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

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SUMMARY

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SECTION I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designations/Locations.

- a. 3d Battalion (rein), 4th Marines
- b. Cam Lo Artillery Position, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam, YD 142615. C-2 (YD 135645), C-2 Bridge (YD 179670), Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam

2. Period Covered by Report. 1-30 November 1967.3. Billet Assignments.

a. Commanding Officer	1-30 November 1967 LtCol LEE R. BENDELL
b. Executive Officer	1-30 November 1967 Maj J. E. MEAD
c. S-1	1-30 November 1967 1stLt J. A. PARKER
d. S-2	1-30 November 1967 2dLt E. K. LEE
e. S-3	1-2 November 1967 Maj J. M. LILLA
	3-30 November 1967 Maj R. K. YOUNG
f. S-4	1-19 November 1967 Capt R. W. KALM
	20-30 November 1967 Capt S. E. THOMAS
g. Gorm. O.	1-30 November 1967 Capt A. A. JANSSEN
h. CO H&SCo	1-30 November 1967 1stLt W. R. WILBERT
i. CO Co "A"	1-2 November 1967 Capt R. K. YOUNG
	3-17 November 1967 1stLt W. E. DENISE
	18-30 November 1967 Capt J. L. FRICHARD
j. CO Co "B"	1-30 November 1967 Capt E. O. LEROY
k. CO Co "C"	1-30 November 1967 Capt J. D. CARR
l. CO Co "D"	1-19 November 1967 Maj C. G. HOILMAN
	20-30 November 1967 Capt R. W. KALM

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SECTION IIS-1 & PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION1. Replacements Received

- a. USMC Enlisted - 189
- b. USMC Officers - 5
- c. USN Enlisted - 11
- d. USN Officers - 1

2. Personnel Rotated

- a. USMC Enlisted - 48
- b. USMC Officers - 1

3. Other Personnel Losses

- a. Transfer by Service Records
 - (1) USMC Enlisted - 8
- b. Wounded in Action
 - (1) USMC Enlisted - 5
- c. Killed in Action - 0
- d. Humanitarian Transfer - 0
- e. Non-battle Casualties
 - (1) USMC Enlisted - 3
- f. Intra Division/Regiment Transfers
 - (1) USMC Enlisted - 31
 - (2) USMC Officers - 4
 - (3) USN Enlisted - 11
 - (4) USN Officers - 1

4. Number of R&R Trips - 885. Average Monthly Strength

- a. USMC Enlisted - 1057
- b. USMC Officers - 38
- c. USN Enlisted - 51
- d. USN Officers - 2

6. Personnel Shortages

a. Officers	Rank	MOS	Number Needed
	Lt	0302	1
	Capt	0302	1
	Capt	0402	1

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b. Enlisted	Rank	MOS	Number Needed
	Cpl	0122	1
	PFC	0141	4
	SNCO	0369	13
	LCpl	3051	3
	LCpl	3371	1
	LCpl	3546	2
	1stSgt	9999	1

7. Personnel Administration still requires delay in processing due to the requirement to route correspondence from the rear area at Dong Ha to C-2. This has been partly eliminated by assigning a full time S-1 representative to make two daily courier runs to C-2. No problems were encountered in Casualty reporting; however, casualties were light.

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SECTION III

INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy Situation at Beginning of Period.

a. During the period the 3d Battalion, 4th Marine's area of operation was the Cam Lo, C-2 40. The 101st NVA Regiment moved in a northwesterly direction after contact with 2d Battalion, 4th Marines, generally locating their units west - northwest of the C-2 position. Indications were that elements of the 90th NVA Regiment were returning to an operating area west - southwest of the C-2 position, with other elements of the 90th NVA Regiment operating west - northwest of Con Thien. The 803d NVA Regiment was reported to have moved from positions north - northeast of Con Thien and relocated northwest of Con Thien, in the vicinity of the Ban Hai River. The 27th IND NVA Battalion remained active, operating generally along the enemy infiltration and supply routes east of C-2 and the Cam Lo Artillery Complex.

b. Enemy incoming rocket, artillery and mortar harassment was negligible at the C-2, Cam Lo Artillery Complex, and Cam Lo Bridge positions. Enemy ground activity around these positions was confined mostly to reconnaissance of friendly positions and monitoring friendly patrol activities. Indications were that the primary mission of enemy elements operating in the C-2/Cam Lo area was to maintain surveillance of friendly positions and traffic on the MSR (Route #561), harassment of patrols, interdiction of the MSR (Route #561) and Route #9, propaganda and terrorist activities in the populated areas, and a concerted effort of harvesting and transporting rice to supply caches for future operations.

c. Significant Events: A general lull of incoming rocket, artillery and mortar fire in the C-2, Cam Lo area, plus limited enemy offensive tactics seemed to indicate that enemy forces were redeploying their units for the purpose of resupplying, rehabilitation and replenishment of men and equipment. This continued decrease of enemy activity strongly indicated that their units may be experiencing personnel or supply shortages, resupply has become difficult, or that economy of forces and logistics is necessary during the rice harvest period, in order to conserve for a more concentrated effort during the late monsoon season.

2. Total Enemy Losses.

- a. Casualties: 1 VC/NVA (confirmed)
1 VC/NVA (probable)
0 VC/NVA (POW)
10 Detainees
1 VC Returnee

b. Captured Equipment:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Item</u>
24	Rounds, 7.62 (short)
4	AK-47 magazines
2	AK-47 pouches
2	Blocks of TNT
1	Cartridge Belt, NVA
1	Canteen Pouch, NVA

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Amount	Item
1	ChiCom Grenade Pouch
5	Mortar Rounds, 82mm
1	Can of Increments, 82mm
12	C-Ration Cans, Chinese (empty)
2	C-Ration Cans, Chinese (full, unopened)
8	Mortar Rounds, 60mm
1	Sandal, rubber
1	Sock w/rice in it
1	Claymore DE-10 Directional Mine, ChiCom
3	Anti-personnel mines, ChiCom
1	AT Mine, Soviet
1	Shovel, NVA

3. Situation at End of the Period.

During this period, a general influx of male personnel was noted in the rice fields around the Cam Lo area harvesting the October - November rice crops. Reports from Cam Lo District Headquarters indicated an increase of VC guerrilla activity in the areas southeast and southwest of the Cam Lo Artillery Complex. During a combined Marine/Regular Forces "Search and Clear" operation, on 21 November 1967, in the area of Cam Vu Hamlet (XD 1761) it was noted that at least two VC Main Force squad size units maintain control of that area, with the main mission being to indoctrinate the people with anti US/GVN propaganda, organize Youth Terrorist Groups, and recruit new members for local force cadres. The VC were making the people house and feed them, regardless of family status or income. They held periodic meetings to pass information concerning the rice harvest, instructing the people not to sell or store the rice in Cam Lo, but to place it in a central location for future VC use.

On the 22d of November, the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines turned over responsibility of the Cam Lo Artillery Complex and Cam Lo Bridge position to 3d Battalion, 3d Marines and assumed duties of defending the C-2 Bridge Position while keeping C-2. Indications were that enemy squad size reconnaissance elements were increasing their activities along the MSR (Route #561), north of C-2 and in the vicinity of C-2 Bridge, for a possible attack of that position. The 90th NVA Regiment seemed to be making a deliberate withdrawal from the area west - northwest of the C-2 position, with the exception of rear guard and reconnaissance units. The 803d NVA Regiment seemed to be moving advanced elements from positions along the Ben Hai River into the vicinity of Hill 117 (067699) and northwest of the C-2 Bridge. Indications are that elements of this unit will probably attempt an attack on the C-2 Bridge position during the first half of December.

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SECTION IV

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

1. The following training was conducted by 3d Battalion, 4th Marines during the period 1-30 November 1967. Throughout this period the Battalion was engaged in constant patrolling as outlined in paragraph 5.

UNIT	SUBJECT	NUMBER OF HOURS
H&SCo	First Aid	6
	VD Lecture	2
	81mm gun drill	50
	FDC procedures	3
	Safety procedures for 81's	4
	M10 plotting board	4
	Care and Cleaning of 81's,	
	106's and Flame Tanks	49
	Assembly and Disassembly of Flame Tanks	
	and 106's	4
	Employing Flames and 106's	4
Co "L"	Nomenclature and functioning of M-60	8
	Mapping and compass	4
	FO school	7
	Radio procedures and nomenclature	8 1/2
	Squad tactics	1
	Functioning of .50 cal machine gun	1 1/2
	Safety procedures for all weapons	5
	Starlight Scope	5 1/2
	Care and Cleaning of M-17 gas mask	1/2
	ERM fire	30
	First Aid	4
	Care and Cleaning of M-16	6
	M-79	3
	Claymore mine	1 1/2
	Trip flare	3 1/2
	LAGW	1/2
	Training on the AN/PFS-6	35
	Nomenclature and functioning of NGD	9 1/2
	60mm mortar	11
	Co "K"	Personal Response
Artillery History		3
Artillery FDC procedures		3
First Aid		3
Technique of ambush		3
Field fortifications		20
Care and Cleaning of M-16		4
Demolitions		3
Duties of LP's and OP's		1
Map and compass		3
Weapons safety		4
Squad tactics		10
Marksmanship and techniques of fire		10
AN/PFS-6		25
Patrolling		10

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Co "L"

FAM fired M-60	1
FAM fired M-16 & M-79	15
FAM AN/PPS-6	4
Maps and compass	1
60mm mortar	6
.50 cal machine gun	3
Instruction on M-60	3
Field Fortifications	15
Instruction on 3.5 rocket launcher	2
Fire Discipline	1
Duties of OP's and LP's	1
Conduct of patrols	1
Construction of fortified positions	1
Arty FO procedures	1
Medevac procedures	1
Field Demolitions	1
Radio procedures	5
M-79	2
Duties of a sentry	1
Weapon safety	3

Co "M"

Map reading	8
FO procedures	6
Military courtesy & Discipline	5
Scouting and patrolling	6
Care and Cleaning of all weapons and equipment	30
60mm mortar gun drill	8
Use of compass (day and night)	3
Ambushes	3
Zero of M-16's	4
Radio procedures	4
Spot reports	1
Radio Care and Cleaning	6
Personal response	1
VD lecture	2
Personal hygiene	Daily in- spection by corpsman
Starlight Scope	1
General Military subjects	2

2. In addition to the above, all individual Marines fired their weapons for "zero", prior to assignment to a unit in the field.

3. All replacements were given indoctrination lectures prior to joining their units by the Commanding Officer, Executive Officer, Sergeant Major and Chaplain.

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4. Command and Control

On 3Nov67, Co "F" 2/4 chopped to 3/4
 On 4Nov67, Flat Co "C" 3d AT Bn chopped from 3/4
 On 5Nov67, C-2 Bridge chopped from 3/3 to 3/4
 On 6Nov67, Co "C" (-) 1/9 chopped to 3/4
 On 6Nov67, Co "F" 2/4 chopped back to 2/4
 On 12Nov67, Co "C" (-) 1/9 chopped back to 1/9
 On 12Nov67, 3/3 resumed opcon of C-2 Bridge from 3/4
 On 14Nov67, Co "I" (-) 3/4 chopped to 3/3
 On 16Nov67, Co "I" (-) 3/4 chopped back to 3/4
 On 16Nov67, Co "G" 2/4 chopped back to 2/4
 On 17Nov67, Co "K" 3/3 chopped to 3/4
 On 17Nov67, 1 Sqd 81mm Mortars from 3/3 chopped to 3/4
 On 22Nov67, Cam Lo Artillery and Cam Lo River Bridge positions chopped from 3/4 to 3/3
 On 22Nov67, C-2 Bridge chopped from 3/3 to 3/4
 On 22Nov67, 1 Sqd 81mm Mortars 3/3 chopped back to 3/3
 On 24Nov67, Co "K" 3/3 chopped from 3/4 to 12th Marines
 On 24Nov67, Co "M" 3/4 chopped from 12th Marines back to 3/4
 On 28Nov67, 3d plat Co "C" 3d AT Bn chopped to 3/4
 On 28Nov67, 1st plat Co "A" 3d AT Bn chopped to 3/4
 On 28Nov67, 1 Sect 1st Plat Co "A" 3d AT Bn chopped to 1/1

These were task organized as follows:

Cam Lo Artillery Position (1Nov-22Nov67)

H&SCo (-) Bn CT (1Nov-3Nov67)
 Command Group Bravo (3Nov-22Nov67)
 Co "K"
 1 Plat Co "I" (1Nov-4Nov67) (17Nov-22Nov67)
 Sect Btry "B" 1/44th Arty (4 twin 40's)
 Det Plat Co "C" 3d AT Bn (2 Ontos) (1Nov-4Nov67)
 Det 3d Engr Bn (road sweep)
 Otter Plat 3d MI Bn (8 Others)
 Det 4th Plat Co "B" 1st AnTrac Bn (3 LVT's)

Cam Lo River Bridge (1Nov-22Nov67)

Det H&SCo (1 Sect 106's, 1 Sqd 81's)
 Co "L" (minus one Plat) (1Nov-4Nov67) (6Nov-22Nov67)
 Det 3d Engr Bn (1 Demo Team)
 Co "F" (-) 2/4 (3Nov-6Nov67)
 Det H&SCo 3/3 1 Sqd 81mm Mortars (17Nov-22Nov67)

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C-2 (1Nov-30Nov67)

Command Group Bravo (1Nov-30Nov67)
 H&SCo (-) Bn CP (3Nov-30Nov67)
 Det Btry "I" 3d Bn, 12th Mar (In Team)
 Co "G" (rein) 2/4 (1Nov-16Nov67)
 Co "K" (rein) 3/3 (17Nov-24Nov67)
 Co "M" (rein) 3/4 (24Nov-30Nov67)
 Co "L" 1 Plat 3/4 (4Nov-16Nov67)
 Co "I" 2/4 1 Plat (3Nov-6Nov67)
 Sect 5th Plat Co "A" 3d Tk Bn FMF (2 Gun Tanks)
 1st Sect 106mm RR Plat H&SCo (2 RR's)
 Det Comm Plat H&SCo
 Det 81mm Mortar Plat H&SCo (FO)
 Det Btry "I" 3d Bn, 12th Mar (FO)
 Co "I" (rein) 3/4 (1Nov-4Nov67): (13Nov-14Nov67) (17Nov-30Nov67)
 5th Plat (-) Co "A" 3d Tk Bn FMF (2 Guns, 1 Flame Tank)
 1st Plat (-) Co "A" 3d AT Bn (2 Ontos) (28Nov-30Nov67)
 3d Sect 1st Plat 1st Searchlight Btry (2 lights)
 Det 2d Scout Dog Plat 3d MP Bn (1 Team) (21Nov-30Nov67)

C-2 Bridge (5Nov-12Nov67) (22Nov-30Nov67)

Bn CP Charlie (5Nov-12Nov67) (14Nov-16Nov67)
 Co "I" (-) 3/4 (5Nov-12Nov67)
 Co "C" (-) 1/9 (6Nov-12Nov67)
 Co "L" (rein) (22Nov-30Nov67)
 Co "L" (-) 3/4 (5Nov-6Nov67)
 Bn CP Bravo (22Nov-30Nov67)
 1st Plat Co "A" 3d Tk Bn (4 Gun Tanks)
 Det 81mm Mortar Plat H&SCo (FO)
 Det 106mm RR Plat H&SCo (RR's)
 Det Comm Plat H&SCo
 Det Btry "I" 3d Bn, 12th Mar (FO)
 Co "K" (rein)
 3d Plat Co "C" 3d Tk Bn (5 gun tanks) (28Nov-30Nov67)
 1st Sect 3d Plat 1st Searchlight Btry (1 light)
 1st Sect 5th Plat Co "A" 3d AT Bn (2 Ontos)
 3d Sect 106mm RR Plat H&SCo (RR's)
 Det 81mm Mortar Plat H&SCo
 Det Btry "I" 3d Bn, 12th Mar (FO)
 Det 3d Engr Bn (Demo Team)

5. Close Combat.

Battery "D" 2/12 at Cam Lo Artillery Position is in direct support of 3/4. General support fires are available from the first 8" Howitzer Battery (self-propelled) and 175mm Gun Battery from the 29th Arty (USA) and Batteries "I" 2/12, "E" 1/12; and "K" 4/13. While this unit occupied the Cam Lo Complex a reinforced platoon was assigned to "Sparrow Hawk" mission. Another reinforced platoon was provided as a reaction force for local GAC forces. A company at C-2 was assigned the "Rough Rider" convoy security mission when required. While at the Cam Lo Complex a road sweep of route #561 was conducted daily at first light to link up with the Con Thien sweep at the C-2 Bridge.

