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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

DESIGNATION3rd Battalion, 7th MarinesCOMMANDER

LtCol R. G. KUMMEROW

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&amp;S

1stLt R. L. JAEHNE

"I"

1stLt W. I. DONALDSON  
(01-25 Dec 1969)2ndLt L. J. OFFNER JR.  
(26-31 Dec 1969)

"K"

Capt T. C. CARTER  
(01-22 Dec 1969)2ndLt R. J. PENDOLEY  
(23-29 Dec 1969)Capt T. C. CARTER  
(30-31 Dec 1969)

"L"

Capt J. K. VANRIPER

"M"

1stLt T. B. EDWARDS  
(01-21 Dec 1969)Capt R. C. HULIT  
(22-31 Dec 1969)LOCATION

01-08 December 1969, Quan Que Son, Republic of Vietnam; FSB ROSS, BTO24434.  
09-31 December 1969, Quan Que Son, Republic of Vietnam, Hill 63, BT132453.

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STAFF OFFICERS

XO

Major S. J. MARFIA  
(01-03 Dec 1969)  
Major A. L. STEWART JR.  
(04-31 Dec 1969)

S-1/Adj

1stLt J. O. VAUGHN

S-1/Asst Adj/Legal Officer

WO R. A. CASTERLINE

S-2

SSgt G. D. BAUGHN  
(01-28 Dec 1969)

SSgt C. E. RICHARDSON  
(29-31 Dec 1969)

S-3

Major D. WHITTINGHAM  
(01-03 Dec 1969)

Major W. A. LOKKEN  
(04-31 Dec 1969)

S-3/Asst

1stLt E. L. CHASE  
(01-16 Dec 1969)

S-4

Capt R. C. HULIT  
(01-21 Dec 1969)  
1stLt T. B. EDWARDS  
(22-31 Dec 1969)

S-4/Asst

1stLt T. J. LENNON

S-5

1stLt C. L. JARDINE

S-5/Asst

2ndLt H. F. TIERNEY  
(29-31 Dec 1969)

Supply Officer

1stLt J. T. SZYMKOWICZ

Communications Officer

Capt E. VOLZ

Motor Transport Officer

2ndLt R. W. KNICK

Air Liaison Officer

1stLt L. D. TIMMERMAN  
(01-23 Dec 1969)

Forward Air Control Officer

1stLt S. C. WADE  
(01-10 Dec 1969)  
1stLt K. D. GRAHAM  
(13-31 Dec 1969)

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Battalion Chaplain

Battalion Surgeon

Battalion Surgeon

LT(CHC) W. L. DIKE

LT(MC) R. D. DWYER  
(01-05 Dec 1969)

LT(MC) B. R. MOHR  
(01-05 Dec 1969)

LT(MC) D. R. REED  
(06-31 Dec 1969)

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SUPPORTING UNITS

Battery "G" 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines

Capt J. H. BAYON

Battery "K" 4th Battalion, 13th Marines

Capt D. J. LUX

2nd Platoon 1st Tank Battalion

1stLt R. T. BOLICK

3rd Platoon 1st AMTRAC Battalion

1stLt L. T. STEVENSON

1st Platoon Co "C", 1st Engineers

1stLt 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>
40	1060	3	53	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>
40	1164	3	53	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 continued to conduct operations from Fire Support Base ROSS (BT023342) to which it had moved in October. The Battalion continued to deploy 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 in the lowlands and foothills to the West and Northwest of FSB ROSS. A "fixed" mission continued to be security for Fire Support Base Ryder (BT 946345) at which location training was accomplished by Company "I".

On 9 December the Battalion was again assigned as the 7th Marines Mobile/Strike Battalion and moved to LZ BALDY, Hill 63, BT134454. The Battalion operating as the Mobile/Strike Battalion was assigned an AO in the Northwestern portion of the 7th Marines Tactical Area of Responsibility. The first eight days of the month saw companies "K", "L", and "M" in intermittent contact with the 36th NVA Regiment while Co "I" provided security for FSB RYDER. When assigned as Mobile/Strike Battalion in the new AO the Battalion continued intermittent contact with the 36th NVA Regiment and located and destroyed numerous cave/tunnel complexes used by the enemy.

From the 17th through the 19th of December Company "I", "L" and the Battalion CP conducted a force march not having received normal resupply on the 14th, to close on an established Reprovisioning point.

Continued exposure to rain and fog, movement through dense wet vegetation, steep rocky terrain with poor or non-existent trails and fording swollen streams contributed significantly to the increase of non-battle casualties for the period.

The provisioning point was established to provide a 12 day store of necessary supplies for emergency utilization during extended periods of adverse weather.

Extensive Landing Zone improvements, utilizing Engineer support, including the use of a minidozer for grading and leveling, were accomplished at two sites 954416 and 978409, providing a greater capability and flexibility to support combat operations within the AO.

From 19 to 31 December the 3rd Battalion provided security for FSB Bushwack on Hill 484 (BT016464) which was occupied on the 19th of December by "G" Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines.

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From 26 to 31 December "K", "L", and "M" Companies conducted detailed cordon and search operations to close on an assigned Battalion objective vicinity of Hill 845 Grid 983413.

Christmas and New Year Holidays operational activities were maintained in compliance with MACV Msg 111230Z Dec 1969.

Planning was completed for a Battalion Cordon and Sweep operation culminating in the northwestern portion of the AO.

SPECIFIC. On 1 December at 1210 C-1-A from Co "C" Engineers while on a road sweep on Highway 535 found a box mine (Approx 100 lbs) at 078387. It was armed with a pressure type detonating device. The mine was placed in the vehicle tracks on the road. The mine was blown in place with a 1 lb block of C-4. The resulting crater was 12' long, 12' wide, and 7' deep.

At 1650 the same day the second platoon of "K" Company tripped an M-26 booby trap at 028398 while moving to their night time position, resulting in five personnel being wounded.

On 1 December at 1415 a squad combat patrol from 2nd Platoon of Company "I" in the vicinity of 984327 spotted 01 NVA/VC moving East to West about 500 meters away (978333). As the patrol approached, the enemy began to run. The patrol opened fire with small arms and M60 Machine Gun. Results were 01 enemy KIA.

On 2 December at 1700 a combat patrol from 2nd Platoon Company "I" observed two personnel at approx 75-100 meters, 963314, one male, one female. Engaged with small arms, 01 male KIA and 01 female detainee.

At 1215 on 3 December 1st Platoon of Company "M" moving to daytime position (999307) observed 03 NVA/VC moving in a northerly direction approximately 50 to 75 meters away. The NVA/VC were brought under fire resulting in 01 NVA/VC KIA. Others fled into treeline.

On 5 December at 1835 1st Platoon of Company "M" moving to night time position at 992381 observed 03 NVA/VC approximately 25 meters away standing on trail. Took them under small arms fire resulting in 02 NVA/VC searched area and found 05 females with packs who were classified as detainees.

At 1820 on 6 December 2nd Platoon of Company "M" while in night position tripped a M-26 booby trap resulting in 02 WIA. One emergency med-evac and 01 non-evac.

On 7 December at 1215 while moving into position for a sweep, 1st platoon of Company "M" spotted 01 NVA with pack, moving in a westerly direction at 011380 approximately 20 meters away. Engaged with small arms fire, resulting in 01 NVA KIA.

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On 8 December Company "I" was received as security element for FSB Ryder by Company "D", 1st Battalion, 7th Marines. Company "I" then proceeded to "the pass" in the vicinity of 9636 for the passage of the Battalion CP and Company "L" into newly assigned area of operations in the north-western portion of the 7th Marines Tactical Area of Responsibility on 9 December.

At 0715 on 9 December the 2nd platoon of Company "M" at 994365 setting in night positions took hostile fire from the vicinity of 993365 wounding 02 Marines, 01 priority med-evac and 01 non-evac.

On the same day at 1130 the rear element of the battalion commenced the move from FSB ROSS (024434) to Hill 63 (132453).

At 1600 on 9 December Command Group Alpha commenced their move with Company "L" from FSB ROSS to "the pass" in the vicinity of 9626.

On 10 December Company "I" followed in trace of Command Group Alpha and Company "L" into the northern slopes of Antenna Valley into the assigned area of operations.

On 10 December at 0730 a squad patrol from 1st platoon of Company "I" observed 15 NVA/VC moving west from 960363. Engaged with small arms fire resulting in 01 NVA/VC KIA and 01 NVA/VC WIA.

On the same day Company "K" and "M" were helilifted into new positions near Spider Lake in the vicinity of 9746.

At 1415 on 11 December a Scout-Sniper Team attached to Company "K" spotted 02 NVA/VC moving along a trail at 947438 to the north. Engaged with rifle fire, resulting in 01 NVA/VC KIA.

While moving from 928373 to 940365 on 12 December Company "L" found 03 NVA bodies while moving from 912383 to 925370 along road. NVA killed by artillery fire, approximately 01 to 02 weeks old.

On 12 December at 1300 a squad patrol from 1st Platoon, Company "I" engaged 03 NVA at 937396 with small arms fire, resulting in 03 NVA KIA and captured 02 AK-47s.

At 0635 on 13 December 1st Platoon, Company "L" while in night time ambush site (935376) engaged 03 NVA with small arms fire. Upon sweep of area found 01 NVA KIA.

While on a search and destroy mission on 13 December at 1045 a squad from 3rd platoon, Company "M" heard voices and set up a hasty defense. Threw 02 frag grenades into area. While checking area heard more movement and another grenade was thrown into area of movement. Checked out area and found 01 NVA KIA.

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At 1500 on 13 December while moving to CP for resupply 1st Platoon Company "L" spotted 01 NVA resting with pack and no weapon. Fired a warning shot and he surrendered. The detainee was forwarded to Battalion CP.

At 2115 on 13 December a squad from 3rd Platoon, Company "K" while in night ambush (959428) engaged 06-07 NVA/VC. Result was 04 NVA/VC KIA confirmed.

On 14 December inclement weather prevented helicopter resupply to the Battalion on schedule.

Again on 15 December inclement weather prevented helicopter resupply of the Battalion.

While on a search and destroy mission at 1100 on 14 December 2nd Platoon, Company "M" found a large rock and bunker complex at 967428. Search of area revealed numerous bicycle parts, old typewriter keyboard, 03 cooking pots and 01 set of scales.

At 1625 on 15 December Company "L" spotted 01 NVA with pack. Took under fire with small arms. Captured 01 pack. Later spotted 03 NVA, engaged with small arms resulting in 01 NVA KIA.

On 16 December at 0940 while on recon for new LZ, 1st Platoon, Company "L" spotted 04 NVA sitting in possible ambush. Engaged with small arms fire killing 03 NVA. The fourth fled and escaped. Captured 01 AK-47 w/folding stock.

During the same day a resupply to the Battalion was attempted by C-130 air drops. Inclement weather prevented resupply by helicopters. The air drops were off target and resulted in a negative resupply, with exception of Company "L".

At 1530 on 16 December 3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company "L" spotted 01 NVA (955397), engaged with small arms resulting in 01 NVA KIA.

On 17 December the Battalion CP with Company "I" and "L" commenced a Force March to a reprovisioning point which concluded on 19 December.

On the same day another air drop was attempted because of inclement weather again grounding helicopters. Air drops were successful at Company "K" and "M" positions.

At 1410 on 19 December 3rd Squad, 3rd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 02 NVA (970424). Engaged with small arms fire resulting in 01 NVA KIA and capture of 01 AK-50.

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On 20 December 1st Platoon, Company "I" was assigned and helilifted to FSD Bushwack to provide security for "G"(-) Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines.

At 0945 on December 21 one platoon of Company "M" while on a sweep spotted 03 NVA approx 100 meters away. Engaged the enemy with small arms fire and they returned fire. One Marine was hit and was med-evaced as an emergency case. A check of the area revealed blood trails which led to a hut/bunker complex. A search of the area was made and numerous pieces of 782 gear and documents were found. Documents forwarded to Battalion CP and other gear destroyed.

At 1100 on 22 December a combat patrol from Company "K" observed 03 NVA moving west at 963406 and engaged with small arms fire. Upon search of the area, found hut/bunker complex consisting of 10 huts with bunkers. A search of the area revealed various types of grenades, radio accessories and 782 gear which was destroyed.

On 22 December at 1020 2nd Platoon, Company "K" uncovered 01 grave containing NVA body at 963404. Death caused by small arms fire from previous day contact.

On 22 December at 1100 Company "M" found 01 cave. Search revealed 02 NVA bodies 1-3 weeks old. Cave had been used for medical purposes and printing propaganda leaflet material and stencils were found through-out the area.

On 22 December at 1215 a squad from 2nd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 01 NVA at 970421. Engaged with small arms fire resulting in 01 NVA KIA.

On 23 December at 0950, 1st Platoon, Company "K" spotted 04 NVA at 960400. Exchange with small arms fire resulting in 02 USMC WIA and 01 KCS KIA.

At 1300 on 23 December a squad combat patrol from Company "M" found enemy cave/bunker complex at 974426 consisting of ten caves and bunkers. The bunkers were reinforced with rocks and sandbags. Another cave was camouflaged with fresh foliage. 03 bunkers and cave were destroyed.

On 24 December at 1030 while Company "M" was securing a LZ at 974415 found a series of booby traps set in a half-moon configuration. Booby traps consisted of five 81mm rounds, one 82mm round and one 81mm illuminating round. All rounds were rigged with pressure type detonating device. All booby traps removed by Engineer personnel.

At 1030 on 24 December 1st Platoon, Company "K" spotted 01 NVA at 971406. Took under fire resulting in 01 NVA KIA and capture of 01 AK-47.

