

9th Marines Command Chronology, Jul 1968 - Part 2 of 2TAB D (ORDERS)

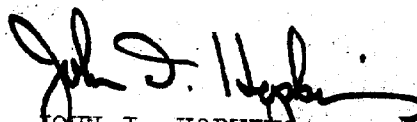
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15. Frag O 60-68, 23 Jul 68
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20. Frag O 65-68, 28 Jul 68
21. Operation Order 8-68 (Opn SCOTLAND II EAST), 29 Jul 68

HEADQUARTERS
9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Reinf) FMF
FPO San Francisco, 96602

3/JIH:jjm
3121
30 Jun 68

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Reinf)
(Attn: G-3)
Subj: Multi-Regimental Operation Northeastern Quang Tri
Province
Ref: (a) CG, 3d Mar Div msg 280748Z Jun 68
Encl: (1) 9th Mar msg 302115Z Jun 68 (Subj: 9th Mar Frag 0
46-68)

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a)
enclosure (1) is submitted to your headquarters for approval.


JOHN I. HOPKINS
By direction

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DRAFTER: 3/JIH:jef

for [illegible]
RELEASES: J.I. HOPKINS MAJ.OF IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 302115Z JUNE 68

FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: FIRST BN, NINTH MAR
 SECOND BN, NINTH MAR
 SECOND BN, TWENTY SIXTH MAR
 THIRD BN, NINTH MAR
 THIRD BN, THIRD MAR
 TASK FORCE MIKE
 SECOND BN, TWELFTH MAR
 CO E, SECOND BN, THIRD MAR
 CO A, THIRD TANK BN ✓
 CO C, THIRD INGR BN ✓

INFO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
 SECOND ARVN REGT

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FRAG 0 46-68 (OPN KENTUCKY)

- A. MAPS: L7014, VIETNAM, SHEETS 6342I, 6442II, 2-AMS, 1:50,000
- B. CG, 3D MAR DIV MSG 280748Z JUN 68 (SUBJ: MULTI-REGT OP NE QUANG TRI PROVINCE)
- C. CG, 3D MAR DIV MSG 260130Z JUN 68 (SUBJ: OPN THOR SECURITY)
- D. 9TH MAR ADMIN 0 1-68

1. SITUATION.A. ENEMY FORCES.

- (1) SEE CURRENT INTSUMS AND PERINTREPS
- (2) THE ENEMY ACTIVITY TO THE NORTH AND WEST OF THE A-4/A-3 LINE IS PRIMARILY A COUNTER RECONNAISSANCE SCREEN COMPRISED OF ELEMENTS FROM THE 27TH INDEPENDENT REGIMENT. TO THE SOUTH OF THE A-4/A-3 LINE COMPANY SIZED ELEMENTS OF THE 84TH REGIMENT ARE KNOWN TO BE OPERATING.
- (3) ANNEX C (TARGET LIST AND ASTRONOMICAL DATA)

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B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

- (1) 3D MAR DIV (REINF) CONTINUES OPNS AGAINST NVA FORCES WITH TF HOTEL AND 3D MAR IN ASSIGNED AO'S.
- (2) TF HOTEL OPERATES ON WEST FLANK AND 2D ARVN REGT ON EAST FLANK.
- (3) ARTILLERY. ANNEX D (FIRESUPPORT)
- (4) AIR. ANNEX E (AIR)

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS. NONE

2. MISSION. AT H-HR ON D+2 (OF OPN THOR) 9TH MAR COMMENCES OPERATIONS TO SEEK OUT AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF ITS ASSIGNED AO.

3. EXECUTION.

- A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. LAW REF B AND C FIVE INF BN COMMENCE A THREE PHASE OPERATION DURING OPN THOR (A MASSIVE AIR, HGF, AND ART ATK ON EN FORCES AND ARTY POSN WITHIN AND TO THE NORTH OF THE DMZ) TO DESTROY EN FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE ASSIGNED AREA OF OPN LAW THE FOLLOWING: (SEE ANNEX A).

- (1) PHASE I (D+2 AND D+3)
OPNS SOUTH OF GENERAL LINE A-4/A-3.
- (2) PHASE II (D+4 TO D+7)
OPNS TO THE NORTH OF GENERAL LINE A-4/A-3.
- (3) PHASE III (D+8 TO D+11)
OPNS DIRECTED TOWARD A THOROUGH SEARCH FOR AND DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY POSITIONS BETWEEN GENERAL LINE A-4/A-3 AND CAN LO RIVER. (NOTE: OPNS PLANNED FOR THIS PHASE PUBLISHED SEPARATELY).

B. 1ST BN, 9TH MAR (REINF)

- (1) AT H-HR, D+4 CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED ZONE TO REGT OBJ C.
- (2) HOLD VIC REGT OBJ C WHILE 2/9 AND 3/9 CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS THRU ASSIGNED REGT OBJS TO OBJS 6 AND 9.

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- (3) ON ORDER CONTINUE OPERATIONS THRU REGT OBJS A, D AND F.
- (4) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS IN 9TH MARINES AO AS DIRECTED.

C. 2ND BN, 9TH MAR (REINF)

- (1) ON ORDER D+4 CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED ZONE TO REGT OBJ 4.
- (2) ON ORDER CONTINUE OPERATIONS TO REGT OBJ 6.
- (3) HOLD VIC REGT OBJ 6 WHILE 1/9 CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS THRU REGT OBJS A, D AND F.
- (4) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS THRU REGT OBJS A AND C.
- (5) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS IN 9TH MAR AO AS DIRECTED.

D. 3D BN, 9TH MAR (REINF)

- (1) AT H-HR, D+4 CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED ZONE TO REGT OBJ 3.
- (2) ON ORDER CONTINUE OPERATION THRU REGT OBJS 1, 7, 5 AND 9.
- (3) HOLD VIC REGT OBJ 9 WHILE 1/9 CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS THRU REGT OBJS A, D AND F.
- (4) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO FOLLOW IN TRACE 1/9 THRU REGT OBJS D AND F.
- (5) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS IN 9TH MARINES AO AS DIRECTED.

E. 2ND BN, 26TH MAR (REINF)

- (1) COMMENCING 1 JULY 68 CONDUCT SCREENING/CONVOY SECURITY OPERATIONS ASTSIDE MR 561 IN ASSIGNED AO.
- (2) D+4 TO D+7, CONDUCT CONVOY SECURITY OPERATIONS ASTSIDE RT 566.

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(3) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

F. 3D BN, 3D MAR (REINF)

- (1) D+2 TO D+3 CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
- (2) COMMENCING 2 JULY PROVIDE BRAVO CHD GRP AND ONE COMPANY FOR OPCON OF A-3 AND ALL ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE CONVOY SECURITY RT 566.
- (3) ON 1 JULY 68 CHOP ONE COMPANY TO 2/26 FOR SECURITY OF YANKIE STATION FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS.

G. TASK FORCE MIKE

- (1) COMMENCING 1 JULY 68 CONDUCT SCREENING/ROAD SECURITY OPERATIONS ASTRIDE MSR 561 IN ASSIGNED AO.
- (2) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

H. CO E, 2ND BN, 3D MAR

- (1) COMMENCING 1 JULY 68 PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MINE SHELPS AND CONVOYS ON RT 1 AND 566.

I. CO A, 3D TANK BN

- (1) ASSIGN 1 TANK PLATOON DIRECT SUPPORT EACH BATTALION FOR OPFS ON OR ABOUT D+4 (PHASE II) (1/9, 2/9 AND 3/9).

J. CO C, 3D ENGR BN

- (1) PROVIDE MAXIMUM SUPPORT POSSIBLE EACH BATTALION FOR PHASE II OF OPN (1/9, 2/9 AND 3/9).

K. REGIMENTAL RESERVE

- (1) NO UNIT IS DESIGNATED AT THIS TIME.

L. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) D-DAY FOR OPN THOR O/A 1 JULY 68.
- (2) H-HOUR TBA
- (3) COUNTER MORTAR RADAR AND OTHER ARTILLERY/MORTAR SUPPRESSION TECHNIQUES WILL BE EMPLOYED TO THE UTMOST.
- (4) DURATION OF OPN: 5-8 DAYS

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- (5) ANNEX A (OPM OVERLAY)
ANNEX B (2D ARVN OVERLAY)
ANNEX C (TARGET LIST/ASTRONOMICAL DATA)
ANNEX D (ARTILLERY)
ANNEX E (AIR)
- (6) ALL UNITS INSURE SUFFICIENT AIR PANELS TO MARK FORWARD POSITIONS OF ALL UNITS. BE PREPARED TO MARK WITH COLORED SMOKE AS REQUESTED BY AO.
- (7) AREA OF OPERATIONS CONTAINS MINES AND SURPRISE FIRING DEVICES.
- (8) ENEMY OBSERVED ARTILLERY FIRE HAS BEEN DELIVERED IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS. EMPHASIZE DISPERSION OF PERSONNEL AND "DIGGING IN".
- (9) CARRY SUFFICIENT DEMOLITIONS TO DESTROY INSTALLATIONS.
- (10) SPOT REPORTS ON OCCURENCE; SIX HOUR SITREPS DUE 0500H, 1100H, 1700H, 2300H; NIGHT ACTIVITIES BY 1600H WHEN POSSIBLE. REPORT UNIT LOCATIONS, DOWN TO COMPANY, AT 1100H AND 2300H DAILY.
- (11) WHEN CONTACT IS MADE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ASSAULT UNTIL SUPPORTING ARMS HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED, CLEAR CUT FIRE SUPERIORITY HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, AND THE ENEMY HAS BEEN REDUCED.
- (12) BRIEFING AND PLANNING CONFERANCE WILL BE HELD AT EARLIEST.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- A. IAW REFERENCE D
- B. RESUPPLY WILL BE DONE FROM THE LSA, DHCB.
- C. CLASSES I, III, IV AND V SUPPLIES WILL BE PROCURED FROM FLSC-B, IN COORDINATION WITH THIS HEADQUARTERS (S-4).
- D. CLASS II RESUPPLY TO INCLUDE MEDICAL SUPPLIES, INSECT REPELLENT, SALT TABLETS AND HALAZONE TABLETS WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE RESPECTIVE BATTALIONS.
- E. WATER RESUPPLY WILL BE PROCURED FROM THE WATER POINT ADJACENT TO THE LSA, DHCB.

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- (1) SUFFICIENT WATER CONTAINERS WILL BE STAGED AT THE LSA, DHCB IN PREPARATION FOR WATER RESUPPLY BY ALL BATTALIONS.
 - (2) EMPTY WATER CONTAINERS WILL BE STAGED IN THE FIELD AND EVACUATED DURING SUBSEQUENT HELICOPTER RESUPPLY.
 - (3) MAXIMUM USE OF DISPOSABLE AND PLASTIC WATER CONTAINERS WILL BE MADE.
- F. COMPANY-SIZE PRESTAGED RESUPPLY PACKAGES (WATER, MCI'S, AMMUNITION AND OTHER SUPPLIES) WILL BE MAINTAINED AT THE LSA FOR INDIVIDUAL DELIVERY AS REQUIRED.
- G. MOTOR TRANSPORT ASSETS FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL BE USED IN STAGING ALL CLASSES OF SUPPLIES AT, AND REMOVING INCOMING EXCESSES FROM THE LSA, DHCB.
- (1) REQUEST FOR VEHICLES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS (S-4) BY NLT 1600H OF THE DAY PRIOR TO THE DAY SUPPLIES ARE TO BE STAGED.
- H. HELICOPTER RESUPPLY WILL BE FRAGGED AT DIVISION EMBARK, IN COORDINATION WITH THIS HEADQUARTERS (S-4) NLT 1500H ON THE DAY PRIOR TO THE DAY RESUPPLY IS REQUIRED.
- I. EMERGENCY RESUPPLY WILL BE REQUESTED BY THE BATTALION COMMANDER CONCERNED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER 9TH MARINES.
- J. HELICOPTER CASUALTY EVACUATION WILL BE AVAILABLE ON CALL.
- K. EVACUATION OF POW'S AND CAPTURED MATERIAL AND/OR WEAPONS OF INTELLIGENCE NATURE WILL BE DONE IN AN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER TO LZ KIVI, WITH PROPER SECURITY IN ALL CASES.
- L. HELICOPTER SUPPORT TEAMS WILL BE USED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. TACP PERSONNEL AUGMENTED BY PERSONNEL FROM LINE COMPANIES WILL BE USED WHERE HST'S ARE NOT AVAILABLE.
- M. LANDING ZONES WILL BE OF SUFFICIENT SIZE TO RECEIVE EXTERNAL LOADS, AND TO ALLOW AMPLE SPACE FOR THE SAME HELICOPTERS TO LAND TO PICK UP CASUALTIES, POW'S AND EQUIPMENT TO BE RETROGRADED.

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N. BATTALIONS WILL POSITION THE S-4 OFFICER OR SICO IN THE DONG HA AREA TO STRENGTHEN THE LOGISTICS OPERATION.

(1) EACH UNIT WILL MAINTAIN RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITH THEIR S-4 REPS AT THE LSA IN DONG HA, TO FACILITATE RESUPPLY REQUESTS.

(2) SHOULD RESUPPLY DIFFICULTIES ARISE, THIS HEAD-QUARTERS (S-4) WILL BE CONTACTED TO EFFECT LIAISON.

O. STRICT SUPPLY DISCIPLINE WILL BE ENFORCED.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS.

A. COMMUNICATIONS IAW DIVO P02000.2G AND DIVO P2000.4C

B. 2/26 AND TF MIKE UTILIZE WIRE/RADIO RELAY AS PRIMARY COMMUNICATIONS TO ALLOW OTHER UNITS MAXIMUM RADIO AVAILABILITY.

C. ALL UNITS ON REGT CHDR AND REGT TAC/LOG NET USE RC 292 ANTENNAS.

D. RADIO

9TH MARINES

COFFEE CUP

REGT CHDR M1095 55.1

REGT TAC/LOG M1019 46.55

TACP M817 39.4

MEDEVAC COMMON M974 45.7

(SPARE) M492 65.3

1/9

DALLAS GIRL

BN TAC

(P) M53 60.45

(S) M1020 56.2

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BN TAC

FANCY DAN

(P) M199 39.45

(S) M934 59.65

3/9

BN TAC

SIDE DISH

(P) M554 37.05

(S) M635 62.6

2/26

BN TAC

HASTY FOOT

(P) M267 43.95

(S) M792 60.65

3/3

BN TAC

AMANDA

(P) M615 45.55

(S) M175 30.45

TF MIKE

MARSHALL HALL

TAC

(P) M1081 71.5

2D ARVN

OVAL SKITS

(FREQ 40.60)

LT COL PARSONS - OVAL SKITS 2

CAPT COLEMAN - OVAL SKITS 5

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OVAL SKITS LIMA

5/2

OVAL SKITS DELTA

E. USE EFFECTIVE EDITION KAC - QAG 503 FOR NUMERAL CODE/AUTHENTICATION.

F. USE EFFECTIVE EDITION KAC - PAG 4 FOR OPERATIONS CODE. SET NUMBER T.B.A.

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G. THRUST POINTS

AIRLINES	1174	GEMS	1667
BEERS	1372	OCEANS	1465
BIRDS	1975	OFFICER RANKS	1066
COINS	1673	RAILROADS	1062
COLLEGES	2072	SHIPS	1260
COUNTRIES	1071	SNAKES	1563
DOGS	1469	SPORTS	1960
DISEASES	1770	STATES	2067
FISH	1969	TREES	1660

H. COMMAND POSTS

9TH MAR

FORWARD	A-4
MAIN	C-2
REAR	DECB

ALL UNITS REPORT CP LOCATIONS WHEN ESTABLISHED OR CLOSED.

ANNEXES:

- A. OPN OVERLAY
- B. 2D ARVN RECT OVERLAY (PASEP)
- C. TARGET LIST AND ASTRONOMICAL DATA
- D. ARTILLERY
- E. AIR

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ANNEX C (TARGET LIST AND ASTRONOMICAL DATA) TO FRAG ORDER 46-68

1. TARGET LIST

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>TARGET</u>
URS	2 JUN	YD 107701	U/I NVA EIM
URS	25 MAY	YD 103758	64TH REGT, 320TH DIV
2/26	11 JUN	YD 113708	REC'D SNIPER FIRE
2/26	14 JUN	YD 111706	BN ON LINE'S
3D MAR DIV	24 JUN	YD 115725	BUNKER COMPLEXES
URS	14 JUN	YD 110738	U/I NVA EIM
SNIPPER	17 JUN	YD 128678	5 RETURNS
AO	6 JUN	YD 124712	BUNKER COMPLEX
2/26	11 JUN	YD 125716	3 NVA MOVING SW
2/26	11 JUN	YD 121716	OPS 12 NVA
2/26	11 JUN	YD 125718	2 NVA MOVING NW
3D MAR DIV	24 JUN	YD 120727	43 COVERED GRAVES
15TH CIT	6 JUN	YD 122333	1ST BN 308TH DIV
URS	4 JUN	YD 138665	U/I EIM
URS	7 JUN	YD 132669	U/I EIM
AO	6 JUN	YD 135710	BUNKER COMPLEX
2/26	11 JUN	YD 134691	OPS 2 LARGE STRUCTURES W/TOWERS
AO	16 JUN	YD 138703	7 NEW BUNKERS
URS	3 JUN	YD 135710	U/I EIM
AO	13 JUN	YD 135714	OPS 3 NVA
AO	16 JUN	YD 137716	5 LARGE BUNKERS
AO	16 JUN	YD 138716	6 LARGE BUNKERS
AO	16 JUN	YD 135719	8 NEW BUNKERS W/TRENCHES
AO	16 JUN	YD 135714	9 BUNKERS IN USE
AO	16 JUN	YD 132714	2 BUNKERS W/TRENCHES
AO	19 JUN	YD 138732	FORTIFIED AREA, 15 BUNKERS W/TRENCHES
AO	27 JUN	YD 138731	OCCUPIED BUNKER COMPLEX
AO	27 JUN	YD 135739	OCCUPIED BUNKER COMPLEX
URS	14 JUN	YD 139744	U/I NVA EIM
URS	9 JUN	YD 142672	U/I NVA EIM
URS	1 JUN	YD 149681	BUNKER COMPLEX
AO	2 JUN	YD 148680	BUNKER & MORT POST
URS	16 JUN	YD 149682	U/I NVA EIM
URS	4 JUN	YD 146692	U/I NVA EIM
URS	14 JUN	YD 145698	U/I NVA EIM
URS	16 JUN	YD 142699	U/I NVA EIM
2/26	19 JUN	YD 143699	BUNKER COMPLEX
AO	14 JUN	YD 145703	7 NEW POSTS
AO	16 JUN	YD 146704	BUNKER & MORT POST
AO	16 JUN	YD 145704	BUNKER & A/V POST
URS	9 JUN	YD 145716	U/I NVA EIM
2/26	10 JUN	YD 145719	HVY MOVEMENT THRU BOD
AO	16 JUN	YD 140714	3 A/A POSTS

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<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>TARGET</u>
AO	16 JUN	YD 140716	7 BUNKERS
2/26	8 JUN	YD 147728	OBS 14 NVA IN OPEN
URS	3 JUN	YD 140741	U/I NVA ELM
URS	8 JUN	YD 149744	U/I NVA ELM
URS	19 JUN	YD 144743	U/I NVA ELM
URS	1 JUN	YD 159694	U/I NVA ELM
AO	7 JUN	YD 154695	20-25 NVA IN OPEN
AO	7 JUN	YD 151692	BUNKER COMPLEX
AO	20 JUN	YD 153703	TRCOPS IN BUNKER COMPLEX
AO	2 JUN	YD 151703	BUNKERS, FIGHTING HOLES, REC'D GROUND FIRE
AO	9 JUN	YD 155700	INCREASED TRAIL ACTIVITY
AO	16 JUN	YD 155701	5 BUNKERS
URS	19 JUN	YD 154702	U/I NVA ELM
RECON	23 JUN	YD 159702	8 BUNKERS, MADE CONTACT W/20-25 NVA
RECON	29 JUN	YD 155702	BUNKER COMPLEX
URS	14 JUN	YD 155712	U/I NVA ELM
URS	14 JUN	YD 159715	U/I NVA ELM
URS	16 JUN	YD 152717	U/I NVA ELM
URS	16 JUN	YD 155715	U/I NVA ELM
URS	7 JUN	YD 155721	U/I NVA ELM
AO	10 JUN	YD 153721	OBS 2 NVA NEAR MORT SITE
AO	10 JUN	YD 158722	AO REC'D 50 CAL FIRE
2/26	10 JUN	YD 155725	OBS 2 NVA IN OPEN
URS	15 JUN	YD 153730	U/I NVA ELM
URS	27 JUN	YD 157725	U/I NVA ELM
2/26	9 JUN	YD 158748	REC'D MORT FIRE
URS	25 JUN	YD 155749	U/I NVA ELM
URS	27 JUN	YD 156742	U/I NVA ELM

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ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR JULY

DATE	GMT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EENT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE	ILLUM
1	0534	0624	1926	2016	1046	2330	New Moon	2 4%
2	0534	0625	1926	2016	1139	—		34
3	0534	0625	1926	2016	1232	0007	1st qtr	44
4	0534	0625	1927	2016	1327	0045		55
5	0535	0625	1927	2016	1425	0125		66
6	0535	0626	1927	2016	1528	0210		77
7	0535	0626	1927	2016	1634	0300		86
8	0536	0626	1927	2016	1742	0357		93
9	0536	0627	1927	2016	1849	0500		98
10	0536	0627	1927	2016	1950	0606	Full	100
11	0537	0627	1927	2017	2045	0713		99
12	0537	0627	1927	2017	2132	0817		95
13	0537	0628	1926	2017	2214	0916		89
14	0538	0628	1926	2017	2252	1011		82
15	0538	0628	1926	2017	2327	1103		73
16	0539	0628	1926	2017	—	1152		63
17	0539	0628	1926	2017	0001	1240	Last qtr	54
18	0539	0629	1926	2017	0035	1329		44
19	0539	0629	1926	2017	0111	1418		35
20	0539	0629	1926	2017	0150	1509		26
21	0540	0629	1926	2016	0232	1602		18
22	0540	0629	1926	2016	0319	1656		12
23	0540	0630	1925	2016	0409	1748		06
24	0540	0630	1925	2015	0502	1839		02
25	0540	0630	1925	2015	0558	1927	New Moon	00
26	0541	0630	1925	2014	0654	2011		00
27	0541	0630	1925	2014	0749	2052		02
28	0541	0631	1925	2014	0843	2130		07
29	0541	0631	1925	2014	0936	2208		13
30	0542	0631	1925	2013	1029	2245		21
31	0542	0631	1925	2013	1122	2324		31

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ANNEX D (FIRE SUPPORT) TO 9TH MAR FRAG ORDER 46-68

REF: (A) MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS SERIES L7014, SHEETS 6342I AND 6442IV

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES. PARA 1A FRAG ORDER 46-68

B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

(1) 3D MAR DIV (-) (REINF) IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNITS OF 1ST ARVN DIVISION, CONDUCTS MULTI-REGIMENTAL ATTACK IN NORTHEAST PORTION OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS IN ZONE.

(2) OPERATION THOR (COORDINATED AIR, ARTY, NAVAL GUN FIRE ATTACK AGAINST ENEMY FORCES AND ARTY POSITIONS IN AND NORTH OF DMZ) CONDUCTED CONCURRENTLY WITH 3D MAR DIV ATTACK.

(3) 7TH USAF/1ST MAW SUPPORTS 3D MAR DIV

(4) 12TH MAR - GS 3D MAR DIV

(5) 108TH ARTY GROUP (USA) - GS - REINF 12TH MAR

2. MISSION: SUPPORTING AIR AND ARTILLERY PROVIDE CLOSE AND CONTINUOUS FIRE SUPPORT TO 9TH MAR.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

(1) AT H-HOUR ON D+2 (OF OPN THOR) 9TH MAR COMMENCES THREE PHASE OPERATION TO SEEK OUT AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE NORTHERN PART OF ITS ASSIGNED AO.

