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1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF
Via: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines
Subj: Command Chronology for the period of 010001H to 312400H
August 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2A
(b) FMF PacO 5750.8
(c) DivO 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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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. Designation</u>	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Period Covered</u>
3rd Battalion, 5th Marines	LtCol R. A. SEYMOUR	

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Co	1stLt Z. KOBIASHVILLE	To 17Aug68
	1stLt W. C. HOEY	Fr 18Aug68
Co "I"	Capt J. E. MITCHELL	To 5Aug68
	1stLt A. M. CLEMENTS	Fr 6Aug68
Co "K"	Capt D. W. MEYERS	
Co "L"	Capt R. G. SNOWDEN	
Co "M"	Capt F. D. PAGELLO	To 17Aug68
	1stLt B. P. BARRON	Fr 18Aug68

2. Location. Quang Nam Province, RVN.

3. Staff Officers

XO	Major E. F. HERTLING Jr.	Fr 16Aug68
S-1	CWO2 J. S. BISESI	
S-2	1stLt A. M. CLEMENTS	To 5Aug68
	1stLt J. J. LAZARUS	Fr 26Aug68
S-3	Major R. C. RICH	
S-4	1stLt B. P. BARRON	To 17Aug68

4. Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
29	1036	3	54

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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 newly 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 Expédients, and Fam firing of all individual weapons and indoctrination on crew served weapons.

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PART III
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topicsa. 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.

<u>MOS</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
0302	1
0141	3
0311	6
0331	1
0341	4
0351	1
3051	1

(4) Critical MOS shortages are shown below:

<u>MOS</u>	<u>ML</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>SHORTAGES</u>
0130	2	1	1 Lt
0202	1	0	1 Lt
0302	32	26	2 Capts, 4 Lts
0402	1	0	1 Capt
0311	577	486	24 Sgts, 6 Cpls, 24 LCpls, and 37 PFC/Pvts
0369	33	28	1 GySgt, 4 SSgts
0412	8	5	1 Sgt, 1 Cpl, and 1 LCpl
0516	6	4	1 GySgt, and 1 Sgt
0531	13	8	1 Sgt, 1 LCpl, and 3 PFC/Pvts
0999	6	5	1 1stSgt

(5) Casualties

KIA	8
DOW	2
MIA	53
WIA	45
NON HOSTILE	10
MIA	0
DIA	0

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B. Intelligence(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 Teams.

(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) Enemy infrastructure
- (d) Map corrections

(3) The Battalion S-2 Section has conducted daily Commandor and Staff briefings during August 1968.

(4) Enemy Activity

(a) Synopsis. During the reporting period enemy 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;

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

(5) Vietnamese Attachments

(a) Interpreters. 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 have at least one qualified ARVN interpreter.

(b) Kit Carson Scouts. None. The Battalion is awaiting assignment of Kit Carson Scouts.

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(6) Enemy losses

KIA: 79 NVA KIA 3 VC KIA
 POW: 1
 DET: 3 VCS
 CHEIU ROI: 0

(7) Weather

- (a) Rainfall: 1"
 (b) Temperature:

1. Average high; 87
 Average low; 64

(c) Light:

1. Average sunrise; 0615
 Average sunset; 1920

(8) Terrain. Due to operational commitments, during the reporting period the terrain varied from large open rice paddies with many hedgerows and treelines, to small mountains and hills.

(9) Captured equipment. 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 Anti-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 brief case.

(c) 782 gear. 40 pounds

(d) Documents. 30 pounds

(e) Other. 62,450 pounds of rice. 35,000 units of penicillin.

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(c) Training

(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) Radio Maintenance Training Course | 1 |
| (e) Officer's 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 5th Marines. Assumed OPCON India Co. 3rd Bn 5th Marines.

(8) 211500H Aug 68 3rd Bn 5th Marines (-) chopped from 5th Marines to First MarDiv.



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(9) 211855H Aug 68 First MarDiv chopped 3rd Bn 5th Marines (-) to 7th Marines.

(10) 231800H Aug 68 3rd Bn 5th Marines chopped from 7th Marines to OPCON 5th Marines and commenced Operation SUSSEX BAY.

e. Artillery Support

(1) During the month of August 3/5 was supported by a number of direct, general and reinforcing support batteries. Foxrot 2/11 the assigned direct support battery for 3/5 took on other roles of support, both direct support and reinforcing for other infantry battalions 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 Rebel H 3/11, 8 to 16 Aug Hierling Golf 3/11, Hierling India 3/11, Lung Point Kilo Yankee 1/11 and Snubnose 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 phosphorus, 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 scout 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

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(3) Miscellaneous

- (a) 6 Spooky gunship
- (b) 5 Flare ship
- (c) 27 A0 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 miles. 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 egress 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) Supply Situation. 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 DaNang in 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 gear 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 essential for the maintenance section to function more effectively.