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Simultaneously a sweep team swept from Cam Lo Artillery Position south to route #9. 3/4 units coordinated the flow of convoy traffic north on the MSR. Convoy control points were established at Cam Lo Artillery Position and at C-2. Security for convoys was provided by the company at Cam Lo Artillery Position and two USA twin 40's or Ontos. OP's were manned at the towers on OP#1 Cam Lo Artillery Position, the towers at the north gate of C-2 and the high ground between Cam Lo Artillery Position and C-2 while convoys were on route #561.

Co "M" 3/4 was opcon to 12th Marines until 24 November. While at Gio Linh they received frequent incoming rounds and took occasional sniper fire. Defensive positions were improved considerably and patrols and/or ambushes were conducted on a daily basis. The activities of Co "M" are not mentioned in the daily commentary unless they resulted in 3/4 casualties.

Continuous improvement of defensive positions was emphasized and considerable progress was achieved at all positions in the Cam Lo/C-2 complex. All companies conducted daily patrols and established night time LP's/ambushes or conducted night time patrols as directed by CO 3/4 daily fragmentary order. Other significant events of a non combat nature have been included in the chronological summary for historical and record purposes.

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1Nov: Two patrols and two night ambushes conducted: Co "I" squad patrol west of C-2, Co "K" platoon patrol north of Cam Lo Artillery Position, Co "L" squad night ambush north of bridge, Co "G" 2/4 squad night ambush southwest of C-2. At 0800H, Colonel CAMM, MACV Staff, inspected C-2 in conjunction with "Dyemarker" project.

2Nov67: One ambush and four patrols conducted: Co "I" squad night ambush west of C-2, Co "K" squad patrols west and north of Cam Lo Artillery Position, Co "L" platoon patrol to CAC 1 and Co "G" 2/4 platoon patrol east of C-2. At 1114H, two companies from 1/1 arrived north of Cam Lo Artillery Position and set in at 135624 prior to moving out for operation. (3d Marines were preparing for operation in western portion 3/4 AO). Co "M" 3/4 squad patrol at Gio Linh triggered boobytrapped 60mm mortar round at 208740, three WIA's (2 medevac) sustained.

3Nov: Two patrols and two night ambushes conducted: Co "I" squad patrol southwest of C-2, Co "K" platoon patrol east of Cam Lo Artillery Position, Co "L" squad night ambush west of bridge, and Co "G" 2/4 squad night ambush west of C-2. At 1000H, LtCol TIMME III MAF Staff and members of "Dyemarker" Quality Control Committee inspected C-2 bunkers. At 1140H, 1/1 moved out of night bivouac area enroute to Hill 46 (YD 113653). At 1245H, Co "F" 2/4 chopped to 3/4. Two platoons Co "F" 2/4 assigned Cam Lo River Bridge, one platoon Co "F" 2/4 assigned to C-2. One platoon Co "L" moved to Cam Lo Artillery Position. 3/4 CP relocated at C-2 and 3/4 Bravo CP designated at Cam Lo Artillery Position.

4Nov: Two patrols and two night ambushes conducted: Co "K" squad patrol east of Cam Lo Artillery Position and squad night patrol north of Cam Lo Artillery Position, Co "F" 2/4 night ambush west of bridge and Co "G" 2/4 squad patrol southeast of C-2. At 1100H, chopped all 3/4 Cntos to 3d AT Bn. 2/9 moved into 3/4 TAOR for 3d Marines Operation. At 2100H, PPS-5 radar picked up movement north of C-2. Fired 33 81mm mortar rounds with excellent target coverage observed on radar scope. At 2140H, Co "F" 2/4 listening post observed movement north of Cam Lo Bridge and fired 8 to 10 small arms rounds and 8 60mm mortar illumination with unknown results. Area checked at first light by Co "L" patrol with negative results. At 2150H, 3/4 checked fire on a Battery "D" 2/12 fire mission. Rounds were impacting just outside C-2 perimeter. Fire adjusted away from perimeter lines. At 2200H, PPS-5 radar located target in 3/3 AO. 3/3 engaged target with 90 rounds artillery. Five secondary explosions reported. Target movement ceased.

5Nov: Two patrols and one night ambush conducted: Co "I" squad night ambush southwest of C-2, Co "K" platoon (-) night patrol southwest of Cam Lo Artillery Position, and Co "G" 2/4 squad patrol east of C-2. At 0900H, Co "I" patrol checked area of previous nights 81mm mortar mission with negative results. 3/3 reported finding 2 81mm mortar tubes in area PPS-5 had detected movement, followed by artillery fire. At 1035H, Co "I" 3/4 with Command Group Charlie moved into position at C-2 Bridge, as 3/3 moved west to join in 3d Marines Operation. Two platoons of 1/9 assigned to 3/4 opcon at C-2 Bridge. At 1130H, Co "L" minus one platoon moved to C-2 Bridge. At 2005H, perimeter positions Co "G" 2/4 saw light at 142644. Called 81mm mortar mission. Rounds on target. Light was extinguished.

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6Nov: Three patrols were conducted: Co "I" platoon patrol south of C-2 Bridge, Co "K" squad patrols north and south of Cam Lo Artillery Position. At 0949H, Co "C" 1/9 minus one platoon arrived at C-2 Bridge and chopped to 3/4. At 1127H, one platoon Co "L" 3/4 moved from C-2 Bridge to C-2 and one platoon Co "L" 3/4 moved from C-2 Bridge to Cam Lo River Bridge. Co "F" 2/4 dropped upon of 3/4. 3/4 manning extended dispositions during 3d Marines operation as follows: C-2 Bridge -- Co "I" 3/4, 2 plats of 1/9; C-2 -- Co "G" 2/4, 1 plat Co "L" 3/4; Cam Lo Artillery Position -- Co "K" 3/4; Cam Lo River Bridge -- Co "L" 3/4 minus one plat. At 1020H, Colonel SMITH, CO 9th Marines, and Colonel CUENIN, Chief of Staff, 3d MarDiv, visited C-2. At 1320H, 1/3 arrived Cam Lo Artillery Position and set in bivouac area at 143621 as reserve battalion for 3d Marines operation. At 1350H, Captain HILL USN, CO 32d NCB, visited C-2 in conjunction with Dyemarker project. At 1650H, a Marine from Communications Platoon, H&SCo, was medevaced from Cam Lo Artillery Position to Dong Ha. At approximately 1715H, Marine was pronounced dead at Dong Ha "D" Mod due to overdose of malaria pills and cardiac arrest. Investigating officer assigned.

7Nov: Three patrols and one night ambush were conducted: Co "I" squad patrol northeast of C-2 Bridge, Co "K" squad patrol east of Cam Lo Artillery Position, Co "L" squad night ambush west of Bridge, Co "G" 2/4 squad patrol west of C-2. At 0015H, PIS-5 radar located believed to be two enemy personnel at 5000 mills and 350 meters from C-2 perimeter. M-79 and 60mm mortars were fired with unknown results. Area was checked at first light with negative results. At 1350H, Brigadier General METZGER, ADC, 3d MarDiv, and Colonel SMITH, CO 9th Marines, visited C-2. At 1442H, Major General MURRAY, Deputy Commander III MAF, Major General HOCHMUTH, CG 3d MarDiv, and Captain HILL, USN, CO 32d NCB, arrived at C-2. All visitors were briefed by CO 3/4 on progress being made at C-2 on Dyemarker installations. At 2215H, slashing noises was heard by C-2 positions at 125672. Movement was picked up by PIS-5 radar same area. 81mm mission was fired with unknown results. Area was checked out at first light with negative results.

8Nov: Four patrols were conducted: Co "K" squad patrol southwest of Cam Lo Artillery Position, Co "L" squad patrol northeast of Cam Lo River Bridge, Co "C" 1/9 platoon patrol north of C-2 Bridge and Co "G" 2/4 squad night time patrol southeast of C-2. At 0800H, C-2 Bridge received three 81mm mortar rounds inside perimeter from undetermined source. At 0855H, the Co "C" 1/9 patrol located one NVA magazine pouch with three full AK-47 magazines, one chicon grenade and one block of TNT at 123674. Enemy equipment delivered to 9th Marines S-2.

9Nov: One patrol was conducted: Co "K" squad patrol east of Cam Lo Artillery Position. At 1350H, Lieutenant General CUSHMAN, CG III MAF, Major General MURRAY, Deputy Commander, III MAF, Major General HOCHMUTH, CG 3d MarDiv, General STARBUCK, USA, and Brigadier General ANTONELLI, USA, visited C-2 in conjunction with Dyemarker project. At 1840H, a Vietnamese boy suffered a slight chin injury vicinity Cam Lo trash dump from 1/3 60mm mortar. Boy was treated at 3/4 E&S and turned over to his parents. At 2110H, PPS-5 radar tracked small moving target for 75 minutes. Target was pinned down with 81mm mortar fire at 129652, marked with WP and small arms were brought to bear. A squad sized night patrol checked target area with negative results. At 2230H, a scout sniper in the north tower at C-2 observed what he believed was a man with an infra-red scope at 136659. After obtaining clearance he fired on the shadow; it moved away and then reappeared. This was repeated several times. When the shadow failed to return the scout sniper directed his fire on the light, and the light was extinguished.

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10Nov: Three patrols and one night ambush were conducted: Co "K" squad patrol east of Cam Lo Artillery Position, Co "L" squad night ambush east of bridge, Co "C" 1/9 platoon patrol north of C-2 Bridge, and Co "G" 2/4 squad patrol west of C-2. At 0015H, Co "K" LP observed four figures, one appeared to be carrying a mortar tube at 134608. Small arms and M-79's were fired. Heard screaming from impact area and received five rounds incoming small arms fire. LP recalled into perimeter. Area searched at first light. One NVA canteen recovered. At 1430H, Brigadier General METZGER, ALC, 3d MarDiv and Dai Uy CAOS visited Cam Lo Artillery Position for a Marine Corps Birthday Ceremony.

11Nov: Two patrols and two night ambushes were conducted: Co "I" platoon patrol south of C-2 Bridge, Co "K" squad patrol north of Cam Lo Artillery Position, Co "L" squad night ambush west of bridge, and Co "G" 2/4 squad night ambush west of C-2. At 1235H, C-2 was visited by Colonel MATHER USA, MACV Staff, and Lieutenant Colonel CHRISTOPHER, 3d MarDiv Staff, on Dyemarker project. From 2000H, to 2230H, PIS-5 radar tracked target from 131654 to 133657. Fired several concentrations of 81mm mortars with good target coverage. Area checked at first light with negative results.

12Nov: Four patrols were conducted: Co "I" platoon patrol west of C-2 Bridge, Co "K" squad patrol west of Cam Lo, Co "L" squad patrol north of Cam Lo, and Co "G" 2/4 squad patrol north of C-2. At 1200H, Co "C" 1/9 chopped back to 1/9, Co "I" returned to C-2 and 3/3 resumed opcon C-2 Bridge from 3/4. At 1506H, 2/9 moved through 3/4 positions and boarded trucks north of Cam Lo Artillery Position for Camp CARROLL. At 1915H, 1/3 moved through 3/4 positions, boarded trucks north of Cam Lo Artillery Position and returned to Dong Ha. At 1345H, "G" 2/4 patrol found an NVA cartridge belt, a chicom grenade pouch, an AK-47 magazine pouch, two ponchos and one canteen cover at 127656. One poncho was prepared to serve as a litter. Items of enemy equipment were located in general area of past weeks PIS-5 radar target acquisitions and 81mm mortar fires.

13Nov: Three patrols and one night ambush were conducted: Co "I" patrol west of C-2, Co "K" squad patrol east of Cam Lo Artillery Position, Co "L" squad patrol west of Cam Lo Bridge, and Co "G" 2/4 squad night ambush north of C-2. Co 3/4 visited Co "N" 3/4 opcon to 12th Marines at Gio Linh.

14Nov: Four patrols were conducted: Co "I" squad patrol west of C-2 Bridge, Co "K" squad patrol east of Cam Lo Artillery Position, Co "L" squad patrol east of Bridge, and Co "G" 2/4 squad patrol southwest of C-2. At 1200H, Co "I" minus one platoon moved to C-2 Bridge and was chopped to 3/3 as three Co's of 3/3 participated in sweep to east of M3P.

15Nov: Four patrols were conducted: Co "K" squad patrol northwest of Cam Lo Artillery Position, Co "L" squad patrol northwest of Cam Lo Bridge Position and Co "G" 2/4 squad patrol west of C-2. At 0730H, a mine was detonated by a dog in the west mine field of C-2. At 1500H, Colonel HOLZEMUER, G-3 plans, III MAF, Lieutenant Colonel ROCKWELL USA, and Major GUCH, 3d MarDiv, visited C-2 in conjunction with Dyemarker project.