(2) ANNEX A (OPERATIONS OVERLAY) TO FRAG ORDER 46-68

B. AIR SUPPORT ANNEX E (AIR SUPPORT) TO FRAG ORDER 46-68

C. ARTILLERY SUPPORT

(1) GENERAL - ARTILLERY PROVIDE CONTINUOUS SUPPORT OF MANEUVER ELEMENTS WITH HEAVY VOLUME OF FIRE ON SELECTED TARGETS TO NEUTRALIZE KNOWN AND SUSPECT ENEMY POSITIONS; AND PROVIDE RESPONSIVE COUNTER MORTAR/ROCKET/BATTERY FIRE. SMOKE, ILLUM, CS GAS, FIRE CRACKER MUNITIONS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

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(2) ORGANIZATION FOR COMBAT

2ND BN 12TH MAR (REINF) DS 9TH MAR			
D-2-12	6 - 105	NOV	(C-2)
E-2-12	"	"	"
F-2-12	"	"	"
B-1-13	"	"	(C-3)
W-2-12	6 - 4.2"	MORT	(A-4)
W-1-12	2 - 4.2"	MORT	(A-3)

(3) ARTILLERY FIRE PLAN - APPENDIX 1D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) BOUNDARIES SERVE AS FIRE COORDINATION LINES BETWEEN CONVERGING BATTALIONS.
- (2) NO FIRE LINES ESTABLISHED DAILY AT 1900 BY 9TH MAR FSCC BASED UPON REQUESTS OF INFANTRY BATTALIONS.
- (3) "FIRE IN" NIGHT DEFENSIVE FIRES PRIOR TO DARKNESS AT EACH POSITION.
- (4) ANNEX C (TARGET LIST AND ASTROCHONICAL DATA) REFLECTS THE LATEST INTELLIGENCE FOR ZONE OF ACTION.
- (5) SUBMIT INITIAL ARTILLERY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS TO 9TH MAR FSCC ASAP. UPDATE REQUESTS ON DAILY BASIS AND SUBMIT SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE TO PERMIT ADEQUATE AND TIMELY DELIVERY OF FIRE.
- (6) ARTILLERY AND AIR REPRESENTATIVES WILL MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO INSURE COORDINATION AT LOWEST SCHEDULE POSSIBLE SIMULTANEOUS AIR AND ARTILLERY ACTIVITY IN ZONE OF ACTION.
- (7) MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO COORDINATE USE OF FLAK SUPPRESSION FIRES IN SUPPORT OF H2O MOVEMENT AND RESUPPLY.
- (8) USE FOLLOWING TECHNIQUES AS NECESSARY:
 - (A) AIR CENTRES AT FINEST POSITIONS
 - (B) "AT MY COMMAND" METHOD OF CONTROL BY FO'S
 - (C) HIGH ANGLE FIRE
 - (D) RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLANS
 - (E) H2O APPROACH/RETIREMENT LINES
- (9) ALL ARTILLERY FIRES CLEARED THROUGH 9TH MAR FSCC

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- (10) INFANTRY BATTALIONS COORDINATE 60MM AND 81MM MORTAR FIRE DIRECTLY WITH ADJACENT BATTALION IF MISSION PLOTS WITHIN 500 METERS OF BOUNDARY.
- (11) 9TH MAR FSCC WILL OBTAIN CLEARANCES FOR ALL MISSIONS (MORTAR AND ARTILLERY) WHICH PLOT WITHIN 500 METERS OF 2ND ARVN REGT.
- (12) ARTILLERY LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT TO POSITIONS HOURLY TO 2-12 FDC.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. PARA 4, FRAG ORDER 46-68

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- A. COMMUNICATIONS - APPENDIX 1 (ARTILLERY FIRE PLAN)
- B. 9TH MAR FSCC LOCATED AT C-2
- C. 2-1 FDC LOCATED AT C-2

APPENDICES

- 1. ARTILLERY FIRE PLAN (PASEP)

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ANNEX E (AIR) TO FRAG ORDER 46-68

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM Sheets: 6342 I, 6442 IV, 2-AMS,
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TIME ZONE: HOTEL

1. SITUATIONA. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT PERINTREPS AND INTSUMS.B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

(1) 7TH AF ASSETS (SINGLE MANAGER CONCEPT) INCLUDING
1ST MAW PROVIDE FIXED AND ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT
AND AERIAL OBSERVERS.

2. PROCEDURES.

A. AO'S WHEN AVAILABLE, WILL BE PROVIDED ON A CONTINUING BASIS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

B. TPQ REQUESTS FOR THAT NIGHT AND THE NEXT DAY WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS PRIOR TO 1200H.

C. PRE-PLANNED FIXED WING REQUESTS FOR THE NEXT DAY WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS PRIOR TO 1500H.

D. HOT PAD AND DIVERT (WHEN AVAILABLE) FIXED WING AVAILABLE ON REQUEST EXPECT 20 MIN TO 1 HR DELAY.

E. UH-1E GUNSHIPS, FLARESHIPS, AND "SPOOKY" AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

F. ALO/FAC CONTROLLED AIRSTRINGS ENCOURAGED OBSERVATION AND COMMUNICATIONS PERMITTING.

3. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.

A. HELO RESUPPLY ON HST COMMON - (SEE PARA 5, FRAG O 46-68)

B. CONTROL MEDEVACS ON MEDEVAC COMMON (SEE PARA 5, FRAG O 46-68)

C. AIR REQUESTS AND AO CONTROL ON TACP LOCAL (SEE PARA 5, FRAG O 46-68)

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IMMEDIATE 020845 Z JULY 68

FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV

INFO: TWELFTH MAR
SECOND BN, TWELFTH MAR

FIRE SUPPORT FOR MULTI-REGT OPN PHASE II

A. CG, 3D MAR DIV MSG 280748Z JUN 68 (MULTI-REGT OPN NE QUANG TRI PROVINCE)

B. 9TH MAR FRAG 0 46-68 302115Z JUN 68

C. CG LTR 02A17668 TARGET LIST 24 JUN 68

1. PREPARATION AND ON CALL FIRES AS LISTED BELOW ARE REQUESTED FOR PHASE II OF MULTI-REGT OPN DISCUSSED IN REF A

2. GENERALLY FIRES SHOULD BE PROGRAMMED FOR A TWO DAY PERIOD BEFORE D-DAY. THEY MUST BE OF THE HEAVIEST ORDNANCE AVAILABLE AND SCHEDULED CONTINUOUSLY THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE COMPLETE NEUTRALIZATION OF THE ENTIRE 9TH MAR ZONE OF ACTION FOR PHASE II.

3. D-DAY AS USED HEREIN IS FIRST DAY OF PHASE II OF MULTI-REGT OPN DISCUSSED IN REF A.

4. TARGETS LISTED REFLECT LATEST INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE TO INCLUDE REF C. DOUBTFUL THAT LIGHT ARTILLERY WILL PRODUCE DESIRED RESULTS.

5. REQUEST AO'S BE USED TO INCREASE ASSURANCE OF GOOD TARGET COVERAGE. RECOMMEND DIV AO'S CONTROL CAS; TWELFTH MAR AO'S CONTROL ARTY.

6. REQUEST THAT ALL TGTS LISTED IN PARA 8 BE RETAINED AS ON CALL FIRES FOR IMMEDIATE EXECUTION FROM D-DAY TO D+4. REQUEST DIV FSCC GIVE TARGET NUMBERS TO THIS HQTRS.

7. REQUEST DIV FSCC PLAN, COORDINATE AND ASSURE DETAILED EXECUTION OF FIRES. THIS HQTRS WILLING TO ESTABLISH NECESSARY CONTROL MEASURES (NO FIRE LINES, ETC) TO FACILITATE UNIMPEDED ATTACK OF TGTS.

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8. TARGETS

A. AIR

EVENT	TIME	TGT	GRID	ORDNANCE
1 2 A/C	0630 D-2	FORWARD POSITION	097639	D-26'S
2 "	0700 "	BUNKERS	105700	D-26'S
3 "	0730 "	BUNKERS	100709	D-26'S
4 "	0800 "	ARTY POSITION	103721	D-2'S
5 "	0830 "	BUNKER COMPLEX	104730	D-3'S
6 "	0900 "	GUN POSITION WITH BUNKERS	111710	D-2'S
7 "	1000 "	A/A PSN	11427124	D-2'S
8 "	1030 "	BUNKERS	11957190	D-26'S
9 "	1100 "	BUNKER COMPLEX	115723	D-3'S
10 "	1130 "	BUNKER BIVAC AREA	117725	D-26'S
11 "	1200 "	BUNKERS	112726	D-26'S
12 "	1230 "	BUNKERS	114725	D-26'S
13 "	1330 "	BUNKER COMPLEX	115732	D-3'S
14 "	1400 "	A/A PSN	129693	D-2'S
15 "	1430 "	A/A PSN WITH BUNKERS	123718	D-26'S
16 "	1500 "	BUNKERS AND TRENCHES	122722	D-2'S
17 "	1530 "	A/A PSN	128723	D-2'S
18 "	1600 "	HUTS AND TRAIL	124732	D-2'S
19 "	1700 "	BUNKER COMPLEX	120733	D-3'S
20 "	1730 "	A/W POSITION	138708	D-2'S
21 "	1800 "	BUNKERS	139717	D-26'S
22 "	1830 "	A/W POSITION WITH BUNKERS	132725	D-26'S
23 "	0630 D-1	ARTY PSN	13457285	D-2'S
24 "	0700 "	A/A PSN	130732	D-2'S
25 "	0730 "	RKT PSN	148712	D-2'S
26 "	0800 "	BUNKERS AND TRENCHES	141715	D-26'S
27 "	0830 "	PORTFIELD AREA	148729	D-26'S

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EVENT	TIME	TARGET	GRID	ORDNANCE
28 2 A/C	0900 D-1	BUNKER COMPLEX	114731	D-3'S
29 "	1000 "	30 MARINE DIVISION	1142739	D-2'S
30 "	1030 "	BUNKER COMPLEX	114743	D-3'S
31 "	1100 "	BUNKER COMPLEX	156701	D-3'S
32 "	1130 "	BUNKERS	153734	D-26'S
33-44	1200-1830"	MIXED FLIGHTS OF		D-2'S
				D-3'S
				D-26'S

NOTES: (1) SCHEDULE ALLOWS FOR A.O. RELIEF ON STATION AFTER 2.5 HOURS.

(2) EVENTS 33-44 ON D-1 SHOULD BE UTILIZED TO HIT ANY REMAINING TARGETS IN THE AO OR TO HIT TARGETS SUCH AS ENEMY ARTY, ROCKET, MORTAR SITES WHICH CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON FRIENDLY FORCES.

B. ARTILLERY

1	D-2 AM	FORTIFIED PSN	097693	155 MM
2	D-2 AM	BUNKERS	105700	8 IN
3	D-2 AM	TRENCHES	102705	155 MM
4	D-2 AM	BUNKERS	100709	8 IN
5	D-2 AM	SUS MORT PSN	101720	155 MM
6	D-2 AM	ARTY PSN	103721	155 MM
7	D-2 AM	BUNKER COMPLEX	104730	8 IN
8	D-2 AM	SUS RKT SITE	112707	155 MM
9	D-2 AM	GUN PSN	111710	8 IN
		W/BUNKERS		
10	D-2 AM	A/A PSN	11427124	155 MM
11	D-2 AM	BUNKERS	11957190	8 IN
12	D-2 AM	BASE AREA	114720	155 MM
13	D-2 PM	BUNKER COMPLEX	115723	8 IN
14	D-2 PM	BUNKER/BIVOUAC AREA	117725	8 IN
15	D-2 PM	BUNKER	112726	8 IN
16	D-2 PM	BUNKER	114725	8 IN
17	D-2 PM	SUPPLY CACHE	112732	155 MM
18	D-2 PM	BUNKER COMPLEX	115732	8 IN
19	D-2 PM	STORAGE AREA	111737	155 MM
20	D-2 PM	BIVOUAC AREA	118737	155 MM
21	D-2 PM	A/A PSN	129693	155 MM
22	D-2 PM	MORTAR PSN	122713	155 MM
23	D-2 PM	BASE AREA	125715	155 MM
24	D-2 PM	A/A PSN W/BUNKERS	123718	8 IN
25	D-1 AM	BUNKER AND TRENCHES	122722	8 IN
26	D-1 AM	A/A PSN	128723	155MM

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<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TGT</u>	<u>GRID</u>	<u>ORDINANCE</u>
27	D-1 AM	BASE AREA W/TRENCHES	128730	155 MM
28	D-1 AM	HUTS AND TRAIL	124732	155 MM
29	D-1 AM	BUNKER COMPLEX	120733	8 IN
30	D-1 AM	TRENCHLINE	129736	155 MM
31	D-1 AM	A/W PSN	138708	155 MM
32	D-1 AM	BUNKER	139717	8 IN
33	D-1 AM	A/A PSN W/BUNKER	132725	8 IN
34	D-1 AM	TRENCHES	138728	155 MM
35	D-1 AM	ARTY PSN	13457285	155 MM
36	D-1 AM	A/A PSN	130732	155 MM
37	D-1 AM	MORTAR PSN	133735	155 MM
38	D-1 PM	ROCKET PSN	148712	155 MM Z
39	D-1 PM	BUNKERS/TRENCHES	141715	8 IN
40	D-1 PM	ASSEMBLY AREA	14367285	155 MM
41	D-1 PM	FORTIFIED AREA	148729	8 IN
42	D-1 PM	BUNKER COMPLEX	144731	8 IN
43	D-1 PM	ARTY PSN	142739	155 MM
44	D-1 PM	BUNKER COMPLEX	144743	8 IN
45	D-1 PM	BUNKER COMPLEX	156701	8 IN
46	D-1 PM	BUNKERS	153734	8 IN
47	D-1 PM	BUNKERS	157738	8 IN
48	D-1 PM	BIVOUAC AREA	150742	155 MM

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 (b) Task Force Hotel Op Plan 1-68.

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9th Mar. Regt.

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1st Bn, 9th Marines (Reinf)

LtCol PALATAS

2d Bn, 9th Marines (Reinf)

LtCol KNIGHT

3d Bn, 9th Marines (Reinf)

LtCol LAMONTAGNE

Co A (-), 3d Tank Bn

Capt SULLIVAN

Co C, 3d Engineer Bn

Capt MILLER

Regtl Reserve

1st Bn, 9th Marines (Reinf)
 (initial stages of Opn)

LtCol PALATAS

2d Bn, 12th Marines

LtCol DOWNER

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A (Intelligence), current INTSUMS and PERINTREPS.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Task Force Hotel conducts multi-battalion operations in northern LANCASTER II AO.
- (2) 1st Marines assumes responsibility for KENTUCKY AO prior to D-Day and operates on the east flank, while 3d Marines operates on west flank.
- (3) 2d Battalion, 12th Marines direct support; 12th Marines (Reinf) general support/reinforcing.
- (4) 1st Marine ~~Av~~ Wing helicopter and fixed wing air support.
- (5) 7th Air Force provides Arc Lights and tactical air support.
- (6) 2d ARVN Regiment (with two battalions) conducts coordinated attack west of 3d Marines.

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c. Attachments and Detachments. No change

2. MISSION At L-H-Hour on D-Day, 9th Marines conducts a coordinated heliborne/ground attack in the northeast LANCASTER II AO to find, fix, and destroy enemy forces, supply/logistic caches and interdict infiltration routes in zone of action.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations. Two battalions conduct a heliborne assault into the northern portion of zone of action, while third battalion by foot march takes up blocking position on the east flank. Arc Lights and preparatory fires neutralize objectives and landing zones throughout zone of action for advancing infantry, as well as enemy artillery positions north of the Demilitarized Zone. Subsequent heliborne/ground attacks will continue generally from north to south fixing and annihilating the enemy, disrupting his infiltration/supply routes, and destroying his caches. The entire area of operations will not necessarily be searched, but rather tactical displacements will be based on developing intelligence and/or enemy reactions. Indicated objectives are regarded as convenient reference points to introduce forces and coordinate efforts to find, fix and annihilate the enemy - not all indicated objectives will necessarily be used, nor will they be uncovered or occupied in detail.
- b. 3d Bn, 9th Marines (Reinf).
- (1) At L-Hour, on D-Day conduct heliborne assault into LZ SPARROW. Attack and search out objective 4.
 - (2) Be prepared to continue attack by heliborne and/or ground assault to objective areas 8, 20, 26, 12, 28, and 18, or other TBD objectives.
- c. 2d Bn, 9th Marines (Reinf)
- (1) Upon the completion of heliborne assault of 3/9, conduct heliborne assault into LZ WREN. Attack and search out objective 2.
 - (2) On order, be prepared to continue attack by heliborne and/or ground assault to objective areas 6, 10, 16, 14, 24, and 22.
- d. 2d Bn, 26th Marines (Reinf)
- (1) Chop to 1st Marines on or about 15 July 68.
- e. Task Force Mike
- (1) Chop to 1st Marines on or about 15 July 68.

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SECRETf. Regimental Reserve.(1) 1st Bn, 9th Marines (Reinf).

- (a) At H-Hour on D-Day take up blocking position vicinity YD 090654.
- (b) During initial stages of operation be prepared to support 2/9 by fire and/or maneuver.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) D-Day tentatively 16 July 68.
- (2) L-Hour, H-Hour TBA.
- (3) Duration of operation approximately 7 days.
- (4) Annex A (Intelligence)
Annex B (Operation Overlay)
Annex C (Operation Overlay-3d Marines/2d ARVN Regiment)
Annex D (Artillery)
Annex E (Fire Support Coordination)
Annex F (Air)
Annex G (Administration/Logistics)
Annex H (Communication/Electronics)
- (5) Battalion departure LZ's for initial D-Day heliborne/assault TBA.
- (6) Hand held riot control agents authorized. Bulk dissemination of CS must be approved by this Headquarters.
- (7) Be prepared to reinforce 3d Marines by fire or maneuver.
- (8) Familiarity with all LZ's within zone of action is mandatory.
- (9) Briefing and planning conference will be held on or about 14 July 68.
- (10) When contact is made do not attempt to assault until supporting arms have been employed, clear cut fire superiority has been achieved, and the enemy has been reduced.
- (11) Enemy observed artillery fire has been delivered in zone of action. Emphasize dispersion of personnel and "digging in".
- (12) Area of operations contains mines and surprise firing devices.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See Annex G

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS

a. See Annex H

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ANNEXES:

- A. Intelligence
- B. Operation Overlay (9th Marines)
- C. Operation Overlay (3d Marines/2d ARVN - PASEP)
- D. Artillery
- E. Fire Support Coordination
- F. Air
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Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 7-68

Ref: (a) Divo P3800.1
 (b) Foro C1060.
 (c) MACV Directive 381-11
 (d) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014, Sheet 6342 I

Time Zone: H

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

- a. See Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate).
- b. See current intelligence summaries and special intelligence reports, as issued.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

- a. Determine if the enemy will employ gas in the objective area.
- b. Determine if the enemy will delay, withdraw, defend or reinforce in the objective area.
- c. Determine if the enemy has established any set pattern when establishing bivouac areas.
- d. Determine extent to which abandoned villages are used by the NVA as harbor sites, way-stations or cache points.
- e. Determine to what extent the enemy has replaced his losses.
- f. Determine the effects of air strikes and supporting arms on enemy bunkers and bunker complexes.
- g. Determine if there has been any special troop indoctrination related to the peace talks.
- h. Determine location of intermittent stream beds used as trails by NVA.
- i. Determine what trails are trafficable by vehicles.
- j. Determine location of harbor sites and bivouac sites suitable for use by enemy units of company size or larger.
- k. Determine to what extent the enemy will use his limited air assets to reinforce or support his forces.
- l. What are the locations, strengths and dispositions of enemy units with the area of operation?
- m. What installations has the enemy established, to include arms caches, supply facilities, base camps, training areas, CP's and OP's?
- n. Has there been any significant movement of enemy troops either in or out of the area of operation? If so, when, where, and with what armament and materials?
- o. What supply and resupply routes and methods is the enemy employing?
- p. Has the enemy obtained any new type of arms? If so, what, when, and how is it employed?
- q. Will the enemy attack friendly forces? If so, when, where, in what strength, and with what forces?

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3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION TASKS

a. Orders to subordinate and attached units.

(1) All units.

- (a) Report as obtained, information answering required Essential Elements of Information. (See Paragraph 2., this Annex).
- (b) Report ASAP the location of enemy headquarters, installations, camps, rest areas, training areas, special cultivation areas, supply points and weapons and ammunition storage areas.
- (c) Submit on spot reports significant sightings made by battle-ground surveillance devices.
- (d) Submit reports as set forth in reference (a) to this headquarters.

b. Requests to higher, adjacent and supporting units.

(1) Commanding General, Task Force HOTEL

(a) Provide information as obtained on:

- 1_ Enemy forces within the zone of operations.
- 2_ Enemy forces located in those areas within 48 hours reinforcement distance from the zone of operation.
- 3_ Movement of additional enemy forces into the zone of operation.
- 4_ Helicopter landing zones in the zone of operation.
- 5_ Enemy rocket, mortar, artillery and anti-aircraft capabilities in the area of operation.
- 6_ Provide required aerial photography in support of the operation.
- 7_ Provide an interrogator-translator team as required.
- 8_ Provide aerial observation in the zone of operation as required.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL.

a. References (b) and (c) provide basic guidance in the handling of captured personnel, documents and material.

b. Captured Personnel.

- (1) Captured personnel will be referred to as "detainees" until classified by TTT personnel.
- (2) Handling of detainees will be firm at all times, but will not involve force beyond that necessary to defend against or subdue resisting detainees. All detainees will be searched, segregated, tagged and evacuated through the intelligence chain as expeditiously as possible. All material and documents will be evacuated with the detainees.
- (3) Battalion S-2's will accomplish the initial screening and then expeditiously evacuate detainees to this headquarters. Wounded detainees will be evacuated through medical channels except walking wounded not requiring hospitalization who, after initial treatment, will be processed through normal intelligence channels for interrogation and disposition. It is imperative that all possible information concerning the time, place, and circumstances of capture

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circumstances of capture prior to forwarding through intelligence channels to this headquarters for intelligence evaluation and forwarding to Task Force HOTEL G-2.

- (b) Captured documents relating to communications, including operating instructions, codes, messages, frequency list and call signs, will be tagged and evacuated without delay. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL PLAIN LANGUAGE TRANSMISSIONS BE MADE TO REPORT THE CAPTURE OF ENEMY COMMUNICATIONS AND SECURITY MATERIAL.
- (c) Documents captured at communication installations will not be separated from the equipment unless recapture is imminent or evacuation of the equipment is impossible. Such documents and equipment will be tagged and evacuated together without delay.

5. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

- a. Passwords and countersigns published separately.
- b. Enemy capabilities include interception and translation of insecure communications.

6. REPORTS

- a. Report significant intelligence information by spot report. Include best estimate where exact information is not available.
- b. Submit shell reports and mortar reports to this headquarters as soon as possible.

7. TARGET INFORMATION. See Appendix 3.

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Appendix

- I Intelligence Estimate
- II Climatic and Astronomical Data
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Appendix I (Intelligence Estimate) to Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 7-68

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,00 AMS Series L7014, Sheet 6342 I

1. MISSION

At 1/H hour on D-Day, 9th Marines (Reinf), conducts a coordinated helo/ground attack in the Northeast Lancaster II AO to find, fix, and destroy enemy forces, supply/logistic caches and interdict infiltration routes in ZO A.

2. ENEMY SITUATION

- a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation. The area of operation is a transitional piedmont region consisting of rolling plains and low hills. The foothills and stream beds generally follow a east-west pattern.

(1) Military Geography

- (a) Topography. The topography is coarse textured. The streams are generally 3 to 4 kilometers apart so that the low hills affords large areas for dispersion. A single layer canopy with low scrub brush covers the stream bed area while the brushwood areas consist of moderate undergrowth and vegetation that normally does not exceed 3 meters in height.

(b) Climate and Weather.

1. General. The southwest monsoon is in full force during July. The weather follows somewhat regular pattern with afternoon showers over the eastern DMZ area averaging 10 days during July. Low ceilings occur on a few mornings but are relatively rare during the afternoon and evenings, except in passing thunderstorms and showers. A normal day will find cumulus clouds forming by midmorning, lowering and increasing in amount by midafternoon, then breaking up at night.
2. Temperature. Mean maximum temperatures in the eastern DMZ is in the high 90's, with the plateau of the central DMZ, 85° to 95°. Maximum temperatures below vegetation canopies are lower and minimum temperature higher, than in open areas and immediately above canopies. Relative humidity during July remains high with 60 to 80% readings. The high humidity tends to make the high temperature seem even higher.
3. Precipitation. In the eastern portion of the DMZ the mean July rainfall of 4 inches occurs generally from early afternoon to late at night. Flash floods may occur in relatively narrow streams in the plateau region, especially when thunderstorms or tropical cyclones produce excessive rainfall in short periods of time.