Problems presently exist with the slow arrival of miscellaneous parts requisitioned, for the M274A's. Past problems experienced with faulty parts for the M151A1's have now been resolved.

Since July the billet of Motor Transport 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 Battalion rear from Phu Bai to An Hoa during August.

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a. 1-28 Aug 1968

Operation MAMELUKE THRUST

b. 6 Aug 1968

1st LT. A. M. CLEMENTS
assumed duties as INDIA
Company CO

c. 18 Aug 1968

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

d. 18 Aug 1968

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

e. 26 Aug 1968

1st LT. J. J. LAZARUS
assumed duties as
Battalion S-2

f. 28 Aug 1968

Operation SUSSEX BAY

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3rd Battalion, 5th Marines
Quang Nam Province
011600H Aug 1968

Frag Order # 3-69 Operation HAMELWINE THURST

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

(b) Verbal Order Commanding Officer 7th Marines

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy: AO is being used by VC/NVA as east-west route between Arizona and Dodge City/Go Noi areas.

b. Friendly: Following unit CP's co-located with Seaside CP, Beechnut Delta, Grey Reple, Quizmaster Golf 2.

c. Attachments & Supporting Arms

(1) Hiredling, India direct support artillery.

(2) Effective 011600H, SS Lima Chop L-1 size unit to SS Mike.

2. MISSION

Conduct saturation patrolling and ambushing to interdict 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 daylight hours with extensive night ambushes, to interdict enemy infiltration routes.

c. SS Mike. With 4 units, establish patrol bases in assigned AO. From those bases conduct patrolling during daylight hours with extensive night ambushes to interdict enemy infiltration routes.

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d. SS Yankee

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

c. COORDINATING INTELLIGENCE

- (1) Estimated duration 2 days.
- (2) Submit patrol base locations and daylight patrol routes no later than 1400 for following day. Submit night ambush sites no later than 0900 daily.

4. Admin/Logistics: No change5. Comm/Comm: No Change

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Enclosure (2)

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3rd Battalion, 5th Marines
 Quang Nam Province
 081830H Aug 1968

Frag Order # 4-69 Operation MAMELUKE THRUST

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

(b) Verbal Order Commanding Officer 7th Marines

1. 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, caches 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 daylight patrolling 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 Lima or Pennywise Delta upon establishment of contact. On order from vicinity objective B, conduct aggressive daylight patrolling and night ambushes to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches and installations.

d. Pennywise 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 installations.

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SS Mike.

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

f. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) H Hour 082000H
- (2) Objectives all from 92
 - A 965663
 - B 958665
 - C 958669
- (3) Approach march checkpoints all from 92
 - CP-1 913667
 - CP-2 927655
 - CP-3 945651
 - CP-4 967650
 - CP-5 967655
- (4) Duration 3-5 days.
- (5) Order of march: PW DELTA, SS MIKE, SS
HAROLD, SS ZUMA.
- (6) Position reports every hour on in a half
hour commencing D+1.

4. Admin/Logistics

- a. 2 days supply
- b. Resupply by external drop helo.

5. Comm/Comm: SS rear established at Pennywise Delta CP.

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Quang Nam Province.
092100H Aug 1968

Frag Order # 5-69

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

(b) Verbal Order Commanding Officer 7th Marines

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy: Current INTSUM

b. Friendly: Pennywise Bravo chopped to Seaside
092100H Aug 1968.

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 seize objective Bravo. Then attack and seize objective Charlie and continue operations IAW Frag 5-69.

b. SS Lima. At H Hour on D Day from blocking position at 959600. Support attack of objective by fire. Be prepared to assume mission of attacking unit. On order attack and seize objective Charlie. Then conduct aggressive daylight patrolling and night ambushes to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches and installations.

c. SS Mike. At H Hour on D Day, from present blocking position 882662, conduct probing activity to fix enemy forces vicinity objective Bravo. Support attack of objective Bravo by fire. Be prepared to assume mission of attacking unit. After objective Bravo is secured, move to that position and conduct aggressive daylight patrolling and night ambushes to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches and installations.

d. Pennywise Bravo: Proceed immediately to attack position 939665. At H Hour on D Day attack and seize objective Bravo. On order, chop to Pennywise.

e. Pennywise Delta. From present position 964663, perform mission as Seaside reserve. Be prepared to support by fire, reinforce 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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1. SS Yankko. No change

8. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. E-Hour 0630H.

