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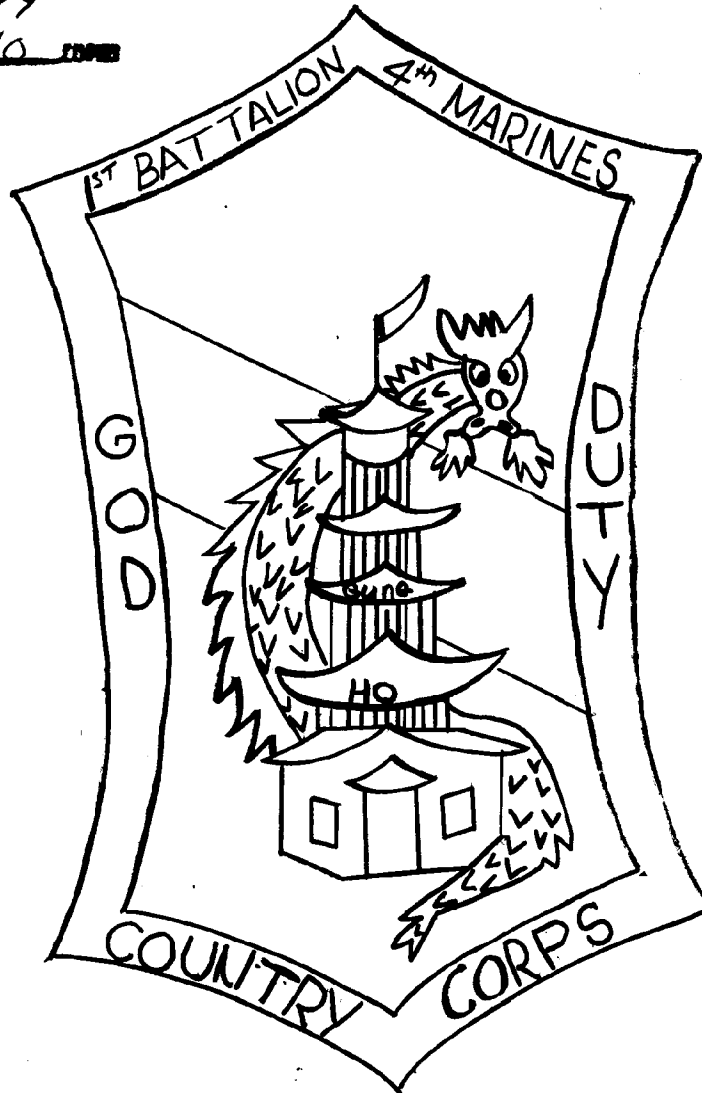
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1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c), enclosure (1) is submitted.

2. This letter of transmittal is declassified upon removal of enclosure (1).

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December to 31 December 1968

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## PART 1

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDERDATE

1st Battalion, 4th Marines	LtCol G. T. Sargent	1-31 Dec
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SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	1stLt G. H. BROUILLETTE	1-31 Dec
Company A	Capt K. S. RUSSOM	1-31 Dec
Company B	Capt G. A. FRY	1-31 Dec
Company C	1stLt J. E. HERRON	1-31 Dec
Company D	Capt A. E. SOMMERS	1-31 Dec
	1stLt J. GYPIN Jr.	4-31 Dec

ATTACHED UNITS

Det, Co H&S, 3rd MP Bn (Scout Dogs)  
 Det, Co B, 3rd Sp Bn (EST Team)  
 Det, Co A, 3rd Engr Bn

2. LOCATION

Battalion CP	1-10 Dec	FSB Argonne RVN (XD 676575)
	11-14 Dec	FSB Alpine RVN (XD 756530)
	15 Dec	Vandegrift Combat Base RVN
	16-23 Dec	Cam Lo Refugee Village RVN (YD 103576)
	24-26 Dec	Cua Viet RVN (YD 342702)
	27 Dec	Vandegrift Combat Base RVN
	28-31 Dec	(XD 873532)
Battalion Rear	1-31 Dec	Quang Tri Combat Base RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major K. D. HYSLOP	1-31 Dec
S-1/Adjutant	1stLt J. H. ALLEN	1-31 Dec
S-2	2ndLt G. W. JACOBSON	1-29 Dec
	SSgt P. T. STARRETT	30-31 Dec
S-3	Major H. E. PIERPAN	1-31 Dec
Asst S-3	1stLt J. L. MCINTIRE	1-31 Dec

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Asst S-3 ALO  
Asst S-3 FAC  
Artillery Officer  
S-4  
Asst S-4  
Comm Officer

MT Officer  
Supply Officer  
Battalion Chaplin  
Battalion Surgeon

Capt G. H. ROBINSON  
1stLt W. J. KEOUGH  
2ndLt M. R. CARTER  
1stLt H. R. MORRIS JR.  
1stLt K. J. DELINO  
1stLt T. J. FLANNAGHAN  
1stLt R. P. BROUGHAN  
1stLt J. E. BAUMAN  
2ndLt. R. A. STOTZ  
Lt W. B. TURNER, USNR  
Lt. E. G. KELLY, USNR  
Lt J. F. SCHEUFFLER, USNR

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4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the initial seven days of the month of December the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines was located at (FSB) Fire Support Bases Argonne and Alpine. The mission of the Battalion remained unchanged from that of the end of November, which was to provide security for the Artillery units located at the fire support bases and to conduct search and destroy operations North and East of FSB Argonne and North of FSB Alpine. In order to accomplish this mission, Companies "A" and "B" were tasked as fire support base security and located at FSB Alpine and FSB Argonne respectively, while Companies "C" and "D" were tasked for the search and destroy operations.

On 5 December a new mission was assigned the Battalion. This was to develop hill 1103 at Grid XD 825577 into a new Fire Support Base, close Fire Support Base Argonne, and, when the new FSB was developed enough to establish artillery on it, to close FSB Alpine, and to have the Bn. helolifted back to Vandegrift Combat Base (VCB) for further operations. All search and destroy operations were terminated. In order to accomplish this "C" Co. was assigned the task of developing the new FSB (NEVILLE). The Company arrived on FSB Neville on 7 December, and began constructing the landing zone preparatory to constructing the FSB itself.

On 8 December, Company "D" was helolifted to Thon Son Lam (Rockpile) to assume perimeter security thereat under the OPCON of 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines. All search and destroy operations were terminated at this time.

On 10 December, FSB Neville was developed to the state of being able to position 107MM Mortars on it. The Artillery and Infantry units located at FSB Argonne were helolifted to other Fire Support Bases in the Bn. AO. Battery "W" (-) 3/12 and elements of Co. "H&S" (-) were helolifted to FSB Neville, where the y and Co. "C" were later joined on the same day by Bravo Command Group from Vandegrift Combat Base.

Battery "I" (-) 3/12 and Company "B" were helolifted to FSB Gurkha, reopening this fire support base temporarily in order to support FSB Alpine. Following this Company "H&S" (-) were helolifted to FSB Alpine. FSB Argonne was then closed.

On 12 December, FSB Neville was developed to a state of being capable of positioning a 105MM howitzer battery on it. This enabled the Bn. to close both FSB and Gurkha. ~~and FSB Alpine~~. Battery "T", 3/41 (155MM) was helolifted from FSB Alpine to VCB on the same day.

On 14 December, the closing of FSB Gurkha and FSB Alpine was completed. Battery "G", 3/12 was helolifted from FSB Alpine to FSB Neville. Battery "I" (-) was helolifted from FSB Gurkha to FSB Fuller, and Co. "B" was helolifted from FSB Gurkha to VCB. FSB Gurkha was closed. Following these lifts, Alpha Command Group and Company "A" were helolifted from FSB Alpine to VCB, completing the closing of FSB Alpine.

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On the same day, the battalion, less Bravo Command Group, Companies "C" and "D" and elements of company "H&S" (-) at FSB Neville, was changed to the OPCON of Task Force Bravo from 4th Marines. A new mission was assigned the battalion. This was to participate as a cordon force in a cordon and search of Cam Lo Refugee Village in conjunction with elements of 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Tank Battalion, and 2nd ARVN Regiment.

On 15 December, a deceptive plan was initiated. Company "B" was helo-lifted to the Mai Loc TAOR to patrol the northern boundary and, on order, to proceed north to Cam Lo Refugee Village to form its portion of the cordon. Alpha Command Group with Companies "A" and "H&S" (-) went to Carroll by motor transport from VCB. Later they were joined by a Provisional Rifle Company from 3rd Marine Division which became OPCON to 1st Battalion, 4th Marines. The same evening the battalion departed both its assembly areas at 1900H and completed its portion of the cordon at 2320H that same evening.

The following day the provisional Rifle Company was changed back to the OPCON of 3rd Marine Division when Company "D" arrived from Thon Son Lam by motor transport to relieve it on the cordon. On 17 December, two Platoons and the Command Group of Company "C" (-) was helolifted from FSB Neville to the Battalion's position at Cam Lo. Once arrived, the company came under the OPCON of the battalion and assumed a position on the cordon.

The cordon remained in place until 22 December, when Task Force Bravo ordered it removed. That same day Company "B" was helolifted to Cua Viet and came under the OPCON of the 1st Antrac Battalion. Companies "A" and "C" (-) moved to their assigned positions in the terrain to the south and west of Cam Lo Refugee Village.

On 23 December, the battalion was transported by watercraft and motor transport to the Cua Viet Rehabilitation Center, there assuming OPCON of Company "B" on the same date, erected on the Cua Viet River estuary, its mission to provide three days of "R&R" for infantry battalions on a rotational basis. It was a welcome break for the battalion, especially so over Christmas.

On 26 December, two platoons of Company "A" and two sections of the 81mm mortar platoon of Company "H&S" (-) were helilifted to FSB Russell and FSB Mack, relieving the elements of 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines located there. The same day the remainder of the battalion was moved by water-borne craft and motor transport from Cua Viet to VCB, coming under the OPCON of 4th Marines once again.

The following day a platoon and headquarters group of Company "A" was helilifted to FSB Neville, relieving Bravo Command Group and a platoon of Company "C". Both latter units returned to VCB, coming under the OPCON of the battalion once again.

On 28 December, 1st Battalion, 4th Marines was helolifted on a search and destroy operation west-northwest of Thon Son Lam. At the end of the month the battalion was continuing this mission, finding numerous supplies and ammunition caches.

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On two occasions during the Month of December members of the Battalion rear were temporarily with the Provisional Rifle Company from QTCB. The first instance was when seventeen personnel were with this Company from 15-17 December during the Cam Lo Gordon and Search. The second was when Twelve personnel and one Officer, were the Company when it was assigned as perimeter security at Camp Carroll from 18-28 December

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

## a. Fourth Marines Frag Order ( Operation SCOTLAND II )

## (1) At fire Support Bases (FSB) Argonne and Alpine

- (a) Defend FSB Argonne and FSB Alpine
- (b) Commence clearing LZ preparatory to constructing FSB Alpine
- (c) Conduct extensive patrolling from FSB Argonne and FSB Alpine
- (d) Conduct search and destroy operations in designated AO

## (2) At Fire Support Bases (FSB) Alpine, Gurkha, and Neville

- (a) Defend FSB Alpine, FSB Gurkha, and FSB Neville
- (b) Continue development of FSB Neville
- (c) Conduct extensive patrolling from FSB Alpine, FSB Gurkha, and FSB Neville

## b. Conducted assigned mission in accordance with Task Force Bravo Operation Order 2-68 of 14 December 1968 (Operation KENTUCKY)

## c. Conducted assigned mission in accordance with Fourth Marines Operation Plan 11-68 (Operation SCOTLAND II)

2. OPERATIONS

01 Dec At 0825H, Battalion S-2 took coordination by intersection on a suspected enemy AAA site in Loas. Grid was XD 54495215. Observed fire and reported to Regiment.

At 0940H, BGen GARRETTSON and Col SEXTON arrived at FSB Argonne. They departed at 1015H.