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4. Cloudiness. Mean cloudiness ranges between 60 and 70% with ceiling generally 3000 feet and scattered during July. Visibility is generally good except occasional early morning ground fog in the valleys and during thunderstorms.

b. Enemy Military Situation. Enemy forces composed almost entirely of North Vietnamese Army units currently influence the situation in assigned ZOA. Elements of several regiments are deployed and have operated in the Eastern DMZ. At times these units are subordinate to divisions and at other times are directly subordinate to the B-5 Front. (DMZ Front Headquarters).

- (1) Composition. (Infantry and Artillery). Enemy combat forces in the DMZ area are composed primarily of elements of one division, the 320th, the 270th Independent Regiment, the 27th Independent Regiment, and the 27th Independent Battalion. The artillery units are the 84th Artillery Regiment, the 54th Artillery Regiment/Brigade. [REDACTED] (DMZ Front Headquarters) controls and coordinates the activity of all enemy forces operating in and below the DMZ.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
[REDACTED] (DMZ Front)	VINH LINH Special Zone	Unknown
320th Division Headquarters	YD 0188	350
48th Regiment	Unlocated Eastern DMZ	1665
52th Regiment	XD 9695	1415
64th Regiment	YD 0188	1350
270th Independent Regiment	Unlocated Eastern DMZ	640
27th Independent Regiment	Northern Leatherneck	550
	Square and DMZ	
27th Independent Battalion	Southern Leatherneck	100
	Square and CAM LO Valley	
164th Artillery Regiment/Brigade	SE of VINH LINH	1870
84th Artillery Regiment	SE of VINH LINH	2165
54th Artillery Regiment	N of DONG HA ridgeline and Central DMZ	1950

- c. Availability of Reinforcements (Ground). There are very tenuous indications that elements of the 320th Division are moving to the Central DMZ. There are also very tenuous indication that a new unit, possibly a division, may be deploying into the DMZ area either in the eastern sector as relief for the 320th Division or into the Central DMZ area. Enemy forces stationed within 24 - 48 hours reinforcing distance of the assigned AO total an estimated two regiments with a strength of 3500. Based on the 320th Division's operations in late April and May, north of the CAM LO and CAU VIET rivers, the enemy has replacements for combat losses available within 48 hours of assigned ZOA.
- d. Logistics. Based on previous engagements in the Eastern DMZ the enemy has had ample food, ammunition and weapons. He has demonstrated his capability to resupply during combat primarily by means of pre-staged caches and secondly by porters.

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- e. Strength and Weakness. His strength lies mainly in his knowledge of the terrain and locations of bunker complexes. He has effectively demonstrated his ability to initiate and break contact at will. The lack of proper training and experiences on the part of replacements may be his main weakness.
- f. Other. Recent URS activity has shown a decline in the assigned ZOA during June. URS activity is generally heaviest between gridlines 00-09 and E-W gridlines 60-68.

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- a. From present positions the enemy can attack in zone of action with the equivalent of one reinforced regiment numbering about 1500.
- b. The enemy can defend with strength of a reinforced battalion size unit only when forced to do so, and then on terrain of his choosing from prepared positions.
- c. The enemy can reinforce with the equivalent of two regiments with a strength of 3500 within 24 - 48 hours.
- d. The enemy can evade and refuse to be engaged in ground contact.

4. ANALYSIS OF ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- a. Attack by fire with effective, adjusted, and continued artillery, mortar, and rocket fire.
- b. In conjunction with a. above, initiate ground attacks with units of regimental size.
- c. The enemy will defend in strength when tactically surprised in order to extricate his main body, key personnel and supplies. He will attack friendly forces when possessing superior numbers and/or when an important base camp is threatened.
- d. He will attempt to entice friendly forces to attack him in prepared positions in order to attrite or destroy them under his tactical doctrine of the "defensive offensive".
- e. Initiate ground attacks of smaller scale for the purpose of harassing/delaying action and inflicting casualties.
- f. Evade and refuse to be engaged in ground contact.

5. CONCLUSIONS

- a. The most probable enemy course of action is to attack by fire while refusing to be engaged in substantial ground attack.
- b. While large scale contact could be made, it is considered that the location and destruction of enemy caches and bunker complexes, including base camps and hospital sites, will constitute the major activity.
- c. Delay of the advance of friendly units by mines/booby traps and enemy harassing tactics is to be expected.

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ASTRONOMICAL DATA FOR JULY

DATE	EMWT	SUNRISE	SUNSET	EMWT	MOONRISE	MOONSET	PHASE	ILLUM
10	0536	0627	1927	2016	1950	0606	FULL	100%
11	0537	0627	1927	2017	2045	0713		99
12	0537	0627	1927	2017	2132	0817		93
13	0537	0628	1926	2017	2214	0916		89
14	0538	0628	1926	2017	2252	1011		82
15	0538	0628	1926	2017	2327	1103	LAST QTR	73
16	0539	0628	1926	2017	----	1152		63
17	0539	0628	1926	2017	0001	1240		54
18	0539	0629	1926	2017	0035	1329		44
19	0539	0629	1926	2017	0111	1418		35
20	0539	0629	1926	2017	0150	1509	NEW MOON	26
21	0540	0629	1926	2016	0232	1602		18
22	0540	0629	1926	2016	0319	1656		12
23	0540	0630	1925	2016	0409	1748		06
24	0540	0630	1925	2015	0502	1839		02
25	0540	0630	1925	2015	0550	1927		00
26	0541	0630	1925	2014	0654	2011		00
27	0541	0630	1925	2014	0749	2052		02
28	0541	0631	1925	2014	0843	2130		07
29	0541	0631	1925	2014	0936	2208		13
30	0542	0631	1925	2013	1029	2245		21
31	0542	0631	1925	2013	1122	2324		31

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Appendix III to Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 7-68

ADDENDUM TO TARGET LIST (APPENDIX 5) (TARGET LIST)

NVA ARTILLERY LOCATIONS

<u>GRID</u>	<u>NATURE OF TARGET</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>ACCURACY METERS</u>	<u>DATE REPORTED</u>
XD				
50054048	2 Lt Arty Pens	III MAF PI	50	21Jun68
51653795	3 Lt Arty Pens	III MAF PI	50	5Jun68
732285	Large Arty Pen	7 AF Intel Rpt		31May68
753214	Arty Pen	7 AF Intel Rpt		31May68
7763539480	Act Arty	CMR	200	20May68
7832540340	Act Arty	CMR	200	20May68
8135540970	Act Arty (152mm)	CMR	200	20May68
909547	Arty Pen	III MAF PI	50	29May68
97608442	2 Lt Arty Pens	III MAF PI	50	22Jun68
97739745	6 Arty Emplacements	45 MI Det PI	50	20Jun68
98124750	1 Lt Arty Pen (Poss Occ)	III MAF PI	50	25Jun68
984745	1 Lt Arty Pen (Prob Occ)	III MAF PI	50	5Jun68
98458542	4 Poss Arty Revetments	III MAF PI	50	25Jun68
98358899	4 Arty Pens	45 MI Det PI	50	18Jun68
99107535	1 Occ Arty Pen	III MAF PI	50	19Jun68
99317551	1 Lt Arty Pen (Prob Occ)	III MAF PI	50	19Jun68
99907542	1 Lt Arty Pen (Prob Occ)	III MAF PI	50	19Jun68
99907550	2 Lt Arty Pens (Prob Occ)	III MAF PI	50	19Jun68
99658489	Arty Assoc/Storage Area	CHIC PI	50	24Jun68

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Annex D (Artillery) Operation Order 7-68

- Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6442 I, II and 6442 IV.
- (b) CG, 3d Marine Division LOI 1-67
- (c) FMFM 7-4
- (d) FM 6-40
- (e) 12th Marines Regimental Order 3000.1G (SOP for gunnery).
- (f) 2d Bn, 12th Marines Order 3000.1F (SOP for operations and gunnery).
- (g) Firing chart: Grid Sheet Scale 1:25,000

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization: Basic Order

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. ANNEX A and TUESDAY.b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 1st MAW provides helicopter and fixed wing support.
- (2) 7th Air Force provides Arc Light support.
- (3) 12th Marines provides GS artillery.

2. MISSION. 2d Bn, 12th Marines provides close and continuous fire support to maneuver elements.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of artillery employment.

- (1) 2d Bn, 12th Marines Direct Support 9th Marines.
- (2) Artillery support will be provided initially from positions at A-4 and C-2.
- (3) One 105mm battery will displace to CAM LO when required to provide support.
- (4) One mortar battery may displace by helicopter to support additional operations.
- (5) General support fires will be provided by 12th Marines and 108th FA group (USA).

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B. D Battery.

- (1) Initially present position A-4.
- (2) Be prepared to displace to provide close continuous fire support throughout 9th Marines AO.
- (3) Recon position area vicinity Cam Lo district Hq.

C. E Battery.

- (1) Initially present position C-2.
- (2) Be prepared to displace to provide close continuous fire support throughout 9th Marines AO.

D. F Battery.

- (1) Initially present position C-2.
- (2) Be prepared to displace to provide close continuous fire support throughout 9th Marines AO.

E. Mortar Battery.

- (1) Initially present position A-4.
- (2) Provide close continuous fire support throughout 9th Marines AO within range capability.
- (3) Be prepared to displace by helicopter to position area in LZ via 049652 or YD 038646.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Position Areas And FireCaps: Appendix 1 (Position areas and fire capabilities)
- (2) Survey: 12th Marines trig list
- (3) Metro: Twice daily from established stations
- (4) Counter-Battery: GS and DS arty. Policy active. Units receiving incoming arty/rocket/mort fires report ASAP IAW ref (E).
- (5) Counter-mortar: DS arty. Policy active. MPQ-4 positioned C-2 expected to be operational by D-Day.
- (6) Target Numbers: Ref (F)
- (7) Restrictions On Fires: Annex E (Fire support coordination).
- (8) Registrations: No restrictions.

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- (9) "Fire in" night defensive fires prior to darkness.
- (10) Appendix 2 (Target List) TBI O/A D-1
- (11) Use following techniques as necessary:
 - (a) At my command method of control by FO's
 - (b) High-angle fire
 - (c) Restrictive fire plans
 - (d) Helo approach/retirement lanes.

ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See Annex G (Administration and Logistics) to Operation Order 7-68
- b. ASR (R/T/D) (Guide only)
 - 105mm - - - - - 62
 - 107mm - - - - - 29

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. Annex H (Communications - Electronics) to Operation Order 7-68
- b. 2-12 CP located C-2.

Appendices:

- Position areas and fire capabilities

2 - Target List/ Target Overlay (TBI O/A D-1)

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Annex E (Fire Support Coordination) to 9th Marines operation
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Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS series L7014, Sheets
 6342 I, II and 6442 IV

(b) CG, 3d Mar Div LCI 1-67

(c) FMFM 7-1 (Fire Support Coordination)

(d) Task Force Hotel OP Plan 1-68

Time Zone: Hotel

1. SITUATION.

A. Enemy Forces. Annex A (Intelligence), current Intsums
 and Perintreps.

B. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Task Force Hotel conducts multi-battalion operations in northern LANCASTER II AO. 1st Marines assumes responsibility for ~~KENTUCKY~~ AO prior to D-Day and operates on the east flank, while 3d Marines operates on west flank.
- (2) 2d Bn, 12th Marines provides direct support with 12th Marines (Reinf) furnishing general support and reinforcing fires.
- (3) 7th USAF provides Arc Lights and Tactical Air Support.
- (4) 1st MAW provides helo and fixed wing air support.
- (5) 2d ARVN Regiment (-) participates in northern LANCASTER II AO operation.

C. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION.

A. At L/H-Hour on D-Day, 9th Marines with three infantry battalions conducts a coordinated helo/ground operation in the northeast LANCASTER II AO to seek out, find and annihilate enemy forces, find and destroy supply/logistic caches and interdict infiltration routes in the objective area.

B. Supporting Air and Artillery provide close and continuous fire support to 9th Marines.

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3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept Of Operations. Two battalions conduct a helo assault into the northern portion of the objective area, while a third battalion by foot march takes up a blocking position on the east flank. Arc Lights and preparatory fires neutralize objectives and LZ's throughout zone of action for advancing infantry, as well as enemy artillery positions north of the DMZ. Subsequent helicopter/ground attacks will continue generally from north to south fixing and annihilating the enemy, disrupting his infiltration/supply routes and destroying his caches. See Annex B (Operation Overlay) to Operation Order 7-68.
- b. Air Support. Annex F (Air) to Operation Order 7-68.
- c. Artillery Support. Annex D (Artillery) to Operation Order 7-68.
- d. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) D-Day 16 July 1968.
 - (2) L-Hour 0700.
 - (3) Duration of Operation approximately 7 days.
 - (4) When contact is made, assault will not be attempted until supporting arms have been employed, clear cut fire superiority has been achieved, and the enemy has been reduced.
 - (5) Boundaries serve as fire coordination lines between converging battalions.
 - (6) Infantry battalions submit desired no fire lines daily at 1830 to 9th Marines.
 - (7) Task Force Hotel (STUD DASC) controls all aircraft in 9th Marines AO until "pass-off" near LZ to battalion TACP'S.
 - (8) 9th Marines FSCC submits Sav-A-Planes to Task Force Hotel FSCC.
 - (9) All artillery fires in AO through 9th Marines FSCC.
 - (10) 9th Marines FSCC be prepared to assume control of all aircraft in 9th Marines AO.
 - (11) Artillery and air representatives make maximum effort to coordinate at lowest echelon simultaneous air and artillery activity.

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- (12) Infantry battalions coordinate 60mm and 81mm mortar fire directly with adjacent battalions if mission plots within 500 meters of boundary.
- (13) 9th Marines FSCC obtain clearances for all missions (mortar and artillery) which plot within 500 meters of 9th Marines boundaries.
- (14) Firing units and forward observers maintain air sentry when firing. Check fire when aircraft observed approaching danger areas.
- (15) Artillery liaison officers report FO positions hourly to 2-12 FDC.
- (16) Smoke and illumination will not be fired within 2000 meters of adjacent battalions without clearance from this headquarters.
- (17) A Pre-L-Hour preparation of LZ's will be executed by CAS and artillery.
- (18) Flak suppression fires will be planned along helicopter approach and retirement lanes.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Annex G (AD/LOG) to Operation Order 7-68.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. Communications - Annex H to Operation Order 7-68.
- b. Task Force Hotel FSCC and DASC located LZ STUD.
- c. 9th Marines FSCC located C-2.
- d. 2-12 FDC located C-2.

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Annex F (Air Support) to Operation Order 7-68

Ref: (a) Task Force Hotel Operation Plan 1-68. Annex E (Air)

(b) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L 7014.
 Sheets 6342 I, II and 6442 IV.

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See current PERINTREPS and INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 7th Air Force assets (single manager concept)
 including 1st MAW provide fixed wing and rotary
 wing aircraft and aerial observers.

2. AVAILABLE AIR SUPPORT.

a. Medevac. Two helicopters on 15 minute alert. Request
 via this headquarters.

b. Flare Plane. Available for troops in contact or emergency
 medevac. Expect 45 minute delay.

c. Spooky. Available for troops in contact at night or
 emergency medevac. Expect 45 minute to 1 hour delay.

d. Aerial Observers. Normally airborne at first light
 until darkness. Fifteen minute alert at night.

e. Sparrow Hawk. Reinforced rifle platoon on 30 minute
 alert during daylight hours at QUANG TRI. Commitment
 requested through this Hq's and must be approved by CG,
 3d Mar Div.

f. Emergency Resupply. One hour alert during hours of
 darkness. Request through this Hq's. Must be approved
 by regimental CO.

g. UH-1E Gunships. Available on request.

h. CAS Aircraft.

(1) Snake, nape and zuni available on alert at CHU LAI
 and DA NANG. Expect 45 minute delay.

(2) Diverts will be requested when necessary. Units
 will specify maximum type bomb which can be utilized
 (i.e. does the proximity of friendly forces make 2000 lb
 bombs feasible?)

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(3) Pre-planned strikes.

3. AIR SUPPORT PRIORITIES.

- a. Units in contact
- b. Normal operations
- c. Helolifts, convoys, and motor marches.
- d. Other targets

4. PROCEDURES.

- a. TPQ requests for that night and the next day will be submitted to this headquarters prior to 1100.
- b. ALO/FAC controlled airstrikes encouraged, observation and communications permitting.
- c. Pre-Planned fixed wing requests for the next day will be submitted to this headquarters prior to 1400.
- d. Landing zones/pick up zones will be carefully selected giving appropriate consideration to altitude, size, obstructions, exposure to known enemy fire and locations, and surface conditions, e.g., elephant grass, bushes, dust, and debris.
- e. Detailed briefings will be conducted prior to heliborne assault. In addition to helicopter representatives, the battalion 3 and ALO or their representatives, will attend.
- f. Restrictive fire plans will be issued and helicopter approach/retirement lanes designated.

9. Helicopter support aircraft will be handed off to units by Stud DASC vice 9th Marines TACP. On order, units be prepared to revert back to 9th Marines TACP control if necessary.

5. REPORTS.

- a. Include all tactical air support received on spotreps and sitreps. Include controller, type aircraft employed, target, and BDA.

6. GENERAL.

- a. All helicopter resupply and medevac LZ's will be well policed in order to avoid aircraft damage from debris, trash foreign particals, etc.

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APPENDICES: 1. Air Schedule D-Day
2. Air Operations Overlay

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Appendix 1 (Air Schedule -D-day) to Annex F (Air Support) to
 Operation Order 7-68

AIR SCHEDULE D-DAY

0550 Artillery preps terminate.
 0550 AO's on station (2).
 0600 First flight fixed wing.
 0615 Second flight fixed wing.
 0630 Third flight fixed wing, UH-1E C&C A/C picks up CO, ALO
 9th Marines.
 0645 Fourth flight fixed wing, UH-1E C&C A/C picks up CO 3/9
 0650 Helos arrive pick up LZ for 3/9. First flight smoke on
 station ~~XD~~ 9969 to ~~XD~~ 0872.
 0700 Helos touchdown LZ's SPARROW, HAWK. Fifth flight fixed wing.
 0720 Sixth flight fixed wing. Second flight smoke ~~XD~~ 9969 to ~~XD~~ 0872.
 0740 Seventh flight fixed wing.
 0750 Third flight smoke ~~XD~~ 9969 to YD 0872.
 0800 Eighth flight fixed wing.
 0820 3/9 lift complete. UH-1E picks up CO 2/9.
 0830 2/9 lift commences to LZ WREN. Ninth flight fixed wing-D-26's.
 Fourth flight smoke ~~XD~~ 9969 to YD 0872.
 0850 Tenth flight fixed wing-D-2A's, D-9's.
 0900 Fifth flight smoke ~~XD~~ 9969 to YD 0872.
 0910 Eleventh flight fixed wing-D26's.
 0935 2/9 lift complete. Twelfth flight fixed wing-D-26's. AO's
 relieved on station.
 After 0935, All fixed wing flights on call.

Notes: (1) 16 CH-46D utilized for assault lifts
 4 UH-1E Gunships escort assault helos
 1 UH-1E C&C
 2 O-1 AO aircraft
 10 A-1 smoke aircraft
 24 Fighters

(2) CH-46, UH-1E A/C refuel DONG HA as necessary.

(3) All fixed winged flights until 0800 are snake & nape,
 see schedule for remaining flights.

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Annex G (Administration/Logistics) to Operation Order 7-68

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50000, AMS Series L7014 Sheets 6342 I and 6442 IV

(b) Task Force Hotel Operation Plan 1-68.

1. SUPPLY

a. General

(1) The source of supply for 9th Marines for classes I, III, IV and V is LSU, LZ Stud.

(2) Source of supply for class II is FLSG-B, Dong Ha.

b. Supplies and equipment available

Class II

MCI - 10 DAS

Trioxane - 10 DAS

Class III

Mogas - 20,000 Gal.

Diesel - 20,000 Gal.

Class V

Resupplied Daily from ASP, Quang Tri.

c. Control and Distribution

(1) Supply point distribution in effect.

d. Prescribed loads

(1) As directed by unit commanders with emphasis placed on maximum possible load of class I, V and water to minimize helo resupply in same LZ. Utilize natural water source to the maximum extent.

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- (1) Helicopter resupply from LSU, LZ Stud to units in the field will be the primary source.
- (2) Units establish sufficient personnel at LZ Stud prior to D-Day to draw, stage and control supplies.
- (3) Submit requests for emergency resupply to this Headquarters.
- (4) Submit to this Headquarters by NMP 1300 daily, supply requirements for the following day.
 - (a) This Headquarters will convert amount of supplies into weight for appropriate helo-lifts.
 - (b) All requests will be fraggd to higher headquarters by this Headquarters.
 - (c) Battalions will identify Ch-53 lifts if required.
- (5) Battalions will stage at LZ Stud emergency packages of Class I, Class V and water for one rifle company. In the event this package is used, reconstitute immediately.

f. Captured Material

- (1) See Annex A (Intelligence)

g. Captured Personnel

- (1) See Annex A (Intelligence)

2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATIONa. Evacuation

- (1) Casualties requiring evacuation will be transported directly from the field to Co "D", 3rd Medical Battalion, Dong Ha. Patients with head wounds may be taken directly to hospital ships since there is no neuro-surgeon at Dong Ha.
- (2) Those casualties requiring stabilization may be transported to aid station located at Camp Carroll.
- (3) Battalions maintain representatives at Co "D", 3rd Medical Battalion, Dong Ha.

~~SECRET~~b. Hospitalization

- (1) All personnel requiring hospitalization will be evacuated to Co "D", 3rd Medical Battalion, Dong Ha.

3. TRANSPORTATIONa. Vehicle

- (1) Battalions will utilize organic vehicles to the maximum extent possible. Request vehicle support from this Headquarters (S-4), by NIT 1400 of the preceding day.
- (2) Main Supply Route is Route 9 and is a controlled route for convoys.

b. Air (Helicopter)(1) Landing Zone

- (a) Units mark landing zone with air panels.
- (b) Constant police of LZ's will be emphasized. LZ's will be kept clear of trash, loose equipment and any matter that can be swept into helicopter rotors.
- (c) Helicopter Director in LZ's will wear air panel or colored apparel as distinguishing device.

(2) Communication

- (a) Positive communications will be established by units in the field with this Headquarters and LZ Stud.
- (b) Helicopter Support Teams man Regimental Helicopter Logistic's net. (LZ Common)
- (c) LSU, LZ Stud display card giving call sign and frequency of receiving unit will be given to each pilot. This is in addition to information passed by radio.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. All units expedite return of water cans and other water containers to LSU, LZ Stud.
- b. Helicopter slings and nets will be returned expeditiously to LSU, LZ Stud from unit positions in the field.

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5. REPORTS

- a. Battalions report to this Headquarters by 1730 daily, weapons density and HE Class V on position utilizing format shown below:

Weapons density and on position Class V, HE report.

Line I	(Weapons density)	(HE on position)
	number	rounds
A (60mm mortar)		
B (81mm mortar)	number	rounds
C (90mm gun-M4-6A1 Tank)	number	rounds
D (106mm Recoilless rifle)	number	rounds

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Annex H (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 7-68.

Refs: (a) 3d MARDIV P02000.2G (C01)
 (b) T.F. Hotel Op Order 1-68

Time Zone: H

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 53-68.
- (2) The enemy has the capability to conduct all forms of electronic warfare, especially intercept or jamming of radio circuits.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Command Posts

Task Force Hotel:

Ca Lu

2d ARVN:

(TDA)

3d Marines:

Camp Carroll

9th Marines:

Main

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Forward

A-4

Rear

DHCB

1st Bn, 9th Marines

Report when established

2nd Bn, 9th Marines

Report when established

3rd Bn, 9th Marines

Report when established

- (2) 3d Mar Div Comm Center provides comm and crypto guard.

2. Mission

On D-1, communications elements of this command, install, operate, and maintain communications for the helicopter assault and subsequent operations in AO.