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16Nov: One patrol was conducted: Co "I" (-) patrolled from C-2 Bridge to C-2. Co "L" platoon blocking force at (YD 167610) supporting 9th Marines two battalion sweep south along east side of Route #561. At 0600H, Co "G" 2/4 LP found three M-25 grenades at (YD 133642). Close inspection disclosed that the fuze train had been removed, which would cause the grenade to detonate immediately. Grenades were destroyed. At 0745H, Co "L" patrol heard mine explode at 168610. Investigation disclosed pieces of black clothing, pieces of two brains, fresh blood, eight 60mm mortar rounds, and pair of sandals, scattered rice, and one loaded AK-47 magazine. One NVA KIA(conf). Trip wires crossed the trail in adjacent area. Mortar rounds and AK-47 magazine returned to 9th Marines S-2. At 1100H, Lieutenant Colonel TIMME, III MAF, Major TAYLOR, USA, and Major THORP, 11th Engineers Battalion, visited C-2 on Quality Control inspection of Dyemarker project. At 1237H, Co "I" was chopped to 3/4. At 1500H, Co "G" 2/4 chopped to 2/4 and departed area. At 1545H, Co "I" returned to C-2. At 1813H, 3/3 at 165638, while adjusting night defensive fires from 3/4 81mm mortars, located at C-2, had nine rounds impact in their perimeter, resulting in 1 KIA, and 18 WIA's. Investigation appointed by 9th Marines.

17Nov: Two patrols were conducted: Co "I" squad patrol southwest of C-2 and Co "K" squad patrol southwest of Cam Lo Artillery Position. At 0940H, 1/1 boarded trucks at Cam Lo Artillery Position for Dong Ha. At 1130H, Co "K" 3/3 arrived at C-2 and chopped to 3/4. At 1235H, one squad of 81mm mortars from 3/3 arrived at Cam Lo River Bridge and chopped to 3/4.

18Nov: Three patrols were conducted: Co "I" platoon patrol to the north of C-2, Co "K" squad patrol north of Cam Lo Artillery Position and Co "I" platoon patrol northwest of bridge. At 1240H, two companies of 1/1 moved through 3/4 AO enroute to Con Thien. At 1435H, C-2, C-3 and C-3A received moderate effects of CS gas from northerly direction. Found to be employed by U.S. Forces. At 1941H, west CP spotted NVA in uniform at 129649. 81mm mortars called in with good target coverage. Results unknown. At 2238H, friendly mine exploded in C-2 mine field for no apparent reason, with no casualties.

19Nov: Three patrols and three ambushes were conducted: Co "I" squad night ambush north of C-2, Co "K" squad patrol southwest and squad night ambushes east and northwest of Cam Lo Artillery Position, and Co "K" 3/3 platoon patrol southeast of C-2. At 0930H, Co "M", at Gio Linh, had one nonvac non-hostile casualty facial burns caused by individual gas heater. Regimental CO inspected Cam Lo Artillery Position and Cam Lo River Bridge and complimented progress. At 2100H, until 2400H, PsyOps conducted a broadcast at C-2 to explain open arms and rewards program.

20Nov: Four patrols were conducted: Co "I" platoon patrol southeast and squad patrol southwest of C-2, Co "K" squad patrol east of Cam Lo Artillery Position and Co "L" Co (-) patrol northeast of Cam Lo Bridge Position. At 1045H, Co "L" patrol found one ChiCom Claymore, three ChiCom Anti-Personnel mines and one ChiCom Anti-Tank Mine at 168610. Items returned to S-2 9th Marines. CO 3/4 briefed CO 3/3 on Cam Lo Artillery and Bridge Positions, and introduced him to Dai Uy. At 1030H, Co "M" squad patrol near Gio Linh(at 196751) received a burst of small arms fire. Returned fire with small arms and 60mm mortars. Moved back and called in artillery, 81mm and air. Searched area with negative results. At 1745H, two trucks on MSR received sniper fire from 124630. Aerial observer looked at area with negative results and 81mm mortar mission called in. Results unknown.

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21Nov: Co "I" and Co "L" combined operation with RF/FF. At 0935H, Co "I" acted as a blocking force vicinity 165625 and 175636 while RF company and Co "L" (~) swept village of Cam Vu at 180615. At 1015H, Co "L" received one round of small arms fire from 176613. Searched area with negative results. At 1130H, Lieutenant Colonel CHAPMAN of 3d Tank Battalion visited C-2. At 1200H, Armed Propaganda Team talked to villagers at Cam Vu. At 1515H, seven VC suspects were captured in the combined operation with RF/FF's at 187610. Suspects were returned to Cam Lo District Headquarters for questioning. (Eventually classified as 3 innocent civilians and 4 draft dodgers.) At 1006H, Co "M" squad patrol, near Gio Linh received incoming sniper rounds at 200745 and called in 81mm mortar and air strikes with unknown results.

22Nov: At 1020H, Co "L" moved from Cam Lo Bridge to occupy southern sector of C-2 Bridge. At 1100H, Cam Lo River Bridge and Cam Lo Artillery Position chopped from 3/4 to 3/3. At 1202H, Colonel CUENIN, Chief of Staff, Colonel STOCKMAN, G-3, Colonel MILLER, G-2 and Colonel CAMFORINI, G-4, visited C-2 Position. At 1015H, Co "M" on squad patrol heard voices and movement at 200745 called artillery and 81mm mortar with negative results. Found numerous one-man fighting holes and 1 ChiCom Anti-Personnel Mine at 196747, which were returned to 9th Marines S-2. Blew in place large Anti-Tank Mine at 204737. At 1545H, 3/4 relieved of Rough Rider and Sparrow Hawk.

23Nov: Three patrols conducted: Co "I" squad patrol to west of C-2, and Co "K" platoon patrol around outside perimeter of C-2 Bridge Position, and squad ambush south of C-2 Bridge. At 0520H, a mine exploded in mine field for no apparent reason near south gate. LP from 3/3 Co "K" was in the area, two casualties (nonevac) reported. At 1050H, perimeter at C-2 received five rounds sniper fire from ridge vicinity 124643. Lines alerted; fire not returned because of Recon units in general vicinity. At 1506H, cattle wandered into north mine field at C-2 perimeter detonated 3 AP mines. One cow killed by mine, five cows killed by rifle fire to prevent further detonation. At 2015H, trip flare was set off in vicinity 128672. Suspected movement was observed. Immediate response was made with a combination of small arms, pom-poms and two M-79's. Fired 81mm HE and 81mm mortar illumination with unknown results.

24Nov: Three patrols conducted: Co "I" platoon patrol west of C-2, Co "K" platoon patrol southeast of C-2 Bridge, Co "L" platoon patrol northwest of C-2 Bridge Position. At 1049H, Co "K" 3/3 boarded trucks for Gio Linh. At 1055H, Major YOUNG and a party of six men from the Dyemarker Quality Control Team arrived at C-2. At 1330H, Colonel SMITH, 9th Marines, arrived at C-2. At 1400H, Co "K" 3/3 arrived at Gio Linh chopped from 3/4 to 12th Marines. Co "M" chopped from 12th Marines to 3/4. At 1530H, Co "M" arrived at C-2 and occupied eastern sector of perimeter.

25Nov: Three patrols were conducted: Co "I" platoon patrol to the southwest of C-2, Co "K" platoon patrol northwest of C-2 Bridge and Co "L" southwest of C-2 Bridge. At 0605H, 1/1 requested and received clearance to run a patrol slightly in 3/4's AO between 0900H and 1600H. At 0802H, road sweep from 3/3 found 2 AT mines on route #561 YD 134624. One was blown in place, the other disarmed. At 0820H, Co "L" patrol found four enemy 60mm mortar rounds at YD 127660. Returned rounds to 9th Marines S-2. At 1000H, Colonel SMITH, CO 9th Marines, arrived at C-2. At 2150H, Co "K" night time activity heard noises and movement confirmed by AN/PSS-6. Called 81mm illumination and HE mission. Movement ceased and then began moving away from lines. 81mm illumination and HE called again. 60mm mortars called in and adjusted on target. Movement ceased. Area searched at first light with negative results.

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26Nov: Co "I" and Co "L" conducted a two company operation to the west of C-2. At 0900H, Co "L" found following friendly equipment at YD 114651 and YD 121656: 550 60mm mortar rounds, eleven 81mm mortar rounds, 19 grenades, one 105mm dud, one 8" dud. The following was enemy equipment found at same location: one gas mask, pick ax, one 75 recoilless rifle dud, one entrenching tool, one ammo belt with three AK-47 magazines, three accessory pouches. At 1245H, Co "I" found the following friendly items at YD 117643: twelve cases 7.62mm ammo, three cases 60mm mortar rounds, three cases hand grenades, four cases 5.56 ammo, three cases 81mm mortar rounds, twelve claymore mines, sixty rolls of concertina wire, one-hundred fence posts, two-hundred lbs of C-4, forty rounds loose 60mm ammo, one-hundred loose grenades and seventy-five plastic water containers. At 1325H, Co "L" reported finding the following unserviceable gear at YD 114651 and YD 121656: one pair boots, three E-Tool carriers, three E-Tools, two flak jackets, one gas mask cover, one bayonet, four ponchos, one raincoat, one foxhole cover, one air mattress, one belt suspender, one first aid kit, one bayonet and scabbard, three gas masks. The following serviceable gear was found at same location: three helmets, one knapsack, one belt suspender, one grenade pouch, one flak jacket, three E-Tool covers, two bayonet scabbards, one bayonet, ten magazine pouches, ten canteen covers, three canteens, two cartridge belts, two first aid packs, four M-16 magazines, one stretcher and three ponchos. All ammo blown in place. Serviceable equipment recovered. At 1120H, message from 9th Marines requested 3/4 return to CP because 1/1 was in heavy contact near Con Thien and stand by to be ready to reinforce if needed. Patrols recovered and return movement initiated. At 1448H, message from 9th Marines to stand down from alert was received. At 1640H, C-2 Bridge received one incoming round. Determined to be 105mm short round. At 2015H, classification of VC suspects apprehended in combined USMC/TF/RF operation of 21Nov67, indicated three draft dodgers released to ARVN for induction and four innocent civilians, which were released.

27Nov: Two patrols and a combined operation were conducted: Co "K" platoon patrol to west of C-2 Bridge, Co "I" squad patrol southwest of C-2 and Co "M" (-) a blocking force in combined USMC/RF operation. At 0255H, Co "L" position at C-2 Bridge observed six NVA through night observation device. Co "L" fired small arms, M-79 and 81mm mortar with good target coverage. At 0415H, Co "L" position at C-2 Bridge spotted two NVA through Starlight Scope. 30 rounds of 60mm mortar and eight rounds of 81mm mortars fired with good target coverage. At 0830H, Co "L" patrol checked out area of the two sightings with confirmation of enemy activity. At 1015H, C-2 Bridge received one round 81mm WP within perimeter. Two men received minor burns. Round appeared to come from the east. At 1040H, Co "L" patrol spotted six NVA at YD 141679. Called in 81mm mortar mission with good target coverage. At 1027H, C-2 Bridge received eight incoming 122mm rocket rounds from the north-west of Con Thien. Rounds impacted outside perimeter. AO checked area. 1/1 at Con Thien was notified. Artillery fire returned. At 1045H, Co "L" patrol sustained one casualty at YD 135666 due to recon by fire with M-79. At 1130H, C-2 Bridge received four to six rounds incoming of undetermined caliber. Rounds coming from the west impacted 150 meters outside perimeter. AO checked area with negative sightings. At 1220H, 2/9 moved north through C-2. At 1825H, Co "L" observed two enemy approaching their position. 81mm HE, artillery, and 106's fired with good target coverage observed by AN/PFS-6. Results undetermined.

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28Nov: Three patrols and one night ambush were conducted: Co "K" patrol to the west of C-2 Bridge, Co "I" platoon patrol to the southwest of C-2, Co "L" platoon patrol to the west of C-2 Bridge and Co "I" squad patrol west of C-2 Bridge. At 0100H, Co "K" at C-2 Bridge detected movement and received small arms fire from YD 123672. Returned small arms fire, M-79's and 60mm mortars. 81mm mortars with illumination and artillery called in with good target coverage. At 0210H, Co "K" detected movement at YD 128673. Confirmed movement with starlight scope. Fired small arms, M-79 and 81mm illumination. At 0745H, Co "K" patrol sighted one NVA. Fired automatic weapons at him. Checked area with negative results. At 0820H, Co "K" patrol encountered a bunker complex of seven bunkers at 114676, constructed of heavy logs and dirt 8'x6'x3'. Bunkers estimated to be about one to two months old and used about two weeks ago. At 1220H, 1/4 passed north thru C-2 on foot, after disembarking at south gate. At 1300H, Co "L" sent out unit to check out area of spotting at 0100H. They found the following equipment: One large machete U.S., one haversack foreign make, one carbine cartridge belt, one chicon grenade pouch, two NVA canteens, four U.S. helmets, four canteens and cups U.S., three M-26 frag grenades. All gear was several months old. Fresh blood was found on a bush in same area. At 1302H, Co "K" patrol found four bunkers 6'x6'x3' in heavy underbrush at YD 114671. Constructed of heavy logs and packed mud, with connecting trenches. Bunkers were one to two months old and contained empty ammo cans and some full C-ration cans. At 1700H, elements of 1/3 started moving north through C-2. At 1600H, 3/4 assumed opcon of five tanks, 3d plat Co "C", 3d Tk Bn. Tanks were sent to C-2 Bridge. At 1600H, 3/4 assumed opcon of four Ontos from 1st plat Co "A", 3d AF Bn. At 1830H, two Ontos chopped to 1/1.

29Nov: Four patrols were conducted: Co "I" squad patrol west of C-2, Co "K" platoon patrol west and squad patrol northwest of C-2 Bridge, and Co "M" platoon patrol east of C-2. At 0215H, Co "M" reported two mines exploded at C-2 in minefield for no apparent reason. At 0820H, Co "K" found two bunkers about two months old. Bunkers size 8'x3'x2' constructed of heavy logs and mud, in good condition, probably recently occupied. Bunkers blown. At 1745H, AO spotted twenty NVA 300 meters west of C-2 Bridge perimeter. Close air support called on targets. Co "L" spotted movement in bushes and then received small arms fire. 81mm HE, artillery, 106's, 90mm tanks, and small arms were fired. Outstanding target coverage. One NVA was hit by a 106mm RR. One enemy probable KIA. At 2115H, AN/PFS-6 tracked a squad size unit to west of C-2 Bridge. NOD sighted three figures to the west 200 meters out. Received small arms fire. Fired combination of 81mm HE with illumination, artillery, 106mm RR, tank and small arms. Excellent target coverage.

30Nov: Three patrols were conducted: Co "I" platoon patrol west of C-2, Co "L" platoon patrol southwest of C-2 Bridge and Co "M" squad patrol southeast of C-2. At 0845H, eleven friendly bunkers outside C-2 Bridge perimeter were destroyed to deny enemy use. At 1750H, a Army soldier, 2d TAB, 26th Arty, was treated at BAS at C-2. He had been involved in a vehicle accident at Con Thien avoiding incoming. Medevaced to Dong Ha.