02 Dec At 0730H, 1st Plt, Co "A" was helolifted to USS NEW JERSEY for R&R

At 1130H, while approaching Co "K" 3/4 position at Grid XD 765584 to land engineers for Co "C" and Co "D", a UH-34 helicopter was too low and had insufficient power to clear trees. Resulting crash injured crew members and passengers. Co "K" personnel extracted injured from helicopter and med-evacuated them. Conducted search of area for more personnel and supplies. Investigating team from 4th Marines arrived at approximately 1545H, salvaged reusable material, and

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destroyed remains of helicopter. Co. "K" afterwards proceeded south toward new positions.

03 Dec At 1045H, MajGen Davis, BGeb Garretson, and Columnist J. Alsop arrived at FSB Argonne. They departed at 1100H.

At 1130H, Co "K" 3/4 changed OPCON from 1/4 to 3/4.

(Ref: CO 4th Marines 011111Z/Dec68 (S))

At 1145H, an FO from Co. "B" observed an AO relieving automatic fire. One NVA was observed in the vicinity. Called fire mission on NVA with good coverage of the target area. Results unknown.

At 2020H, Battalion S-2 on fire support base Argonne observed possible AAA fire at a direction of 3600 mills. Time from flash to bang was 53 seconds. Attempted intersection. Observed and reported to Regiment.

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04 Dec At 1230H, Co. "C" found at Grid XD 772537, 3 living huts, 3' by 5', 100 82MM Mortar rounds, 25 Cans of fuzes, 25 cans of increments, and one cooking fire. Destroyed all gear in place.

At 1300H, Battalion S-2 observed AAA fire from Laos. Intersection was obtained placing it at Grid XD 62154728. Observed and reported to Regiment.

At 1400H, Battalion 300 at FSB Argonne was closed and helolifted to FSB Alpine, reopening there upon completion of helolift at 1420H.

At 1530H, 1st Plt., Co. "A" returned to FSB Alpine from USS NEW JERSEY.

06 Dec At 0900H, Co. "D" at grid XD 764566 found 4 bunkers approximately 1 month old, and some fighting holes. Also found 2 old and rusty U. S. entrenching tools. Destroyed bunkers and E-tools and continued mission.

At 0915H, Co. "D" found at Grid XD 763565, 1 Chi-Com mine, 3U. S. Ponchos, 51 lbs of rice, and 3 NVA entrenching tools. Destroyed gear and continued mission.

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At 1430H, BGen GARRETSON, and Col SEXTON, and party arrived at FSB Alpine. They departed at 1500H.

07 Dec At 1000H, leading elements of Co. "C" found at Grid XD 811575 a village which was believed to be an NVA Comm Center. Village was approximately 5 months old, consisting of 1 living hut 8' by 6' with stove and approximately 30 sleeping areas. In village was found 1 roll of comm wire, and 6 AK-47 magazines. Also, 2 trails lead in a northeast direction and 1 trail lead south from village. Destroyed village and gear.

At 1400H, Co. "C" arrived at FSB Neville.

08 Dec At 0835H, Co. "D" helifted to TSL (Rockpile). Lift was completed at 0910H and at same DTG Co. "D" changed OPCON to 3/4.

(Ref: CO 4th Mar 072040 Z/Dec 68) (S)

At 1345H, a Co. "B" patrol at Grid XD 668573 found burned NVA utilities, 1 magazine pouch and fresh footprints approximately 1 day old. Also found 1 dead NVA approximately 10 days old at Grid XD 668578.

At 1400H, Btry "G" 3/12 advance party arrived at FSB Neville.

09 Dec At 1700H, a Co. "B" patrol at Grid XD 677580 found 10 sleeping huts approximately 1 month old. Also fresh tracks of 3-4 NVA approximately 24 hours old with water buffalo tracks and manure.

10 Dec At 0855H, Btry "I" (\*) 3/12, Btry "W" (-) 3/12, Co "H&S" (-) and Bravo Command Groups helolifts commenced.

At 0910H, Btry "I" (-) 3/12 and Co. "B" helolifts were completed. FSB Gurkha opened.

At 1230H, a Co. "C" patrol at Grid XD 822581 found a village consisting of 10 living huts, found 1 table, 5 fireplaces, 2 ChiCom grenades. Also found 1 trail leading North, connecting with three others at an intersection. This intersection was a tree with the numbers "16" and "9" underneath it., and also an arrow inscribed on the tree pointing to the village. Village appeared to be a month old. Destroyed village by hand.

At 1540H, helolift of Btry "W" (-) 3/12 to FSB Neville

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was completed. Helolift of Co. "H&S" (-) to FSB Alpine was completed. FSB Argonne closed.

At 1655H, helolift of Bravo Command Group to FSB Neville was Completed.

12 Dec At 1000H, a Co "C" patrol at Grid XD 816579 found an NVA platoon size bivouac area approximately 1 month old. Also found 2 leanto's, 8 fireplaces, 1 letter, 1 bottle of penicillin, 1 cannister with small bamboo sticks, a knife with "B.A.M." carved in the handle and 1 plastic bag. Searched out area with negative results.

At 1020, helolift of Btry "T", 1/11 (155mm) commenced.

At 1130H, Co "C" patrol at Grid XD 817580 found an NVA Company size bivouac area approximately 2-3 weeks old. In area were 4 leanto's, 12 AK magazines, assorted belts and buckles, 782 gear, assorted medicines, 1 letter and empty rice bags. Searched area with negative results.

At 1400H, helolift of Btry "T" was completed.

13 Dec At 1130H, Col SEXTON arrived at FSB Alpine. He departed at 1145H.

At 1550H, BGen GARRETSON arrived at FSB Alpine. and he departed at 1605H.

14 Dec At 0900H, helolift of Btry "G", 3/12 from FSB Alpine to FSB Neville commenced

At 1110H, helolift of Btry "I" (-), 3/12 from FSB Gurkha to FSB Fuller commenced.

At 1205H, helolift of Btry "I", (-) completed. Helolift of Co "B" from FSB Gurkha to VCB commenced.

At 1530H, helolift of Co "B" to VCB completed. FSB Gurkha Closed. Helolift of Btry "G" to FSB Neville completed. Helolift of Alpha Command Group, Co "H&S" (-) completed. CP at VCB opened.

At 1700H, helolift of Co "A" FSB Alpine to VCB commenced and completed at 1735H.

At 1900H, 1/4 (-) dropped OPCON to Task Force Bravo. Co "C" and Bravo Command Group dropped OPCON to 3/4.

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(Ref: CG 3rd MARDIV 141410Z/Dec68 (S)

15 Dec At 1445H, Co. "A" and Cp group left VCB for Camp Carroll and arrived at 1550H.

At 1550H, Composite Company from Quang Tri chopped OPCON to 1/4 and designated Co. "Z".

(Ref: CG 3rd MARDIV 150040Z/Dec 68 (S)

At 1830H, Co. "A", Co. "Z" an CP group departed Camp Carroll for Cam Lo village and arrived at 2100H. Cordon was as follows: Co. "A" from Grid XD 099576 to 099584; Co. "Z" from Grid XD 103567 to 099576, Co. "B" from Grid XD 103567 to 116572 with the CP located at Grid XD 095575.

16 Dec At 0915H, Co. "C" (-) 3rd Tank Bn. Chopped OPCON to 1/4.

(Ref: Task Force Bravo OpOrder 2-68 of 14 Dec 68) (S)

At 1230H, 3rd Plt, 1st Searchlight Btry Chopped OPCON to 1/4.

(Ref: Task Force Bravo OpOrder 2-68 of 14 Dec68) (S)

At 1400H, Col CLARK, CO. of Task Force Bravo Arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1420H.

At 1500H, Co. "D" chopped OPCON from 3/4 to 1/4 (-). Departed by vehicle from TSE to 1/4 position. Composite Co. "Z" chopped from 1/4 to 3rd Mar Div. Co. "D" arrived at 1640H and Co. "Z" departed for QTCB.

(Ref: CG 3rd MARDIV 170140Z/dec68 (S).

17 Dec At 1030H, Col CLARK, CO of Task Force Bravo arrived 1/4's position, he departed at 1045H.

At 1130H, helolift of Co. "C" (-) from FSB Neville commenced.

Bravo Command Group remained on Neville with the remaining platoon of Co. "C". Lift completed at 1200H.

(Ref: CG 3rd MARDIV 170516Z/Dec 68 (S)

18 Dec At 0845H, LtCol GREEN, XO Task Force Bravo, arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 0920H.

At 1040H, Col JOBE arrived 1/4's position and departed at 1055H.

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At 1605H, Co. "B" had a truck traveling north receive AK fire at Grid XD 119559. Three rounds hit the vehicle with no injuries. Two tanks with two fire teams each checked the area with negative results.

At 1610H, MajGen DRAKE, Deputy CG 24th Corps, arrived 1/4's position and departed at 1620H.

At 2100H, Co. "A"'s listening post spotted lights at Grid XD 103590, 093591. The lights were stationary, red in color, flashing 2 short and 1 long. Also observed 1 figure run into tree line, called tanks for high power lights, observed area with NOD's and fired an 81MM mission with negative results.

At 2100H, Co "A" spotted 1 man in black clothing at Grid XD 098577. When seen he jumped a fence and ran between two huts. Man did not have a weapon. Used high power lights to observe area with negative results.

19 Dec At 0815H, Co "B" spotted 1 NVA at Grid XD 105565 and called in an 81mm mission with negative results.

At 1400H, LtCol DELMONICO, Co 2/3, arrived 1/4's position and departed at 1430H.

At 1830H, Co "B" CP #1 spotted a small explosion on outskirts of village which sounded like a M-26. A three minute fire resulted in a hut. Citizens who had run away returned, reported to S-3 1/4.

20 Dec At 1215H, Col CLARK, Co Task Force Bravo, arrived 1/4's position and departed 1218H.

At 1310H, a crater analysis of 81mm mortar that landed in village previous night was conducted by artillery Liaison Officer, 2/Lt M. CARTER. Craters had been mutilated by indigenous personnel. No inner craters, fuze tunnels, or splinter grooves were present, making it impossible to analyze direction from which mortar rounds originated. When asked by interpreter, local populace pointed in direction of 0500 mils (north) as direction mortars originated.

21 Dec At 0800H, the breakup of cordon around Cam Lo Village commenced.

At 1000H, Co "C" (-) 3rd Tank Bn chopped back to parent unit from 1/4 (-).

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At 1000H, breakup of cordon complete. Co "A", "C", and "D" moving to assigned areas.

At 1100H, 3rd Plt, 1st Searchlight Btry chopped from 1/4 (-) to parent unit.

At 1220H, Helolift of Co. B to Cua Viet commenced. Lift completed at 1245H and Co. "B" chopped OPCON to 1st AMTRAC Bn.

23 Dec At 1050H, 1/4 (-) departs Cam Lo village for Cua Viet.

At 1230H, Co. "B" chopped back to 1/4 (-) from 1st Amtrac Bn.

At 1310H, 1/4 (-) arrives at Cua Viet.

24 Dec At 1000H, MajGen DAVIS, CO 3rd MARDIV, arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1035H.

26 Dec At 0900H, Co. "A" (-) helolifted from Grid XD 342702 to FSB's Russell and Mack.

At 0930H, 1/4 (-) departs Cua Viet for VCB.

At 1000H, Co. "A" (-) helolift to LZ Russell chopped OPCON to 3/4.

(Ref: CG 3rd MarDiv 260642Z Dec 68 (S))

At 1230H, 1/4 (-) chopped OPCON from Task Force Bravo to 4th Marines.

(Ref: CG 3rd MarDiv 260642Z Dec 68 (S)).

At 1315H, 1/4 (-) arrived at VCB.

28 Dec At 0600H, Co. "A" chopped to 1/4.  
At 1000H, Co. "C" helolift commenced, completed at 1100H.

At 1100H, Co. "D" lift commenced, at 1115H Command Group "A" lift commenced, lifts completed at 1150H.

At 1150H, Co. "B" lift commenced, completed at 1215H.

At 1515H, Co. "B" at Grid XD 879538 found a trail junction heading North, South, East and West. Nearby they found old bunker complex with recent signs of activity. Also, found 2 82MM rounds, 2 boxes .50 Cal. ammo and destroyed every thing.