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At 1030 on 24 December 3rd Platoon, Company "K" spotted 01 NVA at 972405. Engaged with small arms fire resulting in 01 NVA KIA and capture of 01 AK-47.

On 24 December at 1050 while moving to day time positions, Company "M" found one downed OV-10/A. Judging from the rust on the plane it was estimated to have been in that position approximately three months. A search of the area revealed six 2.75 rockets, four M-60 MG which were fuzed into wing, no bodies found in area. Rockets and machine guns destroyed.

At 1130 on 24 December while on a daytime patrol Company "I" found 07 tunnels and bunkers. Search revealed ammunition scattered throughout area. Destroyed all ammunition and bunkers.

At 1200 on 24 December 3rd Platoon, Company "K" found 01 60mm mortar without sight and 05 60mm mortar rounds at 971406.

At 1600 on 24 December Company "L" while moving to new positions spotted 02 NVA approx 100 meters away in a hooch (974412). Engaged with small arms fire resulting in 02 NVA KIA and capture of 02 AK-47s. Entire hooch and bunker complex destroyed.

1800 December 24 to 1800 December 25 cease fire period

On 27 December at 1030 a platoon combat patrol from Company "L" observed 05 NVA at 98413 moving down a trail approx 75 meters away. Engaged with small arms fire resulting in 01 NVA KIA.

At 1030 on 28 December while moving to daytime positions 3rd Platoon, Company "M" found a 50 lb shape charge booby trap. The booby trap was wired to a C ration box. The box was shaped to catch the downdrift of a helicopter attempting to land. The downdrift would move the box and detonate the booby trap. The booby trap was also equipped with a board with a nail in it for pressure type detonation. Booby trap was blown in place, leaving a crater 6 feet in depth and 10 feet in diameter.

At 1615 on 27 December the 3rd Platoon, Company "M" on combat patrol at 979439 found 01 booby trap consisting of 01 shape charge with pressure detonator. Destroyed in place.

On 27 December at 1615 the 3rd Platoon, Company "K" while on patrol at 963416 observed 02 NVA building shelter. Engaged with small arms fire resulting in 02 NVA KIA and captured 02 AK-47.

At 1040 on 29 December point man for Company "M" spotted 01 NVA (986436) moving up a trail towards him approximately 15 meters away. They both opened up with small arms fire at the same time. Result was 01 USMC KIA, the enemy fled into the brush. A search of the area revealed 12 fighting holes 2'x4'x6'.

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On the same day the jump CP moved to new position 979409.

On 30 December at 1345 the 3rd Platoon, Company "M" spotted 01 NVA carrying pack and rifle. When NVA spotted the patrol he fled. Search of area resulted in 01 pack and AK-47.

At 0915 on 31 December at 976422 squad patrol 2nd Platoon, Company "M" found 01 M-26 booby trap with trip wire. Booby trap destroyed.

At 1435 on 31 December 3rd Platoon, Company "L" at 982408 while on daytime patrol found 01 500 lb bomb on side of trail. Bomb destroyed in place.

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PART III  
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Topics

a. Mission Assigned. Occupy and defend, from FSB ROSS, the Western AO of the 7th Marine Tactical Area of Responsibility by unilateral and combined operations with Government of Vietnam Forces while maintaining the capacity to provide rapid reaction forces. Subsequently search for and destroy enemy personnel and logistic positions throughout the Western portion of the Que Son Mountains to deny him a sanctuary and springboard for operations within the 7th Marines TAOR.

b. Administration. Administration support throughout the month of December was satisfactory.

c. Personnel. The Battalion category of readiness was C-2 for the month of December. Total end of the month strength was 40 Marine Officers, 1160 Marine Enlisted, 3 Navy Officers, and 53 Navy Enlisted. Total: 1260

## (1) Casualties Sustained: (1-31 December 1969)

U.S.	KIA	WIA	WIANE	NBC	KNBC
H&S	0	4	0	24	0
"I"	0	5	1	79	0
"K"	1	17	0	72	0
"L"	0	1	0	63	0
"M"	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	1	34	3	265	0

d. Intelligence

(1) Enemy Situation: (1-31 December 1969) During the first part of the month the enemy appears to have reacted to our presence in the ROSS AO by avoiding decisive contact but still tried to gather reprovisions. The enemy's number and size decreased. POW's stated that the enemy was starving in the mountains and told all personnel that it was hard to get food due to FVNLF operations. They were told by their superiors to go out and get food for themselves. It is also believed that the major NVA units moved out of the AO to possibly get resupplied and regrouped.

As the 3rd Battalion assumed the role of Mobile/Strike Battalion they also assumed the AO of the Que Son Mountain/Spider Lake area. The enemy during this time continued to move out of the AO or go underground and avoid contacts with FVNLF forces. The enemy was encountered in small groups of 2-6 personnel, except on the 13th of December when Kilo engaged 6-7

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enemy who ran to some rocks and then Kilo was engaged with 15-20 enemy. Results of this contact were 4 NVA KIA. There was one incident of Bn units receiving incoming mortars which took place on the 22nd of December when Company "M" received 07 rounds of 60mm Mortar and also encountered one unknown type explosion. In most base camps discovered, the enemy strength was only 1 or 2 personnel. It is believed that these personnel were either stragglers or left behind to take care of the camps. In the last week of the month there was a sharp increase in enemy movement throughout the AO. This moving back into the area could indicate that the enemy plans to reoccupy the base camps and areas that he has been denied access to. There has also been good indications that some of the enemy have already been resupplied in that some of the enemy killed were in good physical condition and were wearing new utilities and carried new 782 gear. The enemy is still avoiding contact with FVMAF forces.

There was an increase in booby-trap incidents towards the end of the month. Most of them being anti-personnel. There were 3 incidents of Landing Zones when occupied being heavily booby trapped.

- On 3 December Kilo Company observed 34 enemy moving northwest in the vicinity of BT032391.

- On 4 December Kilo Company observed 10 enemy moving northwest in the vicinity of BT023401

- On 4 December Kilo Company also observed 20 enemy moving southwest with packs and rifles in the vicinity of BT033413.

- On 5 December Kilo Company observed 22 enemy moving northwest in the vicinity of BT036410.

- On 10 December India Company observed 15 enemy moving east in the vicinity of AT960363. India Company engaged these personnel with small arms resulting in 01 NVA KIA and 01 NVA WIA.

- On 12 December India and Lima Company observed 11 NVA bodies which had been killed by artillery in the vicinity of AT920365.

- On 24 December Mike Company found 7 booby-traps set in a half moon formation on an LZ in the vicinity of AT974415. These booby-traps were rigged to go off when a helicopter entered the LZ. The booby-traps consisted of 5x81mm Mortar rounds, 1x82mm Mortar round, and 1x81mm illumination round.

- On 25 December Mike Company detonated 1 booby-trap in the vicinity of AT974415. Booby-trap was M-26 with trip wire.

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j. Civil Affairs

(1) Medevacs. During December 1969, the 3rd Battalion treated 103 Vietnamese civilians for minor illnesses.

(2) Distributed Commodities were:

- (a) 5000 lbs of food
- (b) 12 100 lb bags of cement

k. Psychological Operations

(1) Ordered 12 Psy Ops drops

- (a) 6 were cancelled
- (b) No information on other 6 drops

l. Communications

(1) Communications for the month of December were satisfactory in general. On 9 December a radio detachments went into the field with Command Group Alpha. Radio communications to the field were difficult due to the separation of the battalion and the communication sites in the field were massed. A retransmission site was established at PSB RYDER to relay traffic which relieved this difficulty.

(2) On 10 December the communication platoon displaced at LZ BALDY. Extensive work has been accomplished on the existing communications system.

(3) On 14 December a team from the Division Communications-Electronics Office conducted a school on the Nestor Communication System. Eighteen enlisted and five officers attended.

(4) On 16 December a team from the Division Communication-Electronic office held a Command Material Management Inspection on the communications platoon and found it satisfactory.

m. Medical

(1) General. The medical problems of 3/7 for the month of December have centered primarily around immersion foot. This was brought about by protracted periods of rain while units were constantly moving in the field. The incidence of malaria has decreased this month, but continues at a significant level.

(2) Evacuations. Med evacs from the field became a critical problem because of weather during the present operation. The inability to remove patients from the field in the earlier stages of their disease

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- On 28 December Mike Company found 1x50 lb shape charge booby trap in a LZ in the vicinity of AT979439. Booby trap was set to go off when a helicopter entered the LZ and it also had a pressure detonation device. Booby trap was destroyed in place resulting a crater 6'x10'x10'. Also on the 28th another Mike patrol found 2 more booby traps in the vicinity of AT980429. Both booby traps were M-26 grenades with trip wires.

(2) Enemy Weapons, Equipment and Supplies Destroyed

WEAPONS

11 AK-47's  
1 61mm Mortar without sites

EQUIPMENT

Numerous parts for bicycles, printing stencils and propaganda leaflets, numerous 782 gear and medical supplies.

SUPPLIES

1,100 pounds of rice  
5x60mm Mortar rounds

(3) Enemy Personnel Losses

- (a) VC/NVA KIA in TAOR - 61
- (b) VC/NVA KIA by 3/7 - 31
- (c) VC/NVA KIA by Arty - 30
- (d) VC/NVA KBA - 00
- (e) VC/NVA KIA by ARVN/CAP - 00
- (f) Detainees - 21
- (g) Chieu Hoi - 00
- (h) Refugees evacuated - 00

e. Weather

(i) General weather conditions in the 3rd Battalion's AO have not been favorable for military operations and logistic support. Rain and low ceilings made logistical support impossible for up to 5 days without a break in the weather. Rainfall for the month was above average and in the mountainous portions of the AO it rained for as long as 10 days without letting up. This made resupply even by foot impractical.

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(2) Statistics

- (a) Maximum temperature - 82°
- (b) Minimum temperature - 63°
- (c) Mean temperature - 72°
- (d) Average humidity - 67%
- (e) Rainfall - 30.7"

f. Terrain. The 3rd Battalion operated in a wide variety of terrain this month. In the beginning of the month the 3rd Battalion worked in flatlands and rice paddy areas. During the rest of the month it was mountainous terrain with slopes of 30% and more. Due to the weather the terrain was inaccessible to tracked and wheeled vehicles. The terrain was fair to poor for foot movement. The mountainous portion of the AO is not suited for any type movement except foot and that at times is restricted by dense growth.

g. Organization and Operations

(1) Command and Control. The 3rd Battalion was under the operational control of the 7th Marines Regiment from 1-31 December 1969.

(2) Significant Operations Conducted. Initially three companies were committed to operation within the AO while one provided infantry protection to FSB RYDER. On 9 December with two companies plus the jump CP moving overland and on 10 December with two companies being helilifted into the AO by helicopter, the Battalion commenced search and destroy operations within the Que Son Mountains while the Battalion "Rear" re-located from FSB ROSS to LZ BALLY.

(3) Artillery Support

(a) The 3rd Bn, 11th Marines remained in direct support of the 7th Marines.

(b) Battery "K", 4/13 located at FSB ROSS was in general support reinforcing the fires of Battery "G".

(c) Battery "G", 3/11 supported 3/7 from FSB ROSS and FSB BUSHWACK during December. Fire support was also received from Battery "H" 3/11 in the Southwest portion of 3/7's AO, and in a reinforcing role for Battery "G" fires.

(d) Reinforcing fires were provided by 1st 8" Howitzer SP located at FSB ROSS (B Platoon) and FSB BALLY (C Platoon).

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(c) During the month of December, artillery provided close and continuous fire support to the 3rd Bn, 7th Marines. The effectiveness of artillery was greatly enhanced by the acquisition of two integrated observation devices in the 3/7 T.AOR.

4) Air Support

(a) Number of fixed wing air strike missions flown: 31

(b) Number of AO and Recon missions: 15

(c) Helicopter missions flown were as follows:

1 Medical Evacuations: 127

2 USMC: 205

3 ARVN: 1

4 Civilians: 3

5 POW's and Detainees: 21

6 Logistics

a Cargo 155,000 pounds

b Troops 183

c Number of Flareship missions: 5/total hours 10 hrs 10

d Air drops via C-130: 10/total weight 18,000 pounds

h. Formal Training

(1) All personnel joining the Battalion received a five day extensive Orientation and Indoctrination course, which included instruction in care, maintenance, safe handling and familiarization firing of the M-16 rifle. They also fired the M-79 and M-60 for familiarization and received instruction in detecting the various types and methods of 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 40

(b) Division NCO 3

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- (c) Officer Leadership 1
- (d) Basic Ammo Tech Course 1
- (e) Staff NCO School 1

(3) In addition to formal schools attended, this battalion requested and received instructions from 1st platoon, Company "C", 1st Engineers on mines and booby-traps and lane familiarization on 17 December with a total of 25 Marines in attendance.

(4) Instruction was held by a Division representative on 14 December to five officers and eighteen enlisted men on the Nestor Communications System.

(5) On 21 December the Air Liaison Officer, Battalion Executive Officer and two enlisted men attended a briefing by the 14th Special Operations Group on the C119 Stinger at Regimental Headquarters.

i. Logistics, Equipment, Supply

(1) Logistics

(a) Engineer Assistance request have been forwarded from this unit requesting the construction of two bunkers 10x24x8. One will be used as the E&S Company Command Bunker for the control of this Battalion's assigned mission of perimeter defense. The other bunker will be used by the BAS as the emergency treatment room when under enemy attack.

(2) Equipment and Supply

(a) On 26 December a reefer contact team repaired the Messhall's 630 cubic foot reefer.

