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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November to 30 November 1969

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

DESIGNATION3rd Battalion, 7th MarinesCOMMANDER

Lt Col R.G. KUMMEROW

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H & S

1st Lt R.L. JAEHNE

"I"

1st Lt W.I. DONALDSON

"K"

Capt T.C. Carter

"L"

Capt J.K. VAN RIPER

"M"

1st Lt T.B. EDWARDS

LOCATION

01 - 30 November 1969, Quan Que Son, Republic of Vietnam, FSB ROSS, BT024434

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STAFF OFFICERS

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S-1/Adj

S-1/Asst Adj/Legal Officer

S-2

S-3

S-3A

S-4

S-4A

S-4B

S-5

Supply Officer

Communications Officer

Motor Transport Officer

Air Liaison Officer

Forward Air Control Officer

Battalion Chaplain

Battalion Surgeon

Asst Surgeon

Maj S.J. MARFIA

1st Lt S.O. VAUGHN

W O R.A. CASTERLINE
(05-30 Nov 1969)

SSgt G. BAUGHN

Maj D. WHITTINGHAM

1st Lt R.W. RAMAGE

Capt. R.C. HULIT

1st Lt P.A. HOWES

1st Lt T.J. LEMMON

1st Lt C.L. JARDINE

SSgt R.W. JONES
(01-04 Nov 1969)1st Lt J.T. SZYMKOWITZ
(05-30 Nov 1969)

Capt E. VOLZ

2nd Lt R.W. KNICK

1st Lt S.S. WADE

1st Lt L.D. TIMMERMAN

Lt(CHC) W.L. DIKE

Lt(MC) R.D. DWYER

Lt(MC) B.R. MOHR

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SUPPORTING UNITS

Battery "G" 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

Capt G.W. EAGER

Battery "K" 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

Capt G.J. LUX

Platoon "B" 1st S" Howitzers S P

Capt E.A. HUNT

1st Platoon, Co "C" 1st Tank Battalion

1st Lt J.R. MITCHELL

3rd Platoon, Co "B" 3rd AMTRAC Battalion

MSGT P.R. BLAFER
 (01-22 Nov 69)
 2nd Lt G. PLATTEN
 (23-30 Nov 69)

1st Platoon, Co "C" 1st Engineer Battalion

1st Lt P.J. SZABO

AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH REPORT

<u>USMC</u>		<u>NAVY</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
39	1301	3	51	0	0

END OF MONTH STRENGTH REPORT

<u>USMC</u>		<u>NAVY</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
41	1270	3	52	0	0

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

GENERAL. Assigned responsibility for conducting unilateral and combined operations in the Western portion of the 7th Marines Tactical Area of Responsibility, the 3rd Battalion conducted operations from Fire Support Base ROSS (BT023342) to which it had moved in the beginning of October. Having established the CP at Fire support Base ROSS the battalion deployed its companies in specific areas of responsibility to execute particular missions assigned. Extensive combat patrolling and rice denial activities were carried out by all the companies which at various times were located in the area known as the "slot" Vic (BT0341) and in the lowlands and foothills to the west and northwest of FSB ROSS. A "fixed" mission was security for Fire Support Base Rider (BT946345) at which location training was accomplished by all companies as they rotated through this location.

The first eight days of the month saw companies K, L and M and the Battalion CP in intermittent contact with the 2nd Battalion of the 36th NVA Regiment while Co I provided security for FSB Rider. As the month progressed both Co I and Co L participated in the First Marine Division's "Stack Arms" program. Upon its return, Co L deployed to FSB RIDER, relieving Co M of the defensive responsibilities. By the end of the month all companies had an opportunity to work with the various PF activities operating directly west of FSB ROSS. The month ended with planning and coordination complete for the Battalion's return to LZ BALDY.

SPECIFIC. On 1 November 1969 Co L was heli-lifted from and relieved of the responsibility for the security of the "ROCKCRUSHER" (BT108429). The company was inserted at BT001427 to assist Companies K and M in screening for a sweep conducted by the 3rd Battalion of the 51st ARVN Brigade. Co F 2/7 was placed under the operational control of 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines to provide security for both the "ROCKCRUSHER" and Route 535.

At 0055 on the morning of the first, the lines of Co I's CP located at 987307 spotted one person moving outside the perimeter. Upon challenge by a sentry the man made no response, but ducked behind a bush. The sentry opened fire hitting the man in the head, upperleft arm and leg. Investigation revealed the casualty was a Corpsman who had apparently been returning from a head call outside the lines. He later succumbed to the head wound.

At 1015 the same day a squad reconnaissance patrol from 2nd Platoon Co I, while in the vicinity of AT957305, spotted 05 NVA/VC moving west in a treeline to their front. The squad opened fire causing the enemy to flee to the southwest. A sweep of the area revealed one enemy killed and several blood trails, as well as one civilian wounded who had taken shelter in the line of fire behind the five NVA/VC. He was treated by a corpsman. Following the blood trails produced one additional enemy KIA.

Approximately two hours later, at noon, a squad of the 2nd Platoon Company M while on a daytime patrol found three booby traps at BT044417. The booby traps, all tin cans about 3½ inches tall and 2 inches in diameter, were of the pressure-detonated type, and had been buried in the trail prior to being revealed by heavy rains. They were destroyed in place.

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That afternoon around 1430, the same platoon while refilling their canteens in the vicinity of BT018416, had one Marine detonate a chi-com booby trap which had been set in the stream bank. The casualty recieved shrapnel in the left calf.

That evening the Battalion CP was located near Co K's position between the coordinates 998412 - 999428. At 1845 they recieved fourteen to sixteen rounds of 82mm mortar fire which were walked up the slope, over the crest and down the other side of the hill. Three rounds landed in or near three fighting holes resulting in two friendly killed and twelve wounded. Counter-mortar fire was fired by a section of the Battalion's 81mm mortars with the CP, the 60mm mortars of both Co K and Co L (who had just been heli-lifted to the vicinity) as well as 105mm howitzers located at FSB ROSS.

On the 2nd of November in the vicinity of 979314 Co I's 2nd Platoon spotted five personnel walking in a column from northeast to southwest. A 60mm mortar fire mission was called in but produced negative results.

At 1230 on the fourth of November a squad from the second platoon of Co M while set in a daytime position at 032417 observed five NVA/VC 200 meters away, dressed in black, moving northwest. The Marines set up a base of fire with a machine gun and small arms. A 105mm fire mission was called. The impact area was swept thoroughly revealing two enemy killed by artillery, and one killed by small arms. On the three bodies 500,000 Piastres and approximately ten documents, bearing an unknown seal, and written in Vietnamese and Chinese were found.

Activities on the 5th of November commenced at 0645 when Marines from Co I's 2nd Platoon moving to a blocking position spotted four NVA/VC carrying packs and AK-47's, moving northeast to southwest. The platoon opened fire killing one enemy immediately. His companions managed to elude pursuit. The casualty had one pack, one AK-47, one helmet and various documents on his person.

Later, at 0815, a Co M activity on patrol in the vicinity of 050415 observed one NVA/VC with pack and AK-50. He was killed by small arms fire.

At 0850, the first platoon of Co M was taken under automatic weapons fire near BT050405. The patrol's return fire resulted in one NVA/VC killed. While sweeping the area of the action the platoon observed five NVA/VC approximately 200 meters east walking in a rice paddy. The patrols subsequent small arms fire chased the enemy toward a village. A further sweep of the village resulted in the capture of one NVA/VC, while another was trapped in a cave. A fragmentation grenade was thrown into the cave resulting in one more enemy killed. The detainee was returned to the Battalion rear.

The 2nd platoon of Co M had moved to BT050405 by 1010 that morning when they spotted one NVA/VC dressed in green khaki with a pack and cartridge belt. He was approximately 50 meters to the north and moving from east to west. Small arms resulted in one NVA/VC killed.

Company K's 1st Platoon reached 046325 by 1310 and observed one NVA/VC with an AK-47 sitting along the trail. He was shot and killed.

At 1330 on 6 November 1969, while in daytime position, Co L observed one NVA/VC moving in a southerly direction carrying rifles and packs camouflaged with brush.

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The 3rd Platoon of Co L called in and observed both a 60mm mortar and a 155mm Howitzer fire mission. Upon sweeping the area the 3rd Platoon discovered one NVA/VC killed by artillery wearing an NVA uniform and carrying assorted documents. A second sighting of 10 additional NVA/VC was then made resulting in another 105mm and 155mm fire mission. The subsequent sweep uncovered 400lbs. of rice and two USMC water containers. Fifteen personnel found in the area were detained and sent along with the rice to the Battalion rear.

At 1705 the same afternoon the rear element of Co. I's 2nd Platoon, then located at 985326, observed five NVA/VC with packs, helmets, and weapons moving north. Simultaneously, the point element spotted two NVA/VC moving across their front. Both elements opened up on the enemy at the same time. The point captured one NVA/VC while the rear elements target fled. Sweeps conducted in the area of both sightings produced no further results.

On the 7th November at 0850 in the vicinity of BT038413 the second Platoon of Co. L on daytime patrol spotted one NVA/VC advancing toward them. They took him under fire wounding him in the right thigh and left calf. POW was evacuated to Battalion rear. He had in his possession one pack with assorted personal gear which had been camouflaged with brush.

At 1555 that afternoon Marines from Co M while patrolling near 993305 observed four NVA/VC (300 meters away) dressed in black and carrying packs and weapons. The Marines fired small arms resulting in one enemy killed and causing the others to flee to the north.

On the 9th of November Co M was heli-lifted to LZ RIDER to provide security for Battery H, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines which was providing supporting fires for the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.

The following evening at 1810 the 2nd Platoon of Co L while in a night time position at AT022400 observed 15 NVA/VC with weapons in the vicinity of AT013396. An 81mm mortar and 105mm Howitzer fire mission was called, while observing the mission the 2nd Platoon received ten 60mm mortar rounds. No friendly casualties were sustained, but the friendly missions were repeated. A flare bird was requested, a sweep of the area was made, but nothing was found.

On the 11 November at 0800 Co L 3rd Platoon, upon entering a village near AT050415 observed two NVA/VC fleeing to their front. A squad was dispatched to pursue the one enemy who fled down a trail, but returned without finding him. The other enemy had fled to a bunker into which hand grenade was thrown resulting in one female enemy killed. She was wearing a green NVA utility shirt and black pajama trousers. A search of the bunker produced assorted U.S. medical gear, two USMC cartridge belts, one M-26 hand grenade, one NVA messkit, one NVA flag and assorted documents.

That same morning at 0815 a squad from 2nd Platoon Co I while on patrol in the vicinity of AT998336 observed seven personnel fleeing north from a village. Two were carrying packs and three had weapons. The squad opened fire. A search of the area revealed three packs, two dead NVA/VC and one NVA/VC detainee with another pack. This pack contained medical gear, a hammock, and various personal items. The dead enemy was approximately 50 yrs old, in good physical condition and well fed.

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At 1400, a squad from the 2nd platoon, Co M, while set at AT970338 observed four NVA/VC working in a rice paddy in the vicinity of AT941339. One NVA/VC remained in the bordering treeline and carried a weapon to provide security for the other three. A 105mm fire mission was called during which all four personnel fled into the treeline. After the mission was completed, two personnel emerged from the treeline and carried away two dead.

On 12 November at 1300 a five ton truck from Battery K, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines stationed at FSB ROSS hit a forty pound box mine at BT095409. The explosion resulted in 04 USMC WIA, two emergency and two priority medevacs. The truck was destroyed.

Later that same day at 1550 the Co M artillery forward observer while sitting in a daytime position at AT949344 observed three NVA/VC, wearing packs, working in a rice paddy at AT960319. A 105mm Howitzer fire mission was called and resulted in one NVA/VC KIA.

On the 15th of November at 1640 a squad from 2nd Platoon Co I, while moving to a night time ambush position at BT025394, observed 12 enemy moving toward the east. They were taken under fire. During a sweep of the area, one dead NVA/VC and one AX-47 were found. The remaining enemy fled to the south.

Marines from Co K at 1410 on the 16th spotted suspicious movement near a hootch in the vicinity of AT994340. They set up a 360 perimeter, and searched the hootch finding a tunnel beneath a trap door in the floor. CS gas was employed causing two personnel to flee from the tunnel's rear entrance. These two, plus two additional personnel found nearby were detained. The tunnel was found to contain 700 lbs of unpolished rice, clothes, medical gear and diary.

Co I Marines, while moving to a hill top at BT029412 later that afternoon, observed one NVA/VC. He was taken under fire but fled northward. The point man moved to the top of the hill and spotted two more NVA/VC moving up the side of a hill 300 meters to his front. Again the enemy was taken under fire by small arms, M-79, RM-191 resulting in two NVA/VC killed. One of these was apparently an officer as he was carrying a 9mm pistol and had numerous documents. The other carried personal gear and two chi-com grenades. Both wore green utilities and one had NVA helmet.

While on a daytime patrol, on the 18th of November in the vicinity of BT038440 at 1630 in the afternoon, a squad from Co I's 3rd Platoon came across a barbed wire and bamboo barrier astride a trail. The barrier was 4 1/2 feet tall by 7 feet wide and the wire was not rusted. It was removed from the trail and destroyed. A search of the area revealed nothing further.

On the 20th, Marines of Co M spotted eight NVA/VC while patrolling the area near AT969353. An AO was requested and upon arrival directed fire from 105mm Howitzers and 81mm mortars. One dead NVA/VC with pack was found in the impact area.

A 1200 pound cache of rice was found by Co K at 988334 on the 21st about 1800 in the evening. The rice was placed in a central location and was retrograded.

At the same time Co I's 3rd Platoon was moving along a daytime patrol route at BT049425 when the scout-sniper team observed four NVA/VC rice carriers with large packs moving across their front. Four rounds were fired by the team resulting in one NVA/VC KIA. His pack contained only sleeping and mess gear.

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Later that night at 2215 Co M, sweeping the area of an earlier fire mission at BT013388, observed three NVA/VC crossing their front. The enemy were engaged with small arms. The subsequent sweep discovered one dead NVA/VC carrying a 9mm pistol and medical gear. The casualty was dressed in green utilities with a blue shirt as were his companions who escaped. Some distance from the body an additional pack was found.

On the 22nd, Co M had moved to BT025398 and by 1400 was located for the evening. One Marine picked up a long pole with which to build a small shelter. The pole when picked up detonated a M-26 grenade causing six USMC wounded. Further inspection of the area uncovered no additional booby traps.

At 1710 that afternoon the H&S security patrol, conducting a normal security patrol near FSB ROSS discovered five tunnels, all measuring 3 feet high by 10 feet long by 5 feet wide, located at BT016335, 018336, 024336, and 039337. They were all blown with C-4. The patrol then discovered 300 meters of trench line at BT024330. All these works indicated the enemy had been active closer to FSB ROSS than previously determined.

On the morning of the 23rd at 0815 in the vicinity of BT025385 Co M's 1st Platoon spotted four NVA/VC wearing black pajamas and carrying packs and weapons. The enemy, sighting the Marines at the same time, opened fire. The Marines returned the fire and advanced toward the treeline. Three bunkers were found into which grenades were thrown resulting in one enemy dead. This enemy was approximately 25 years old, wore black pajamas and had no pack or weapons. A further search of the area produced no additional findings.

At 1000 in the afternoon the 2nd Platoon from I Co while patrolling near BT042453 spotted one NVA/VC wearing green utilities, NVA helmet and pack heading across their front 400 meters away. They opened up with small arms and closed on the area of the sighting where they found an NVA helmet and one blood trail. A sweep of the vicinity with a scout dog team flushed the NVA/VC who when he attempted to fire on the Marines with an M-16 was killed by the dog and his handler.

Co M's 1st Platoon was enroute to the CP (around 1930) with five detainees when they were taken under fire by enemy sniper at BT020385. The fire came from about 100 meters to the east and caused one USMC casualty (who was not evacuated). A 105 mm fire mission was called, after which the Marines closed on the impact area. One enemy attempted to flee from the treeline and was killed by small arms.

On the 26th of November Co K's resupply was to be dropped by C-130 at AT980339. One of the pallets landed about 1000 meters to the north. A platoon was dispatched to secure the gear, but on arriving at the scene at 1600 found only the net and an empty pallet. A sweep of the area produced no results. The Marines then came under fire by an enemy sniper. The fire was returned and the patrol proceeded to the CP. The CP meanwhile had observed five NVA/VC carrying cases of combat rations moving to the south. A 105mm fire mission was called, but a later sweep produced negative results.

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Around 1800 on the 26th, Co L's Commander was returning with security to FSB ROSS. At AT999353 the lead tank in a convoy of two tanks and two amtracs hit a mine. The tank burst into flame and was immediately destroyed by exploding internal ordnance. The action resulted in two USMC killed and two USMC wounded (priority medevacs).

At 0825 on the morning of the 27th of November the northeastern road sweep leaving FSB ROSS found an ammunition box buried in a mud puddle in the middle of the road. The box contained twenty pounds of C-4 with a pressure detonator and a blasting cap. It was blown in place with $\frac{1}{2}$ lb of C-4.

Proceeding down the road the sweep team was soon approached by a Vietnamese who gave them a can marked calcium chloride containing 1.5 lbs of an undetermined high-explosive. The can was destroyed with C-4 and the boy was paid 2000 piasters.

At 1130 that morning Co M's 3rd Platoon was moving to a new position when they observed 15-20 NVA/VN wearing black pajamas and yellow khakis moving east at BT037412. A 105mm mission was called after which the Marines immediately searched the area. They found 19 packs each containing 50 lbs of unpolished rice. In addition they discovered one chi-com grenade, an NVA helmet and various documents.

Meanwhile, Co M's 2nd Platoon had reached their daytime position at BT017401 when they spotted three personnel some distance away standing in a treeline. A 105mm fire mission was called and three bodies were observed lying in the rice paddy for 30 minutes.

The road sweep which left FSB ROSS on the 28th at 0845 found one M-33 grenade booby trap under a bridge located at BT035344. The M-33 was intended to be detonated by a trip wire and was blown in place with C-4.

Later, around 1100, the same sweep team found a 70 lb box mine at BT078387. The detonation device was removed and returned to LZ BALDY for examination by S-2 personnel.

At 1645 in the afternoon the point man of Co M's third platoon moving along a trail at AT038413 observed a wire entwined around his right leg. Reacting immediately the Marine took successful evasive action to avoid the explosion of an M-26 booby trap.

On the afternoon of the 29th at 1725, Co I observed a CH-46 explode high in the air, break apart and plunge to earth at 977348. The chase helicopter immediately landed nearby and picked up one body before proceeding to LZ BALDY. More helicopters, soon arrived at the scene and Co I (-) was heli-lifted to the site of the wreckage to provide security. A search resulted in finding six additional bodies accounting for all those aboard at the time of the accident. The following morning a safety team arrived at the site, inspected the wreckage and caused its removal.

On the 30th at 0700, 200 meters outside the front gate at FSB ROSS, the road sweep team found a box mine buried in the right track of the road. It was blown in place resulting in a hole six feet long, six feet wide, and four feet deep.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Topics

a. Mission Assigned. Occupy and defend, from FSB ROSS, the Western AO of the 7th Marines Tactical Area of Responsibility; conduct aggressive day and night patrolling throughout the AO to prevent future attacks by fire upon the artillery cantonment at FSB ROSS; conduct combined and coordinated operations with Government of Vietnam Forces emphasizing rice denial, civic action, and revolutionary development; conduct integral small unit activities with one local Popular Forces platoon; provide reaction forces as directed by higher headquarters; maintain security of vital lines of communication in conjunction with the forces of the Government of Vietnam within the assigned AO.

b. Administration. Administrative support throughout the month of November was satisfactory.

c. Personnel. The Battalion's category of readiness was C-1 for the month of November. Total end of month strength was 41 Marine Officers, 1270 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers, and 52 Navy Enlisted. Total: 1366

(1) Casualties Sustained: (1 - 30 November 1969)

<u>U.S.</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>MIANE</u>	<u>NEC</u>	<u>KNEC</u>
M&S	3	9	0	29	0
"I"	1	0	0	28	0
"K"	1	13	0	26	0
"L"	0	1	0	22	0
"M"	0	4	1	24	0
TOTAL:	5	27	1	129	0

d. Intelligence

(1) Enemy Situation: (1 - 30 November 1969). During the month of November, the enemy appears to have reacted to the 3rd Battalion's presence in the area by going underground or by withdrawing. Reduced enemy sightings in 3/7's area, coupled with increased sightings and contacts in areas to the west, indicates that the enemy has reduced his activity within the AO. However, the incidence of booby traps and road mines has increased during the month, indicating that the enemy's guerrilla activities in the area have also increased. This increase in booby traps and road mines was not unexpected because it was felt that the enemy would be forced to resort to basic guerrilla techniques as the friendly forces increased their operating effectiveness in the area. The enemy's principal unit in this area, the 36th Regiment of the 2nd NVA Division, is still located and operating in the northwestern portion of the 3rd Battalion's AO. The following major sightings and incidents occurred within the AO during the month:

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- On 1 November the "G" CP received 14-16 incoming 60mm mortar rounds near AT998412

- On 12 November a truck convoy from Battery "F" detonated a 40 lb box mine near BT095409

- On 10 November Co "I" received 10 incoming 60mm mortar rounds near BT022400

- On 14 November, the road sweep found an 80 lb rock mine near BT078386

- On 22 November Co "L" observed 20-25 enemy carrying packs and weapons and moving in a northeasterly direction near AT970332.

- On the same day, Co "K" evacuated to the Battalion CP 1200 lbs of rice previously found in a Vietnamese hut near AT988334.

(2) Enemy Weapons, Equipment and Supplies Destroyed/Captured

Weapons

5 AK-47
1 RPD Light Machine Gun
2 Pistols

Equipment

Numerous 782 and medical gear

Supplies

3500 lbs of rice
100 lbs of Peanuts

(3) Enemy Personnel Loses

- (a) NVA/VC KIA in TAOR - 43
- (b) NVA/VC KIA by 3/7 - 30
- (c) NVA/VC KIA by Arty - 13
- (d) NVA/VC KIA by Air - 00
- (e) NVA/VC KIA by ARVN/CAP - 00
- (f) Detainee - 51
- (g) Chieu Hoi - 01
- (h) Refugees evacuated - 00

e. Weather.

