

HEADQUARTERS 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF FPO San Francisco, California 96602

5 Sept 1968

From:

To:

Commanding Officer
Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF

Via:

Commanding Officer, 5th Marines

Command Chronology for the period of 010001H to 312h00H

August 1968

Ref:

(a) MCO 5750:2A

(b) FMF Pac0 5750.8

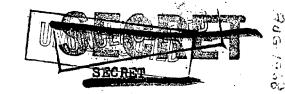
(c) Div0 5750.2B

Encl: (1) Command Chronology Report

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), (b) and (c), the Command Chronology for the month of August 1968 is hereby submitted.

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Command Chronology 010001H to 312400H Aug 1968

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

| 1. | • Designation | | Commander | |
|----|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| | 3rd Battalion, | 5th Marines | LtCol R. A. | SEYMOUR |

SUBORDINATE UNITS

| H&S Co | lstLt Z. KOBIASHVILLE btLt W. C. HOEY | To 17Aug68 Fr 18Aug68 |
|--------|--|--------------------------|
| Co "I" | Capt J. E. MITCHELL lstLt A. M. CLEMENTS | To 5Aug68 Fr 6Aug68 |
| Co "K" | Capt D. W. MEYERS | |
| Co "L" | Capt R. G. SNOWDEN | |
| Co "M" | Capt F. D. PACELLO | To 17Aug68 |

2. Location. Quang Nam Province, RVN.

3. Staff Officers

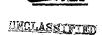
| XO | Major E. F. HERTLING | Jr. Fr 16Aug66 |
|----------------|--|-------------------------|
| S-1 | CWO2 J. S. BISESI | |
| s-2 | lstLt A. M. CLEMENTS btLt J. J. LAZARUS | To 5Aug68 Fr 26Aug68 |
| S-3 () | Major R. C. RICH | ·. |
| 3-4 | lstLt B. P. BARRON | To 17Aug68 |

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Period Covered

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PART II NARRATIVE SUMMARY

- 1. The Battalion's Officer shortages are one (1) Lt 0130, one (1) Lt 0202, two (2) Captains, and four (4) Lts 0302, one (1) Capt 0402, and one (1) Capt 2502. The Battalion enlisted shortages are one (1) GySgt, and four (4) SSgt 0369, one (1) GySgt 3516, and twenty-four (24) Sgts 03's. The Battalion has 83% of its M/L strength of Lts 03's, 84% of its M/L strength in Staff NCO's 0369, and 53% of its M/L strength of Sgts 03's.
- 2. All nowly joined personnel attended a Regimental Indoctrination School. Training was conducted in the following subjects: Weapons Safety, Radio Procedures, Spot Reports, FO and FAC Procedures, Field Communication Expidients, and Fam firing of all individual weapons and indoctrination on crew served weapons.





PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. Personnel and Administration

- (1) The Battalion began the month of August with an on board strength of 29 Marine Officers, 1004 Marine Enlisted, 1 Navy Officer, and 52 Navy Enlisted. The current on board strength is 30 Marine Officers, 1146 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers, and 56 Navy Enlisted.
- (2) The current effective strength of the Battalion is 27 Marine Officers, and 1034 Marine Enlisted.
- (3) 1 Marine Officer, and 16 Marine Enlisted were scheduled for rotation during August 1968.

| MOS | NUMBER |
|--|----------------------------|
| 0302 0141 0311 0331 0341 0351 3051 | 1 3 6 1 4 1 |

(4) Oritical MOS shortages are shown below:

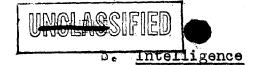
| MOS | MI. | ОН | SHORTAGES |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 0130 0202 0302 0402 0311 | 2 1 32 1 577 | 1 0 26 0 486 | 1 Lt 1 Lt 2 Capts, 4 Lts 1 Capt 24 Sgts, 6 Cpls, 24 |
| 0369 3741 3516 3531 9999 | 33 6 13 | 28 5 18 5 | LCpls, and 37 PFC/Pvts 1 GySgt, 4 SSgts 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, and 1 LCpl 1 GySgt, and 1 Sgt 1 Sgt, 1 LCpl, and 3 PFC/Pvts 1 lstSgt |