(b) Temporary loan of a PU-651 (60KW) generator from the LSU has provided the necessary electrical power to satisfactorily accommodate the cantonment at FSB ROSS (01-08Dec69) and LZ BALDY (09-31Dec69)

(c) Transportation problems encountered this month has been an excessive deadline rate for the 2½ ton 6x6 trucks provided this unit by "C" 1st Motors without a like replacement.

(d) The overall supply situation has improved during the month and is expected to continue improvement. NIS lists of items requested by companies in the field are being submitted direct to the Supply Officer in an attempt to make these items more readily available.

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results in an increase in the severity of disability and consequently the length of hospitalization. This is particularly true of immersion foot.

(3) Supply. Medical resupply to the field should be made much more efficient by the recent adoption by S-4 of the "order by number" system.

(4) MALARIA CASES - 43

(5) FUC - 29

(6) V. D. - 8

(7) Sanitation. Messhall sanitation has improved greatly in the month. The messhall was in a very poor state of sanitation when this Battalion arrived at LZ BALDY.

(8) B.S. There was a change in Battalion Surgeons this month. LT R. D. DWYER was wounded while returning from R&R. The new Battalion Surgeon is LT Don R. READ.

(9) The BAS moved into a brand new double hardback hooch on our arrival here. Construction of offices, lab, etc. by the corpsmen has resulted in a very efficient sick call and health records set-up. We currently have three hooches for medical supply, service records and berthing. Currently, our berthing area is not adequate to take care of the entire BAS staff plus corpsmen in orientation classes and transient corpsmen. This will be rectified by the addition of the adjacent hooch to the BAS complex which has been assigned to the BAS but is currently occupied by H&S Co. Hospital facilities. This is particularly true of the messhall.

#### n. Chaplain

(1) The Battalion Chaplain performed the following support for the Battalion during December.

(a) 7 Sunday Services were conducted. Attendance 227. Communion was served at three services with 76 celebrants.

(b) 3 weekday services were conducted. Attendance 103. Communion was served at two services with 60 celebrants.

(c) 1 Christmas Service on Christmas Day was conducted with 57 attending.

(d) A Memorial Service was held for Indiv Company. Attendance 112. 124 men were visited in the hospitals.

(e) The Battalion Chaplain performed the following support for the Battalion during December. Construction of offices, lab, etc. by the corpsmen has resulted in a very efficient sick call and health records set-up. We currently have three hooches for medical supply, service records and berthing. Currently, our berthing area is not adequate to take care of the entire BAS staff plus corpsmen in orientation classes and transient corpsmen. This will be rectified by the addition of the adjacent hooch to the BAS complex which has been assigned to the BAS but is currently occupied by H&S Co. Hospital facilities. This is particularly true of the messhall.

- (f) American Red Cross messages numbered 19.
- (g) Counseling interviews numbered 54.
- (h) 2 lectures were given to an indoctrination class of 34.
- (i) Civic action work was done by helping Vietnamese pastor at Christian Missionary Church near Ross get Christmas supplies from Danang to his Church.
- (j) Participated in Christmas Eve Services at Regiment. 13 of our people attended.
- (2) Services for Catholic personnel has been provided by Chaplains B. VISOCKY of 1/7 and P. PILARSKI of 3/11. Regimental Chaplain R. ELDER conducted services for Protestant personnel while Chaplain DIKE was in the field.

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DEC 69	010815H 2050	CIA found on road sweep 01 hand illum with 2lbs of C-4 rigged with pressure device. Blew in place with 1/4 lb of C-4.	
Nov 69	010900H 2049	I Co, 3/7, I3, 972323. I3 while moving to PPB spotted 03 NVA/VC wearing khaki uniforms w/packs and neg weapons moving N.W. 500 meters away. I3A took persons under fire with S/A's, enemy fled NW 500 meters away.	
DEC 69	010815H 2050	Mankee Road Sweep, 3/7, 035344. CIA found on road sweep 01 hand illum with 2 lbs of C-4 rigged with pressure device. Blew in place with 1/4 lb of C-4.	
Nov 69	011045H 2051	I Co, 3/7, I1, (1)964301, (2)967317. I1 spotted 08 to 10 personnel carrying six packs and two rifles. They were moving NW to SE and were approximately 1500 meters away. Observed point man wearing blue uniform. Called in 105 fire mission and observed neg results. Did not sweep area.	Y
Nov 69	011700H 2052	Yankee Road Sweep, 3/7, CIA, 078387. Point man of CIA while on road sweep found 01 box mine (approx 100lbs). The firing device was the pressure type in the right track of the road. CIA blew mine in place with 1/4 lb of C-4. The crater was 12' long, 12' wide and 7' deep.	**
Nov 69	011502H 2053	K Co, 3/7, K3, 053393. K3 while on activity took sniper fire from a treeline approx 75 to 100 meters to the W. Returned fire with small arms. Enemy was observed fleeing into treeline at grid 045397 approx 100 meters away. Called in 105 mission and will sweep area.	
Nov 69	011650H 2054	K Co, 3/7, K2, 028398. While getting rady to set in night time position tripped 01 M-26 booby trap wounding 05 personnel. Booby trap was rigged with wire in abbush. Medivaced personnel and searched out area finding 02 more booby traps rigged with an old C-ration can which were detonated. Pressure of C-Ration carton held down the spoon of the M-26. Booby trap appeared freshly set.	
Nov 69	011715H 2055	I Co, 3/7, I2C, while on a combat patrol Vic (984327), spotted 01 person moving E to W about 500 meters away. Vic (978333). Person had no pack or no rifle. As I2C approached, the enemy began to run. I2C opened fire with small arms and M-60, killing personnel I2C searched area but found no weapon or gun.	
Nov 69	011820H 2056	I Co, 3/7, I3A, 967314. I3A while moving to alley cat passed hootch and observed 01 male in black pajamas. Man was approx 18 yrs old. He did not have pack or weapon, but when challenged he ran. I3A gave chase and overtook him. He did not have ID or papers. Detainee will be sent to rear.	

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
011830H			
Dec 69	2057	I Co, 3/7, 975303, CH 47 flying in SW direction dropped external load which appeared to be 55 gallon drums. Drums contained C-S gas. Yuma Lawa II confirmed that it was C-S gas. Will investigate in morning and blow if is C-S gas. Investigation revealed exploded on impact no further problem.	

- \* MIKE Co coming in,
- \* Kilo Co moving out to I's AO (by truck along red line)

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021030H Dec 69	2059	Regime Kilo 6, Army Liaison at Que Son, 998298. PF's while in daytime activity spotted approx 40 - 50 NVA. They were dressed in gray uniforms and had weapons. Called in 105 and 155mm mission. Excellent artillery coverage but will not be able to sweep area due to concentration of CS in area.	
021100H Dec 69	2060	I Co, 3/7, I3, (1)968316, (2)950303. While set in D/T position spotted 06 NVA/VC moving up hill 200 meters away to SW. 03 had packs and were dressed in KAHKI's other 03 wore black PJ's. Personnel were carrying other unidentified gear. Could not tell if they had weapons. Called in 105 fire mission, will not sweep area due to distance.	
Follow-up to 020850H	2061	L Co, 3/7, (1)925326, (2)932316. Found gear, 02 packs, 01 NVA poncho, 09 bags of unknown white substance, 02 US canteens with tea, 01 hammock, 02 100 lb empty rice bags. Also 50 lbs of unpolished rice, 01 knife, 01 US poncho liner, and mess kit. Captured gear sent to Lima CP.	
021400H Dec 69	2062	ICo, 3/7, I2A, 995335. I2A while returning to PPB from LZ ROSS, set off 01 booby trap. Booby trap believed to be a grenade in C-rat can, along trail, with trip wire across trail. Type of grenade is unknown. I2A used same trail while going to LZ ROSS, the 4th man back tripped booby trap (man was radio-man) resulting in 02 Emergency, and 03 Priority. 05 USMC WIA.	
021500H Dec 69	2063	I Co, 3/7, I3A, 970326. I3A spotted 03 NVA/VC wearing black PJ's with pack, and rifle. They were approx 175 meters away but 03 personnel spotted I3A before I3A spotted them. They ran to the S. 3A engaged w/S/A and swept area with neg results.	
021630H Dec 69	2064	K Co, 3/7, (1)025408, (2)033391. Spotted a total of 08 NVA/VC approximately 2000 meters away, were moving in a SEly direction. They were carrying packs, wearing black PJ's and tan uniforms. Called in 105 fire mission with unknown results. Can not sweep area due to distance.	
021700H Dec 69	2065	I Co, 3/7, I2C, (1)999340, (2)963314. I2C while on D/T patrol spotted 02 personnel, 01 male, 01 female. Male was wearing blue shorts and shirt and had AK-47, both were moving S to N approx 75 - 100 meter away. Engaged with S/A killed male and captured female. Female will be brought to ICP the to rear.	
021820H Dec 69	2066	I Co, 3/7, I3, 954303. I3 while in N/T position observed lights (possibly flashlight) moving back and forth approx 1500 meters away/to the SW. Called in 105 fire mission, will not sweep area due to darkness.	
022150H Dec 69	2067	K Co, 3/7, K3, 027410. While set in nite time A/C K3 heard movement and popped hand illum, spotting 01 personnel to the south approx 75 meters away. 01 personnel fled into draw. Opened up with S/A fire and called for 105 illum. Swept area with neg results.	

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I Co, 3/7, I3B, 972324. I3B while set in N/T A/C observed 02 personnel walking in killing zone. Clubbed one over head and captured him, shot the other w/M-79 Beehive round. At this time cannot find 01 that they shot. Will continue to search area for weapon and gear and for other enemy. Detainee was wearing green shirt with brown pants 01 wallet.

\* No significant changes or events, Companies continued to work in assigned AO

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031215H Dec 69	2069	M Co, 3/7, M1, 999307. M1 while moving to daytime pos, the point element spotted 03 VC/NVA moving in northern direction about 50 to 75 meters from their pos. They were wearing black pajamas. 01 was carrying weapons and 01 was carrying pack. Point element opened up with small arms resulting in 01 KIA. Other two fled to west into treeline.	
031215H Dec 69	2070	K Co, 3/7, K3C, 024414. K3C while on day act spotted 07 NVA moving west of their pause. K3C opened up with M-16 and M-79 NVA returned fire with AK 47 and began moving east NVA were Dressed in black pajamas with packs and weapons. NVA were 50 meters away when spotted. K3 from their pause opened up with M-60 and M-16's. NVA ran to North. Returned fire and swept area.	
031450H Dec 69 Follow-up	2071	K Co, 3/7, K3, 024414. K3 while continuing sweep of area found 02 more packs which contained ponchos and a small amount of unpolished rice.	
031750H Dec 69	2072	K Co, 3/7, K1, 067380. K1 while sitting in daytime PFB spotted 15 suspected NVA/VC moving towards east towards red line. Some of the people wearing packs, could not tell due to haze & distance if carrying weapons. No action taken because of distance & proximity to friendly little people.	
032025H Dec 69	2073	L Co, 3/7, L, 953339. L while sitting in night position. Approx. 03 lights moving in N.W. direction. 60 M.M. fire mission. Lights out.	
031900H	2074	K Co, 3/7, K, 03293910. Spotted 34 NVA/VC approx. 2500 m. away moving in a westerly direction. Carrying heavy laden packs, and at least 04 personnel were carrying loads that required a pole and 02 men. Most were wearing black PG's, 05 light or white colored trousers & at least 08 were wearing kakai shirts. Called in 105 & 155 missions. Excellent coverage of target. However treeline & deep stream bed that enemy moved into precluded BDA. Continued planned fires during the night. Will sweep area at first light.	

No significant changes or events, Companies continued to work in assigned AO.

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0406915H Dec 69	2075	M Co, 3/7, 997344, M3. While on move to daytime pause spotted group of civilians working in rice paddy. Checked them out. Found 01 male 28-30 years old with no identification card. M3 personnel detained this personnel and will bring him to Bn. CP. ASAP	
041030H Dec 69	2076	K Co, 3/7, 032392. While on daytime sweep found approx. 100 lbs. polished rice in treeline in 2 bags and also in concrete containers. Rice was destroyed.	
041300H Dec 69	2077	E Co, 3/7, L1, 917315. While on daytime patrol, was taken under fire by approx. 05 VC/NVA w/small arms, 30 m. away. Returned fire, began assault on line, pursued enemy for 200 m. Swept area. Neg Res.	
041300H Dec 69 Follow-up	2078	L Co, 3/7, 917315(200 m. radius). Found 01 pac w/gear including sleeping gear, extra kakis and some bananas. All of the personnel had weapons and were wearing green kakis. Some had sandals.	
041400H Dec 69	2079	K2Co, 3/7, K2, 041400H(ENEMY). While at PPB spotted 10 VC/NVA moving in a NW direction. Persons were wearing black pajamas. Uniform some with white trou. 02 were observed carrying weapons, 04 with packs. No sweep conducted due to distance. Called 105 mission. Fuse VT and fire cracker.	
041700H Dec 69	2080	K Co, 3/7, K2, 025408. Found suspected booby trap along well-used trail. It was a M-26 inside a claymore bag with a claymore inside. Also had canteen cup on top of it. Booby trap was rigged to explode when canteen cup was lifted. Blown in place.	
041800H Dec 69	2081	K Co, 3/7, K2, 01743893(ENEMY), 025408. While in night time PPB spotted 06 NVA/VC moving southeast direction at a distance of 2100 m. Personnel were wearing black Pd & uniforms, no packs or wpns. were visible. Will not sweep area due to distance. Called in 105 fire mission. Fuse VT.	
041800H Dec 69	2082	K Co, 3/7, K1, 03393913. While in nite time PPB spotted 20 VNA/VC moving in southeast direction at distance 2500 m. Personnel were wearing black PJ's & uniforms. Some w/wpns & packs. Approx 10 carry packs & 10 Weren't. Will not sweep area due to distance. Called in 105, & 155 fire mission using fuse VT delay.	
041820H	2083	M Co, 3/7, M, 996365. While sitting in nite time pos 02 civilains male 8 yrs&14 yrs old. Walked up to M Pos yelling Chai Hoi. Holding at M pos until tomorrow & will try to get them out by chopper or bring them in Ok if advised by S3. Let them go cause Mike 6 thinks they are chow hounds in are of no value.	