4. Admin/Logistics: No change

5. Comm/Comm: No change

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ENCLOSURE (4)

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3rd Battalion, 5th Marines
 Quang Nam Province
 122230K Aug 1968

Frag Order # 6-69 Operation MIMELUKE THRUST

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 and 6640 IV

(b) Verbal Order Commanding Officer 7th Marines

1. SITUATION. No change

2. MISSION. No change

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. Continue attack through objectives
 Charlie and Delta.

b. SS Lima. On D-Day, on order, attack and seize
 Objective Charlie. Support by fire and be prepared to support
 attack of Objective Delta.

c. SS Mike. At H-Hour on D-Day, commence thorough
 search of Objective Bravo to locate enemy bodies, weapons,
 supplies and equipment. Support attack of Objective Charlie
 by fire.

d. Pennywise Bravo. At H-Hour on D-Day, proceed to
 Objective Bravo and assist Mike in search of that area. Be
 prepared for extraction from that position on order to
 Pennywise Charlie CP.

e. Pennywise Delta. At H-Hour on D-Day, proceed to
 assembly area vicinity Objective Bravo. Be prepared to rein-
 force attack of Objective Charlie. After Objective Charlie is
 secured, on order pass through Lima, attack and seize Objective
 Delta.

f. SS Yankee. At H-Hour on D-Day, from present
 position, support attack of Objective Bravo and Charlie by fire.
 Provide CP security.

g. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) H-Hour 0630K.

(2) D-Day 13 Aug 1968.

(3) Fixed wing on station at H-Hour.

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(4) Attack of assigned objectives will be probing type, stressing positive control of individual fire and maneuver. Upon making enemy evaluation of enemy size, location and disposition.

4. Admin/Logistics. No change.

5. Comm/Comm. No change.

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ENCLOSURE (5)

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3rd Battalion, 5th Marines
Quang Nam Province
202230H Sept 1968

Frag Order # 14-69 Operation MAMELUKE THRUST

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

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 prepared to pass through attacking letters 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.

e. Co Yankee. 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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- (3) AO on station 210730H.
- (4) Artillery prep fires as required.
- (5) Seaside Lima and Seaside India stage all retrograde gear on Seaside Mike LZ prior to 210945H.

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS. No change

5. COMM/COMM. No change

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3rd Battalion, 5th Marines
 Quang Nam Province
 212120H Sept 1968

Frag Order # 15-69 Operation MAMELUKE THRUST

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 and 6640 IV

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 attacks south to seize SS objective 7. On order two letters attack southwest along both banks of Finger Lake to seize SS objectives 8 and 9.

b. Go Mike. At H-Hour attack south to seize SS objective 6. On order continue the attack to seize SS objective 7, conduct detailed search of objective area.

c. Go Lima. At H-Hour establish and attack position vicinity SS objective 5. On order attack southeast to seize SS objective 8, conduct detailed search of objective area.

d. Go India. At H-Hour establish and attack position vicinity 831943. On order attack southeast to seize SS objective 9, conduct detailed search of objective area.

e. Go Yankee. Support initially from present position. Be prepared to displace C.P. to vicinity objective 8 approximately 12 hours.

f. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) 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

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS:

(1) Plan for retrograde at 0800H.

5. COMM/COMM: No change

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Quang Nam Province
231825H Sept 1968

Frag Order # 16-69 Operation MAMELUKE THRUST

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

1. SITUATION

- (a) Enemy: 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 seize Battalion objectives 10, 11, 12, 13. Locate and retrograde rice deposits located in objective areas, conduct detailed search of regimental search area 36 and be prepared to assume letter areas of responsibility for security of local rice harvest.

b. Go India. At H-Hour attack south from present position to seize Battalion objective 10. On order continue attack to seize Battalion objective 11. Locate and retrograde rice deposits in objective area. Be prepared to assume a letter area of responsibility for security for local rice harvest.

c. Go Ling. At H-Hour attack south from present position to seize Battalion objective 12. On order continue attack to seize Battalion objective 13, locate and retrograde rice deposits in objective area and be prepared to assume a letter area of responsibility for security of local rice harvest.

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262056H Sept 1968

Frag Order # 17-69 Operation MAMELUKE THRUST

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

1. SITUATION

(a) Enemy: 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. MISSION: Seaside will provide protection for these harvesters.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept. By a series of outposts and connecting patrols letters are assigned areas of responsibility as follows.

b. Co India (-). 850481 to 832471

c. Co Lima. 832471 to 812481

d. Co Mike. 812481 to 824490

e. Co Yankee. 824490 to 854499

4. 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 "Nickle Windup Foxtrot 34".

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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. Go India (-). 848484 (or position where harvesters can observe unit) to 836474.

c. Go Lima: 836474 to 820478

d. Go Mike: 820478 to 826488.

e. Go Yankee (+). 826488 to 846692

4. ADMIN/LOGISTICS. No change

5. COMM/COMM. C.P.'s relocated in consonance with mission requirements.

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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 seize regimental objective 1 center of mass 836525.

3. EXECUTION:

- a. Concept. No change
- b. Co Mike. Provide point security on route of march. On closing regimental objective area seize 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 1 seize Battalion objective "D", 847527.
- e. Co Yankee. Follow in trace of SS Lima. At Regimental objective 1 seize Battalion objective "C", 848522.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

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