(5) Casualties and was the

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| WIA | 53 45 |
| WIME NON HOSTILE | 10 |
| MIA 6 DE | 0. |
| DIA | 0 |
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(1)Personnel

- (a) During the month of August 1968 the Battalion Intelligence Section received an 0301 Lieutenant for assignment as Intelligence Officer and had one Cpl. 0311 return from special leave.
- (b) During the reporting period. Armed Propaganda Teams were not employed, however, Scout Dog Teams were effectively employed for a portion of the reporting period. The Battalion's current attachments include (5) five Scout Sniper Toams.
- (2) Collection. During the reporting period, the main collection efforts have been as follows:
 - (a) Trail and water point locations
 - (b) Enemy order of battle (c) Enomy infrastructure

 - (d) Map corrections
- The Battalion S-2 Section has conducted daily Commander and Staff briefings during August 1968.

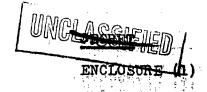
(4) Enemy Activity

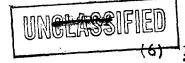
- (a) Synopsis. During the reporting period ememy activity consisted of attempted large scale unit maneuvers in order to gain a tactical advantage over major friendly installations.
- (b) Capabilities: 1 Continued harrassing actions to include:

- Sniping Small scale attacks and ambushes c Use of mines and booby-traps d Propaganda Mortar and rocket attacks
- Attacks by fire

(5) Viotnamese Attachments

- (a) <u>Interpreters</u>. The Battalion continues to employ five ARVN interpreters. Efforts are continually being made to ensure that each of the rifle companies and the S-5 Mayo at least one qualified ARVN interpreter.
 - (b) Kit Carson Scouts. None. The Battalion is awadting assignment of Kit Carson Scouts.





Enemy lossess

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POW:

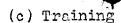
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(7) Weather

- (a) Rainfall: 1"
- (b) Temperature:
 - 1. Average high; 87 Average low; 64
- (c) Light:
 - 1. Average sunrise; 0615 Average sunset; 1920
- (8) <u>Terrain</u>. Due to operational commitments, during the reporting period the terrain varied from large open rice paddies with manyhedgerows and treelines, to small mountains and hills.
- (9) <u>Captured equipment</u>. The following is the total of weapons and equipment captured by the Battalion during August 1968:
- (a) Weapons. one Chinese Light Assault Machinegun, 85 ChiCom grenades, 5 SKS rifles, 3 AK-47 rifles, 2 rifle grenades, 92 82mm mortar rounds, 1 RPG machinegun, 6 fuses, 17 increments, 2 large drums with 300 rounds of ammo, 1 60mm mortar bi-pod, 3500 rounds 7.62, 3 B-40 rocket rounds, 1 12.7mm 4nti-aircraft gun, 25 AK-47 magazines, 17 SKS magazines, 7 circular magazines, 1 damaged pistol magazine.
- (b) Equipment. 30 NVA packs, 1 field radio, 3 pair wire-cutters, 17 gas masks, 4 cartridge belts, 1 grief case.
 - (c) 782 gear. 40 pounds
 - (d) <u>Documents</u>. 30 pounds
- (e) Other. 62,450 pounds of rice. 35,000 units of piaicillin.





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- (1) Training included lectures, demonstrations, and/ or practical applications in the following subjects.
 - (a) Weapons
 - (b) Radio Procedures
 - (c) Spot Reports

 - (d) FO & FAC procedures
 (e) Field communications expedients
- (f) Fam firing of all individual and crew served weapons.
- (2) Eleven Indoctrination Schools were conducted by 5th Marines. Classes on FO procedures, and on care and cleaning of the M-16 are included in the school syllabus.
 - (3) Personnel attended the following schools:

| (a) | Basic Infantry Weapons Repair School | 1 |
|-----|--|---|
| (b) | NCO Leadership School | 4 |
| (c) | Staff NCO Leadership School | 2 |
| (d) |) Staff NCO Leadership School) Radio Maintenance Training Course | 1 |
| | Officers Leadership School | 1 |