At 1515H, Co. "C" at Grid XD 842547 found trail heading in a Southwest direction leading to an estimated Platoon size NVA bunker complex.

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Found 8 strong A-Frame bunkers, 8' by 4', made of dirt and logs. Bunkers estimated to be less than one week old. Also, found 1 piece of paper with writing resembling a formula and some frequencies. Also, 4 small buckets of rice, 1 destroyed NVA radio battery and a watering point were found. Bunkers were destroyed and Co. "C" continued to search out the area. At 1530H, Co. "C" at Grid XD 856545 found 3 NVA ammo bunkers already destroyed, 6' by 4' made of dirt and logs approximately 1 year old. Also found 8 82MM rounds, 50 rounds 12.7MM ammo.

At 1540H, Co. "H&S" (-) at Grid 872535 found 300 rounds of 12.7MM ammo kept in old U. S. type ammo boxes. Ammo held at Co. "H&S" area.

At 2200H, Co. "C" reported LP had movement and heard shouting outside their lines.

29 Dec

At 0935H, BGen GARRETTSON arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1000H.

At 1130H, MajGen DAVIS arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1145H.

At 1840H, Co. "C" at Grid XD 844558 found large NVA staging area and hospital made of logs and earth 10' by 10' by 6'. Also found messhall of earth and logs 15' by 10' by 25' with 4 stoves and living quarters in rear and 1 case of salt. Around the immediate area 15 fighting holes, 40 bunkers of logs and dirt 10' by 8' by 4' and 4 living huts with bunkers underneath 4' by 4' by 6'. The following medical supplies were found: 100 battle dressings, 10 bottles of saline 250cc each, 100 injectable streptomycin 5cc ampules each, 50 Morphine sulphate ampules 2cc each, 500 sulfonimides, 2000 pain relief tabs, 1000 anti-cathartic tabs, 100 methiolate bottles 250cc each, 10 bottles opium 5cc each, 25 bottles iodine crystals 100cc each, 10 I. V. needles, 2 bottles potassium permanganate 15cc each, 1 I. V. tube, 1500 bottles quinine tabs with 3 tabs each bottle and 30 histidine hexifluoride 2cc each ampule. Also in hospital found medical records and medical logs. Found 1 ammo bunker made of logs and dirt with 250 75MM RR rounds still in canisters, also 10 82MM rounds and 10 blocks NVA TNT, also found trails leading to the Northeast, East, West, and North. One NVA grave was found with markings giving the name of the man, 27th Bn., 1 Sep 68. Area believed to be one year old and showed signs of use less than 2 months ago. Co. "C" continued to check area and trails are believed to lead to more complexes.

30 Dec

At 0830H, Co. "D" at Grid XD 873524 found one AK-47 magazine

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in a warm campfire, checked out area with negative results.

At 0940H, Co. "C" at Grid XD 845561 patrol found 2 NVA bunker of logs and leaves 20' by 10'. Bunkers believed to be 4-5 months old. Patrol found the following gear stacked inside a bunker, 300 82MM rounds, 10 cases .50 Cal. ammo, 3 cases 82MM mortar fuzes and 30 60MM mortar rounds, patrol carried gear back to Co. "C" position.

At 0945H, Co "D" at grid XD 871524 found 2 RPG rounds, used medical supplies small tubes and bandages holding the RPG rounds

At 1130H, Col SEXTON arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1159H.

At 1158H, Co "C" found more gear in same area at 300945H, Count on gear 5-122 MM rockets, 2-122 rocket war heads, 500-82MM rounds, 100RPG rounds, 42 cans .50 cal ammo, 25 cases 61MM ammo with fuses, 30 cans 82MM fuzes, 120 rounds 81MM mortars, 14 boxes 7.62mm ammo, patrol is continuing search of area for more caches, working party taking gear to Company CP.

At 1310H, Co "D" at grid 865527 found 2 entrenching tools, 6 gas masks, 8 masks canisters, 3 batteries, 1 NVA mine, 1 detonator, 50 AK rounds, 1 AK magazine, 2 goggles, 5 RPG rounds, 1 shot shell 82MM, 1 U. S. Claymore mine, 133 assorted medical supplies, 2 helmets, 2 pouches, NVA earphones, 2 NVA AP mines, 1 can of cleaning fluid, Classroom 15'x10'x4'. All equipment held at position.

At 1420H, Col SEXTON arrived at 1/4s position and departed at 1430H.

At 1435H Lt. Gen Stiliwell arrived at 1/4's position with Maj. Gen Troung and departed at 1450H.

At 1630H, Co. "C" at grid XD 844556 found one empty grave with markings 8 sep 68. Also found fresh foot prints in the area, searched out area with negative results.

31 Dec At 1245H, Co. "C" at grid XD 844556 found three bunkers near river bed. Bunkers were under rocks, 6'x8'x10', following gear was found, net cover with various papers, and a diary, various bottles of pills scattered in the bunker, 4 anti-tank mines, 150 electric fuzes and numerous booby traps and demos, TNT, 3 gallons of rice, 50 utility shirts, 6 pair trousers, 2 NVA packs, 5 pair fairly new

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U. S. jungle boots, 6 AK magazine pouches, 6 cooking utensils, 1 steel pot. Patrol continued to search out the area for gear, and returned the gear to the Company CP.

At 1340H Col Sexton and Col. Goggin arrived at 1/4s position, they departed at 1400H.

At 1425H Co. "C" at grid XD 845558 patrol found 21 bunkers, approximately 3 months old, bunkers made of logs and dirt 6'x5'x3', the following gear was found. 1 122MM fuze, 20 AK rounds, 2-82MM mortar rounds, 5 RPG fuzes, various medical gear and 2-20 pound sacks of rice.

At 1800H Co. "B" at 887550 found 20 huts well constructed, also at grid 887549 were 40 huts of bamboo with a water bamboo pipeline, found 11-82MM rounds, 1AK 50 assault drum.

### 3. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY.

NAV/KIA	4
NVA/POW	0
VC/KIA	0
VC/POW	0

### 4. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES SUSTAINED.

KIA	0
WIA	0
Non hostile deaths	2
DOW	0
NBC	102
MIA	0

### 5. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED.

a. Techniques. The tactical advantage of using illumination to verify positions and connect physically with other units on Cordon operations.

b. Comment. 1st Battalion 4th Marines (-) had the success with this technique when it participated as a Cordon force in the isolation of Cam Lo Refugee Village in conjunction with elements of 2nd ARVN Regt. on the night of 15-16 December. In order to effect the maximum surprise on the village, widely separate assembly areas, approach routes, and release points were used.

As a result of inclement weather and poor natural illumination a major problem could have developed for all units in connecting physically with each other. However, on call illumination from a C-130 was provided for just such an event. Beginning at approximately 2130H, the C-130 dropped continuous illumination enabling all elements of the Multi-Battalion allied cordon force to identify and effect physical connection with each

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other in a period of approximately two hours from all release points.

(Ref: Task Force Bravo OpOrder 2-68 (S); S-3 1st Bn 4th Mar briefing notes (S).

#### 6. TRAINING.

a. In December, no training was held at Battalion level while little training was held at the Company level as a result of the tactical commitments. All Company level training was devoted to general military subjects.

b. All replacement personnel recieved indoctrination briefings in accordance with the Battalion SOP for replacement training. Each replacement also FAM fired his T/O weapon.

#### 7. FIRE SUPPORT.

a. Each Forward Observer Team entered December with experienced enlisted men and experienced Officers at their lead. Three of the four teams have performed adequately while Co. "C"s F. O. team has shown to be lacking in technique.

b. Through the month there was an acute radio shortage, making it difficult to split FO teams between Companies CP's and patrols. However, the last week of December the battery sent enough radios to the field to substantially reduce the problem. More radios are expected.

c. Timely fire support was seldom achieved because of lengthy clearances. This occurred in two separate settings. The first was when the Battalion operated in it's own A. O. out of fire support bases Alpine and Neville. For a typical five day period the elapsed time between Battalion clearance and artillery first rounds averaged 57 minutes. Slow Sav-A-Plane clearance was the prime reason for the delay. Untimely fire support was demonstrated in the second half of December when the Battalion was operating in the Task Force Bravo A. O. . Firing on a confirmed enemy O. P., with direct fire of tanks, 37 minutes elapsed between Bn. clearance and the higher clearance needed. By the time fire was recieved the enemy was gone.

The continuing problem of untimely fire support is rooted in the lack of clearing authority at the Battalion level, which is the closest to the tactical situation. It is recommended that the Battalion have the final responsibility for clearance of direct fire missions. Every effort should be made to ensure that the A. O. boundaries will not run close to operating units; because fires across A. O. boundaries cause additional clearing delays. Also, the Battalion should be given the responsibility to by-pass Sav-A-Plane clearance in tactical situations warranting it; the Battalion can coordinate between the artillery liason officer and the Forward Air Controller.

d. A tactical danger was discovered at Alpine. Night defensive fires had been adjusted in using the customary "platoon one"; a battery fire for effect in daylight had not been observed. After three days Btry "I", 3/12 sheaf was observed as 800m to 1000m wide. This was too radical for close fire support. Btry "I" took corrective action; and the Battalion now requires sheaf checks on all supporting batteries.

## e. Missions fired in support of 1st Bn, 4th Marines

H&I	394
Illumination	11
Adjusted	73
Prep Fires (observed)	16

8. AIR SUPPORT.a. Fixed wing support.

- (1) Close Air Support. Four flights were controlled by aerial observers in the Battalion area. A. O.
- (2) Aerial Observers. In addition to the controlling close air support missions, aerial observers were utilized on eleven occasions for area surveillance missions.
- (3) TPQ's. TPQ's were requested during the month and 26 were hit.
- (4) Illumination. During the Cordon and Search of Cam Lo Refugee Village, aircraft-dropped illumination was utilized on nine occasions.

b. Helicopter Support.

- (1) Troop Lifts. During the month there were three Battalion - size lifts and twelve Company-size lifts.
- (2) Medevacs. Sixteen emergency Medevacs - 30 minute average  
Ten Priority Medevacs 50 minute average  
Seventeen routine Medevacs 1 Hour average
- (3) C&C Flights. Fifteen helicopter flights were used for command liason and reconnaissance mission during the month.

9. INTELLEIGENCE. During the month of December the Battalion took part in two operations and one Cordon .

The two operations were: Operation SCOTLAND II and operation KENTUCKY.

The Cordon was part of Operation KENTUCKY.

a. Enemy. This month of December started out with very little or contacts or sightings. In Cam Lo Village at Grid XD 107564 the Battalion with assistance from Task Force Bravo and the 2nd ARVN Regiment surrounded the village on the night of 15-16 December. The following day the 2nd ARVN Regiment started their search, after about 5 days the Regiment had detained about 200 Viet Cong suspects. On 26 December 1/4 returned to operation SCOTLAND II. On 29 December Co. "C" 1/4 found a large hospital and bunker complex at Grid XD 844558, on 30 December Co. "C" 1/4 found a large ammunition cache at Grid XD 844556. It is noted that all bunker complexes and the hospital have been found close to streams, also it is believed that parts of the 27th NVA regiment may still be in the area of operations assigned to 1/4. Heavy trail activity 4000 meters east of where Co. "C" found the hospital. Also at Grid XD 844558 Co. "C" found an NVA grave with a Marker.

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The marker gave the man's name and the date of death as having belonged to the 27th Bn. It is also believed that more gear will be found in the area of Grids XD 8457 to XD 8657.

b. Weather. The month of December has been mostly clear with light to moderate rain showers, with temperatures ranging from 85 degrees during the day and from 72 to 65 degrees at night.

c. Terrain. The terrain in the area of operations vicinity Grids XD 8257 - XD 8455 - XD 8555 is mountainous with a few sharply rising slopes, with very heavy foliage and thick canopy, with many streams.

d. Enemy Equipment Captured or Destroyed.