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
042050H Dec 69	2084	1 CO. 13C While sitting in op, spotted 02 NVA/ VC trying to get through wire. Called in 60 mm HE and ILL 81he & ILL and 105 ILL. Opened up with small arms. Sweeping area, will sweep area again in morning. The wire appeared to be matted down. Called in 60 mm	
050945H Dec 69	2085	CZA 3/7, 0653645 (300 m. past cp #7. CZA found suspected 10 lb box mine in left trac of road. The detonator was a pressure type device. Blew w/c-4. crater was 2 ft deep by 4 ft in diameter.	
051045H Dec 69	2086	K co, 3/7, K1, 034386 (ENEMY), 048412. Spotted 04 NVA/Vc moving in rice paddies towards base of hill in a north-east direction at 2500 m. 02 w/packs. Called in 105 fire mission. Fuse VT w/good coverage will not sweep area due to distance.	
051100H Dec 69	2087	K Co, 3/7, K3, (1)026409 enemy, (2)028412. Spotted 04 NVA/ VC in green uniforms and packs at K2's old pos. Approx 400 m. away. Called in 105 fire mission. Enemy fled in all directions. Sweep area w/neg. res.	
051230H Dec 69	2088	K Co, 3/7, K2, (1)01473946, (2)032418. While in daytime PPB, K2 spotted 04 NVA/VC moving in a southeast direction at a distance of 2000 m. Personnel were wearing black PJ's & uniforms. 02 were wearing tan trousers. No packs or weapons were visible. Called in 105 F-M. will not sweep due to distance.	
051900H Dec 69	2089	K Co, 3/7, K1, 028388. While in N/T PPB spotted 22 VC/ NVA moving in a NW direction at a distance of 2000 m. Personnel were wearing black pj's and uniforms. Approx 10 were observed carrying packs. No weapons were observed. Called in 105 & 155 fire mission using fuse quick and VT.	
051835H	2090	M Co, 3/7, M1, 992381. While en route to N/T PPB spotted 03 VC/nva approx 25 meters stationary on trail. Personnel attempted to flee when discovered. M1 took under fire with small arms resulting in 01 enemy WIA. Further search uncovered another VC/NVA resulting in 01 enemy KIA. Continued search revealed 5 female with packs who were detained.	

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060730H Dec 69	202181	M Co, 3/7, ml, 992381. While sitting in night position, M1 spotted 01 NVA walking point and 04, to 06 NVA following at a distance of 30 to 40 m. The Point NVA was wearing green kakies and carrying pack. Fired a warning shot over the head of the NVA point. Ordered him to lie down. M1 personnel then apprehended him. Will return him to our rear with remainder of captives and detainees. Remainder of NVA fled to NE. Could not be fired on because of the proximity of the rest of Mike Company.	
060845H Dec 69	2092	YRSE, 3/7, 035345. While YRSE was destroying 11 81 ILL. rounds and 01 fragmentation grenade. They received 07 sniper rounds from the north resulting in 01 friendly WIA. YRSE set up 360° perimeter and called priority medevac. Fire was not returned and only a helicopter sweep of area was made. Will continue roadsweep. Rounds were stray PF rounds.	
060900H Dec 69	2093	YQ Found 01 101b. box mine 300 meters out side Gate. The mine was in the middle of the road. Mine was blown w/c-4 Hole was 2½ ft. wide, 3 ft. deep.	
06155H Dec 69	2094	M Co, 3/7, M1, 992381. While in DT position, M1 personnel spotted 01 NVA moving N to S down a trail wearing green kakis & wearing pack & NEG. WPNS. Poened up with small arms resulting in 01 NVA KIA swept area & found 02 more packs, pack contained clothing.	
061117H Dec 69	2095	YRSE, 3/7, 068370. While on roadsweep YRSE received 02 sniper rounds from position(near ville). Conducted sweep of area and discovered 02 PF in area sniper fire. Detained 01 PF, the other fled. District will investigate and send back to this unit.	
061220H Dec 69	2096	M Co, 3/7, K3, (1)028385, (2)023388. While sitting in DT pos., K3 spotted 06 VC/NVA 600 m. was wearing black pj's and green uniforms, moving to SE. These personnel carried packs & weapons. Called in 105 mm mission. Didn't sweep area due to operational commitments.	
061820H	2097	M Co, 3/7, M-2, 027387. While sitting in nite time pos. 01 personnel tripped booby tray. Trap was M-26 w/trip wire. Wounded 02 personnel. 01 emergency med. i nonevac Will med evac emergency case.	

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061800H Dec 69	2098	K Co, 3/7, K3, (1)033402, (2)033398. K3 while moving back to PPB engaged 02 NVA/VC wearing black pj's. 01 NVA/VC had pack, no weapons were visible, K3 engaged enemy with small arms, and M-79 from 300m. While sweeping area received sniper fire from 02 snipers who fled into a hooch approx. 400 m. to NE. Returned w/small arms. and auto-weapons fire. Called in 105 fire mission swept area with neg. res.	
060500H Dec 69	2099	3/7, 027343. M-79 H&I fire was directed on dump area at FSB Ross. At 0700 hours VN male, 6&8 years of age was discovered in dump and medevaced to RAS at 0745 hours. Late RPT due to late receipt of facts concerning incident by proper authority. RAS RPTS wounds superficial. Que Son District HQ infod and requested to attempt to locate family of child. Further requested to again stress req for civilians to remain outside PSB Ross wire.	
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0755H Dec 69	2100	036344(on red line)YRSE. 02 Vietnamese boys returned 02 illumination rounds. Blew in place with 1/4 lb. c-4	
070900H Dec 69	2101	YRSE, 3/7, 050352. 4th man found 01 M-79 HE round in left track of road. Round was not booby-trapped. Blew in place 1/4 lb. c-4. Positive results.	
071215H Dec 69	2102	M Co, 3/7, M1, 011380. While moving into position for sweep, M1 personnel spotted 01 NVA carrying pack. NVA was stationary on trail by old hootch about 20 meters away when spotted. When NVA spotted M1, NVA ran to N. Point opened up with S/A fire resulting in 01 enemy KIA. Further search of area ended with neg. res.	
071300H Dec 69	2103	M Co, 3/7, M3, 029318. While on S-7 sweep, M-3 personnel searched bunkers & huts found documents hid in C-rat box in bunker. Will send to Bn.	
071315H Dec 69	2104	K Co, 3/7, K2C, 022420, (2)032418. While on DT o.p. spotted 08 NVA/VC moving NW on ridge line distance 1000 could not observe wpns or packs. Called in 105 fire mission. Neg. sweep due to distance.	
071855H Dec 69	2105	M Co, 3/7, M1, 023387. While sitting in N/T PPD M1 personnel spotted 01 NVA/VC about 75 m. away moving east to west. He was wearing green utilities. Negative pack or weapons. Opened up with small arms resulting in 01 NVA/VC KIA.	
071730 Dec 69	2106	H&S 3/7, L.Z.ROSS. 01 NV. civilian was brought to main gate. Civilian was working in rice patty and accidentally hit dud M-79 round which was detonated. Called emergency medevac. Med. completed. Information passed to Regime Kilo.	

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080940H Dec 69	2106	M Co, 3/7, M-1, (1)001395, (2)013387. While moving to daytime pos. M-1 personnel spotted 35 NVA/VC wearing black pj's and carrying packs. They were approx. 600m. away and moving to the north. No weapons. Called in 155 and 105 fire mission. Will sweep area.	
2130H Dec 69	2107	Lethal Regime Kilo, 075385. One squad of 743 F Co. while in night ambush position ambushed estimated squad of VC. RF's reported 05 VC KIA. Defensive position maintained. RF defensive position maintained. YRSE discovered 03 dead VC at 081240H. At coord. 075383.	
081300H Dec 69	2108	K Co, 028418, (2) 031015, while on daytime position spotted 02 NVA/VC 200 meters away. Enemy personnel were policing up recently occupied marine PPB. No packs or weapons were visible. Engaged enemy with 60 mm, swept area with negative results.	
081730H Dec 69	2109	L Co, 3/7, L3, 993337. While moving to night time position spotted 06 NVA running from ville into bunker bunker wearing kakai uniforms 03 with boots, 03 barefoot. Were 45 meters away. Opened fire with small arms enemy fled to the west, brought up security squad checked out area and burker.	
081940H Dec 69	2110	L Co, 3/7, L3, 993337. 01AK47, 01 detainee and documents. Detainees will be sent to P. C.	

"I" moved into area of "the pass" for security when "L" Co. and "Bn CP" move through;

"L" set in <sup>place</sup> of LZ Ross awaiting arrival of "Bn CP". Then will move out with CP providing security:

"M" helo-lifted to LZ near Spider Lake;

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION. TAKEN
090715H Dec 69	2111	M Co, 3/7, M2, (1)994365, (2)993365. While sitting in night pos, M-2 personnel took hostile fire to their west. Wounding 02 personnel, 01 priority, 01 non-evac. Called in 155 Ill, check out area with Neg. Res.	

~~No sign~~

- \* Bn CP moved out to join with "L" Co for move towards pass
- \* Bn Rear commenced move to LZ BALDY
- \* "I" Company set in area of "The Pass" for security for "L" and Bn CP
- \* "M" and "K" preparing for hili-lift to LZ in mountains near Spider Lake

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUX XUYEN  
 DTG FROM: 100001H Dec 69  
 DTG TO: 102400H Dec 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
100730H Dec 69	2112	ILB, 3/7, 960363. ILB spotted 15 personnel to the east wearing tan uniforms, jungle hats, shorts, some had packs and weapons. Took under fire with small arms killing 01. The others fled to the west. ILB now checking area and will send follow-up on any other gear.	
FOLLOW-UP Dec 69	2113	ILB, 3/7, 960363. In reference to ILB, 01 WIA NVA. 01 WIA is on LZ with chest wound. Gear found: assorted documents, 01 pack, 01 helmet, assorted clothes (utility type), 01 bush hat, 01 helmet, assorted medical gear, 01 cartridge belt, small amount of rice, 02 canteens, 01 transistor radio.	

\* "M" and "K" helilifted to LZ in mountains near Spider Lake.

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUX XUYEN  
 DTG FROM: 110001H Dec 69  
 DTG TO: 112400H Dec 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
110930H Dec 69	2114	L1A, 3/7, 930369. While sweeping area L1A found 01 dud 500lb. bomb in open. Engineers will blow in place.	
110900H Dec 69	2115	Bn. CP., 3/7, 930369. Spotted 01 NVA/VC with pack moving N to S approx 600 m. away. Took under fire with small arms. Sent one S/5 from "L" to search out area w/neg res.	
111145H Dec 69	2116	Bn CP, 3/7, (1)933365, (2)934374. Spotted 02 NVA/VC IN the open, neg packs or wpns. Called in gunships, took under fire with miniguns and rockets. NVA/VC ran into treeline, will sweep area.	
111415H Dec 69	2117	K Co, 3/7, K2, 947438. K2 while moving along trail to the south w SS spotted 02 NVA moving along trail to the north. K2 was moving south. NVA were approx 10 meters away. Opened-up killing 01 NVA.	

No significant changes or events, Companies continue to work same AO.

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUX XUYEN  
 DTG FROM: 120001 Dec 69  
 DTG TO: 122400 Dec 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
120930H Dec 69	2118	L1B, 3/7, 935379. While on D/T patrol spotted 01 NVA/VC headed toes/w/approx 100 meters away from them. NVA/VC was wearing gray utilities and was carrying something in a tin. L1B couldn't see what he was carrying. L1B fired with M-79 with neg res. NVA/VC ran in direction of L3A and Bn CP.	
121100H Dec 69	2119	L Co, (1)928373, (2)940365. While moving to Bn. obj. spotted 03 dead NVA. Black PJ's. Side of trail. Frag.	
121120H Dec 69	2120	MC6, 3/7, (1)912383, (2)925370. While enroute to Bn. obj. #2, spotted 08 dead NVA/VC along the red line and in paddies next to the red line. Personnel wearing black PJ's and assorted NVA clothes. Had been dead 1-2 weeks. there were 05 packs used for carrying rice and fuel oil. Packs were made of 5 gallon metal containers tied to make shift packboards. Personnel killed by small fragmentation.	
121300H Dec 69	2121	I Co, 3/7, I2C, 927396. While on recon patrol I2C spotted 01 person in black PJ's with pack. Had back turned, point opened up & began firing NE along trail. Swept area resulting in 02 badly wounded NVA/VC with packs and 02 AK-47's plus helmets.	
121300H Dec 69	2122	I Co, 3/7, I2C, 927396. Recon patrol of area produced 01 KIA and the two badly wounded one's. These two died resulting in 03 KIA. Gear found: 05 cartridge belts, 11 packs, 05 helmets, 08 chicoms. Packs contained mess gear, tooth paste, shaving gear, pop-ups, clothing. 10 sets green utilities, 10 sets black pj's.	
121300H Dec 69	2123	I Co, 3/7, 911385. While moving to day time obj., "T" found 300lbs. unpolished rice. Rice will be taken with "I" and sent to rear on resupply.	
120900H-121600H Dec 69	2124	M Co, 3/7, 9542-9642, M3. While on search and destroy mission found, at the following grid, 962427 01 dwelling and searched area with neg res. At 959429 M3 found another dwelling and 01 USMC "E" tool at 959425 plus several living areas among rocks, one cave and bunker complex large enough to hold 20-25 people. Light enemy movement 3-4 weeks ago.	