(d) Operations

- (1) 010001H Aug 68 3rd Bn 5th Marines participated in Operation MAMELUKE THRUST.
- (2) 081800H Aug 68 3rd Bn 5th Marines assumed OPCON Delta Co. 1st Bn 7th Marines.
- (3) 091700H Aug 68 3rd Bn 5th Marines assumed OPCON Bravo Co. 1st Bn 7th Marines.
- (4) 141645H Aug 68 Bravo Co. 1st Bn 7th Marines chopped to parent organization.
- (5) 161730H Aug 68 Delta Co. 1st Bn 7th Marines chopped to parent organization. Assumed OPCON Lima Co. 3rd Bn 7th Marines.
- (6) 162200h Aug 68 5th Marines assumed OPCON 3rd Bn 5th Marines (-).
- (7) 211300H Aug 68 Lima Co. 3rd Bn 7th Marines chopped to 5 h Marines. Assumed OPCON India Co. 3rd Bn 5th Marines.
- (8) 211500H Aug 68 3rd Bn 5th Marines (-) chopped from 5th Narlmes to First MarDiv.



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- (9) 211855H Aug 68 First MarDiv chopped 3rd Bn 5th Marines (-) to 7th Marines.
- (10) 281800H Aug 68 3rd Bn 5th Marines chopped from 7th Marines to OPCON 5th Marines and commenced Operation SUSSEX BAY.

o. Artillery Support

- (1) During the month of August 3/5 was supported by a number of direct, general and reinforcing support batteries. For trot 2/11 the assigned direct support battery for 3/5 took on other roles of support, both direct support and reinforcing for other infantry battaliens in the An Hoa area of operations. The following is a breakdown of the artillery support: from 29 July to 1 Aug Hierling Golf 3/11, 1 to 6 Aug Hierling India 3/11, Gray Robel H 3/11,8 to 16 Aug Hierling Golf 3/11, Hierling India 3/11, Lung Point Kilo Yankee 1/11 and Snubnese Papa, 17 to 21 Aug F 2/11, D 2/11, H 3/11 and W 2/11, 21 to 29 Aug Hierling C 3/11 and Hierling G 3/11.
- (2) There were 50 observed missions and 29 unobserved missions, 107 white phosphorous, 4792 HE, 240 illumination and 1166 H&I's. A total of 7305 rounds were fired in the month of August. Direct support batteries fired 7263 rounds and the general support batteries fired 42 rounds.
- (3) Biggest problem area was a shortage of forward observers. During the month two scout observers rotated, one Lt forward observer was sent to 11th Marines Regiment, and one accut observer was held at NSA with malaria. The problem has been alleviated by the influx of two Lt forward observers, two scout observers, one OJT scout observer, and the return from NSA of the sick scout observer.

f. Air Support

- (1) Tactical Fixed Wing Support
 - (a) 92 TAC (A) controlled
 - (b) 43 FAC controlled
- (2) Helicopter Support
 - (a) 36 medevac missions
 - (b) 6 Huey gunship strikes
 - (c) 3 Troop airlifts





(3) Miscellanous

- (a) 6 Spooky gunship
- (b) 5 Flare ship
- (c) 27 AO missions

g. Communications

- (1) Supported Battalion operations with primary use of the AN/PRC-25 radio.
- (2) Assisted in the defense of the An Hoa combat base with placement of AN/PPS-6's covering a search of 1800 mils. The PPS-6's were also used at the Da Loc CP. During initial phase of operation SUSSEX BAY PPS-6's were used to cover enemy eggress routes.
- (3) HF communications were maintained with K company OPCON to 26th Marines using AN/PRC-47.

h. Logistics

- (1) General. The overall logistics status of the Battalion is satisfactory.
- (2) <u>Supply Situation</u>. On 29 July 1968, Battalion Supply began moving its combat essential supplies down to An Hoa by LCU and convoy. By 15 August 1968 the move was completed and battalion supply is currently in the process of organizing and inventoring in preparation for a possible FMFPac inspection in early September and a Material Management inspection on 20 September 1968.