(1) Small arms ammunition

ChiCom Type 56 7162MM Rounds	1420
ChiCom 12.7MM Rounds	5360

(2) Mortar, Recoilless Rifle and Rocket Ammunition.

ChiCom 82mm Mortar Rounds	933
81 MM Mortar Rounds	120
ChiCom 60 MM Mortar Rounds	125
ChiCom 75MM recoilless Rifle Rounds	250
ChiCom B40 (RPG-2) Rounds	101
Soviet 122MM Rockets, Complete	5
Warhead Sections, Soviet 122MM Rockets	2

(3) Weapons:

None

(4) Mines, Demolitions and Explosives:

82MM Mortar Fuzes	87 Cans
82MM Mortar Increments	25 Cans
TNT	10 Blocks
ChiCom Mines	2
RPG-2 Fuzes	5
122MM Rocket Fuzes	1
Box assorted booby Traps (300)	1

(5) Medical Supplies

Battle Dressings	100
Saline, 250cc each	10 Bottles
Injectable Streptomycin 5cc ampules each	100
Injectable Penicillin, 5cc ampules each	501
Morphine Sulfate, 2cc each	50
Sulphonimides tablets	500
Pain relief tablets	2000
Anti-Cathartic Tablets	1000
Methiolate Bottles, 25 cc each	100
Opium, 5cc each	10 Bottles

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Iodine Crystals, 100cc each	25 Bottles
Intra-veanous Needles	10
Potassium Permanganate, 150cc each	2 Bottles
Intra veanous tube	2
Quinine Tablets , 30 per bottle	1500 Bottles
Histidine Hexacelotide ampules, 20cc each	30 Bottles

(6) Miscellaneous:

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|--------------------|-----------|
| entrenching tool   | 5         |
| AK-47 Magazines    | 19        |
| AK-50 assault Drum | 1         |
| Salt               | 1 Case    |
| Rice               | 45 pounds |
| Letters            | 5         |
| Medical records    | 6         |
10. Also found 127 bunkers , 60 living huts and three graves.
10. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE . All psychological warfare operations were conducted by higher echelon commands.
11. CIVIL AFFAIRS. While involved in Cordon and Search of Cam Lo , two loads of wood soap and candy were given to the Village Priest for distribution to the people.
12. COMMUNICATIONS.
- a. Message Center. This Section provides the shackle sheets and the brevity codes for the command and its attachments. Classified and non-classified message handling is exercised. A forward message Center is operating at VCB. The Rear message center at Quang Tri is responsible for the delivery of the Read Board to the Battalion Commander .
- b. Radio. The radio section continues it's mission of maintaining communications with all elements through the use of radio relay at Dong Ha mountain manned by two radio personnel. Spare parts and batteries are supplied to attached units when required. Log periodic antennas are now available and are being used extensively in the field for long distance static employment.
- c. Covered Circuit. The KY-38 and PRC-77 has been used extensively during the month of December.
- d. Wire. The wire section is maintaining two switchboards, one forward and one in the Battalion rear. The Switchboards are maintained wherever the situation requires their use. A field wire system is normally employed when the Battalion Command Group is in the field .

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e. Electronics Repair. The electronics section continues to provide second echelon repair in the support of the Command and its attached units while deployed in a static position.

F. Radio Relay. The radio relay was not used during the month of december.

g. Critical Shortages. A shortage of repair parts for the radio set AN PRC-25 still exists. Most critical at this time is A-9 and A-10 modules. The AN/PRC-77, although a special T. E. allowance item and on order, has not been recieved. The Battalion makes use of borrowed AN/PRC-77. At present this Battalion has one on temporary loan.

### 13. LOGISTICS:

#### a. Supply.

(1) All class I was drawn at Vandegrift in support of operations. The Battalion Mess Hall served "R" rations twice daily at Vandegrift. While the Battalion was at Cam Lo, the Mess Hall served at least one hot meal a day.

(2) Class II. Battalion Supply operating at Quang Tri with FLSG-B as the service of supply. Class II supply tents remain at Vandegrift to cut the time lost in the transfer of cargo from Quang Tri to Vandegrift. Shortages in the following items were experienced during this period.

Nozzles, covers (water buffalo)  
Holsters, hip .45Cal.  
Cleaning gear, Lubricants and equipment.

(3) Class III Class III was adequate at Vandegrift.

(4) Class IV. Class IV was adequate at Vandegrift.

(5) Class V. Class V was adequate at Vandegrift.

#### b. Transportation

##### (1) Organic.

##### (a) Vehicle Status.

<u>T/A</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>O/H</u>	<u>O/R</u>	<u>NORS</u>	<u>NORM</u>
51600	M151A1	20	80%	0%	20%

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T/A	ITEM	O/H	O/R	NORS	NORM
32040	MRC/38	20	80%	100%	28%
32050	MRC/87	1	0%	0%	100%
22052	MRC/109	2	50%	0%	50%
51410	M274A2	30	63%	0%	37%
51060	M170	1	100%	0%	0%
51030	M107A1	6	33%	67%	0%
51090	M37B1	4	75%	0%	25%
50240	M255-450	1	100%	0%	0%
50140	HPCU	0	0	0%	0%

b. Maintenance. The main problem has been 3rd echelon maintenance, a continuing problem due to terrain and road conditions in RVN. Second echelon maintenance has generally been high within the Battalion. Several vehicles have been turned in to FLSC-B and from there have gone to third FSR. They have been gone from the Battalion in some instances for as long as nine months. This has generally been the case with M274A2's, M37B1's, and the MRC/109's.

(c) There has been some problem in obtaining 2nd echelon parts, especially for the M274A2 series, and such things are carburetors, fan belts, and voltage regulators for the M151A1 series. This problem is partially eliminated by periodically sending a man to Da Nang under the auspices of the Bn. Supply Section.

(d) The motor transport section is currently maintaining two shops, a rear shop at Quang Tri and a forward shop at VCR.

#### 14. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

##### a. Personnel losses and gains.

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Losses				
Battle	0	4	0	0
Non-Battle	0	31	0	0
Administrative	6	108	1	7
TOTAL	6	143	1	7
GAINS	13	108	1	8

b. Awards. During the reporting period 4 Bronze Stars, 1 Navy Comm, 33 Purple Hearts, and 29 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry were presented. The following awards were processed recommending approval:

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Silver Star	1
Legion of Merit	1
Bronze Star	8
Navy Commendation	10
Navy Achievement	37
Purple Heart	1
VCG	5

c. Discipline. The number of disciplinary cases acted upon or pending action are as follows:

COURTS-MARTIALS ADMIN DISCHARGES/ INVESTIGATIONS

Art. 32 Pending	0
Spl. Court - Pending	10
Spl. Court- Completed	0
Summary Court - Pending	2
Summary Court - Completed	0
Admin Discharge	1

d. Non - Judicial Punishments

Battalion Commander	7
Company Commanders	5

e. Morale

(1) the battalion utilized 24 quotes for in country R&R. Out of Country R&R quote utilized for the month were: Bangkok, 17; Hawaii 20; Hong Kong 15; K. L. 4; Manila 2; Penang 3; Singapore 2; Okinawa 4; Sydney 13; Taipei; 9; Tokyo 6.

(2) During the month 41 Lance Corporals were promoted to Corporal, 98 Privates First Class were promoted to Lance Corporal, 2 Privates were promoted to Private First Class. Two Sergeants were meritoriously promoted to Staff Sergeant, six Corporals were Meritoriously promoted to Sergeant during the month of the reporting period.

(3) From 23 December to 26 December the Battalion was at Cua Viet rehabilitation center. Set up at the Cua Viet river estuary, its mission is to provide three days R&R for Infantry Battalions on a rotational basis. Initially new utility uniforms were issued, with hot showers and meals following. Nightly double feature movies were shown, while on Christmas Day the Battalion was presented two floor shows. All Personnel were able to swim or lie around, thoroughly enjoying themselves. Free beer and soft drinks were available at all times. It was a welcome break for the personnel off this Battalion; especially so over Christmas.

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15. RELIGIOUS SERVICES. Spiritual coverage was provided for the Battalion by the Battalion Chaplain., during the month of December in the field at Vandegrift and at the rear area in Quang Tri. Twenty-seven Protestant services were conducted for the Battalion by its Chaplain with a total attendance of 933 and 230 receiving communion. Six protestant services were given by the Battalion Chaplain to other units with 163 attending. Two Marines were given last rites and memorial services conducted by the Battalion Chaplain. Five Catholic Masses were given by the Chaplain (Chaplain Hubble) 4th Marines for a total attendance of 376. The Battalion rear was covered by Chaplain at Quang Tri. Chaplain Turner attended the 3rd Marine Division retreat on 3 December at Quang Tri.

16. MEDICAL AND DENTAL AFFAIRS

a. The total number of visits to the Battalion aid Stations during the month of December was 2810.

b. Prevalent medical entities encountered Were:

Gonorrhea	06	Rat Bites	03
Diarreha	46	FUO	41
Malaria	11	Dermatological	
URI	69	conditions	601
NP Disorders	04	Heat Casualties	00
NSU	00		

c. All suspected and confirmed cases of venereal disease were given an STS in accordance with MANMED 22-18 and the results entered in the individuals health record.

d. A total of 107 patients were referred to 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division(Rein) FMF. Of those, the following were the results:

Dental	27	Internal Medicine	31
Ophthalmology	04	Surgical	14
ENT	16	Proctology	00
Urology	15		

Patients requiring further treatment and consultation were referred from 3rd Medical Battalion to the following facilities:

NSA, DaNang	09	6th Conv Cen	19
USS, SANCTUARY	16	22nd CST	09
USS, REPOSE	28		

e. The following is a breakdown of casualties encountered for the month

KIA	00	NHD	02)	WIA	00	DCW	0000	MIA	00
NBC	102								

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f. Weekly malaria prophylaxis was continued with the use of Chloroquine- Primaquine tablets in the battalion rear. Daily malaria prophylaxis was continued with the use of Dapsone in conjunction with weekly use of Chloroquine- Primaquine in the battalion forward areas. Personnel from all areas in the rear were mustered daily and given Dapsone.

g. Sanitation inspections were held daily, and weekly in accordance with Art. P6000.4D in the Battalion area ( VCB) and Quang Tri. Sanitary facilities, at the present time are considered adequate.

h. Two Bn Aid Stations were set up and maintained during the month of December. " forward BAS consisting of a battalion Surgeon and hospital corpsman located at VCB and a secondary BAS located at Quang Tri, consisting of nine medical corpsman . All injuries and maladies encountered were treated by the line company corpsman, and when required, casualties were transferred for further treatment. No serious delays were encountered in resupply or evacuation during this period.

i. Forward echelons of the Company "A" received Small-pox, Cholera, Gamma Globin and Plague which accounted for 252 immunizations.

j. The BAS REAR is unable to administer required immunizations for personnel departing on R&R and rotating to CONUS because of the lack of power to operate refrigerator. Patients having sufficient time in rear are referred to 3rd Medical Battalion and the remainder of patients obtain immunization in DaNang.

k. Lectures are given regularly at both Battalion Aid Stations.