No significant changes or events, Companies continue to work in same AO.

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN  
 DTG FROM: 130001 Dec 69  
 DTG TO: 132400 Dec 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
130635H Dec 69	2125	L Co, 3/7, 1L, 935376. While in n/t ambush, spotted 03 NVA/VC. Took under fire with small arms-initial sweep resulted in 03 packs. Will send follow-up.	
FOLLOW-UP Dec 69	2126	L Co, 3/7, 1LA, 935376(100 m. radius). 03 packs contained bananas, rice, documents. Found 01 NVA KIA wearing black pj's and sandals. Diamond shaped emblem, coloring was red and black, was in pocket of KIA.	
130730H Dec 69	2127	I Co, 3/7, 1L, (1)912397, (2)908406, observed smoke of suspected enemy base camp 1000 m. to N.W. Called 105 fire mission, neg res, will not sweep area due to distance.	
131045H Dec 69	2128	M Co, 3/7, M2B, 967427. While on search and destroy d/t patrol, M2 persons heard voices and canteens clinking. Set up hasty a/c, threw 02 frags and checked area. Found sandal tracks and heard more movement. Threw 01 more frag resulting in 01 NVA KIA. Had 02 canteens and wore green utilities.	
131500H Dec 69	2129	L Co, 3/7, 1L, 928375. While moving to CP for resupply spotted 01 NVA/VC resting. Fired a warning shot; he surrendered, had no weapon but had pack. Wore brown utility shirt and green ut. shorts. Approx 35 yrs old. Took him as detainee. Will return to rear at first chance.	
131600H Dec 69	2130	M Co, 3/7, M2A, 967427. While on search & destroy mission M2A personnel checked out rock complex. found 03 bicycle generators, 01 pair black pj's, 01 Illum. round, 01 illum. canister. M2A personnel were only able to check part of large complex, will return in near future to check area. Destroyed what gear was found.	
132115H Dec 69	2131	K Co, 3/7, K1B&K3A, (1)959428, (2)955428. While in night a/c K1B heard movement and sprang a/c approx 15-20 min. later. K1B also sprang a/c. Called in 105 Illum. mission-will send follow-up.	

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUX XUYEN  
DTG FROM: 130001 Dec 69  
DTG TO: 132400 Dec 69

JOURNAL

<u>DTG</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
FOLLOW-UP Dec 69	2132	K Co, 3/7, K1B&K3A, 959428-955428. K3A while set in n/t a/c engaged 06-07 enemy in kill zone, 02 were observed following. The remainder moved into some rocks 100 m. to the SE. Approx 15 m. to the SE. Approx 15 min. later K1B engaged 02 enemy in their kill zone. These fled toward K3A pos. K3A called for illum. and pinned down an estimated 15-20 enemy who were forced to take cover in rocks. K1B and K3A will coordinate to move into enemy at first light. Also a unit from Mike will be act or blocking force. Next morning sweep results were neg. 04 bodies observed in kill zone night before& had been dragged away.	

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN  
 DTG FROM: 140001 Dec 69  
 DTG TO : 142400 Dec 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
141200H Dec 69	2133	L Co, 3/7, L3A, 927383. While in route to new pos. spotted 05 NVA/VC. 04 personnel were wearing black pj's, 01 was wearing a green shirt and black shorts. Scout Sniper fired 01 round, they fled NW	
141100H Dec 69	2134	M Co, 3/7, M2B, 967428. M2B while on search and destroy mission made search of rock and bunker complex found following items, these items were well hidden: 01 fish trap, 02 bycycle seats, 07 bycycle peddles, 01 bycycle generator, 04 bycycle bells, 01 bycycle generator, 04 bycycle sprockets, 02 bycycle chains, 01 bycycle, typewriter key board, old and rusty, 01 trip flare, 01 open end wrench, 01 canteen(US type), 01 USMC cover, 01 pair black pj's, 03 cooking pots, 01 set of scales.	

No significant changes or events, Companies still working same A.O.

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC, DUC, DUY XUYEN  
 DTG FROM: 150001 Dec 69  
 DTG TO: 152400 Dec 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
151300H Dec 69	2135	M Co, 3/7, M2A, 968420. While on search and destroy mission, found following items in cave complex: 01 NVA pack, 03 pair black pj's, 01 e-tool (VC type), 01 sickle, 01 hair clippers, 01 canteen, 55AK rounds.	
151445H Dec 69	2136	L Co, 3/7, L1, 935378. While in route to d/t pos, spotted 02 "trail markers" and slowed down to observe markers. The point man observed 01 NVA with pack walking toward him, point opened up and NVA fled, dropping His pack. He was thought to be wounded. L1 searched area for NVA with neg res. Continuing to sweep area with slow progress.	
151625 Dec 69	2137	L Co, 3/7, L1, 937378. While in route to d/t pos. spotted 03 NVA/VC and opened fire killing 01. He was wearing green utilities and bush cover and had pack. The other 02 fled to SW along a blue line.	
No significant changes or events, Companies continue to word same A.O.			

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY YUYEN  
 DTG FROM: 160001 Dec 69  
 DTG TO: 16 2400 Dec 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
160940 Dec 69	2138	LGB, 3/7, L1B, 946379. While reconing area for possible LZ L1B spotted 04 NVA/VC with packs sitting in a possible ambush. L1B opened up killing 03 and capturing 01 AK-47 with metal stock, the 4th fled. L1 act and size 5 went as reaction. Spotted 02 NVA/VC but were too far away to shoot at. IB will further sweep area.	
160940 Dec 69	2139	L Co, 3/7, L1B, 946379. Found 02 banana clips, 01 ID booklet (seems to be pay record), personal record and picture of person. It was taken off of 01 new unused med. pouch, 02 NVA canteens, 01 K-bar (NVA type), 01 pair of shorts, gray with red stripes, seemed to be healthy, clean shaven, high-tight hair cut.	
161600H Dec 69	2140	I Co, 3/7, I1B, 910395. I1B while on recon patrol spotted 01 NVA/VC moving to the west about 200 m. away. He was wearing brown kakai with pack, no weapon was observed. Took under fire and will check area.	
161530H Dec 69	2141	L Co, 3/7, L1C, 955397. While on recon L1C spotted 01 NVA with pack wearing NVA uniform heading in a s/w direction along trail. L1C opened up with s/a fire killing 01 NVA. Sleeping gear, US cart. belt.	
161410H Dec 69		M Co, 3/7, M3C while on d/t patrol spotted 02 NVA wearing green utilities. 01 was wearing a pack and had a rifle and was moving east to west down a hill approx 50 meters away. Opened up with s/a and checked area and found 01 NVA KIA. Had 01 pack and 01 rifle. Clothing in good shape, he was healthy, other NVA fled to the west. Pack contained mess kit.	
161400H Dec 69		YANKEE PERIMETER DEFENSE, 3/7, 132443. While checking perimeter wire apprehended 02 VN civilian females, approx. 20 yrs old. When accosted they dropped their handbags in a puddle of water. Handbags were retrieved and found to contain approx. 200 barbituate tablets, and several pictures of marines and letters from marine personnel, 01 camera with exposed roll of film. While returning with the 02 detainees accosted 03 more VN females. One broke and ran, fired warning shot but continued to run. Apprehended other females, blindfolded detainees and turned over to 9th ITT with captured gear.	

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DTG FROM: 150001 Dec 69  
DTG TO: 162400 Dec 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
162130H Dec 69		YANKEE PERIMETER DEFENSE, 3/7, Baldy, Helicopter Pol 81mm Ill. round floated down on Pol, setting fuel tank on fire. Estimated loss of fuel, approx 100,000 galls. Fire under control at 2330. Trucks & bulldozers & scrappers, 2 huskies, 2 dump trucks, 2 bulldozers, 1-M-16 fire truck.	

\* No significant changes or events, companies continued operations in  
assigned AO

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PLACE: QUE SON, DEC DUC, DUY XUYEN  
DTG FROM: 170001H Dec 69  
DTG TO: 172400H Dec 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
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NEGATIVE REPORTS ON THE 17th

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PLACE: QUE SON, DIC DUC, DUY XUYEN  
DTG FROM: 180001H Dec 69  
DTG TO: 182400H Dec 69

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
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~~NEGATIVE~~ REPORTS FOR THE 18th

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN  
 DTG FROM: 190001H ~~Nov 8~~  
 DTG TO: 192400H ~~Nov 8~~  
 DEC 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
191410H Dec 69	2142	M Co, 3/7, M3, 970424. M3C while on d/t patrol spotted 02 NVA wearing green utilities, 01 had a pack and rifle. They were moving E to W down a hill approx 50 m. away. Opened up with s/m and checked area and found 01 NVA KIA. Had 01 pack and 01 rifle. Clothing in good shape, was healthy, other NVA fled to West.	
192150H Dec 69	2143	Yankee Perimeter Defense, 3/7, 128446 (300 m. outside hole 27). Hole 27 with Starlight Scope observed 06 NVA/VC w/wpns, approx 300 m. outside hole 27. When illum. popped 05 ran into treeline while 01 froze in place. Fired 15 M-79 rounds. good coverage. At 2247H reaction force departed through defensive wire to search area, with aid of continuous 81mm illum. Neg res. Will sweep at first light. FOLLOW-UP: swept at first light w/reg res.	
No significant changes or events except 11 was helolifted to LZ bushwhack.			

*NEG RPT for 20th.*

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN  
 DTG FROM: 210000H  
 DTG TO: 212400H

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
210945H Dec 69	2144	K Co, 3/7, 960405. While on Plt. movement found 01 booby trap (M-26 w/trip wire across trail). Will destroy in place. Observed 03 enemy to E approx. 100 m. away. Blew booby trap. Engaged w/sa's then received return fire from w-nw then enemy fled. Was 01 USMC WIA (E) medevac completed. Will send follow-up.	
210945H Dec 69	2145	K Co, 3/7, 960405. Swept area and found blood trail plus hut/bunker complex. Found 02 canteens(INVA/LUS) (29) 7.62 rounds, 01 US cartridge belt, 01 hammock, 01 NVA pack, 02 chi coms, 02 trip flares, 05 NVA uniforms and ration roster for 22 men. Forwarded important gear, destroyed rest.	
211030H Dec 69	2146	K Co, 3/7, 965428. Observed 02 enemy dressed in green utilities standing behind boulder 75 m. to ne. 01 w/wpn. Engaged with s/a's neg. res. Follow up: found blood trail and followed far as possible with neg res.	
211530H Dec 69	2147	M Co, 3/7, 970428. Tripped 01 booby-trap(pressure detonated type) set on trail. Results were 02 USMC WIA (E). Swept area, neg. res.	
No significant changes or events, Companies remain in same AO's.			

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN  
 DTG FROM: 220001H Dec 69  
 DTG TO: 222400H Dec 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
221020H Dec 69	2148	K Co, 3/7, 963404. Plt combat patrol found 01 NVA body in shallow grave. Death caused by s/a's from possible contact with K2 (see spot report 210945) dressed in brown uniform.	
221100H Dec 69	2149	K Co, 3/7, 963406. Plt combat patrol observed 03-04 enemy moving west dressed in green utilities, neg wpns. Engaged with s/a's, found 01 hut/bunker c complex consisting of 10 huts w/bunkers. Searched area found gear: 02 chi coms, 01 chi com radio headset, 01 radio jack, 01 NVA helmet. 02 bottles of aspirin, 02 AK-47 magazines, 02 US E-tools. 01 binocular case, 01 NVA pack, 50 recently opened c-rat cans. All important gear sent to rear. Destroyed rest.	
221110H Dec 69	2150	M Co, 3/7, 937429. Squad patrol found 01 cave. Search revealed 02 NVA bodies 1-3 weeks old. Cave also used for medical purposed & printing propaganda leaflets material & stencils were found through-out the area for warded to CP.	
221215H Dec 69	2151	M Co, 3/7, M2B, 970421. While on d/t patrol spotted 01 NVA approx 50 m. away, was wearing green utilities. The NVA was challenged and started to run. Opened up with s/a's fire resulting in 01 NVA KIA. Picked up 02 belts, 01 spoon, 01 comb, 10 lbs. of rice.	
221230H Dec 69	2152	K Co, 3/7, K2, 963404. K2 while on d/t patrol found enemy op/lp, uncovered newly dug shallow grave. Grave had 01 NVA/VC body. Death was apparently caused by M-60 rd. Body was clad in tan shirt & trousers. Body was apparently dragged from 21 Dec. Contacy. See spot rep 210945H, Concerning K1. Examined body, searched area & continued patrol.	
221730H Dec 69	2153	M Co, 3/7, M CP, 963426. While accepting RS took 03 to 04 60mm rounds from south east. Called counter m mortar fire also 105 from bush wack and Ruder also 155 mission.	
221815H Dec 69	2154	I Co, 3/7, 955415. Squad patrol while moving to n/t position, 01 man tripped m-26 booby-trap w/trip wire. Resulted in 03 WIA USMC(R) 02 non-evac, one evaced on resupply bird.	