3. Execution

a. Communication Platoon, 9th Marines

- (1) Establish manual relay team at Camp Carroll on Regt Tac Net. Call sign Coffee Cup Relay. Activate on order.
- (2) Provide communications facilities at forward C P (A-4) during initial phases of helicopter assault. Activate on order.

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- (3) Provide radio team for Regt 3-4 representative at LZ Stud.
- (4) Evaluate Field Test Gen KY-38 and AN/PRC 77.
- b. 1st Bn. 9th Marines (Reinf)
 - (1) Operate and maintain communications facilities necessary for command and control in AO.
 - (2) Test and evaluate KY-38 and AN/PRC 77.
- c. 2nd Bn. 9th Marines (Reinf)
 - (1) Operate and maintain communications facilities necessary for command and control in AO.
 - (2) Test and evaluate KY-38 and AN/PRC 77.
- d. 3rd Bn. 9th Marines (Reinf)
 - (1) Operate and maintain communications facilities necessary for command and control in AO.
 - (2) Test and evaluate KY-38 and AN/PRC 77.
- e. Air Support Communications. See Appendix 1 (Radio Plan)
- f. Artillery Communications. See Annex C (Artillery) and Appendix 3 (Wire/Radio Relay Diagram).
- g. Coordination Instructions.
 - (1) Courier Service.
 - (a) By vehicle from DICB to C-2 at 0900 and 1600. Flash and immediate traffic delivered immediately while rte 9 is open for traffic.
 - (b) By helicopter from T.F. Hotel to C-2 (9th Mar) TBA
 - (2) Radio
 - (a) KC-292 antennas are required for all units on 9th Mar Regimental nets.
 - (b) The command net on M614 is for the exclusive use of Commanding Officers and S-3's.
 - (c) Test and evaluation of the KY-38 and AN/PRC 77. Requires a classified report to cover a period of seven days. Report form PASEP.
 - (d) See Appendix 2 for call signs and frequencies.
- (3) Wire/Radio Relay. See Appendix 3
- (4) Thrust Points. See Appendix 4
- (5) Authentication and Numerical Codes. Use effective edition KAC-OAG.

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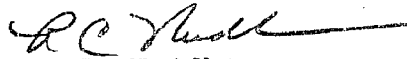
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(6) Operation Codes. Use effective edition KAC-PAG
(7) Secure Voice Radio. A maximum of ten (10) days
extracts are authorized from effective edition of KAK 3241 for
field use with nestor systems.

4. Administration and Logistics.

- A. See Annex G (Admin-Logistics) to oper order 7-68
- B. Limited repair facilities are available on electronics
equipment, to include KY-38, at 9th Marines GP (C-2)

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Appendixes:

- 1 - Radio Plan
- 2 - Radio call signs and frequencies
- 3 - Wire-Radio Relay Plan
- 4 - Thrust Points

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Appendix 2 (Radio Call Signs and Frequencies to
Annex H (Communications Electronics) to
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1. Radio Call Signs

Unit
 CG 3d MarDiv
 CG Task Force Hotel
 3d Marines
 1st Bn, 3d Marines
 2nd Bn, 3d Marines
 3rd Bn, 3d Marines
 9th Marines
 1st Bn, 9th Marines
 2nd Bn, 9th Marines
 3rd Bn, 9th Marines
 12th Marines
 1st Bn, 12th Marines
 2nd Bn, 12th Marines
 3rd Bn, 12th Marines
 4th Bn, 12th Marines
 DASC (IZ Stud)
 DASC (Dong Ha)
 1st Marines
 4th Marines
 2nd ARVN Regt
 1/2 ARVN
 2/2 ARVN
 3/2 ARVN
 4/2 ARVN
 5/2 ARVN
 Senior Advisor
 Deputy Advisor
 Genl Dist HQ
 US Advisor

Voice Call
 Hall Mark
 Black Bottom
 North Tide
 Sixteen
 Greek Money
 Amanda
 Coffee Cup
 Dallas Girl
 Fancy Dan
 Side Dish
 Sand Box
 Dutchess County
 White Fish
 Snub Nose
 God Mother
 Stud DASC
 Dong Ha DASC
 Hamworth
 League Leader
 Blurry Critic Victor
 Blurry Critic Echo
 Blurry Critic Lima
 Blurry Critic Alpha
 Blurry Critic Delta
 Blurry Critic Kilo
 Blurry Critic 8
 Blurry Critic 6
 Pine Styler (B)

2. Radio Frequencies

<u>Net</u>	<u>Freq</u>	<u>Design</u>
Div Tac IIA	(1) 46.75 MHz	M-46
	(2) 62.8 MHz	M-508
	55.25	M-85A
Task Force Hotel		
<u>3rd Marines</u>		
Regt Tac # 1	(1) 35.1 MHz	M-123
	(2) 75.55 MHz	M-496
Regt T/CP	32.3 MHz	M-758

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<u>1st Bn 3rd Marines</u> Bn Tac # 2	(P) 44.35 MHz (S) 73.65 MHz	N-324 N-348
<u>2nd Bn 3rd Marines</u> Bn Tac # 2	(P) 63.15 MHz (S) 58.95 MHz	N-271 N-348
<u>3rd Bn 3rd Marines</u> Bn Tac # 2	(P) 45.55 MHz (S) 30.45 MHz	N-315 N-175
<u>9th Marines</u> Regt Tac # 1	(P) 45.25 MHz (S) 46.55 MHz	N-314 N-1019
Regt TACP # 1	39.4 MHz	N-317
Regt TACP # 2	51.8 MHz	N-715
<u>1st Bn 9th Marines</u> Bn TAC # 2	(P) 60.45 MHz (S) 56.2 MHz	N-53 N-1020
<u>2nd Bn 9th Marines</u> Bn Tac # 2	(P) 65.05 MHz (S) 59.65 MHz	N-7 N-934
<u>3rd Bn 9th Marines</u> Bn Tac # 2	(P) 37.05 MHz (S) 68.6 MHz	N-354 N-635
<u>12th Marines</u> Regt Fire Dir # 1	(P) 42.95 MHz (S) 57.35 MHz	N-387 N-922
Regt Tac	35.75 MHz	N-124
<u>1st Bn 12th Marines</u> Bn Fire Dir	(S) 72.0 MHz	N-509
<u>2nd Bn 12th Marines</u> Bn CMD	(S) 65.4 MHz	N-1101
Bn Fire Dir	(S) 60.1 MHz (A) 70.4 MHz	N-1157 N-547
Btry D Cof	45.75 MHz	N-738
Btry E Cof	59.15 MHz	N-318
Btry F Cof	62.45 MHz	N-873
107 Btry Cof	67.25 MHz	N-565
Btry K Cof (4th Bn 12th Mar)	71.75 MHz	N-956
<u>3rd Bn 12th Marines</u> Bn CMD	(S) 57.55 MHz	N-561
Bn Fire Dir	(S) 73.8 MHz	N-278
<u>2d ARVN Regt</u>	(P) 44.4 (A) 67.08	
<u>Can In Dist Ho</u>	(P) 47.30 (S) 55.95	

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    Academy[Academy] -- "AM/TRC 27" --- C2[C-2]
    Academy -- "AM/TRC 62" --- C3[C-3]
    C2 -- "AM/TRC 27" --- C3
    C2 -- "AM/TRC 27" --- C5[C-5]
    C3 -- "AM/TRC 62" --- C5
    C5 -- "AM/TRC 27" --- DNCB[DNCB]
    DNCB -- "AM/TRC 97" --- CALU[CA LU]
    CALU -- "AM/TRC 62" --- Academy
    CALU --- L2Std[L2 Std]
  
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YD = 1069 = SPORTS
 YD = 1068 = CARS
 YD = 0954 = FISH
 YD = 0958 = EGGS
 YD = 0558 = BEERS
 YD = 0731 = CIGARETTES
 YD = 0835 = CIGARS
 YD = 0835 = STATES
 YD = 0835 = BEER
 YD = 0137 = CIGARS
 YD = 0132 = CIGARS
 XD = 9836 = SALTS
 XD = 9760 = BEERS
 XD = 9634 = TOES
 XD = 9333 = BEERS
 XD = 9436 = TYPES
 XD = 9133 = CIGARS
 XD = 9333 = CLOTHING
 XD = 9033 = RICE RATE

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SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS BY DIVISION AO (PERIOD 21 May - 10 July 1968)

<u>COORD</u>	<u>NATURE OF TARGET</u>	<u>DATE</u>
YD 002657	3 TO 20 BUNKERS AT EACH SITE, SHOW SIGNS OF RECENT OCCUPANCY.	21 MAY 68
YD 004661		
YD 006668		
YD 018673		
YD 029668		
YD 031667		
YD 032671		
YD 039679		
YD 048668		
YD 063673		
YD 038652		
YD 052627	BUNKER LIVING AREA PREVIOUSLY HIT	21 MAY 68
YD 055626	IS REOCCUPIED	
YD 056624		
HELO VALLEY - REC'D ARTY, .30 CAL AW, SAF		21 MAY 68
YD 064769	REC'D 57MM FLAK	21 MAY 68
YD 090770		
YD 089644	SUSPECTED OP	24 MAY 68
YD 092644	SEVERAL BUNKERS	" "
YD 0964	HEAVY TRAIL ACTIVITY	" "
YD 109740	15 BUNKERS	30 MAY 68
YD 0564	SUSPECTED RPT PSN	1 JUN 68
YD 0662	WELL USED TRAIL BISECTS GRID FROM NW TO SE	5 JUN 68
YD 058630	5 NEW OR RECONSTRUCTED WPN PITS W/ BUNKERS/NO MOVEMENT	" "
YD 000682	TRIPLE BUNKER COMPLEX AROUND CIRCULAR PNT	" "
YD 000682	SUSPECTED BUNKERS TO RIGHT OF STREAM	" "

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SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS DIVISION AG (PERIOD 21 May - 1 July 1968)

<u>CORD</u>	<u>NATURE OF TARGET</u>	<u>DATE</u>
YD 053625	4 WFN PSNS (UNOCCUPIED)	10 JUN 68
YD 090632	FORTIFIED AREA APPROX 30 BUNKERS	11 JUN 68
YD 0863, 0864, 0964	TRAIL ACTIVITY 1 NEW BUNKER COMPLEX	" "
YD 043640	2 A/W PSNS, 15 M TRENCH FRESHLY CAMOUFLAGED	" "
YD 040625	USED RKT PSN/2 STRINGS W/20 PLACEMENTS EACH AND COMMAND BUNKER, POSSIBLE STORAGE AREA OFF THE TRAILS	" "
YD 057574 to YD 048587	LIGHT TRAIL ACTIVITY INCREASING TO MEDIUM NE to YD 076588	13 JUN 68
YD 076588	BUNKERS (POSS OCCUPIED) TRAIL ACTIVITY FROM NW AND N TO RIDGE AT YD 026665 FROM LARGE BUNKER COMPLEXES AT YD 005668 AND YD 018673 TO HELICOPTER VALLEY. ALL TRAIL ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA HAS BEEN ON THE INCREASE.	" 15 JUN 68
YD 059629	FRESH BUNKERS/TRAILS THROUGH BOMB CRATER/GENERAL ACTIVITY INCREASING. AREA NOT USED 10 DAYS AGO.	
YD 064669 YD 092635	5 OLD RKT PSNS. APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY USED. NUMEROUS TRAILS RECENTLY USED. ESTIMATED 30 BUNKERS IN AREA.	" "
YD 083635 to YD 080637	CLUSTERS OF SMALL BUNKERS COMPLEXES W/HEAVY TRAIL INDICATIONS.	" "
YD 047653 & YD 038654	6 CIRCULAR CAMOUFLAGED AREAS LINKED TO TRENCH. TRAILS IN AREA APPEARED USED.	" "
YD 034639	5 CIRCULAR CAMOUFLAGED PSNS. (POSS RKT PSN)	16 JUN 68
YD 033636 & YD 012636	SMALL FORTIFIED AREAS OF APPROX 15 BUNKERS EACH BY HEAVY TRAIL	16 JUN 68
YD 090775	ACTIVE ARTY PSN	17 JUN 68
YD 085634	ACTIVE MORTAR PSN	18 JUN 68
YD 080637	BUNKER COMPLEX, EST. 50 METERS IN DIAMETER	" "
YD 042668	ACTIVE RKT PSN	" "
YD 065670	RKT PSN	" "
YD 0460-0464-	TRAIL ACTIVITY EAST & WEST THROUGH VALLEY. OLD A/W PSNS.	12 JUN 68
YD 0566	SUSP A/W PSN	" "
YD 060672	MAKE SHIFT BRIDGE ON WELLUSED TRAIL	27 JUN 68
YD 051585	BUNKER COMPLEX	22 JUN 68
YD 025678	BUNKER COMPLEX	29 JUN 68
YD 008632	FRESH TRAILS IN USE RUNNING SW TO NE	30 JUN 68
YD 031617	3 BUNKERS	" "
YD 091727	TUNNEL ENTRANCE	" "

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SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS BY DIVISION AO (PERIOD 21 May - 10 July 1968)

<u>CORD</u>	<u>NATURE OF TARGET</u>	<u>DATE</u>
YD 053626	POSSIBLE HARBOR SITE	1 JUL 68
YD 042667	UNKNOWN TYPE WPN PSN	"
YD 083639	SMALL BUNKER COMPLEX 15x20 LIVING BUNKERS ALONG STREAM. HEAVY TRAIL ACTIVITY	"
YD 015502	RIVER CROSSING POINT & ASSEMBLY AREA (SUSP)	3 JUL 68
YD 004671	BUNKER COMPLEX WITH FRESH TRAIL ACTIVITY	"
YD 044669	BUNKER COMPLEX AND SUSPECT ROCKET STORAGE AREA	"
YD 057615 &	MAKE SHIFT BRIDGE	8 JUL 68
YD 063613	LIGHT TO MODERATE USAGE	"
YD 044770	2 ARTY PSNS	9 JUL 68
YD 023770	3 ARTY PSNS	"
YD 103769	UNIDENTIFIED CAMOUFLAGED OBJECTS (SUSP VEHICLES)	"
YD 082769	PROBABLE BUNKER COMPLEX, HEAVY TRAIL ACTIVITY UNDER CANOPY LEADING TO AREA- EST. 30 BUNKERS	10 JUL 68
YD 093761	BUNKER COMPLEX- FRESH TRAILS LEADING IN & OUT OF COMPLEX	"
YD 090759	HEAVY TRAIL ACTIVITY- N TO S TRAIL	"
YD 077740	ROAD CROSSING WELL USED (NOT USED IN PAST)	"
YD 067701	2 UNOCCUPIED .50 CAL PSN	"
YD 004669 TO	VERY HEAVY TRAIL USAGE	"
YD 013672		
YD 009674	LARGE COMPLEX	10 JUL 68
YD 024691	HEAVY TRAIL ACTIVITY	"
YD 014614	MEDIUM TRAIL ACTIVITY	"
YD 097764	NEW TRAIL LIGHT ACTIVITY	"
YD 0769	TRAILS RUNNING E TO W	"
YD 0068	TRAILS-POSSIBLE ASSEMBLY AREA	"
YD 0067	HEAVILY USED TRAILS	"
YD 013665	.50 CAL PSN	"
YD 053664	BUNKER COMPLEX	10 JUL 68
YD 024630	TRAIL RUNNING ALONG RIDGE WITH BUNKERS AND .50 CAL PSN OFF OF TRAIL	"
YD 043652 TO	TRAIL RUNNING ALONG STREAM	"
YD 054656		
YD 006637	2 .50 CAL PSN	"
YD 053653	.50 CAL PSN	"
YD 034698	TRAIL RUNNING E TO W WITH POSSIBLE STORAGE AREA	"
YD 003658	POSSIBLE ASSEMBLY AREA	

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<u>COORD</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>DATE</u>
YD 170700	1	30 JUN 68
YD 169697	1	"
YD 134640	2	"
YD 135643	5	"
YD 069593	4	"
YD 168700	1	"
YD 168697	1	"
YD 020274	1	30 JUN 68
YD 062593	6	"
YD 120702	1	"
YD 112704	1	1 JUL 68
YD 090611	1	"
YD 105611	1	"
YD048612	1	"
YD 004605	1	"
YD 153678	1	"
YD 144693	1	1 JUL 68
YD 226624	1	"
YD 037577	3	11 JUL 68
YD 028610	1	"
YD 023678	1	"
YD 029685	1	"
YD 034682	1	"
YD 038687	1	"
YD 025866	8 WITHIN 1 MILE RADIUS	"
YD 028688	HEAVY CONCENTRATION	"
YD 219702	2	11 JUL 68
YD 215705	4	"
YD 215709	3	"
YD 124655	1	"
YD 217682	2	"
YD 170682	30	"
YD 176595	1	"
YD 005606	3	12 JUL 68

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<u>COORD</u>	<u>RETURNS</u>	<u>TOT</u>
YD 108472	1	26 JUN 68
YD 126519	1	29 JUN 68
YD 153610	1	"
YD 125510	1	"
YD 118583	1	"
YD 150664	1	"
YD 117574	1	01 JUL 68
YD 122561	1	"
YD 076629	1	02 JUL 68
YD 043649	1	"
YD 050440	1	"
YD 021561	3	03 JUL 68
YD 198549	1	"
YD 110577	1	"
YD 090547	1	05 JUL 68
YD 040564	1	"
YD 097522	1	"
YD 071570	1	"
YD 104575	1	"
YD 094508	1	11 JUL 68
YD 115908	1	"
YD 160879	1	"
YD 050902	1	"
YD 081934	1	"

<u>INFRARED (IR)</u>	<u>DETECTIONS</u>	<u>TOT</u>
<u>COORD</u>		
YD 060648	100 fires	090330 JUL 68
YD 053670	6 fires	"
YD 101713	75 fires	"
YD 116717	35 fires	"
YD 051604	15 fires	"

<u>AIRBORNE NIGHT OBSERVATION DEVICE (ANOD)</u>	<u>DETECTIONS</u>	
<u>COORD</u>		9 Jul 68
YD 061649	20 fires	
YD 059664	1 fire	
YD 053604	5 fires	

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APPENDIX TO TARGET LIST (APPENDIX 3) (TARGET LIST)

NVA ARTILLERY LOCATIONS

GRID TO	NATURE OF TARGET	SOURCE	ACCURACY METERS	DATE REPORTED
00968241	2 Lt Arty Pans	III MAP PI	50	22Jun68
01216302	Act Arty	CMR	200	25May68
01988105	Arty Assoc/Storage Area	CHIC PI	50	24Jun68
01998105	Arty Assoc/Storage Area	CHIC PI	50	24Jun68
02707571	3 Lt Arty Pans	III MAP PI	50	31May68
02147652	Invetted Arty Pan	CHIC PI	50	24Jun68
02457680	2 Arty Pans (Occ)	III MAP PI	50	19Jun68
02547682	2 Lt Arty Pans	III MAP PI	50	21Jun68
02807678	1 Arty Pan (Occ)	III MAP PI	50	19Jun68
02058126	Arty Assoc/Storage Area	CHIC PI	50	24Jun68
03995887	Foss Pack 75mm How	2/94 ZG	100	10Jun68
03065949	Susp Pack 75mm How	2/94 ZG	50	18Jun68
030801	Susp Pack 75mm How	2/12 ZG	50	18Jun68
0390060135	Act Arty	CMR	200	31May68
03507934	Act Arty	FR	150	20Jun68
03199270 to	5 Arty Pans & 4 Foss	45 MI Det PI	50	18Jun68
03499289	Prime Movers			
03959269 to	NVA Def Area Consisting of	45 MI Det PI	50	18Jun68
03799355	17 Arty Pieces, Bunkers, etc.			
0437766	14 Arty Pan (Prob Occ)	III MAP PI	50	5Jun68
04007709	3 Lt Arty & 1 Med Arty Pan	III MAP PI	50	14Jun68
0457773	3 Arty Pans	III MAP PI	50	16Jun68
04150989	4 Foss Arty Pans	45 MI Det PI	50	20Jun68
04199339	5 Arty Pans w/Fire Control	45 MI Det PI	50	18Jun68
04559380 to	12 Arty Pans	45 MI Det PI	50	18Jun68
04709399				
04809325	5 Arty Pans w/Fomicles	45 MI Det PI	50	18Jun68
058752	Act Arty	Div AO		20Jun68
057765	Susp Arty Pan	12thMar Regt AO		1Jun68
05270572	Invetted Arty Pan	CHIC PI	50	24Jun68
053864	4 Lt Arty Pans (Occ)	III MAP PI	50	21Jun68
05898660	5 Arty Pans	III MAP PI	50	25Jun68
054875	Arty Pan	CHIC PI	50	17Jun68
05909410 to	Trench System w/3 Arty Pans to	45 MI Det PI	50	18Jun68
06109421	No. & 4 Arty Pans Along E. Side			
06216962	Act Arty	RE	300	16Jun68
06187490	2 Large Arty Pans	III MAP PI	50	29May68
060753	Arty Pan	Div AO		20Jun68
062754	Arty Pan	Div AO		20Jun68
063756	Arty Pan	Div AO		20Jun68
06457540	4 Lt Arty Pans	III MAP PI	50	28May68
06387630	1 Arty (Occ)	III MAP PI	50	19Jun68
06657614	Act Arty	RE	200	20Jun68
06117821	2 Lt Arty Pans	III MAP PI	50	31May68
062864	Med Arty Pan	III MAP PI	50	31May68
96549376	6 Arty Pans & Def Pans	45 MI Det PI	50	18Jun68
07187759	2 Med Arty w/1 Lt Arty Pan	III MAP PI	50	16Jun68
07717769	1 Arty Pan (Occ)	III MAP PI	50	26Jun68
07797775	2 Arty Pans (Occ)	III MAP PI	50	19Jun68
079778	14 Arty Pan (Poss Occ)	III MAP PI	50	5Jun68

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NVA ARTILLERY LOCATIONS

GRID	NATURE OF TARGET	SOURCE	ACCURACY METERS	DATE REPORTED
184359	3 Lt Arty Pans	III MAP PI	50	23Jun68
18438672	2 Lt Arty Pans	III MAP PI	50	23Jun68
18798620	2 Arty Revetments	III MAP PI	50	23Jun68
19077401	4 Lt Arty Pans	III MAP PI	50	21Jun68
1930890127	Poss Arty Pan	VATLS	10	22Jun68
2027276766	Hdg/Poss Arty	VATLS	10	21Jun68
209827	Act Arty	FR	100	19Jun68
20008876	1 Med Arty Pan	III MAP PI	50	23Jun68
215818	Cave used to House Poss Arty	Agent		23Jun68
21178221	Act Arty	FR	150	6Jun68
213824	Act Arty	12th Mar AO		9Jun68
212826	Act Arty	12th Mar AO		9Jun68
213826	Act Arty	12th Mar AO		9Jun68
213828	Act Arty	12th Mar AO		9Jun68
214821	Act Arty	FR	150	11Jun68
217825	Act Arty	12th Mar AO		11Jun68
218825	Act Arty	12th Mar AO		11Jun68
21848230	Act Arty	12th Mar AO		9Jun68
21108308	Act Arty	FR	150	11Jun68
213831	Act Arty	FR	150	11Jun68
21588310	1 Lt Arty Pan	III MAP PI	50	23Jun68
21818368	Act Arty	FR	150	7Jun68
21858300	Act Arty	FR	150	9Jun68
215845	Act Arty	12th Mar AO		6Jun68
211858	Act Arty	FR	150	11Jun68
21628566	Act Arty	RR	200	5Jun68
21398739	1 Lt Arty Pan	III MAP PI	50	23Jun68
21928800	1 Lt Arty Pan	III MAP PI	50	23Jun68
223813	3-105mm Arty Pieces	Agent		18Jun68
220825	Arty Pan	12th Mar AO		4Jun68
221824	Act Arty	FR	150	5Jun68
222825	Act Arty	FR	150	25Jun68
22298268	Act Arty	FR	150	13Jun68
22408221	Act Arty	FR	75	19Jun68
226824	Arty Pan	12th Mar AO		9Jun68
227824	Arty Pan	12th Mar AO		9Jun68
229824	Act Arty	12th Mar AO		11Jun68
22048374	1 Lt Arty Pan w/AA	III MAP PI	50	23Jun68
228838	Act Arty	FR	150	8Jun68
228847	Act Arty	FR	150	9Jun68
22968400	Act Arty	FR	150	25Jun68
22888541	Act Arty	1 AMTRAC BN		11Jun68
229852	Act Arty	FR	150	11Jun68
22988559	Act Arty	FR	150	10Jun68
222873	Act Arty	12th Mar AO		11Jun68
230805	Arty Regt (Consisting of 122mm Hct Launch & 130mm Guns)	Agent		7Jun68