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0001		1		Journal Opened	S-3	
	0455	2	020445H	Submitted Sit Rep #228	S-3	4th Mar
	0730	3	020730H	1st platoon from Co "A" was helo-lifted to New Jersey.	S-3	4th Mar
	1115	4	021115H	Submitted Sit Rep #229	S-3	4th Mar
	1130	5	021130H	While approaching Co "K" 3/4 postion at Grid XD 765584 to land Engineers for Co "C" and Co "D" a UH-34 was too low and had insufficient power to clear trees and crashed injuring crew members and passengers. Co "K" personnel extracted persons from helo and proceeded to Medevac them. Conducted search of area for more persons and supplies. Investigating teams from 4th Marines arrived approx 021545H and salvaged reusable material and destroyed helo. Co "K" then proceeded south toward new position.	S-3	4th Mar
	1805	6	021805H	Submitted Sit Rep #230	S-3	4th Mar
	2350	7	022350H	Submitted Sit Rep #231	S-3	4th Mar
2400		8		Journal Closed	S-3	

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0001		1		Journal Opened	S-3,	
0503		2	030503H	Submitted Sit Rep #232	S-3,	4th Mar
1045		3	031045H	MajGen Davis and BGen Garretson and Joseph Alsop arrived FSB Argonne.	S-3,	4th Mar
1100		4	031100H	MajGen Davis and BGen Garretson and party departed FSB Argonne.	S-3,	4th Mar
1105		5	031105H	Submitted Sit Rep #233	S-3,	4th Mar
1130		6	031130H	Co "K" 3/4 dropped back to 3/4.	S-3,	4th Mar
1145		7	031145H	F.O. for Co "B" observed AO taking fire from 1 automatic weapon. One NVA was seen in vicinity. Called fire mission on NVA with good coverage of target area. Results unknown.	S-3,	4th Mar
1500		8	031500H	Tiger-hunting safari arrived FSB Alpine.	S-3,	4th Mar
1630		9	031630H	4 Engineers arrived from Co "A" 3rd Engineer Bn to join Co "C".	S-3,	4th Mar
1731		10	031731H	Submitted Sit Rep #234	S-3,	4th Mar
2020		11	032020H	Battalion S-2 observed possible A/A fire at 3600 mills. Sound from flash to bang was 53 seconds. Tried for intersection, observed and reported to Regiment.	S-3,	4th Mar
2320		12	032320H	Submitted Sit Rep #235	S-3,	4th Mar
2400		13		Journal Closed		

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	0445	2	040445H	Submitted Sit Rep #237	S-3,	4th Mar
	1100	3	041100H	Submitted Sit Rep #238	S-3,	4th Mar
	1230	4	041230H	Co "C" found at Grid XD 772573 3 living huts 3' by 5', 100 rounds 82mm, 25 cans of fuses, 25 cans of increments, 1 cooking fire. De- stroyed in place.	S-3,	4th Mar
	1300	5	041300H	Battalion S-2 observed A/A fire from Laos. Grid XD 62154728. Intersection was obtain- ed. CObserved and reported to Regiment.	S-3,	4th Mar
	1400	6	041400H	COC at Argonne closed. Helo-lifted to Al- pine.	S-3,	4th Mar
	1420	7	041420H	COC at Alpine opened. Helo-lift completed.	S-3,	4th Mar
	1530	8	041530H	Platoon from Co "A" which was on New Jersey returned.	S-3,	4th Mar
	2002	9	042002H	Submitted Sit Rep #238	S-3,	4th Mar
	2330	10	042330H	Submitted Sit Rep #239	S-3,	4th Mar
2400		11		Journal Closed	S-3	

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	0437	2	060437H	Submitted Sit Rep #244	S-3, 4th Mar	
	0900	3	060900H	Co "D" found at Grid XD 764566 4 bunkers 1 month old, fighting holes, and 2 useable E-tools USMC type old and rusty. Destroyed gear and continued mission.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	0915	4	060915H	Co "D" found at Grid XD 763565 1 chicom mine, 3 US ponchos, 5 pounds of rice, 3 NVA E-tools. Destroyed gear and continued mission.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1135	5	061135H	Submitted Sit Rep # 245	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1430	6	061430H	BGen Garretson and Col Sexton and party arrived FSB Alpine.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1500	7	061500H	BGen Garretson and Col Sexton and party departed FSB Alpine.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1825	8	061825H	Submitted Sit Rep # 246	S-3, 4th Mar	
	2358	9	062358H	Submitted Sit Rep #247	S-3, 4th Mar	
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	0445	2	120445H	Submitted Sit Rep #268	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1000	3		Co "C" <del>Se</del> patrol at Grid XD 816579 found an NVA platoon size bivouac area approx 1 month old. 2 leantos, 8 fire places, 1 letter, 1 bottle of penicillin, 1 cannister with small bamboo sticks, knife with B.A.M. carved in the handle, 1 plastic bag. Searched with neg results.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1020	4		Helo-Lift of Bty. "T", 1/11(155mm) commenced.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1100	5	121100H	Submitted Sit Rep #269	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1130	6		Co "C" <del>Se</del> patrol at Grid XD 817580 found an NVA company size bivouac area approx 2-3 weeks old..In area were 4 leantos, 12 AK Magazines, assorted belts and buckles, 782 gear, assorted medicine, 1 letter and empty rice bags. Searched area with neg results.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1400	7		Helo-Lift of Bty. "T" completed.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1723	8	121723H	Submitted Sit Rep #270	S-3, 4th Mar	
	2300	9	122300H	Submitted Sit Rep #271	S-3, 4th Mar	
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	0454	2	140454H	Submitted Sit Rep #275	S-3, 4th Mar	
	0900	3	140900H	Helo-Lift of Btry. "G", 3/12 from FSB Alpine to FSB Neville commenced.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1110	4	141110H	Helo-Lift of Btry. "I" (-), 3/12 from FSB Gurkha to FSB Fuller commenced.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1205	5	141205H	Helo-Lift of Btry. "I" (-) completed. Helo-Lift of Co "B" from FSB Gurkha to VCB commenced.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1205	6	141205H	Submitted Sit Rep #276	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1530	7	141530H	Helo-Lift of Co "B" to VCB completed. FSB Gurkha closed. Helo-Lift of Btry. "G" to FSB Neville completed. Helo-Lift of Alpha Command group, Co "H&S" from FSB Alpine to TSL commenced.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1635	8	141635H	Helo-Lift of Alpha command group and Co "H&S" to TSL completed. FSB Alpine closed. Motor transport for Alpha command group and Co "H&S" from TSL to VCB commenced.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1700	9	141700H	Motor transport for Alpha command and Co "H&S" completed. CP at VCB opened.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1700	10	141700H	Helo-Lift of Co "A" from FSB Alpine to VCB commenced.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1735	11	141735H	Helo-Lift of Co "A" to VCB completed.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1800	12	141800H	Submitted Sit Rep #277	S-3, 4th Mar	
	1900	13	141900H	1/4 (-) dropped OPCON to Task Force Bravo. Co "C" and Bravo command group dropped OPCON to 3/4.	S-3, 4th Mar	
	2355	14	142355H	Submitted Sit Rep #278	S-3, TF Bravo	
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	0620	2	150620H	Submitted Sit Rep #280	S-3, TF Bravo	
	1125	3	151125H	Submitted Sit Rep #281	S-3, TF Bravo	
	1445	4	151445H	Co "A" and CP Group departed VCB for Camp Carroll.	S-3, TF Bravo	
	1550	5	151550H	Co "A" and CP Group arrived Camp Carroll.	S-3, TF Bravo	
	1550	6	151550H	Composite Company from Quang Tri Chopped OPCON to 1/4. Company designated Co "Z".	S-3, TF Bravo	
	1710	7	151710H	Submitted Sit Rep #282	S-3, TF Bravo	
	1830	8	151830H	Co "A", Co "Z", CP Group departed Camp Carroll.	S-3, TF Bravo	
	2320	9	152320H	Co "A", Co "Z", and CP Group arrived at Cam Lo refugee village. Co "A" from 099576 to 099584, Co "Z" from 103567 to 099576, CP Group at 095575, Co "B" from 103567 to 116572.	S-3, TF Bravo	
	2400	10	152400H	Submitted Sit Rep #283	S-3, TF Bravo	
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	0525	2	180525H	Submitted U-Sit Rep #292	S-3, TF Bravo	
	0845	3	180845H	LCol Chen XO Task Force Bravo arrived at 1/4's position.	S-3, TF Bravo	
	0920	4	180920H	LCol Chen departed 1/4's position.	S-3, TF Bravo	
	1040	5	181040H	Col Jobe, Division Air Officer, arrived 1/4's position.	S-3, TF Bravo	
	1055	6	181055H	Col Jobe departed 1/4's position.	S-3, TF Bravo	
	1108	7	181108H	Submitted S-Sit Rep #293	S-3, TF Bravo	
	1605	8	181605H	Co "B" had truck travelling north when it recieved AK fire at Grid XD 119559. 3 rounds hit the vehicle with no injurys. Two tanks and two fire teams each checking area out with neg results.	S-3, TF Bravo	
	1610	9	181610H	MajGen Drake, Deputy CG 24th Corps arrived 1/4's position.	S-3, TF Bravo	
	1620	10	181620H	MajGen Drake departed 1/4's position.	S-3, TF Bravo	
	1720	11	181720H	Submitted M-Sit Rep #294	S-3, TF Bravo	
	2100	12	182100H	Co "A's" listening post spotted lights at Grid XD 103590, 093591. The lights were red in color flashing 2 short and 1 long. Lights stationary, observed 1 figure running into tree line, did not see if he had a weapon or not. Called tanks for high powered lights, observed area with NOD's called 81mm mission. Neg results.	S-3, TF Bravo	
	2100	13	182100H	Co "A" spotted 1 man at grid XD 098577 in black clothing in a garden. When spotted he jumped a fence and ran between two huts. Man did not have a weapon. Used high power lights to observe area. Negative results.	S-3, TF Bravo	
	2319	14	182319H	Submitted G-Sit Rep # 295	S-3, TF Bravo	
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	0505	2	280505H	Submitted Sit Rep #332	S-3, 4th Mar
	0600	3	280600H	Co "A" chopped to 1/4	S-3, 4th Mar
	1000	4	281000H	Co "C" helolift commenced	S-3, 4th Mar
	1100	5	281100H	Co "C" lift completed, Co "D" lift commenced	S-3, 4th Mar
	1115	6	281115H	Command Group lift commenced	S-3, 4th Mar
	1130	7	281130H	Command Group arrived Grid XD 872535	S-3, 4th Mar
	1130	8	281130H	Submitted Sit Rep #333	S-3, 4th Mar
	1150	9	281150H	Co "D" lift completed, Co "B" lift commenced	S-3, 4th Mar
	1215	10	281215H	Co "B" lift completed	S-3, 4th Mar
	1515	11	281515H	Co "B" at Grid XD 879538 found trail junction heading north, south, east, and west. Nearby they found old bunker complex with recent signs of activity. Also, found 1 82mm round, 2 boxes .50 cal ammo and destroyed everything	S-3, 4th Mar
	1515	12	281515H	Co "C" at Grid XD 842547 found trail heading in a southwest direction leading to an estimated platoon size NVA bunker complex. Found 8 strong A-frame bunkers, 8' by 4', made of dirt and logs. Bunkers estimated to be less than one week old. Also found 1 piece of paper with writing resembling a formula and some frequencies. Also, 4 small buckets of rice, 1 destroyed NVA radio battery and a watering point were found. Bunkers were destroyed and Co "C" continued to search out the area	S-3, 4th Mar
	1530	13	281530H	Co "C" at Grid XD 856545 found 3 NVA ammo bunkers already destroyed, 6' by 4' made of dirt and logs approximately 1 year old. Also found 8 82mm rounds, 50 rounds 12.7mm ammo.	S-3, 4th Mar
	1540	14	281540H	Co "H&S" (-) at Grid XD 872535 found 300 rounds of 12.7mm ammo kept in old U.S.-type ammo boxes. Ammo held at Co "H&S" area.	S-3, 4th Mar
	1720	15	281720H	Submitted Sit Rep #334	S-3, 4th Mar
	2352	16	282352H	Submitted Sit Rep #335	S-3, 4th Mar
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	0506	2	290506H	Submitted Sit Rep #336	S-3, 4th Mar
	0935	3	290935H	BGen GARRETSON arrived 1/4's position	S-3, 4th Mar
	1000	4	291000H	BGen GARRETSON departed 1/4's position	S-3, 4th Mar
	1052	5	291052H	Submitted Sit Rep #337	S-3, 4th Mar
	1130	6	291130H	MajGen DAVIS arrived 1/4's position	S-3, 4th Mar
	1145	7	291145H	MajGen DAVIS departed 1/4's position	S-3, 4th Mar
	1710	8	291710H	Submitted Sit Rep #338	S-3, 4th Mar
	1840	9	291840H	Co "C" at Grid XD 844558 found large NVA staging area and hospital made of logs and earth 10' by 10' by 6'. Also found messhall of earth and logs, 15' by 10' by 25' with 4 stoves and living quarters in rear and 1 case of salt. Around the immediate area 15 fighting holes, 40 bunkers of logs and dirt 10' by 8' by 5' and 4 living huts with bunkers underneath 4' by 4' by 6'. The following medical supplies were found: 100 battle dressings, 10 bottles of saline 250cc each, 100 injectible streptomycine 5cc ampulies each, 500 injectible penicillin 5cc ampulies each, 50 morphine sulphate ampulies 2cc each, 500 sulfonimides, 2000 pain relief tabs, 1000 anti-cathartic tabs, 100 methiolate bottles 250cc each, 10 bottles opium 5cc each, 25 bottles iodine crystals 100cc each, 10 I.V. needles, 2 bottles potassium permanganate 15cc each, 1 I.V. tube, 1500 bottles Quinine tabs with 3 tabs each bottle and 30 histidine hexifluaride 2cc each ampule. Also in hospital found medical records and medical logs. Also found 1 ammo bunker made of logs and dirt with 250 75mm recoilless rounds still in canisters, also 10 82mm rounds and 10 blocks NVA TNT, also found trails leading to the northwest, west northeast, east and north. 1 NVA grave was found with markings giving the man's name, 27th Bn, 1 Sept. 68. Area believed to be one year old and showed signs of use less than 2 months ago. Co "C" continued to check area and trails are believed to lead to more complexes.	S-3, 4th Mar