- (1) General weather conditions in the 3/7 TAOR have been favorable for

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military operations and logistic support with only insignificant periods of poor flying weather. Rainfall for the month was less than anticipated.

(2) Statistics

- (a) Maximum temperature - 79
- (b) Minimum temperature - 72
- (c) Mean Temperature - 75
- (d) Average humidity - 81%
- (e) Rainfall - 8.70 inches

f. Terrain. Generally the terrain is composed of flat land with occasional small hills in all but the western and northwestern sectors which are characterized by low foothills developing finally into heavily vegetated mountains. Rivers and roads in the TAOR are fordable and passable except during the monsoon seasons.

g. Organization and Operations

(1) Command and Control. The 3rd Battalion was under the operational control of the 7th Marine Regiment from 1-30 November 1969.

(2) Significant Operations Conducted. Three companies plus the "jump CP" were committed to action against the 2nd Battalion, 36th NVA Regiment from 1-8 November. After that, the companies generally worked within assigned Company AO's which were rotated occasionally. Two companies completed the Battalion's participation in the "Stack Arms" Program.

(3) Artillery support.

(a) 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines remained in direct support of the 7th Marine Regiment.

(b) Battery "G", 3/11, supported the 3rd Battalion from FSB ROSS during November. Fire Support was also received from Battery "I", 3/11, when the 3rd Battalion was operating in the Northwestern portion of the AO.

(c) Battery "K", 4/13, located at FSB ROSS was in general support and provided reinforcing fires for Battery "G".

(d) Additional reinforcing fires were also provided by the 1st 8" Howitzer SP Battery (Platoon "B")

(e) During the month of November, artillery units provided close and continuous fire support to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. Because inclement weather prevailed during part of the month, close air support was minimal and artillery provided the majority of the supporting fires.

(4) Air Support

(a) Number of fixed wing air strike missions flown: 34

(b) Number of AO and Reconnaissance missions: 14

(c) Helicopter missions flown were as follows:

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~1. Aerial Evacuations - 154 missionsa 257 - USMCb 1 - AFVNc 7 - civilians2. Logisticala Cargo 110,000 poundsb 1100 personnelc Resupply by C-130 aircraftd Number of Flareship missions: 6 Total Hours 14h. Formal Training

(1) All personnel joining the Battalion received a five day extensive orientation and indoctrination course, which included instructions in the care, maintenance, safe handling, familiarization and firing of the M-16 rifle on both the day and night firing ranges. They also fired the M-79 grenade launcher and the M-60 machine gun for familiarization on the day range and received instruction in the detection, neutralization and employment of enemy and friendly mines and booby traps.

(2) Personnel of the Battalion, in the numbers indicated attended the following schools:

(a) Land Mine Warfare School	20
(b) Division NCO School	7
(c) Officers Leadership Course	2
(d) Basic Ammo Technician Course (OKI)	1
(e) Career Planning Course (OKI)	1
(f) 16mm Projectionist Course	1
(g) Regimental Driver School	13
(h) SNCO Leadership Course	3
(i) Embarkation Course (OKI)	1
(j) Basic Infantry Weapons Repair Course (OKI)	1

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(3) In addition to the formal schools attended, this battalion requested and received instruction from the 1st Platoon, Company "C", 1st Engineer Battalion on mines and booby traps. Twenty-one Marines and two Navy Corpsman attended the class on 21 November at the battalion's booby trap lane.

(4) The Communications Section held classes for battalion and company radio operators on 24-26 November with 24 Marines attending. Instruction was on the AN/PRC-25, the KY38, KAL54, KAL55 and transmission security and procedures.

(5) The Motor Transport section held classes for the battalion and company drivers on the HPUC (Steam Jenny) and basic vehicle engine operations for ten Marines during the month of November.

(6) Two companies, Company "M" and Company "L", completed the training provided by the RIDER Plan. This was an individual company training program designed to provide instruction for the companies in the areas of air support, patrolling, and platoon tactics, supporting arms fires, combat intelligence and first aid. Leadership instruction was also provided and aimed primarily at the fire team leaders and squad leaders.

1. Logistic, Equipment, Supply.

(1) Logistics.

(a) Presently, the battalion is still without its laundry unit. A Vietnamese laundry, however, is located at the Vietnamese shop in the cantonment. Additionally, the opening of a laundry unit at the LSU at LZ BALDY alleviated the difficult problem of laundering large amounts of laundry.

(b) Construction of a wooden ramp for a Xeon Spotlight Jeep has been completed by the 1st Engineer Battalion. Plans for a new main electrical distribution system have been submitted to the First Marine Division. Construction on a passenger terminal structure for the landing zone will begin shortly.

(2) Equipment and Supply.

(a) On 10 November a contact team from FSR performed much needed maintenance on the refrigeration units in the battalion messhall.

(b) The overall supply situation greatly improved throughout the month. The need for jungle clothing and small arms cleaning gear still exists and will probably continue to exist in the future.

2. Civil Affairs.

(1) Medcaps. During November, 1969, the 3d Battalion treated 308 Vietnamese civilians for minor illnesses.

(2) Dentcaps. During the month, 51 people from the local area were treated for dental problems.

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(3) Serious Incidents. There were no serious incidents with the 3rd Battalion's area of operations during the month of November.

k. Psychological Operations.

(1) Air Drops. This month the Battalion requested 14 air drops emphasizing themes such as hunger, disease and low morale from which the NVA suffer. Additionally, 1 air tape was requested emphasizing the loneliness of the NVA soldier and his distance from home.

l. Communications.

(1) Communications for the month of November were adequate. The relatively flat terrain within the AO afforded the battalion excellent communications.

(2) A battalion radio operators school, held 24-26 November, emphasized the use of the Nestor (D-N) equipment. Additional emphasis was placed upon transmission security and ways to avoid common radio transmission security violations.

m. Medical.

(1) General. At present time the malaria rate within the battalion has remained about the same as in the previous month. However, the current rate is still below the battalion's high point reached during September. Because there was less rain during the month than had been expected, immersion foot was not a serious problem as in the month of October.

(2) Evacuation. The present system is operating in a satisfactory fashion.

(3) Medical resupply remains a persistent problem requiring constant attention. Because the battalion's usage rate of certain medical supplies is very high, it is difficult to keep these items in stock. These items include: Lomotil, Oral Penicillin, Erythromycin, and Tinactin.

(4) Malaria cases: 82

(5) Fever Unknown Origin: 73

(6) Venereal Disease: 5

(7) Sanitation facilities on FSB ROSS are still continuing to improve. Although the urinals and heads require constant attention, they are maintained in a sanitary condition.

(8) BAS. Six additional tents were added to the BAS this month, thus alleviating crowded living conditions. The BAS area, because of its close proximity to the landing zone, still remains extremely muddy and dirty.

n. Chaplain.

(1) The Battalion Chaplain performed the following support for the

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Station during November

(a) 7 Sunday Services were conducted. Attendance 229, Communion was served at two services with 73 celebrants.

(b) 2 Weekday Services were conducted. Attendance 68, with 64 communicants.

(c) 2 Thanksgiving Day Services were conducted with attendance of 142 for the Battalion and 87 for 4/13.

(d) A Memorial Service was held for Kilo Company. Attendance 135.

(e) 297 men were visited in the hospitals.

(f) American Red Cross messages handled numbered 14.

(g) Counseling interviews numbered 76

(h) One lecture was given to an indoctrination class of 23.

(2) Services for Catholic personnel were provided by 1/7 Chaplains A4 LIBERA and his relief B. VISOCKY. 3/7 Catholic men stationed at FSB RIDER have been served by 3/11 Chaplain P. PILARSKI.

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

~~NONE~~

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1 NOVEMBER

- Fox 2/7 OPCON to 3/7
- ARVN 3/51 troops lifted from ATO433 to ATO20443
- Lima Co. is being lifted from 108429 to 001427
- Fox 2/7 is taking over Lima's AO (also being helilifted in)
- Lima started troop lift at 1436H
- Received 7th Marines Frag Order 12-69 at 1610H.
- Kilo 1, Kilo CP, and BN CP received 16-20 82mm enemy mortar rounds. Results 02 friendly KIA and 12 friendly WIA (P) Time 011845H AT999428. See spot report 011845H.

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEB
 DTG FROM: 060001H Nov 69
 DTG TO: 062400H Nov 69

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
✓ 060730 Nov 69	1575	I Co, 3/7, BM, 951312. While set in OP at 0730 I3C spotted 01 NVA/VC w/green utilities and pack. He was moving NW and I3C shot hitting him in the trunk of body. Had neg paper or weapons. Area was searched found 01 body, 01 pack w/ rice and sleeping gear. 01 NVA/VC KIA	S-F
060850H Nov 69	1576	K Co, 3/7, K3, 010412. While walking down path engaged 04 NVA/VC. Opened up w/ small arms and M-60. Sweep of area found 01 NVA poncho, 01 NVA pack w/25 lbs rice, 01 bloody helmet, followed blood trails w/neg results.	S-F
✓ 061030H Nov 69	1577	Spotted 03 NVA in rice paddy about 150 meters away. Opened up on them and swept area. Enemy were very healthy and wearing clean black pajamas. 02 NVA/VC KIA.	S-F
✓ 061330H Nov 69	1578	L Co, 3/7, L3, 039418, 050415. While setting in D/T pos. observed approx. 15 NVA/VC moving in a southerly direction. They were carrying packs and rifles. Packs were camouflaged with brush. L3 called in 60mm 105 and 155 fire mission. L1 moved into blocking position, L3 moved to check area, as they moved down spotted 10 more NVA/VC. Called in 105mm and 155mm fire mission. Will sweep area, so far had found 100 lbs of rice and picked up 05 detainees.	S-F
061100H Nov 69	1579	K Co, 3/7, K3, 019397. While sweeping area found 01 NVA/VC. Body appeared to be 4-5 days old. Appeared to have died from shrapnel wounds. Killed by arty fired into area approx 06 days prior to find. Checked body for booby traps and gear then buried body. NVA was dressed in NVA shorts and shirt.	S-F
✓ Follow-up to 061330H Nov 69	1580	Found 01 confirmed by arty. He was wearing NVA uniform without markings. He also had assorted documents. I also detained 15 personnel, 400lbs of rice, and 02 water containers with letter M on them. Detainees and gear will be evacuated to Bn rear.	S-F
061545H Nov 69	1581	I Co, 3/7, I3, 957324. I3 spotted 05 personnel 500 meters away with neg weapons and packs. Enemy headed south wearing black and tan clothes. I3 opened up on enemy and enemy fled East. Swept area with neg. results.	S-F
✓ 061705H Nov 69	1582	I Co, 3/7, I2, 985326. I2 rear element spotted 05 NVA/VC moving North with packs, helmets, weapons and gear. Were approx, 100 meters away to the North. Also point spotted 02 NVA toward the front. Opened up and found blood trail but nothing more. Were able to capture one of 02 NVA toward the front. Other disappeared under hail of bullets. 01 Detainee.	S-F
061800H Nov 69	1583	L Co, 3/7, L2, 041412. While returning to PPB picked up 01 Chieu-Hoi... Approx. 18 yrs old wearing brown uniform, with NVA belt and buckle. Returned him to PPB, will return to Bn as sep.	S-F

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY TUYEN
 DTG FROM: 010001H Nov 69
 DTG TO: 012400H Nov 69

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
✓ 010055H Nov 69	1554	I Co, 3/7, 987307. India CP lines spotted 01 man moving near lines. Sentry challenged, saw man duck behind bush, received no response and opened fire with four rounds, hitting man in head left arm, and leg. Man died of head wound. Investigation revealed man probably was either coming or going from a head located near the lines. 01 friendly (USN) KIA.	
✓ 011015H Nov 69	1555	I Co, 3/7, I2, 957305. As size 5 recon from I2 was on move spotted 05 NVA/VC moving through tree-line. NVA/VC moving west and fled southeast. They were about 25 meters away when I2 opened up on them. Sweep of area revealed 01 confirmed and 01 civilian wounded, plus some blood trails. Upon following blood trails found 01 confirmed more. The civilian that was wounded was inside hooch behind the 05 NVA. Civilian was wounded in shoulder. Being treated by corpsman. 02 NVA KIA	
011200H Nov 69	1556	M Co, 3/7, M3B, 011417. While on daytime patrol M3B found 03 booby traps 3 1/2 inches in diameter and 2 inches tall. Looked to be pressure tied. Were once buried in trail, but were washed up. Destroyed in place.	
011430H Nov 69	1557	M Co, 3/7, M2, 011816. M2 personnel while on water run, had 01 personnel step on booby trap while going over to set in security. Booby trap was a Chi-com trip wire device along edge of stream bank. Casualty received shrapnel in left calf.	
✓ 011845H Nov 69	1558	BM, 3/7, BM CP, 998412-998428. BM CP at K's pos. took fourteen to sixteen rounds of 82mm fire. Rounds were walked up slope, over top then downhill. Three to four rounds landed in or near the edge of 03 fighting holes causing 09 of the 13 casualties. Fired counter mortar fire with Kilo and Lima 60mm's and 81's plus 105mm's. Results were 02 secondary explosions, called in medivac. 02 friendly KIA, 12 friendly WIA.	

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2 NOVEMBER

- Neither Mike or Kilo moved, were blocking force for 1st ARVN's
- Fox 2/7 OPCON to 3/7 used as road sweep and road security
- I Co continued normal operations inside their designated AO

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN
 DTG FROM: 020001H Nov 69
 DTG TO: 022400H Nov 69

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
021745H Nov 69	1559	I Co, 3/7 I2, 979314. I2 Cp spotted 05 personnel wearing black pajamas and walking in a column from NE to SW. A 60mm fire mission was called on personnel. A squad from I2 will sweep area on way to nite alley cat.	
021900H Nov 69	1560	I Co, 3/7, I3, 984313, #2 972323. I3 spotted 02 personnel moving SW toward treeline. Personnel were wearing black pajamas and were 50 to 75 meters away from treeline and about 1400 meters from I3. Fired 01 106mm round, will not sweep area.	
Follow-up. to 021745H Nov 69	1561	I Co, 3/7, I2, 978313. I2 swept area with negative results.	

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3 NOVEMBER

- No spot reports
- No significant changes or events

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4 NOVEMBER

- No significant changes or events

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN
 DTG FROM: 040001HNov 69
 DTG TO: 042400HNov 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
041115H Nov 69	1562	M Co, 3/7, M1A, 040412. M1A personnel while set in DT position observed 01 dog moving along E to W along trail. Dog tripped booby trap, was a Chi-com with trip wire on trail. Dog received shrapnel metal and ran. M1A was sent to check out area for more booby traps.	
041230H Nov 69	1563	M Co, 3/7, M1C, 032417. While set in DT position M1C personnel spotted 05 NVA/VC. They were all wearing black. They were approx. 200meters away to the East moving Northwest. Set up base of fire with 60 opened up with small arms and called in 105 fire mission. Will sweep area and send follow-up.	
041130H Nov 69	1564	K Co, 3/7, K3, 007422. Spotted 02 NVA/VC 300 meters away moving to the NE. Opened fire on enemy and swept area - notified K1 of enemy moving in their direction.	
Follow-up to 041230H Nov 69	1564	M Co, 3/7, M1B/M1C 026407. M1B found 02 NVA/VC which were killed by arty fire, also found 01 NVA/VC who was killed by small arms fire. Equipment captured 50,000 P's, about 10 separate documents some written in Vietnamese and some written in Chinese. These papers also had some official stamps and seals.	
041500H Nov 69	1565	I Co, 3/7, ICP, 007327. While moving to new CP India found 01 Bouncing Betty anti-personnel mine. The mine was laying on the trail as if dropped by someone. It was not rigged to go off. Was blown in place.	

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5 NOVEMBER

- * No significant changes or events in normal operations.
- Each company was proceeding as assigned.

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6 NOVEMBER

- No significant changes or events
- Companies continued normal operations in assigned AO's.

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN
 DTG FROM: 050001H Nov 1969
 DTG TO: 052400H Nov 1969

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
✓ 050625H Nov 69	1566	I Co, 3/7, 960317. While moving to blocking position I2 spotted 04 NVA/VC moving Northeast to Southwest. Had packs and AK-47's. Opened fire with small arms resulting in 01 NVA KIA. Other three fled to Southwest. 01 NVA KIA.	
Follow-up to 050625H Nov 69	1567	I Co, 3/7, 960317. Search of area resulted in finding 01 NVA KIA. He was wearing NVA uniform and had a pack, AK-47, and some documents, and a helmet. Other three enemy had fled.	
✓ 050815H Nov 69	1568	M Co, 3/7, M2, 050415. While on DT patrol M2 spotted 01 NVA/VC carrying pack and AK-50. Opened up with small arms fire killing NVA/VC.	
✓ 050850H NOV 69	1569	M Co, 3/7, M1, 050415. M1 while continuing DT movement was taken under automatic fire. Returned fire with small arms killing 01 NVA/VC. Will sweep area of contact and send follow up.	
✓ 051010H Nov 69	1570	M Co, 3/7, M2, 050405. M2 while continuing on DT move spotted 01 NVA/VC approx. 25-50 meters away to the North, moving East to West. He was dressed in green carrying 01 pack, cartridge belt. M2 opened up with small arms fire, killing NVA/VC. Will sweep area.	
* ✓ 051310H Nov 69	1571	M Co, 3/7, M1, 046395. While on DT move M1 spotted 01 NVA/VC sitting along trail. M1 personnel opened up with small arms killing him. Nva had 01 AK-47. M continuing on DT move.	
? ✓ 050850H Nov 69	1572	M Co, 3/7, M1, 033408. M1 on DT move spotted 04 NVA/VC approx 200m to the East in a rice paddy, opened up with small arms, 02 ran into a velle across paddies, 02 ran into a trail, 01 ran into a cave. M1 personnel fragged cave killing NVA inside. 01 male was taken prisoner. Will return POW to BN.	
051530H Nov 69	1573	I Co, 3/7, I3C, 951312. While reconing area to Southwest spotted 01 NVA/VC with pack, neg weapon. NVA was moving Southeast dressed in black, 50 to 70 meters from 3C when spotted. The long rifle shot and enemy fell. Searched area with neg results.	
051330H Nov 69	1574	K Co, 3/7, K1, 009412. Spotted 04-06 NVA/VC walking along toward the Southeast. Opened up with small arms and M-60, NVA/VC ran into tree line, swept tree-line with neg results.	

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7 NOVEMBER

- No Significant changes or events
- Companies continued normal operations in their assigned AO.

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DTG FROM: 070001HNov 69
DTG TO: 072400HNov 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
Follow-up 1885 to 061100H Nov 69		K Co, 3/7, . When a more careful examination of the 01 NVA/VC found last night, it has been concluded that he died from s/a fire and not artillery fire.	
070850H 1886 Nov 69		L Co, 3/7, I2, 038413. While on day time A/C spotted 01 NVA/VC coming down trail. Carrying 01 pack with brush and hammock on back. Approx 18 yrs old wearing brown trousers, green utility shirt. Took him under fire and wounded him in legs, right thigh and left calf. Will send him to rear as soon as possible.	
070800H 1887 Nov 69		K Co, 3/7, K2, 029391. While checking out area spotted 06 NVA with packs. NVA were 150 meters away wearing light green uniforms with shorts, moving to West then cut to south. Opened up with s/a, upon sweeping found 03 packs	
Follow-up 1888 to 061330H Nov 69		L Co, 3/7, 17 Detainees will be returned to Bn today. 07 adult female age 30-60 yrs, and 10 children ages 1-12. Reason for detaining was the contact had been made in area where they were found.	
071110H 1889 Nov 69		I Co, 3/7, I1, 002342. I1 spotted 03 personnel dressed in green uniforms with neg packs or rifles running east approx 200 Meters away. Opened fire and swept area w/ neg results.	
071130 1890 Nov 69		K Co, 3/7, KFO, 002392. Kilo FO observed 02 VC/NVA near a hut approx. 20000 meters away. 01 was wearing Black PJ's and 01 wearing light brown NVA uniform. Personnel were observed through binoculars. Called in 105 fire mission saw 01 NVA/VC go down, had to be carried to hut. Couldn't sweep area because of distance.	
071220H 1891 Nov 69		I Co, 3/7, I3, 985335. While I3 was moving along trail point element came upon hootch. Spotted 03 NVA/VC running NE. Personnel were wearing green uniforms neg rifles and 02 packs. Point element opened fire but neg results.	
Follow-up 1892 to 071320H Nov 69		I Co, I3, 985335. After size 5 completed search of area detained 01 male 13-15 yrs old. Personnel had pack marks on back. Probably had been hauling rice. Will be sent to Bn rear.	
061100H *** 1893 Nov 69		K Co, 3/7, K2, 029391. While checking out area spotted 06 NVA with packs. NVA were 150 meters away wearing light green uniforms with shorts, moving to West then cut to south. Opened up with s/a, upon sweeping found 03 packs	
071555H 1893 Nov 69		M Co, 3/7 MI, 993305. While on D/T patrol MI personnel spotted 01 NVA/VC dressed in black. Were carrying packs and weapons and were approx. 300 meters away. Opened up with small arms resulting in 01 NVA KIA. The other 03 personnel fled to the north. : : :	

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8 November

- No significant changes in activity or events.
- Companies continued to run normal activities in their assigned AO.

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN
 DTG FROM: 080001HNov 69
 DTG TO: 082400HNov 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
081740H Nov 69	1895	L Co, 3/7, L3B, 048414. While returning from D/T activity found 01 corpse, NVA/VC. He looked to be about 28 yrs old. He had been stripped of his clothing. Body was approx 30 meters from a crater. He had been killed by schrapnel in the mid-section. Believed to have been killed by 155. He also had pack burns on his shoulders. 01 NVA/VC KIA	
081330H Nov 69	1896	L Co, 3/7, L1, 035442. While in their daytime position L1 & CP spotted 01 NVA/VC moving along a trail in south-west direction. He was wearing brown utility shirt, black trousers and an NVA cover. L1 sent a size 5 to intercept. He began to run and L1 opened fire wounding him. Several blood trails were found and were followed with neg results.	