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SECTION VLOGISTICS1. General

a. There were no major logistical problems encountered during this reporting period. The battalion moved the two companies from the Cam Lo Artillery Position and the Cam Lo Bridge to new position at the C-2 Bridge position on 22 November. On 24 November, Co "M" was returned from Gio Linh to take up position with Co "I" at C-2.

b. Daily resupply to the Cam Lo Position and Gio Linh was effected over the road through 24 November. Since then the resupply has been effected to the C-2 and C-2 Bridge Positions. Resupply convoys were controlled using our organic assets with 9th Motor Transport Battalion providing the necessary vehicles. Due to the shifting of a number of battalions during the latter part of the month, a reduced number of vehicles were available and resupply was of essential items only. No critical shortage of any class supply existed during November.

2. Supply

a. The overall supply support during this period is considered satisfactory. Some critical shortages exist in the following areas:

Lamps, incandescent
Recoilless rifle, 106mm

b. On 26 November, the Battalion received the following 81mm mortar components from Da Nang; 8 Mounts; 7 Tubes; 3 Sights with accessories; and 6 Baseplates. A requisition was passed on to Okinawa for the remainder of the components: 1 Tube, 5 Sights w/accessories, and 2 Baseplates.

c. Resupply to the Cam Lo supply point was discontinued for Class II items on 22 November in favor of a unit distribution system. Those supplies are issued in the Battalion rear area and delivered directly to the companies at their present positions. Classes I, III, IV, and V are delivered to the S-4 forward for distribution to the companies from that point.

3. Transportation

a. Motor transportation from 9th Motors was satisfactory considering the large number of troop movements they were supporting. They provided an average of four vehicles a day.

b. On 18 November, one of the M36 trucks placed upon to this Battalion returned to 9th Motors due to mechanical difficulties. A replacement truck was not received until 26 November, which severely hampered our local logistic effort. During the month the occupation of three positions (Bridge, Artillery Position, and C-2) plus C-2 Bridge for several days required transportation for trash removal, distribution of hot meals and supplies, and support of the construction and improvement effort. A request had been made for three 6x6 but only two were approved. On the average, only one was operable daily which did not result in satisfactory support.

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c. The deadline rate for the M422A1 vehicle for this period is fifty percent; of the twenty M422A1 vehicles, ten are deadlined. Six of these are in FISU for third echelon repairs; three are awaiting new engines. Those vehicles are three years old and require replacement.

d. Of the five communications vehicles, two are deadlined for second echelon repairs.

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SECTION VI

COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS

1. Radio

a. The Battalion maintains stations on the following radio nets:

Regimental TAC #1	(FM)	(RC-292)
Regimental TAC #2	(FM)	(RC-292)
Battalion TAC	(FM)	(RC-292)
Perimeter Defense	(FM)	(RC-292)
CAC Cmd	(FM)	(RC-292) (until 22Nov67)
Regimental TAC #3	(FM)	(RC-292) (monitor only)

b. At the Bravo Command Post position (C-2 Bridge) stations are maintained on the Battalion TAC and Regimental TAC #1 nets utilizing RC-292 antennas.

c. Supporting Arms

(1) TACP/FAC - in addition to the forementioned air net in paragraph (a), one (1) (UHF) station is employed.

(2) Artillery attachments maintain one (1) (FM) station at both C-2 and C-2 Bridge Command Posts to meet their requirements.

2. Wire

a. The Battalion rear at Dong Ha maintains wire communications within the Battalion rear CP area and trunk lines to 9th Marine Regiment. One SB-22 is employed.

b. At Command Post Bravo (C-2 Bridge) wire communications are provided for both companies and supporting arms. Wire communications is provided down to the squad level in both companies. Two (2) SB-22's (switch boards) are employed.

c. The Battalion Command Post at C-2 position maintains wire communications within their CP and provides trunk lines to 3d Battalion, 3d Marines at Can Lo. Three (3) SB-22's are employed.

d. The Battalion wire section is augmented with equipment from Dycmarker sources. Two (2) SB-22's, and fifteen (15) TA-312's (Field Phone).

3. Radio Relay

a. Radio Relay (TRC-27) is employed between C-2 position and Dong Ha. Equipment and personnel are provided by 9th Marines.

4. Power

a. Power for the Battalion rear CP is provided by the 11th Engr Bn.

b. Power for the Battalion CP at C-2 position is currently being provided by the 12th Marines radar site utilizing a PU-239 generator. Request for generator support at C-2 has been made repeatedly without result. C-2 Bridge has no generator or electric wiring. VI-1

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SECTION VIII

AIR SUPPORT

1. During the month of November the weather was favorable for all 3/4 air support. Due to the assignment of 3/4, extensive air support was not necessary. Requests were fulfilled without appreciable delay. AO's were very useful for checking out patrol areas, enemy movement, rocket and mortar sites within our AO. AO's did a fine job in finding bunker complexes and destroying them with air support.

2. The following is a summary of air support for the period 1-30 November:

a. Fixed wing	32 Sorties
b. AO Aircraft	28 Sorties
c. Resupply	None
d. Medevac	4 UH-34's
e. Troop lifts	None
f. SAR	None
g. TPQ's	94 Requested

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SECTION VIIFIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

1. During the month of November, while 3/4 was conducting operations around the C-2, C-2 Bridge, and Cam Lo areas, direct support artillery was provided by "D" Battery 2/12, except for the period 3 to 9 November when "F" Battery 2/12 was in direct support of 3/4.
2. During the month of November calls for fire were also answered by "E" Battery 2/12, "K" Battery 4/13, and 1st 8" How Battery. These Batteries were assigned general support and/or reinforcing missions as appropriate.
3. Most calls for fire during this month were answered with out appreciable delay. There was an increase in reaction time toward the latter part of the month; however, this was due to the integration of FADAC, centralized FDC computer, into our system. By the end of the month reaction time was back to its normal time. Work on decreasing response time continues.
4. Artillery forward observers in support of 3/4 called in a total of 110 fire missions for an expenditure of 1,279 rounds for the month of November. Also an additional 2,272 rounds were expended on 542 H&I targets during this month.
5. Summary on artillery fire support, 1-30 November 1967:

<u>I Battery</u>	<u>Fire Missions</u>	<u>Rounds</u>
"D" 2/12	71	818
"E" 2/12	3	33
"F" 2/12	25	226
"K" 4/13	8	137
1st 8" How	3	65
	<u>110</u>	<u>1,279</u>

<u>II Battery</u>	<u>H&I Targets</u>	<u>Rounds</u>
"D" 2/12	285	1,099
"E" 2/12	32	96
"F" 2/12	112	411
"K" 4/13	65	390
1st 8" How	48	276
	<u>542</u>	<u>2,272</u>

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SECTION IXMEDICAL AFFAIRS

1. There were no major medical problems encountered during this report period.
2. The Battalion received their annual immunizations. This was accomplished without problem. One company was completed each day.
3. BAS was moved from Can Lo to C-2 during this period. A forward BAS was opened at the C-2 Bridge. There were no problems encountered in the move.
4. Sanitation is considered fair at the present time at C-2 and C-2 Bridge. Upon arrival there were insufficient heads and urinals along with insufficient cleaning supplies. This problem is being rapidly eliminated. There is evidence of rats in the area. Wire traps were obtained from Preventive Medicine, Dong Ha, and we are averaging trapping one rat per night.
5. There were no casualties in the medical section during the month. Six corporals were received and five corporals were transferred.

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SECTION XCIVIL AFFAIRS

1. Relations between 3d Battalion, 4th Marines and the village and hamlet officials of Cam Lo and Cam Thai continued to be excellent. Military and civil affairs activities are coordinated between the Senior Army Advisor, Cam Lo District, and the Cam Lo District Chief.

2. Civil Affairs Activities. Medcaps were conducted by the Battalion doctor and coordinated with the Cam Lo District Headquarters. This type of Civil Affairs activity is proving to be the best received project in this area. Work continued on the road networks in the Cam Thai area and reconstruction of the Cam Lo Bridge neared completion. Relocation of the Market Place, outside the Cam Lo Artillery Complex was completed on the 3d of November. On the 10th of November the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines celebrated the 192d anniversary of the United States Marine Corps. Dai Uy CAOS, Cam Lo District Chief, invited a Vietnamese entertainment group from the Da Nang area to perform for the Marines during the birthday celebration. The group was lead by Lt HQA, of the Da Nang Special Warfare Branch, and they put on two shows: one at the Cam Lo Bridge Position and one at the Cam Lo Artillery Position. The entertainment group was well received and a welcome addition to the days activities.

Combined military/civil affairs meetings were held at the Cam Lo District Headquarters between LtCol BENDELL, Major PAYNE and Dai Uy CAOS. The discussion centered on: (a) removal of occupants from the houses at the Cam Lo Bridge Position, (b) military activities and employment of combined forces in the Cam Lo area, and (c) problems involving civilian activities along the MSR, north of the Cam Lo River and in the Market Place outside the Cam Lo Artillery Complex.

3. Significant Events.

a. The Market Place outside of the Cam Lo Artillery Position was noted to be the center of numerous illicit activities during recent weeks. After obtaining all the facts in the matter and discussing the problem with Major PAYNE and Dai Uy CAOS, it was decided that the Market Place should be closed down and moved south of the Cam Lo River Bridge Position. The Dai Uy initiated the removal and on the 24th of November, the Market Place was closed down and moved. In addition, all roadside stands were ordered to close. It has been noted since the removal of the Market Place that the usually congested MSR, north of the bridge position, has been relatively free of pedestrian traffic. Relocation of the Market Place has been established outside of the Cam Lo Bridge Position, which may not halt those activities that were noted to be detrimental to the Marines in this area, although a permanent military police patrol has been established and their presence should have a significant effect on those activities noted as harmful to Marine Commands in the Cam Lo area.

b. On the 23d of November, Dai Uy CAOS and a squad of PF's removed the occupants from the houses at the Cam Lo Bridge Position. The occupants were reluctant about moving, but there were no serious repercussions after their removal.

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c. The average Vietnamese attitude towards the military in the Cam Lo, Cam Thai area remains passive and hard to judge at times, but an atmosphere of friendship has always prevailed in this area on the surface. By good working relationships with the Dai Uy, local village and hamlet officials, serious matters have been handled jointly, always keeping the Vietnamese response to different situations as a determining factor, as to the correct course of action to be taken. During the month of November an increased anti US/GVN propaganda campaign was initiated by the local VC which was directed primarily at the hamlets surrounding Cam Lo and Cam Thai. This has not had a noticeable effect on the military civil affairs program for this area, and mutual friendship between the people and Marines should be of a lasting nature if problems continue to be handled correctly.

4. Psychological Warfare Activities: Aerial leaflet drops into the populated areas of Cam Lo were noted twice during the month. The leaflets explained the Chieu Hoi and Rewards programs. On 21 November, the Armed Propaganda Team was used during a "Search and Clear" operation in the vicinity of Cam Vu (YD 1761). A Psychological Loudspeaker Unit from C-2 provided a total of seventeen (17) hours of broadcasts. The main theme of the broadcast was the Chieu Hoi program. The use of tapes, Kit Carson Scouts and Interpreters were employed in conjunction with sightings picked up on the PFS-5. Broadcast range was estimated to be 3000 meters.

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SECTION XI

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND LESSONS LEARNED1. Patrolling

a. The exposed positions of the Con Thien, C-2 and Gio Linh combat bases require that departing daylight patrols frequently move out prior to first light. Movement across the cleared areas adjacent to these bases can be observed by the enemy from considerable distances, thereby placing the patrol in danger of artillery, rockets and other long range enemy fire.

b. Close coordination with adjacent friendly units is required so that the patrol will be able to safely move through friendly lines. The patrol must also be alert for possible enemy ambushes at the exit points of their perimeters.

c. In planning patrol routes distant from friendly positions, a reaction force should always be available should the patrolling unit make heavy contact. The enemy has consistently used the tactic of avoiding contact until late afternoon so that relief forces and medevac attempts are hampered by rapidly diminishing daylight.

d. Establishing ambushes by dropping off a small unit from a larger one during normal patrolling allows the ambushing unit maximum avoidance of detection by the enemy. This technique is applicable to both day and night ambushes.

2. Enemy Patrolling Techniques: Recent detection of enemy movement by aerial observers and ground surveillance radar indicates that he initiates his movement to within several hundred meters of friendly positions in the late afternoon hours. He then continues his movement within close proximity of the friendly units lines to recon or probe at first darkness. He appears to operate most actively between the hours of 2000 and 2400, after which he moves back to a distant base area. An aerial observer on station between 1800 and darkness and maximum alertness of observation post and perimeter forces during these hours can combat these techniques.

3. Ground Surveillance Radara. Tactical Employment

(1) Due to the operating range of the PPS-5 radar, its most effective employment was in coordination with the 81mm mortar because of their comparative operating ranges. The PPS-5 should be located in a relatively secure defensive installation. After deciding upon an advantageous location which permitted the radar to operate at distances up to 3,000 meters, its precise location was determined by survey, thus allowing use of the "polar plbt" technique for calling and adjusting mortar fire. The operator of the PPS-5 determined his sector scan, noting the location of friendly units within this sector and recording this information on a map overlay.

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(2) When radar contact was made, a conference call was established for communication between the radar unit, the OP towers, the Battalion COC and the 81mm mortar gun position. As a target was acquired, the radar unit notified the COC giving the range and azimuth to the target. The OP's were notified to attempt to confirm the target with their Night Observation Devices. The FSCC plotted the grid location, cleared the mission and passed the information on to the mortars who, on order, fired the mission. Fire was adjusted by the tower OP's if they had the target in sight or by the radar if their visual presentation picked up the "splash" of the impacting round. The radar continued to monitor the target area for continued signs of movement and called for additional fires as changes in target were noted. Perimeter lines were notified if movement was close to the perimeter.

(3) Because of its relative simplicity and compact size, the AN/FPS-6 radar unit readily adapted itself to use on the company and platoon level. Where the FPS-5 appeared to be best utilized with the 81mm mortar the FPS-6 appeared to be more compatible with the 60mm mortar because of similar effective ranges. This employment also permitted a faster reaction time between acquisition of the target and deliverance of fire on the target area. The FPS-6 was capable of wider offensive employment than the FPS-5 by virtue of its size and "one man pack" capability, allowing it to be used in less secure environments such as temporary night defensive positions, patrols and ambushes.

b. Operator Trainings A training program under the guidance of the Battalion S-3 proved to be most effective. One officer who had been trained in the operation of both radar units was given the responsibility of setting up a training cycle for the individual companies. Two, four-man teams per company were trained on the operation of the FPS-6. The FPS-5 required only two teams per battalion, ideally taken from the H&S company.

c. Logistical Support: The communications officer of the Battalion was given the responsibility of insuring that batteries were charged and that a weekly preventive maintenance was held on each radar set by a trained radar technician. New sets, when put in operation for the first time, required considerable minor technical adjustments which should be within the scope of the Battalion Radar Technician, thus preventing their return to a rear echelon. Lack of a trained technician within this Battalion limited maintenance capabilities. A request has been initiated for such trained personnel.

d. Usage Problems

(1) As with all new equipment, several problems and defects have been noted in continuous operation of the two radar units. The greatest problem encountered with the FPS-5 has been in providing sufficient batteries for tactical operation. The two batteries organic to the set are not sufficient to operate on a continuous basis. Where the recharging facilities are located distant from the set, a minimum of six to eight batteries are required per set. Also, the listed eight hour battery life has proven to be only six hours.