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN  
 DTG FROM: 220001H Dec 69  
 DTG TO: 222400H Dec 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
221915H Dec 69	2155	M Co, area (near mess-hall). Approx 1915H L/CPL Huchins, standing near Chapel when explosion occurred 15 ft. from him toward defensive perimeter, sought cover then observed left hand bleeding from shrapnel. Approx. 1925H LT. Jhane, Defense coord arrived, swept area, observed 01 man in hooch w/rifle, <del>heard a</del> shot ordered to drop rifle and leave hooch, refused screaming would not come out. LT. Brent H&S Co. XO talked man out of hooch, person suspect of fragging & shoot: Pvt. R.B. Petty. WIA will be evaced in a.m. for X-Ray's. Petty under sedatin and physical nestraint. Will be locked up until transportation available to NSA phsycatrist.	
221110H	21	M Co, 3/7, M1B, 957429. While continuing to check out area M1B found 01 dead about 1 wk. to 10 days old in the rear of hospital. Cause of death was unknown. Will continue to check area and send follow-up.	
No significant changes or events, Companies continue to work same AO's.			

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN  
 DTG FROM: 230001 Dec 69  
 DTG TO: 232400 Dec 69

DTG	SERIAL NO.	JOURNAL INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
230600H Dec 69	2156	M Co, 3/7, 963426. While in defensive pos. received 01 incoming round of unknown size, found piece of shrapnel 6"by2" by3/4" from the round.	
230830 Dec 69	2157	I Co, 3/7, 953414. Squad combat patrol found 04-60mm rounds, 01 AK loaded magazine, 01 elevating bar for 60mm, 01 dog muzzle, 04 sandbags of 7.62. Gear destroyed. Elevating bar forwarded to Bn. CP.	
230950 Dec 69	2158	K Co, 3/7, 960400. Plt combat patrol observed 04 enemy moving s-e at approx 25 to 100 m. Were dressed in green utilities w/packs and wons. Engaged with s/a's fire and received fire from NVA. Results were 01 USMC KIA, 01 USMC MIA, 01 KCS KIA.	
2313030H Dec 69	2159	M Co, 3/7, 974426. Sqd combat patrol found enemy cave bunker complex consisting of a dwelling & bunker complex. Was reinforced with rocks and sandbags. 01 cave camouflaged with fresh foliage. Contained 03 bunkers. Destroyed as much as possible.	
232130H Dec 69	2160	L Co, 3/7, L2, 964406-250 to 300 m. 960408. While on n/pos. heard noises in known base camp area. Called in 60mm mission. Lima will sweep in a.m.	
No significant changes or events, Companies continue to work same A.O's.			

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN  
 DTG FROM: 240001 Dec 69  
 DTG TO: 242400 Dec 69

JOURNAL

DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
241600H Dec 69	2167	L Co, 3/7, L2, 974412. While moving to new pos., spotted 02 NVA approx 100 m. away in hooch. L2 opened up & personnel fled into bunker. L2 snagged <del>bunker</del> , resulting in 01 NVA KIA, L2 spotted another NVA headed to the SE, L2 opened up, resulting in 01 NVA KIA. L2 swept area & found 02 NVA KIA & 02 AK-47. Will burn entire complex.	
241725H	2168	L Co, 3/7; L2, 978412. L2 point man, (while moving to d/t pos) spotted 04 NVA. They were wearing dark uniforms, had neg w/r, they were moving to the ne to sw at approx 125 m. away. L2 point man opened up with s/a with neg res.	
No significant changes or events, Companies continue to work same AO's.			

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN  
 DTG FROM: 240001 Dec 69  
 DTG TO: 242400 Dec 69

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
241030H Dec 69	2161	M Co, 3/7, 974415. While securing LZ found booby traps set in half-moon formation. Booby traps consisted of 05 81mm rds, 01 82mm rd, and 01 81mm illum rd. All were rigged with pressure type devices. All traps removed by engineers, and LZ thoroughly checked, is now clear.	
241030H Dec 69	2162	K Co, 3/7, (1)972405, (2)971406. Observed 01 NVA dressed in green utes, w/wpn. Was approx. 50 m. away Engaged with s/a's resulting in 01 NVA KIA and 01 AK-47 captured. At this time observed 07 NVA 100m. to sw set in ambush. Engaged with s/a's and organic wpns. Enemy returned fire, then broke contact and fled to sw. Unable to pursue due to poor visibility. (50 m.)	
241130H Dec 69	2163	I Co, 3/7, 13B, 952413. While on d/t patrol spotted 07 tunnels & bunkers- Search revealed 25 AK-47 rds. Scattered over ground, 02 20mm casings, 01 B1 whit (MCI) & misc. gear. All ammo destroyed.	
241200H Dec 69	2164	K Co, 3/7, 971406. While sweeping area of contact uncovered what appeared to be recently occupied base camp. Search of bunker revealed 01 60mm mortar tube with base plate. Plus bipods and 05 60mm rds. Continued sweep of area. Will forward gear to rear.	
241415H Dec 69	2165	M Co, 3/7, 976420. While moving to d/t pause spotted 02 NVA moving NE, 40m. away. They were wearing green uniforms. Spotted M3 and ran to the south. 01 had pack & poncho. Took under fire s/a's. Made search of Kill Zone w/neg res.	
241050H Dec 69	2166	M Co, 3/7, M3, 973426. While on , moveto d/t pos. M3 personnel found 01 downed OV-10/AZ appeared to have been stripped judging from rust 3 months old. Discovered post container, 06 2.75 rockets, 04 m60 MG which were fused into wing neg instrument and neg bodies were found. Destroyed rockets, M-60's mad through sweep of area with neg res. M3 personnel are continuing sweep to objective.	

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN  
DTG FROM: 250001 Dec 69  
DTG TO: 252400 Dec 69

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERSS</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
251600H	2169	M Co, 3/7, 974416. Detonated 01 booby trap (M-26). USMC was gathering wood. Results were 01 WIA. Medevac complete.	
No significant changes or events, companies continue to work same AO's.			

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PLACE: QUE SON, DUC DUC, DUY XUYEN  
 DTG FROM: 260001H Dec 69  
 DTG TO: 262400H Dec 69

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
261035H	2170	M Co, 3/7, 969421. While moving down trail M1 found 6 booby traps. B/traps were chicoms tied to trees about 3' off ground w/vines on trails as trip wires. M1 blew in place and passed info to other letters.	
Dec 69			
261135H	2171	M Co, 3/7, M1, 969423. While continuing to move down trail M1 found 1 booby trap, home made chicom tied to tree. W/vine for trip wire, chicom made out of beer can, 20' from last b/trap, 3' off ground. Blew in place & continuing down trail.	
Dec 69			
261340H	2172	M Co, 3/7, 968428. On patrol found sign in middle of trail made of cardboard w/words "MIN", skull & cross bones, then words "NGUY HIEM", then No. "19". Will forward sign to Bn CP.	
Dec 69			
261400H	2173	K Co, 3/7, 974404. While on patrol 1 USMC fell, breaking leg. While being assisted, handed his M-16 to 1 USMC personnel. Rifle accidentally discharged, wounding 2nd Marine in wrist and forearm.	
Dec 69			
261415H	2174	M Co, 3/7, 967423. Plt cmbt patroll. Fd bunker/tunnel complex, tunnel 4' in diameter, 40 ft long, room at end was 5'X5'. There were numerous fighting holes and tunnels, uncovered 2 shallow graves which contained 2 NVA in green utilities. Dead approx 3 weeks. Cause unknown. Destroyed complex.	
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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
271030H	2175	L Co, 3/7, 98413. Plt Cmbt, observed 5 NVA moving down trail at 75m., dressed in green utilities w/NVA helmet. Neg packs/ weapons. Engaged w/sa's. Res: 1 NVA KIA (20 yrs). Home-made pack, pack contained 2 plastic bags of news pictures, 2 NVA ponchos, med supplies, 1 60mm rd, all gear destroyed. 2 bags of news pictures will be forwarded to Bn CP.	
Dec 69		No significant changes or events, Companies continue to work same AO's.	

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D	SERIAL	JOURNAL	ACTION
DTG	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	TAKEN
280900H	2176	M Co, 3/7, M2, 980429. While moving to d/t/pos, 1 M2 personnel tripped 1 b/trap. B/trap was M-26 w/trip wire resulting in 3 WIA. 1 pri evac, 1 routine, 1 non evac. Also 1 more b/trap. B/trap was M-26 w/trip wire. Will carry 2 evac to pos and medevac from there. Will blow 2nd b/trap in place.	
Dec 69			
280900H	2177	M Co, 3/7, M2, 980430. While blowing b/trap 1 man was wounded in r/thigh & scrotum. B/trap was blown on one side of hill & 1 man in deflade approx 100m away. 1 routine madevac.	
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281030H	2178	M Co, 3/7, M3, 204311. While moving into d/t/pause M3 fd 1 b/trap in LZ. B/trap was 50 lb shape charge. It had wire from charge to a cardboard MCI container. Container was bent to catch the wind so when a bird attempted to land it would go off. Was also equipped w/board w/nail in it for pressure type detonation. Blew in place, leaving crater 6'X10'X10'. Entire LZ was probed w/bayonets w/neg results.	
Dec 69			
281345H	2179	K Co, 3/7, K2, 961416. Recon patrol spotted enemy house, bunker w/hacted roof, 75m a way, house appeared not to be inhabited in several months. Reconed by fire w/M-79, destroying house, sweep of area w/neg results.	
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291040H	2180	M Co, 3/7, M1, 986346. M1's point man while moving down trail spotted 1 NVA moving up the trail towards them. He was carrying a rifle. Both fired at same time, results were 1 USMC (R) evac. The enemy fled to the East.	
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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
301345H	2181	M Co, 3/7, M2, 982432. Whilt in d/t/pos 1 M2 personnel found a b/trap. B/trap was an M-26 w/trip wire. Blew in place.	
Dec 69		Checked area w/neg results..	
No significant changes or events.			

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DTG	SERIAL NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN
310915H Dec 69	2083	M Co, 3/7, M2A, 988408. While on d/t/patrol found 1 dead NVA. He was 20 yrs old and wearing black PJ's. He appeared to have been killed by M-16 fire.	
310930H Dec 69	2084	M Co, 3/7, M2B, 976422. While moving to d/t/pos M2B point man spotted 1 NVA carrying pack and rifle. When NVA spotted M, he dropped pack and rifle. Swept area & found 1 rifle and 1 pack.	
311100H Dec 69	2085	M Co, 3/7, M2B, 978427. While on move to d/t/pos M2B was taken under fire by 5 NVA wearing green utilities. Res: 1 USMC WIA (non-evac).	
311130H Dec 69	2086	L Co, 3/7, L1A, 973405. While in d/t/patrol spotted 4 NVA (3 w/weapons, 1 w/pack). All wearing greyish uniforms and moving in a southerly direction 50m away. Took under fire w/sa's. Res: a big fat O.	
310945H Dec 69	2087	M Co, 3/7, M1, (1)993436, (2)000427. While moving to d/t/pos spotted 10 NVA about 1000m away moving north into Lucky Lark's AO. Requested arty mission. Denied.	
211434H Dec 69	2088	L Co, 3/7, L3, 982408. While on d/t/patrol found 1 500 lb bomb on side of trail. Blew in place.	

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- REF: (a) Map Vietnam, 1:50,000 AMS Series L704, 66401  
(b) 7th Marines Operation Order 316-19  
(c) Division Order 003330.2A  
(d) Battalion Order 5510.7

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Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

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SERIAL NO: 54-69

## 1. Situation

## a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Current INTSUM.
- (2) The enemy maintains the capability of massing his forces and conducting ground, mortar or sapper attacks on Hill 63 Combat Base at a time of his choosing.

## b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 7th Marines, Base Defense Command, provides for the security of Hill 63 Combat Base and is prepared to repel all enemy attacks forward of the main defensive positions or destroy by counter-attack any penetrations.
- (2) 4.2 Inch Mortar Battery, 3rd Bn, 11th Mar - General Support.
- (3) 2nd Platoon, "B" Company, 3rd AmTrac Battalion - Op Con to Sector 3 Defense Commander; for defense of the sector.
- (4) 4th Platoon, 7th Separate Bulk Fuel, FLC - Op Con to Sector 3 Defense Commander for defense of the sector.
- (5) Section, TAFDS, MAG-16, 1st MAF - Op Con to Sector 3 Defense Commander for the defense of the sector.

2. Mission. On order, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, defends Sector 3, Hill 63 Combat Base repelling enemy ground attacks forward of the defensive positions or destroys any penetrations by counter-attack.

## 3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation. Annex B (Concept of Operation)  
Appendix I to Annex B (Overlay of sectors).

## b. H&amp;S Company (-).

- (1) Provide the Defense Coordinator.
- (2) Provide a 13 man reaction squad.
- (3) Provide two mechanical mules for ammunition resupply.
- (4) Organize and maintain a guard bunker to coordinate all aspects of the Sector 3 Defense.
- (5) Supervise and support the Guard of the Day.
- (6) Publish appropriate operation order for the defense of Defensive Sector 3, Hill 63 Combat Base.

c. Rifle Company Rear Echelons.

- (1) Provide personnel as directed by the Defense Coordinator for the Guard of the Day.
- (2) Provide personnel for the reaction platoon.
- (3) Provide forces during Alert Condition: One or Two to reinforce Defense Sector 3.
- (4) Provide personnel for nightly reaction squad upon request.