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9 NOVEMBER

- Mike Co on hill at 0745 for hilllift to RYDER
- Mike Co lifted to RYDER at 090917H Nov 69
- All other companies continued normal activities

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN
 DTG FROM: 090001H Nov 1969
 DTG TO: 092400H Nov 1969

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
092000H Nov 69	1896	L Co, 3/7, L2, 018398. While selecting site for D/T A/C they found along trail approx. 350lbs of unpolished rice in an urn. Will send to Bn rear.	
090925H Nov 69	1897	L Co, 3/7, L2B, 020398. L2B further searched area finding an additional 300 lbs of unpolished rice. The rice was on a patio and concealed by branches.	
091700H Nov 69	1899	I Co, 3/7, I13, 992326. I3 while moving to night time pos spotted 01 personnel 75 meters away. Dressed in black after seeing Marines started running north. Point opened up killed the man. He was found to have a small amount of rice, NVA battle dressing, and document. Will forward document to to Bn for ITT.	
092000H Nov 69	1900	L2 while in night time pos spotted moving lights. L2 called in 81mm mortar fire mission. Spotted lights on Both second and third grid. The lights are out, L2 will sweep area in morning.	

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10 NOVEMBER

- All activities remain the same, no changes

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
101810H Nov	1901	I Co, 3/7, I2C, 991331. I2C spotted 02 personnel about 300 meters away while moving to night A/C. 02 personnel were wearing black pajamas and packs neg weapons. I2C took them under fire, enemy fled to the West. Swept area with neg results.	
101810H Nov 69	1902-	L Co, 3/7, L2 & L2B, 022400, 013396. While on night time positions spotted approx 15 NVA/VC with weapons moving East. L2 called in 81 and 105 fire mission. While observing arty received approx 10-60mm rounds estimated from 02 enemy tubes. Called in counter-mortar on suspected enemy position. L2 will sweep area of 15 NVA/VC requested basketball flareship.	
Follow-up to 090925 Nov 69	1903	L Co, 3/7, L2B, 020398. While returning from daytime A/C found 350 lbs of unpolished rice. Rice was scattered around area in various containers such as cans and baskets.	

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11 NOVEMBER

- No significant changes or events.
- Companies continued normal operations in assigned AO's.

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PLACE: QUESON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN
 DTG FROM: 110001H Nov 1969
 DTG TO: 112400H Nov 1969

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DTG &	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
110645H Nov 69	1903	L Co, 3/7, L3C, 038412. While in N/T A/C L3C spotted 03 personnel moving in a NE direction. 02 of the personnel were wearing black pajamas, the 3d had a pack and was wearing brown clothing. L3C opened up with M-16 and M-60 fire. A size 8 from L3C will check out area	S-F
110710H Nov 69	1904	L Co, 3/7, L2, 021389. While sweeping area L2 found 01 detainee. The detainee was wearing a green NVA shirt. Also he had a pack with cloths and 01 cooking pot, and an old used battle dressing. The detainee had numerous old shrapmetal and bullet wounds. Age 25 to 30 yrs old. POW will be sent to Bn Rear.	S-F
Follow-up to 110645H Nov 69	1905	L3C while sweeping area found 01 blood trail, pair of HO CHE sandals, 01 sandbag with potato roots, 01 plastic spoon, and 01 lighter.	S-F
110815H Nov 69	1906	I Co, 3/7, I2B, 998336. While I2B was on recon patrol they spotted 07 personnel approx. 200-300 meters away. They were running out of a ville to the north, 02 had packs and 03 had weapons. I2B opened-up and will sweep area. Will send follow-up report.	S-F
* 110800H Nov 69	1907	L Co, 3/7, L3, 050415. Upon entering a ville, L3 spotted 02 NVA/VC. 01 of these fled, and a size-8 from L3 pursued with neg results. The other 01 NVA/VC entered a bunker-type hootch, and L3 fragged bunker with M-26's. Members of L3 entered bunker, found 01 female NVA/VC KIA, she was wearing a green NVA shirt and black pajamas. Also found assorted U.S. medical gear, 02 cartridge belts with medical gear, 01 M-26, 01 NVA messkit, 01 new NVA flag, and assorted documents. Also detained 05 personnel in area: 01 male age 60, 02 females ages 50 & 60, 02 children ages 7 & 16 yrs. L3 will continue to sweep area.	S-F
Follow-up Next to 110815H Nov 69	1908	I2B swept area found 03 packs, in hootch. 01 NVA/VC KIA and 01 POW with pack. POW had medical gear, 01 hammock, and personnel gear in the pack. KIA was one of 02 fired upon in original spot report. Was approx 50 yrs old, in good health, appeared well fed. Was fired upon because he ran from patrol, gear in pack confirmed he was NVA/VC. Neg results upon checking collar on shirt on both KIA and POW.	S-F
111030H Nov 69	1909	L Co, 3/7, L1C, 034422. While setting in D/T A/C spotted 05 NVA/VC moving to the north approx. 200 meters away. They had no packs or weapons, were wearing either black or green clothes. Called in 60mm, checked out area with size 5, negative results.	S-F

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 DTG FROM: 110001H Nov 69
 DTG TO: 112400H Nov 69

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
Follow-up to 110710H Nov 69	1910	While on D/T sweep 01 male age 45 yrs walked into tailend of the shze 5. Personnel approached from the NE direction and wore a red sweater w/brown shorts. Had neg ID. Detainee brought to CO CP. Will be sent to Bn rear.	S-F
111400H Nov 69	1911	M Co, 3/7, M2C, 970338, 941339. M2C while set in D/T position spotted 04 NVA/VC working in rice paddie. Were 3000 meters away. 01 appeared to have weapon, looked like he was providing security for other 3. Called in 105mm mission and observed. After mission saw 02 come out of tree line and carry away 02 dead.	S-F
111650H Nov 69	1912	L Co, 3/7, L2, 022400, 017407. While on daytime position L2 spotted smoke from a suspected enemy position. E 2 called in 81mm mission size 5 will sweep area and any further information will be sent back to Bn.	S-F

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12 NOVEMBER

- India going on "Stack Arms"
- 5 ton truck in convoy hit box mine on road. See spot report 121045H.
- Other companies continued normal operations in assigned AO's

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY SUYEN
 DTG FROM: 120001H Nov 69
 DTG TO: 122400H Nov 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
✓ 121030H Nov 69	1912	K Co, 3/7, Kilo Battery, 095409. Convoy vehicle hit box mine in road. Mine was 40 lb box type. Were 04 WIA'S 02 priority, and 02 emergency. The truck was a 5 ton truck from the Arty Battery. Engineers continued on with road sweep.	
✓ 121505H Nov 69	1913	M Co, 3/7, M64 actual, arty F-0, (1) 949344, (2) 961319. While set in Pos spotted 03 NVA/VC working in rice paddy approx 3000 meters away to SE. Had packs and wore black pajamas. Called in 105mm mission and observed results. Killing 01 NVA/VC. Other two ran into tree line will not sweep because of distance involved. 01 NVA/VC KIA/	
Follow-up to 041230H	1914	M Co, 3/7, M3C, 999343. While on day time patrol M3C had encountered action filed in earlier spottrep. Delay in follow-up was due to waiting for answer from Regt. Amount of money captured resulted in following inventory. (1) 450,500 Vn money, (2) 50,000 VN money. all old worn bills. Money was devided to personnel as souveigners upon permission to do so from Regiment Commanding Officer.	
121400H to Nov 69	1915	L Co, 3/7, E3, 050414. While of D/T patrol searched ville and found 01 detainee wearing green pajamas with no ID. Was male approx. 65 yrs old. He was found in area where L Co had previously found AK-47 and had contact with NVA.	
121700H Nov 69	1916	K Co, 3/7, K3C, 999343. While on daytime patrol M3C was taken under fire by S/A from a tree line 400 meters to the north of their position. Estimated 02 to 03 NVA/VC. M3C returned fire w/sa and swept area, found 01 blood trail.	

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130924H	1917	K Co, 3/7, K3C, 990331. While walking down trail spotted 2 NVA/VC on same trail 50m away, moving in northerly direction. K3C thought they were PF's, both had M-16's. When NVA/VC spotted patrol they ran into tree line and both were wearing black PJ's.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
Nov 1969		K3C opened fire, swept area w/neg results.	
131255H	1918	K Co, 3/7, K1, 985318. While on d/t/patrol, took 1 enemy sniper round resulting in 1 USMC WIA. Returned fire w/SA's & M-60 & C/105/FM. K1 swept area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
Nov 1969			
131300H	1919	ROAD SWEEP EAST, 3/7, 985318. Point man found suspected mine in right track of road, blew in place. Positive results-crater 5' deep & 6' wide, estimated 75 lbs rock mine or box mine, was pressure detonated type device.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
Nov 1969			
131420H	1920	L Co, 3/7, L2, 024383. While on d/t/patrol searched a village & spotted 1 NVA/VC as he ran out of village to the south, he was approx 30 years old & was wearing green NVA utilities & was carrying NVA poncho, ^{no} new weapon or pack. L2 opened fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
Nov 1969			
131530H	1921	L Co, 3/7, L2, 028338. While on d/t/patrol & searching out ville found 100lbs unpolished rice in C-rat boxes under a bush & 10,5 gallon containers checked area w/neg results. Will send rice to B n.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
Nov 1969			
131536H	1922	K Co, 3/7, K2A, FR(015342) E(014373). While walking on trail for local security mission received 1 sniper round from treeline to north. Men hit deck, reported it to K2, checked area w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
Nov 1969			
131615H	1923	L Co, 3/7, L2, 026384. While on d/t/patrol entered a village & saw 2 NVA/VC running SW 75m away. Enemy was wearing green shirt & brown trousers & carrying pack. Engaged enemy w/SA's w/neg results. Enemy dropped pack which contained 1 USMC shirt, 1 lb salt, 10 lbs polished rice, 3 cans of C-rat, 2 cans macharel & 1 NVA hammock.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
Nov 1969			
131625H	1924	L Co, 3/7, L3, 039411. While shifting d/t/pos down trail saw 3 NVA/VC wearing packs & weapons. They were wearing green uniforms. L3 opened fire. NVA/VC were 75m away. NVA/VC fled SE, L3 swept w/neg results.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
Nov 1969			
131645H	1925	L Co, L1 CP, 035386. L1 & CP saw 7 NVA/VC w/pack & weapons moving in open, took under fire w/M-60 & 61mm & arty. Will check area tomorrow.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
Nov 1969			
131710H	1926	K Co, 3/7, K1, 004327. K1 found a b/trap (M-26) w/C-rat wire stretched across trail, blew in place.	S-F/S-2 /S-3
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132005	1927	L Co, 3/7, LI & CP, 015405. While in n/t/pos saw light on mountain side to west. C/81 & arty/M	S-F/S-2 /S-3
Nov 1969		Light went out, will check area tomorrow.	
132130H	1228	L Co, 3/7, L1B, 030390. While set in n/t/pos saw 2 NVA/VC moving SE 15m away. Took enemy under fire resulting in 1 NVA/VC KIA, 30-35	S-F/S-2 /S-3
Nov 1969		years old. Checked area w/neg results.	

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- 2/7 and PF activity vicinity 059395. Due to this L1, L3, and CP used as blocking force. Set up along 05 grid line north of the blue line.
- 81's air lift completed 1330
- India returned from Stack Arms, Lima going of Stack Arms the 15th

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032400H Nov 69	1929 1949	L Co, 3/7, L1B, 030391. While on N/T A/C spotted 06-07 NVA/VC in a hooch. Opened up with s/a then swept area. Found blood trails, 03 packs, vvarious documents.	
Follow-up to 132400H Nov 69	1930 1950	L1B while further sweeping area found 01 female age 50 yrs, was in area of last nights contact. L1B detained and will send to Bn rear.	
141040H Nov 69	1931 1951	While on DTP found 01 dead NVA/VC in shallow grave. Was found by L2B at 016405. Also found large empty rice bin. Dead NVA/VC believed to have been killed by arty.	
141030H Nov 69	1932 1952	Engineers, C1A, 078386. Found 01 mine in left track of road. Blew in place with 2 sep charges of C-4. Mine believed to be approx 80 lb rock mine.	
141530H Nov 69	1933 1953 A/A	L Co, 3/7, L1B, 040389. While moving to blocking force pos, spotted 05 NVA/VC wearing camo. utilities and brush for additional coverage. Were carrying packs and rifles. Took under s/a fire, enemy ran to south, swept area with neg results.	

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18 November 1969

- No siggificant changes or activities.

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181130H Nov 69	1968	I Co, 3/7, I3C, 038421. I3C while moving toward CK PT #1 on D/T patrol came upon a barrier in middle of trail, it was made up of barbwire and bamboo poles. Poles were 4 1/2' tall and 7' feet apart. Wire was strung in tent like fashion similar to cow-apron fence. Wire was new and not rusted. Searched out area and had neg results, destroyed barrier.	
6666 181420H Nov 69	1969	I Co, 3/7, I61, (1) 03693920 (2) 031414. 61 OP spotted 04 persons moving to the W. 02 had packs, distance was too great to observe uniform or weapon. 81 and 105mm fire mission was called. Good coverage. Personnel continued to move to W. Will not sweep area because of time and distance.	
181530H Nov 69	1970	Prime Cpt, 999305. On request of Que Son district a planned fire was requested on grid 999305 where a plt of VC was supposed to be. The grid was coded on the whiz wheel and sent to Regt FSCC. The planned fire was fire at approx 1530H. However the grid was 999325 instead of 999305. Was decoded wrong at Regt.	

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19 November 1969

- No significant changes or events.

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
190825 Nov 69	1971	L Co, 3/7, L3, (1) 988365, (2) 994363. While on D/T position spotted 05 personnel w/packs heading in a S/W direction, approx 800 meters away. Callen in 105 and fired 60mm, will not sweep area due to disposition of forces.	
190845H Nov 69	1972	L Co, 3/7, L3A, 993364. While on D/T patrol L3A searched 02 hooches found 03 females 01 females 01 50 years old 02 25 years old. The women had neg ID. Also found 04 children 2 to 5 years old. The hooches are in the area that the 05 personnel that the 05 personnel from spot report 190835 were spotted leaving from.	
191000H Nov 69	1973	K Co, 3/7, K2, (1) 976324, (2) 976325. Moving along trail, K2 heard voices and moved in direction of voices. Received 02 bursts from AK-47. Enemy was to the north and 100 meters away. Swept area w/neg results. Spotter reported late because of an error by company in the field.	

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200750H	1974	L Co, 3/7, L1B, 003358. While returning to daytime position L2B spotted 01 male flung from hut as 2B approached. Found 01 male approx 35 yrs old. Personnel was checked and had neg ID. Was wearing black shirt with purple trousers and 01 MC utility shirt. Will detain personnel and send to battalion rear.	
201100H Nov 69	1975	M Co, 3/7, M1, 969353. While on D/T patrol spotted 08 NVA/VC. Personnel were approx 500 meters away to the NE with pack, and rifle. Personnel were sitting in tree line. A0 worked over area with excellent coverage. Called in 105's and 81's, will sweep area. Will send follow-up.	
201130H Nov 69	1976	I Co, 3/7, I3, 040430. I3 spotted 06 personnel w/packs moving from N to S. All wearing black pajamas. I3 engaged with S/A and 60mm. Will sweep area.	
201250H Nov 69	1977	K Co, 3/7, K2B, 987314. K2B while on local patrol spotted 01 NVA/VC about 50 meters away moving south. The NVA was carrying an SKS and wearing green utilities. NVA fled south and K2B opened up with M-16 and M-79 fire. K2B swept area and tree line with neg results.	
Follow-up to 201130H Nov 69	1978	I3 swept area where 60mm impact, found 01 KIA. He was wearing old black pajamas, had pack but not a weapon.	
201600H Nov 69	1979	L Co, 3/7, L3, (1) 996353-(2) 996348. While returning to ROSS L3 spotted 03 NVA/VC. 02 were wearing utilities and 01 wearing black pajamas, 01 also had pack. The 03 VC approached L3 - approx 500 meters from S - fled to the south. L3 opened fire, swept area with neg results.	
201820H Nov 1969	1980	I Co, 3/7, I3A, (1) 045436 (2) 046445. I3A while sitting in N/P spotted approx 40 NVA/VC approx 1000 meters away to NE moving S/W to N/E. Called in 105 fire mission, also 155 and 8" fire missions. One adjustmant, target coverage by artillery was good. Will sweep area in AM and send follow-up.	

* No significant changes or events.

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210810H Nov 69	1981	M Co, 3/7, M1, (1) 979355, (2) 979353. While on D/T move M1 spotted 01 NVA/VC he was approx. 150 meters to the south moving to the west. He was carrying a pack and wearing green utilities. Opened up with S/A fire, killing him. Swept area and will continue on move.	
211450H Nov 69	1982	K Co, 3/7, K3, 988315. While checking A/C site 02 automatic weapon opened up 200 meters away from the west. Returned fire and called in 105 fire mission, checking area. Will send follow-up.	
211445H Nov 69	1983	Yankee Road Sweep, 3/7, 034345. While returning from roadsweep in vicinity of checkpoint 9, road sweep was attacked by 01 water buffalo, 3d man in security opened fire resulting in 04 USMC WIA Evac. Called in medevac 01 emergency, 01 priority. Water buffalo was killed.	
211300H Nov 69	1984	K Co, 3/7, K2, 988334. Found inh hooch 1200 lb of rice. Took rice, and put it in a central location.	
211330H Nov 69 (late entry)	1985	I Co, 3/7, I Scout Snipers, (1) 040425, (2) 040428. While moving out with 3rd squad at 0600 for D/T patrol spotted at 1330 spotted 04 NVA rice carriers. Fired 04 rounds and dropped 01 of the enemy. Checked area, and found 01 NVA KIA w/pack. In pack was sleeping and mess gear.	
211400H Nov 69	1986	I Co, 3/7, I2, (1) 065348, (2) 055457. I2 while set in, observed 10 NVA/VC moving NE into tree line. All had green uniforms, and 01 had pack. Were about 1800 meters away. Engaged with 60mm and 155mm fire mission. Will not sweep area do to distance and time. Once on target arty provided good coverage.	
211815H Nov 69	1987	M Co, 3/7, M2, 013388. While moving to new PPB M2 spotted 07 NVA/VC about 1200 meters to the N. They were moving to the N. Call in 105 fire mission. Will send in follow-up.	
212030H Nov 69	1988	K Co, 3/7, K2 991331. While on N/T A/C spotted 3 NVA moving through grass. Enemy were approx. 25 meters away & moving in a south dir. could not tell if they had pack or weapons. K2C swept area and found blood trails.	
211815H Nov 69 Follow-up to 211815H	1989	M1 swept area of arty, had neg kills by artty, while sweeping area saw 03 NVA/VC approx 50 meters to the east, engaged with S/A, 03 NVA/VC ran to the East and into treeline, swept area and found 01 NVA KIA. NVA had 01 9mm pistol, medical gear, was wearing blue trousers, and dark colored shirt. Continued sweep found 01 more pack, pack was empty, Will forward captured gear.	

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220915H Nov 69	1990	M Co, 3/7, M2, 028382. M2 while set in day time PPB spotted 04 NVA/VC approx 1200 meters to NE. Personnel were carrying packs and moving to the E. Called in 105 fire mission, not able to sweep area at this time due due to time and distance.	
221150H Nov 69	1991	M Co, 3/7, M2, 018386. While moving to new PPB received fire from the rear. Fire was S/A type and came from south. Will sweep area and send follow-up.	
221225H Nov 69	1992	M Co, 3/7, M CP, 025396. M CP while on D/T patrol found 01 grave, dug up grave and found 01 vietnamese male, Had been dead approx 1 week, had black pajamas on, cause of death not known. Will continue on move to finall obj.	
221300H Nov 69	1993	M Co, 3/7, M CP, 025398. While setting up Co CP 07 standing around conducting Co business 01 personnel grabbed stake to build hooch. The stake was booby trapped with M-26. Stake was pulled resulting in 06 WIA. Checked area for more booby traps.	
Followup to 221150H Nov 69	1994	M Co swept are with neg results except for 06 AK rounds.	
221100H Nov 69	1995	M Co, 3/7, M3, 023395. While on size 7 move spotted 03 personnel run into ville. Swept area resulting in 02 detainees who had neg ID.	
221400H Nov 69	1996	K Co, 3/7, K2, 981329. While moving along trail spotted 01 suspect in hooch, the suspect was trying to move into a bunker. He was wearing black pajamas and was approx 42 yrs old. Suspect had a wound which looked like shrap metal on lower right leg. Took suspect into custody and will forward to PC. Had Neg ID.	
221525H Nov 69	1997	I Co, 3/7, I Co, (1) 089449, (2) 079446. Spotted 06 personnel wearing shorts and brown shirts. Personnel were moving south to the NW, running in crouch position, spread out approx 30 meters. Neg weapons observed. 02 appeared to be wounded. Called in 81's and 60mm missions, will sweep area and send follow-up.	
221430H Nov 69	1998	K Co, 3/7, K1, (1) 009331, (2) 008338. While traveling on Huskey towards the SE, took 15 sniper rounds. Sniper was firing from north approx 200 meters away. Returned fire and continued on course.	
221545 Nov 69	1999	L Co, 3/7, L1, (1) 949345, (2) 970332. While in D/T pos spotted 20 to 25 NVA. All of these personnel were carrying packs and weapons. They were moving northeast in a column. Called in 81's and 155's. Kilo Co will sweep area.	
221515H Nov 69	2000	M Co, 3/7, M1, 018388. While set in PPB spotted 05 NVA/VC approx 1000 meters from M1's position. Were moving to NE. Wearing black and brown clothing, 01 person carrying weapon.	

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221700H Nov 69	2001	I Co, 3/7, 083432. While in D/T pos spotted 10 personnel moving from hilltop into draw. They were wearing brown uniforms. Could not observe any packs or weapons. They were moving north, lost site as they went into draw. Believe they went east because they did not come up over next ridgeline. Called in arty but will not sweep area due to distance.
Follow-up to 221545H	2002	L Co, 3/7, While 81 and 155 mission in progress observed 01 NVA KIA. Body observed for more than 20 min through binoculars.
221900H Nov 1969	2003	L Co, 3/7, L2B. 943329. While on D/T patrol L2B spotted 01 male. Male was 25 yrs old wearing green shirt and brown trousers. L2B opened up at on personnel and he fled 2B pursued. Found 01 NVA/VC Harbor site/way station. Swept area and found 01 NVA/VC KIA.
221000-H 221400-H	2004	H&S Co, 3/7, Security Patrol, LZ ROSS. While on patrol found 5 tunnels 2 1/2 ft wide, 3ft high, 10ft long, and 5ft deep. Also found 300 meter long trench line located at 024330. Tunnels were destroyed with C-4 trench line will be destroyed on further patrols.