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(2) The PFS-6 has no difficulties in maintaining batteries because of the longer life span of twenty hours. In attempting to achieve reduced weight, however, there has been a subsequent loss of durability under combat conditions. This is particularly true of the tripod which has proven to be too fragile. The PFS-6 also has a leakage around the base of the antenna, requiring a waterproof cover over the set under rainy conditions.

4. Bunker Construction

a. The arrival of a rubberized membrane to cover the living bunkers signalled fulfillment of a request initiated months ago at Con Thien. Incorporation of the membrane into the roof protection of sand bags, dirt and burster layer (shell casings, cannister or rock) prevented roof leakage and made the bunker far more habitable than previously. Of course, had the membrane been available during the initial construction, much of the effort of removing previous protection could have been avoided.

b. On the bunkers built below ground level, much work to improve drainage was necessary. Trenching down to the space beneath the flooring was accomplished and short culverts were installed where trench walls tended to cave in. Siting plans for future bunkers emphasized emplacement on hillside cuts, with most of the bunker above ground level. Future bunkers were not sited in the natural ground drainage and ditching around bunkers avoided seepage problems. On above ground bunkers, dirt was piled in sloping berms against bunker walls to encourage natural drainage away from the bunker.

c. Hurried backfilling against bunker walls placed undue strain on side walls, canted bunkers, and damaged structural soundness. Backfilling was since done with care, attempting to place adequate dirt protection on all four walls without undue wall pressure.

d. A system of interior bunking was devised to accomodate 15 men in an 18'x24' bunker. Without the three high bunks, 10 men filled up the bunker leaving no recreation space. Sand bagging in the large bunkers from floor to ceiling provided compartmentation for privacy and protection. Bunking material is presently on order; undesirable crowded conditions currently exist.

e. The need for heavy equipment when protecting a bunker after it has been constructed became very apparent. Dirt filling on sides and top required dozers and clam-shells. The laborious process of installing shell casings and cannister by hand could have been alleviated by transporting rock by dump truck, and then by clam-shell to the top of the bunker. Initially, the MSR had priority on rock and later on trucks were not available, requiring time consuming hand labor.

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3/4 Frag Order for 31 Oct 67 01Nov67

S-3

1. No Change

2. No Change

3. a. 3/4 employs 2 Co's (rein) with Command Group Bravo at C-2, 1 Co (rein) at Cam Lo Arty position with Bn CP group and 1 Co (-) at Cam Lo bridge.

b. Co "L" minus ~~one sqds~~ ^{two sqds}. Defend CL bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local CAC forces on order. On 31Oct67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 01Nov67 conduct night time squad ~~patrol~~ ^{ambush} in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 011200H.

c. Co "K" (rein) plus ~~one pl~~ ^{two sqds} from Co "L": Defend CL perimeter. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convoy security plus traffic control on MSR north of Cam Lo. On 31Oct67 conduct night time activities vicinity 152623 and . On 01Nov67 conduct platoon ~~XXXXXX3333Z~~ day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities to the south and northwest prior to 011200H.

d. Co "I" (rein): Defend west sector C-2. Be prepared to provide Company for "Rough Rider" mission on 30 minute availability. On 31Oct67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133638. On 01Nov67 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP's prior to 011200H.

e. Co ~~02/4~~ ^{02/4} (rein): Defend east sector C-2. On 31Oct67 conduct night time activity vicinity 133650. On 01Nov67 conduct day time ambush in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activity prior to 011200H.

4. No Change

5. a. 3/4 CP Bravo at C-2. 3/4 CP at Cam Lo.

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3/4 Frag Order for 1. Nov67

5-3

1. No Change

2. No Change

3. a. 3/4 employs 2 Co's (rein) with Command Group Bravo at C-2, 1 Co (rein) at Cam Lo Arty Position with Bn CP group and 1 Co (-) at Cam Lo Bridge.

b. Co "L" minus two sqds: Defend CL Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local CAC forces on order. On 1 Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 2 Nov67 conduct day/night time squad patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 021200H.

c. Co "K" (rein) plus two sqds from Co "L": Defend CL Perimeter. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convoy security plus traffic control on MSR north of Cam Lo. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vendors are kept off the MSR and to keep indigenous personnel clear of the trash dump. On 1 Nov67 conduct night time activities vicinity 129622 and 133607. On 2 Nov67 conduct ~~night time~~ squad day/night time Patrols in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities to the ~~east~~ and southwest prior to 021200H.

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d. Co "I" (rein): Defend west sector C-2. Be prepared to provide Company for "Rough Rider" mission on 30 minute availability. On 1 Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133638. On 2 Nov67 conduct ~~day~~/night time ambush in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP's prior to 021200H.

e. Co "G"-2/4 (rein): Defend east sector C-2. On 1 Nov67 conduct night time activity vicinity 133650. On 2 Nov67 conduct day/night time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time activity prior to 021200H.

4. No Change

5. a. 3/4 Bravo at C-2. 3/4 CP at Cam Lo.

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3/4 Frag Order for 23 Nov67

S-3

1. No Change

2. No Change

3. a. 3/4 employs 2 Co's (rein) with Command Group Bravo at C-2, 1 Co (rein) at Cam Lo Arty Position with Bn CP group and 1 Co (-) at Cam Lo Bridge.

b. Co "L" minus two sqds: Defend CL Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local CAC forces on order. On 2 Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 2 Nov67 conduct day/night time squad ambush in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 031200H.

c. Co "K" (rein) plus two sqds from Co "L": Defend CL Perimeter. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convoy security plus traffic control on MSR north of Cam Lo. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vendors are kept off the MSR and to keep indigenous personnel clear of the trash dump. On 2 Nov67 conduct night time activities vicinity 129608 and . On 3 Nov67 conduct platoon ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ day/~~XXXX~~ time patrol, in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities to the east and south prior to 031200H.

d. Co "I" (rein): Defend west sector C-2. Be prepared to provide Company for "Rough Rider" mission on 30 minute availability. On 2 Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133637. On 3 Nov67 conduct day/night time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP's prior to 031200H.

e. Co "H" (rein): Defend east sector C-2. On 2 Nov67 conduct night time activity vicinity 133650. On 2 Nov67 conduct day/night time ambush in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time activity prior to 031200H.

4. No Change

5. a. 3/4 Bravo at C-2. 3/4 CP at Cam Lo.

3/4 Frag Order for 23 Nov67

1. No Change

2. No Change

3. a. 3/4 employs 2 Co's (rein) with Command Group Bravo at C-2, 1 Co (rein) at Cam Lo Arty Position with Bn CP group and 1 Co (-) at Cam Lo Bridge.

b. Co "L" minus two sqds: Defend CL Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local CAC forces on order. On 2 Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 2 Nov67 conduct day/night time squad ambush in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 031200H.

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Addendum to Frag Order for 4 Nov 1967

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Status afternoon and night of 3 Nov.

Can Lo River Bridge:

Can Lo Artillery Position:

G-2:

Co "F" 2/4 minus one platoon

One platoon, Co "L" 3/4 * Co Hq.

Co "K" 3/4 } 3/4 Cml Group "A" moves to

2 platoons, Co "L" 3/4 } G-2

Co "G" 2/4

Co "I" 3/4

One platoon, Co "F" 2/4

3/4 Cml Group "B" replaced
by Cml Group "A"

Status by late afternoon and night of 4 Nov.

Can Lo River Bridge:

Can Lo Artillery Position:

G-2:

G-2 Bridge:

Co "F" 2/4 minus one platoon

Co "K" } Cml Group "B" = IW Bravo = Capt PRICHARD
(secondary control)

Co "G" 2/4

One platoon, Co "F" 2/4

Co "I" 3/4

Co "L" 3/4

Cml Group "A" LtCol BENDEL
Maj MEAD

Cml Group "C" = IW Charlie = Capt YOUNG

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3/4 Reg Order for 4-5 Nov67

COC 5-5

1. No Change
2. No Change
3. a. 3/4 company A (rein) plus two platoons in CP group at C-2. 1 Co (rein) plus two platoons at C-2. Army Position with CP group Bravo and two platoons at Cam Lo Bridge.
 - b. Co "L" minus two platoons. Defend south sector C-2 Bridge. On 4Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133607. On 5Nov67 attach two platoons and conduct day time Co patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP prior to 051200H.
 - c. Co "T" 2/4 minus two platoons. Defend North sector C-2 Bridge. Provide up to two platoons to reinforce local C-2 forces on order. On 4Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133609. On 5Nov67 defend entire Cam Lo Bridge perimeter during Co "L" patrol. Submit position for night time LP prior to 051200H.
 - d. Co "I" (rein) plus two platoons from Co "L". Defend C-2 Perimeter. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoons. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convey security plus traffic control on MSR north of Cam Lo. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vendors are kept off the MSR and to keep indigenous personnel clear of the trash dump. On 4Nov67 conduct night time activities vicinity 133607 and 130616. At 050700H, return two platoons to Co "L" for Co patrol. On 5Nov67 conduct platoon (-) night time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities to the west and east prior to 051200H.
 - e. Co "I" (rein) plus one platoon. Defend west sector C-2. Be prepared to provide Co for "Rough Rider" Reaction force in support of Co "L" if necessary. On 4Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133612. On 5Nov67 conduct night time ambush in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP prior to 051200H.
 - f. Co "C" 2/4 (rein) plus one platoon. Defend east sector C-2. Be prepared to provide Co for "Rough Rider" mission on 30 minute availability. On 4Nov67 conduct night time activity vicinity 133618. On 5Nov67 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP prior to 051200H.
 - g. If 3d Marines operation goes, designated units will move to C-2 bridge and conduct close-in security patrols.
4. No Change
5. a. 3/4 C. P. at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at Cam Lo.

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3/4 Hrag Order for 5-8 Nov67

5-3 COC

1. No Change
2. No Change
3. a. 3/4 employs one Co plus one plt with Bn CP Group at C-2, two Co's (rein) at C-2 Bridge, 1 Co (rein) at Cam Lo Arty P position with Bn CP Group Bravo and 1 Co (-) at Cam Lo Bridge.
 - b. Co "F" 2/4 minus one plts. Defend CL Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local CID forces on order. On 5Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 6Nov67 move entire Co to Dang Ha.
 - c. Co "L" (rein): Defend south sector C-2 Bridge. On 5 Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 128667. On 6Nov67 move one plt to C-2 and Company "L" (-) to Cam Lo River Bridge. On 6Nov67 conduct night patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time activity prior to 061200H.
 - d. Co "K" (rein): Defend CL Perimeter. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convoy security plus traffic control on MSR north of Cam Lo. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vendors are kept off the MSR and to keep indigenous personnel clear of the trash dump. On 5Nov67 conduct night time activity vicinity 150616. On 6Nov67 conduct squad day time patrols in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities to the west and southeast prior to 061200H.
 - e. Co "G" 2/4 plus one plt Co "F" 2/4: Defend C-2. On 5Nov67 conduct night time activities vicinity 133640 and 133648. On 6Nov67 ship Co "F" plt open to Co "F". Attach plt from Co "L". Submit positions for night time activities prior to 061200H.
 - f. Co "I" (rein): Defend north sector C-2 Bridge. ~~Do not expect to provide Company for "rough side" mission on 30 minute availability.~~ On 5Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 128677. On 6Nov67 attach two plts from 1/9.
4. No Change
5. a. 3/4 Bravo at Cam Lo. 3/4 CP at C-2.

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3/4 Frag Order for 6-7 Nov67

1. No Change
2. No Change
3. a. 3/4 employs one Co (rein) and one plt with Bn CP Group at C-2. 1 Co (rein) at Cam Lo Arty Position with Bn CP Group Bravo, 1 Co (-) at Cam Lo Bridge and one Co and one plt with CP Group Charlie at C-2 Bridge.
- b. Co "L" minus one Plt: Defend CL Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local CAC forces on order. On 6 Nov 67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 7 Nov 67 conduct night time squad patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 071200H.
- c. Co "K" (rein): Defend CL Perimeter. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convoy security plus traffic control on MSR north of Cam Lo. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vendors are kept off the MSR and to keep indigenous personnel clear of the trash dump. On 6 Nov 67 conduct night time activities vicinity 133617 and 150616. On 7 Nov 67 conduct squad day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities to the west and northeast prior to 071200H.
- d. Co "I" (rein) and Co "J" (two plts): Defend C-2 Bridge. ~~Be prepared to provide Company for "rough ride" mission on 90 minute availability.~~ On 6 Nov 67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 130663 and 129674. On 7 Nov 67 conduct night time activities with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities prior to 071200H.
- e. Co "G" 2/4 (rein): Plus one plt: Defend C-2. On 6 Nov 67 conduct night time activities vicinity 133642 and 133643. On 7 Nov 67 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activity prior to 071200H.
4. No Change
5. a. 3/4 C.F. at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at Cam Lo. 1/4 Charlie at C-2 Bridge.

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Commanding

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3/4 Frag Order for 7-8 Nov67

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1. No Change
2. No Change
3. a. 3/4 employs one Co (rein) and one plt with Bn CP Group at C-2, 1 Co (rein) at Cam Lo Arty Position with Bn CP Group Bravo, 1 Co (-) at Cam Lo Bridge and one Co and two plts with Cp group at C-2 Bridge.
 - b. Co "L" minus one plt: Defend CL Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local CAC forces on order. On 7Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 8Nov67 conduct day time ~~LP's~~ squad patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 081200H.
 - c. Co "K" (rein) ~~plus two platoons from Co "L"~~. Defend CL Perimeter. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convoy security plus traffic control on MSR north of Cam Lo. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vendors are kept off the MSR and to keep indigenous personnel clear of the trash dump. On 7Nov67 conduct night time activities vicinity 152616 and 134609. On 8Nov67 conduct squad day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities to the north and south prior to 081200H.
 - d. Co "I" (rein) plus Co C (-) 1/9: Defend C-2 Bridge. ~~Be prepared to provide Company for through river mission on 30 minute availability.~~ On 7Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 130663 and 129676. On 8Nov67 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP's prior to 081200H.
 - e. Co "G" 2/4 (rein): Plus one plt; Defend C-2. On 7Nov67 conduct night time activities vicinity 130642 and 133648. On 8Nov67 conduct night time ambush in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time activity prior to 081200H.
4. No Change
5. a. 3/4 C.P. at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at Cam Lo. 3/4 Charlie at C-2 Bridge.

