1) 300 feet of nylon rope will be carried by each company.

(2) 2 axes per company, 3 machetes per platoon, each company carry files.

e. Motor Transportation

(1) One jeep with trailer will be maintained at VCB.

(2) Motor pool at CAMP CARROLL will be under the control of the Headquarters Commandant.

f. Evacuation and Hospitalization

(1) Medical evacuation will be accomplished by helicopter

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when possible. If helicopters are not available, nylon stretchers will be utilized for litter patients.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS

a. Radio

- (1) The Command Group will have six radios and operators, three functional and three spare.
- (2) A relay will be established at LZ CATAPULT call sign CE RELAY to ensure communications between the battalion and CAMP CARROLL. Regiment will provide a relay for the COF and the Regimental TACP. Battalion will provide relay for Battalion TAC and Regimental TAC I.
- (3) All radio operators will carry 2 spare BA-386's and water proofing equipment.
- (4) On D Day the Command Group call sign will be CE. CAMP CARROLL will become CE X-RAY, and will monitor the Battalion Admin Net.
- (5) The Command Group will carry a field expediant 292.
- (6) Seven days of shackles will be carried initially.
- (7) Frequencies:

Bn TAC	59.70	M-563
Bn Admin	44.15	M-424
Reg TACP	48.80	M-504
Artillery	46.55	M-482
81 COF	60.60	M-426
Co I	66.85	M-919
Co K	73.25	M-230
Co L	55.95	M-647
Co M	58.40	M-1213

b. Wire

- (1) Eight wire men will move with the Command Group. The CP will be wired internally and externally with Rifle Companies.
- (2) The following sections will carry one TA-312.
 - (a) All rifle companies
 - (b) S-2
 - (c) TACP
 - (d) Artillery
 - (e) 81mm Mortars
 - (f) Communications plt

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c. TACP

- (1) Three PRC-93's will be carried by the TACP along with one SST-122 KU transponder and two power supplies, BB-451. The UHF frequency is 250.1

d. Thrust Points:

FOOTBALL TEAMS	7864	HOLIDAYS	9059
COUNTRIES	8162	PRESIDENTS	0558
ACTRESSES	7761	ACTORS	7657
OFFICER RANK	9860	TREES	9756

e. Command Post

- (1) Battalion CP will be at XD805675.
 (2) Companies report when established.

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 Scout Dog Team, 3d MP Bn

Co I

Lt W. HEINECKE

FO Tm 81mm Mortar Plt
 FO Tm Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
 Scout Dog Team, 3d MP Bn
 Detachment TACP
 Detachment Comm Plt

Co K

Lt W. HOLDRIDGE

FO Tm 81mm Mortar Plt
 FO Tm Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
 Scout Dog Team, 3d MP Bn
 Detachment TACP
 Detachment Comm Plt
 Scout-sniper Tm, 3d Mar

Co L

Capt W. GRAY

FO Tm 81mm Mortar Plt
 FO Tm Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
 Scout Dog Team, 3d MP Bn
 Detachment TACP
 Detachment Comm Plt
 Scout-sniper Tm, 3d Mar

Co M

Capt B. J. WILLIAMSON

FO Tm 81mm Mortar Plt
 FO Tm Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
 Scout Dog Team, 3d MP Bn
 Detachment TACP
 Detachment Comm Plt
 Sqd Eng, 3d Plt, Co B, 3d Eng Bn

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Co A, 1st Bn, 3d Marines

Capt C Davis

FO Tm Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Mar

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 1-68

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Time Zone: H

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

- a. The area to the west of the 86th grid line has been occupied to a very limited extent by friendly forces. Trails indicated on Appendix (1) are the result of a limited Reconnaissance effort combined with aerial observers and aerial photo read-outs. This trail overlay is not complete; heavy canopy precludes decisive estimates. A POW captured on 11 October is from the 57th Regt. of the 304th Div., one of the units involved in the KHE SANH seige. The POW indicated that LANG HO (XD774567) is a storage area and also stated that rice caches and aid stations are located in the area to the west. See Appendix (1) for bunker complexes, etc.

2. TERRAIN

- a. The area in our new AO is essentially virgin country. With the exception of the northeastern portion of our AO, friendly intelligence has been minimal. The terrain is extremely steep, inclined to be slick and resistant to ground movement during the wet season. The terrain will likely be rocky, necessitating extremely sure footing. There will be numerous cross compartments and streams not indicated on the map. Streams are likely to be unfordable. Deep draws will hamper communications.

3. WEATHER

- a. Weather during the upcoming operation to the west will make resupply, medevacs, and stream fording difficult and even hazardous. Carrying wounded or sick personnel will slow down movement considerably. November is the transitional month between the Southwest and Northwest monsoons. Approximately 15-20 days per month will receive heavy rains which will inundate ordinarily trafficable regions.