- Lima and Mike Co troop lift to new AO's . Lima Co to RYDER , Mike Co to Lima's old AO.

- India troop lifted to far northern AO

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230815H Nov 69	2005	M Co, 3/7, M1, (1)025385 (2) 021385. While on D/T activity spotted 04 NVA/VC wearing black. Were moving SE approx 400m from M1 position. 02 had packs & weapons, 02 opened fire M1 returned fire and 04 NVA/VC fled into tree line. M1 pursued, swept through treeline, finding 03 bunkers. Fraggd same resulting in one NVA/VC KIA. KIA was wearing black PJ's, approx 25-30 yrs old, had neg weapon or gear. Continued search with neg results.	
230840H Nov 69	2006	K Co, 3/7, K3, (1)990320 (2) 989318. While on D/T activity took AK-47 sniper fire from west approx 150 meters away. Returned fire with M-79, and sweeping area.	
230900H Nov 69	2007	M Co, 3/7, M3, 025398. While set-in found 01 M-26 booby-trap. String was attached to M-26 and string was attached to a second M-26. So when picking the 1st one you pull the pin of the other one. Destroyed, searched area with neg results.	
231115H Nov 69	2008	K Co, 3/7, K2, While moving along trail spotted 01 male, approx 75 meters away, moving east. When he started moving away fired 01 warning shot. He was wearing black top and white trousers. He had no ID and was about 45 yrs old. He also had some type of sore on lower left leg. After firing warning shot immediately took into custody. Will forward detainee to battalion rear.	
231255 Nov 69	2009	I Co, 3/7, I2A, 054457. 2A while on D/T patrol found 01 pack and trousers belt on trail. About 25 meters down trail found fresh grave. Grave was in area where arty mission had been conducted a few days earlier. 2A dug up grave and found 01 VC/NVA in NVA uniform, person dead 3-5 days and appeared to be 30 years old. Body appeared to have been killed by arty.	
231200H Nov 69	2010	K Co, 3/7, K3, 985317. K3 searched 02 vills and found 01 time fuse and 02 old batteries BA386, found 100 lbs of peanuts some documents, tunnel complexes which had false doors and walls. destroyed everything but documents which will be sent to S-2.	
231440H Nov 69	2011	I Co, 3/7, I2, (1) 042453 (2) 051449. I2 while on D/T patrol spotted 01 NVA w/pack and NVA helmet. He was wearing green uniform I2 opened up w/small arms at 400 meters. While sweeping area I2 found 01 NVA helmet and blood trail. I2 followed trail when scout dog flushed 01 NVA who was wounded in leg. NVA attempted to fire on dog handler with M-16, NVA was killed by dog and dog handler.	
231430H Nov 69	2012	K Co, 3/7, K2, 981329. While checking ville yesterday K2 had 01 man run when they approached ville. Today K2 snuck up on ville and caught suspect in hook. Hooch had false wall w/75 lbs of polished rice behind it. Suspect approx 47 yrs old and had small sandbag w/bandages, tobacco, and clothing, rice, and homemade gas mask. Suspect had ID. Will detain and send to battalion rear.	
231130 to 231530			

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231130 to 231530 Nov 69	2013	H&S Co, 3/7, H&S security patrol. 081328. While on security patrol around LZ ROSS found 01 hootch 48 high, 10' long and 8' wide. Had bunker built into it. Destroyed hootch and bunker.
231840H Nov 69	2014	I Co, 3/7, IIC, 093444. IIC while set it M/T position, spotted D6 personnel w/weapons and packs moving 600m away to the North. Were moving from north down out of high ground. Could not tell type of darkness due to uniform. Called in 81mm mission, people were observed fleeing to west. Will not sweep area due to darkness.
232000H Nov 69	2015	K Co, 3/7, K2C, (1) 991330, (2) 989330. K2C while in their nite time A/C received 03 rounds of small arms from 200 meters to the east which was then rear. 01 USMC was wounded in upper arm left portion. Returned fire w/small arms and returned to PPB. A 105 fire mission was called on the area once K2C returned to PPB. Area will be swept at daylight.

* No significant changes or activities.

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240640 Nov 69	2015	I Co, 377, I2, (1) 051455 (2) 050453. I2 spotted 05 personnel moving northeast to southwest approx 300 meters away. Due to darkness nothing could be observed, except their forms. Took them under fire with S/A, I2A is checking area.	
Follow-up to 240640H Nov 69	2016	Swept area found 01 pack with hammock and 02 tin cans, nothing of any real importance.	

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251420H Nov 69	2017	M Co, 3/7, M3, (1)013403 (2)022401. While setin D/T pos. observed 07 NVA/VC, moving from south tonnorth carrying packs and wearing ponchos. Called in 105 fire mission M3 opened-up with S/A to keep enemy pinned down for arty. Now sweeping and found 01 KIA, killed by S/A fire. KIA was wearing black trousers, and blue shirt.	
251300H to 251530H Nov 69	2018	H&S Security Patrol, 3/7, 042342. Security Patrol spotted 2 women walking along trail, KCS called to womento stop and they ran into ville and mingled with people of village. Checked with people in vill they denied presence of 2 females Left village continued on patrol.	
251730H Nov 69	2019	M Co, 3/7, M1B, 012381. While making sweep of area where helicopters took fire found 04 suspicious females and 01 male; females were approx 25 yrs old, male approx 45. Took these personne as detainees. Will forward detainees to PC ASAP.	
251755H Nov 69	2020	K Co, 3/7, K2, 981332. While checking out ville heard move- ment in hidden bunker. Threw M-26 in bunker found 01 dead male. He was wearing black shirt and black shorts. He was in his late 20's.	
252230H Nov 69	2021	M Co, 3/7, M1B, 020385. While enroute to CP with 05 detainees was taken under enemy sniper fire resulting in 01 non-evac WIA This fire came from approx 100 meters from the east-M1B pos. Called in 105 fire mission and made fire manaevers upon the enemy positions. Swept area finding 01NVA/VC approx 25 yrs age wearing black. This personnel was hidden bushes. This Personnel began to run, took him under fire with S/A resulting in 01 enemy KIA.	

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261600 Nov 69	2022	L Co, 3/7, L1, 999358. While returning to LZ ROSS, they the lead tank of a party of 2 tanks hit 01 land mine, the tank was immediately destroyed. 02 KIA and 02 priority evacs. Security set up waiting further word.	
261600H Nov 69	2023	K Co, 3/7, K Co, 980339. During air drop 02 drops landed about 1000 meters to the North from the requested position Sent out 02 size 7 to bring back gear, 01 pack was discovered pack contained 31 cases MCI, 06 BA386, and 01 case socks. All that was found of the other pack was the pallet, and chute. Fired 60mm at drop sight to keep VC/NVA off gear. Searched for lost gear with neg. results. At 1715 while returning supplies to CP received sniper fire from tree line to the west. about 200 meters away. Returned SAF and continued to move to the South. At 1715 K CP spotted 05 NVA/VC in black pj's carrying boxes to south. Believed to be carrying gear missing from air drop.	
261700H Nov 69	2024	K Co, 3/7, K2, 980339. While picking up air drop, found 01 detainee picking up parachute suspension lines and putting them in pack. Brought detainee back to CP, will forward to Primecut S-2. Had no ID, was about 40 yrs old, was wearing NVA shirt white shorts, also had lighter and razor.	

- * India moved to ROSS
 Changed AO-giving 2/7 back AO
 Golf Co coming into ROSS
 Golf Co moved out to LZ BALDY in afternoon

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
270821H Nov 69	2025	Yankee Road Sweep, 3/7, 049351. CIA point man found 01 ammo box containing 20 lbs of C-4 with a pressure detonator and a blasting cap. Box was buried in a mud puddle in the center of the road.	
270910H Nov 69	2026	Yankee Road Sweep, 3/7, 057397. Vietnamese boy gave roadsweep team 01 can labeled calcium chloride which contained 01.5 lb of unknown explosive. The charge was equal 02 lb TNT. Charge blown in plane Vietnamese boy was paid piasters.	
271100H Nov 69	2027	Yankee Road Sweep, 3/7, 071377. CIA while on roadsweep encountered 01 personnel on bicycle. Man was on bicycle and CIA alked man to dismount. Man got upset; pulled out frag and attempted to pull pin, Man was apprehended and taken to local honcho. Honcho said man was ARVN. Man was released and told to get out of area.	
271110H Nov 69	2028	M Co, 3/7, M3, 023397, 037412. M3 while making move to new D/T position spotted 15-20 VC/NVA moving in Eastern direction wearing yellow kahkis and black pajamas approx 700 meters from M3's pos. Were also wearing packs. Opened up with small arms and organic weapons. Checked out areas and found 19 packs containing 50 lbs of rice in each pack. Also found 01 NVA cartridge belt 01 chi com and various small documents.	
271145H Nov 69	2029	M Co, 3/7, M2, 023396, 017401. While set up in D/T position spotted 03 NVA/VC personnel were stationary, were wearing black clothing neg packs or rifles. Called in 105 fire mission. Resulting in 03 enemy KIA's. Observed the 3 bodies for more than 20 minutes through binoculars.	
270800H Nov 69	2030	I Co, 3/7, I2, 021342. While on D/T patrol found 01 foxhole with short tunnel in the side. Also found M-79 dud at approx 024337. Blew with C-4 and contaminated with CS.	
270830H Nov 69	2031	I Co, 3/7, I2, 023336. While on D/T patrol found 01 bunker. Bunker holds approx. 06 people is at least 6x4. Blew with C-4 and contaminated with SS.	
271445H Nov 69	2032	M Co, 3/7, M, 033417, 050391. While sitting in a D/T position spotted 13 NVA/VC moving southwest. in a treeling. They were wearing black pajamas and moving 30 meters apart. They appeared to be carrying rockets and mortars. Appeared to be 107 mortars. Called in 105 fire mission and worked over treeline. Neg sweep because of distance.	
272015H Nov 69	2033	L Co, 3/7, L, 951339. While sitting in night position received intelligence report of enemy battalion. Observed that area and spotted lights there. Called in 60mm and 81 mm firemission, plus 105 mission. Will continue night fires and sweep area at first light.	

L2 lifted to Ryder
 Huskie lifted out from Kilo

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280730H Nov 69	2034	Yankee Road Sweep, 3/7, "C" Engineers, While sweeping road (Vic 035344) point man found 01 booby trap. M-33 Baseball fragmentation grenade under bridge. Had trip wire. Blew in place with 1/4 C-4.	
281055H Nov 69	2035	K Co, 3/7, K2, 976337. K2 was moving along trail in a north easterly direction when 01 NVA/VC moving southwest approx 100 meters away. Enemy spotted them and fled to the north east. He was wearing green utilities and carrying a rifle. K2 immediately opened up and swept area with neg results.	
281035H Nov 69	2036	Yankee Road Sweep, 3/7, "C" Engineers, 080390. Point man found 01 70 lb box mine on North side of road. Engineers blew mine with 1/4 lb of C-4. Hole resulted was 12 ft by 10 ft wide	
Follow-up to 281005H Nov 69	2037	K Co, 3/7, K2, 975328. While K2 was sweeping area, checked out a bunker and found some documents inside. Brought documents to CP and will forward to Ross.	
Follow-up to 282015H Nov 69	2038	L Co, 3/7, L3C and L2A, 951339. While searching out area that Lima, received intel report of enemy En, found evidence of personnel in that area. There were harbor sites, well used trails, and foot prints. Neg equipment or gear of any kind was found in the area.	
281845H Nov 69	2039	I Co, 3/7, I1A, 992350. I1A while going to N/T A/C spotted 01 personnel with rifle wearing black pj's moving to the SE about 200 meters away. Engaged with S/A and personnel ran to SE. Neg results.	

- * Change of AO, gave India from grid line 340 north to 38.5 north
- * India went back into the field

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
291645H Nov 69	2040	M Co, 3/7, M3, 038413. While moving along trail, 01 Marine t tripped a booby trap. Booby trap was M-26 attached to tree with tripwire strung across trail. Marine saw wire wrapped around his foot and took successful evasive action to escape injury.	
291320H Nov 69	2041	I Co, 3/7, while on DT Patrol spotted 01 personnel, wearing black PJ's moving E, 1B fired 01 warning shot and personnel fled to East. 1B opened fire with S/A and swept area. Results were negative.	
291725H Nov 1969	2042	I Co, 3/7, (1)038348, (2)977348. India observed 01 CH-46 explode high in mid-air. Helicopter broke apart. Chase bird landed and picked up 01 dead. It is believed, from info provided by above bird there were a total of 6 people aboard.	

- * Kilo Company coming to ROSS for 48
- * Chopper down (977348) India conducting search and providing security

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
300700H Nov 69	2043	Yankee Road Sweep, 3/7, 031345. Point man found 01 50 lb box mine. Firing device was pressure type, mine was in right track of road. Blew in place with 1/4 lb C-4. Positive results, 6' long 6' wide 4' deep.	
3000930H Nov 69	2044	I Co, 3/7, 977348. While sweeping area of Air Craft wreckage, found 02 additional bodies. Found 01 USMC and 01 USN (05, Doctor) bodies will be removed ASAP.	
301130H Nov 69	2045	I Co, 3/7, I3C, 983341. I3C while on D/T patrol discovered rice cache of approx 200 lbs rice (unpolished) was found in an abandoned hootch. Will bring to CP in evac on supply run.	
301615H Nov 69	2046	L Co, 3/7, LCP, (1)970334, (2)946344. While in D/T position spotted 03 NVA/VC approx 2800 meters from the northeast. They were wearing black PJ's and 01 was carrying a rifle. Called in 81's and 105's. Will not sweep area because of distance. Enemy fled into treeline to the north.	
301645H Nov 69	2047	M Co, 3/7, M2, (1)038419, (2)064417. While setting in D/T observed 15 VC moving to west wearing black PJ's, were approximately 3000 meters away. Called in fire mission and worked over area with 105 batteries, enemy moved into area where they couldn't be observed.	
301730H Nov 69	2048	M Co, 3/7, M2, (1)038419, (2)057410. M2 while set in D/T position, spotted 10 VC wearing black PJ's moving to the west approximately 1500 meters away. Area was under observation by 02 Cobra Gun Ships followed by 105 fire mission. Enemy fled into treeline to the west.	

* Kilo Company still at Ross

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15 NOVEMBER

- Lima Co goes on "Stack Arms" at 1400
- Mike Co 3rd Platoon is coming in to ROSS for a lift to RYDER to join with rest of Company

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151440	1934	I Co, 3/7, I3, 040387. While I3 was moving to nite position point spotted 02 NVA/VC with weapons and packs and green uniforms moving in a SE direction. I3 point took them under fire with S/A then searched area and found 01 pack. Unit on move now will send list of contents in follow-up.	
151840	1935	I Co, 3/7, I2A, 025394. While I2A moved to night Position spotted 12 enemy approx 60 meters away, wearing black PJ's moving East. Took enemy under fire with S/A swept area found 01 enemy KIA and 01 AK-47. Rest of enemy fled south.	
Follow up to 151440H Nov 69	1936	I Co, 3/7, Pack continued contained 01 NVA uniform, tobacco and green notebook with writing. Also a sketch book (empty) and a pair of Ho Chi sandals.	

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16 NOVEMBER

- No change in normal activities

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
161215 Nov 69	1937	I Co, 3/7, I CP, 031391. Spotted 07 personnel in treeline also saw 01 rifle. With the one personnel. Were 01 click from the cp location. Called in arty and air strike and will sweep area after arty completes mission. will send follow up.	
161408H Nov 69	1938	K Co, 3/7, K2A, 994340. While on D/T patrol K2A came upon a hootch, set up 360 around hootch and sent in search team. Search team found tunnel inside hatch. Three CS grenades in tunnel 02 detainees ran out rear entrance. Found 700 lbs of unpolished rice, clothes, hair clippers, comb, bags of peanuts, medical gear, and a diary. 04 detainees.	
Follow up to 161215H Nov 69	1939	I3B swept area of arty and air strike mission. Found 30 personnel, all women and babies, 01 woman wounded by shrapnel, approx 60 yrs old, will call in medevac. Some had IDs some didnt, none were detained.	
161630H Nov 69	1940	K Co, 3/7, K2B, 985345. K2B while on local patrol came upon hut. Checked out hut and found 01 booby trap. K2B checked out surrounding area with negative results.	
162050H Nov 69	1941	K Co, 3/7, K3, 000327. While in night time A/C K3 spotted 01 NVA/VC moving West approx 40 meters away. K3 opened up with S/A fire and NVA/VC ran to East. While sweeping area spotted 02 more enemy, opened fire with S/A on these 2 and they also ran to the east.	

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17 November

- Lima Company coming back from Stack Arms
- Road sweep was late because had trouble getting 106 personnel down to H&S COC on time
- All other Companies continued normal activities in their AO's.

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170200H Nov 69	1964	Prime Cut, BN, 025346. At 0200 nothern holes of Prime Cut Perimeter defense Reported seeing muzzel flashes and machinegun tracers in the village 100m outside of the wire. The US Army advisors were informed. An 81mm mission was called in untill Basketball arrived, later 2 more HE missions were called in on possible enemy grids nearby. No results were obtained from PF's working the area.	
170810H Nov 69	1965	I Co, 3/7, I Co, 029412. India while moving to hilltop spotted 01 NVA/VC on the hilltop. Took him under fire at 100 meters with S/A. He fled Northward and India moved to top of hill. Point then spotted 02 NVA/VC moving up side of hill 300 meters to the East. 02 NVA/VC taken under fire with S/A, M-79, XM191 and XM174. Area swept resulting in finding 02 enemy KIA due to amount of fire delivered and varied types of weapons used and conditions of bodies it can not be determined what type of weapon was the cause of their death. 02 NVA KIA	
Follow-up to 170810 Nov 69	1966	I Co, 3/7, 01 NVA Officer had 9mm pistol, documents stating his unit #420 also a book with lots of figures also miscellaneous writing. 2nd person/personnel- had personal gear which was clothing, and 02 chicoms. Both wore green uniforms, 01 had NVA helmet.	
170920H Nov 69	1967	K Co, 3/7, K1, 997317,994332. While sweeping area received from estimated 01 sniper about 800 meters away to SE. PF (01) shot in leg. Called in 105 fire mission. Sweeping area, will send follow up if necessary.	

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Operation Plan 7-69

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1: 50,000, Series L7014, Sheets 6640, I-IV
(b) 7th Marines Op Order 301-69
(c) BnO 3000.1A (SOP for Operations)

Time Zone H

Task Organization: See Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Plan 7-69

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operations Plan 7-69 and current intelligence summaries.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 7th Marines continue operations within assigned TAOR.

(2) 1st Battalion, 7th Marines continues operations in Southwestern AO of 7th Marines TAOR.

(3) 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines continues operations in Northeastern AO of 7th Marines TAOR.

(4) 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines provides direct support to 7th Marines provides direct support to 7th Marines with Battery G presently providing priority fires to 3rd Battalion: Battery "K", 4th Battalion, 13th Marines provides general support reinforcing fires, and B Platoon, 1st 8" Howitzers Battery FMF, provides reinforcing fires to 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines.

(5) 1st Marine Air Wing provides fixed wing attack, logistic, and photo/imagery support as required.

(6) MAG-16 provides TAC(A) and observer aircraft as required and available.

(7) Company "B", 3rd AMTRAC Battalion is in direct support of 7th Marines.

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(8) Co "C", 1st Tank Battalion is in direct support of 7th Marines.

(9) Co "C", 1st Engineer Battalion is in direct support of 7th Marines.

(10) Co "C", 1st Shore Party is in direct support of 7th Marines.

(11) Co "C(-)", 1st MT Battalion is in direct support of 7th Marines.

c. Attachments and Detachments. See Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Plan 7-69.

d. Assumptions

(1) That the battalion will operate primarily within the 7th Marines TAOR.

(2) That the battalion will normally operate in the field within Command Group ALPHA (forward) and four rifle companies.

(3) That Command Group BRAVO (rear) will maintain administrative continuity and logistic support from a cantonment position close to a LSA.

(4) That Command Group ALPHA with four rifle companies will remain in field operations continuously for a period of 30-45 days.

(5) That the enemy will continue to maintain a presence in the area with both NVA and VC forces.

(6) That the present rules of engagement will remain in effect.

(7) That helicopter support will continue to be minimal.

(8) That resupply will be unit distribution by either helicopter or surface means.

(9) That supporting artillery will continue to provide fires from presently occupied or previously established Fire Support Bases.

(10) That the medical problems of dysentery, immersion foot and malaria will continue to require increased command attention.

(11) That the weather will continue to present problems to air and surface movement, and maintenance of equipment.

(12) That utilization of organic supporting arms in the field will continue to present problems of mobility, security, and logistics.

(13) That communications relay sites will be required to insure positive communications.

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2. MISSION. 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines conducts mobile/strike operations within the 7th Marines TAOR; is prepared to conduct unilateral or multi-battalion reconnaissance-in-force operations; is prepared to conduct combined GVN/US search and destroy operations; and is prepared to conduct coordinated company-sized operations within the 7th Marines TAOR.

3. EXECUTION

a. With four rifle companies and Command Group ALPHA in the field, 3rd Battalion conducts offensive operations, utilizing surface or air mobility, to seek out and destroy enemy personnel, equipment, and installations within the 7th Marines TAOR, supported by Command Group BRAVO (rear).

b. Company "I". Be prepared to conduct operations as directed.

c. Company "K". Be prepared to conduct operations as directed.

d. Company "L". Be prepared to conduct operations as directed.

e. Company "M". Be prepared to conduct operations as directed.

f. Headquarters and Service Company

(1) On order, provide Command Groups ALPHA and BRAVO.

g. 81mm Mortar Platoon

(1) General Support.

(2) Be prepared to detach sections on order.

(3) Be prepared to provide security personnel for Command Group ALPHA on order.

h. 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon

(1) General Support.

(2) Be prepared to detach sections on order.

(3) Be prepared to provide security personnel for Command Group ALPHA on order.

(4) Be prepared to provide, on order, security detachment for defense of Command Group ALPHA.

(5) Be prepared to assume sector defensive responsibilities at LZ Baldy in accordance with Battalion Cantonment Defense Plan (to be published).