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3/4 Pong Order for 2-4 Level

1. No Change
2. No Change
3. a. 3/4 company are on (road) and one plt with 2nd CP Group at C-2, 1 Co (rein) at Cam Lo Army Position with 2nd CP Group Bravo, 1 Co (-) at Cam Lo Bridge and one Co and two plts with CP Group at C-2 Bridge.
 - b. Co "1" (rein) one plt: Defend CL Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local CAC forces on sector. On 0800/7 conduct night time LP's vicinity 122601 and 122609. On 0800/7 conduct day time platoon patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 091200H.
 - c. Co "2" (rein): Defend CL Position. Provide "Company Band" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and survey security plus traffic control on HIL north of Cam Lo. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vendors are kept off the HIL and to keep indigenous personnel clear of the trash dump. On 0800/7 conduct night time activities vicinity 122612 and 122614. On 0800/7 conduct squad day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities to the east and southeast prior to 091200H.
 - d. Co "3" (rein) plus Co "C" (-) 1/9: Defend C-2 Bridge. Be prepared to provide support for 2nd CP Group. On 0800/7 conduct night time LP's vicinity 122613 and 122615. On 0800/7 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP's prior to 091200H.
 - e. Co "C" 2/4 plus one plt: Defend C-2. On 0800/7 conduct night time activities vicinity 122613 and 122615. On 0800/7 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time activities prior to 091200H.
4. No Change
5. a. 3/4 B at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at Cam Lo. 3/4 Charlie at C-2 Bridge.

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D-#2

3/4 Frag Order for 10-11 Nov 7

1. No Change

2. No Change

3. a. 3/4 employs one Co (rein) and one plt with Bn CP Group at C-2, 1 Co (rein) at Cam Lo Arty Position with Bn CP Group Bravo, 1 Co (-) at Cam Lo Bridge and one Co and two plts with CP Group at C-2 Bridge.

b. Co "L" minus one plt: Defend CL Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local CAD forces on order. On 10Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 11Nov67 conduct night time squad ambush in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 111200H.

c. Co "K" (rein): Defend CL Perimeter. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convoy security plus traffic control on MSR north of Cam Lo. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vendors are kept off the MSR and to keep indigenous personnel clear of the trash dump. On 10Nov67 conduct night time activities vicinity 134608. On 11Nov67 conduct squad day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities to the west and north east prior to 111200H.

d. Co "I" plus Co "C" (-) 1/9: Defend C-2 Bridge. ~~Be prepared to provide company for "rough rider" mission on 30 minute availability.~~ On 10Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 130663 and 129676. On 11Nov67 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP's prior to 111200H.

e. Co "G" 2/4 plus one plt: Defend C-2. On 10Nov67 conduct night time activity vicinity 133642 and 133648. On 11Nov67 conduct night time ambush in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time activities prior to 111200H.

4. No Change

5. a. 3/4 CP at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at Cam Lo. 3/4 Charlie at C-2 Bridge.

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3/4 Reg Order for 11-12 Nov

5-3

1. No Change.
2. No Change.
3. a. 3/4 company one Co (main) and one plt with 1st CP Group at C-2, 1 Co (main) at Cam Lo City Position with 1st CP Group Bravo, 1 Co (-) at Cam Lo Bridge and one Co and two plts with CP Group at C-2 Bridge.
 - b. Co "1" minus one plt: Defend CL Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local C-2 forces on order. On 11Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 14500 and 14600. On 12Nov67 conduct day time squad patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 121200L.
 - c. Co "2" (main): Defend CL Footway. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convey security plus traffic control on 1000 north of Cam Lo. Provide measures to monitor the airport plane to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vehicles are kept off the MSR, and to keep indigenous personnel clear of the trash dump. On 11Nov67 conduct night time activities vicinity 14500 and 13900. On 12Nov67 conduct squad day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities to the west and northeast prior to 121200L.
 - d. Co "1" plus Co "2" (-) 1/9: Defend C-2 bridge. ~~Be prepared to provide company for rough rider~~ On 11Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 13000 and 12167. On 12Nov67 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP's prior to 121200L.
 - e. Co "3" 2/4 plus one plt: Defend C-2. On 11Nov67 conduct night time activities vicinity 13000. On 12Nov67 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time activity prior to 121200L. Be prepared to provide a Co (-) for rough rider on 30 minute availability. C-2 will be re-constituted by assignment of an equivalent size unit prior to night fall.
4. No Change.
5. a. 3/4 at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at Cam Lo. 3/4 Charlie at C-2 Bridge.

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1/4 Ring order for 12-13 Nov 67

S-3

1. No Change
2. No Change
3. a. 3/4 company, two Co (main) and one plt with the CP Group at C-2, 1 Co (main) at C-1. Provide positions with the CP Group at C-1, Co (-) at C-2 Bridge, and one Co and two plts with CP Group at C-2 Bridge.
 - b. Co "L" minus one plt defend C-2 Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local C-2 forces on order. On 12Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 13Nov67 conduct day time squad patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 131200H.
 - c. Co "K" (main): Defend C-2. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, send impromptu road and convey security plus traffic control on H-1 north of C-2. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vendors are kept off the H-1, and to keep individuals personnel clear of the trash dump. On 12Nov67 conduct night time activities vicinity 153616 and 154601. On 13Nov67 conduct squad day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities to the east and northeast prior to 131200H.
 - d. Co "I" (main): Defend east sector C-2 Bridge. On 12Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133645. On 13Nov67 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP's prior to 131200H.
 - e. Co "G" 2/4 plus one plt defend east sector C-2. On 12Nov67 conduct night time activity vicinity 133645. On 13Nov67 conduct night time activity in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time activity prior to 131200H. Be prepared to provide a Co (-) for rough rider on 30 minute availability.
4. No Change
5. a. 3/4 CP at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at C-1.

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3/4 Frag Order for 13-14 Nov67

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1. No Change
2. No Change
3. a. 3/4 employs two Co (rein) and one plt with Bn CP Group at C-2, 1 Co (rein) at Cam Lo Arty Position with Bn CP Group Bravo, and 1 Co (-) at Cam Lo Bridge.
 - b. Co "L" minus one plt: Defend CL Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local CAC forces on order. On 13Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 14Nov67 conduct day time squad patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 141200H.
 - c. Co "K" (rein): Defend CL Perimeter. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convey security plus traffic control on MSR north of Cam Lo. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vendors are kept off the MSR and to keep indigenous personnel clear of the trash dump. On 13Nov67 conduct night time activities vicinity 145620 and 151614. On 14Nov67 conduct squad day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities to the east and southeast prior to 141200H.
 - d. Co "I" (rein): Defend west sector C-2. Move to C-2 Bridge on order. On 13Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133648. On 14Nov67 conduct night time ambush in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP's prior to 141200H.
 - e. Co "G" 2/4 plus one plt: Defend east sector C-2. Defend entire C-2 perimeter on departure of Co "I". On 13Nov67 conduct night time activity vicinity 133642. On 14Nov67 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time activity prior to 141200H. Be prepared to provide a Co (-) for rough rider on 30 minute availability.
4. No Change
5. a. 3/4 CP at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at Cam Lo. 3/4 Charlie at C-2 Bridge when occupied by Co "I".

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1/4 Reg Order for 14-15 Nov

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1. No Change
2. No Change
3. a. 3/4 employs one Co (rein) and two plts with Bn CP Group at C-2, 1 Co (rein) at Cam Lo Artillery Position with 1st CP Group Bravo and 1 Co (-) at Cam Lo Bridge.
 - b. Co "L" minus one plt: Defend CL Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local GAC forces on order. On 14Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149604 and 149609. On 15Nov67 conduct day time squad patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 151200H.
 - c. Co "K" (rein) plus two sqs from Co "L": Defend CL Parkimeter. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convey security plus traffic control on NCH north of Cam Lo. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to assure vendors are kept off the NCH and to keep indigenous personnel clear of the trash dump. On 14Nov67 conduct night time activities vicinity 133617 and 133618. On 15Nov67 conduct squad day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities to the northwest and southwest prior to 151200H.
 - d. Co "J" (-): Chopped to 1/2 141200H Nov67.
 - e. Co "D" 2/4 plus two plts: Defend C-2. Be prepared to provide company for rough rider mission on 30 minute availability. On 14Nov67 conduct night time activity vicinity 133642 and 133648. On 15Nov67 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activity prior to 151200H.
4. No Change
5. a. 3/4 CP at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at Cam Lo.

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3/4 Frag Order - for 15-16 Nov67

1. No Change
2. No Change
3. a. 3/4 employs one Co (rein) and two pits with Bn CP Group at G-2, 1 Co (rein) at Cam Lo Arty Position with BnCP Group Bravo and 1 Co (-) at Cam Lo Bridge.
b. Co "L" minus one pit: Defend CL Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local C&C forces on order. On 15Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 16Nov67 conduct pit (rein) blocking force in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 161030H.
c. Co "K" (rein): Defend CL Perimeter. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convoy security plus traffic control on MHR north of Cam Lo. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vendors are kept off the MHR and to keep indigenous personnel clear of the trash dump. On 15Nov67 conduct night time activities vicinity 137608 and 138623. Submit positions for night time activities to the northwest and south prior to 161030H.
d. Co "I" (-): On order chop to 3/4 and move to G-2. On 16Nov67 conduct squad patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP prior to 161030H.
e. Co "G" 3/4 plus two pits: Defend G-2. Be prepared to provide company for rough rider mission on 30 minute availability. On 15Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 133642 and 133648. On order chop to parent organization.
4. No Change
5. a. 3/4 CP at G-2. 3/4 Bravo at Cam Lo.

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3. a. Employ 1 Co (rein) plus 1 plt with Bn CP Group at C-2, 1 Co (rein) at Cam Le Arty Position with Bn CP Group Bravo and 1 Co (-) at Cam Le Bridge.

b. Co "L" minus one plt: Defend QL Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local CAC forces on order. On 16Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 17Nov67 conduct day time platoon (rein) blocking force in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 171030H.

c. Co "K" (rein): Defend QL Perimeter. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convey security plus traffic control on MSR north of Cam Lo. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vendors are kept off the MSR and to keep indigenous personnel clear of the trash dump. On 16Nov67 conduct night time activities vicinity 135615 and 134608. On 17Nov67 conduct squad day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities to the west and south prior to 171030H.

d. Co "I" (rein) plus one plt: Defend C-2. Be prepared to provide company for rough rider mission on 30 minute availability. On 16Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 133642 and 133648. On 17Nov67 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 171030H.

4. No Change

5. a. 3/4 CP at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at Cam Lo.

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3/4 Reg Order for 17 Nov 67

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1. No Change
2. No Change
3. a. 3/4 employs two Co's (rein) with Bn CP Group at C-2, 1 Co (rein) at Can Lo Arty Position with Bn CP Group Bravo and 1 Co (-) at Can Lo Bridge.
b. Co "L" minus one plt: Defend CL Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce LAMC forces on order. On 17 Nov 67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 18 Nov 67 conduct day time squad (rein) patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 181030H.
c. Co "K" (rein): Defend CL Perimeter. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convoy security plus traffic control on MSR north of Can Lo. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vendors are kept off the MSR and to keep indigenous personnel clear of the trash dump. On 17 Nov 67 conduct night time activities vicinity 133617 and 137609. On 18 Nov 67 conduct squad day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time activities to the west and south prior to 181030H.
d. Co "I" (rein): Defend west sector of C-2. Be prepared to provide company for rough rider mission on 30 minute availability. On 17 Nov 67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133650. On 18 Nov 67 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP prior to 181030H.
e. Co "K" 3/3: Defend east sector of C-2. On 17 Nov 67 conduct night time LP vicinity 132640. Submit positions for night time LP prior to 181030H.
4. No Change
5. a. 3/4 CP at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at Can Lo.

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3/4 Frag Order for 18-19 Nov67

1. No Change

2. No Change

3. a. 3/4 employs 2 Co's (rein) with Command Group Alfa at C-2, 1 Co (rein) at Cam Lo

Arty Position with Command Group Bravo and 1 Co (-) at Cam Lo Bridge.

b. Co "L" minus 1 plt: Defend CL B ridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local OAC forces on order. On 18Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 19Nov 67 conduct day time squad patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 191030H.

c. Co "K" (rein) plus 1 plt from Co "L": Defend CL Perimeter. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convey security plus traffic control on MSR north of Cam Lo. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vendors are kept off the MSR and to keep indigenous personnel away of the trash dump. On 18Nov67 conduct night time ambushes vicinity 152618 and 145622. On 18Nov67 conduct squad day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time activities to the west and south prior to 191030H.

d. Co "I" (rein): Defend west sector C-2. Be prepared to provide Company for Rough Rider mission on 30 minute availability. On 18Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133640. Submit position for night time LP's prior to 191030H.

e. Co "K" 3/9 (rein): Defend east sector C-2. On 18Nov67 conduct night time activity vicinity 133650. On 19Nov67 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time activity prior to 191030H.

4. No Change

5. a. 3/4 CP at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at Cam Lo.

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3/4 Prog Order for 19 Nov 67

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1. No Change
2. No Change
3. a. 3/4 company 2 Co's (rein) with Command Group Alfa at C-2, 1 Co (rein) at Cam Lo Army Position with Command Group Bravo and 1 Co (-) at Cam Lo Bridge..
- b. Co "I" minus 1 plt: Defend CL Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local GAC forces on order. On 19Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 143601 and 143609. On 20Nov67 conduct day time Co (-) patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 201030H.
- c. Co "K" (rein) plus 1 plt from Co "L": Defend CL Perimeter. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. Provide road sweep, road improvement and convoy security plus traffic control on MSR north of Cam Lo. Provide sentries to monitor the market place to prevent the sale of blackmarket merchandise, to ensure vendors are kept off the MSR and to keep indigenous personnel clear of the trash dump. On 19Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 134617 and 143606. On 20Nov67 conduct squad day time patrol in accordance with overlay. On 191800H, Nov67, send L-1 plt back to Co "L" until Co "L" completes patrol on 20Nov67. Submit positions for night time activities to the west and south prior to 201030H.
- d. Co "I" (rein): Defend west sector C-2. Be prepared to provide company for Rough Rider mission on 30 minute availability. On 19Nov67 conduct night time ambush vicinity 133656. On 20Nov67 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP's prior to 201030H.
- e. Co "K" 3/3 (rein): Defend east sector C-2. On 19Nov67 conduct night time activity vicinity 133640. On 20Nov67 conduct day time patrol in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time activity prior to 201030H.
4. No Change
5. a. 3/4 CP at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at Cam Lo.

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Addendum to 3/4 Frag Order 19-20 Nov67

3. d. Co "I" (rein): On 20 Nov 67 conduct additional patrol in accordance with overlay.

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b. Co "LP": Defend Cam Lo Bridge. Provide up to one platoon to reinforce local GAC forces on order. On 20Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 21Nov67 conduct day time Co (-) activity in coordination with RVN PF's and RF's as depicted on overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 211030H.

d. Co "I" (rein): Defend west sector G-2. Provide company for Rough Rider mission on 30 minute availability. On 21Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 132650. On 21Nov67 conduct company patrol in coordination with RVN PF's and RF's as depicted on overlay. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 211030H.