- d 81mm Mortar Platoon.
  - (1) Provide personnel as directed by the Sector 3 Defense Coordinator.
  - (2) Provide direct support of the defensive perimeter with organic weapons on an on-call basis.
- e 106mm Platoon (-).
  - (1) Provide personnel as directed by the Sector 3 Defense Coordinator.
  - (2) Provide direct support of the defensive perimeter with organic weapons.
  - (3) Provide direct support of Sector 3 reaction forces with organic weapons.
- f Sector 3 Reaction Platoon.
  - (1) Be prepared for employment as part of Base Defense Reaction Company "B" as a reinforcing/counterattacking force within the Hill 63 Combat Base, as directed by the Base Defense Coordinator.
- g Sector 3 Reaction Squad.
  - (1) Be prepared to reinforce present positions or counter-attack against enemy penetrations as directed by the Sector 3 Defense Coordinator.
- h 2nd Platoon, "B" Company, 3rd AmTrac Battalion.
  - (1) Provide personnel to support the Guard of the Day.
  - (2) Provide reinforcing elements during Alert Conditions One & Two.
- i 4th Platoon, 7th Separate Bulk Fuel, FLC. Provide reinforcing elements during Alert Conditions One & Two.
- j Section, TAFOS, MAG-16, 1stMAW. Provide reinforcing elements during Alert Conditions One & Two.
- k Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) Annex C (Alert Plan)
  - (2) Annex D (Fire Support Coordination)
  - (3) Annex E (Final Protective Fires)
  - (4) Annex F (Rules of Engagement)
  - (5) The reaction squad will muster daily at 1700 in front of the H&S COC and be billeted in the same vicinity ready for employment.
  - (6) The reaction platoon will muster nightly at 1800 in front of the Battalion COC for instructions.
  - (7) Sirens located in Sector 5 and truck horns in Sector 3 will be utilized to sound the alert in the event of Condition One or Two. The Alert signal is an uninterrupted long blast of the horn and/or the siren.
  - (8) All enemy sightings or contacts will be reported immediately to the Guard bunker which will report to the Defensive Sector 3 Coordinator and the 3/7 COC in that order.
  - (9) Claymore mines will be set out after dark and retrieved at first light.
  - (10) Maximum use will be made of starlight scopes, M00's, trip flares, E-8 Gas Launchers and SIO's.

#### 4. Administration and Logistics.

- a Elements composing Sector 3 defense will provide their own administrative and logistical support.
- b Each bunker will be supplied with an ammunition box containing the following:
  - (1) 10 hand grenades.
  - (2) 5 white parachute flares.
  - (3) 2 Claymore mines.
  - (4) 2 LAAG's.
  - (5) 4 trip flares.
  - (6) 2 E-8 Gas Launchers.
- c All personnel standing guard or assigned to a reaction force will be

equipped with the following:

- (1) Helmet.
- (2) Flack Jacket.
- (3) Gas Mask.
- (4) M-16 rifle with basic allowance of ammunition.
- (5) Cartridge belt with 6 magazine pouches, 2 filled canteens and a jungle kit.
- (6) Mosquito head net.

d Casualty Evacuation. Annex G (Casualty Evacuation Plan)

e Resupply.

- (1) The Sector 3 Defense Coordinator will be responsible for supply distribution within Sector 3.
- (2) Emergency ammunition supplies will be staged on mechanical mules near the E&S COC.

#### 5. Command and Communications.

a Communication - electronics.

- (1) The 3/7 Communication Officer will establish radio and wire communications for the intra-sector and inter-sector defenses.
- (2) The radio call sign for Sector 3 will be - "HANKIE 3" on frequency 30.45 (M202).
- (3) The Base Reaction Net will be frequency 54.40 (M417).
- (4) The call sign for the Reaction Platoon will be "X-RAY 2" on frequency 61.15 (M457).
- (5) The Base Defense Radio Net will be entered at 1800 daily unless ordered to do so sooner and/or when Condition One or Two is sounded and/or when wire communication is lost.
- (6) Visual and sound signals will be in accordance with Ref (d).

b Command.

- (1) The Executive Officer, 3/7, exercises overall tactical responsibility for the defense of Sector 3 and will be located at the 3/7 COC.
- (2) The Defense Coordinator for Sector 3 will be the M&S Company Commander, 3/7. His CP will be the guard bunker (M&S COC).
- (3) In accordance with reference (3), the Reaction Platoon Commander will be the 3/7 S-5. During his absence, the 3/7 S-1 will command the Platoon.

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#### ANNEXES.

- ✓ A. Task Organization
- ✓ B. Concept of the Operation
- ✓ C. Alert Plan
- ✓ D. Fire Support Coordination
- ✓ E. Final Protective Fire Plan
- ✓ F. Rules of Engagement
- ✓ G. Casualty Evacuation Plan
- ✓ H. Distribution

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3rd Battalion, 7th Marines (Rear)

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1st Company (-)

Co I (-)

Co K (-)

Co L (-)

Co M (-)

2nd Platoon, Co B, 3rd AmTrac Bn (-)

2ndLt Jelfner

4th Platoon, 7th Separate Bulk Fuel, FLC (-)

Capt Hansen

Section, TAFDB, MAG-16, 1st MAF

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Annex B (Concept of Operation) to Operation Order 8-69

Ref: (a) BnO 5510.7

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1. MISSION. 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines defends Sector 3, Hill 63 Combat Base and is prepared to repel enemy attacks forward of the defensive position or to destroy by counter-attack all penetrations of the main defenses.
2. CONCEPT.
  - a The Battalion Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, as Sector 3 Defense Commander, exercises overall control of the defense of Sector 3, Hill 63 Combat Base. He provides day and night perimeter security as well as internal security within the Sector.
  - b As Sector 3 Defense Commander, he exercises operational control over all permanent units and transient personnel located within his sector in all matters pertaining to the defense of the Sector.
  - c The Headquarters and Service Company Commander/Headquarters Commandant is designated the Sector 3 Defense Coordinator and is directly responsible to the Sector 3 Defense Commander, for functioning of the Guard of the Day, Reaction Squad and Platoon; as well as, the physical security arrangements for the perimeter and interior of Sector 3.
  - d Sector 3 is divided into 5 sub-sectors (A - D, and the interior sub-sector) as designated in Appendix 1 (Defense Sector Overlay).
  - e The Guard of the Day, under the control of the 3/7 Duty Officer, provides perimeter security in sub-sectors A-D, control of the reaction forces and security measures forward of the perimeter.
  - f The reaction force, composed of four squads, one for Sector 3 Reaction Squad and three for the Sector Defense Reaction Platoon, will be controlled by the Battalion Officer of the Day. The Reaction Squad will be billeted in the 3/7 Guard Shack, ready for immediate employment within Sector 3. The Sector Defense Reaction Platoon personnel will be billeted in their respective Company areas on a thirty minute alert status to participate as an element of the Base Defense Reserve/Reaction Company "B". The Company Commander is designated as the S-5 of the unit occupying Sector 2. On order, the Reaction Platoon will muster at the 3/7000 and be prepared for commitment where needed on Hill 63 Combat Base.
  - g Appendix 1 (Defense Sector Overlay) to Annex B (Concept of Operation) to Operation Order 8-69.

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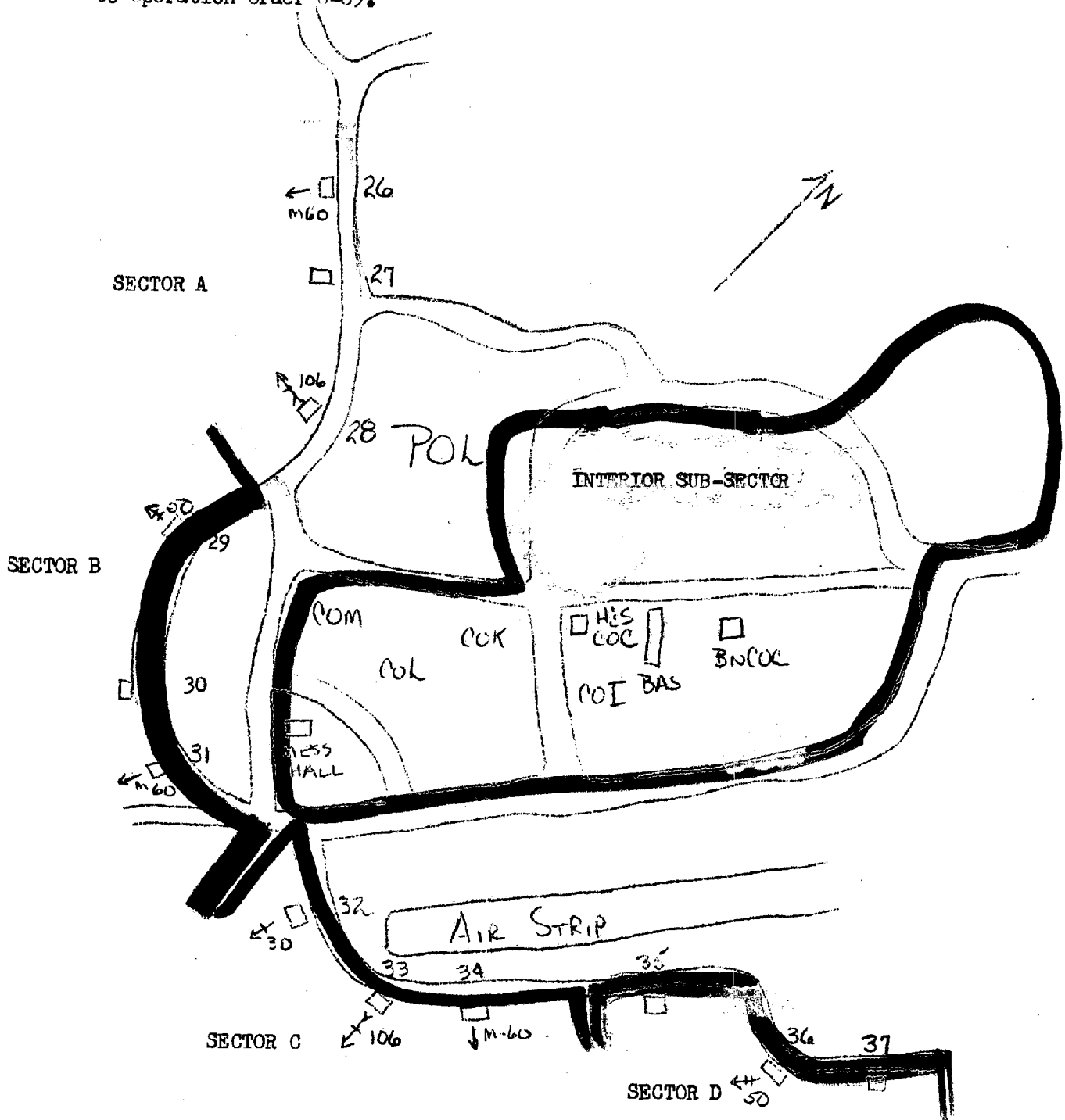
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Annex C (Alert Plan) to Operation Order 8-69

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1. Situation.

- a. Enemy Forces.  
 (1) Current INESUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces.  
 (1) See Op Order 8-69.

2. Mission. See Op Order 8-69.

3. Execution.

- a. Concept of Operation. To provide defense in depth, security of vital areas and reinforcement of the defensive perimeter, all personnel not on the Guard of the Day will be required to man designated sectors of the defensive perimeter and positions around the interior sub-sector during Alert Conditions One and Two. (See Appendix '1')
- b. India Company (-). During alert, man Sub-Sector D of the defensive perimeter (Posts 35 to 37) with all available personnel maintaining 50% alert during Condition Two and 100% during Condition One.
- c. Kilo Company (-). During alert, man Sub-sector C of the defensive perimeter (Posts 32 to 34) with all available personnel maintaining 50% alert on Condition Two and 100% on Condition One.
- d. Lima Company (-). During alert man Sub-sector B of the defensive perimeter (Posts 29 to 31) with all a ailable personnel maintaining 50% alert on Condition Two and 100% on Condition One.
- e. Mike Company (-). During alert, man Sub-sector A of the defensive perimeter (Posts 26 to 28) with all available personnel maintaining 50% alert during Condition Two and 100% alert during Condition One.
- f. H&S Company (-). Durin alert the 106 RR Platoon will reinforce Post 28 and Post 33 and fully man the mobile rule/106RR. H&S sections/units not otherwise tasked in this order will man the Interior Sub-sector as designated in Appendix I (Assignment of Inner Perimeter Posts).
- g. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) Rifle Company Executive Officers will command all personnel employed as reinforcements in their assigned sectors and will be responsible for the control of their assigned sector of the perimeter. Preselected positions will be designated and coordinated with Defense Coordinator in order to ensure smooth employment of the reinforcements with the normal Guard of the Day in the event of alert.
  - (2) The H&S COC will be notified via telephone/radio when the company reinforcements are in position.
  - (3) The Executive Officer, H&S Company, is designated Interior Sub-sector Commander. He will maintain communications between the Interior Sub-sector and the H&S COC.
  - (4) Fires from the Interior Sub-sector will be strictly controlled and cleared by the Sector 3 Defense Coordinator.
  - (5) The Interior Sub-sector will NOT fire upon the signal to fire the final protective fires.
  - (6) Word to secure from alert will be passed by word of mouth.
  - (7) The following conditions of alert will be set by the Base Defense Commander or the Base Defense Coordinator based upon the likelihood of enemy initiated activity in the immediate vicinity of Hill 63.

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## (a) Condition Four.

- (1) Description: Normal security condition. Intelligence indicates low probability of enemy activity.
- (2) Status of Guard: 25% of all personnel manning positions on perimeter will be fully alert. This is normal alert condition and will be in effect at all times unless otherwise designated.

## (b) Condition Three.

- (1) Description: Attack possible. Intelligence indicates the possibility of increased enemy activity within the next 12 hours.
- (2) Status of Guard: The normal security perimeter will be posted; 33 1/3% of all personnel manning the perimeter will be fully alert.

## (c) Condition Two.

- (1) Description: Intelligence indicates that enemy attack is imminent.
- (2) Status of Guard: Normal guard on 50% alert, reinforced in all 5 sub-sectors by all available personnel from all units permanently or temporarily located on Hill 63. Reaction Company B musters as directed by the Base Defense Coordinator.