The operating levels and requisitioning objectives are being maintained on the majority of items with those items in a deficient status on requisition.

Battalion Supply expects to implement an austere battalion rear, to be located at the 11th Motor Transport Battalion in DaNangin order to assist and expedite the procurement of essential requirements of the battalion.



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Class I, III, and V and a limited amount of Class II and IV are requisitioned from the local LSU.

Weekly runs are made to DaNang for the purpose of effecting disposition of personal effects and "walk-thru" of critical items at FLC. In addition, action is taken to dispose of all unserviceable goar in a timely manner

The LSU is checked daily and all RUC gear is removed from the receiving area on a timely basis.

(3) Motor Transport. The motor transport section is in need of three items of test equipment: Test set tack and dwell, low voltage circuit test, and adapter set electric. This equipment is assential for the maintenance section to function more effectively.

Problems presently exist with the slow arrival of miscellaneous parts requitioned, for the M274A's. Past problems experienced with faulty parts for the M151Al's have now been resolved.

Since July the billet of Motor Fransport Chief has been filled by a corporal, due to the lack of a Staff NCO.

i. Civic Action

No action taken due to movement of the Battalien rear from Phu Bai to An Hoa during August.



ENCLOSURE (1)



2. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

- a. 1-28 Aug 1968
- b. 6 Aug 1968
- c. 18 Aug 1968
- d. 18 Aug 1968
- e. 26 Aug 1968
- f. 28 Aug 1968

Operation MAMELUKE THRUST

lst LT. A. M. CLEMENTS assumed duties as INDIA Company CO

1st LT. C. A. MOORE
assumed duties as
Battalion Communications
Officier

1st LT. B. P. BARRON assumed duties as MIKE Company Co

lst LT. J. J. LAZARUS assumed duties as Battalion S-2

Operation SUSSEX BAY





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- Ref: (a) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheet 6540 I and 6640 IV
 - (b) Verbal Order Commanding Officer 7th Marines

1. STEUATION

- a. Mnemy: AO is being used by VC/MVA as east-west route between Arazona and Dodge Jity/Jo Woi areas.
- b. Friendly: Following unit CP's co-located with Seaside CP, Deschnut Delta, Grey Reple, Guizmaster Folf 2.

c. Attachments & supporting Arms

- (1) Mireling India direct support artillery.
- (2) Effective Oll600H, SS Lima Chop L-1 size unit to 3S Mike.

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Conduct saturation patrolling and ambushing to inberdict enemy movement of troops and supplies through assigned AO.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept. With 2 letters establish patrol bases in AO. From those bases conduct patrolling during daylight hours and ambushes at night, while retaining capability to rapidly reinforce and exploit contacts.
- b. SS Lima. With 2 units, establish patrol bases in assigned AO. From those bases conduct patrolling during caylight hours with extensive night ambushes, to interdict chemy infiltration routes.
- c. SS tike. With 4 units, establish patrol bases in assigned AG. From those bases conduct patrolling during daylight hours with extensive night amoushes to interdict enemy infiltration routes.







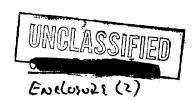


d. SS Yankee

- (1) Attach 1 81mm mortar coction to 38 Mike.
- (2) Provide indirect general support and CP security with remaining forces.

O COOR INATING IN ATTRICTIONS

- (1) Estimated duration 2 days:
- (2) Submit patrol base locations and de yhight patrol routes no later than 1400 for fo llowing day. Submit night ambush sites no later than 0900 da 11y.
- 4. Admin/logistics: No change
- 5° Comm/Comm: No Change



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(b) Verbal Order Commanding Officer 7th Marines

L. SITUATION

a. Enemy; Current INTSUM

b. Friendly: Pennywise Delta chopped to SS 081800H Aug 1968.