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ADDENDUM TO TARGET LIST (APPENDIX 3) (TARGET LIST)

NVA ARTILLERY LOCATIONS

<u>GRID</u>	<u>NATURE OF TARGET</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>ACCURACY METERS</u>	<u>DATE REPORTED</u>
23208016	Act Arty	FR	75	20Jun68
234804	Act Arty	FR	150	9Jun68
23558059	Act Arty	FR	75	13Jun68
236803	Act Arty	FR	150	2Jun68
23388174	Act Arty	FR	50	24Jun68
23408137	Susp Arty Pan	FR	100	24Jun68
235819	Act Arty	12th Mar AO		16Jun68
23588130	Act Arty	FR	150	13Jun68
23618147	Susp Arty Pan	FR	100	24Jun68
23628146	Act Arty	FR	75	19Jun68
230820	Act Arty	12th Mar AO		16Jun68
230828	Susp Arty Pan	Div AO		14Jun68
230830	Act Arty (3 guns)	1 AMTRAC BN		20Jun68
23128300	Act Arty	FR	50	24Jun68
23148396	Act Arty	FR	150	25Jun68
23338393	Act Arty	FR	150	25Jun68
230835	Act Arty	FR	150	11Jun68
233853	Act Arty	12th Mar AO		11Jun68
23368593	1 Lt Arty Pan w/AA/AW	III MAP PI	50	11Jun68
233873	Act Arty	12th Mar AO		11Jun68
2430678342	Susp Arty Pan	VATLS	10	21Jun68
24658036	Act Arty	FR	150	9Jun68
24028255	3 Lt Arty Pens (Poss Occ)	III MAP PI	50	6May68
245824	2-130mm Arty Pieces	Agent		18Jun68
	2-175mm Arty Pieces			
249835	2-130mm Arty Pieces	Agent		18Jun68
249849	Susp Arty Pan	12th Mar AO		27Jun68
259797	Act Arty	FR	175	21Jun68
2514882445	Tunnel Entrance/Susp Arty Pan	VATLS	10	23Jun68
25148334	Act Arty	FR	200	6Jun68
252833	Susp Arty Pan	12th Mar AO		7Jun68
28077680	Act Arty	FR	150	25Jun68

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 ROCKET LOCATIONS:

GRID	NATURE OF TARGET	SOURCE	ACCURACY METERS	DATE REPORTED
765940435	Act Rkts	CMR	200	12May68
77021022	Act Rkts	CMR	200	12May68
77044001	Act Rkts	CMR	200	12May68
7813043615	Act Rkts	CMR	200	15May68
7844539100	Act Rkts	CMR	200	13May68
7863039405	Act Rkts	CMR	200	12May68
7834541745	Act Rkts	CMR	200	16May68
7997537320	Act Rkts	CMR	200	12May68
79534008	Act Rkts	CMR	200	13May68
7954074	Act Rkts	CMR	200	16May68
7959040155	Act Rkts	CMR	200	14May68
80000000	15 Rkt Lchr Sites	III MAP PI	50	14Jun68
80000000	Act Rkts	CMR	200	14May68
80000000	Act Rkts	CMR	200	13May68
80000000	Act Rkts	CMR	200	16May68
920498	Susp Rkt Site	Div AO		8Jun68
92094920	Act Rkt Site	Div AO		7Jun68
923501	Susp Rkt Site	Div AO		4Jun68
96258920 to	Rkt Pans (4 Pans)	45 MI Det PI	50	18Jun68
96008940				
YD				
03716280	3 Rkt Pans, Cdn, Poss Coo	III MAP PI	50	24May68
040525	Rkt Pan	Div AO		11Jun68
045625	Rkt Pan	Div AO		11Jun68
050667	4 Rkt Pans	Div AO		22Jun68
050667	Old Rkt Pan	Div AO		19Jun68
052679	Rkt Pans	Div AO		15Jun68
052670	Rkt Pan	12th Mar AO		21Jun68
053675	Rkt Pan	Div AO		13Jun68
055667	Rkt Pan (42 Pans Firing Pans)	45 MI Det PI	50	23Jun68
054670	3 Rkt Sites	12th Mar AO		18Jun68
055670	Rkt Pan w/30 Rkts	Div AO		18Jun68
076603	4-140mm Rkts w/AA	Agent		26Jun68
088742	Susp Rkt Pan	12th Mar AO		6Jun68
090606	4-140mm Rkts w/AA	Agent		26Jun68
101605	4-140mm Rkts w/AA	Agent		26Jun68
103606	4-140mm Rkts w/AA	Agent		26Jun68
112623	Rkt Pan	Recon Team		13Jun68
13898608	5 Pans Rkt Firing Pans	III MAP PI	50	25Jun68
214502	16-122mm Rkts w/AA	Agent		26Jun68
22137674	8 Pans Rkt Pans	RCV		9Jun68
239676	3 New Rkt Pans	Div AO		19Jun68
260542	16-122mm Rkts w/AA	Agent		26Jun68
260657	Multiple Rkt Lchrs	Agent		16Jun68
27907707	143 Rkt Pans	III MAP PI	50	17Jun68

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TARGET INTELLIGENCE FOR ARC LIGHTS

<u>COORD</u>	<u>NATURE OF TARGET</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
YD 095646	1 SLAR		9 Jul 68
087654	30 foxholes	PI	1 Jun 68
085654	15 foxholes	PI	1 Jul 68
095654	2 AA/AW pans	PI	1 Jun 68
088639	Bunkers	Recon	3 Jul 68
052670	35 fires	IR	6 Jul 68
058670	10 fires	IR	6 Jul 68
	URS		12 Jul 68
058688	3 AA/AW pans	PI	1 Jun 68
059675	Rocket pan	AO	13 Jun 68
YD 059670	Rocket pan	PCV	21 Jun 68
063667	2 rocket pans	AO	29 Jun 68
045646	2 SLAR		2 Jul 68
042638	Enemy sighting	AO	11 Jun 68
048642	Arty pan	1/3	15 Jun 68
047647	8 large bunkers	AO	12 Jun 68
043640	2 AW pans	AO	12 Jun 68
006631	1 active AA pan	AO	10 Jul 68
008632	Fresh trails	AO	30 Jun 68
027610	1 fire	IR	11 Jul 68
009605	10 fires	IR	14 Jul 68
003603	10 fires	IR	12 Jul 68
003600	3 fires	IR	25 Jun 68
	URS		21 Jun 68
048683	Bunkers, foxholes, trench line, rocket pan	1/3	15 Jun 68
	2 SLAR reports		11 Jul 68
	URS		6 Jul 68
032678	Arty pan	12th Mar	4 Jul 68
053614	Cave/Tunnel	PI	4 Jun 68
	URS		5 Jun 68
	1 SLAR		3 Jul 68
	URS		3 Jul 68
XD 995655	7 fires	IR	14 Jul 68

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TARGET INTELLIGENCE FOR ARC LIGHTS

<u>COORD</u>	<u>NATURE OF TARGET</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
YD 064624	Bunkers	AO	19 Jun 68
064632	Troop location	FO	17 Jun 68
051619	Trails	12th Mar	4 Jul 68
049688	Rocket/Mortar pan	12th Mar	19 & 21 Jun 68
054667	Mortar pan	FO	23 Jun 68
056667	Troop location	AO	19 Jun 68
054667	Suspected arty pan	12th Mar	2 Jul 68
052668	Suspected rocket pan	12th Mar	1 Jul 68
0567	Troop location	FO	8 Jul 68
0665	Bunkers	12th Mar	8 Jul 68
064670	Suspected rocket pan	12th Mar	18 Jun 68
065670	Confirmed bunkers	AO	18 Jun 68
065670	Confirmed mortar pan	12th Mar	19 Jun 68
063667	Storage structure	12th Mar	30 Jun 68
	1 SLAR		4 Jul 68
059675	2 rocket pans	AO	13 Jun 68
	rocket pan	AO	21 Jun 68
(Target box also contains possible elements of 54th Artillery Regiment).			
047635	Suspected mortar pan	12th Mar	19 Jun 68
	Confirmed bunkers	12th Mar	21 Jun 68
043643	Suspected arty pan	12th Mar	26 Jun 68
	Troops in open	12th Mar	25 Jun 68
033664	Bunker complex	PI	10 Jul 68
057657	AA pans	PCV	2 Jul 68
	1 SLAR		2 Jul 68
085645	Confirmed bunkers	AO	3 Jul 68
084639	Suspected bunkers	12th Mar	28 Jun 68
085640	Confirmed bunkers	12th Mar	22 Jun 68
085634	Confirmed bunkers	AO	19 Jun 68
	1 SLAR		9 Jul 68
	URS		18 Jun 68
036620	75MM site	FCV	30 Jun 68
039601	75MM site	FCV	2 Jul 68

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RED HAZE REPORTS

<u>COORD</u>	<u>FIRES</u>	<u>DATE</u>
YD 061648	10	140425H JUL 68
YD 066653	3	"
YD 019644	3	"
YD 030644	2	"
YD 008605	25	"
YD 036611	50 POSS AIR STRIKE	"
XD 910676	60 POSS AIR STRIKE	"
XD 925689	100 POSS AIR STRIKE	"
XD 995654	7	"
XD 939605	1	"
XD 966575	15	"
XD 985650	15	"
YD 126726	1	151930H JUL 68
YD 125724	2	"
YD 066593	6	"
YD 136642	1	"
YD 138701	4	"
YD 135712	5	"
YD 140720	30 IN BOMB CRATER	"
YD 074598	1	"
XD 984651	7	152030H JUL 68
XD 985616	12	"
XD 982643	4	"
XD 990645	20	"
XD 970640	25	"
XD 977645	4	"

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SIGNIFICANT SIGHTINGS BY DIVISION AO

<u>COORD</u>	<u>NATURE OF TARGET</u>	<u>DATE</u>
YD 03257655	Active Arty pan	111000H JUL 68
YD 03607639	Active Arty pan	111000H JUL 68
YD 06297611	Active Arty pan	120800H JUL 68
YD 058668	8 lights spotted	121800H-131800H JUL 68
YD 008613	15 lights spotted in same area as on previous night	"
YD 093710	20 lights spotted in small area	"
YD 099721	6 lights along small creek	"
YD 057660	2 lights along creek	"
YD 055669	1 light along creek	"
YD 051650	13 bunkers and fresh trail confirms night sighting	"
YD 012687	Bunker complex	131800H-141800H JUL 68
YD 035674	Underground bunker	"
YD 027658	Bunker complex	"
YD 042662	Bunker complex	"
YD 037634	AW pan	"
YD 062593	12-15 bunker complex, 1 mortar pit, 1 AW site 4 NVA/VC	121515H JUL 68
YD 086766	Heavy trail activity	14 July 1968
YD 022656, YD 025658, YD 033688	Bunker complexes	"
XD 927678	Base camp	"
XD 953667	Harbor site	"
XD 910640	Staging Area	"
XD 934663	Fighting holes, numerous small trails branching off main N-S trail. Trail in XD 9063 3-4" wide	"
YD 074713	Harbor & storage area. 5 dest bunkers	"
YD 022637	Storage area	"
XD 933659	Bunker complex	13 JUL 68
XD 905675	Suspected arty pan	"
YD 053676	Fresh trail activity in the area	"
YD 023678	Grass had been recently cut in the area and stacked in piles	"
YD 012689	Bunker complex recently used. 24 bunkers dest. 3 AW psns dest.	"

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PI READOUTS

<u>COORD</u>	<u>NATURE OF TARGET</u>	<u>DATE</u>
YD 033653	30 Bunkers	15 Jul 68
YD 033651	Possible tunnel	"
YD 031650	AW psn, bunkers, base of ridge, 100 meters up from valley floor wrap around fingers	"
YD 045648	Foxholes	"
YD 047646	8 bunkers	"
YD 045641	Trenchline (center)	"
YD 052668	20 rockets position	"
YD 058668	3 AA/AW psns	"
YD 044654	Trenchline	"

RECEIVING FIRE

<u>COORD</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RDS REC'D</u>	<u>TIME</u>
YD 076594	L/3/3	2 - 82MM Mort	140915H Jul68
YD 068597	L/3/3	6 - 60MM Mort & 2 - 82MM Mort	141105H Jul68
YD 033358	Recon	.50 cal fire, (Also helicopters & AO recd fire NVA on other side of river (possible base camp with crops in area)	121000H-121120H
YD 065578	2/3 convoy	- Recd SAF/Sniper fire	101500H Jul68
YD 045585	D/1/9 convoy	- Recd Mort/sniper fire	101600H Jul 68
YD 069595	L/3/3	Recd 2 - 82MM Mort	140915H Jul 68
YD 069605	I/3/3	Recd 2 - 82MM Mort & 6 - 60MM Mort	141105H Jul 68
YD 068594	I/3/3	Recd 8 - 60MM Mort	141730H Jul 68

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(D) FOR 2/26

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION

(E) FOR TF MIKE

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

4. ADMIN - LOGISTICS - NO CHANGE

5. COMINT - INSEC - NO CHANGE

COPY OF FIELD MESSAGE OF 7 JULY 1968

FRAG ORDER 47-68

TO: 1/9
2/9
3/9
2/26
TFM

1. SITUATION- NO CHANGE

2. MISSION- NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION -

(A) FOR 1/9

(1) MAINTAIN POSITION VIC OBJECTIVE C.

(2) CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING IN ASSIGNED ZONE OF ACTION.

(B) FOR 2/9

(1) CONTINUE TO SUPPORT MOVEMENT OF 3/9 TO OBJECTIVE #1

(2) BE 3/9 SEIZING OBJECTIVE #1 BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO INITIATE ATTACK IN ASSIGNED ZONE

(C) FOR 3/9

(1) AT EARLIEST CONTINUE ATTACK TO SEIZE OBJECTIVE #1

(2) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO CONTINUE ATTACK TO SEIZE OBJECTIVE #7

(D) FOR 2/26

(1) CONDUCT DAYLIGHT PATROLS AROUND A-4

(2) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION

(E) FOR TFM

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION

4. AIRIN - LOGISTICS - NO CHANGE

5. COMB - ELEC - NO CHANGE

COPY OF FIELD MESSAGE OF 8 JULY 1968

BRAC ORDER 48-68

TO: 1/9
2/9
3/9
2/26
TFM

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE
2. MISSION - NO CHANGE
3. EXECUTION -

(A) FOR 1/9

- (1) MAINTAIN POSITION VIC OBJECTIVE C.
- (2) CONTINUE AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING IN ZONE.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE TWO BULLDOZERS WHEN AVAILABLE.
UTILIZE TO DESTROY ENEMY POSITIONS, HEDGEROWS, POSSIBLE
OP'S ETC.

(B) FOR 2/9

- (1) NLT 0730H COMMENCE ATTACK TO SEIZE OBJECTIVE #6.
- (2) BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT 3/9 AS REQUIRED.
- (3) PASS TWO BULLDOZERS TO 3/9 AT EARLIEST.
- (4) UTILIZE YOUR BULLDOZERS TO DESTROY ENEMY POSITIONS,
HEDGEROWS, POSSIBLE OP'S ETC.

(C) FOR 3/9

- (1) NLT 0730H COMMENCE ATTACK TO SEIZE OBJECTIVE #7.
- (2) BE PREPARED IN ORDER TO CONTINUE ATTACK TO SEIZE
OBJECTIVE #5 AND #9.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT 2/9 AS REQUIRED.
- (4) ARRANGE TO RECEIVE TWO BULLDOZERS FROM 2/9 AT EARLIEST.
- (5) UTILIZE BULLDOZERS TO DESTROY ENEMY POSITIONS, HEDGEROWS,
POSSIBLE OP'S.

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COPY OF FIELD MESSAGE OF 9 JULY 1968

FRAG ORDER 49-68

TO: 1/9
2/9
3/9
2/26
TFM

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE

2. MISSION - NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

(A) FOR 1/9

(1) MAINTAIN POSITION VIC OBJECTIVE C.

(2) CONTINUE TO CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITIES IN ZONE.

(3) BE PREPARED ON THREE HOURS NOTICE TO CONTINUE ATTACK TO OBJECTIVE A.

(B) FOR 2/9

(1) MAINTAIN POSITION VIC OBJECTIVE #6.

(2) CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITIES IN ZONE.

(3) UTILIZE BULLDOZERS TO MAXIMUM.

(4) BE PREPARED TO REINFORCE 3/9 AS REQUIRED.

(C) FOR 3/9

(1) AT EARLIEST CONTINUE ATTACK TO SEIZE OBJECTIVE #5.

(2) ON ORDER CONTINUE ATTACK TO SEIZE OBJECTIVE #9.

(D) FOR 2/26

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION

(E) FOR TF MIKE

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

4. ADMIN - LOGISTICS - NO CHANGE

5. COMM - ELEC - NO CHANGE

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COPY OF FIELD MESSAGE OF 10 JULY 1968

FRAG ORDER 50-68

TO: 1/9
2/9
3/9
2/26
TFM

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE
2. MISSION - NO CHANGE
3. EXECUTION

(A) FOR 1/9

- (1) AT EARLIEST CONTINUE ATTACK TO SEIZE OBJECTIVE D.
- (2) ON ORDER CONTINUE ATTACK TO SEIZE OBJECTIVE F.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO REINFORCE 3/9 AS REQUIRED.

(B) FOR 2/9

- (1) ON ORDER CONTINUE ATTACK TO OBJECTIVE A.
- (2) ON ORDER CONTINUE ATTACK TO OBJECTIVE C.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO REINFORCE 3/9 OR 1/9 AS REQUIRED.

(C) FOR 3/9

- (1) WHILE 1/9 CONTINUES ^(SEIZING) ATTACK TO OBJECTIVE D PROVIDE MINIMUM 1 COMPANY FORCE ON 1/9 LEFT FLANK IN ZONE TO VIC YD 154742

- (2) ON ORDER CONTINUE ATTACK TO OBJ D AND F IN TRACE 1/9

(D) FOR 2/26

- (1) CONTINUE EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING COUNTER MORTAR/ARTY ACQUISITION FOR OPERATING UNITS.
- (2) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION

(E) FOR TF NINE

- (1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION

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(F) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) UTILIZE TO MAXIMUM EXTENT 4 BULLDOZERS WITH 2/9
- (2) 2 ADDITIONAL BULLDOZERS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM 2/26 TO SUPPLEMENT DESTRUCTION OPERATIONS
- (3) FOLLOWING BOUNDARY BETWEEN 2/9 AND 1/9/ 3/9 EFFECTIVE ON ORDER FROM 14729 TO 151718 TO 156705 TO 100695

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DRAFTER: 3A/NDW:jef

RELEASED: J. L. HOPKINS MAJ.

OF IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 2 JULY 68

FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: FIRST BN, NINTH MAR
 SECOND BN, NINTH MAR
 THIRD BN, NINTH MAR
 SECOND BN, TWENTY SIXTH MAR
 TASK FORCE MIKE
 SECOND BN, THIRTEENTH MAR
 CO A, THIRD TANK BN
 CO G, THIRD INGR BN

INFO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV
 SECOND ARVN REGT
 ADVISOR, CAM LO DISTRICT HQ

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FRAG O 54-68 (OPN KENTUCKY)

A. MAPS: L7014, VIETNAM, SHEETS 6342 I, 6442 II, 2-AMS, 1:50,000

B. 9TH MAR ADMIN O 1-68

1. SITUATION. NVA FORCES CONTINUE TO INFILTRATE ALONG THE CAM LO RIVER AND THREATEN THE SECURITY OF CAM LO DISTRICT HQDERS DIRECTING MORTAR ATTACKS WHILE INTERDICTION ROUTE 9. ENEMY FORCES CONTINUE TO TRANSIENT/OPERATE IN LEATHERNECK SQUARE.

2. MISSION. ON 11 JULY 68, 9TH MAR COMMENCES OPERATIONS IN LEATHERNECK SQUARE AND THE ROUTE 9, CAM LO RIVER AREA IN ORDER TO BLOCK NORTH-SOUTH INFILTRATION AND COUNTER POTENTIAL ENEMY MORTAR FIRES ON THE CAM LO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPS. ONE INFANTRY BN OPERATES IN ASSIGNED AO IN GENERAL PORTION OF LEATHERNECK SQUARE CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WHILE REMAINING TWO INFANTRY BNS OPERATE IN ADJACENT AO'S IN THE RTR 9 - CAM LO RIVER AREA TO ELIMINATE ENEMY FORCES, MORTAR POSITIONS, OPS, INSTALLATIONS AND SUPPLY LINES.

B. 1ST BN, 9TH MAR (REIN).

- (1) UPON TERMINATION PRESENT OPERATION CONDUCT HELILIFT FROM VIC YD 153710 TO LZ VIC YD 0958.
- (2) MOVE INTO ASSIGNED AO, COMMENCE AGGRESSIVE OPERATIONS TO ELIMINATE ENEMY MORTAR THREAT ON CAM LO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX AND IN BLOCK NORTH-SOUTH INFILTRATION OF NVA FORCES.

C. 2D BN, 9TH MAR (REIN).

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Chronology*

- (1) UPON TERMINATION PRESENT OPERATION CONDUCT FOOT MOVEMENT INTO ASSIGNED AO.
- (2) CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE OPERATIONS TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, INSTALLATIONS AND SUPPLY CACHES.

D. 3D BN. 9TH MAR (REIN).

- (1) UPON TERMINATION PRESENT OPERATION CONDUCT TRUCK MOVEMENT FROM VIC G-2 BRIDGE TO DISMOUNT POINT. TID.
- (2) MOVE INTO ASSIGNED AO, COMMENCE AGGRESSIVE OPERATIONS TO ELIMINATE ENEMY MORTAR THREAT ON CAM LO DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX AND TO BLOCK NORTH-SOUTH INFILTRATION OF NVA FORCES.

D. 2D BN. 26TH MAR (REIN).

- (1) PROVIDE ONE COMPANY, TWO HOUR ALERT STATUS, AS REGIMENTAL RESERVE.
- (2) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

F. TASK FORCE MIKE.

- (1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

G. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) ANNEX A (OPERATION OVERLAY).
- (2) DURATION OF OPERATION APPROXIMATELY 3 DAYS.
- (3) EMPHASIZE DAY AND NIGHT AMBUSHES ON TRAILS.
- (4) MOVE POSITIONS FREQUENTLY - ESPECIALLY AFTER DARK.
- (5) THREAT POINTS REMAIN IN EFFECT.
- (6) GARNY SUFFICIENT DEMOLITIONS TO DESTROY ENEMY INSTALLATIONS.
- (7) ENY OBS ARTILLERY/MORTAR FIRE HAS BEEN DELIVERED IN OPERATIONAL AREA - EMPHASIZE DISPERSION OF PERSONNEL.
- (8) AIR PANELS MARK FORWARD POSITIONS OF ALL UNITS.
- (9) AREA OF OPERATIONS CONTAINS MINES AND SURPRISE FIRING DEVICES.
- (10) WHEN CONTACT ESTABLISHED DO NOT ATTEMPT TO ASSAULT UNTIL SUPPORTING ARMS HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED, FIRE SUPERIORITY HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE ENEMY REDUCED.
- (11) INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING DETACHMENT OF TANKS, APC'S WILL BE PROMULGATED SEPARATELY.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. IAN REFERENCE B.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS.

A. IAN DIVO P02000.2G AND DIVO P2000.4G

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COPY OF FIELD MESSAGE 11 JULY 68

FRAG ORDER 52-68

*Copy to
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1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE
2. MISSION - NO CHANGE
3. EXECUTION

A. FOR 1/9

- (1) AT EARLIEST COMMENCE MOVEMENT TO VIC YD 126688 TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 0930H.
- (2) EXECUTE TRUCK MOVEMENT TO VIC YD 103576.
- (3) LINK UP WITH D/1/9.
- (4) COMMENCE OPERATIONS IAW FRAG ORDER 51-68 (PAGEP)

B. FOR 2/9

- (1) BE PREPARED TO MOVE ON ORDER AT/ABOUT 1200 TO VIC YD 1569 FOR OPERATIONS IN LEATHERNECK SQUARE IAW FRAG O 51-68.
- (2) UTILIZE BULLDOZERS TO MAXIMUM.
- (3) PASS BULLDOZERS AND APC'S TO 3/9 FOR RETURN TO A-4.
- (4) FRAG ORDER 51-68 DELIVERED TOMORROW AT EARLIEST.