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	0532	2	300532H	Submitted Sit Rep. # 340 Dtg 300532H	S-3, 4th Mar
	0830	3	300830H	Co. "D" at grid XD873524 found one AK-47 magazine in a warm camp fire, checked out area, negative results.	S-3, 4th Marines
	0940	4	300940H	Co. "C" at Grid XD 845561, patrol found 2 NVA bunkers made of logs and leaves, 20'X10'. Bunkers belived to be 4-5 months old. Patrol found the folling gear stacked inside a bunker, 300 82MM mortar rounds, 10 cases .50 Cal. ammo, 3 cases 82MM Mortarr fuzes and 30, 60MM mortar rounds, patrol carried gear back to Co. "C" position.	S-3, 4th Mar.
	0945	5	300945H	Co. "D" at grid XD 871524 found 2 RPG rounds used medical supplies, small tubes and bandages holding the RPG rounds.	S-3, 4th Mar.
	1125	6	301125H	Submitted Sit Rep # 341 DTG 30110H	S-3, 4th Mar
	1130	7	301130H	Col. Sexton arraived at 1/4s Position.	S-3, 4th Mar.
	1158	8	301158	Co. "C" at grid XD 845561 patrol found more gear in same area as spot report 300945H, New count on gear, 5-122 MM Rockets, 2-122 MM Rocket war heads, 500-82MM Mortar Rds, 100-RPG rounds, 42 cans .50 Cal. ammo, 25 cases 61MM Mortar ammo with fuzes, 30 cans 82MM mortar fuzes, 120 rounds 81MM mortar, 14 boxes 7.62MM ammo, patrol is continuing search of the area for more caches, working party taking gear to Company CP	S-3, 4th Mar.
	1159	9	301159H	Col. Sexton departed 1/4 position	S-3, 4th Mar.
	1310	10	301310	Co. "D" at grid XD 865527 found two entrenching tools, 6 gas masks, 8 mask canisters, NVA type, 3 Batteries NVS type, 1- NVA mine, 1 detonator, 50-AK rounds, 1-Ak Magazine, 2 goggles, 5 RPG rounds, 1 shot shell 82MM, 1 american Claymore mine, 133 assorted medical supplies, 2 helmets, 2 pouches, NVA type earphone, 2 anti-personal mines NVA type, 1 can cleaning fluid, Classroom 15'X10'X4'. All the above equipment found and under investigation, holding equipment at position. 1 Platoon sized patrol to stream bed to check out area beyond this position.	S-3, 4th Mar.
	1420	11	301420H	Col. Sexton and party arraived at 1/4s position	S-3, 4th Mar

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	1110	3	311110H	Submitted Sit.Rep. # 345 DTG# 311110H	S-3, 4th Mar
	1245	4	311245H	Co. "C" at grid XD 844556 patrol found 3 bunkers next to river bed. Bunkers were built under rocks. Bunkers were made of rocks and wood, 6'X8'X10', following gear was found in bunker, Net cover with various papers and what seemed to be a diary, various bottles of pills scattered in bunker, 4-anti-tank mines, 150 electric fuzes, 18 pounds of tnt, 3 gallons of rice, 50 utility shirts, 6 pair trousers, 2 NVA Packs, 5 pair of fairly new U. S. Jungle Boots, 6 AK magazines/pouches, 6 cooking utensils, 1 steel pot, Patrol still searching area, gear being brought to the Co. CP. area.	S-3, 4th Mar
	1340	5	311340H	Col. Sexton and Col. Goggin arrived at 1/4s position.	S-3, 4th Mar
	1400	6	311400H	Col. Sexton and Col. Goggin departed 1/4s position.	S-3, 4th Mar
	1425	7	311425H	Co. "C" at grid XD 845558 patrol found 21 bunkers, approximately 3 months old. Bunkers were of logs and leaves and dirt, 6'X5'X3'. Following gear was found inside bunker, 1-122MM rocket fuze, 20 AK rounds, 2-82MM mortar rounds, 5-RPG fuzes, various medical gear and 2-20 pound sacks of rice. Patrol returned gear to "C" Co. CP.	S-3, 4th Mar
	1700	8	311700H	Submitted Sit. Rep. # 346, DTG 311700H	S-3, 4th Mar
	1800	9	311800H	Co. "B" at grid XD 887550, 887549, 889546. Patrol found 20 huts and bunkers at grid 887550, abandoned 5 months ago, well developed with leaf roofs, bunkers heavy log construction, path leading across stream to second complex at 887549, well developed with 40 huts and bunkers, water pipe line of bamboo coming from 200 meters upstream. All huts abandoned 5 months ago, except one showed signs of recent use, this area had been hit with artillery, trail leading uphill in south west direction, to an 82MM Mortar pit, each with mast clearance in different direction. Found 11-82MM Mortar rounds, and 3 bunkers, 2, thick covered at 889546, also found 1 PK 50	S-3, 4th Mar

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1st Bn, 4th Marines

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FROM (Date and hour)

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OP ORDER 2-68

## 1. SITUATION

a. ENEMY FORCES: CURRENT INTSUMS

b. FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) 3RD MAR DIV (REIN) CONTINUED OFFENSIVE OPNS IN QUANG  
T  
TRI PROVINCE AND SUPPORTS RVN PACIFICATION PROGRAM.

(2) 2ND REGIMENT, 1ST ARVN DIV ON D-1 EXECUTES DECEPTION  
PLAN; AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY ESTABLISHING ASSIGNED PORTION OF  
EXTERNAL CORDON; PROVIDES FORCES AND ESTABLISHES INTERIOR  
CORDONS AND CONDUCTS SEARCHES AND ESTABLISHES FACILITIES FOR  
SCREENING/INTERROGATION/CIVIC ACTION OPERATIONS.

(3) GVN DISTRICT FORCES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH H/2/3, PROVIDES  
AN RF COMPANY GROUP FOR SCREENING OPERATIONS NORTH OF THE  
CAM LO RIVER COMMENCING ON D-1.

(4) 7TH ITT, 3RD MAR DIV D/S 2/3 PROVIDES INTERPRETER AND  
TRANSLATOR SERVICE AS REQUIRED.

(5) DET 2, 7TH PSYOPS BN PROVIDES AN <sup>ITT</sup> ~~IN~~ TEAM FOR AUDIO-  
VISUAL OPERATIONS.

(6) ARTILLERY

(A) B BTRY 4/12 D/S, 2/3

(B) 4.2 MORTAR PLAT, 2/12 D/S OF 2/3

c. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS: NONE

2. MISSION: ON D-DAY TASK FORCE BRAVO IN COOPERATION AND COORDINATION  
WITH GVN FORCES CONDUCTS A CORDON AND SEARCH OF THE CAM LO REFUGEE

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RESETTLEMENT AREA (XD1057 AND 1157) TO CAPTURE VC, VCI, VCS, AND WEAPONS  
WEAPONS AND CACHES LOCATED THEREIN; CONDUCTS AN ACCURATE CENSUS OF  
THE POPULATION AND CONDUCTS A CIVIL AFFAIRS PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION  
WITH THE OPERATION.

### 3. EXECUTION

#### a. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS ANNEX---(CONCEPT OF OPERATION),

ANNEX-~~(OPERATION OVERLAY)~~

#### b. 2ND BN. 3RD MARINES (REIN)

(1) CONTINUE PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED SECURITY AND PACIFICATION  
MISSION IN AO.

(2) ESTABLISH A COMMAND AND COORDINATION CENTER FOR TASK  
FORCE BRAVO WITHIN THE CORDON AND PROVIDE ONE FIELD GRADE  
OFFICER FOR THE TASK FORCE STAFF TO MAINTAIN LIAISON AND

CONTROL CONTROL BETWEEN US, GVN AND MACV ADVISORY PERSONNEL.

(3) COORDINATE AND CONTROL ALL ARTILLERY FIRES IN SUPPORT  
OF THE OPERATION.

#### c. 1ST BN. 4th MARINES(-)

(1) ON D-1 EXECUTE THE DECEPTION PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
ANNEX \_\_\_\_ (DECEPTION PLAN).

(2) AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY ESTABLISH ASSIGNED PORTION OF  
CORDON IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX \_\_\_\_ (OPERATION OVERLAY).

#### a. 3D TANK BN (REIN)

(1) ASSIGN ONE COMPANY D/S 2/3.

(2) ASSIGN ONE COMPOSITE COMPANY IN SUPPORT OF THE CORDON TO  
ARRIVE ON POSITION IMMEDIATELY AFTER ROAD SWEEP ON D-DAY.

(3) BN(-) G/S

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e. 1ST AMTRAC BN (REIN)

(1) CONTINUE PREVIOUSLY ASSIGNED MISSIONS,

f. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1)

(1) TENTATIVE D-DAY: 15 DECEMBER 1968

(2) H-HOUR: 2300 (TIME CORDON MUST BE COMPLETELY  
IN PLACE).(3) 1/4 OPCON TO TF BRAVO EFFECTIVE AT TIME TO BE ANN-  
OUNCED

(4) ANNEX \_\_\_\_ (CORDON PROCEDURES AND CONTROL MEASURES)

(5) ANNEX \_\_\_\_ (FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION)

(6) DIRLAUTH CO 2ND BN, 3D MAR, AND CO 1ST BN, 4 TH MAR  
WITH CO 2ND ARVN REGT.

(7) REPORT ARRIVAL AT CHECK POINTS.

(8) BASKETBALL ON STATION AT 0300 ON D-DAY AND AT  
1900 EACH DAY THEREAFTER4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICSa. SUPPLY

(1) CORDON UNITS WILL CARRY \_\_\_\_ DCS MCI.

(2) CORDON UNITS WILL CARRY BA PLUS \_\_\_\_ DAYS AMMUNITION

b. RESUPPLY.

(1) CLASS 1 WILL BE DELIVERED ON A DAILY BASIS.

(2) PRIMARY RESUPPLY WILL BE BY ROAD.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICSa. COMM-ELEC.

(1) COMM PLAN SEE ANNEX \_\_\_\_ (COMM PLAN)

(2) THRUST POINTS.

GIRLS NAMES 1070  
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STATES	1468	COUNTRIES	2774
BEERS	1264	WEAPONS	1560
TREES	1771	CARS	2168
PRESIDENTS	1858	AIRLINES	2465
FURNITURE	1157	SPORTS	1863
GUN	1253	MONTHS	3063
SHIPS	0551	FISH	3267
RIVERS	0848	COFFEE	3171
MCI	1450		

(3) TIME BREVITY CODE:      U    0500  
    S    1100  
    M    1700  
    C    2300

b. COMMAND.