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APPENDIXES:

1-Enemy Situation Overlay

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Annex D (Air) to Operation Order 1-68

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Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

The subject operation is to be conducted during the period of the southwest monsoon characterized by heavy rains, low ceilings, poor visibility, in extremely mountainous terrain.

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence) and intelligence summaries as issued.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Marine Aircraft Group 39 (Helicopter Transport and TACA) to revert on order to 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and provide logistical and tactical lift for 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

2. PROCEDURES

- a. Airstrikes within FSCL must be under positive control of TACP, TAC (a) or ASRT.
- b. Coordination of supporting fires. See Operation Order.
- c. Mark targets for airstrikes with white phosphorus if possible.
- d. Display panels and/or pencil flares for marking front lines prior to calling in airstrikes.
- e. Use local target designator grid for all close air support missions in areas covered by that grid. Use UTM for other areas.
- f. Submit preplanned missions requests prior to 1100 daily.
- g. Helicopter landing areas at objectives. C-COMET, B-DOMINO, 4-BLUEBERRY. Annex C (Operation Overlay)

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- h. Helicopters will be guided into landing zones under positive, direct radio communications assisted by a helicopter support team whenever possible.
- i. Helicopter landing areas will be marked by colored smoke, air panels, and signal mirrors during daylight and by strobe lights, pencil flares, flashlights, and hand held star clusters during darkness and cloudy conditions.
- j. Aflaeship will be required to be on station during all night operations and missions.

3. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS

- a. See Battalion Operation Order 1-68
- b. Control Agencies Ashore
- (1) 3d Marines Regimental FSCC
 - (2) VANDEGRIFT DASC
 - (3) DONG HA DASC

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BATTALION FRAG ORDER 25-68

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Time Zone: Hotel

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces: No change.
- b. Friendly Forces: No change.
- c. Attachments and Detachments:

(1) OPCON

(a) Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines as of "C" time.

2. MISSION: No Change.3. EXECUTION

- a. Company L, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines to conduct water and foot march to PSB Pete to relieve Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

(1) Conduct foot march to Khe Gio Bridge to arrive by John minus one time.

(2) Shuttle by weasel from Khe Gio Bridge to PSB Pete.

(3) Relieve Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines as security force for PSB Pete.

- b. Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines

(1) Provide vehicles at the Khe Gio Bridge to shuttle Company L, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines by Uniform plus 3 hr 45 min time.

(2) Provide security of vehicles for first shuttle run.

(3) Be prepared to conduct a helilift at Sierra time to a position to be designated by 2d Battalion, 3d Marines

- c. Company I, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines to provide security for vehicles from Khe Gio Bridge and return.

- d. Other companies of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines: No change.

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e. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Relief to be a contact relief.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: No Change.5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION/ELECTRONICS

a. Command

- (1) Company F, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines JHCP OPSON to 2d Battalion, 3d Marines upon lift.

- (2) Cancel Battalion Frag Order 24-03.

b. Communication/Electronics: No change.

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BATTALION FRAG ORDER 26-68

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Time Zone: Hotel

1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces See Current Intsums.b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 3d Marines continue search and destroy operations to the north and west in AO and maintain security for TSL, Camp Carroll, Dong Ha Mtn OP, Route #9 sweep teams and Camp Carroll to Dong Ha convoy.
- (2) 1st Bn, 3d Marines continue search and destroy operations toward objective #5.
- (3) 2d Bn, 3d Marines continue search of trail complex to the west.
- (4) 2d Bn, 26th Marines continue present mission.
- (5) Artillery
 - (a) 1st Bn, 12th Mar D/S 3d Marines.
 - (b) 4th Bn, 12th Mar G/S 3d Mar Div
 - (c) 8 inch Gun Plt G/S 3d Mar Div
- (6) Dusters in direct support at Camp Carroll and Khe Gio Bridge
- (7) Eng sweep teams, 3d Plt, Co "B", 3d Eng Bn D/S at Camp Carroll and Khe Gio Bridge.
- (8) Counter Battery team 12th Mar D/S at Dong Ha Mtn OP.
- (9) Scout sniper team, 3d Mar D/S Dong Ha Mtn OP.
- (10) RR team, 3d Mar Div D/S at Dong Ha Mtn OP.
- (11) Radio Intercept team D/S at Dong Ha Mtn OP.

c. Attachments and Detachments

- (1) OPCON
 - (a) Co "K", 3/9 as of 081600 Oct 68.
 - (b) 3d Plt, Co "B", 3d Eng as of lift from FSB Catapult.
- (2) Drops
 - (a) Co "M", 3/3 OPCON to 2/3 as of helolift from TSL.