2. MISSION

Conduct offensive operations in AO to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, eaches and installations,

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. At H Hour on D-Day Seaside conducts approach march to attack position. On D+1, seize assigned objectives. Then conduct aggressive daylight patrolling and night ambushes to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches and installations.

b. SS Lima, During approach march, perform mission as rear guard. On D+1, perform mission as rear guard. Be prepared to reinforce SS Mike or Pennywise Delta upon establishment of contact. After objective B is secured, attack and seize objective C. Then conduct aggressive da ylight pa trolling and night ambushes in that vicinity to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches and installations.

c. SS Mike. During approach march follow in trace Pennywise Delta. On D+1, follow in trace Pennywise Delta in attack of objective A. Then, on order pass through objective A. attack and seize objective B. Be prepared to reinforce SS Idma or Pennywise Delta upon establishment of contact. On order from vicinity objective B, conduct aggressive daylight patheralay and night ambushes to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches and installations.

d, Ponnywise Delta. During approach march, perform mission as advance guard. On D+1, on order, conduct aggressive daylight patrolling and night ambushes in that vicinity to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches and instalkations.







e. SS Yankoe. During approach march follow in trace Provide CP security.

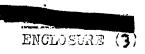
f. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) H Hour 082000H
- (2) Objectives all from 92
 - 4 965663
 - B 958665
 - 0 958669
- िक्षि Approach merch checkpoints all from 25
 - 07-21 923667
 - 07-2 927655
 - 02-3 94565年
 - 629年,967650
 - JP-5 967605
 - (4) Duration 3-5 days.
 - (5) Order of march: PW DELTA, SS MIKE, SS MARRET, to ZNEW.
- (6) Position reports every hour on the half hour commencing D+Ls

L. Adminshingistics

- as 2 days supply
- b. Resupply by external drep helo.
- 5. Comm/Comm: SS roar established at Pennywise Delta Cr.







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- Ref: (a) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheet 6540 I and 6640 IV
 - (b) Verbal Order Commanding Officer 7th Marines
 - . SITUATION
 - a. Enemy: Current INTSUM
- h. Priendly: Pennywise Brave chopped to Sesside 091700H Aug 1960.
 - 2. MISSION: No change.
 - 3. EXECUTION
- a. At H Hour on D Day with 2 letters blocking, 1 attack and 1 in reserve, attack and soize objective Eravo. Thom attack and seize objective Charlie and continue operations IAW Fragu 5-69.
- by 35 Lima, At Heur on D Day from blocking position at 959505. Support attack of objective by fire. Bo prepared to assume mission of attacking unit. On order attack and seize objective Charlis. Then conduct aggressive daylight patrolling and night ambushes to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches and installations.
- the SS Mike, at Hour on D Day, from present blocking position \$22662; conduct probing activity to fix enemy forces vicinity objective Brave. Support attack of objective Brave by fire. Be prepared to assume mission of attacking unit. After objective Brave is secured, move to that position and conduct aggressive daylight patrolling and night amounted to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches and installations.
- d. Pennywise Brave: Proceed immediately to attack position 939665. At H Hour on D Day attack and seize objective Brawe. On order, chop to Pennywise.
- or Ponnywise Delta: From present position 961663. perform mission as Seaside reserve. Be prepared to support by fire, reinferce or assume mission of attack or blocking forces. On order conduct aggressive daylight patrolling and night ambushes to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches and installations.

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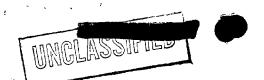
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4. Admin/Louistics: No chango

5. Comm/Comm: No change





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 - (b) Vorbal Order Commanding Officer 7th Marines
 - 1. SITUATION. No change
 - 2. MISSION. No change
 - 3. MEGUMION
- a. Concept. Continue attack through objectives Charlie and Dolta.
- b. SS Lima. On D-Day, on order, attack and seize Objective Charlie. Support by fire and be propared to support attack of Objective Delta.
- c. SS Mike. At H-Hour on D-Day, commonce therough search of Objective Brave to locate enemy bedies, weapons, supplies and equipment. Support attack of Objective Charlie by fire.
- d. Pennoywise Brave. At E-Hour on D-Day, proceed to Objective Brave and assist mike in search of that area. Be propared for extraction from that position on order to Fenneywise Charlie CP.
- o. <u>Ponneywise Delta</u>. At M-Mour on D-Day, proceed to assembly area vicinity Objective Bravo. Be propared to reinferce attack of Objective Charlie. After Objective Charlie is secured, in order pass through Lima, attack and sieze Objective Delta.
- f. SS Yankee. At H-Four on D-Day, from present position, support attack of Objective Brave and Charlie by fire. Frevide CP security.

g. OCCRAINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) H-Hour 0530E.
- (2) D-Day 13 Aug 1968.
- (3) Fixed wing on station at H-Hour.