(1) REPORTS

- (a) SITREPS 0500, 1100, 1700, 2300 DAILY
- (b) NIGHT ACTS AND DAY ACTS - BY 1600 DAILY.
- (c) SPOT REPORTS - ASAP

(2) COMMAND POSTS

TASK FORCE BRAVO ~~4~~ DHCB

TASK FORCE BRAVO CONTROL CENTER- INSIDE CORDON

2d BN, 3D MAR - CAM LO

1ST BN, 4 TH MAR- REPORT WHEN ESTABLISHED

3D TANK BN - QTCB

1ST AMTRAC BN - CAU VIET

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OVERLAY TO TASK FORCE BRAVO OPERATION ORDER 2-68 OF 14 DECEMBER  
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S-3 BRIEFING NOTES FOR CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATION1. MISSION:

a. 1/4 IN CONJUNCTION WITH 2/3, 3RD TANK BN, 1ST AMTRAC BN, AND THE 2D ARVN REGIMENT, CORDON OFF DESIGNATED AREA TO CAPTURE VC, VCI, WEAPONS AND CACHES LOCATED THEREIN.

2. EXECUTION:

a. SEE OPERATION OVERLAY

b. "CO. "A" - ON 1400, 15 DECEMBER 1968, MOVE BY VEHICLE FROM VCB TO CAMP CARROLL. ON ORDER MARCH TACTICALLY TO THE VICINITY OF GRID 098575 AND ASSUME POSITION ON CORDON TO THE NORTHEAST BY 2300.

c. CO. "B" - AT 1300, ON 15 DECEMBER, HELILIFT FROM VCB AIRSTRIP TO THE VICINITY GRID 108545 AND SET UP COMPANY PATROL BASE AND CONDUCT LOCAL PATROLLING. ON ORDER MOVE IN A TACTICAL MARCH NORTH ALONG RTE# 558 TO VICINITY OF GRID 115575 AND MOVE NORTHWEST AND ASSUME CORDON POSITION. LINK UP WITH H&S CO. ON YOUR LEFT AND THE 2ND ARVN ON YOUR RIGHT.

d. CO. H&S - MOVE BY VEHICLE FROM VCB TO CAMP CARROL. ON ORDER, CONDUCT TACTICAL MARCH TO VICINITY OF GRID 098575 AND ASSUME CORDON FROM RTE#9 SOUTHEAST BY 2300. CONDUCT ROADBLOCK VICINITY 098575

COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE AT 0830 FROM LZ ASTOR FOR ALL COMPANY COMMANDERS.
2. CAUTION ALL AGAINST LONG EXPOSURE TO THE SUN.
3. ISSUE SALT TABLETS DAILY

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4. CORDON TO BE 100 METERS DISTANT FROM THE VILLAGE.
  5. KEEP ALL INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL AWAY FROM THE CORDON, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN.
  6. SET UP COMPANY DETENTION POINTS FOR VIOLATORS OF THE CORDON AND SUSPICIOUS PERSONS.
  7. ESTABLISH SUPPLEMENTARY POSITIONS TO PROVIDE FOR REAR DEFENSE AND INSURE SECURITY OF THE INTER COMPANY AREA SPACE FIGHTING HLES NO MORE THAN 15 METERS APART.
- 100% ALERT DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS, REDUCED TO 35% DURING THE DAYTIME
- INSURE PERSONNEL ARE ADEQUATELY "DUG IN".
- BE ESPECIALLY CAUTIOUS IN AREA OF THE CORDON FOR BOOBY TRAPS.
- EMPLOY INTERPRETERS, K. C. SAND DOGS TO AVOID MISTAKING ARVN FOR NVA.

EXPECT DURATION OF 6 DAYS.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. EACH MAN CARRY 5 MEALS MCI.
  - b. CARRY MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF WATER INDIVIDUALLY \* NO LOCAL WATER TO BE USED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
  - c. EACH MAN EQUIPED WITH PONCHO, PONCHO LINER, ENTRENCHING TOOL, AND 10 SAND BAGS.
- CARRY BASIC LOAD OF AMMUNITION, 60MM, HE AND ILLUMINATION.

RESUPPLY

- a. MCI'S ON D+2, WATER ON D+1

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. TURN IN SPOT REPORTS ON OCCURRENCE. SUBMIT DAY AND NIGHT ACTS BY 1700 DAILY.
- b. COMMAND GROUP "A" AND H&S CP WILL BE AT COORDINATE 094577

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 3RD MARINES DIVISION (-) (REIN)  
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OPERATION PLAN 11-68

A. MAP: VIETNAMS 1:50,000, 6341 I, 6342 IV, SERIES L7014

B. CURRENT COI (3D MARDIV)

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION :  
 4TH MARINES(-)

COL. M. J. SEXTON

1ST BN, 4TH MARINES (-)

LTCOL G. T. SARGENT JR.

3D BN, 4TH MARINES (-)

LTCOL W. A. DONALD

# 1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES

(1) TASK FORCE BRAVO OPERATES IN AO TO THE EAST.

(2) 9TH MARINES OPERATE IN AO TO THE SOUTH.

(3) ARTILLERY

(A) 3RD BN, 12TH MARINES DS.

(B) 12TH MARINES PROVIDE GS REINFORCEING FIRES.

(4) 1ST MAW PROVIDES FIXED/ROTARY WING SUPPORT AS REQUIRED

(5) RECONNAISSANCE/SURVEILLANCE

(A) 3RD RECON BN.GS.

(B) AO'S ON STATION DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. ON CALL DURING

HOURS OF DARKNESS

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(6) ELEMENTS OF CO. A (-) 3RD ENGR. BN DS.

2. MISSION: ON ORDER CONDUCT SWEEP OPERATIONS GENERALLY ALONG THE AXIS OF THE SUOI TIEN HIEM RIVER. FIND, FIX, AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, CACHES POSITIONS, AND DENY ENEMY THE USE OF TERRAIN .

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS:

- (1) ON D-DAY ONE COMPANY OF THE THIRD BN (-) (REIN) MOVES OVERLAND, SEIZES AND CLEARS THE HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE ON OBJ. 1.
- (2) AT L-HOUR, THE REMAINDER OF THE THIRD BN (-) HELILIFTS TO OBJECTIVE 1. AND THE FIRST BN. (-) (REIN) HELILIFTS TO OBJ. 4 SIMULTANEOUSLY.
- (3) OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AND EXTENSIVE PATROLLING WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM THESE INITIAL OBJECTIVES WITHIN EACH BN. ZONE OF ACTION, WITH SUBSEQUENT ATTACKS TO OBJECTIVES 3 and 6 ON ORDER.

B. THIRD BN. (-)(REIN), 4TH MARINES. ON D-DAY SEIZE OBJECTIVE 1 WITH ONE COMPANY ATTACKING OVERLAND FROM LZ WINCHESTER. UPON SEIZURE THE REMAINDER OF THE BN. (-) HELILIFTS TO THAT OBJECTIVE, CONDUCTS OPERATIONS TO THE SOUTH AND WEST, PREPARED TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS TO OBJECTIVE 3 ON ORDER.

C. FIRST BN. (-) (REIN), 4TH MARINES. AT L-HOUR ON D-DAY HELILIFT TO SEIZE OBJECTIVE 4. CONDUCT OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS TO THE NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST INCLUDING OBJECTIVE 2 , PREPARED TO CONTINUE ATTACK TO OBJECTIVE 6 ON ORDER .

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) TENTATIVE D-DAY 28 DEC 1968, TENTATIVE L-HOUR 1000H.
- (2) EACH BN. BE PREPARED TO EFFECT RIVER CROSSINGS TO REINFORCE OR EXPLOIT CONTACTS OF ADJACENT BN.
- (3) NORMAL SITREPS AND SPOT REPORTS REQUIRED.
- (4) SUBMIT AIR AND ARTILLERY PREP REQUIREMENTS DAILY.

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(5) MAINTAIN THE CAPABILITY IN EACH COMPANY NOT OPERATING IN THE VICINITY OF HLZ'S TO OPEN AREAS SUITABLE FOR THE RECEIPT OF EXTERNAL HELICOPTER LOADS AND THE EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

(A). SUPPLY

(1) SOURCE - VCB

(2) PRESCRIBED LOAD (AS DIRECTED) TO INCLUDE 20 SANDBAGS PER MARINE, DAPZONE AND WATER PURIFICATION TABLETS.

(3) RESUPPLY

(A) HELICOPTER

(B) ONE DAYS NOTICE ON RESUPPLY. REQUESTS TO INCLUDE LZ LOCATIONS.

(4) MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF LOCAL WATER AND HALIZONE.

(5) CARGO NETS TO BE RETURNED ON THE LAST RESUPPLY HELICOPTER USING EACH LZ.

(B. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION:

(1) BY HELICOPTER TO 3RD MED BN. QUANG TRI OR C CO. 3 RD MED BN AT VCB. (2) TAKE MAXIMUM ANTI-MALARIA AND HEAT CASUALTY MEASURES.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS / ELECTRONICS:

- A. NORMAL PROCEDURES.
- B. EACH CO. CARRY A LIGHT 292 ANTENNA (TOP SECTION ONLY) AND FIVE DAYS RESUPPLY OF BATTERIES.
- C. EACH BN. MAINTAIN A CYPHER CAPABILITY AND CARRY A SPARE KY-38.
- D. REPORT ALL CHANGES OF CP LOCATIONS AND SUBMIT POSITIONS OF MOVING COMBATANT UNITS EACH HOUR.
- E. 4TH MARINES FORWARD CP INITIALLY LOCATED AT FSB FULLER.
- F. ALL REPORTS WILL COME TO "A" CP LOCATED AT FSB FULLER.
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G. THIS PLAN EFFECTIVE ON RECEIPT FOR PLANNING EFFECTIVE ON ORDER  
FOR EXECUTION .

ANNEX A- OPERATION OVERLAY

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OPERATION OVERLAY FOR BN OPERATION ORDER 10-68

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**SECRET**OPERATION ORDER # 10-68 ( CONTINUATION - LANCASTER II)  
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A. MAPS, VIETNAM, 1: 50,000, 6341 I, 6341 IV, L 7014

B. CURRENT COI ( 3rd MARINE DIVISION)

C. FOURTH MARINES OPERATION ORDER # 11-68

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION

1st BN, 4th MARINES

COMPANY "A"

COMPANY "B"

COMPANY "C"

COMPANY "D"

H&amp;S COMPANY

GOLF BTRY, 3rd BN, 12th MARINES

DET, COMPANY "A", 3rd ENGR BN

DET, 3rd SHORE PARTY BN

DET, SCOUT DOG PLT, 3rd MP BN

LTCOL SARGENT

CAPT RUSSUM

CAPT FRY

1/LT HERRON

1/LT GYPIN

1/LT BROULETTE

1. SITUATIONA. ENEMY FORCES

(1) SEE ANNEX A ( INTELLIGENCE ANNEX)

(2) SPECIAL BRIEFING TBA

B. FRIENDLY FORCES

(1) TASK FORCE BRAVO IN AO TO THE EAST

(2) 9th MARINES OPERATE IN AO TO THE SOUTH

(3) RECON SURVEILLANCE IN AO TO THE WEST

(4) 3rd BN, 4th MARINES OPERATES TO NORTH OF SUOI TIEN AS PART  
OF OPERATION

(5) ARTILLERY

(a) GOLF, 3rd BN, 12th MARINES PROVIDE DS

(b) 12th MARINES PROVIDE GS

(6) AIR SUPPORT

(a) 1st MARINE AIRCRAFT WING PROVIDES FIXED/ROTARY WING  
SUPPORT AS REQUIRED

(7) RECONNAISSANCE/SURVEILLANCE

(a) 3rd RECON BATTALION GS

(b) AO ON STATION DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, ON CALL DURING DARKNESS

(8) ELEMENTS OF "A" COMPANY, 3rd ENGR BN, DS

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS

SEE TASK ORGANIZATION

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**SECRET****2. MISSION**

ON ORDER CONDUCT HELIBORNE ASSAULT INTO ASSIGNED LANDING ZONES (SEE ANNEX B) AND CONDUCT SWEEP IN DESIGNATED AO. FIND, FIX, AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, POSITIONS, CACHES AND DENY ENEMY THE USE OF THIS TERRAIN.