C. FOR 3/9

- (1) COMMENCE MOVEMENT FROM PRESENT POSITION GENERALLY ALONG SOUTHERN EDGE OF TRACE TO A-4 TO ARRIVE NOT BEFORE 1200.
- (2) COORDINATE WITH 2/9 FOR PICK UP 2/9 BULLDOZERS AND APC'S.
- (3) EXECUTE MOVEMENT TO VIC YD 1158.
- (4) COMMENCE OPERATIONS IAW FRAG ORDER 51-68.
- (5) FRAG ORDER DELIVERED TOMORROW AT EARLIEST.

- D. FOR 2/26 - CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.
- E. FOR TFN - CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.
- F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) BULLDOZERS AND APC DETACHED A-4 FOR RETURN PARENT ORGANIZATION.
- (2) FOLLOWING BOUNDARIES IN EFFECT UPON RECEIPT.

a. 1/9

FROM YD 11469 TO 1669 TO YD 160718 TO YD 1140710

b. 2/9

FROM YD 1373 TO YD 130705 TO 1143713 TO YD 1143730

c. 3/9

FROM YD 1143730 TO YD 1143713 TO YD 160718 TO YD 1673

- (3) DIRLAUTH

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FRAG ORDER 53-68 JULY 68

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE
2. MISSION - NO CHANGE
3. EXECUTION

A. FOR 1/9

- (1) MAINTAIN CURRENT BLOCKING POSTURE CONDUCTING PATROLS TO NORTH AND SOUTH.

B. FOR 2/9

- (1) CONTINUE DELIBERATE SEARCH OF OBJECTIVE 2 AND IMMEDIATE AREAS.
- (2) UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS TO MAXIMUM EXTENT.
- (3) ESTABLISH OP'S TO TRY AND LOCATE ACTIVE MORTAR POSN TO SOUTHEAST THAT ARE FIRING ON 1/9.

C. FOR 3/9

- (1) TRY MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH ENEMY ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ UTILIZING SUPPORTING ARMS TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.
- (2) CONTINUE DELIBERATE SEARCH OF OBJ 4 AND IMMEDIATE AREAS.

4. ADMIN - NO ISSUES - NO CHANGE

5. COMM - NMCC - NO CHANGE

FROM: NINTH MAR
TO: FIRST BN, NINTH MAR
SECOND BN, NINTH MAR
THIRD BN, NINTH MAR

INFO: TASK FORCE HOTEL
SECOND BN, TWELFTH MAR

WARNING 0 54-68

1. SITUATION.

A. FRIENDLY. NO CHANGE

B. ENEMY.

- (1) 3/9 MADE CONTACT WITH ESTIMATED ENEMY PLATOON VICINITY YD 045660 AT 1711¹⁵ H JULY 68.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. SEE ANNEX A.

B. 1ST BN, 9TH MAR.

- (1) AT R ABOUT 191000H JULY 68 BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT HELI-DROME ASSAULT INTO LZ RED YD 081605 OR LZ CAROL YD 057617.
- (2) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATIONS IN ZONE OF ACTION, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO OBJECTIVES 14, 16, 28.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS AS DIRECTED.
- (4) AT EARLIEST ON 19 JULY 68 BE PREPARED TO COORDINATE RETURN OF APC'S AND M-48A1 TO C-2. PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MOVEMENT TO C-2 IF REQUESTED. IF SECURITY IS PROVIDED ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO TRANSPORT SECURITY ELEMENTS TO LZ RED OR LZ CAROL AS REQUIRED.
- (5) SUBMIT LANDING ZONES FOR PICKUP NLT 181730H JULY 68.

C. 2D BN, 9TH MAR.

- (1) AT EARLIEST ON 19 JULY 68 BE PREPARED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ZONE AS SHOWN ON OVERLAY.
- (2) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATIONS IN ZONE OF ACTION WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO OBJ 10, 26, 20 AND 6.

D. 3D BN, 9TH MAR.

- (1) COMPLETE CLEARING OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF OBJ 4 AND NEW ZONE OF ACTION AS SHOWN IN OVERLAY.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) ANNEX A (OPERATIONS OVERLAY)
- (2) DIR IN AUTH
- (3) THIS ORDER IN EFFECT ON ORDER

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: NO CHANGE
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS: NO CHANGE

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FRAG ORDER 55-68

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE
2. MISSION - NO CHANGE
3. EXECUTION

A. FOR 1/9

- (1) MAINTAIN CURRENT BLOCKING POSITION CONDUCTING PATROLS TO N NORTH SOUTH AND WEST.
- (2) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS AS DIRECTED.

B. FOR 2/9

- (1) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATIONS NORTH OF OBJ 2 UP TO LZ LARK AND ADJACENT AREAS.
- (2) UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS TO MAXIMUM EXTENT.

C. FOR 3/9

- (1) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATIONS TO WEST OF OBJ 4.
- (2) UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS TO MAXIMUM EXTENT.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) WARNING ORDER 54-68 HAS SLIPPED 24 HOURS.
- (2) 190600H DELETE FCL SHARON. ESTABLISH FCL VIRGINIA ON 075 NORTH-SOUTH GRID LINE BETWEEN PL DOG AND LP CAT.

4. ADMIN-LOGISTICS - NO CHANGE

5. COMM-ELEC - NO CHANGE

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FRAG ORDER 56-68

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE

2. MISSION - NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. FOR 1/9

- (1) BY FIRST LIGHT COMMENCE MOVEMENT TO SEIZE OBJ 6 AND 10.
- (2) UPON SEIZURE OF OBJ 6 AND 10 CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATIONS OF THESE OBJ AND ADJACENT AREAS.

B. FOR 2/9

- (1) CONTINUE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC OBJ 2, LZ LARK AND HILL 174.

C. FOR 3/9

- (1) CONTINUE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC OBJ 4.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) UTILIZE SUPPORTING ARMS TO MAXIMUM EXTENT.
- (2) 1/9 NORTHERN BOUNDARY IDENTICAL TO BOUNDARY BETWEEN 2/9 AND 3/9 AS SHOWN ON WARNING ORDER 54-68.
- (3) AT 200430H JULY BOUNDARY BETWEEN 2/9 AND 3/9 CHANGES AS FOLLOWS: FROM PRESENT BOUNDARY AT 0567 FOLLOW STREAM NORTH WEST TO 045672 THEN NORTH TO SOUTHERN EDGE OF DMZ.

4. ADMIN - LOGISTICS - NO CHANGE

5. COMM - ELED - NO CHANGE

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FRAG ORDER 57-68

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE
2. MISSION - NO CHANGE
3. EXECUTION

A. FOR 1/9

- (1) NLT 210800H JULY COMMENCE ATK TO SEIZE OBJ 26.
- (2) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO CONTINUE ATK TO OBJ 8 & 20.
- (3) UTILIZE APC'S TACTICALLY TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, ENSURE LINK UP ASAP IN MORNING.

B. FOR 2/9

- (1) BY FIRST LIGHT COMMENCE ATK TO SEIZE HILL 174.
- (2) UPON SEIZURE HILL 174 CONDUCT DELIBERATE CLEARING OPERATIONS OF HILL 174 AND ADJACENT AREAS.
- (3) REQUEST PERMISSION THIS HEADQUARTERS BEFORE CROSSING INTO DMZ.
- (4) BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT RECON INSERT YOUR CP ^{TOMORROW} FOR STAY BEHIND MSN VIC OBJ 2.

C. FOR 3/9

- (1) CONTINUE DETAILED CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC OBJ 4, EMPHASISING FAR REACHING ACTIVITIES WITHIN ZONE OF ACTION.
- (2) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO REINF 2/9 AS REQUIRED.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT RECON INSERT YOUR CP TOMORROW FOR STAY BEHIND MISSION VIC OBJ 4.

4. ADMIN-LOGISTICS - NO CHANGE
5. COMM-ELEC - NO CHANGE

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FRAG ORDER 58-68

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE

2. MISSION - NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. FOR 1/9

- (1) AT EARLIEST CONTINUE ATK TO SEIZE OBJ 26.
- (2) UPON SEIZURE OBJ 26 CONDUCT DETAILED CLEARING OPERATIONS OF OBJ 26 AND ADJACENT AREAS.
- (3) AT EARLIEST COMMENCE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC BATTALION OBJ B AND ADJACENT AREAS.
- (4) BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE ATK TO OBJ 8 AND 20 ON ORDER.
- (5) RETURN APC TO C-2 MAINTAIN POSITIVE COMMUNICATIONS DURING RETURN AND PROVIDE SECURITY IF REQUESTED.

B. FOR 2/9

- (1) CONTINUE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC HILL 174 AND ADJACENT AREAS SOUTH OF DMZ.

C. FOR 3/9

- (1) CONTINUE CLEARING OPERATIONS IN A0.
- (2) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAPTURED RKT'S UNTIL RECEIVING WORD ON FINAL DISPOSITION.

4. ADMIN - LOGISTICS - NO CHANGE

5. COMM - ELEC - NO CHANGE

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COPY OF FIELD MESSAGE 22 JULY 68

FRAG ORDER 59-68

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE

2. MISSION - NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. FOR 1/9

- (1) AT EARLIEST 23 JULY CONTINUE ATK TO SEIZE OBJ 20.
- (2) BE PREPARED ON ORDER AFTER 231300H JULY TO COMMENCE ATK TO SEIZURE OBJS 20 AND 8 CONDUCT DETAILED CLEARING OPERATIONS OF OBJS AND ADJACENT AREAS.

B. FOR 2/9

- (1) AT 231400H JULY CONDUCT HELIBORNE ASSAULT FROM LZ WREN YD 061660 INTO LZ CAROL YD 057617.
- (2) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATIONS IN ZONE WITH EMPHASIS ON OBJ 28 HILL 126, DONG KIO AND HILL 152.

C. FOR 3/9

- (1) CONTINUE ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND DESTROY PALLET OF 4/2 AMMO VIC YD 035640.
- (2) AT 231200H JULY CONDUCT HELIBORNE ASSAULT FROM LZ PURPLE YD 038644 INTO LZ RED YD 082605.
- (3) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATIONS IN ZONE WITH EMPHASIS ON OBJS 16, 14, 24, 22.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) FOLLOWING BUNDARIES EFFECTIVE 231000H JULY
 - (A) SOUTHERN BOUNDARY DALLAS GIRL. FROM COFFEE CUP - NORTHIDE BOUNDARY AT YD 036624 TO YD 050627 TO YD 062627 TO YD 080628 TO YD 112628.
 - (B) BOUNDARY BETWEEN FANCY DAN AND SIDEDISH. FROM YD 057627 TO YD 060616 TO YD 057608 TO 060600 TO YD 063592 TO YD 070584 TO YD 070580.
- (2) FOLLOWING RECON INSERTS LEFT BEHIND UPON DEPARTURE 2/9 & 3/9.
 - (A) PEASOUP UL 0367 LR 0466 FREQ 40.00 EXTRACTION 25 JULY.
 - (B) OAK TREE UL 0567 LR 0666 FREQ 40.00 EXTRACTION 25 JULY.

4. ADMIN-LOGISTICS - NO CHANGE

5. COMM-ELEC - NO CHANGE

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FRAG ORDER 60-68

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE
2. MISSION - NO CHANGE
3. EXECUTION

A. FOR 1/9

- (1) AT 240700 JULY CONDUCT HELILIFT FROM LZ VIC YD 052646, YD 060640 AND YD 049635 TO LZ STUD.
- (2) UPON ARRIVAL LZ STUD RELIEVE 1/4 AND CHOP TP HOTEL.

B. FOR 2/9

- (1) CONDUCT DELIBERATE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC LZ CAROL.
- (2) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL CLEARING OPERATIONS TO SOUTH IN ZONE.

C. FOR 3/9

- (1) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC OBJ 14 AND 16.
- (2) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL CLEARING OPERATIONS TO SOUTH IN ZONE.

4. ADMIN-LOGISTICS - NO CHANGE
5. COMM-ELEC - NO CHANGE

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FRAG ORDER 61-68

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE

2. MISSION - NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. FOR 2/9

(1) CONTINUE DETAILED CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC LZ CAROL WITH EMPHASIS TO NORTH AND WEST. ALONG CREEK BOUNDARY WITH NORTHTIDE.

(2) BE PREPARED ON ORDER 26 JULY TO CONDUCT ADDITIONAL CLEARING OPERATIONS TO SOUTH IN ZONE.

B. FOR 3/9

(1) CONTINUE DETAILED CLEARING OPERATIONS IN ZONE.

C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) BOUNDARY CHANGE. ADJUST 2/9 - 3/9 BOUNDARY AS FOLLOWS: FROM YD 070628 TO INTERSECT WITH PRESENT BOUNDARY AT YD 060615 REMAINDER PRESENT BOUNDARY NO CHANGE. CHANGE EFFECTIVE 241950H JULY.

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PRAG ORDER 62-68

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE

2. MISSION - NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. FOR 2/9

- (1) COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF BUNKER COMPLEX AT EARLIEST.
- (2) CONTINUE CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC LZ CAROL EMPHASISING AREAS NOT PREVIOUSLY SEARCHED.

B. FOR 3/9

- (1) CONTINUE CLEARING OPERATIONS IN BOML WITH EMPHASIS TO EAST AND NORTHEAST.

4. ADMIN-LOGISTICS - NO CHANGE

5. COMM-ELEC - NO CHANGE

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FRAG ORDER 63-68

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE

2. MISSION - NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. FOR 2/9

- (1) CONTINUE DETAILED CLEARING OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED ZONE.
- (2) BE PREPARED AT 280800H JULY TO CONDUCT HELILIFT TO LZ
STUD FOR OPERATION SURE.

B. FOR 3/9

- (1) CONTINUE DETAILED CLEARING OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED ZONE.
- (2) BE PREPARED AT TIME TO BE DESIGNATED 29 JULY TO CONDUCT
HELILIFT TO LZ STUD FOR OPERATION SURE.

4. ADMIN-LOGISTICS - NO CHANGE

5. COMM-ELEC - NO CHANGE

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FRAG ORDER 64-68

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE

2. MISSION - NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. FOR 2/9

(1) AT 280800H JULY CONDUCT HELILIFT TO QUANG TRI FOR OPERATION SURE.

(2) BE PREPARED ON OR ABOUT 28/29 JULY TO CHOP OPCON 1ST MARINES FOR OPERATIONS ALONG CUA VIET.

(3) DIRLNAUTH 1ST MARINES.

B. FOR 3/9

(1) CONTINUE DELIBERATE CLEARING OPERATIONS IN ZONE WITH EMPHASIS TO NORTH AND EAST.

(2) BE PREPARED MORNING OF 29 JULY TO CONDUCT HELILIFT TO LZ STUD FOR OPERATION SURE.

4. ADMIN-LOGISTICS - NO CHANGE

5. COMM-ELEC - NO CHANGE

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FRAG ORDER 65-68

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE
2. MISSION - NO CHANGE
3. EXECUTION

A. FOR 3/9

- (1) AT 290800H JULY LELILIFT TO LZ STUD FOR OPERATION SURE.
- (2) BATTALION WILL BE NON TACTICAL WHILE AT LZ STUD.
- (3) MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS ON REGIMENTAL TAC NET.
- (4) ENSURE OWN SECURITY INSIDE LZ STUD PERIMETER.
- (5) DIRECT LIAISON AUTHORIZED BASE DEFENSE CO-ORDINATOR.

4. ADMIN-LOGISTICS - NO CHANGE
5. COMM-ELEC - NO CHANGE

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6442 IV, 1-AMS, 1:50,000

Time Zone: H

Task Organization.9th Mar (Reinf)

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Hq Co (-), 9th Mar

Det, 1st Am Trac Bn

Det, 7th ITT

Det, 11th Engr Bn

Det, 3d Recon Bn

Det, 3d SP Bn

1st Bn, 9th Mar (Reinf)

LtCol COLLETON

2d Bn, 9th Mar (Reinf)

LtCol KNIGHT

3d Bn, 9th Mar (Reinf)

LtCol LAMONTAGNE

2d Bn, 12th Mar (Reinf)

LtCol DUNWELL

Co C (-), 3d Engr Bn

Lt RICE

Co A (-), 3d Tk Bn

Lt SPALSBURY

Regt Res:To be constituted from the least committed, most readily available
battalion at the time of contingency.1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Forces. Annex A (Intelligence), current INTSUMS
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b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Task Force Hotel conducts multi-regimental operations in the SCOTLAND II and LANCASTER II AO.
- (2) 1st Marines, and Det A-101 Co C, Special Forces Group Airborne operates to the north (CUA Valley and KENTUCKY AO), 4th Marines operates to the southwest and west (SCOTLAND II AO and DA KRONG Valley) while 1st ACD operates to the east and southeast.
- (3) 2d Bn, 12th Mar direct support; 12th Marines (Reinf) general support/reinforcing.
- (4) 1st MAW helicopter and fixed wing air support.
- (5) 7th Air Force provides Arc Light and tactical air support.

2. MISSION. At H/L-Hour on D-Day, 9th Mar commences clearing operations in the BA LONG Valley and the ridge lines to the north and south of the valley to destroy enemy forces, caches and installations in the area of operations, disrupt infiltration routes, while simultaneously establishing fire support bases (FSB) and helicopter landing zones for this and future operations.

3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operations.

- (1) On/or about D-1 work is initiated on the development of a Fire Support Base (FSB) on the northern ridge of the BA LONG Valley, after extensive air/artillery preparation and pioneer efforts of reconnaissance elements. It is anticipated that one 105mm How Btry and three 155mm How (towed) will be operational at the FSB twelve hours after work is started on this position. The northern FSB will mainly support operations in BA LONG East.
- (2) On D-Day, three infantry battalions, supported in part by tanks, conduct simultaneous ground/heliborne attacks into the western, central, and eastern portions of the BA LONG Valley. Company Operating Bases (COB) with contiguous landing zones are established throughout each battalion's ZOA, and development of a second FSB on the southern ridge of the BA LONG Valley is started on/or about D+3.

b. 1st Bn (Reinf).

Attached: Plat, Co A, 3d Tk Bn (Effective on D-1)

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- (1) At H/L-Hour on D-Day attack western portion of the BA LONG Valley in a coordinated infantry/tank and heliborne assaults to establish COB's within ZOA.
- (2) Be prepared to begin development of a FSB (vic YD 057415) on/or about D+3. Upon completion of FSB, provide one company security for 105mm How Btry to be positioned there

c. 2d Bn (Reinf).

Attached: Plat, Co A, 3d Tk Bn (Effective on/or about D+2)

- (1) At H-Hour on D-Day conduct a heliborne assault into landing zone PIGEON (YD 186400), in the eastern portion of the BA LONG Valley and establish COB's within ZOA.
- (2) Provide security for a 105mm How Btry that will be helilifted into BA LONG East and colocated in vicinity of your CP.
- (3) Be prepared to have Regt CP satellite on your CP at a time TED.

d. 3d Bn (Reinf).

- (1) On/or about D-3 provide two infantry companys to develop/ defend FSB at YD 118432. Upon completion of FSB, one 105mm How Btry and three 155mm How (towed) will be positioned there.
- (2) At H/L-Hour on D-Day attack into the central BA LONG Valley in coordinated ground/heliborne assaults to establish COB's within ZOA.

e. Co C (-), 3d Engr Bn.

- (1) Provide close combat support, develop FSB's and pioneer helicopter LZ's as required.
- (2) On D-3 be prepared to displace company to YD 118432 to begin development of north FSB.

f. Co A (-), 3d Tk Bn. Provide direct fire support to assault battalions as required.g. Regimental Reserve.

- (1) Assault battalions be prepared to commit one infantry company to either ZOA of the remaining assaults battalions.

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- (2) It is anticipated that a company from assets outside 9th Mar will replace the committed company.

h. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) Annex A (Intelligence)
 - " B (Operations Overlay)
 - " C (Concept of FSB)
 - " D (Fire Support Coordination)
 - " E (Artillery)
 - " F (Air)
 - " G (Administration/Logistics)
 - " H (Communication/Electronics)
 - " I (Distribution)
- (2) L/H-Hour TBA
- (3) ATTENTION DIRECTED "SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS" (SICR) (Annex A)
- (4) D-Day tentatively 4 Aug 68
- (5) Medevacs to be disarmed of all ordnance items prior to be being evacuated.
- (6) Duration of operations approximately 12 to 14 days.
- (7) Assault battalions should plan establishment of "follow-on" COB's to insure maximum patrolling coverage throughout ZOA's.
- (8) Hand held riot control agents authorized. Bulk dissemination of CS must be approved by this headquarters.
- (9) Familiarity with existing IZ's throughout area of operations is mandatory.
- (10) Difficulty is anticipated in the navigation of infantry units and the distinct marking of friendly positions because of the terrain and vegetation in area of operations. Accordingly, employment of artillery "spotter" rounds to determine locations and pyrotechnics to mark friendly positions is recommended.
- (11) Emphasize dispersion and "digging-in".
- (12) When contact is made maximum use of supporting arms should be made and superiority of fire achieved, prior to initiation of the assault.

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- (13) Locations for proposed COB's should be submitted to this headquarters at earliest, with pertinent details as to method of troop introduction, status of existing LZ's/ proposed plans for development of LZ's, etc.
- (14) A helicopter LZ development team, consisting of reconnaissance and engineer personnel (a total of eleven men) is available upon request to lend assistance in preparing LZ's.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Annex G

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

a. Annex H


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ANNEXES:

- A. Intelligence
- B. Operations Overlay
- C. Concept of FSB (PASEP)
- D. Fire Support Coordination
- E. Artillery
- F. Air
- G. Administration/Logistics
- H. Communication/Electronics
- I. Distribution

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ANNEX A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 8-68

Ref: (a) MAPS: VIETNAM AMS Series 17014, Sheets 6342 II and 6442 III
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- (b) Divo 3800.1
- (c) Para 01060.
- (d) NCAV Directive 381-11

Time Zone: E

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. The area of interest encompasses a section of an enemy infiltration corridor. As such, his strength in the area fluctuates greatly on an irregular basis. As of this writing there are indications that the enemy is principally disposed in the Southwest quadrant of the area of interest. However, as is his nature the enemy is not restricted to that location. Instead he can move with relative ease and security over his established trails along the valleys and cross-compartmenting under natural cover and concealment.

b. This annex with its appendices provides information and present intelligence available for planning and will be supplemented as further intelligence becomes available.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

a. What are the identifications, strengths, dispositions and intentions of enemy forces disposed in the area of interest?

b. What and where are the enemy's installations?

c. Where are his principal routes of ingress and egress?

3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION TASKS

a. Orders to subordinate and attached units.

(1) All units

- (a) Report as obtained, information answering required Essential Elements of Information. (See Paragraph 2, this Annex).
- (b) Report ASAP the location of enemy headquarters, installations, camps, rest areas, training areas, special cultivation areas, supply points and weapons and ammunition storage areas.

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- (c) Submit on spot reports significant sightings made by battleground surveillance devices.
- (d) Submit reports as set forth in reference (b) to this headquarters.

b. Requests to higher, adjacent and supporting units.

(1) Commanding General, Task Force HOTEL

(a) Provide information as obtained on:

- 1. Enemy forces within the zone of operations.
- 2. Enemy forces located in those areas within 48 hours reinforcement distance from the zone of operations.
- 3. Movement of additional enemy forces into the zone of operations.
- 4. Helicopter landing zones in the zone of operations.
- 5. Enemy rocket, mortar, artillery and anti-aircraft capabilities in the area of operations.
- 6. Provide required aerial photography in support of the operation.
- 7. Provide an interrogator-translator team as required.
- 8. Provide aerial observation in the zone of operation as required.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL.

a. References (c) and (d) provide basic guidance in the handling of captured personnel, documents and material.

b. Captured Personnel.