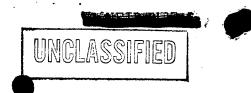
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(h) Attack of assigned objectives will be probing type, agressing positive central of individual fire and maneuver. Open making enemy evaluation of enemy size, location and disposition.

- 4. Acmin/Logistics. No change.
- 5. Comm/Comm. No change.





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1. SITUATION

- (a) Enemy: No change
- (b) Friendly: No change
- (c) Attachments & Supporting Arms: No change
- 2. MISSION: No change
- 3. EXECUTION:
- a. Concept. At H-Hour attack west with two letters to sieze Gunsmoke objective 34. On order one letter continue attack west to secure Seaside objective 5. Third letter support from vicinity objective 2 and be propared to pass through attacking lotters to attack and sieze Seaside objective 6.
- b. Co Mike. At H-Hour attack west through Gunsmoke objective 34. On order continue attack to sieze Seaside objective 5.
- c. Co Lima. At H-Hour follow in trace of Seaside Mike. During attack conduct detailed search of objective 34 and be prepared to support Seaside Mike's attack on Seaside objective 5.
- d. Co India. By H-Hour minus thirty minutes, move to Seaside objective 2, relieve Seaside Mike in place and continue detailed search of objective area. Be prepared to support Seaside Mike and Lima in attack of objective 34. Also be prepared to pass through Seaside Lima and Mike to attack and sieze Seaside objective 6.
- o. Co Mankee. Provide support initially from present position. Be prepared to displace on order.

f. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) H-Hour 211000H
- (2) Objective 5, 825540 Objective 6, 819531

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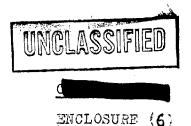
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- (3) A0 on station 210730H.
- (4) Artillery prop fires as required.

(5) Seaside Lima and Seaside India stage all retrograde gear on Seaside Nike LZ prior to 210945H.

- 4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS. No change
- 5. COMM/COMM. No change





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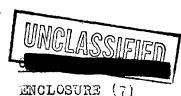
1. SITUATION

(a) Enemy: No change

- (b) Friendly: No change
- (c) Attachments & Supporting Arms: No change
- 2. MISSION: No change
- 3. EXECUTION:
- a. Concept: At H-Hour one letter attcks south to saize SS objective 7. On order two letters attack southwest along both banks of Finger Lake to sieze SS objectives 8 and 9.
- b. Go Mike. At H-Hour attack south to sieze SS objective 6. On order continue the attack to seize SS objective 7, conduct detailed search of objective area.
- vicinity SS objective 5. On order attack southeast to spize SS objective 8, conduct detailed search of objective area.
- d. <u>On India</u>. At H-Hour establish and attack position vicinity 031543. On order attack southeast to sieze SS objective 9. conduct detailed search of objective area.
- o. Co Yankee. Support initally from present position. Be prepared to displace C.P. to vicinity objective 8 approximately la hours.

r. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (l) H-Hour 221000H
- (2) Objective 6, 819531 Objective 7, 835524 Objective 8, 844525 Objective 9, 848527



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- (3) A0 on station 220930H
- (4) Artillery preps as required
- L. ADMIN/LOGISTICS:
 - (1) Plan for retrograde at 0800H.
- 5. COMM/COMM: No change



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Frag Ordor # 16-69 Operation MAMELUKE THRUST

Rof: (a) Map Viotnem 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Shoot 6540 I and 6640 IV

1. SITUATION

- (a) Enomy: No change
- (b) Friendly: No change
- (c) Attachments & Supporting Arms: No change
- 2. MISSION: Attack south from present positions, retrograde designated rice deposits, conduct detailed search of regimental objective area 36 and be prepared to provide security for local rice harvest.