**3. EXECUTION**

- A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS - ON D-2 LAND ONE RIFLE COMPANY, THREE SECTION 81 MM MORTARS AND APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION PERSONNEL EQUALLY AMONG FSB NEVILLE, RUSSELL, AND MACK. AT L HOUR ON D DAY LAND THREE RIFLE COMPANIES AND H&S COMPANY (-) ON LZ'S DELTA AND CHARLIE. ON ORDER MOVE ONE RIFLE COMPANY IN NORTHWEST DIRECTION; ONE TO THE NORTH AND ONE TO THE SOUTHEAST DIRECTION.
- B. COMPANY "A"
  - (1) ON D-2 LAND AND DEFEND WITH ON PLATOON EACH ; FSB NEVILLE, RUSSELL, AND MACK.
  - (2) CONDUCT EXTENSIVE LOCAL PATROLLING IN AREAS OF EACH FS BASE
  - (3) COMPANY COMMAND GROUPS TO BE ON FSB NEVILLE TO PROVIDE NECESSARY COMMUNICATION RELAY FOR THE BATTALION.
- + C. COMPANY "B"
  - (1) ON D DAY LAND ON LZ CHARLIE AND ON ORDER MOVE TO THE NORTH AND SEIZE BN OBJ D.
  - (2) ON ORDER BE PREPARED TO MOVE IN A SOUTHWEST DIRECTION.
- D. COMPANY "C"
  - (1) ON D DAY LAND ON LZ CHARLIE AND COMMENCE RAPID IMPROVMENT OF SAME.
  - (2) ON ORDER MOVE IN A NORTHWEST DIRECTION TO SEIZE REGT OBJ 2.
  - (3) WESTERN BOUNDARY IS SOU TIEN HIEN RIVER.
- E. COMPANY "D"
  - (1) ON D DAY LAND LZ DELTA AND SECURE AREA.
  - (2) ON ORDER MOVE AND SEIZE REGT OBJ 6.
  - (3) BE PREPARED TO MOVE IN A SOUTHEAST DIRECTION ON ORDER.
- F. H&S COMPANY (-)
  - (1) ON D DAY LAND LZ DELTA AND PROVIDE NECESSARY SECURITY. BE PREPARED TO DISPLACE ON ORDER.
  - (2) 81 MM MORTAR PLATOON (-)
    - (1a) ON D DAY - 2 LAND ONE SECTION EACH ON FSB NEVILLE, RUSSELL AND MACK.
  - (3) 106 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE PLATOON (-)
    - (1a) ON D DAY LAND THREE SECTIONS MINUS GUNS ONLY LZ DELTA
    - (1b) ASSUME MISSION OF CP SECURITY
    - (1c) BE PREPARED TO DISPLACE ON ORDER
- G. GOLF BTRY, 3rd BN, 12th MARINES
  - (1) L-40 HOURS CONDUCT LZ PREP AND SURROUNDING AREA
  - (2) BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT OPERATION ON ORDER

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**SECRET****H. DET. 3rd SHORE PARTY BATTALION**

- (1) LAND ON LZ CHARLIE WITH COMPANY "D" PROVIDE HST SUPPORT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE LIFT.
- (2) LZ CHARLIE TEAM IS ATTACHED TO COMPANY "C" AND LZ DELTA TEAM IS ATTACHED TO COMMAND GROUP "A".

**I. DET "AM" CO. 3RD ENGINEER BATTALION**

- (1) ATTACH ONE TEAM TO EACH RIFLE COMPANY AND ONE TO COMMAND GROUP "A"
- (2) PROVIDE DEMOLITION SUPPORT AND LANDING ZONE CLEARING CAPABILITY

**J. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS**

- (1) D-DAY 28 DEC 68
- (2) L-HOUR 1000 HOURS
- (3) SEQUENCE OF LANDING - COMPANY "C" LZ CHARLIE, COMPANY "D" LZ DELTA, COMMAND GROUP "A" LZ DELTA, COMPANY "B" LZ CHARLIE
- (4) USE MAXIMUM SECURITY AND COMMUNICATION DURING MOVEMENT. EMPHASIZE PATIENCE AND CHOW DISCIPLINE.
- (5) EMPHASIZE CONTINUOUS CAMOUFLAGE AND DISPERSION OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT
- (6) MAXIMUM EFFORT WHILE IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON DIGGING IN
- (7) THRUSTPOINTS.
  - (a) CARS 8458
  - (b) MAGAZINES 8452
  - (c) SPORTS 8756
  - (d) TREES 9053
- (8) MAXIMUM EFFORT SHOULD BE PLACED ON COLLECTING INTELLIGENCE DATA
- (9) SPOT REPORTS DUE ON OCCURENCE. DAY AND NIGHT ACTS DUE IMMEDIATELY UPON ASSUMING NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.
- (10) ALL UNITS EMPHASIZE PROPER ORIENTATION AND LOCATION OF UNITS TO REDUCE POSSIBILITY OF INJURIES TO FRIENDLY UNITS BY SUPPORTING ARMS AND SMALL ARMS FIRE.
- (11) ORGANIC FAC PERSONNEL WILL ACT AS AIR SENTRIES AND CHECK ALL FIRE OF WEAPONS THAT WILL ENDANGER SAFE FLIGHTS SHOULD AIRCRAFT BE ENDANGERED.
- (12) MAXIMUM ADHERANCE TO ANNEX C (HELICOPTER EMBARKATION PLAN) WILL BE FOLLOWED.
- (13) USE AIR PANELS AND OR SMOKE FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES AND FOR WORKING WITH HELICOPTERS.
- (14) RIFLE COMPANIES CARRY CS GRENADES.
- (15) DO NOT DESTROY ENEMY EQUIPMENT OR FOOT WITHOUT AUTHORITY THIS HEADQUARTERS.
- (16) BE PREPARED TO EFFECT RIVER CROSSINGS TO REINFORCE OR EXPLOIT CONTACTS OF ADJACENT UNITS.
- (17) SOUTH BANK OF SUOI TIEN HIEN RIVER IS NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF AO, WESTERN BOUNDARY ALSO SUOI TIEN HIEN.

**4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS****A.****A. SUPPLY**

- (1) PRESCRIBED LOAD-AS REQUIRED TO INCLUDE FIVE MEALS MCI, HALIZONE DAPZONE, AND SALT TABLETS, INSECT REPELLENT, EXTRA PAIR OF SOCKS IN COVERBAG, FIELD PROTECTIVE, SMOKE GRENADES, TWENTY SAND BAGS PER MAN
- (2) RESUPPLY
  - (a) RESUPPLY REQUESTS WILL BE SUBMITTED BY 1330H THE DAY PRIOR

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TO THE DAY OF DELIVERY. REQUEST TO CONTAIN LZ LOCATION.

- (b) EMERGENCY RESUPPLY REQUESTS WILL BE TAKEN ANYTIME
- (c) ON D PLUS: 1 SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR RESUPPLY
- (d) MAXIMUM USED OF DISPOSABLE PLASTIC CONTAINERS WILL BE MADE BY ALL UNITS. USE LOCAL WATER AND HALZONE.
- (e) ENSURE THAT CARGO NETS ARE RETURNED WITH SAME HELICOPTER THAT LI-BROUGHT THEM. NONE WILL BE LEFT BEHIND WITHOUT THE EXPRESS CONSENT OF THIS HEADQUARTERS.
- (f) COMMANDERS WILL ENSURE THAT NO EQUIPMENT, RATIONS OR ORDNANCE IS LEFT BEHIND.

**B. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION**

- (1) EXERCISE PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE MEASURES TO PRECLUDE HEAT CASUALTIES
- (2) TAKE MAXIMUM MEASURES TO PREVENT MALARIA
- (3) NORMAL MEDICAL EVACUATION PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED
- (4) ONLY M-16'S AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE EVACUATED WITH MEDIVAC. DO NOT EVACUATE PISTOLS OR COMMUNICATIONS GEAR

**C. PERSONNEL**

- (1) CASUALTY REPORTING WILL BE MADE IMMEDIATELY UPON INCIDENT OR FOLLOWING MEDIVAC IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT DIRECTIVES.

**D. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS**

**A. THE FOLLOWING CALL SIGNS WILL BE ADDED TO THE PRESENT COI**

- (1) FSB NEVILLE                      ANDREW NOVEMBER
- (2) FSB RUSSELL                      ANDREW ROMEO
- (3) FSB MACK                          ANDREW MIKE
- (4) FSB FULLER                        ANDREW MOUNTAIN

**C. MAXIMUM USE OF THE ANTENNA AS-223 G/GRC (LOG PERIODIC ) WILL BE USED AT EACH OF THE FIRE SUPPORT BASES, QUANG TRI, VCB, AND COMMAND GROUP "A"**

**D. EACH COMPANY WILL CARRY TWO PRE-CUT FIELD EXPEDIENT ANTENNA (GURKA) AND  $\frac{1}{2}$  WAVE LENGTH WIRE CUT TO BN FREQUENCY AND A LIGHT 292 ANTENNA (TOP SECTION ONLY)**

**E. COMMAND GROUP "A" WILL USE AN/PRC - 77/ KY 38 TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS ON THE REGT TACTICAL NET.**

**F. AUTHENTICATION AND NUMBERING CODES (KAC-QAG 511-512) AND BREVITY CODE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY WILL BE CARRIED BY ALL UNITS**

**G. EACH COMPANY CARRY A FIVE DAY SUPPLY OF BATTERIES**

**H. REPORT POSITIONS OF ALL MOVING UNITS HOURLY. REPORT CP LOCATIONS WHEN ESTABLISHED AND CLOSED**

**I. THE FOLLOWING SMOKE AND PYROTECHNIC SIGNALS WILL BE IN EFFECT**

- (1) WHITE            MARKING OF ENEMY POSITIONS
- (2) RED             AREAS NOT SECURE, NOT SAFE TO LAND
- (3) VIOLET / GREEN AREA SECURE, SAFE TO LAND
- (4) YELLOW        MARKING OF FRIENDLY POSITIONS.

IF PROPER SMOKE IS NOT AVAILABLE POP ANY COLOR AND ASH FOR AUTHENTICATION OF COLOR

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~~ANNEX "A"~~ INTELLIGENCE

ANNEX "B" OPERATION OVERLAY

ANNEX "C" HELICOPTER EMBARKATION PLAN

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CONFIDENTIALANNEX "C"HELICOPTER EMBARKATION PLANPURPOSE

TO PROVIDE AN EASY , FAST, EFFICIENT SYSTEM FOR EMBARKING HELITEAMS FOR THE OPERATION , HELITEAMS WILL BE CONSECUTIVELY LIFTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER.

PROCEDURE

1. ALL UNITS WILL EMPLOY A SYSTEM WHEREAS ALL READY AND STANDBY POINTS (SEE ENCLOSURE 1) ARE OCCUPIED AT ALL TIMES.
2. STAGE YOUR UNIT IN THE ASSEMBLY AREA. AS STANDBY POINTS BECOME AVAILABLE FILL THEM IN THE ORDER YOU WANT HELITEAMS LIFTED.
3. WHILE OCCUPYING THE STANDBY POINT AND WHEN READY POINT THE SAME NUMERICAL DESIGNATION BECOMES AVAILABLE MOVE HELITEAMS TO THEM.
4. WHEN HELICOPTER LANDS AT ASSIGNED READY POINT EMBARK IT
5. HELITEAMS WILL BE LIFTED IN NUMERICAL SEQUENCE 1 THROUGH 9 WITHOUT A BREAK IN NUMERICAL SEQUENCE BETWEEN DIFFERENT UNITS.
6. ALL STANDBY AND READY POINTS WILL BE OCCUPIED REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF HELICOPTERS AVAILABLE.

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ANNEX B  
ENCLOSURE (1) TO BATTALION OPERATION ORDER 10-68

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