4. No Change

5. a. 3/4 CP at 0-2. 3/4 Bravo at Cam Lo.

See special operations overlay For 21 Nov. 67

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3/4 Frag Order for 21-22Nov

1. No Change
2. No Change
3. a. 3/4 employs 2 Co's (rein) with Command Group Alfa at C-2, 1 Co at Cam Lo Arty Position with Command Group Bravo and 1 Co at Cam Lo Bridge.
 - b. On 21Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 149601 and 149609. On 22Nov67 ~~be~~ be prepared to move out on order to occupy and defend the southern sector of the C-2 Bridge position. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 221030H.
 - c. Co "K" (rein): On 21Nov67 conduct night time LP's vicinity 133617 and 134608. On 22Nov67 be prepared to move out on order to occupy and defend the northern sector of the C-2 Bridge position. Submit positions for night time LP's prior to 221030H.
 - d. Co "I" (rein): Defend west sector C-2. Be prepared to provide company for Rough Rider mission on 30 minute availability. On 21Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133648. Submit position for night time LP prior to 221030H.
 - e. Co "K" 3/3 (rein): Defend east sector C-2. On 21Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 132640. Submit position for night time activity prior to 221030H.
4. No Change
5. a. 3/4 CP at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at Cam Lo.

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3/4 Reg Order for 22-23 Nov67

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1. No Change.
2. Commencing 22Nov67, at 1345H, 3/4 will assume responsibility of C-2 Bridge Position and new TAOR as shown on overlay. Additional missions of Rough Rider and Sparrow Hawk are still effective.
3. a. 3/4 employs 2 Co's (rein) with Command Group Alpha at C-2, 2 Co's (rein) at the C-2 Bridge Position with Command Group Bravo.
 - b. Co "L" (rein): Defend southern sector of C-2 Bridge position. On 22Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 130666. Submit position for night time LP prior to 231030H.
 - c. Co "K" (rein): Defend northern sector of C-2 Bridge position. On 22Nov67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP prior to 231030H.
 - d. Co "I" (rein): Defend west sector C-2. Be prepared to provide company for Rough Rider mission on 30 minute availability. On 22Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity of 133648. On 23Nov67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time LP prior to 231030H.
 - e. Co "K" 3/3 (rein): Defend east sector C-2. Provide "Sparrow Hawk" platoon. On 22Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 132640. On 23Nov67 be prepared to move out on order to relieve Co "M".
4. No Change.
5. a. 3/4 CP at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at C-2 Bridge Position.

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3/4 Frag Order for C-2, Nov 67

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1. No Change
2. 3/4 will defend C-2 and the C-2 Bridge Position.
3. a. 3/4 employs 2 Co's (rein) with Command Group Alpha at C-2, 2 Co's (rein) at the C-2 Bridge Position with Command Group Bravo.
- 3/4 b. Co "K" (rein): Defend east sector C-2. On 23 Nov 67 conduct night time LP vicinity 132640. On 24 Nov 67 be prepared to move on order to relieve Co "M".
- c. Co "I" (rein): Defend west sector C-2. On 23 Nov 67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133648. On 24 Nov 67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay. Submit position for night time/day time activity prior to 241030H.
- d. Co "L" (rein): Defend southern sector of C-2 Bridge Position. On 23 Nov 67 conduct night time LP vicinity 130666. On 24 Nov 67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay. Submit location of day time/night time activities prior to 241030H.
- e. Co "K" (rein): Defend northern sector of C-2 Bridge Position. On 23 Nov 67 conduct night time activity vicinity 125672. On 24 Nov 67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay. Submit positions of day time/night time activities prior to 241030H.
4. No Change
5. a. 3/4 CP at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at C-2 Bridge.

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3/4 Trng Order for 24-25 Nov67

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1. Situation. No Change
2. Mission. No Change
3. Organization

a. 3/4 employs 2 Co's (rein) with Command Group Alpha at C-2, 2 Co's (rein) at the C-2 Bridge Position with Command Group Bravo.

b. Co "M" (rein): Defend eastern sector of C-2. On 24Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 132640. Submit proposed daily activities prior to 1030H.

c. Co "I" (rein): Defend western sector of C-2. On 24Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133648. On 25Nov67 conduct day/night time activity in accordance with overlay. Submit proposed daily activities prior to 1030H.

d. Co "L" (rein): Defend southern sector of C-2 Bridge Position. On 24Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 130666. On 25Nov67 conduct day/night time activity in accordance with overlay. Submit proposed daily activities prior to 1030H.

e. Co "F" (rein): Defend northern sector of C-2 Bridge Position. On 24Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 137679. On 25Nov67 conduct day/night time activity in accordance with overlay. Submit proposed daily activities prior to 1030H.

4. Administration and Logistics. No Change
5. Command and Communications & Electronics

a. No Change.

b. 3/4 CP at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at C-2 Bridge.

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OPERATION ORDER for 26 November 1967

1. Situation. See current Lams.2. Mission. No change.3. Execution.

a. Two reinforced companies defend C-2 and C-2 bridge while two reinforced companies attack to the west to seize objectives A, B and C.

b. Co. I.

(1) Move out at 260545 Nov to seize obj B.

(2) Be prepared on order to seize obj C.

c. Co. I.

(1) Move out at 260545H Nov to seize obj A.

(2) Occupy obj A and be prepared to support or reinforce Co. I on order.

d. Co. K. Occupy and defend C-2 and bridge.e. Company. Occupy and defend C-2.f. 81mm Mortars. Support maneuver and defend companies by fire.g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Proceed cautiously. Use supporting arms and reconnaissance by fire on suspected targets after reaching potential enemy positions.

(2) Plan preparation and on call fires in support of maneuver plan.

(3) Be prepared to direct artillery or air strikes on discovered enemy positions.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Carry at least one claymore per pl.

b. Carry gas masks.

c. Co. I furnish 2 litter bearers per plt for Co. L. Report to Co. L prior to 260545H Nov 67.

d. Co. H furnish 2 litter bearers per plt for Co. I. Report to Co. I prior to 260545H Nov 67.

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- e. Carry one air panel per fire team.
 - f. Use camouflage to break outline of helmets, pockets, etc.
 - g. Engineer EOD team to travel with mine -- be prepared to detect and blow mines and booby traps.
 - h. Co. I carry one 30 Cal. machine gun.
5. Gas and Communications.
- a. Normal.
 - b. CP Group with Co. I.

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3/4 Frag Order for 26-27 Nov67

1. SITUATION. No change2. MISSION. No change3. ACCOMPLISH.

a. 3/4 employs 2 Co's (rein) with Command Group Alpha at C-2, 2 Co's (rein) at the C-2 Bridge Position with Command Group Bravo.

b. Co "M" (rein): Defend eastern sector of C-2. On 26Nov67 conduct night time LP activity in vicinity 134538. On 27Nov67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay. Submit proposed activities prior to 1030H.

c. Co "I" (rein): Defend western sector of C-2. On 26Nov67 conduct night time LP activity in vicinity 133651. On 27Nov67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay. Submit proposed activities prior to 1030H.

d. Co "T" (rein): Defend southern sector of C-2 Bridge Position. On 26Nov67 conduct night time LP activity in vicinity 130664. On 27Nov67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay. Submit proposed activities prior to 1030H.

e. Co "W" (rein): Defend northern sector of C-2 Bridge Position. On 26Nov67 conduct night time LP activity in vicinity 128676. On 27Nov67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay. Submit proposed activities prior to 1030H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS.

a. No change

b. 3/4 CP at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at C-2 Bridge.

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3/4 Brig Order for 27-28

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1. SITUATION. No change2. MISSION. No change3. EXECUTION.

a. 3/4 employs 2 Co's (rein) with Command Group Alpha at C-2, 2 Co's (rein) at the C-2 Bridge Position with Command Group Bravo.

b. Co "M" (rein): Defend eastern sector of C-2. On 27Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 134638.

c. Co "I" (rein): Defend western sector of C-2. On 28Nov67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay. Be prepared to move out to C-2 Bridge on order. On 27Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133651.

d. Co "L" (rein): Defend southern sector of C-2 Bridge Position. On 27Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 130664. On 28Nov67 be prepared to move out on order as reaction force for Co "K" patrol.

e. Co "K" (rein): Defend northern sector of C-2 Bridge Position. On 27Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 128673. On 28Nov67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS.

a. No change

b. 3/4 CP at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at C-2 Bridge.

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3/4 Frag Order for 28-29 Nov67

1. SITUATION. No change2. MISSION. No change3. EXECUTION.

a. 3/4 employs 2 Co's (rein) with Command Group Alpha at C-2, 2 Co's (rein) at the C-2 Bridge Position with Command Group Bravo.

b. Co "MM" (rein): Defend eastern sector of C-2. On 28Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 134638. On 29Nov67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay.

c. Co "I" (rein): Defend western sector of C-2. On 28Nov67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay. On 28Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133651.

d. Co "L" (rein): Defend southern sector of C-2 Bridge Position. On 28Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 130664. On 28Nov67 conduct day time patrol and night time ambush in accordance with overlay.

e. Co "K" (rein): Defend northern sector of C-2 Bridge Position. On 28Nov67 conduct night time LP vicinity 128673. On 29Nov67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS.

a. No change

b. 3/4 Co at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at C-2 Bridge.

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1. SITUATION. No change
2. MISSION. No Change
3. EXECUTION.

a. 3/4 employs 2 Co's (rein) with Command Group Alpha at C-2, 2 Co's (rein) at the C-2 Bridge position with Command Group Bravo.

b. Co "M" (rein): Defend eastern sector of C-2. Be prepared to assume Co (-) Rough Rider mission on 30 minute availability. On 29 Nov 67 conduct night time LP vicinity 134638. On 30 Nov 67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay.

c. Co "I" (rein): Defend western sector of C-2. On 30 Nov 67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay. On 29 Nov 67 conduct night time LP vicinity 133651.

d. Co "L" (rein): Defend southern sector of C-2 Bridge position. On 29 Nov 67 conduct night time LP vicinity 130664. On 30 Nov 67 conduct day time activity in accordance with overlay.

e. Co "K" (rein): Defend northern sector of C-2 Bridge position. On 29 Nov 67 conduct night time LP vicinity 129674. On 29 Nov 67 conduct night time activity in accordance with overlay.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELE CTRONICS.

- a. No change
- b. 3/4 CP at C-2. 3/4 Bravo at C-2 Bridge.

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Operation Order for 21 Nov 67

1. SITUATION. See current IntSums.
2. MISSION. In coordination with RVN PF's and RF's set up blocking forces around and search the village of Cam Vu, vicinity 180615.
3. EXECUTION.
 - a. Concept: One USMC Co and several RF platoons establish blocking positions while a USMC Co and RF Co sweep through Cam Vu.
 - b. Co "I": Move out at 210500H to establish blocking force at YD 165625. See overlay.
 - c. Co "L" (-): Move out at 210730H together with RF Co to conduct sweep of Cam Vu village at YD 180615. See overlay.
 - d. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Proceed cautiously. Blocking forces be prepared to apprehend suspicious indigenous personnel fleeing from vicinity of village.
 - (2) Plan on call fires in support of maneuver plan. No prep fires will be used.
 - (3) Coordination with RF/PF forces will be via Battalion Command Group.
4. ADMINISTRATION. No change
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.
 - a. Normal
 - b. Bn CP with Dai Uy (OIC RF/PF forces)

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OPERATION ORDER for 26 November 1967

1. Situation. See current issue.2. Location. No change.3. Execution.

a. Two reinforced companies defend C-2 and C-2 bridge while two reinforced companies attack to the west to seize objectives A, B and C.

b. Co. I.

(1) Move out at 260545H Nov to seize obj B.

(2) Be prepared on order to seize obj C.

c. Co. J.

(1) Move out at 260545H Nov to seize obj A.

(2) Occupy obj A and be prepared to support or reinforce Co. I on order.

d. Co. K. Occupy and defend C-2 and bridge.e. Company. Occupy and defend C-2.f. Company. Support maneuver and defend companies by fire.g. General Instructions.

(1) Proceed cautiously. Use supporting arms and reconnaissance by fire on suspected targets after reaching potential enemy positions.

(2) Plan preparation and on call fires in support of maneuver plan.

(3) Be prepared to direct artillery or air strikes on discovered enemy positions.

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Carry at least one claymore per pl.

b. Carry gas masks.

c. Co. K furnish 2 litter bearers per pl for Co. I. Report to Co. I prior to 260545H Nov 67.

d. Co. H furnish 2 litter bearers per pl for Co. I. Report to Co. I prior to 260545H Nov 67.

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- e. Carry one air panel per fire team.
- f. Use camouflage to break outline of helmets, pockets, etc.
- g. Engineer SDB team to travel with India -- be prepared to detect and blow mines and booby traps.
- h. Co. I carry one 50 Cal. machine gun.

3. Command and Communications.

- a. Forward.
- b. CP Group with Co. I.

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To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division
Via: Commanding Officer, 9th Marine Regiment

Subj: Special Report on 3/4 Assignment at Cam Lo Artillery Position and
Cam Lo River Bridge

Encl: (1) Orders for Sentry Post, Cam Lo Artillery Base
(2) Orders for Sentry Post, Cam Lo River Bridge
(3) SOP for Evacuation, Cam Lo River Bridge

1. Purpose. The purpose of this report is to summarize 3/4 experience, accomplishments, and future plans at Cam Lo Artillery Position (C-3) and Cam Lo River Bridge (C-3A) for the information of senior echelons; to thus provide a continuity of effort by subsequent battalions; and to provide a record of events. Enclosures (1), (2), and (3) will be appended only to the copy of this report going to Commanding Officer 3/3.

2. Background. On 10 September, 3/4 at Con Thien exchanged areas of responsibility with 3/9 at Cam Lo/C-2 Complex. That same night 3/4 was alerted to move to the assistance of 3/26 northwest of C-2. Leaving one Company divided between the Cam Lo River Bridge and the Artillery Position, two Companies and a Command Group were ready for night commitment from C-2 until the situation stabilized and the alert was cancelled. On 11 September, 3 Companies of 3/4 moved into the field west of the MSR between C-2 and Con Thien as 3/26 came out of the area. A Bravo Command Group, under the 3/4 Executive Officer, provided continuity to 3/26 occupation of the Artillery Position and C-2, also maintaining Co "L", 3/4 at the Bridge. 2/4 relieved 3/26 on 12 September at C-2 and the Artillery Position. On 14 September 2/4 moved into the field west of the MSR between Con Thien and C-2, as 3/4 resumed opcon of C-2 and Cam Lo Artillery Position. From 14 September until 22 November, 3/4 retained opcon of Cam Lo River Bridge and the Artillery Position, occasionally shifting its units as additional responsibilities were met (i.e., temporary opcon of C-2 Bridge). This report will confine its discussion to the Artillery Position (C-3) and the River Bridge (C-3A), as C-2 remains a 3/4 responsibility.