- (1) Captured personnel will be referred to as "detainees" until classified by ITT personnel.
- (2) Handling of detainees will be firm at all times, but will not involve force beyond that necessary to defend against or subdue resisting detainees. All detainees will be searched, segregated, tagged and evacuated through the intelligence chain as expeditiously as possible. All material and documents will be evacuated with the detainee.
- (3) Battalion S-2's will accomplish the initial screening and then expeditiously evacuate detainees to this headquarters. Wounded detainees will be evacuated through medical channels except walking wounded not requiring hospitalization who, after initial treatment, will be processed through normal intelligence channels for interrogation and disposition. It is imperative that all possible information concerning the time, place, and circumstances

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of capture be recorded on the POW tag or captured document/material envelope prior to forwarding through the intelligence channels to this headquarters for intelligence evaluation and forwarding to Task Force HOTEL G-2.

c. **Captured Documents.**

- (1) Captured documents relating to communications, including operating instructions, codes, messages, frequency list and call signs, will be tagged and evacuated without delay. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL PLAIN LANGUAGE TRANSMISSIONS BE MADE TO REPORT THE CAPTURE OF ENEMY COMMUNICATIONS AND SECURITY MATERIAL.
- (2) Documents captured at communication installations will not be separated from the equipment unless recapture is imminent or evacuation of the equipment is impossible. Such documents and equipment will be tagged and evacuated together without delay.

5. **COUNTERINTELLIGENCE**

- a. The enemy has been found to use ARVN uniforms and also US uniforms to gain passage through FUMAF areas. Caution is in order when isolated individuals or groups of ARVN soldiers are noticed in your respective AO's. A check of their ID card will enhance your ability to determine their identity.
- b. Enemy capabilities include interception and translation of information when transmitted over insecure communication equipment.
- c. Passwords and countersigns will be published separately.

6. **REPORTS**

- a. Report significant intelligence information by spot reports. Include best estimate where exact information is not available.
- b. Submit shell reports and mortar reports to this headquarters as soon as possible.

7. **TARGET INFORMATION.** See Appendix III.

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Appendixes

- 1 Terrain Study
- 2 Weather Study
- 3 Target List
- 4 Intelligence Estimate (PASEP)
- 5 SICR'S (PASEP)

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Appendix 1 (Terrain Study) to Annex 4 (Intelligence) to Operation Order 8-68

Ref: (a) Maps, Vietnam AMS series L7014, Sheets 6342 II and 6442 III 1:50,000

1. General. The Study Area encompasses the area bounded by the XD NS grid line 92; YD 21 NS grid line and 46 and 31 EV grid lines.

2. Description of the Area of Operation

a. Relief. Three distinctive topographical regions are represented within the Study Area: (1) Coastal lowland plains in the northeast corner; (2) Rolling plains and low hills which cover most of the top portion of the area; and (3) Rugged intermediate high mountains throughout the majority of the area.

b. Rolling Plains and Low Hills. Across the top of the study area, rolling plains, hills and isolated mountains are found. The elevations range from approximately 50 to 300 meters. The ground slopes range from 10 to 30% and commonly are as large as 50%. The topography is coarse textured; the streams are generally 3 to 4 kilometers apart so that in the rolling plains and low hills the topography offers large areas for dispersion. The hills become increasingly higher to the south particularly to the southwest.

c. Intermediate to High Mountains. To the south and notably the southwest, the elevations increase and the topography becomes extremely rugged. Steeply sloped mountains occupy most of the southwestern corner of the study area. The mountains are aligned in a northwest to southeast axis with the central spines being crossed by several intermittent and perennial streams flowing in deep valleys flanked by high relief.

3. Drainage

a. General. The area is drained by a combined DA KRONG-QUANG TRI River System. It empties into the Gulf of Tonkin outside the study area. In the southwestern quadrant, the mountain streams flow due south, to southwest and due west into the DA KRONG River while the watershed feeds into the Quang Tri River, often flowing due north. The DA KRONG River enters the study area at YD 0931 and empties into the Quang Tri River to the west. The Quang Tri River commences at XD 9241 and flows in an easterly direction.

b. Principal Streams. While comprising actually one drainage system, the DA KRONG and QUANG TRI Rivers should be considered separately because of their configuration.

(1) QUANG TRI River. In the central portion of the study area (YD1440 to 2040) the river expands from 90 to 240 meters, depending with the season. At mean water, its depth is 1 meter as it flows through a bed composed of sand interspersed with rock and gravel. Navigation is limited to small craft and sampans. In the final stretch, extending to the border of the study area, the

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width measures 120 to 900 meters with a depth of 3.2 meters at mean water to 3.5 meters at high water. Lighters and river launches may pass at mean to high water while sampans are unrestricted all year long. The banks of the river consist of gentle gradients throughout its whole length.

4. Vegetation

a. Rolling Plains and Hills. Varying undergrowth forest with brushwood interspersed is the prevalent type of vegetation. The brushwood areas consist of moderate undergrowth and vegetation that normally does not exceed 3 meters in height on the slopes of hills and mountains. The 10-40 foot high tree canopy is sufficient to provide good to excellent concealment from aerial observation. On level terrain, the canopy is usually broken.

b. Mountains. Almost the entire high country is covered by dense undergrowth forest with mostly continuous canopy 150 to 200 feet high. On the ridge lines, the canopy is shattered with less undergrowth. The steep gullies are filled with thick, secondary growths of vines and elephant grass.

5. Surface Materials

a. Soils. Clayey silt soil predominate in the fields and mountains with clayey soils extreme the upland. These soils are firm when moist but soft and sticky when wet. Towards the headwater, stream bottoms become gravelly and contain large boulders.

b. Rocks. The base material is a composition granite, slate, and gneiss primarily in the mountains. On the upper slopes, these materials are buried by rather shallow soils but become deeper in the valley and river basins. Exposed rock is frequent on the upper slopes and in drainage defiles.

6. Cultural Features

a. The population in the study area is in the northwest quadrant, primarily in villages and hamlets along the banks of the QUANG TRI River (TRACH HAN).

b. The study area encompasses three districts of QUANG TRI Province; THIEU PHONG, HUONG HOA and BA LONG.

7. Military Aspects of the Area

a. Observation and Fields of Fire

(1) In the lowlands, observation is good in the fields except where broken by hedgerows and stands of brushwood. Moving into hills, it becomes difficult to see because of the canopy and secondary undergrowth. In the mountains, long range observation is possible but limited by the high canopy, and very dense underbrush.

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(2) Fields of fire for flat trajectory weapons will be good in the plains and the river valleys but rapidly turns poor in the canopy area. Indirect fire target coverage will be reduced in effectiveness due to the canopy, secondary undergrowth and in the mountains by the steep slopes.

b. Cover and Concealment. In the lowlands, cover will be limited to irrigation ditches, paddy dikes and streams and river banks. Moving into the forested areas, concealment from aerial observation becomes better with some cover provided by the underbrush. Concealment in the dense undergrowth is fair to good on the plains with the steep slopes of hills allowing excellent cover and concealment. Cover is fair in the valleys. The dense canopy and undergrowth in the mountains offer excellent concealment from air observation.

c. Obstacles

(1) Natural. In the lowland the foot movement through the rice paddies is impeded and channelizes along the dikes in the rainy season. Tracked vehicles and wheeled vehicles must avoid these areas. The river and many of the streams and canals are usually too deep to be forded. In the plains and low hills, the undergrowth restricts movement in many locations to existing trails. The valleys allow some limited travel to the stream valleys because of the perpendicular pattern of the major ridges. Combined with this terrain, the dense vegetation severely channelizes movement to a few existing trails. These can be very slippery in the wet season with crossing of streams extremely difficult because of depth and velocity.

(2) Artificial. The notable artificial obstacles in the area would result from destruction of existing bridges along the two routes (556 and 557) as well as deterioration of the road bed.

d. Key Terrain

(1) Hill 819 at YD 096577 and Hill 821 at YD 096396 dominate the area between the DA KONG and BA LONG valleys.

(2) Hill 660 at YD 096444 dominates the northeast quadrant.

(3) Hill 235 at YD 289402 dominates QUANG TRI river valley in the northeast quadrant.

(4) Hill 908 at YD 949371 dominates southeast quadrant.

(5) Hill 691 at YD 926443 dominates northwest quadrant.

e. Means of Approach

(1) The major means of approach into the study area is the QUANG TRI (TRACH HAT) River valley which runs generally east to west.

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(2) The DO KANG River valley crosses the southwest corner of the area on the northwest to southeast axis.

(3) Route 555 provides access to the northern portion of the region.

6. Area of Entry. Helicopter landing zones are scattered throughout the flat lands and within the QUANG TRI River valley. Several locations are available in the mountains for one or two aircraft drops. Available landing sites are indicated in T-1A. In addition, centered at TD 160398 adjacent to two IN LONG outposts, is a packed airstrip which measures 1,000 feet with a 100 foot crossrun on the west end. There are no parking facilities except on the runway itself. It is noted that the airstrip is capable of sustaining aircraft of the following markings and minimal markings:

6. Area of Entry

7. Two roads of significance exist within the study area. Route 555, was once a fair weather improved earth road with a width of 3-4 meters. It ran generally parallel to the QUANG TRI (THAN HIE) River crossing the waterway between TD 160398 and TD 160398. The second road, 557 traverses the northern portion of the study area through gently rolling hills. Its last reported condition was an all-weather roadbed of 3-4 meters in width. The surface is crushed stone and gravel.

8. Numerous trails are found throughout the study area.

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TAB 1

A-ELR overlay (PASOP)
B-Road and Trail overlay (PASOP)

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Appendix 2 (Weather Study) to Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 8-68

1. Climate. The southwest monsoon continues in full force over all of Southeast Asia during August and into the middle of September. The weather follows a somewhat regular daily pattern with afternoon showers occurring over parts of the area almost every day. Early September marks the beginning of the autumn transition, the shortest of the four seasons, which usually last from mid-September to mid-October.

a. Temperature. Along the east coast of the Republic of Vietnam, temperatures remain at a summer maximum during August with a mean maximum temperatures of 90 degrees in the study area. This figure drops during September by 5 degrees. Variations resulting from forest cover should be expected. Maximum temperatures below vegetation canopies are lower; but minimum temperatures are higher than those in open areas.

b. Winds. The month of August sees mean low-level winds southwesterly in direction. This continues into September. Both months see a decrease in the mean speeds but local surface winds are influenced in direction and speed by local topography. Most cases of strong, gusty, surface winds are associated with thunderstorm activity.

c. Precipitation. The number of days with precipitation averages 15 days for August with a very slight increase in September. Most precipitation occurs in afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms. Maximum August precipitation averages 6 inches along the east coast to a minimum of less than one inch. In the succeeding month, the maximum moves up to 10 inches with the minimum remaining the same.

d. Clouds. Both months considered in this study see a mean cloudiness of 70% for the study area. Convective clouds form over most regions during the late morning. Afternoon ceilings of 2,000-4,000 feet are common throughout the country. Stratus ceiling are common in the early morning, often below 1,000 feet (obscuring mountain tops).

e. Visibility. Early morning fog in interior valleys restricts visibility to less than 3 miles. Storms and thunderstorms reduce visibility to less than 5 miles for brief periods and in more intense storms, to less than 1 mile. Visibility greater than 12 miles is not common anywhere over Southeast Asia. In general, surface visibility is best during the afternoon.

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f. Thunderstorms. Thunderstorms normally occur during the late afternoon and generally last only a few hours. These storms seldomly are violent but strong surface winds may occur. The mean number of days with thunderstorms is seven.

g. Storms. September is the month of maximum typhoon activity in the western Pacific. From 1947 to 1965, a total of 27 tropical storms, 13 of which reached typhoon intensity, formed or moved into the South China Sea. For the same reporting period, August is credited with 18 tropical storms of which only 3 were considered typhoon severity. Twenty-seven storms of the total were close enough to Southeast Asia to adversely affect the weather by strong winds, torrential rains and some flooding. Seven storms, including typhoon TILDA in 1963, moved onshore in the Republic of Vietnam. Typhoons usually move over the South China Sea at speeds of 5 to 10 knots but speeds of 18 knots have been observed in the Gulf of Tonkin. They usually dissipate after moving onshore, but remnants of storms can remain for several days. Winds of typhoon strength (64 knots or greater) can be expected within 30 miles of storm centers, and winds of 25 knots can be encountered up to a distance of 150 miles. Torrential rains, particularly in mountain areas, can flood river channels and should be closely considered in planning operations.

h. Special Phenomena.

(1) The winds of LAOS, foehn winds which originate in the high plateaus of LAOS and the Annam Range, blow down the eastern slopes to the lowlands adjacent to the water. Hot and dry, often strong, these winds can cause a rapid rise in temperature and extreme evaporation along their path. The occurrences diminish during the transitional seasons.

1. Crackin. While rare during September, the Crackin may appear on 1 or 2 days of the latter part of the month. This is a period of widespread fog and drizzle or light rain that affects coastal regions in North Vietnam as well as the Republic of Vietnam. It is a phenomenon related to the northeast monsoon and caused by the moist easterly flow over the South China Sea. Ceiling are usually below 1,500 feet and visibilities less than two miles.

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Appendix A (Target List) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 8-68

COORD	TARGET	DATE
XD 915383	POSS OP/CP	May 68
913383	BUNKER COMPLEX	11 Jun 68
918387	FORTIFIED AREA	12 Jun 68
912392	POSS OP/CP	May 68
915475	ASSEMBLY AREA	9 Jul 68
917473	25-30 FIGHTING HOLES	28 Jun 68
915497	ROCKET SITE	10 Jul 68
918501	BASE CAMP	22 Apr 68
926367	30 FIGHTING HOLES	19 Jul 68
923374	FORTIFIED AREA	2 Jun 68
927376	DEFENSIVE POSITION	11 Jun 68
929408	FOXHOLES	29 May 68
920404	13 BUNKERS	16 Jun 68
929410	FOXHOLES	31 May 68
92994920	ROCKET SITE	7 Jun 68
923495	ROCKET SITE	7 Jun 68
920498	AW POSITION/TRENCHES	23 Jul 68
923499	AW POSITION/TRENCHES/BUNKERS	23 Jul 68
924497	BUNKERS W/CIRCULAR TRENCH	23 Jul 68
923501	BUNKER COMPLEX/TRENCHLINE	20 Jul 68
930390	AA POSITION	20 Apr 68
93214097	STRONG POINT	1 Jul 68
936417	FOXHOLES	31 May 68
932415	WEAPONS POSITION	29 May 68
933410	BUNKERS	2 Jun 68
967502	FOXHOLES (COMPANY SIZE AREA)	5 Jun 68
966500	LARGE BASE CAMP	12 Jun 68
968500	BASE CAMP	12 Jun 68
973387	POSSIBLE BIVOUC AREA	22 May 68
973386	POSSIBLE BIVOUC AREA	22 May 68
976480	BASE CAMP	29 May 68
97225060	35 FOXHOLES	29 May 68
988418	5 FORTIFIED HOOCHEES & 4 SMALL HOUSES	23 Jun 68
983418	12 LARGE HUTS, TUNNEL & FIGHTING HOLES	24 Jun 68
98414750	LIGHT ARTILLERY POSITION	23 Jun 68
984491	AW/AA POSITION	18 Jul 68
999432	FOXHOLES	31 May 68
998435	25 BUNKERS & 14 AW POSITIONS	7 Jun 68
998437	FOXHOLES	11 Jun 68
999431	20 FOXHOLES	11 Jun 68
996440	FOXHOLES	31 May 68
996443	STRONG POINT	11 Jun 68

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Appendix ^A (Target List) to Annex 3 (Intelligence) to Operation Order 8-68

<u>COORD</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DATE</u>
998441	FOXHOLES	11Jun68
931411	WEAPONS POSITION	29May68
934414	POSSIBLE SUPPLY POINT	13Jun68
937414	DEFENSIVE POSITION W/30 FOXHOLES	13Jun68
936411	DEFENSIVE POSITION	7Jun68
936443	MORTAR POSITION	19Jul68
932455	MORTAR POSITION (82MM)	19Jul68
933462	SUSPECTED BUNKER & STORAGE AREA	18Jul68
937477	.50 CAL POSITION	14Jul68
935477	TRAIL JUNCTION W/BUNKERS	14Jul68
935475	WELL USED E-W TRAIL	14Jul68
933471	MORTAR POSITION	14Jul68
935486	MORTAR POSITION (82MM)	13Jul68
934484	BUNKERS	14Jul68
933503	BUNKERS/FIGHTING HOLES/TRENCHLINE	20Jul68
94604191	45 FOXHOLES	1Jul68
949416	25 BUNKERS W/6 AW POSITIONS	5Jun68
949422	19 BUNKERS W/AW POSITIONS	7Jun68
948478	BUNKER COMPLEX	14Jul68
941477	AW POSITION	11Jul68
947471	ROCKET SITE	14Jul68
949475	BASE CAMP/SUPPLY AREA	5Jun68
946472	.50 CAL POSITION	12Jun68
945480	4 BUNKERS	14Jul68
94554950	MORTAR POSITION (82MM)	11Jul68
953369	HARBOR SITE (SQUAD SIZE)	22May68
952368	20 BUNKERS W/FIGHTING HOLES	18Jul68
950416	DEFENSIVE POSITION W/25 FOXHOLES	13Jun68
95804178	25 FOXHOLES	1Jul68
952418	MORTAR POSITION (82MM)	5Jul68
955422	BUNKERS & TRENCHES	1Apr68
955429	DEFENSIVE POSITION W/10 FOXHOLES, 1 BUNKER	13Jun68
956447	FOXHOLES	30May68
957448	FOXHOLES	30May68
957447	DEFENSIVE POSITION W/2 AA POSITIONS, 10 FOXHOLES	13Jun68
957445	DEFENSIVE POSITION W/20 FOXHOLES	13Jun68
957444	FORTIFIED HILLTOP W/40 FOXHOLES, 5 BUNKERS & POSSIBLE SUPPLY POINT	13Jun68
958458	.50 CAL POSITION	30Apr68
958452	FOXHOLES	30May68
952457	BUNKER COMPLEX	26Jun68
95944546	3 AA/AW POSITIONS	18Jun68

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Appendix 3 (Target List) to Annex 3 (Intelligence) to Operation Order 8-68

<u>COORD</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DATE</u>
<u>XD</u>		
957466	BUNKERS W/FOXHOLES	26Jun68
953473	100 BUNKERS (4X5), 15 BUNKERS (12X8)	14Jul68
952478	16 BUNKERS W/MORTAR PIT	14Jul68
950475	50 BUNKERS	14Jul68
968378	TRAIL (CAPABLE OF VEHICLE TRAFFIC)	23May68
964375	TRAIL	3Jul68
960388	TRAIL	22May68
964465	STRONG POINT, 10 BUNKERS, 15 FOXHOLES & AA/AW POSITIONS	25Jun68
96624685	STRONG POINT	
966494	FORTIFIED HILLTOP	29May68
967503	50 2-MAN FOXHOLES	5Jun68
966500	75 FOXHOLES IN A CIRCLE	29May68
<u>YD</u>		
003387	BUNKERS	2Jun68
016366	TRAIL	12Jul68
017376	.50 CAL POSITION	12Jul68
019417	FIGHTING HOLES	1Jul68
015444	STRONG POINT	22Jun68
015502	SUSPECTED ASSEMBLY AREA	3Jul68
020433	POSSIBLE STORAGE AREA	22Jun68
025455	FORTIFIED VILLE	Apr68
036422	7 FOXHOLES	27Jun68
035440	1 AA/AW POSITION	27Jun68
033444	POSSIBLE BUNKER	27Jun68
041409	FOOT BRIDGE ON TRAIL	23Jul68
044436	21 FOXHOLES/6 BUNKERS, 2 TRENCHES	27Jun68
042445	AA/AW POSITION	27Jun68
048444	AW POSITION/TRENCH	Apr68
059402	FOOT BRIDGE ON TRAIL	23Jul68
058420	3 SMALL BRIDGES	19Jun68
052460	60 FOXHOLES	3Jul68
05254950	10 CAMOUFLAGED BUNKERS	16Jul68
066406	SMALL BRIDGE OVER RIVER	11Jun68
062405	.50 CAL POSITION	24Jun68
066407	FOOT BRIDGE ON TRAIL	23Jul68
060435	TRAIL	5Jun68
060430	3 SMALL BRIDGES	21Jun68
063447	2 HOOTCHES	10Jul68

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Appendix III (Target List to Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 8-68

<u>COORD</u>	<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DATE</u>
068442	6 FIGHTING HOLES	10Jul68
067469	CAMOUFLAGED POSITION	23Jun68
067464	NEW TRAIL	9Jun68
066500	DEFENSIVE POSITION W/ BUNKERS, TRENCHES	15Jun68
067502	TRENCHES	9Jun68
072412	FOOT BRIDGE OVER STREAM	11Jun68
072411	FOOT BRIDGE ON TRAIL	23Jul68
07554975	6 BUNKERS, 1 UNOCCUPIED AA POSITION	16Jul68
083475	AA POSITION	6Jun68
082470	AA POSITION	30May68
089498	STORAGE AREA	Apr68
08504975	HEAVILY CAMOUFLAGED DEFENSIVE POSITION ON HILL	16Jul68

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Appendix 5 (SICR'S) to Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 8 - 68

1. Captured Material and Documents

(1) Material

- (a) Captured weapons and equipment will be inventoried by the capturing unit and evacuated to this Headquarters for intelligence evaluation and forwarded to Task Force Hotel G-2. Explosive ordnance munitions will be evacuated through EOD channels. All captured material must be tagged to show time, place, and circumstance of capture prior to evacuation. Explosive ordnance which cannot be evacuated due to the tactical situation will be destroyed in place after the best possible description and number of rds, etc. have been obtained.
- (b) The following munitions are on special Intelligence Collection Requirements of higher headquarters and must be evacuated where possible:

7.62mm cartridges (short)

9mm and 16mm cartridges

12.7mm cartridges

14.5mm cartridge

23mm projectiles

37mm projectiles

57mm projectiles

RPG-7 anti - tank rockets

82mm mortar projectiles (in unopened original containers)

107mm rockets

122mm rockets

140mm rockets

130mm artillery projectiles

152mm artillery projectile

160mm mortar projectile

mines (anti - vehicular, anti - tank, anti - helicopter, anti - aircraft and US type modified by the enemy)

all case ammunition

In addition to the above, any new or unidentified munitions introduced in country by the NVA/VC are considered to be of significance and will be evacuated in so far as possible.

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- c. All captured communication - electronic equipment will be reported immediately and evacuated without delay. Any associated documents and/or personnel captured with the equipment should be evacuated. Following captured of such equipment, notations should be made of dial settings to ensure that such information is available for technical exploitation. Dial settings will not be changed nor will any parts be removed to include identifying labels or manufacturing plates.

2. Documents

- (a) All captured documents must be tagged to show time, place, and circumstances of capture prior to forwarding through intelligence channels to this headquarters for intelligence evaluation and forwarding to Task Force Hotel G-2.
- (b) Captured documents relating to communications, including operating instructions, codes, messages, frequency list and call signs, will be tagged and evacuated without delay. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL PLAIN LANGUAGE TRANSMISSIONS BE MADE TO REPORT THE CAPTURE OF ENEMY COMMUNICATIONS AND SECURITY MATERIAL.
- (c) Documents captured at communication installations will not be separated from the equipment unless recapture is imminent or evacuation of the equipment is impossible. Such documents and equipment will be tagged and evacuated together without delay.

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Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Order 8-68

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheets 6342 II, I
 and 6442 III, 6442 IV

(b) CG, 3d Mar Div LOI 1-67

(c) Task Force Hotel OP Plan (TBI)

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1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A (Intelligence), current INTSUMS and PERINTREPS.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Task Force Hotel conducts multi-regimental operations in the SCOTLAND II and LANCASTER II AO.
- (2) 1st Marines, and Det A-101 Company C SFCA operates to the north (CUA Valley and KENTUCKY AO) 4th Marines operate to the southwest and west (SCOTLAND II AO and DA KRONG Valley while 1st ACD operates to the east and southeast.
- (3) 2d Bn, 12th Mar direct support; 12th Marines (Reinf) general support/reinforcing.
- (4) 1st MAW provides helicopter and fixed wing air support.
- (5) 7th Air Force provides tactical air support.

2. MISSION.

- a. At H/L-Hour on D-Day, 9th Mar commences clearing operations in the BA LONG Valley and the ridge lines to the north and south of the valley to destroy enemy forces caches and installations in the area of operations, disrupt infiltration routes, while simultaneously establishing fire support bases (FSB) and helicopter landing zones for this and future operations.
- b. Supporting Air and Artillery provide close and continuous fire support to 9th Marines.