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- (1) D-Day to be announced.
- (2) H-Hour to be announced.
- (3) Estimated duration of Operations: 30-45 days.
- (4) Make maximum use of organic mortars and supporting arms.
- (5) Annex C (Artillery) to Operation Plan 7-69.
- (6) Annex D (Air Operations) to Operation Plan 7-69.
- (7) Annex E (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Plan 7-69.
- (8) Annex F (Psychological Operations) to Operation Plan 7-69.
- (9) Reports in accordance with Annex H (Reports) to Operation Plan 7-69.
- (10) All companies conduct movement of rear echelons in accordance with Admin Plan 3-69 to the Operation Plan 7-69.
- (11) EEI's: See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 7-69.
- (12) This plan is effective for planning upon receipt and execution on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See Admin Plan 4-69 to Operation Plan 7-69.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICSa. Communications

- (1) Divo PO2000, 1D Communications-Electronics Operation Instructions (CEOI).
- (2) See Annex G (Communications - Electronics) to Operation Plan 7-69.
- (3) Battalion and Regimental TAC Nets will utilize voice ciphony (DN) via Nestor equipment.

b. Command Posts

- (1) Command Group ALPHA: as designated.

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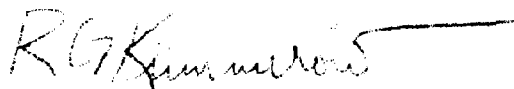
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(2) Command Group BRAVO: Initially FSB ROSS; when established:
LZ BALDY.

(3) Battalion Command Post locations passed to Regiment when
established and closed; Company Command Post locations passed to battalion
earliest when established and in turn passed to Regiment periodically.
Confirm every two hours.

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ANNEXES:

- ✓A. Task Organization
- ✓B. Intelligence
- ✓C. Artillery
- ✓D. Air Operations
- ✓E. Fire Support Coordination
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ANNEX A (Task Organization) to Operation Plan 7-69

TIME ZONE: H

(all attachments and detachments effective on order)

3rd Battalion, 7th Marines (Rein)

Lt Col KUMMEROW

3rd Battalion, 7th Marines

H&S Co(-)

Det. Comm Platoon, Hq Co, 7th Marines

Det. 9th Int-Trans. Team

Det. HST, 1st Shore Party Battalion

Det. 1st Engineer Battalion

Det. 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

Co "I" (Rein)

1st Lt DONALDSON

Co I

Det. H&S Co

FO Team, 1st Section, 81mm Plt

Det. Comm Platoon

Det. Intel Section

Det. Med Platoon

Det. TACP

Det. HST, 1st Shore Party Battalion

Det. Co C, 1st Engineer Battalion

Team, Scout Dog Platoon, 3rd MP Battalion

Team, Sniper Platoon, 7th Marines

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FO Team, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

Co "K" (Rein)

Capt CARTER

Co K

Det. H&S Co

FO Team, 1st Section 81mm Plt

Det. Comm Platoon

Det. Intel Section

Det. Med Platoon

Det. TACP

Det. HST, 1st Shore Party Battalion

Det. Co C, 1st Engineer Battalion

Team, Scout Dog Platoon, 3rd MP Battalion

Team, Sniper Platoon, 7th Marines

FO Team, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

Co "L" (Rein)

Capt VAN RIPER

Co L

Det. H&S Co

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Det. Comm Platoon

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ANNEX B (Intelligence) to Operations Plan 7-69

Ref: (a) Maps: AMS Vietnam Series L7014, Scale 1: 50,000 Sheets 6640,
 I-IV
 (b) DivO 3800.1G (SOP for Intelligence)

TIME ZONE H

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. The enemy continues to operate, infiltrate and maintain base camps within the 7th Marines TAOR. The enemy draws upon this area as a source for food supply and labor. He continues to maintain control over the civil populace through psychological operations and terrorist activities.

b. Appendix I (Intelligence Estimate)

c. Appendix II (Enemy Situation Overlay)

d. Intelligence Summaries, Periodic and Specific Intelligence Reports as issued.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION (EEI's)

a. Determine the enemy's course of action. Will he attack, defend, withdraw, reinforce or counter-attack?

b. Determine the enemy's capability to employ snipers.

c. Is the enemy using booby traps within the AO? If so, for what purpose, as early warning devices, for delaying purposes, as harrassment, etc.

d. Determine if the enemy has the capability to employ chemical agents.

e. Does the enemy have indirect fire capabilities? If so, what type?

f. Determine to what extent the enemy will monitor or employ deceptive radio communications.

g. What is the state of the enemy's physical health? What medical supplies does the enemy possess and in what quantity?

h. Determine the extent of the enemies rice gathering activities.

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1. Determine what size unit the enemy is moving in, squad, platoon, company, or larger.

j. Determine the suitability of terrain for helicopter landing sites. If so, where and in what size?

3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION TASKS

a. Orders to subordinate and attached units. Each infantry company will:

(1) Insure maximum utilization of intelligence gathering assets down to and including the individual rifleman.

(2) All information pertaining to intelligence will be reported to Command Group Alpha as soon as possible, via spot report. This will help in determining the enemy unit or units operating in the area.

(3) Submit request for intelligence support to Command Group Alpha in accordance with existing orders. (Maps, Photos, Overlays, Enemy Capabilities)

b. Request to adjacent, higher and supporting units.

(1) Commanding Officer, 7th Marines

(a) Provide aerial photography as requested.

(b) Provide APD, IR, and SLAR support as requested.

(c) Provide electronic monitoring or specific optical equipment as requested.

(2) 9th Interrogation/Interpretation Team

(a) Provide interrogation/interpretation support as required.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL

a. Prisoners of War will be handled in accordance with reference (b). Ensure each capturing unit tags each detainee captured. If capture tags are not available, any other type tagging is acceptable as long as the following information is included:

(1) WHO - Capturing Unit

(2) WHERE - Coordinates of capture

(3) WHEN - Date time group of capture

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Team, Scout Dog Platoon, 3rd MP Battalion

Team, Sniper Platoon, 7th Marines

FO Team, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

Co "M" (Rein)

1st Lt EDWARDS

Co M

Det. H&S Co

FO Team, 1st Section, 81mm Plt

Det. Comm Platoon

Det. Intel Section

Det. Med Platoon

Det. TACP

Det. HST, 1st Shore Party Battalion

Det. Co C, 1st Engineer Battalion

Team, Scout Dog Platoon, 3rd MP Battalion

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FO Team, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

81mm Mortar Platoon (Rein)

2nd Lt OFFNER

81mm Mortar Platoon

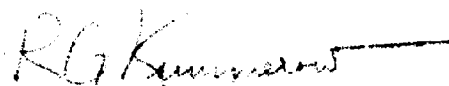
Det. Comm Platoon

106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon (Rein)

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(4) WHY - Circumstances of capture.

b. All POW's will be classified as Detainees initially until further classification by ITT.

c. Prisoners will be evacuated from the point of capture to Command Group Alpha if at all possible. If not, prisoners will be evacuated to 7th Marine G. P. on LZ BALDY. An ITT Team will do a spot interrogation and will fully exploit the prisoners for tactical information of immediate concern to the commanding officer. Wounded POW's will be classified no higher than PRIORITY for med-evac and will be handled in accordance with paragraph 4 of Annex B to Administrative Plan 4-69.

d. POW security will be provided for by the Battalion Headquarters Commandant in the field.

e. Documents and materials will be handled in the same manner as described in paragraph 4.a above and paragraph 1.f of Administrative Plan 4-69 to Operation Plan 7-69. Prisoners shall not be separated from documents and equipment captured with them.

5. DOCUMENTS AND/OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

a. Reference (a), is designated the standard map to be used for this operation; special editions and supplements are also available.

b. Maps and charts will be issued as available in accordance with standard distribution.

c. Aerial photography will be provided upon request.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

a. Only classified material deemed necessary to accomplish the assigned mission will be carried to the field.

b. Locations of friendly positions will not be transmitted in the clear over communications networks. US KAC 288 Series Encryption (WHIZ WHEEL) will be used to give disposition of friendly units. This series can be used to describe positions of enemy units under certain circumstances.

c. Every effort will be made to remove any classified or portion of classified material from all type medevacs.

d. Destruction of classified material will be carried out completely in the field when word is given by proper authority or when in danger of being captured by the enemy unit.

e. Reference (b) will also apply.

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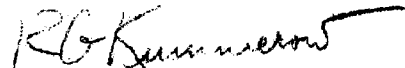
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- a. Spot reports will be used to pass all intelligence information to Command Group Alpha.
- b. S-2 will force feed all intelligence information to commanders as necessary.
- c. S-2 debriefing will be conducted by company S-2 scouts and passed to Command Group Alpha over the Battalion Administrative Net.
- d. See Annex H (REPORTS) to Operation Plan 7-69.

8. MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Normal reconnaissance and observation will be carried out by all units.
- b. Units in contact should make every reasonable effort to take prisoners.
- c. Kit Carson Scouts and S-2 Scouts will be available to each rifle company.
- d. Weather Service Plan
 - (1) 24 hour weather forecasts will be promulgated by this Headquarters on a continuing basis.
- e. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS: See Annex F to Operations Plan 7-69.


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APPENDIXES: 1(Intelligence Estimate)
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Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 7-69

1. MISSION: 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines conducts Mobile/Strike Operations within the 7th Marines TAOR; be prepared to conduct unilateral or multi-battalion Reconnaissance in Force Operations; be prepared to conduct GVN/US search and destroy operations and coordinated company sized operations within the 7th Marines TAOR.

2. ENEMY SITUATION

a. Topography: The 7th Marines TAOR is dominated in the western portion by extremely rugged hills and mountains with slopes in excess of 30 percent. This rugged topography is primarily covered by multi-canopied, dense undergrowth forests which create extremely restricted vehicular and, at best, extremely poor foot movement. Extensive rice fields are found in the southern portion of the TAOR. Movement through these rice fields, when the ground is dry, is fair for tracked vehicles and foot troops. When the ground is wet, these areas are fair for APC'S and poor for foot movement. These rice fields are poor for wheeled vehicles at all times. Widely scattered open areas are found in the central and southern portions of the 7th Marines TAOR, and these are fair for tracked vehicles and good for foot movement during the dry season. Several brushwood areas with slopes from 0 to 20 percent are widely scattered throughout the AO. During the dry season, these areas are fair for tracked vehicles and foot movement. Scattered areas of single-canopy are also found throughout the AO. These areas are generally fair for both troop movement by foot and track vehicles, but poor to unsuited for wheeled vehicles during both dry and wet seasons.

b. Hydrography: Mountain streams provide water to the lowlands.. The upper courses of these rivers flow swiftly over steep irregular gradients and run off regularly during the rainy seasons (September - January). During the summer months, water is often in meager quantities in the high ground. All rivers are trafficable except at the height of the rainy season which is in October.

c. Climate and Weather

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
MEAN HIGH	83	79	72	75
MEAN LOW	72	69	66	64
HIGHEST	97	96	92	94
LOWEST	62	55	52	49

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PRECIPITATION (INCHES)

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
MONTHLY MEAN	27.0	25.5	15.0	7.2
GREATEST MEAN	49.5	53.0	27.0	15.0
LEAST MONTHLY	8.0	5.5	2.0	.5
24 HOUR GREATEST	19.5	15.0	12.5	8.5

NUMBER OF DAYS OF PRECIPITATION

22	21	20	15
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HUMIDITY MONTHLY AVERAGE

86%	92%	93%	94%
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d. Enemy Military Situation

(1) Strength: Total enemy estimated strength of the military forces operating within the 7th Marines TAOR is believed to be approximately 2,300, composed of roughly 2,000 NVA and 500 VC.

(2) Composition, Disposition and Equipment

(a) 36th NVA Regiment; This is the major NVA unit operating within the 7th Marines TAOR. Its estimated strength is 610 men, and it is composed of 3 battalions and 8 support companies. The Headquarters, 36th Regiment at present is located within the Que Son mountains, in the vicinity of AT 9838. The battalions are numbered 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Their unit strength is approximately 135. They are equipped with 60 and 82 millimeter mortars, B-40 and B-41 rocket launchers, individual and automatic weapons. Each battalion has 3 infantry companies and 1 weapons company. The present general locations of these battalions are: 1st Battalion AT9638, 2nd Battalion AT9842, and the 3rd Battalion located somewhere along a line extending from vicinity AT980560 to BT0405000. The most probable location of the 3rd Battalion is AT9530.

(b) T.3 Sapper Battalion: Estimated strength is 180. This battalion is composed of four companies, designated C.1, C.3, C.5 and a headquarters company. All companies are armed with two RPD LMG's, three B-40 rocket launchers, 18-20 AK-47's, eight 1-kilogram satchel charges, 12 half kilogram C-4 charges, and grenades. This is the only NVA Sapper Battalion in Quang Nam Province and is considered to be an elite unit. Current probable location is AT9843 and last known location was on 17 June 1969 at the same coordinates.

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(c) 42nd Reconnaissance Battalion: Estimated strength is 120. This battalion is probably located in the vicinity of AT9341. No further information.

(d) GK.33 Mortar Battalion (120mm): Estimated strength is 250. This battalion is equipped with six 120mm Mortars and an unknown number of 60mm and 82mm Mortars. This battalion is probably located in the vicinity of AT8732.

(e) 105th Main Force Company: Estimated strength is 130-150. This company is equipped with two 81mm Mortars, four 60mm Mortars, two 57mm Recoilless Rifles, two B-40 and two B-41 rocket launchers, and individual weapons. This unit is broken into four platoons. They are: the 75th Sapper Platoon, 81st Weapons Platoon, 93rd Transportation Platoon, and a Headquarters Platoon. This company is probably located in the vicinity of AT8940. Last known location was on 4 October 1969 at AT991386.

(f) 1st VC Regiment: Estimated strength is 685. This regiment is broken into 3 battalions, numbered the 40th, 60th, and 90th. They are equipped with 60mm, 82mm, and 81mm Mortars, 57mm and 75mm Recoilless Rifles, .30 Caliber and 12.7 Machine Guns, and individual weapons. This regiment is probably located in the vicinity of AT7930.

(3) Reinforcements:

(a) Major NVA units located to the north, west and south of the AO capable of reinforcing enemy units within the AO, include the 90th NVA Regiment/324B Division and elements of the 2nd NVA Division, specifically the 3rd NVA Regiment, and to a much lesser extent, the 21st NVA Regiment and the D.3 Battalion.

(b) Major NVA units available for reinforcing:

(1) 90th NVA Regiment: Estimated strength is 1,065. This unit is broken into 3 battalions and 8 support companies. The Headquarters is located in the vicinity of ZC1835. The 3 battalions are numbered the 7th, 8th and the 9th. They are composed of 4 companies and each is equipped with 60 and 82 millimeter Mortars, B-40 and B-41 rocket launchers, and individual weapons. The 9th battalion is armed with two 12.7 anti-aircraft machine guns. The strength of the battalions are: 7th -255, 8th-355 and the 9th-260. All 3 battalions are probably located in the vicinity of ZC1835.

(2) 3rd NVA Regiment: Estimated strength is 648. This unit is broken into 3 battalions and has 10 support companies. The Headquarters unit is probably located in the vicinity of AT9226. The 3 battalions are equipped with: 82mm Mortars, 57mm and 75mm Recoilless Rifles, and individual weapons. The 3rd battalion is also equipped with three 50 caliber machine guns and two 120mm Mortars. All 3 battalions are probably located in the vicinity of AT9226.

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(3) D.3 Battalion: Estimated strength is 250. This unit is probably located in the vicinity of AT 9856 (NFI)

4. STRENGTH AND WEAKNESSES

a. Recent operations conducted by GVN and FVMAF in Southeastern Quang Nam Province and Northeastern Quang Tin Province have disrupted and preempted any enemy plans for a major enemy maneuver of elements in the southern command of Group 44 Front 4.

b. At the present time the enemy force within the AO is considered to be disrupted, demoralized and hungry, but he is known to be regrouping in base area 116.

c. His forces, logistics and surface installations are vulnerable to air and artillery.

d. His recent tactical defeats on the battlefield, sickness, hunger, shortage of food, ammunition and supplies, and austere living conditions have increased his vulnerability to psychological operations.

e. The enemy has the tactical advantage. He can pick the time and place of contact and utilize well prepared defensive positions if he chooses. The enemy can also break or refrain from contact whenever he feels his position or posture unfavorable.

5. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

a. Attack: The enemy has the capability of attacking in battalion size force. He has the additional capability of directing 122mm/140mm rockets, recoilless rifle and mortar fire on fire bases, helicopter zones and troop concentrations.

b. Defend: The enemy possesses extensive fortifications within the area of operations. He could briefly defend any specific area against helicopter-borne assaults or ground assaults.

c. The enemy's thorough knowledge of the terrain and trail networks in this area theoretically allow him to reinforce any unit within the AO at any time.

d. Withdrawal: The enemy has continuously demonstrated his capability to withdraw either partially or completely, (partial withdrawal includes going underground as well as withdrawing from immediate area of operations with the intentions of returning immediately upon removal of our forces).

6. ANALYSIS OF ENEMY CAPABILITIES: Relative order of probability:

a. Adoption by enemy (in order of probability):

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- (1) Withdraw
- (2) Defend
- (3) Attack
- (4) Reinforce

b. Rational for probability of adoption:

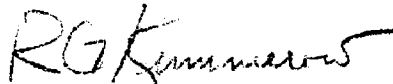
(1) Reinforce: Possible but not very likely. The enemy units can reinforce internally at will. This presumably would be attempted only if the enemy intended to attack or counter-attack. External reinforcing would become involved only if the NVA felt that a successful conclusion could be predicted.

(2) Attack: Not considered likely. Strengths and general condition of the NVA units in the area do not indicate that they would desire to become engaged in extended contact with mobile Marine units unless victory was assured.

(3) Defend: This is possible. The enemy is capable of initially defending against entrance of friendly units into the area of operations. His defense would most likely be to the extent necessary to delay or harass our forces. Further defense by the enemy would be centered about only key caches and installations.

(4) Withdrawal: This must be considered the enemy's most likely course of action. The enemy's knowledge of the terrain enable him to move rapidly towards points of regress. Once the enemy has determined: (a) General concept of the operation, (b) Deployment of our forces, and (c) Our inability to restrict all points of regress, simultaneously he will most probably avoid contact and initiate at least a partial withdrawal from the area of operations.

7. CONCLUSION: The enemy will initially harass friendly forces and defend key areas and caches until fixed combat becomes inevitable. Ultimately, he will withdraw or go underground, avoiding detection or involvement in major engagements.



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<u>DATE</u>	<u>ILLUMINATION</u>	<u>MOON RISE</u>	<u>MOON SET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
01	61%	NONE	1227	
02	52	0019	1301	
03	42	0106	1335	LAST QTR
04	32	0155	1409	
05	23	0245	1446	
06	15	0338	1526	
07	08	0436	1611	
08	03	0538	1704	NEW MOON
09	00	0644	1803	
10	01	0751	1909	
11	04	0856	2017	
12	10	0955	2124	
13	18	1048	2228	
14	28	1134	2328	
15	38	1216	NONE	
16	49	1254	0024	
17	60	1332	0118	1st QTR
18	70	1409	0210	
19	79	1448	0303	
20	87	1530	0357	
21	93	1615	0451	
22	97	1704	0547	
23	99	1755	0641	FULL MOON
24	100	1848	0734	
25	98	1942	0803	
26	95	2034	0908	
27	91	2124	0948	
28	84	2213	1025	
29	77	2301	1100	
30	69	2347	1134	
31	59	NONE	1207	

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SUNRISE & SUNSET TABLE

	<u>DECEMBER</u>	
	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>
1	0659	1813
2	0659	1813
3	0700	1814
4	0700	1814
5	0701	1814
6	0701	1814
7	0702	1815
8	0702	1815
9	0703	1815
10	0704	1816
11	0704	1816
12	0705	1816
13	0706	1817
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15	0707	1818
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20	0709	1820
21	0710	1821
22	0710	1821
23	0711	1822
24	0711	1822
25	0712	1823
26	0712	1823
27	0713	1824
28	0713	1824
29	0714	1825
30	0714	1825
31	0715	1825

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Annex C (Artillery) to Operation Plan 7-69

Ref: (a) Maps: AMS Vietnam series L7014, Scale 1: 50,000, Sheets 6640,
I-IV
(b) 3/11 Marines P3000.1E (SOP for Operations)
(c) 11th Marines P3000.1G (SOP for Operations)

TIME ZONE: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 7-69 and Current Intelligence summaries.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines will provide direct support to 7th Marines. Priority fires will be provided by 105mm Howitzer batteries deployed to FSB RYDER, FSB ROSS, LZ BALDY, and/or FSB BUSHWACK.

(2) Battery "K", 155mm Howitzer, 4/13 will provide general support reinforcing fire.

(3) 1st 8 inch Howitzer Battery; FMF will provide reinforcing fires from FSB BALDY (one Platoon), FSB ROSS (one Platoon), and AN HOA Combat Base (one Platoon).

(4) Whiskey Battery, 4.2 inch mortar, 3/11 will provide general support from LZ BALDY.

2. MISSION

a. 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines reinforced provides both General and Direct Supporting fires to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Artillery Employment.

(1) 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines receives close and continuous support throughout the 7th Marines AO by 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines (Rein) through displacement of direct support artillery batteries augmented by General Support and Reinforcing fires of Battery "K", 155mm Howitzer, 4/13 and 1st 8 inch Howitzer Battery, respectfully.

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CONFIDENTIALb. Coordinating Instructions(1) Position areas and Fire Capabilities

(a) FSB ROSS, LZ BALDY, and FSB RYDER will be occupied by 105mm Howitzer batteries.

(b) FSB ROSS will have a 155mm Howitzer Battery and one platoon of 8 inch Howitzer.

(2) Air Observation - Airborne FO's will be provided by VMO-2 upon prior request or as needed when in contact.

(3) Counter Mortar - An active counter mortar plan will be used, in which planned fires will be called in on all known and suspected enemy mortar sites.

(4) Planned Fires - All intelligence targets more than 1500 meters from friendly forces will have a volume of artillery fire delivered upon it appropriate to the size and nature of and the intelligence rating given the target.