2. MISSION

To provide security for FSB's Pete and Winchester, Dong Ha Mtn OP, Khe Gio Bridge, Checkpoint #59, CB's and Dong Ha Mtn OP.

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(a) One (1) rifle company will provide security for each FSB; one (1) company will provide security for Camp Carroll and one (1) company will provide security for checkpoint #59 and Dong Ha Mtn OP.

(b) Co "I", 3/3

(1) When relieved of Khe Gio Bridge and checkpoint #59 at 1500 on D Day-1, return to Camp Carroll.

(2) When relieved of Dong Ha Mtn OP at 0830 on D Day return to Camp Carroll.

(3) At 1100 on D Day, helilift to FSB Winchester and relieve Co K 3/9 in place.

(4) Assume security for FSB Winchester.

(c) Co K, 3/3

(1) Assume responsibility for Khe Gio Bridge and Checkpoint #59 at 1500 on D Day-1.

(2) Begin helilift to Dong Ha Mtn OP at 0830 on D Day.

(3) Assume responsibility for Dong Ha Mtn OP security upon arrival.

(4) Assume responsibility for Khe Gio Bridge security upon arrival.

(5) Provide security for sweep team from KGB to access route from Camp Carroll and security for sweep team from Khe Gio Bridge to YD 002566, where sweep team will meet sweep team from TSL.

(6) Keep all civilians east of checkpoint #59.

(d) CoM, 3/3

(1) Be prepared to helilift to FSB Catapult XD827616 at 0730 on D Day.

(2) OPCON to 2d Bn, 3d Marines.

(e) Co L, 3/3

(1) Continue security for FSB Pete.

(f) Co K, 3/9

(1) Provide security for Camp Carroll, for road sweeps from Camp Carroll to checkpoint #59, for the Dong Ha-Camp Carroll convoy and for CB's along Route #9.

(2) Be prepared to provide Sparrow Hawk Plt

(g) H&S Co, 3/3

(1) Section of 81's attached to Dong Ha Mtn OP.

(2) Section of 106's to Dong Ha Mtn Op, and Khe Gio Bridge.

(3) Take over base defense coordination at 1500 on D Day until relieved by Co K, 3/9

(h) Coordinating Instruction

(1) Rifle company commanders in charge of security and maintenance of FSB's.

(2) D Day-9 Oct 1968

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(3) At least one (1) daytime partrol and one (1) night ambush per company.

(4) Hand held riot control agents authorized.

(5) Boundary between Greek Money and Coming Event from John Wayne R 3.4, U 0.6 to R 3.0, U 0.7. West along the Cam Lo River to the XD 854622, then south along the 85 grid line to 518 EW grid then SE along Tien Hien River to XD 922524. Down stream heading generally south to Hil #492.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS(a) Supply(1) Class I

(a) FSB's maintain 3 days of supply.

(b) Each FSB will have one (1) water buffalo.

(2) Class II

(a) Normal except maintain one (1) RC/292 antenna at each company position.

(3) Class III; Normal(4) Class IV

(a) 60 water cans at each FSB.

(5) Class V

(a) Maintain one (1) extra BA at each FSB.

(b) Resupply

(1) All FSB's resupplied thru VCB

(2) Co Cmdrs will be responsible for distribution of all resupply w/ exception of Class V artillery ammo.

(3) Resupply of Class I and V will be effected by the artillery units involved at each FSB.

(c) Motor Transport

(1) Company at Camp Carroll will draw one (1) jeep and trailer, and 2 mules from parent unit.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION/ELECTRONICS(a) Comm/Elec(1) Command nets

(a) Bn Tac 59.70

(b) Bn Admin 44.15

(c) 2-4 (Arty) 57.15

(d) 1-4 (Air) 35.70

(2) All Co's will have a 292 up.

(a) Day activities to 3/3 COC by 0600

(b) Night activities to 3/3 COC by 1600

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(3) Thrust Points
Magazines 9970
Trees 9868
Enlisted Ranks 0067
Universities 8565
Presidents 9862
Actors 9060
Countries 9957
Beers 0455
Actresses 8366

(b) Bn CP at Camp Carroll, Kilo CP at Camp Carroll, Lima
CP at XD 976589, India CP at XD 905594, and Kilo 3/9 at Camp Carroll.

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BATTALION FRAG ORDER 27-68

Ref: (a) ORDER 55-68
(b) Bn OPERATION ORDER 26-68

Time Zone : Hotel

1. SITUATION

- a. See current Intsums.
- b. FRIENDLY FORCES
 - (1) 3d Bn, 3d Marines chop OPCON Co K, 3d Bn, 9th Marines to 3d Marines.
 - (2) 3d Bn, 3d Marines assume OPCON Co D from 4th Marines.