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3. EXECUTION.a. Concept of Operations.

- (1) On/or about D-1 work is initiated on the development of a Fire Support Base (FSB) on the northern ridge of the BA LONG Valley, after extensive air/artillery preparation and pioneer efforts of reconnaissance elements. It is anticipated that one 105mm How Btry and three 155mm How (towed) will be operational at the FSB twelve hours after work is started on this position. The northern FSB will mainly support operations in EA LONG east.
- (2) On D-Day, three infantry battalions, supported in part by tank, conduct simultaneous ground/helicopter attacks into the western, central, and eastern portions of the BA LONG Valley. Company Operation Bases (COB) with contiguous landing zones are established throughout each battalions ZOA, and development of a second FSB on the southern ridge of the BA LONG Valley is started on/or about D+3.

b. Air Support. Annex F (Air) to Operation Order 8-68c. Artillery Support. Annex E (Artillery) to Operation Order 8-68d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) D-Day tentatively 14 Aug 68.
- (2) L/H-Hour TBA
- (3) Duration of operation approximately 12-14 days.
- (4) When contact is made, maximum use of supporting arms shall be made and fire superiority achieved prior to initiation of the assault.
- (5) Boundaries serve as fire coordination lines between converging battalions.
- (6) Infantry battalions submit desired no fire lines daily at 1830 to 9th Marines.
- (7) 9th Marines FSCC controls all aircraft in 9th Marines AO until "pass-off" near LZ to battalion TACP's.
- (8) 9th Marines FSCC submits Sav-A-Planes to Task Force Hotel FSCC.
- (9) All artillery fires in AO cleared through 9th Marines FSCC.

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- (10) Artillery and air representatives make maximum effort to coordinate at lowest echelon simultaneous air and artillery activity.
- (11) Infantry battalions coordinate 60mm and 81mm mortar fire directly with adjacent battalions if mission plots within 500 meters of boundary.
- (12) 9th Marines FSCC obtain clearances for all missions (mortar and artillery) which plot within 500 meters of 9th Marines boundaries.
- (13) Firing units and forward observers maintain air sentry when firing. Check fire when aircraft observed approaching danger areas.
- (14) Artillery liaison officers report FC positions hourly to 2/12 FSCC.
- (15) Smoke and illumination will not be fired within 2000 meters of adjacent battalions without clearance from this headquarters.
- (16) A Pre-Hour preparation of LZ's will be executed by CAS and artillery.
- (17) Flak suppression fires will be planned along helicopter approach and retirement lanes.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Annex G (AD/LOG) to Operation Order 8-68.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. Communications - Annex H to Operation Order 8-68.
- b. Task Force Hotel FSCC and DASC located LZ STUD.
- c. 9th Marines FSCC located LZ STUD initially.
- d. 2/12 FSCC located South CUA Valley initially.

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Annex E (Artillery) to Operation Order 8-68

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS series L7014, Sheets 6342 II, III and 6442 III and IV

(b) HQ, 2d Marine Division LOI 1-67

(c) FMFM 7-4

(d) FM 6-40

(e) 12th Marines Regimental Order 3000.1G (SOP for gunnery)

(f) 2d Bn, 12th Marines Order 3000.1F (SOP for operations and gunnery)

(g) Firing charts: Grid Sheet Scale 1:25,000

Time Zone: H

Task Organizations: Basic Order

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. Annex A and INTSUMS

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 1st MAF provides helicopter and fixed wing support.
- (2) 7th Air Force provides tactical air support.
- (3) 12th Marines provides GS artillery.

2. MISSION. 2d Bn, 12th Marines provides close and continuous fire support to maneuver elements.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of artillery employment.

- (1) 2d Bn, 12th Marines Direct Support 9th Marines.
- (2) Artillery support will be provided initially from positions at CA LU and SOUTH CUA VALLEY.
- (3) One 105mm battery will displace to North Ridge FSB by helicopter when required to provide support (O/A 3 August).
- (4) Three 155mm How (towed) will displace by helicopter to support additional operations from North Ridge FSB.

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(5) General support fires will be provided by 12th Marines.

b. D Battery.

(1) Initially 3A LZ.

(2) Be prepared to displace to provide close continuous fire support throughout 9th Marines AO.

c. E Battery.

(1) Initially south GUS Valley.

(2) Be prepared to displace to BA LONG east by helicopter to provide close continuous fire support throughout 9th Marines AO.

d. F Battery.

(1) Initially south GUS Valley.

(2) Be prepared to displace to Northridge B&B by helicopter to provide close continuous fire support throughout 9th Marines AO.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) All batteries be prepared to displace by helicopter throughout the 9th Marines AO.

(2) Surveys: 12th Marines trig list

(3) Metro: Available from established stations

(4) Counter-Battery: BS and DS arty. Policy active. Units receiving incoming arty/rocket/mort fires report NSA; IAW ref (E).

(5) Counter-mortar: DS arty. Policy active.

(6) Target Numbers: Ref (F)

(7) Restrictions On Fires: Annex D (Fire support Coordination).

(8) Registrations: No restrictions.

(9) "Fire In" night defensive fires prior to darkness.

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- (10) Appendix 1 (Target List) TBI O/A D-1
- (11) Use following techniques as necessary:
 - (a) At my command method of control by FO's
 - (b) High-angle fire
 - (c) Restrictive fire plans
 - (d) Helo approach/retirement lanes.
- (12) Difficulty is anticipated in the navigation of infantry units because of the terrain and vegetation in the AO. Accordingly, employment of spotting rounds is recommended.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See Annex G (Administration and Logistics) to Operation Order 8-68
- b. ASR(R,T/D)(Guide only)
105mm - - - - -62

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. Annex H (Communications - Electronics) to Operation Order 8-68
- b. 4/12 GP located South CUA Valley initially.

APPENDIX

- 1. Target List/Target Overlay (TBI O/A D-1)

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Annex F (Air Support) to Operation Order 8-68

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS Series L7011 Sheets
 6342 II, III

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See current PERINTREPS and INTSUMS

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 7th Air Force assets (single manager concept) including 1st MAW provide fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft and aerial observers.

2. AVAILABLE AIR SUPPORT.

- a. Medevac. Two helicopters on 15 minute alert. Request via this headquarters.
- b. Flare Plane. Available for troops in contact or emergency medevac. Expect 45 minute delay.
- c. Spooky. Available for troops in contact at night or emergency medevac. Expect 45 minute to 1 hour delay.
- d. Aerial Observers. Normally airborne at first light until darkness. Fifteen minute alert at night.
- e. Sparrow Hawk. Reinforced rifle platoon on 30 minute alert during daylight hours at QUANG TRI. Commitment requested through this Hq's and must be approved by CG, 3d Mar Div.
- f. Emergency Resupply. One hour alert during hours of darkness. Request through this Hq's. Must be approved by Regimental CG.
- g. UH-1E Gunships. Available on request.
- h. CAS Aircraft.
- (1) Snake, nape and zuni available on alert at CHU LAI and DA NANG. Expect 45 minute delay.

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(2) Diverts will be requested when necessary. Units will specify maximum type bomb which can be utilized (i.e. does the proximity of friendly forces make 2000 lb bombs feasible?)

(3) Pre-planned strikes.

3. AIR SUPPORT PRIORITIES.

- a. Units in contact
- b. Normal operations
- c. Helolifts, convoys, and motor marches
- d. Other targets

4. PROCEDURES.

- a. TPQ requests for that night and the next day will be submitted to this headquarters prior to 1100.
- b. ALO/FAC controlled air strikes encouraged, observation and communications permitting.
- c. Pre-planned fixed wing requests for the next day will be submitted to this headquarters prior to 1400.
- d. Landing zones/pick up zones will be carefully selected giving appropriate consideration to altitude, size, obstructions, exposure to known enemy fire and locations, and surface conditions, e.g., elephant grass, bushes, dust, and debris.
- e. Detailed briefings will be conducted prior to heliborne assault. In addition to helicopter representatives, the battalion 3 and ALO or their representatives, will attend.
- f. Restrictive fire plans will be issued and helicopter approach/retirement lanes designated.
- g. All helicopter resupply and medevac LZ's will be well policed in order to avoid aircraft damage from debris, trash, foreign particles, etc.
- h. When requesting helicopter troop lifts (assault or admin), furnish this headquarters with the desired sequence of lift (i.e. A Co, B Co, CP, 81mm, C Co, D Co) and pick up LZ.

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- i. Units insure that friendly lines are clearly marked with smoke or panels.

5. REPORTS.

- a. Include all tactical air support received on spotreps and sitreps. Include controller, type aircraft employed, target, and BDA.

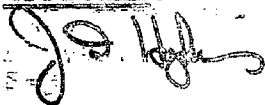
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APPENDIXES:

1. List of LZ's, BA LONG VALLEY
2. Air Schedule

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Appendix 1 (List of LZ's) to Annex F (Air Support) to Operation
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Ref: (a) MAPS: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014 Sheets 6342 II, III

1. PROSPECTIVE LANDING ZONES

- a. The landing zones listed below have been reported by recon and have not necessarily been flight checked, and will most likely require improvements.
- b. The many LZ's in the valley floor which are self evident are not listed below.

5 46's
 YD 012442
 YD 013443
 YD 089490
 YD 192370

2-4 46's
 YD 000439
 XD 995423
 YD 021425
 YD 029402
 YD 064406
 YD 076417
 YD 086432
 YD 104425
 YD 173426
 YD 191407
 YD 198409

1 46
 XD 997429
 YD 017428
 YD 016442
 YD 015447
 YD 036468
 YD 037470
 YD 058417
 YD 062432
 YD 073423
 YD 082393
 YD 100447
 YD 093465
 YD 065460
 YD 083468
 YD 069468
 YD 068463
 YD 065463

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Appendix 2 (Air Schedule) to Annex F (Air Support) to Operation
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AIR SCHEDULEL HOURS TO BE ANNOUNCEDD-4

L-0010 2 CH-46's, 2 UH-1E (Guns) lift pioneer team into northern
 Fire Support Base (NFSB) to develop 2 plane 46 landing zone

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L-0010 4 CH-46's, 2 UH-1E Guns commence lift of 2 companies 3/9 and
 approximately 60 engineers to NFSB from CUA VALLEY (3/9)

L+0045 Personnel lift complete

L+0055 Light engineering equipment lift commences from LZ STUD to
 NFSB

L+0110 Light engineering equipment lift complete

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L-0010 1 CH-54, 2 UH-1E Guns commence lift of heavy engineering
 equipment to NFSB

L+0045 Heavy engineering equipment lift complete

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L-0010 2 CH-53's, 4 CH-46's, 2 UH-1E Guns lift Foxtrot Battery 2/12
 from CUA VALLEY to NFSB

L+0200 F/2/12 lift complete

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L-0110 Arty preps complete. 2 A0's on station

L-0100 First flight fixed wing

L-0045 Second flight fixed wing

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L-0030 Third flight fixed wing
UH-1E SLICK picks up COFFEE CUP 6 & ALO LZ STUD VIP pad

L-0015 Fourth flight fixed wing
16 CH-46's, 4 UH-1E Guns commence lift 2/9 (FANCY DAN) at
LZ STUD, CUA VALLEY, or point TBD.
UH-1E SLICK picks up FANCY DAN 6 LZ STUD

L-0010 First flight smoke

L-Hour First wave 2/9 touches down BA LONG EAST (YD 188402)
Fifth flight fixed wing

L+0020 Sixth flight fixed wing

L+0030 Second flight smoke

L+0040 Seventh flight fixed wing

L+0100 Eighth flight fixed wing
Third flight smoke

L+0120 Ninth flight fixed wing

L+0125 2/9 lift complete

L+0130 1 UH-1E Gun, 1 CH-46 to CUA VALLEY to pick up advanced party
of E/2/12 to BA LONG EAST
Tenth flight fixed wing

L+0200 Eleventh flight fixed wing

L+0230 Twelfth flight fixed wing

L+0300 Thirteenth flight fixed wing

L+0330 Fourteenth flight fixed wing
3 CH-53's commence lift of E/2/12 to BA LONG EAST
1 CH-54 lifts bulldozers from LZ STUD to BA LONG EAST

L+0400 Fifteenth flight fixed wing

L+0430 Sixteenth flight fixed wing

L+0500 Seventeenth flight fixed wing

L+0530 Eighteenth flight fixed wing
E/2/12 lift completed

Note: All fixed wing snake/nape/zuni

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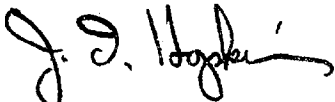
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Annex G (Administration/Logistics) to Operation Order 8-68

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014 Sheets 6342 II and 6442 III

1. SUPPLY

a. General

- (1) The source of supply for 9th Marines for classes I, III, IV and V is LSU, LZ Stud.
- (2) Source of supply for class II is FLSG-B, Dong Ha.

b. Supplies and equipment available

Class II

MCI - 10 DAS

Trioxane - 10 DAS

Class III

Mogas - 20,000 Gal.

Diesel - 20,000 Gal.

Class V

Resupplied daily from ASP, Quang Tri.

c. Control and Distribution

- (1) Supply point distribution in effect.

d. Prescribed loads

- (1) As directed by unit commanders with emphasis placed on maximum possible load of class I, V and water to minimize helo resupply in same LZ. Utilize natural water source to the maximum extent.

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e. Resupply

- (1) Helicopter resupply from LSU, LZ Stud to units in the field will be the primary source.
- (2) Units establish sufficient personnel at LZ Stud prior to D-Day to draw, stage and control supplies.
- (3) The Battalion S-4 Actual, will be located at LZ Stud.
- (4) Submit requests for emergency resupply to this Headquarters.
- (5) Submit to this Headquarters by NLT 1300 daily, supply requirements for the following day.
 - (a) The Battalions will convert amount of supplies into weight for appropriate helo-lifts.
 - (b) All fragged requests will be in time and number of lifts.
 - (c) All requests will be fragged to higher headquarter by this Headquarters.
 - (d) Battalions will identify CH-53 lifts if required.
- (6) Battalions will stage at LZ Stud emergency packages of Class I, Class V and water for one rifle company. In the event this package is used, reconstitute immediately.

f. Captured Material

- (1) See Annex A (Intelligence)

g. Captured Personnel

- (1) See Annex A (Intelligence)

2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATIONa. Evacuation

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- (1) Casualties requiring evacuation will be transported directly from the field to Co "D", 3rd Medical Battalion, Dong Ha. Patients with head wounds may be taken directly to hospital ships since there is no neuro-surgeon at Dong Ha.
- (2) Those casualties requiring stabilization may be transported to aid station located at Camp Carroll.
- (3) Battalions maintain representatives at Co "D", 3rd Medical Battalion, Dong Ha.

b. Hospitalization

- (1) All personnel requiring hospitalization will be evacuated to Co "D", 3rd Medical Battalion, Dong Ha.

3. TRANSPORTATIONa. Vehicle

- (1) Battalions will utilize organic vehicles to the maximum extent possible. Request vehicle support from this Headquarters (S-4), by NIT 1400 of the preceding day.
- (2) Main Supply Route is Route 9 and is a controlled route for convoys.

b. Air (Helicopter)(1) Landing zone

- (a) Units mark landing zone with air panels.
- (b) Constant police of LZ's will be emphasized. LZ's will be kept clear of trash, loose equipment and any matter that can be swept into helicopter rotors.
- (c) Helicopter Director in LZ's will wear air panel or colored apparel as distinguishing device.

(2) Communication

- (a) Positive communications will be established by units in the field with this Headquarters at LZ Stud.

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- (b) Helicopter Support Teams man Regimental Helicopter Logistic's net. (LZ Common)
- (c) LSU, LZ Stud display card giving call sign and frequency of receiving unit will be given to each pilot. This is in addition to information passed by radio.

4. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. All units expedite return of water cans and other water containers to LSU, LZ Stud.
- b. Helicopter slings and nets will be returned expeditiously to LSU, LZ Stud from unit positions in the field.

5. REPORTS

- a. Battalions will report to this Headquarters by 1730 daily, weapons density and HE Class V on position utilizing format shown below:

Weapons density and on position Class V, HE report:

Line I	(Weapons density)	(HE on position)
A (60mm mortar)	number	rounds
B (81mm mortar)	number	rounds
C (90mm gun-M4-8A1 Tank)	number	rounds
D (106mm Recoilless rifle)	number	rounds

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ANNEX H (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 8-68

Ref: (a) 3d MARDIVO PQ2000.2G (COI)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. ENEMY FORCES

- (1) See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 8-68
- (2) The enemy has the capability to conduct all forms of electronic warfare, especially intercept or jamming of radio circuits.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Command Posts

TASK FORCE HOTEL

4th Marines

9th Marines

1/9

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IZ STUD

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Report when established

Report when established

Report when established

- (2) Task Force Hotel provides Comm and Crypto guard.

2. MISSION. Commencing on D-Day, communications elements of this command, install, operate, and maintain continuous communications to support this operation.

3. EXECUTION

a. Communications Platoon

- (1) Be prepared to establish communications for a forward CP.
- (2) Provide radio operators for LVT (Command) mobile CP.
- (3) Evaluate field test items KY-38 and AN/PRC-77.

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- b. 1st Bn 9th Mar (Reinf).
 - (1) Operate and maintain communications necessary for command and control in AO.
 - (2) Test and evaluate KY-38 and AN/PRC-77.
- c. 2nd Bn 9th Mar (Reinf).
 - (1) Operate and maintain communications necessary for command and control in AO.
 - (2) Test and evaluate KY-38 and AN/PRC-77.
- d. 3rd Bn 9th Mar (Reinf).
 - (1) Operate and maintain communications necessary for command and control in AO.
 - (2) Test and evaluate KY-38 and AN/PRC-77.
- e. Air Support Communications. See appendix 1 (Radio Plan)
- f. Artillery Communications. See Annex C (Artillery) and appendix 1 (Radio Plan)
- g. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) Radio
 - (a) RC-292 antenna are required for all units on 9th Mar Radio Nets.
 - (b) The command net on 11614 is for the exclusive use of commanding officers and S-3's.
 - (c) Test and evaluation of the KY-38 and AN/PRC-77 requires a classified report to cover a period of seven days.
Report forms PASEP
 - (d) See appendix 2 for call signs and frequencies.
 - (2) Thrust Points. See appendix 3
 - (3) Authentication and numerical codes. Use effective edition KAC-QAG
 - (4) Operation Codes. Use effective edition KAC-PAG
 - (5) Secure Voice Radio. A maximum of ten (10) days extracts are authorized from effective edition of KAK 3241 for field use with NESTOR systems.

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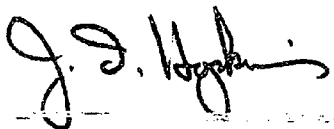
- a. See Annex G (Admin-Logistics) to Operation Order 8-68
- b. Limited repair facilities are available on electronics equipment at 9th Mar CP LZ Stud.

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APPENDICES:

- 1- Radio Plan
- 2- Radio call signs and frequencies
- 3- Thrust Points

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APPENDIX 2 (RADIO CALL SIGNS AND FREQUENCIES TO ANNEX H
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1. RADIO CALL SIGNS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VOICE CALL</u>
CG 3D MAR DIV	HALL MARK
CG TASK FORCE HOTEL	BLACK BOTTOM
3D MARINES	NORTH TIDE
1ST BN, 3D MARINES	SIXTEEN
2ND BN, 3D MARINES	GREEK MONEY
3D BN, 3D MARINES	AMANDA
9TH MARINES	COFFEE CUP
1ST BN, 9TH MARINES	DALLAS GIRL
2D BN, 9TH MARINES	FANCY DAN
3D BN, 9TH MARINES	SIDE DISH
12TH MARINES	SAND BOX
1ST BN, 12TH MARINES	DUCHESS COUNTY
2D BN, 12 TH MARINES	WHITE FISH
3D BN, 12TH MARINES	SNUB NOSE
4TH BN, 12TH MARINES	GOD MOTHER
DASC (LZ STUD)	STUD DASC
DASC (DONG HA)	DONG HA DASC
1ST MARINES	HANFORTH
4TH MARINES	LEAGUE LEADER
1ST BN, 4TH MARINES	BUS STOP
2D BN, 4TH MARINES	CLOUDY SKY

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UNIT

3D BN, 4TH MARINES

2D ARVN REGT

1/2 ARVN

2/2 ARVN

3/2 ARVN

44/2 ARVN

5/2 ARVN

SENIOR ADVISOR

DEPUTY ADVISOR

2. RADIO FREQUENCIESNET

DIV TAC II A

TASK FORCE HOTEL

4TH MARINES

REGT TAC # 1

REGT TACP

1ST BN, 4TH MARINES

BN TAC # 2

2D BN, 4TH MARINES

BN TAC #2

3D BN, 4TH MARINES

BN TAC #2

VOICE CALL

ICE BOAT

BLURRY CRITIC VICTOR

BLURRY CRITIC ECHO

BLURRY CRITIC LIMA

BLURRY CRITIC ALPHA

BLURRY CRITIC DELTA

BLURRY CRITIC Kilo

BLURRY CRITIC 8

BLURRY CRITIC 6

FREQDESIG

(P) 46.75 MHZ

M-46

(S) 62.8 MHZ

M-508

55.25

M-854

(P) 97.4 MHZ

M-1179

(S) 65.45 MHZ

M-862

40.4 MHZ

M-538

(P) 61.35 MHZ

M-590

(S) 35.15 MHZ

M-732

(P) 36.45 MHZ

M-1135

(S) 66.65 MHZ

M-286

(P) 36.85MHZ

M-162

(S) 62.85MHZ

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<u>NET</u>	<u>FREQ</u>	<u>DESIG</u>
<u>9TH MARINES</u>		
REGT TAC #1	(P) 45.25 MHZ	M-614
	(S) 46.55 MHZ	M-1019
REGT TACP # 1	39.4 MHZ	M-817
REGT TACP # 2	51.8 MHZ	M-715
<u>1ST BN, 9TH MARINES</u>		
BN TAC #2	(P) 60.45 MHZ	M-53
	(S) 56.2 MHZ	M-1020
<u>2D BN, 9TH MARINES</u>		
BN TAC # 2	(P) 65.05 MHZ	M-7
	(S) 59.65 MHZ	M-934
<u>3D BN, 9TH MARINES</u>		
BN TAC #2	(P) 37.05 MHZ	M-554
	(S) 62.6 MHZ	M-635
<u>12TH MARINES</u>		
REGT FIRE DIR #1	(P) 42.95 MHZ	M-387
	(S) 57.35 MHZ	M-922
REGT TAC	35.75 MHZ	M-124
<u>1ST BN, 12TH MARINES</u>		
BN FIRE DIR	(S) 72.0 MHZ	M-509
<u>2D BN, 12TH MARINES</u>		
BN, CMD	(S) 65.4 MHZ	M-1101

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<u>NET</u>	<u>FREQ</u>	<u>DESIG</u>
BN, FIRE DIR	(S) 60.1 MHZ	M-1157
	(A) 70.4 MHZ	M-547
BTRY D COF	45.75 MHZ	M-738
BTRY E COF	59.15 MHZ	M-818
BTRY F COF	62.45 MHZ	M-873
107 BTRY COF	67.25 MHZ	M-565
BTRY K COF (4TH BN, 13TH MAR)	71.75 MHZ	M-956

3D BN, 12TH MARINES

BN CMD	(S) 57.55 MHZ	M-561
BN FIRE DIR	(S) 73.8 MHZ	M-278

2D ARVN REGT

(P) 44.4
(A) 67.05

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1. The following thrust points are in effect for this operation.
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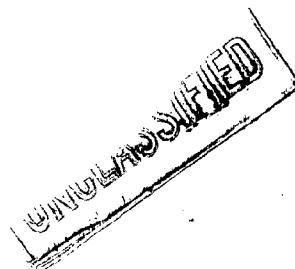
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YD 1839	Fish	YD 0538	Cities
YD 1543	Boys	YD 0341	Seasons
YD 1437	Girls	XD 9943	Ranks, Enlisted
YD 1041	Cigarettes	XD 9934	Birds
YD 1046	Colors	XD 9736	Dogs
YD 0234	Furniture	YD 0534	Clothing
YD 0938	Cigars	YD 1637	Ranks, Officers
YD 0544	Months	YD 0443	Days of Week

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