3. Task Organization at the Artillery Position C-3. (From 10 September to 22 November)

H&SGo (-) (Bn Hq, 3 81mm mortars, 2 106RR) (Bn CP to C-2 on 3 Nov 67)
Co "E" (rein) plus 1 plt Co "L"
Sect Btry "B" 1/44th Arty (USA Twin 40's)

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Sect Co "C" 3d Ar Bn (2 Ontos) (detached 4 Nov 67)
 Det Co "B" 1st Art Trac Bn (3 LVT's)
 Otter Plt 3d MF Bn (10 Otters)
 Det Co "C" 3d Engr Bn (2 Demo Teams and Sweep Team)

Resident units not under 3/4 opcon included:

"F" Btry 2/12 (until 5 Oct 67)
 "D" Btry 2/12 (from 5 Oct 67 to 22 Nov 67)
 1st 8" How Btry
 Det 11th Engr Bn (Road Maintenance, Tower Construction)

4. Task Organization at the Bridge C-3A. (From 10 September to 22 November)

Co "L" (rein) minus one platoon (Co "F" 2/4 minus one plt from 3-6 Nov 67 while Co "L" at C-2 Bridge)
 Det H&SCo (2 106RR, Squad 81mm mortars).

5. Enemy Situation.

a. Throughout the period, repeated warnings of mining threats on the MSR and threats against the Cam Lo River Bridge were received. The threat in this area was considered to be primarily from VC as opposed to the NVA threat only a few miles north. Incoming fires were infrequent and received primarily during the latter part of September on the Artillery Position. Ground contact was in the form of observed movement outside the perimeter at night or while on patrols, particularly toward Cam Vu (east of the Bridge). Such contact was considered light and included sniper fire, grenades, or a few rounds of mortar fire. Several sweeps with RF/PF forces resulted in detaining VC suspects. In mid-November, patrols east of the Bridge (YD 168610) found increasing evidence of mining or booby trap attempts. A Chieu Hoi turned himself in to the Bridge position on 22 November.

b. Control of Vietnamese civilians in the C-3 and C-3A area was a definite problem since VC could easily operate under the cover of civilian movement. Active measures were taken to discourage the opportunity for Marine troops to purchase or Vietnamese to sell marijuana (See Civil Affairs comments). Areas were prescribed to restrict the freedom of movement of wood cutters. Sentry Posts were established to prohibit loitering adjacent to the perimeter and to prohibit access to the trash dump near the perimeter. Screening check points were established at the Bridge for river and pedestrian traffic and occasional road check points for ID cards were employed.

6. Conduct of Operations, and Accomplishments: One company reinforced defended the perimeter at the Artillery Position C-3, conducted convoy control and security, provided road sweep security, provided sentries at exterior OP's, the trash dump, and the market place, and was ready for the Sparrow Hawk Mission. One company minus defended the perimeter at the Bridge C-3A, checked river and pedestrian traffic, controlled vehicular traffic on the bridge, and provided a reaction force for District Headquarters and nearby CAP locations. Both companies were assigned daily patrols and night ambushes on LP's, with a comprehensive coverage of the local area outside the perimeters.

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a. Defensive Perimeter C-3

(1) A reorganization of the perimeter into four platoon sectors was effected. A complete fire plan including final protective fires of the machine guns, mortars, and artillery was developed and incorporated into a defense order. Fighting positions were rebuilt with emphasis upon all-around observation, adequate protection and proper drainage. Hand built living bunkers were constructed to the rear of the fighting holes, using available materials such as sand bags and ammunition boxes. Ammunition bunkers were also constructed in each platoon area.

(2) Co "K" installed a triple concertina obstacle entirely around the perimeter, in addition to a single concertina already in place. Extensive bulldozing was done to improve fields of fire and cover up a trash dump on the perimeter.

(3) Co "K" made a major contribution to the battalion training program in constructing a firing range with targets at 300, 400, and 500 meters. Live fire exercises for reinforced squad size units were conducted. All men joining the battalion also fired their weapon for "zero" on the range.

(4) Two OP's were selected and built -- the primary OP later being replaced by a tower. The primary OP was manned 24 hours a day by qualified Forward Observers, and incorporated into the 12th Marines Flash System.

(5) Co "K" was assigned responsibility and issued Sentry Post Orders for preventing loitering in the market area or in the MSR, for keeping Vietnamese out of the trash dump, for establishing a convoy control point, for maintaining special OP's for convoy security, and for controlling traffic on the MSR. (See enclosure (1)).

b. Headquarters and Interior Perimeter Area C-3

(1) Mess and billeting areas were relocated from low ground positions during the flooding that took place during the first few days at C-3. Continuous improvement was made in the messing area with installation of hard decking, covered serving and eating areas, and wooden walkways made from ammunition boxes. The twice-a-day hot meals served by an especially competent mess section were a source of high morale and pride. On numerous occasions, the mess section was able to additionally support the needs of transient battalions.

(2) The walkway in the "public use" area included the Chaplain's Tent (where worship services were held) and the BAS. Extensive grading was also done in the adjacent area to improve drainage and appearance. A new road located to provide all weather trafficability was cut in the hillside leading to the mess area.

(3) Protective walls of sandbags were constructed at COC and the BAS. COC decking was also installed within sandbag-wall compartmented areas offering protection while fully operational to COC personnel.

(4) The 81mm platoon area was extensively improved with walkways, a

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supply shed, neat and well protected gun pits, and waterproof ammunition storage facilities. An FDC was constructed from available wood and protective sandbags.

(5) The logistical support area was relocated for better access to the road system and landing zone, and for better drainage. Supply areas were leveled and fenced off for better control.

(6) Special emphasis on sanitation and hygiene resulted in the construction of additional head facilities to achieve one per platoon area. An inspection of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines at C-3 by the Preventive Medicine Inspection Team rated the sanitation and hygiene of the area and food preparation as "the best of its kind in the I Corps area".

(7) C-3 was also^a designated Dyemarker site. Extensive planning of the location of Dyemarker bunkers was accomplished. Overlays on bunker siting, fire plans, and communications were submitted and construction was begun just as 3/4 departed the C-3 position. Pertinent information on planning was passed on to 3d Battalion, 3d Marines.

(8) The cooperation received by resident but non-attached units is worthy of mention. To ensure coordinated effort, daily meetings of resident commanders were conducted. Bunker siting, coordinated trash runs, the acquisition of ammunition boxes, and grading and dozing in the perimeter are examples of artillery and engineer cooperation. Side benefits included schooling for infantry troops in Fire Direction Center procedures and visits to the artillery position.

(9) Initially on arriving at C-3, Otters and LVT's were used for resupply runs under wet conditions. Subsequent to the September flooding the Otters and LVT's were not used extensively. However, the Otters used the time profitably working on their very considerable maintenance problems. Since the LVT's at C-3 rotated with those at Con Thien, they also accomplished significant required preventive maintenance.

c. Defensive Perimeter at Bridge C-3A

(1) A company minus one platoon occupied the bridge perimeter with one platoon on each side of the river. This company also provided the reaction force (a platoon) to support District Headquarters and nearby CAP units. A position fire plan was developed and incorporated into the defense order.

(2) A flood of the Bridge position took place on 18 September causing evacuation of the position. The entire position was under water. All of the fighting holes and living "hootches" have since been rebuilt to provide a better all-around defense of the area. The below ground level fighting holes were filled in and graded. As new holes were built, attention to drainage and lining the bottom with wooden ammunition boxes provided a dry underfooting.

(3) Bridge sentry bunkers were constructed on each end of the bridge to provide for close observation of the road and river and also to afford some degree of protection from enemy activity. An observation tower was constructed

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affording a good view around the entire perimeter and up the river both ways. A Company ammunition bunker was also constructed.

(4) General purpose tents were erected in both platoon areas to provide a warming tent, a storage area for personal gear during wet weather, and as platoon command posts.

(5) Gravel and rock were hauled in by the engineers to build up the road, the water point area, and the company CP area on the north bank. Two culverts were installed and covered with gravel, one leading into the water point area and one leading into the CP. The engineer shower point was relocated. The entire effort resulted in better drainage throughout the position and an improved situation in the event of future flooding.

(6) A mess area was established consisting of two fly tents and a battery of immersion burners to clean and sterilize mess gear and serving utensils. Food was cooked at C-3 and served in vat cans transported to the bridge twice daily.

(7) An underground COC bunker was begun with drainage installed. Building materials to complete the roof had been requisitioned to make it as safe and as waterproof as possible.

(8) Triple concertina wire completely surrounding the position was improved. Debris from the flooding was burned off the wire.

(9) Sentry posts were established to regulate the flow of civilian personnel and military vehicles on the road and civilian boat traffic on the river. See enclosure (2). Due to the constant threat of the Cam Lo River overflowing its banks, an SOP for evacuation was written so that all personnel will be aware of the steps to be taken in case evacuation from this point is necessary. See enclosure (3).

(10) Bridge engineers have been working sporadically on the bridge itself repairing and strengthening a span that was damaged by the high waters of 18 September. The job is at this time unfinished.

(11) The bridge position was designated as Dyemarker site C-3A. Bunker siting for seven bunkers was planned and submitted with special comments recommending concrete foundations, helicopter landing sites on top of bunkers and above ground anti-flood construction.

d. Patrolling and Operating Outside the Perimeter. (C-3 and C-3A)

(1) A comprehensive patrol plan was issued daily for both C-3 and C-3A. Particular attention was given to patrolling along the MSR and along avenues of approach to the positions. The routes were varied by timing and area covered.

(2) Night patrols, ambushes, or LP's were established nightly in the vicinity of each position. An increased emphasis on night operations was made during this period.

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(3) On two occasions, Company "L" at the Bridge met a Rough Rider commitment; one to Phu Bai and another to the Rockpile. On one occasion Company "L" dispatched a Sparrow Hawk platoon as security for a downed aircraft at YD 255664.

(4) Close coordination with District Headquarters permitted many combined USMC/RF/PF operations to be planned and executed. CAP 3 was reinforced by a Company "L" squad for several days in response to intelligence threats in September. On 11 October Company "L" surrounded the village of Tam Truc (YD 155583) while RF and PF forces cleared and searched the village supported by an Armed Propaganda Team and Mine Sweep Team. Artillery shells, casings, comm wire, and batteries discovered tended to confirm the village as a source of mining incidents although no suspects were apprehended. On 20 October, 3/4 conducted a helicopter lift with Company "I" and RF Company to the village of Van Quat Xa (YD 102598). Company "K" and Company "L" provided blocking positions as the heli-lifted force swept east along the north bank of the Cam Lo River. There was much evidence of VC use of the hamlets as supply routes and overnight bivouacs in the western most villages. Armed Propaganda Teams talked to the villages' populace encountered closer to the base areas. On 21 November Company "I" assumed a blocking position while Company "L" joined an RF and PF unit in a sweep of Cam Vu (YD 180615). Again the Armed Propaganda Team was employed. Seven VC suspects were detained. The VC were using Cam Vu as a rice collection center. All of the combined operations were conducted with a Battalion Command Group. On numerous other occasions, one platoon blocking positions were manned to support PF or RF maneuvers.

7. Civil Affairs

a. The effective relationship and the resultant cooperation achieved between 3d Bn, 4th Marines and the District Chief, Cam Lo District, were undoubtedly a major accomplishment of the Battalion during its occupation of the Artillery Position and the Bridge Position. In an area where the civilian population lives and moves in close proximity to defensive perimeters, mutual cooperation in effectively solving day-to-day problems was mandatory.

b. It was quickly recognized that the District Chief (Dai Uy Caos) was essential to any decision or action regarding civil affairs programs or combined operations. The assistance of the Army Advisor was, of course, extremely valuable but when the Dai Uy was absent, decisions had to await his return. For this reason, much of the coordination was effected at the command level, directly between CO 3/4 and the Dai Uy. The Dai Uy and members of his staff were included in several invitations to dinner at the Cam Lo Artillery Position and the Dai Uy was a guest of honor at the 3/4 Marine Corps Birthday Ceremony. In return, CO 3/4 attended several ceremonies at the invitation of the Dai Uy.

c. Probably the best received of Civil Affairs activities were the Med-Caps. The Battalion Surgeon coordinated his visits through District Headquarters, conducted an average of two Med-Caps per week, and treated an average of 75 patients per Med-Cap. Most frequent complaints were diarrhea and skin infection.

d. Road and bridge improvements in and near the hamlet of Cam Thai made

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local transportation easier for the community. A rice harvester machine was also given to Cam Thai. A "Food for Work" program was initiated in which sandbags were filled in exchange for salad oil, giving economic assistance to the community.

e. A ceremony was held in Cam Thai in which CO 3/4 thanked the village leaders and PF military forces for assistance rendered during the flood. CO 3/4 also later presented a religious statue to the church in the Refugee Village; the statue having been recovered from an evacuated church near Con Thien for presentation to people who had lived in that area. 3/4 staff also participated in a "Children's THE" by presenting gifts to Cam Lo school children.

f. A market place near the Cam Lo perimeter was initially relocated to higher and dryer ground away from the MSR and later, on order of the Dai Uy, disbanded to prevent marijuana sales to Marines from local Vietnamese. At the request of CO 3/4, the Dai Uy also ordered two families out of homes within the bridge perimeter, permitting expansion of that perimeter and improving its tactical posture.

g. On several occasions, prompt command attention brought the Dai Uy to the scene of potential serious incidents. On one occasion, a child was killed by a Marine artillery truck; ^{ON} another, a woman was killed by a round of enemy incoming. The Dai Uy's presence always emphasized the local ARVN administration and deemphasized the Marine involvement.

h. Not only did the Civil Affairs program benefit from the fine working relationship developed with District Headquarters, but the receipt of intelligence information also proved valuable as did participation with PF and RF forces in combined operations. (See conduct of operation.)

i. Whenever possible, the image of the Dai Uy and his military forces was built up in the eyes of the civilian populace. On combined sweeps, Marine forces surrounded the villages providing tactical security. PF and RF forces swept the village coming into direct contact with the populace. After the Armed Propaganda Teams had described the Cheiu Hoi program, the Dai Uy always added remarks concerning his own responsibilities for the district. In the eyes of the populace, the Dai Uy commanded the entire operation of sizeable Marine, PF, and RF forces, thereby restoring their faith in the RVN government and its military forces.

j. Although the total effectiveness of the Civil Affairs program is difficult to measure, it is believed that that the 85% voter participation in Cam Lo District in the Lower House National Elections, the friendliness of the local Vietnamese, the cooperative attitude of the Dai Uy, and the experience gained by PF and RF forces operating with Marine units, are tangible benefits attributable in part to the presence of the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines at the Cam Lo Artillery Position and the Cam Lo River Bridge.

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