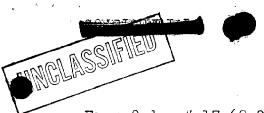
3. EXECUTION:

- a. Concept: At H-Hour attack south on two axis to sloze Battalion objectives 10, 11, 12, 13. Locate and retrograde rice deposits located in objective areas, of nduct detailed search of regimental search area 36 and be propared to assume letter areas of responsibility for security of local rice harvest.
- position to seize Battalian objective 10. On order continue attack to sieze Battalian objective 11. Locate and retrograde rice deposits in objective area. Be prepared to assume a letter area of responsibility for security fo local rice harvest.
- c. Go Lima. At H-Hour attack south from present position to select Mattalian objective 12. On order continue attack to select Mattalian objective 13, locate and retrograde rice deposits in objective area and be propared to assume a letter area of responsibility for security of local rice harvest.

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ENGLOSTER (8)





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Rof: (a) Map Viotnam 1:50,000 AMS Sories L7014 Sheet 6540 I and 6640 IV

1. SITUATION

- (a) Enomy: No change
- (b) Friendly: At 270700H, 300-400 refugees will cross river at 863488 to harvest rice in three areas general vicinity of 855492, 840481, and 831483. Harvesters will be accompanied by 80 R.F.'s from the 396 R.F. Co.
 - (c) Attachments & Supporting Arms: No change
- 2. MISSIOM: Seaside will provide protection for these harvesters.

3. EXECUTION:

- patrols letters are assigned areas of responsibility as follows.
 - b. <u>Co India (-)</u>. 850481 to 832471
 - c. Co Lima. 832471 to 812481
 - d. Co Miko. 812481 to 824490
 - o. Co Yankoo. 8244,90 to 8544,99
 - μ. ADMIN/LOGISTICS. No change
- 5. COMM/COMM. C.O.'s coordinate as required at 0700H The District Advisor will come up on Seaside net with call sign Wickle Windup Foxtrot 34".





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Ref: (a) Map Viotnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheet 6540 I and 6640 IV

1. SITUATION

- (a) Enemy: No change
- (b) Friendly: At 280800H refugees will cross river at 863488 to begin harvesting rice at 846488 and harvest to the southwest. Harvesters will be accompanied by 80 R.F.'s from the 396 R.F. Co.
 - (c) Attachments & Supporting Arms: No change
 - 2. MISSION: No change
 - 3. EXECUTION:
- a. Concept. No change except for areas of responsibility.
- b. Co India (-). 848484 (or position whore harvestors can observe unit) to 836474.
 - c. Co Lima: 836474 to 820478
 - d. Co Mike: 820478 to 826488.
 - o. Co Yankoe (+). 826488 to 846692
 - 4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS. No change
- 5. <u>COMM/COMM</u>. C.P.'s relocated in consonace with mission requirements.





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Frag Order # 19-69 Operation MAMELUKE THRUST

Ref: (a) Map Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series 17014 Sheet 6540 I

1. SITUATION

- (a) Enemy: No change
- (b) Friendly: No change
- (c) Attachments & Supporting Arms: No change
- 2. MISSION: Commencing 021930H Oct 1968 3/5 (-) will conduct a night attack to sedze regimental objective 1 center of mass £36525.

3. EXECUTION:

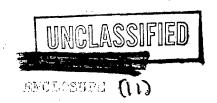
a. Concept. No change

b. Co Mike. Provide point security on route of march. On closing regimental objective area sease Battalion objective "A" center of mass 834524.

- c. Co Lima. Follow in trace of SS Mike. At Regimental objective 1 seize Battalion objective "B", 835530.
- d. Co India. Provide rear security on route of march. At Regimental objective I seize Battalion objective "D", 84,7527.
- o. Co Nankee. Anllow in trace of SS Lima. At Regimental objective I spize Battalion objective "C", 848522.

COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Report check points during route of march,
- (2) Check point 1, 846498 2, 848510 3, 850518





- 4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS. No change
- 5. COMM/COMM. No change



ENCLOSUES (14)