(5) Preemptive and Intelligence (P&I) Targets

(a) Unobserved artillery fire will be delivered on enemy routes of egress, suspected enemy and mortar positions and other targets of military value that are more than 1500 meters from friendly forces.

(6) Restrictions on Fire. See Annex F (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Plan 7-69.

(7) Use of Special Ammunition - See reference (b).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. See Administrative Plan 4-69 to Operation Plan 7-69.

b. Available Supply rate (Rds/wpn/day)

105mm How.-----53

155mm How.-----50

8 inch How.-----19

175 gun-----19

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. Annex G (Communications -Electronics) to Operation Plan 7-69.

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(1) 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines will provide necessary communication equipment to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

(a) FSCC will have two radios (PRC-25), two whip, two tape antennas, and one 292 antenna.

(b) Forward Observer teams will have at least one radio (PRC-25), one whip and one tape antenna.

(2) Radio Relay stations will be established if deemed necessary by 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines.

b. Command Posts

(1) The Artillery Liaison Officer will accompany Command Group ALPHA.

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APPENDIX-1 Artillery Fire Capacity Overlay.
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Annex D (Air) to Operation Plan 7-69

- Ref: (a) Map, AMS VIETNAM Series L7014, Scale 1:50,000, Sheets 6640, I-IV
 (b) DivO P3000.1D Standard Operating Procedures for Operations
 (c) DivO P3120.13B (Division Air Operations)
 (d) WgO P3310.14A Combat Standard Operating Procedures for Helicopter and Light Armed Reconnaissance Aircraft.

TIME ZONE: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 7-69 and current intelligence summaries.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1st Marine Aircraft Wing provides attack, photo imagery, and logistical air support as required.

(2) MAG-16 provides Assault Helicopter support, Observer/TAC (A) aircraft and Command Control/VR helicopter support.

(3) 7th Marines allocates and coordinates all air support for 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

2. PROCEDURES

a. Fixed Wing

(1) Close Air Support strikes will normally be TAC(A) controlled. Refer to Appendix 1 for the type of ordnance to be used. Requests for Close Air strikes will be submitted by 0900 the day before the desired strike, except in situations of contact with the enemy which will be taken any time.

(2) Beacon Air Strikes are accomplished by the electronic equipment in the A-6 type aircraft in conjunction with the battery operated beacon at a friendly position on the ground. The ALC/FAC operating the beacon will have communications with the Aircraft to insure safety to ground forces. The closest friendlies for beacon strikes will be 1500 meters.

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Beacon strikes have all-weather capability and need not have visual sight of the target. Refer to Appendix 1 for the type of ordnance to be used. Requests for beacon strikes will be submitted to the ALO by 0900 the day prior to the requirement.

(3) Air Observers are available for visual and photo reconnaissance. AO's may be used to cover troop movement, find trails and LZ's as well as pin-pointing the enemy in contact situations while calling in artillery or air strikes. AO requests will be submitted by 0900 the day before it is to be used except in contact situations which will be accepted at anytime.

(4) T P Q 10's missions are all weather radar controlled strikes with a minimum danger close of 1500 meters. T P Q 10 targets are submitted with an intelligence rating and are cleared for a block time period and may be hit any time during that period. Division will determine which targets will be hit based on intelligence evaluation. Type of aircraft and time of drop will vary since T P Q's are occasionally diverted aircraft which cannot drop due to weather or mechanical failures on original missions. T P Q 10 targets will be submitted by the ALO by 0900 each day.

b. Resupply

(1) Normal resupply requests will be submitted to the S-4 representative with command group ALPHA prior to 0800 the day before the resupply is desired via the HST net. Add-on's will be minimized. S-4 at battalion rear will submit lifts and weights to the regimental ALO by 1000 the day before resupply is required. The S-4 will in turn inform the battalion ALO of the number of lifts, weights, and destination.

(2) Emergency resupply will be taken anytime based on valid logistical and/or tactical requirements. Ammunitions, medical supplies and water constitute emergency resupply. Normal resupply should be used to the fullest advantage to minimize if not eliminate the need for emergency type resupply.

c. Medical Evacuation. Refer to Appendixes 2 and 3.

d. Troop Lifts

(1) Troop Lifts will be submitted by 0900 to the ALO the day before it is desired. Information on trooplifts will include exact number of people to be moved, pick-up and drop coordinates, frequency and call sign for both pick-up and drop zones. Heliborne assaults will normally require at least 48 hours notice to allow adequate briefing and coordination.

e. Tactical Air Control Party

TACP will control and coordinate all air operations with the assistance of HST for logistic activities. Unit commanders will be responsible for their landing zones to insure it is of the proper size and is free of all debris

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which could damage the helicopters (loose ponchos, branches, sandbags, etc.) Battalion and Company TACP will monitor HST operations.

f. Helicopter Support Teams

HST is responsible for providing and maintaining a tactical logistics net to coordinating all helicopter logistical resupply/retrograde, and locally controlling helicopters landing zones.

g. Command and Control/VR Helicopters

Command and Control/VR helicopters are allocated to the regiment. Requests for C & C/VR missions will be submitted to the battalion ALO by 0900 the day before required. C & C/VR helicopters are controlled by 7th Marines and will be made available at their discretion.

3. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Communications. See Annex G (Communications-Electronics) to Operations Plan 7-69

b. Control Agencies

- (1) Danang DASC
- (2) 7th Marines TACP/BALDY HDC
- (3) 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines TACP

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APPENDIXES: ✓(1) Weapons Selection Table
 ✓(2) Med-evac Request
 ✓(3) Landing Zone Briefing Guide

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APPENDIX 1 to ANNEX D (AIR) to Operation Plan 7-69

WEAPONS SELECTION TABLE

<u>TARGET</u>	<u>PRI WPN</u>	<u>ALT WPN</u>
<u>Troops</u> in the open	250/500 GP Napalm	Frag Bombs
30% Shielded	250/500 GP	1000 GP
<u>Guns</u> Open or Reveted	Rockeye 20MM ZUNI 5" Rocket	250 GP 500 GP
Covered	1000 GP	2000 GP
<u>Bunkers</u>	1000 GP 500 GP	Zuni 2000 GP
<u>Buildings</u> Reinforced Concrete Frame Huts	1000 GP 500 GP 500 GP	2000 GP 1000/2000 GP Napalm
<u>Bridges</u> Girder	Bullpup 500 GP	All GP
Truss and Arch	Bullpup 500 GP	All GP
<u>Tanks</u> Stopped	Rockeye Napalm	All GP Zuni
Moving	Rockeye 20MM AERO 7D (Heat)	Zuni
<u>Railroad & Road Cut</u>	500 GP	All GP
<u>Vehicles & Trains</u>	Rockeye 20MM (HEI) AERO 7D (Heat)	Zuni
<u>Trench Lines</u>	500 GP	All GP

RULE OF THUMB - Friendlies should be 1 meter per pound of ordnance away for clearance.

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APPENDIX 2 (Med-evac Request) to annex D (AIR) to Operation Plan 7-69

MEDICAL EVACUATION

To facilitate the fastest possible evacuation of all casualties the following procedures will be followed:

Med-evac request will be called in to the TACP on the primary net and will inturn be forwarded to BALDY HDC who notifies the med-evac aircraft. Information to be given to TACP will be:

- a. Type and number of medevac - emergency, priority, routine
- b. Pick-up coordinates
- c. If medical assistance is required
- d. Landing Zone secure or unsecure
- e. Marking of zone - air, panel, smoke, strobe light etc.
- f. Landing zone frequency and call sign
- g. Special instructions such as (1) no sit-down zone is available, hoist with Neil Robinson litter or jungle penetrator, (2) doctor is desired aboard aircraft.

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APPENDIX 3 (Landing Zone Briefing Guide) to Annex D to Operation Plan 7-69

LANDING ZONE BRIEFING GUIDE

1. Size of LZ (Diameter or length and width)
2. Obstacles on the ground in LZ (rocks, stumps, etc)
3. Best approach is from (N, E, S, W, NE, SE, NW, SW)
4. Wind is from (direction) at (MPH)
5. Direction from which enemy fire is likely.
6. Obstacles in the approach path (trees, ridge, etc.)
7. Helicopter cleared to fire in which direction?
8. Distance of defensive perimeter from LZ
9. Location of friendly positions.
10. Where was last enemy fire received? (direction) What Type? When?
11. Position of suspected enemy automatic weapons.
12. LZ is marked with (smoke, panels, lights, etc.)

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ANNEX E (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Plan 7-69

Ref: (a) MAPS: AMS Vietnam Series L7C14, Scale 1:50,000 Sheets 6640, I-IV
(b) 11th Marine O P3000.1G (SOP for Operations)
(c) 3/11 Marine O P3000.1E (SOP for Operations)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces - See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 7-69 and current intelligence summaries.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Annex C (Artillery) to Operation Plan 7-69

(2) Annex D (Air Operations) to Operation Plan 7-69

2. MISSION

a. The 3/7 fire Support Coordination Center (FSCC) will exercise overall responsibility for planning, coordinating, and controlling the conventional fires supporting the elements of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, thereby ensuring maximum effective fire support, safety to aircraft, troop safety and compliance with the Rules of Engagement.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept

(1) Fire support coordination will be accomplished in accordance with the existing doctrines and SOP's. See References (b) and (c).

(2) Fire support coordination between battalions, adjacent commands and higher units will be accomplished by 7th Marine FSCC through 3rd Battalion 7th Marines FSCC.

b. Coordination

The 3/7 Fire Support Coordinator will coordinate the employment of arms with the rifle companies and with the 7th Marines.

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a. Initial preparation fire and planned fires will be initiated by the fire support coordinator, using current Intelligence Data, and submitted to Regiment.

b. The Rules of Engagement, as set forth in reference (b), will be applied at all times.

5. AIRCRAFT SAFETYa. Save-a-plane

(1) Save-a-plane in a simplified system which enables the simultaneous use of Air and Artillery Support. The origin of artillery fire, the maximum ordinate (highest point in the air the round travels), and the impact grid of the round is given to 7th Marines FSCC. Aircraft approaching near the path of rounds will be warned and diverted around or over it.

(2) Artillery may be checked-fired by the aircraft if it is not possible to go over or around the path of rounds. However, a contact fire mission will not be check fired. The aircraft will either be diverted from its mission or put into a hold pattern.

(3) After 1800 and with a maximum ordinate of less than 10,000, a save-a-plane is not needed.

b. Aircraft Lookout. The Gun-Target line will be observed during all fire missions by the Battery and the Forward Observer.

c. Restrictive Fire Plan

(1) When there is a probability that artillery fire will engage a simultaneous air mission, a restrictive fire plan may be employed. Under this plan all surface fires are prohibited between prescribed maximum and minimum altitudes (above sea level) within a specific rectangular area, or series of areas, during a stated time interval. The centerline of this area will be specified by two or more points along an axis. The width is specified by a distance on either side of the centerline.

(2) Echelons requesting an air support mission will recommend the restrictive fire plan if it is required. Higher echelons will not impose a restrictive fire plan in the absence of such recommendations unless the need is clearly indicated. Recommendations and orders for a restrictive fire plan will state the coordinates of the points making the centerline, the distance on either side of the centerline, the maximum and minimum altitudes above the highest terrain feature within the area enclosed by the rectangle, and the time period.

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a. All grids will be cleared through the 3/7 FSCC. Grids outside the 3/7 AO and within 500 meters of the Battalion Boundary line will be cleared through the 7th Marines FSCC.

b. All observed fire missions will begin with one white phosphorus 100 meter high burst adjusting round. Danger close in double canopy is 1000 meters and in other types of terrain danger close is 600 meters. Missions with 1000 or more meters danger close to friendly forces will be adjusted with no less than a platoon of artillery. Missions with less than 1000 meters danger close will be adjusted with the same number of pieces as are to be received in effect.

c. Air support which is not TAC(A) controlled should not be any nearer than 1500 meters. This relates primarily to Beacon and TPQ 10 air strikes. Close air support may be closer since there is an air borne controller to mark the target and insure that friendly forces are not too close. A good rule to go by is one meter for each pound of ordnance for danger close. Therefore, a 500 pound bomb should have a clearance of 500 meters, positive coordination between the TAC(A) and the ground unit, and adequate protection for the troops. This rule may be modified based on terrain, enemy situation and increased cover for friendly troops.

7. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Annex C (Artillery) to Operation Plan 7-69

b. Annex G (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 7-69

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Annex F (Psychological Operations) to Operation Plan 7-69

Ref: (a) AMS SERIES, Vietnam, 1: 50,000, Series L7014, Sheets 6640, I-IV.

TIME ZONE: H

1. SITUATION

a. See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 7-69 and current intelligence summaries.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1st Marine Division, G-5, provides air leaflet drops, aerial tape broadcast, armed propaganda teams, and Vietnamese Information Service; also provide "Earlyword" live broadcast aircraft.

(2) 7th Marines provide HB (loudspeaker) team upon request.

c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

2. MISSION

a. 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines as mobile/strike battalion, employs psychological operations media to weaken the enemy's morale and will to resist and to urge him to rally to the cause of the Government of Vietnam.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. The S-5 will rely heavily upon airdrops/aerial broadcasts in the initial stages of the operation and will continue these throughout. Other media will be employed as deemed necessary.

b. Airdropped leaflets and aerial broadcasts will be used to convey the main message to the enemy. These activities will be provided through S-5, coordinated by S-3 and will be planned sufficiently far ahead to insure timely delivery.

c. Earlyword can be used to exploit a rapidly developing situation. A fairly rapid response time (approximately three hours) is possible. A message to the CP Group BRAVO can alert S-5 to the need for Earlyword and arrangements can be made with G-5. Information required is the grid, call sign and frequency of the using unit.

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d. An HB (1 speaker) team is available from regiment. The team has an interpreter and is capable of backpacking its equipment. This team could be used to much the same advantage as Earlyword.

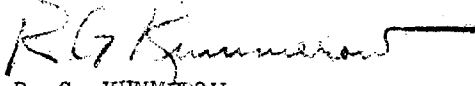
e. S-5 will provide any psychological operations support requested by the S-3 or rifle companies. Any support desired by a line company should be requested through S-3 which will consolidate such requests and forward them to S-5. In addition, S-5 will monitor the intelligence situation and orient psychological operations themes accordingly. An attempt will be made to emphasize the themes of the hopelessness of the communist cause due to recent significant losses of equipment and supplies and battle casualties, and the general disease, hardship and hunger faced by the VC/NVA.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. The S-5 will administrate psychological operations and maintain record of operations conducted. Any logistical requirements will be coordinated through S-4.

5. COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS

a. Any requests for special psychological operations support should be made via the battalion administrative net and relayed to the S-5 office by landline or message. S-5 will utilize normal communication channels through 7th Marines S-5.



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Annex G (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Plan 7-69

Ref: (a) Maps: AMS Vietnam series L70004; scale 1-50,000 Sheets 6640, I-IV.
 (b) DivO P02000.2D
 (c) BnO P2000.2C

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 7-69 and current Intelligence Summaries.

(2) The enemy has the capabilities to:

(a) Monitor and employ imitative deception on any radio net.

(b) Conduct electronic jamming on electronics equipment.

(3) Abandoned enemy communication - electronics equipment may be booby-trapped.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Plan 7-69.

(2) Command Posts

(a) Command Group Alpha To be announced

(b) Command Group Bravo LZ Baldy

(c) Report location of Command Post by priority message upon displacement.

2. MISSION

a. 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines Communications Platoon provides communication support for Command Group Alpha in the field and Command Group Bravo, continues to provide communication support for both Command Groups.

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CONFIDENTIAL3. EXECUTIONa. Command Group Alpha

(1) On order, activate Battalion Tac/Battalion Admin and Regimental Tac radio nets.

(2) Be prepared to set up and operate a wire switching center for the Command Group.

(3) Composition of communication team:

(a) Communication Officer

(b) Radio Chief

(c) CO Radio Operator

(d) S-3 Radio Operator

(e) Two Radio Operators

(f) Two wireman

(4) Equipment requirements

(a) One AN/PRC-77

(g) One KY 38

(b) Four AN/PRC-25

(h) One KYK 28

(c) Two RC-292

(d) One SB-22/PT

(e) Twelve TA-1/PT

(f) Four MX-306 (2 miles wire)

b. Command Group Bravo

(1) Be prepared on order to activate Battalion Tac to displace.

(2) Be prepared to provide convoy control communications during displacement.

(3) Be prepared to activate the Nestor (D-N) Net upon displacement.

(4) Be prepared on order to provide radio relay/retransmission static to support operations in the field.

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CONFIDENTIALc. Artillery Communications

- (1) Appendix A. (Radio Plan) to Annex G.
- (2) Command Group Alpha will have 4 radio operators from Battery G, 3/11 for artillery support.
- (3) Two radio operators will be prepared to set up a relay site.

d. Air Support Communications

- (1) Appendix A. (Radio Plan) to Annex G.
- (2) TACP will provide two radio operators for Command Group Alpha for air support.

e. Coordinating Instructions(1) Communication Center

- (a) Voice Ciphony in accordance with effective edition AKAK-8159.
- (b) Shackle and authentication in accordance with effective edition KAC-QAH and KAL 54 and 55.
- (c) Three letter code in accordance with effective edition KAC-PZ.

(2) Messenger/Carrier Service. Available with normal resupply.(3) Radios required for companies

- (a) Appendix A (Radio Plan) to Annex G.
- (b) Equipment available to companies.

1 One (1) AN/PRC-77. One (1) KY-38 One (1) KYK-28

2 One (1) RC-292

3 Eleven (11) AN/PRC-25

(c) Waterproofing material available at Command Group Bravo for all radio equipment.

(d) Companies separated from Command Group Alpha beyond normal radio operating distance will establish a relay point between the company and Command Group.

(e) Wire is normally available within each Company CP to set up field expedient antennas. (Instructions for field expediences is available at Command Group Bravo).

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(f) Proper Radio Procedure is the best means of providing Communications Security. Unauthorized transmissions will not be tolerated.

(4) Wire

(a) The Command Group has the responsibility for laying wire from the Command Groups to the Companies if required.

(b) Equipment available to the companies upon request:

1 Eight (8) TA-1/PT.

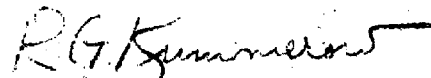
2 Two (2) MX-306 (1 mile wire).

(c) Waterproofing of telephone equipment is readily available utilizing BA-386 battery bag.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Administrative Plan 4-69.

b. Submit emergency request of electronics replacement equipment to Command Group Bravo.



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APPENDIX: 1 (RADIO PLAN)

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ANNEX H (Reports) to Operation Plan 7-69

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 (b) DivO 3480.1B (Operational Report)
 (c) BHO 3480.1B (Operational Report)
 (d) DivO 5100.8A

1. MISSION. 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines submits reports in accordance with references (b), (c) and (d).

2. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

a. SPOT REPORTS. Submitted in accordance with reference (b), (c) and Appendix (1)

b. POSITION REPORTS. (PosReps) of company and separated platoons will be passed to command group ALPHA as they change. Company, separated platoons and Battalion CP locations will be passed to 7th Marines every two hours on the even hours.

c. SITUATION REPORTS. (Sitreps), when directed, will be submitted to 7th Marines in accordance with reference (d) and Appendix 2.

d. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS. Will be passed down to the companies as received. Companies will utilize SPOTREPS to report intelligence information. SALUTE applies.

e. DAILY FORECAST. It will be passed to 7th Marines by 1600 each day.

f. DAILY ACTIVITIES. Planned night activities and following day activities will be passed to 7th Marines by 1600 daily when applicable.

g. SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS. (SIR) will be submitted in accordance with reference (d). Incident involving friendly artillery fires will normally be investigated by the artillery unit directly involved.

h. GROUND ACCIDENT REPORTS. (GAR) will be submitted in accordance with reference (d).

i. CASUALTY REPORTS. (CASREPS) and Personnel Reports (QUEBEC REPORTS). See ADMIN PLAN 4-69 to Operation Plan 7-69.

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APPENDIXES: / (1) (Spot/Follow-up Spot Reports)
 / (2) (SITREPS)

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APPENDIX I (Spot Report/Follow-up Spot-Reports) to Annex H to Operation Plan 7-69

SPOT REPORT

REC'D FM _____ SENT TO REGT BY _____

DTG REC'D _____ DTG SENT TO REGT _____

A. REPORTING UNIT _____

B. DTG OF ACTIVITY/INCIDENT _____

C. LOCATION/COORDINATES _____

D. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY/INCIDENT _____

E. ACTION TAKEN OR BEING TAKEN _____

F. FRIENDLY KIA _____ CO: _____

G. FRIENDLY WIA _____ XO: _____

H. FRIENDLY MIA _____ S-3 _____

I. VC/NVA KIA _____ OW: _____

J. PW VC/NVA _____ OTHER _____

K. DETAINEES _____ FOLLOW-UP YES ()
NO ()

L. WPNS CAPT (lost) _____

M. EQUIP CAPT/DEST _____

N. WEATHER/TERRAIN _____

O. ARTY/AIR RESULTS _____

(1-2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS)

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REGD FM _____ SENT TO REGT BY _____

DTG REGD _____ DTG REPTD TO REGT _____

REGD BY _____ REPTD BY RADIO _____ RR _____ LL _____

FOLLOW-UP SPOT REPORT TO _____

A. UNIT AND SIZE CONDUCTING SEARCH: _____

B. TIME OF SEARCH: FROM _____ TO _____

C. LOCATION/COORDINATES OF SEARCH: _____

D. RESULTS OF FINDINGS: _____

E. ADDITIONAL INFO: _____

ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP REQD: YES () _____ CO: _____
NO () _____

OTHER SECTIONS INFORMED: _____ XO: _____

S-3: _____

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APPENDIX 2 (Situation Report) to Annex H to Operation Plan 7-69

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: _____
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: _____
3. ENEMY CONTACT: _____
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: _____
5. CUMULATIVE LOSSES _____

USMC _____	ENEMY: _____
KIA _____	VC KIA _____
WIA (MEDEVAC) _____	NVA KIA _____
WIA (MINOR) _____	RETURNEE _____
MIA _____	VC PW _____
NBC _____	NVA PW _____
REFUGEES _____	DETAINEEES _____
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	CIV DEF _____
	IWC _____
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1st Bn, 7th Marines (2)(1)
2nd Bn, 7th Marines (2)(1)
1st Reconnaissance Battalion (1)
1st Force Reconnaissance Co (1)
1st Tank Battalion (1)
1st Engineer Battalion (1)
3rd AMTRAC Battalion (1)
11th Motor Transport Battalion (1)
3rd Bn, 7th Marines (20)

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Ref: (a) AMS SERIES, Vietnam, 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheets 6640, I-IV.