## (d) Condition One.

- (1) Description: Hill 63 under enemy attack.
- (2) Status of Guard: 100% of all personnel manning positions on perimeter will be fully alert. Reaction Company B musters and is prepared for employment in any sector.
- (8) Appendix 1 (Assignment of Inner Sub-sector posts) to Annex C (Alert Plan) to Operation Order 8-69.
- (9) Appendix 2 (Overlay of Alert Sectors) to Annex C (Alert Plan) to Operation Order 8-69.

4. Administration and Logistics.

- a HAS COC will stage two (2) mechanical mules loaded with ammunition for issue to the defense perimeter and inner perimeter units.
- b Uniform and equipment for all personnel during alert will be that designated for the Guard of the Day.
- c Casualty evacuation, see Annex D (Casualty Evacuation Plan).

5. Command and Communication. See Operation Order 8-69.

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Appendix: 1 (Assignment of Inner Sub-sector Posts) to Annex C (Alert Plan)  
 to Operation Order 8-69.

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<u>Post Number</u>	<u>Assigned Section to man post</u>
1	Communications Platoon
2	Communications Platoon
3	S-4
4	H&S Co Supply
5	81mm Mortar Platoon
6	81mm Mortar Platoon
7	81mm Mortar Platoon
8	81mm Mortar Platoon
9	H&S Co Headquarters
10	H&S Co Headquarters
11	Battalion Supply
12	Battalion Supply
13	S-1
14	Motor Transport
15	Motor Transport
16	Motor Transport
17	Flamss Section
18	Flames Section
19	Mess Section
20	Mess Section
21	Mess Section
22	Mess Section
23	Mess Section
24	Communications Platoon
25	Communications Platoon

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Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Order 8-69.

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000 AMS Series L1704, 66401  
 (b) Division Order 003330, 2A

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### 1. SITUATION.

- a Enemy Forces. See Op Order 8-69.
- b Friendly Forces.

- (1) The Base Defense Command provides for security of Hill 63 Combat Base and is prepared to stop all enemy ground attacks forward of the defensive positions or to destroy all penetrations by counter-attack.
- (2) Artillery Support. "W" Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines, is within range of all defensive fires planned in Sector 3 (See Appendixes 1A2) and will provide fire upon request.
- (3) 81mm Mortar Support. Upon request, the operating battalion, located on Hill 63, will provide 81mm mortar support on designated targets. (Appendixes 1A2).

2. MISSION. Commencing on order, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines defends Sector 3, Hill 63 Combat Base and is prepared to repel all enemy ground attacks forward of the defensive positions or to destroy by counter-attack all penetrations of the main defenses within its sector.

### 3. EXECUTION.

- a Concept. Defensive fires, counter-mortar /counter-rocket fires and illumination will be fired for Sector 3 upon request of the Sector 3 Defense Commander to the Base Defense Command.
- b Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) Defensive targets for Sector 3 are set forth in Appendix 1 (Target List). The Sector 3 Defense Coordinator will check weekly that the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines and the operating battalion located on Hill 63 have the targets listed.
  - (2) Defensive targets will not be cleared by the 3/7 FSCC each night since they will only be fired when the Rules of Engagement (Annex F) apply. Requests for targets to be fired when Sector 3 is not in contact will be submitted as a regular fire mission and will be processed in the same manner.
  - (3) Targets listed in Appendix 1 are considered sufficient since adjustments may be made after the first rounds are fired. Individual fire missions may be called on targets of opportunity. Such fire missions will be cleared by the Sector 3 Defense Coordinator.
  - (4) The Sector 3 Defense Coordinator will plan and clear nightly a maximum of two (2) illumination targets. These will be alternately fired once each hour commencing at 2000 and ending at daylight.
  - (5) The procedure to be used in requesting supporting arms fire for the defense of Sector 3 will be as follows:
    - (a) The Post Desiring fire will call the mission to the 3/7

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Officer of the Day.

- (b) The Officer of the Day will forward the request to the Sector 3 Defense Coordinator, who will notify the Sector 3 Defense Commander.
- (c) The Sector 3 Defense Commander will forward the request to the Base Defense Coordinator.
- (d) Upon his approval of the request, the Base Defense Coordinator will request the mission from the Operating Battalion COJ.
- (e) The Operating Battalion will arrange any clearance required. In most cases clearance will not be required since the mission will be controlled.
- (f) The Operating Battalion will execute the fire mission and/or request any reinforcing fires from the 3/11 FDC and render any technical assistance required in the processing and conduct of the mission.

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS. See Op Order 8-69.

5. COMMAND & COMMUNICATION. See Op Order 8-69.

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Appendix 1 (Target List) to Annex D (Fire Support Plan) to Operation  
 Order 8-69.

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000 AMS Series L 7011, Sheet 66401

<u>TARGET NUMBER</u>	<u>GRID</u>
TT 0007	143 438
TT 0008	137 436
TT 0009	127 440
TT 0010	123 443
TT 0011	121 448

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Annex E (Final Protective Fire Plan) to Operation Order 8-69.

Ref: (a) 7th Marines Operation Order 316-19

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1. CONCEPT. On signal the defensive perimeter of Sector 3 will commence fire of all weapons along predesignated azimuths to repel an enemy ground assault.
2. EXECUTION.
  - (a) The Sector 3 Defense Commander may commence the firing of final protective fires in his sector after approval of such fires has been obtained from the Commanding Officer, 7th Marines.
  - (b) Once authorized, final protective fires will be initiated by the Sector 3 Defense Commander.
  - (c) The Sector 3 Defense Commander is authorized to initiate the firing of final protective fires within the sector on his own initiative when, in his judgement, the tactical integrity of his sector is in immediate jeopardy. Once final protective fires are initiated, the Sector 3 Commander will immediately notify the Base Defense Commander of action and give an up to date situation report to assist in the opening of all final protective fires within the defense complex.
  - (d) The pyrotechnic signal for firing the final protective fires is- TWO (2) WHITE and ONE (1) RED STAR CLUSTER.
  - (e) Final protective fires will cease on order of the Base Defense Coordinator or the Sector 3 Defense Commander if he originally called for the fires. Cease fire will be by oral command in conjunction with the firing of ONE (1) RED, ONE (1) WHITE, and ONE (1) GREEN STAR CLUSTER.

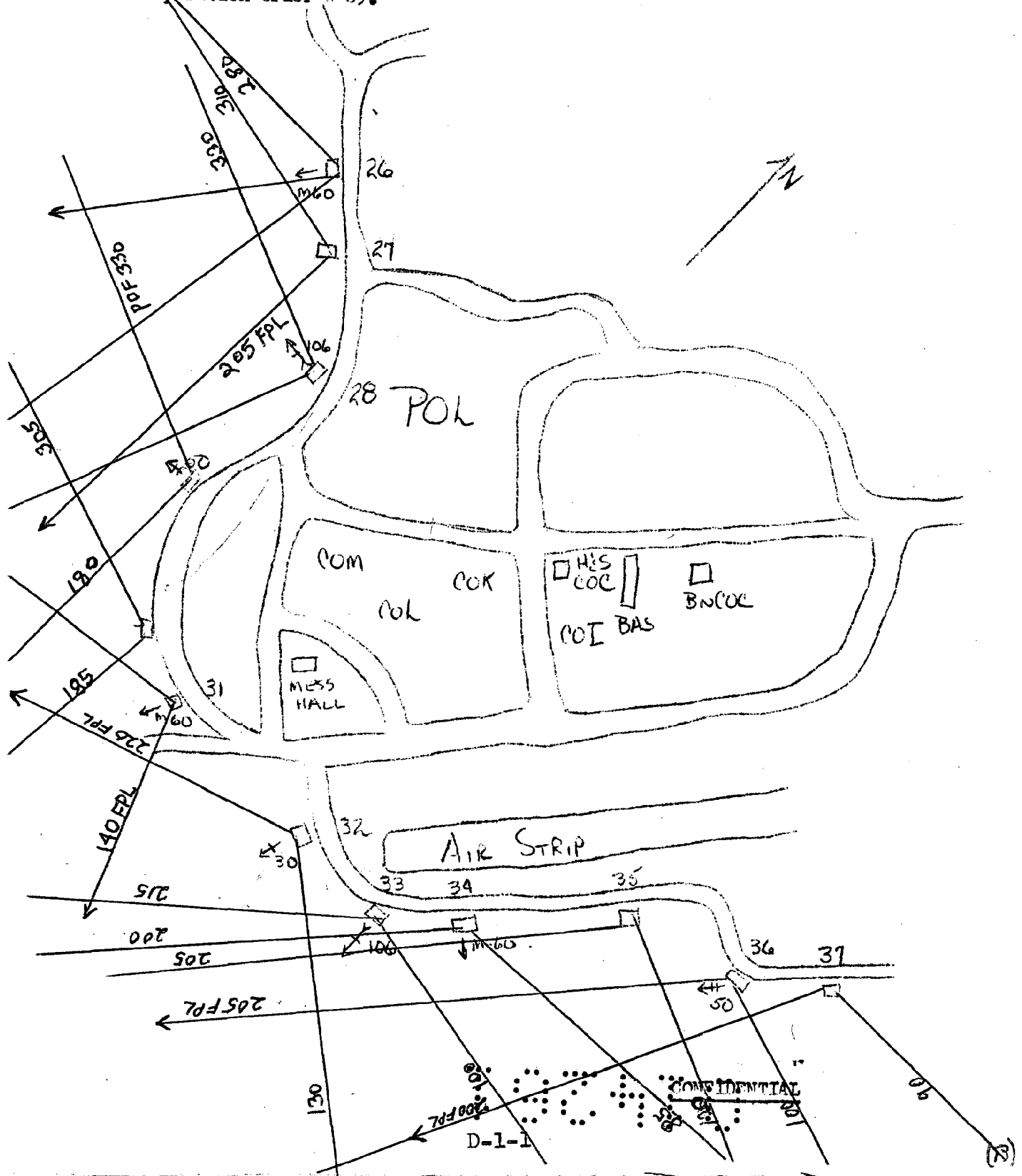
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Appendix 1 (Fire Plan Sketch) to Annex ~~ED~~ (Final Protective Fire Plan)  
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Annex F (Rules of Engagement) to Operation Order 8-69.

Ref: (a) Division Order 003330.2A  
(b) Battalion Order 5510.6

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1. GENERAL.

- a Rules of engagement in reference (a) are prescribed in order to minimize non-combatant casualties and property losses which might occur in the execution of the defense of Sector 3, Hill 63 Combat Base.
- b Incidents of non-combatant casualties and destruction of property by RVNAF and U.S. combat forces are exploited by the enemy to the fullest extent to enhance their objectives; to foster resentment against RVN and the U.S.; and to permanently alienate the people from the GVN.

2. APPLICATION. All personnel concerned with the defense of Sector 3 will be guided by the following:

- a Personnel will be briefed of the short and long range importance of minimizing non-combat casualties.
- b Rules of good military conduct and discipline will be enforced.
- c On all posts where challenges are required the following applies:
  - (1) Normal Challenge (see ref b)
  - (2) If person challenged makes an overt attempt to avoid apprehension, opens fire or commits any other hostile act and thereby endangers the life of the challenger, the challenger may fire.
  - (3) ALL efforts will be made to illuminate the target prior to firing in order to ascertain that the person challenged is an enemy and not a civilian.
- d Magazines will NOT be inserted and rounds will NOT be chambered in weapons, day or night, unless contact is imminent. The senior Marine present determines if, in his judgement, measures must be taken to preserve the lives of his personnel.
- e Civilian dwellings will not be burned/fired at, private property and livestock will be respected and not taken under fire, except as an unavoidable consequence of defense of the sector.
- f The use of incendiary type ammunition is to be avoided unless absolutely necessary in the accomplishment of the Sector Commander's mission.
- g Movement in front of the perimeter bunkers will be reported to the Officer of the Day, IMMEDIATELY.
- h Fragmentation type grenades will be employed only when in contact or when authorized by the Officer of the Day.

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- i If receiving fire and contact is NOT imminent, request permission to fire from the Corporal of the Guard. Provide information to include volume of incoming fire, direction, range, nature of target, etc.

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Annex G (Casualty Evacuation Plan) to Operation Order 8-69.

1. CONCEPT. To ensure the most expeditious and accurate handling of casualties received in the defense of Sector 3, a standardized casualty evacuation plan will be established.
2. EXECUTION.
  - a Adequate stretchers will be strategically located throughout each sub-sector as designated by the Sub-sector Commander.
  - b Each Sub-sector Commander will designate personnel as stretcher bearers.
  - c Casualties occurring in Sector 3 will be processed through the 3/7 Battalion Aid Station.
  - d Medevacs will be processed through BAS where priorities will be assigned by the Medical Officer.
  - e All medevacs will be reported to the Battalion FSCC (Air Liason Officer). Reports will include:
    - (1) Priority of medevac
    - (2) Rank
    - (3) Service Number
    - (4) Nature of wound
    - (5) If airborne medical assistance is required or not.
    - (6) If multiple casualties, the evacuation priority.
  - f When the tactical situation permits, medevacs will be transported to Designated LZ's by the BAS, (Air Liason Officer will designate).
  - g Two (2) personnel carriers will be provided by the Battalion Motor Transport to BAS when the defense is placed on a Condition One or Two alert.
  - h Each organization is responsible for its own casualty reporting.

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7th Marines	2
3rd Battalion, 11th Marines	2
2nd Battalion, 7th Marines	2
2nd Platoon, "B" Company, 3rd AmTrac Battalion	1
4th Platoon, 7th Seperate Bulk Fuel, FLC	1
Section, TAFDS, MAG-16, 1st MAW	1

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