2. MISSION

- a. Battalion to continue present mission.

3. EXECUTION

- a. 3d Bn, 3d Marines assume OPCON of Co D from 4th Marines upon arrival at Camp Carroll and chop OPCON of Co K, 3d Bn, 9th Marines to 3d MarDiv.
- b. Co K, 3d Bn, 9th Marines relieved of present mission upon arrival of Co D, 4th Marines.
- c. Co D, 4th Marines
 - (1) Assume mission assigned Co K, 3d Bn, 9th Marines by Ref (b) upon arrival at Camp Carroll.

4. ADMINISTRATION/LOGISTICS

- a. No change.

5. COMMAND/COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS

- a. Co I, K, L, no change.
- b. Co , 4th Marines come upon Bn Tac on arrival at Camp Carroll.
 - (1) Bn Tac 59.70
 - (2) Bn Admin 44.15

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 (c) Battalion Operation Order 1-68

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence) of Bn Operation Order 1-68
- (2) Current INTSUMS

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) No change

c. Attachments and Detachments

- (1) No change except Plt, Co C, 3d Recon Bn attached.

2. MISSION

3d Bn, 3d Marines conducts S/D operations along AXIS RED and seizes and destroys installations in vicinity of Division Objective 1.

3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operations

- (1) To land at LZ CATAPULT and seize objectives A, B, C, D on a 3-company front, with one company acting as rear guard and one recon platoon screening the eastern flank of AXIS RED.

b. Co I

- (1) Upon landing at FSB CATAPULT, move to seize objective C.
- (2) Be prepared to assist in securing objective B.

c. Co K

- (1) Upon landing, move to seize objective A.
- (2) Be prepared to assist in securing objective D.

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- d. Co L
 - (1) Upon landing be prepared to advance along the low ground to secure objective B.
 - (2) Be prepared to assist in securing objective C or A.
- e. Co M
 - (1) Upon landing be prepared to act as rear guard for the Bn.
 - (2) Be prepared to assist in or assume the mission for the seizure of objective A, B, C, or D.
 - (3) Be prepared to follow in trace of CP Group as they move west in trace of Co L.
- f. H&S Co (-) (Reinf)
 - (1) 81mm Mortar Plt
 - (a) Upon landing establish firing positions to provide support to the west and southwest.
 - (b) Be prepared to displace west on order.
 - (2) 3d Plt, Co B, 3d Eng Bn
 - (a) Construct IZ on objective B.
 - (3) Provide security for 81mm Mortar Plt and CP Group.
- g. Recon Plt, Co C, 3d Recon Bn
 - (1) Be prepared to lift to FSB CATAPULT at 221430H.
 - (2) Provide recon patrols in the vicinity of FSB CATAPULT to determine enemy disposition and routes of advance for the Bn.
 - (3) Be prepared to move on order to seize objective D and screen the eastern flank as Bn moves along AXIS RED. to secure Division Objective 1.
 - (4) Move east of 82.5 grid line only on order.
- h. Co A, 1st Bn, 3d Marines
 - (1) Continue mission of security of FSB CATAPULT
- i. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Effective 230800H, commence landing in FSB CATAPULT in following order.
 - (a) Recon Plt, Co C, 3d Recon Bn
 - (b) Co I
 - (c) CP Group
 - (d) Co K
 - (e) 81mm Mortar Plt
 - (f) Co L
 - (g) Co M
 - (h) H&S Co (-) (Reinf)

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- (2) Co I and Co K precede Co L on high ground on Co L's flanks.
- (3) All assault companies
 - (a) Establish company patrol bases on objectives and conduct S/D patrols in area.
 - (b) Be prepared to host H&S Co (-) (Reinf).
 - (c) Be prepared to furnish labor support for construction of LZ's.
- (4) Thrust points effective 232100H Oct 68.
- (5) Sit Reps at USMC -1 hour.
- (6) Pos Rep every 2 hours when moving.
- (7) Hand held riot agents are authorized.
- (8) Due to possible adverse weather conditions, be prepared for time delays.
- (9) Fire missions and fire planning will be coordinated through normal conduct of fire and liaison channels.
- (10) All targets within 500 meters of Bn Boundries and 1000 meters of Regt Boundries will be sent to 3d Marines FSOC for clearance.
- (11) Obj A XD801599
 Obj B XD798613
 Obj C XD792622
 Obj D XD808584

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. No change

5. COMMAND/COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS

- a. No change except:
 - (1) Radio
 - H&S Co 61.95 M-962
 - Recon Intern 61.95 M-962

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