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. SUPPLY

a. General

(1) The S-4 is responsible to the Commanding Officer for coordinating the Logistical Support of the Battalion.

(2) Unit distribution will be made from LZ Baldy.

(3) Companies are responsible for timely and complete supply requests to S-4.

b. Supplies and Equipment Availability

(1) All necessary classes of supply will be available.

(2) Sundry Packs will be issued on an as requested/when available basis.

c. Prescribed Loads See Annex A (Prescribed Loads)

d. Resupply

(1) All necessary classes of supply will be available through the ISA. Supply discipline is a command responsibility.

(2) Procurement of all supplies is the responsibility of the Battalion Supply.

(3) Resupply lists will be submitted to the S-4 representatives with Command Group Alfa via the HST Net not later than 0800 the day prior to the desired resupply date. He will in turn, consolidate and transmit them to the S-4 (Command Group Bravo) via the Battalion Administrative Net.

(4) Request for Emergency Resupply may be submitted at any time based on valid requirements existing.

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(5) Units receiving resupply are responsible for designating and preparing a Landing Zone, and for maintaining HST communications.

(6) The 1-4's will monitor and coordinate Logistical air support in accordance with Operation Plan 7-69.

e. Resupply Delivery Methods

(1) Air Delivery

(a) Helicopter Delivery will be used in most cases.

(b) Air Drop by Parachute/Cannister may be used if required.

(2) Surface Delivery

(a) Manpack capability may be required.

(b) Direct support 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton trucks are readily available where road communications exist.

(c) Huskies/Amphibious Tractors will be available in accordance with requirements and trafficability.

f. Captured Material and Equipment

(1) All captured material and equipment will be tagged with the captor's name and company.

(2) Resupply Helicopters/or surface means will be used to transport captured material to the LSA.

(3) The Battalion S-4 will be notified when captured material and equipment is being retrograded in order that the Battalion representatives may be made available to recover it from the LSA.

(4) Unless not feasible, captured weapons will be tagged and shipped in cargo nets or by surface means.

g. Retrograde and Salvage

(1) A forthcoming Battalion Order, regrading Supply Procedures, emphasizes that Commanding Officer as well as individual Marines are responsible for supplies and equipment charged to their possession.

(2) The individual Marine is responsible to his Company Commanders for the equipment listed on his IMR Card. The Company Commander in turn is responsible to the Battalion Commander for the proper supply discipline within his command.

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(3) When clean uniforms are drawn from supply an equal amount of dirty uniforms will be turned in to replace them.

(4) Unserviceable 782 gear will be turned into Battalion Supply so that the Equipment Custody Records may be adjusted to accurately reflect equipment on hand.

i. Ordnance Care and Disposal Procedures

(1) Routine maintenance for ordnance carried by individual Marines consists of cleaning and protecting the exterior surfaces from the elements.

(2) Ammunition that has become Grade III must be retrograded, destroyed or otherwise rendered useless.

(3) Excess and Grade III Ammunition may be retrograded along with other retrograde material.

2. EVACUATION and HOSPITALIZATION

a. See Annex B (Evacuation and Hospitalization) to Administrative Plan 4-69 to Operation Plan 7-60.

b. Handling of Med-Evac Weapons and Equipment

(1) Unit leaders will carry plastic tags to attach to all weapons and equipment of an evacuee.

(2) The evacuee's name and unit will be printed on the attached plastic tags.

(3) All individual equipment and weapons will be evacuated with the individual unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

(4) Cryptographic material, maps and Group III items will be handled in accordance with Annexes B (Evacuation and Hospitalization) and Annex D (Personnel).

3. EMBARKATION. See Annex B to Administrative Plan 4-69

4. SERVICES

a. Maintenance

(1) Inoperable weapons may be replaced one for one on a float basis.

(2) Contact Teams are available from the LSU on LZ Baldy.

b. Engineer

(1) Engineers will be attached to each Company.

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(2) Attached Engineer personnel will assist the unit commander to select, prepare and maintain required landing zones.

(3) Additional Engineer support may be requested through the S-4 representative in the field via the Administrative Net.

c. Miscellaneous

(1) HST Teams will be attached to each Company.

(2) EOD Teams are available upon request.

5. PERSONNEL. See Annex D to Administrative Plan 4-69

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ANNEXES: ✓A - Prescribed Loads
✓B - Hospitalization and Evacuation
✓C - Embarkation
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Annex A (Prescribed Loads) to Administrative Plan 4-69

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. The following is a list of clothing and 782 gear that will be carried as a minimum by personnel of this Battalion when going to the field, subject to requests for modification which are approved by the Battalion Commander:

- 1 pair utility trousers
- 1 utility jacket
- 1 cold weather shirt
- 1 green towel
- 2 pair socks
- 2 pair skivvy drawers
- 2 green tee shirts
- 1 soft cover
- 1 pair boots
- dog tags around neck
- 3 canteens
- jungle kit with salt, malaria and iodine tablets, one box bandaids, small can foot powder, small vial metholate, and 2 2X4 battle dressings
- field protective mask
- poncho or poncho liner
- 1 rain suit
- 1 plastic bottle insect repellant (spray can will be used when plastic bottle is not available)
- helmet
- flack jacket
- K-bar or bayonet
- 1 pair extra glasses for men who wear them
- 1 E-tool per fire team
- 1 shaving kit per fire team
- 1 air panel per unit leader (carried in helmet)
- 1 machete per squad
- 1 map and compass per squad
- extra handset, whip antenna and battery per radio
- 60mm Mortar--90 rounds minimum per company, 75 HE, 10 Illum, 5 WP
- 2-60 foot 5/8" nylon rope per squad
- 1 flashlight per squad
- tripod and E&T mechanism for M60
- 1 starlight scope per squad
- 1 pair binoculars per platoon
- 1 292 mast head, elements, coax cable and remote capability per company

2. The following ordnance items will be carried as a minimum when companies go to the field. Subject to requests for modification which are approved by the Battalion Commander:

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3 magazines per 45
15 magazines per M16 with 17 to 18 rounds per magazine, every 4th round
a tracer
2 frag grenades per man
M60-1000 rounds per gun
M79-40 rounds per gun
 5 rounds Beehive
 6 rounds Illumination
 6 rounds Gas
LAAWS - 3 per squad
Smoke grenades - 5 per squad, 2 with the radio
Green Star pop-ups - 3 per squad
2 Trip Flares on stakes per squad
Claymores - 2 per squad
Hand Gas Grenades - 2 per squad (cannister, not baseball type)
Demo Kit complete - 1 per platoon
E8 Gas Launcher - 1 per platoon in flat open ground

3. Other individual and organizational equipment and supplies as required, such as bunker covers, pack boards, land line communications gear, etc. are allowed at Company Commanders discretion.

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Annex B (Hospitalization and Evacuation) to Administrative Plan 4-69

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. ORGANIZATION

- a. Command Group Alpha. 1 Medical Officer and 1 Corpsman.
- b. Command Group Bravo. 1 Medical Officer and 20 Corpsman.
- c. Company Medical Personnel. 8
 - (1) Headquarters Company - 1 Corpsman
 - (2) Weapons Platoon - 1 Corpsman
 - (3) Rifle Platoon - 2 Corpsman

2. MISSION

- a. Command Group Alpha
 - (1) Medical care of Command Group.
 - (2) Medical counsel to Battalion Commander on Med-evac, Medical supplies, preventive medicine and infectious disease.
- b. Command Group Bravo
 - (1) Medical care of Battalion Rear.
 - (2) Medical Records.
 - (3) Medical Supplies for Battalion.
- c. Company Aid Men
 - (1) Emergency first aid to casualties.
 - (2) Screening medical ailments of troops in field.
 - (3) Distribution of Malaria pills (Saturday).
 - (4) Performance of urine test for detection of Chloroquine (Sunday).
 - (5) Senior Corpsman will insure all corpsmen in the company are provided with adequate medical supplies.

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3. SANITATION and PREVENTIVE MEDICINE. The following procedures are to receive direct Command Attention as to enforcement:

a. Messing and Sanitation. Recommend as to proper disposal of waste and trash.

b. Water Purification

(1) All water intended for consumption will be treated with Iodine/Halazone on a supervised basis, including ground water.

(a) Clear water - 1 tablet per canteen, wait 20 minutes before drinking.

(b) Cloudy water - 2 tablets per canteen, wait 20 minutes before drinking.

(2) Water testing is impractical and unsatisfactory in the field.

c. Sanitation

(1) Corpsmen shall advise as to proper construction and position of slit trenches and supervise their maintenance and use. There should be no more than 10 individuals per slit trench.

(2) All personnel will be indoctrinated with the importance of washing hands after making a head call.

d. Malaria Prevention

(1) C-P tablets taken weekly on Saturday, will be provided by the Battalion Medical Department.

(2) Corpsmen will carry an adequate supply for the units they serve.

(3) Platoon size, alphabetically ordered rosters demonstrating that the pill was taken and urine tested will be turned in to the company rear every week. These rosters will be combined in the Battalion rear and a roster of the entire Battalion will be turned in to Regiment every Wednesday.

(4) Every man will be supplied with mosquito head netting.

(5) Sleeves will be rolled down by 1830 every day.

(6) Mosquito repellent will be carried by every man and used frequently in the evening hours.

e. Prevention of Dysentary

(1) Water treatment as above

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(2) Inspection of slit trenches and trash pits by company corpsmen. All personnel must use facilities provided not individual constructions. Corpsmen will recommend suitable sites and proper construction. They will not dig the facility.

(3) All messing waste will be deposited in trash pits which are 4'x4'x4'.

f. Prevention of Warm Water Immersion Foot

(1) Be aware of the problems caused by prolonged exposure to wet environment. Understand that serious secondary infections may result.

(2) Unit leaders will provide for and supervise use of as many periods as possible to air feet and dry socks (Three $\frac{1}{2}$ hour periods a day is ideal).

(3) All hands will carry an extra pair of socks, changing socks as often as possible. Unit leaders will have troops feet checked for early signs of immersion foot.

g. Personal Hygiene

(1) All individuals will be informed of the importance of personal hygiene. Each person will wash and shave as frequently as possible. Brushing teeth cannot be neglected as cavities are a major problem in Vietnam.

4. EVACUATION

a. Movement

(1) The Helicopter is the primary source of medevac.

(a) Emergency and priority medevacs will be taken directly from their positions to the appropriate medical facilities.

(b) Routine medevacs will be taken back to the Command Group Bravo where they will be screened by the Battalion Surgeon. The Battalion Surgeon will decide whether further evacuation is necessary.

b. Classification of Medevacs

(1) Emergency - Critically wounded, injured, or ill personnel whose immediate evacuation is a matter of life or death, or loss of limb.

(2) Priority - Seriously wounded, injured or ill who requires early hospitalization, but whose immediate hospitalization is not a matter of life or death.

(3) Routine - Evacuation of deceased personnel, evacuation of people with minor injury or illness, or the routine travel of a patient from one medical facility to another for further treatment.

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CONFIDENTIAL5. SUPPLY

a. Corpsmen will carry basic allowances of medical gear. This varies in content with individual corpsmen.

b. Resupply of corpsmen in the field will take place through coordinated efforts of the S-4 and the Supply Chief of the BAS at Command Group Bravo. A representative from BAS will be on hand at the S-4 when company resupply is being called in. His function will be to maintain communication directly between the BAS at Command Group Bravo and the medical personnel in the field.

6. ADMINISTRATION

a. Casualty reporting at company and Command Group Bravo BAS will be done on field medical card (Form DD 1380).

7. MEDICAL PLAN DISPLACEMENT and FROM F. S. B. ROSS to L. Z. BALDY

a. The Command Group Bravo BAS of 3/7 will move from L.Z. ROSS only after the 1/7 BAS has arrived.

b. 3/7 Personnel going to Baldy may obtain medical aid at the BAS or the 1/7 BAS.

c. While on F.S.B. ROSS, the 3/7 BAS will provide medical care for all USMC personnel on this hill.

d. Should the Battalion move in large convoy to L.S. BALDY, we shall use the following plan for medical care and evacuation: Trucks holding BAS supplies and personnel will be spread throughout the convoy. Corpsmen will have facilities for treating casualties on momentary notice. Radio operators will be located on appropriate vehicles should need for a medevac arise.

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1. Medical Item Listing For Company Corpsmen

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Appendix 1 to Annex B to Administrative Plan 4-69

1. The below listed medical items are carried by each company aidman in varying amounts:

Battle Dressings S/M/L
 Morphine Syrettes at least 5
 Plasma with Intra-Benous Sets (Blood Volume Expander)
 Roller Bandages
 Ace Bandages
 Band-aids
 Benzalkonium Chloride (Antiseptic)
 Penicillin V-K 400,000 units per tablet
 Lomotil and/or Polymagma Tablets (Antidiarrhea)
 Bacitracin Ointment (Antibiotic Ointment)
 Tetracaine Ointment (Burns and Bites Ointment)
 Aspirin
 Darvon and Darvon Compound Capsules (Pain Relievers)
 Compazine Tablets and Injectable (Tranquilizers)
 Benadril Capsules (Antihistamine)
 Ornade Capsules (Cold Capsule)
 Spirits of Ammonia Inhalants
 Donnitol Tablets (For Gastric Upset)
 Elizir of Terpin Hydrate (Cough Medicine)
 Salt Tablets coated
 Chloroquin Primaquine Tablets (AntiMalarial)
 Adhesive Tape
 Gauze Pads 2"x2"
 Tourniquets
 Cepacol Lozenges
 Gelusil Tablets (Gastric Upset)
 Erythromycin Tablets (Antibiotic)
 Tetracycline Tablets (Antibiotic)
 Griseofulvin (Anti Fungicidal Tablet)
 Zactirin Tablets (Pain Relievers)
 Minor Surgical Kit which contains Hemostats, Needle Holders, Suture Material,
 Scapel Blades, Scissors, Probes, etc.
 Tetracaine, Boric Acid, Bacitracin Ophthalmic Ointments
 Mouth to Mouth Airway
 Thermometer
 Wire Mesh Splint
 The above listed items are carried in the individual's unit one medical kit,
 Flak Jacket Pockets, M16 Bandoleers, and on his person in utilities pockets.

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Annex C (Embarkation) to Administrative Plan 4-69

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. GENERAL

a. The administrative move from FSB Ross to LZ Baldy will be conducted concurrent with or after the Battalion assumes the Mobile/Strike mission for the 7th Marine Regiment.

b. The Battalion Rear and Company Rears will displace by echelon to ensure that no interruption of support for the Operating Forces occurs.

2. ORGANIZATION

a. The Battalion Rear and Company Rears will be organized for displacement into four (4) Embarkation Units:

<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>
Alfa	Advance Party	H&SCo, XO
Bravo	Operation Party	S-4A
Charlie	Follow Up Party	S-4
Delta	Rear Party	MTO

b. Advance Party

(1) Each Section/Unit will provide one individual for the Advance Party.

(2) The Advance Party will depart FSB Ross on D-Day.

(3) The Advance Party will perform the duties of guides and security personnel at LZ Baldy during subsequent phases of the move.

(4) In addition to individual weapons and equipment, each individual may carry one water proof bag of personal items.

(5) Personal gear, other than indicated above, will be packed and tagged by the individual and staged by the Section/Unit for interim security and subsequent follow on move.

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CONFIDENTIALc. Operational Party

(1) The Operational Party will consist of personnel and equipment essential to establish an operational capability for each Section/Unit.

(2) Only equipment and supplies required to perform normal but austere operations will displace with this phase of the evolution.

(3) In addition to individual weapons and equipment, each individual may carry one water proof bag of personal items.

(4) Personal gear, other than indicated above, will be packed and tagged by the individual and staged by the Section/Unit for interim security and subsequent follow on move.

(5) Organizational gear not displaced during this phase will be packed securely by the respective Section/Unit and tagged or marked for identification. The Section/Unit will stage this equipment and supplies and provide interim security.

d. Follow Up Party. This part of the evolution is comparable to general unloading.

(1) Priorities are established, however maximum flexibility must be maintained during this period to ensure a rapid transfer of equipment, supplies and personnel to LZ Baldy.

e. Rear Party

(1) Each Section/Unit will provide one individual for the rear guard.

(2) The rear party will perform duties as final security and area police.

(3) In addition to individual weapons and equipment each individual may carry one water proof bag of personal items.

(4) Personal gear, other than indicated above, will be packed and tagged by the individual and staged by the Section/Unit for interim security.

(5) The Rear Party will displace to LZ Baldy only upon completion of the entire evolution and on order of the Battalion S-4.

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CONFIDENTIALf. Personnel Accounting

(1) Respective Sections/Units will maintain accurate rosters as to the organization of their personnel for the above evolutions.

(2) Respective Sections/Units will provide each phase Commander a personnel roster for that particular phase.

3. TRANSPORTATIONa. Organic and Direct Support

- (1) Six (6) M-35 Trucks
- (2) Four (4) M-37 Trucks
- (3) Twenty (20) M-151 Jeps and Trailers

b. External Support. Although External Support for transportation is planned, it is not known how much will be available. Possible support is listed below for planning.

- (1) M0127 Tractor Trailers
- (2) 5 Ton Trucks
- (3) 2½ Ton Trucks
- (4) CH-53 Helicopters
- (5) CH-46 Helicopters

c. Conversion Tables

- (1) 3 - CH-46 = 1 - CH-53
- (2) 1 - CH-53 = 1 - 2½ Ton Truck
- (3) 3 - 2½ Ton Truck = 1 Tractor Trailer
- (4) 2 - 5 Ton Truck = 1 Tractor Trailer

4. EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL TO BE DISPLACED

a. Operational Phase
 a. Operational Phase

(1) S-1 - Field Desks, Files, Safes, Manuals, and Cryptographic Material and Equipment.

- (2) S-2 - Field Desks, Maps and Manuals
- (3) S-3 - Field Desks, Maps and Manuals
- (4) S-4 - Field Desk and Manuals

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- (5) S-5 - Field Desk, Safe, Files, Directives
- (6) Battalion Supply - Office equipment, Files, Directives, clothing and 782 gear.
- (7) Communications Platoon - Wire, Telephones, Radios, Field Desk, Directives.
- (8) Company Offices - Field Desks, Office Supplies, Directives, SRBs and Files.

b. Follow Up Phase

- (1) S-1 - General office equipment and personal effects.
- (2) S-2 - Organic equipment and personal effects.
- (3) S-3 - Organic equipment and personal effects.
- (4) S-4 - Organic equipment and personal effects.
- (5) S-5 - Organic equipment and personal effects.
- (6) Chaplain - Organic equipment and personal effects.
- (7) Career Planner - Organic equipment and personal effects.
- (8) Company Office and Supply - Organic equipment, seabags and personal effects.
- (9) Battalion Supply - Organic Office supplies, Armory equipment and general warehouse equipment.
- (10) Communications Platoon - Organic equipment and personal effects.
- (11) Mess Sections - Reefer, Organic equipment, paper goods and personal effects.
- (12) 81 Platoon - FDC equipment, Manuals, Mortars and personal effects.
- (13) 106RR Platoon - Manuals, Rifles and personal effects.
- (14) Flame Section - Manuals, Flamethrowers, and personal effects.
- (15) Motor Transport - M-274, Organic equipment, Manuals, Office supplies and personal effects.
- (16) BAS - Medical supplies, Records, Field Desks, Manuals and personal effects.
- (17) EM Club - Club Property, Reefer and personal effects.

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(18) Special Services - Organic material and equipment and personal effects.

5. LOADING/UNLOADING

a. Equipment Available. One (1) forklift at FSB Ross and as available at LZ Baldy.

b. Packing

(1) Mount out boxes will be utilized to the maximum possible possible extent.

(2) General office type equipment (i.e., Desks, Chairs, Fans, etc.) will be stowed to ensure minimum damage during the evolutions.

(3) Prepare an inventory for each assigned vehicle load.

(4) Check the inventory list at both ends of the displacement.

c. Marking/Tagging

(1) All personal gear will be tagged and clearly marked with the individuals name and Section/Unit.

(2) All organizational equipment and boxes will be clearly marked indicating Section/Unit.

(3) All garrison type equipment will be clearly marked indicating Section/Unit.

d. Staging

(1) Each Section/Unit will stage its equipment and material in the area designated by Appendix 1 to Annex C (Embarkation) to Administrative Plan 4-69. Debark points and unloading areas will be established at LZ Baldy by the Advance Party.

(2) Each Section/Unit is responsible for the security of its equipment and material.

(3) Equipment and Material will be staged in accordance with the schedule established by Appendix 2 to Annex C (Embarkation) to Administrative Plan 4-69.

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e. All loading/unloading will be accomplished by the respective Section/Unit with assigned working parties as required.

f. It is the responsibility of the Section/Unit to load assigned vehicles in sufficient time for the vehicles to form into a convoy at the staging area by 0945 and 1630 daily.

g. It is anticipated that one round trip per day per convoy will be completed.

h. It is anticipated that vehicles loaded at FSB Ross (3/7), will be reloaded at LZ Baldy (1/7), for the return trip and vice versa.

i. Timely loading and unloading is essential so not to delay convoy travel and to make vehicles available for reloading to meet convoy schedules.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Definitions/Designations.

- (1) D-Day - The day the Advance Party departs FSB Ross.
- (2) D+1 Day - The day the operational phase commences.
- (3) H-Hour - 1000 each day for each phase of operation.

b. Embarkation Personnel. All Section/Units Embarkation Personnel will assist the Battalion S-4 during the entire evolution and are to be assigned to the follow up party. These personnel will provide continuous liaison between the S-4 and respective Section/Units, for detailed instructions and guidance on the conduct of the move.

c. Police. Each Section/Unit is charged with the responsibility for the proper police of their respective area. Inspections will be conducted by Section/Unit Commanders or their designated representatives. Upon completion of their inspections, a request will be made of S-4 for a final inspection which must be satisfactory before responsibility will be relieved.

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APPENDIXES: ✓(1) Designated Staging Areas
✓(2) Staging and Movement Schedule
✓(3) Vehicle Assignment Table
✓(4) Convoy Staging Areas
✓(5) Convoy Procedures

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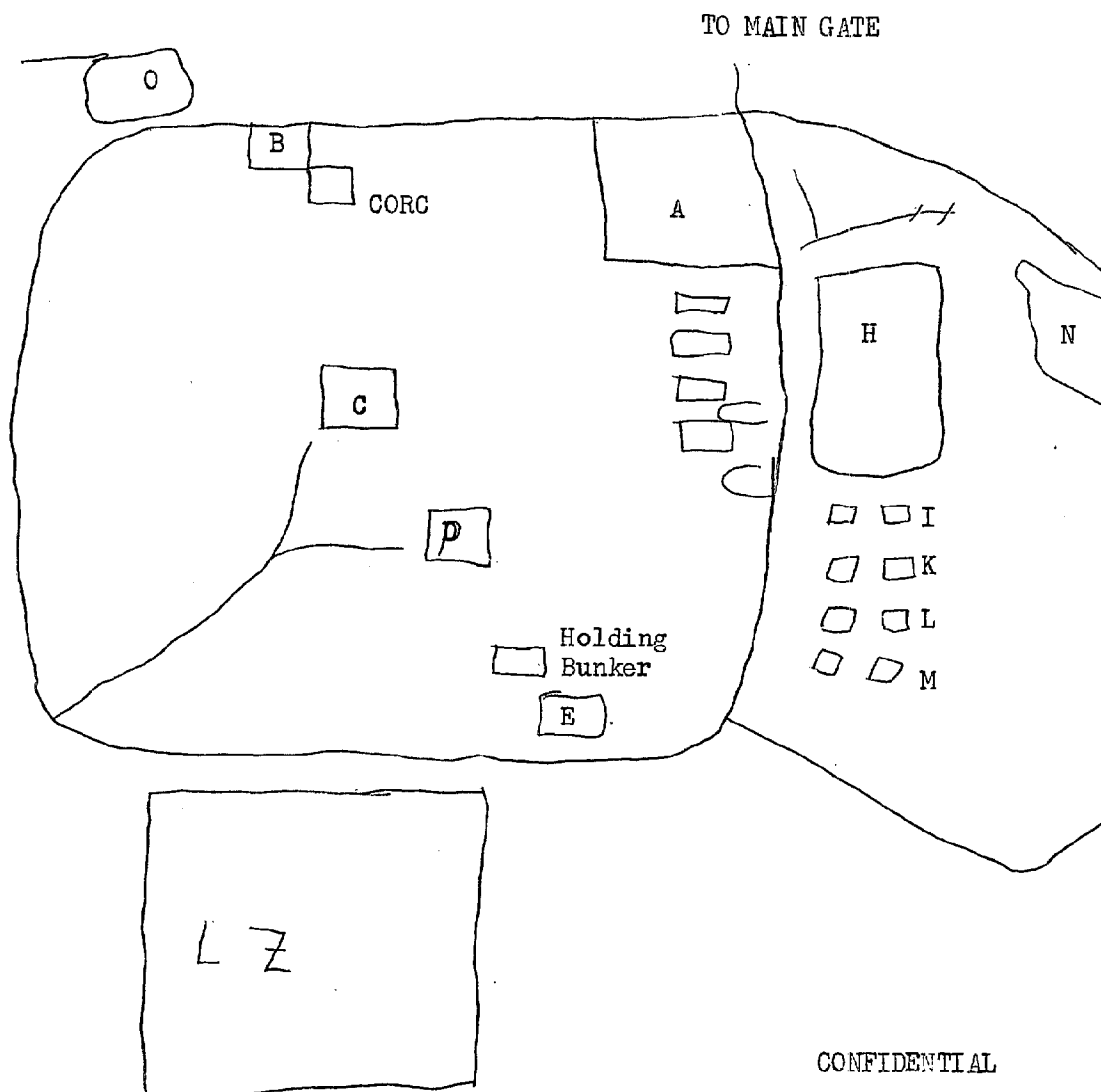
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Appendix 1 (Designated Staging Areas) to Annex C to Administrative Plan 4-69

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1. Staging Areas FSB Ross



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CONFIDENTIAL2. STAGING AREA ASSIGNMENTSa. Staging Area A

- (1) H&SCo
- (2) S-1
- (3) Company Offices
- (4) Special Services
- (5) EM Club

b. Staging Area B

- (1) S-2
- (2) S-3

c. Staging Area C - Communications Platoon

d. Staging Area D - 106 RR/Flame Section

e. Staging Area E - BAS

f. Staging Area F - S44/BntSupply Office

g. Staging Area G - 81 Mortar Platoon

h. Staging Area H - Battalion Supply

i. Staging Area I, K, L, M - Respective Company Supply Tents (2)

j. Staging Area N - Motor Transport

k. Staging Area O - Mess Section

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Appendix 2 (Staging and Movement Schedule) to Annex C to Administrative Plan 4-69

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. GENERAL. All equipment and material of all Sections/Units will be staged in accordance with this Appendix, making efforts to protect staged gear from the weather and insuring adequate security at all times.

a. Operational Phase

(1) Equipment and material will be staged not later than H-3 hour on D+1 Day.

(2) Equipment and material will be loaded on assigned vehicles not later than H-1 hour on D+1 day.

b. Follow Up Phase

(1) Sections/Units will stage all follow up equipment, supplies and material in the areas designated in Appendix 1 to Annex C to Administrative Plan 4-69.

(2) Sections/Units will stage all Seabags/Footlockers in their respective Company Supply Tents.

(3) All equipment, supplies, material and Seabags/Footlockers will be staged not later than H+6 hour on the day prior to departure from FSB Ross.

2. MOVEMENT SCHEDULE

a. The Following Movement schedule is based upon operational priorities. Units/Sections must be prepared to deviate from this schedule within a minimum period of time.

	<u>DAY</u>	<u>UNIT/SECTION</u>	<u>NO. OF</u> <u>M-35 LOADS</u>
D-1	D-1	S-1	2
	D+1	S-2/S-3/S-4	1
	D+1	"I" Co Office	$\frac{1}{2}$
	D+1	"K" Co Office	$\frac{1}{2}$
	D+1	"L" Co Office	$\frac{1}{2}$
	D+1	"M" Co Office	$\frac{1}{2}$
	D+1	Communications Platoon	1

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<u>DAY</u>	<u>UNIT/SECTION</u>	<u>NO. OF M-35 LOADS</u>
D+2	Battalion Supply	3
D+2	H&S Co Office	1
D+2	Mess Section	2
D+3	Mess Section	1
D+3	81mm/106RR/Flame Section	2
D+3	Motor Transport Platoon	3
D+4	Battalion Aid Station	5
D+4	Motor Transport Platoon	1
D+5	Battalion Supply	6
D+6	Communications Platoon	6
D+7	Battalion Supply	4
D+7	Communications Platoon	2
D+8	S-3 Rear	1
D+8	S-2 Rear	1
D+8	S-1 Rear	1
D+8	S-4 Rear	1
D+8	H&S Co Supply	2
D+9	"I" Co Supply	4
D+9	H&S Co Supply	2
D+10	"K" Co Supply	4
D+10	H&S Co Supply	2
D+11	"L" Co Supply	4
D+11	H&S Co Supply	2
D+12	"M" Co Supply	4
D+12	EM Club	2
D+13	Special Services	1
D+13	S-5	1
D+13	Chaplain/Career Planner	1
D+13	Motor Transport Platoon	3
D+14	Motor Transport Platoon	6
D+15	Motor Transport Platoon	3

b. In the event additional vehicular support becomes available, be prepared to move up the proposed moving and staging dates.

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Appendix 3 (Vehicle Assignments) to Annex C to Administrative Plan 4-69.

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1. The following vehicle assignment table is established for the Operational Phase of the Displacement:

<u>UNIT/SECTION</u>	<u>ASSIGNED VEHICLES</u>
S-1	2 - M35; 1 M151 and Trailer
S-2	$\frac{1}{2}$ - M35; 1 M151 and Trailer
S-3	$\frac{1}{2}$ - M35; 1 M151 and Trailer
S-4	1 M151 and Trailer
"I" Co	$\frac{1}{2}$ - M35; 1 M151 and Trailer
"K" Co	$\frac{1}{2}$ - M35; 1 M151 and Trailer
"L" Co	$\frac{1}{2}$ - M35; 1 M151 and Trailer
"M" Co	$\frac{1}{2}$ - M35; 1 M151 and Trailer
H&S Co	1 - M35; 1 M151 and Trailer
Communications Platoon	1 - M35; 1 MRC 109
Battalion Supply	3 - M35

2. The following vehicle assignment table is established for the follow up phase of the displacement.

<u>UNIT/SECTION</u>	<u>ASSIGNED VEHICLES</u>
Mess Section	3 - M35
81mm Platoon	1 - M35; 1 M151 and Trailer
106RRS Section	1 - M35
Flame Section	1 - M35
Battalion Aid Station	5 - M35; Ambulance
Battalion Supply	12 - M35
Communications Platoon	8 - M35
Motor Transport Platoon	16 - M35; 4 - M37; 1 M151 and Trailer
H&S Co Rear	1 - M35
H&S Co Supply	8 - M35
"I" Co Supply	4 - M35
"K" Co Supply	4 - M35
"L" Co Supply	4 - M35
"M" Co Supply	4 - M35
EM Club	2 - M35
Special Services	1 - M35
S-1	1 - M35
S-2	1 - M35
S-3	1 - M35
S-4	1 - M35
S-5	1 - M35
Chaplain	$\frac{1}{2}$ - M35
Career Planner	$\frac{1}{2}$ - M35

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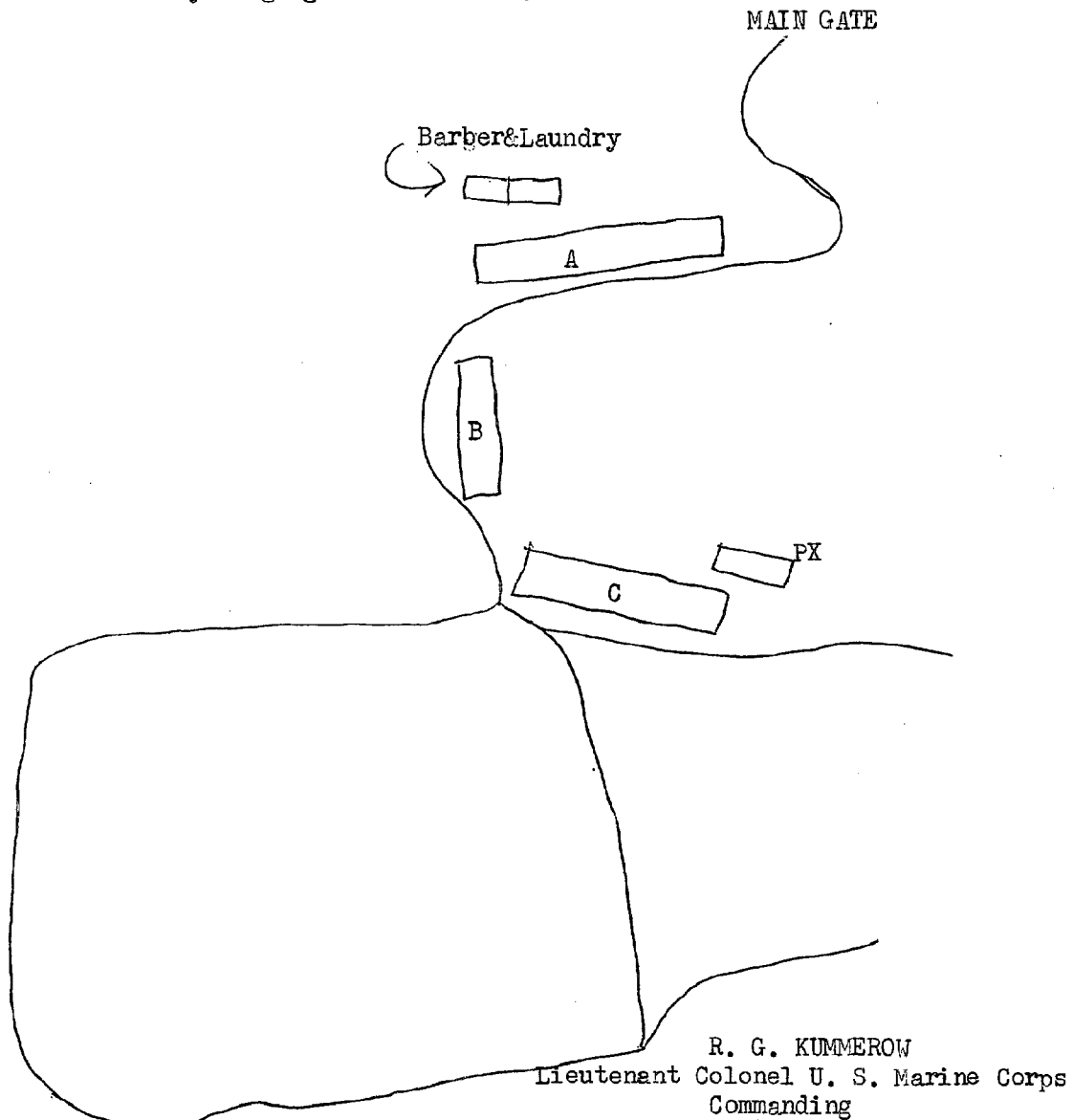
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Appendix 4 (Convoy Staging Area) to Annex C to Administrative Plan 4-69

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1. Convoy Staging Area FSB Ross.



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APPENDIX 5 (Convoy Procedures) to Annex C to Administrative Plan 4-69

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1. CONVOY CONTROL

- a. All vehicles will be staged in the designated staging area 0945 and 1630 daily.
- b. Each vehicle will have a minimum of one (1) shotgun. (Escort)
- c. Personnel will wear required combat equipment (for example: helmet, flak jacket, T/O weapon) enroute between FSB Ross and LZ Baldy.
- d. Section/Unit personnel manifests will be utilized in lieu of individual passes for moving purposes. These will be approved by Unit/Section heads.
- e. Convoy Commanders will be designated prior to the briefing of all vehicle drivers by the Motor Transport Officer.
- f. Convoy Commanders will be Officers or Staff NCO's.

2. CONVOY COMMUNICATIONS

- a. At least two (2) PRC 25's are required in the Convoy Commanders vehicle and in the last vehicle in the Convoy.
- b. One (1) PRC 25 will be on the Convoy Net and one (1) PRC 25 will be on the Battalion Administrative Frequency.
- c. Other PRC 25's may be interspersed throughout the convoys as they become available.

3. TRAFFIC CONTROL

- a. FSB Ross
 - (1) Speed Limit Five (5) miles per hour
 - (2) Two way traffic on all roads except from the waterpoint North to the Battalion Messhall.
- b. LZ Baldy
 - (1) Speed limit Five (5) miles per hour.
 - (2) Two way traffic
- c. External Road (Rt 535)
 - (1) Speed limit twenty (20) miles per hour
 - (2) Speed limit in villages Five (5) miles per hour

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- (3) Nonstop driving in villages and populated areas is mandatory
- (4) Maintain a 50 meter interval between all vehicles

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Annex D (Personnel) to Administrative Plan 4069

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1. STRENGTHS

- a. Officers. All companies to be at M/L strength.
- b. Staff NCO's. H&S Company 20 Staff NCO's assigned and chargeable. Each rifle company 5 Staff NCO's assigned and chargeable.
- c. Enlisted. H&S Company 285 enlisted assigned and chargeable. Each rifle company 190 enlisted assigned and chargeable.
- d. Personnel Reports. Recurring personnel reports will continue to be submitted. These reports include morning reports, O3 reports and unit diaries. Additionally, each company will submit a daily report of the number of personnel in the field, and the number remaining in the rear.

2. REPLACEMENT

- a. Replacements will be procured through normal input, and will be assigned to companies by the Battalion S-1. They will not be assigned to duty in the field until they have completed a five-day orientation and indoctrination period.

3. DISCIPLINE, LAW AND ORDER

- a. The Battalion Executive Officer, as Officer in Charge, Battalion Rear, will have Article 15 NJP authority. Courts-martial and office hours will be held both in the field and in the rear. Necessary administration in connection with courts-martial and office hours will be accomplished by the Battalion Legal Office and Company headquarters (rear).

4. PRISONERS of WAR

- a. No collection points will be established in the field. Prisoners will be turned over to ITT personnel as soon as practicable.

5. GRAVES REGISTRATION

- a. Remains will be flown, as routine medical evacuees, to Graves Registration Detachments at 1st Medical Battalion, Danang, or LZ Balay.

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a. Leave. Annual leave, emergency leave and R&R will be granted. Commanding Officers will insure that personnel scheduled for leave or R&R are returned to the rear in sufficient time to ensure their reporting for scheduled flights.

b. Postal Service. Depending on the availability of air and surface transportation, mail will be delivered to the field daily. Company mail orderlies will provide forms for purchasing money orders, and will purchase money orders for personnel in the field from the 7th Marines Post Office.

c. Pay. Pay call will be held in the field on the first day of each month or as soon thereafter as practicable. Advance pay rosters, indicating the amount of money due each individual, will be routed to the field on or about the 20th day of each month.

d. Information. Unit commanders keep troops informed of current news and battle progress. Free distribution of newspapers will be made.

7. CIVIL AFFAIRS S-5 will coordinate civil affairs program from Command Group Bravo.

8. PERSONNEL PROCEDURES

a. An S-1 representative will accompany Command Group ALPHA in the field, and is responsible for reporting all casualty reports to the S-1 by radio. Commanding Officers and Executive Officers of subordinate companies are charged with the responsibility for timely submission of casualty reports to the S-1 representative in the field. The importance of timely, accurate submission of casualty reports cannot be over emphasized.

b. Courier service will be established between Command Groups ALPHA and BRAVO. The Battalion S-1 is responsible for coordinating courier runs.

c. Religious services will be conducted in the field whenever practicable.

d. Whenever an individual is ill or wounded to a degree requiring his medical evacuation, his group III personal effects will be recovered by an NCO or Officer for courier delivery to the Company rear.

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e. Security will be provided for special services and clubs property at all times. Club managers will accompany club property during displacement, and the Special Services Officer of NCOIC will accompany special services property.

f. Personnel scheduled for rotation to CONUS will be returned to the Battalion rear ten days prior to rotation tour date.

g. Personnel evacuated outside the Republic of Vietnam will be transferred by service records to Camp S. D. Butler, Okinawa. Orders for personnel who are medically evacuated out of Vietnam will be prepared by the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division.

9. INTERIOR MANAGEMENT. No change.

10. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES. No change.

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Annex E (Civil Affairs) to Administrative Plan 2-69

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1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy. Intelligence Annex Operation Order 7-69
- b. Friendly. Operations Order 7-69
- c. Attachments/Detachments. None
- d. Assumptions

(1) That 3rd Bn 7th Marines will have no Civil Affairs area of responsibility as the battalion becomes the Mobile/Strike Battalion.

(2) That 1st Bn 7th Marines will take over the present civil affairs area around FSB Ross.

(3) That planning initiated for the area around FSB Ross will benefit 1st Bn in establishing a civic action program.

(4) That any supplies ordered for civic action projects in the Ross area can be delivered to 1st Bn with little additional effort.

2. Mission. To provide for the orderly and efficient transfer of civil affairs areas of responsibility within the 7th Marines area to insure that there is little waste of time and effort in the maintenance of continuity in the civil affairs program of the 7th Marines and its battalions.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. 3rd Bn 7th Marines will coordinate with 1st Bn and pass information of a general nature concerning the area around FSB Ross. Information and status reports on all projects will also be passed. (See appendix.)

b. With regard to construction projects materials ordered for use in planned projects will be delivered to 1st Bn. for completion of projects.

c. S-5 of 3rd Bn will work closely with S-5, 7th Marines during the period of Mobile operations to learn the nature of projects and gain general information to learn the nature of projects and gain general information of and contacts in the eastern area of the 7th Marines area of operations.

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d. S-5 of 3rd Bn will give any assistance required to 1st Bn to insure proper completion of projects not completed prior to exchange of areas.

e. Coordinating Instructions. S-5 of 3rd Bn will contact S-5 1st Bn and will insure that S-5 1st Bn meets essential contacts such as the District Chief, Army advisors and village Chiefs. S-5 3rd Bn will then carry out a similar educational process with regard to the eastern area of operations.

4. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS. S-5, 1st Bn, will take over administration of projects, in an uncompleted stage. 3rd Bn will give logistical assistance with regard to supplies ordered for projects in the Ross area. Some administrative assistance can be supplied to 1st Bn in matters requiring liaison with Division.

5. COMMAND and COMMUNICATIONS. Communications will continue to be primarily by landline.

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Appendix 1 (Civil Action Plan for Que Son) to Annex E (Civil Affairs)
to Administrative Plan 4-69

1. MEDICAL

a. Building of dispensaries in three (3) refugee hamlets located in Son Xuan (V). (037344, 046344, and 045350.)

(1) Estimated requirements: 15 bags of cement and 60 ammunition boxes (105mm) for each dispensary. Roofing material is available locally, utilizing either tin or thatch.

b. Enlargement of the medical facility in Que Son.

(1) Estimated requirements: 40 bags of cement, three beams; (one: 7 meters, two: 4 meters in length), and one truckload of gravel. Beams are available now through our bunker destruction program. Cement is available upon request from III MAF. Gravel is available from the rock crusher, probably could get the engineers to deliver a truckload to Que Son.

2. SCHOOLS.a. General Walt Scholarships:

(1) The district chief will provide 3/7 with a list of names of students who need scholarships. As soon as the number of scholarships is determined, the administrative proceedings will begin. Students are provided VN\$500.00 each month and the scholarships are renewable quarterly.

b. School Kits

(1) When 3/7 arrived at FSB Ross, it was learned that school children needed school supplies. 3,000 school kits were ordered from III MAF. Upon delivery, 3/7 will distribute these among the schools in the Que Son area.

3. AGRICULTUREa. Pig Project:

(1) S-5 at Division has an American Boar available for breeding purposes. Could easily arrange to use this boar in the Que Son area.

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(1) Need to check on availability. 1st MAW has a chicken breeding program. If Division has nothing available, arrangements could be made to utilize Wing Sources.

c. All that is required from district farmers, is to care for the pigs and chickens while in use. The district chief will arrange for farmersto conduct the projects.

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