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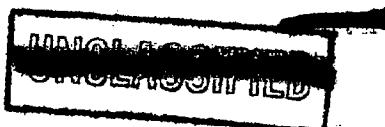
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

<u>1. DESIGNATION</u>	<u>COMMANDER</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1st Battalion, 9th Marines	LtCol F.X. COLLETON LtCol G.W. SMITH	1-30ct68 4-310ct68
Company "A"	Capt. J.S. SIROTNIAK	1-310ct68
Company "B"	Capt. T.H. MERRER	1-310ct68
Company "C"	Capt. W.O. MOORE JR.	1-310ct68
Company "D"	Capt. F. BRADLEY	1-310ct68
Company "H&S"	1stLt K.M. SALMON 1stLt T.G. JACKSON	16-280ct68 29-310ct68

2. LOCATION

a. 1-8 October 1968: Southern DMZ (Operation Lancaster Trousdale North)

b. 9-17 and 19-31 October 1968: Vandegrift Combat Base, Ca Lu, Thon Son Lam, and D-5.

c. 17-18 October 1968: 1/9 (-) (rein) operating in hills west of Vandegrift.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

S-1	Major C.D. FOREMAN 1stLt W. PELTO	28-310ct68 1-310ct68
S-2	1stLt G.M. COSTELLO	1-220ct68
S-3	Major A. FERNANDEZ Capt. E.F. RILEY	1-20ct68 3-310ct68
FSOC	1stLt C. WISE 1stLt W. LAWLIS	1-70ct68 8-310ct68
ALO	1stLt D.E. NICOLL	1-310ct68
S-4	1stLt B.F. JENNINGS	1-310ct68
S-5	1stLt G.M. COSTELLO	1-220ct68
COMM	1stLt T.G. JACKSON	1-310ct68
Supply	1stLt F.B. LOVELY	1-310ct68

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MT Officer

1stLt R.K. CLARK JR 1-31Oct68

Captain

Lt W.P. WEAVER 1-6Oct68  
Lt Cmdr W.E. BRAY 7-31Oct68

Medical Officer

Lt DICK 1-31Oct68

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Average Monthly StrengthUSMC  
OFF 32 ENL 1107USN  
OFF 2 ENL 52OTHER  
OFF 0 ENL 0

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1 through 8 October 1968 1st Battalion, 9th Marines was deployed in the southern position of the Demilitarized Zone on Operation Lancaster Tricusdale North. Upon returning to Vandegrift Combat Base (VCB), the battalion was assigned the mission of providing the defense for VCB, Ca Lu, and Thon Son Lam, together with providing one company to conduct combined USMC/Popular Forces. Regional Force Operations in the D-5 area east of VCB. From 16 through 19 October the battalion conducted search and clear operations to the west of VCB, relinquishing responsibility for perimeter defenses of VCB, Ca Lu, and Thon Son Lam to 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. 1/9 resumed responsibility for these defenses following the battalion's return to VCB on 19 October 1968.

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PART III

## SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. Combat mission assigned

Defense for Vandegrift Combat Base/Ca Lu/Thon Son Lam complexes and further assign one company for offensive operations in the D-5 area, establishing liaison and operating in close alliance with PF/PF forces in that locale.

a. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines FRAGO 154-68

(1) Provide defense for Vandegrift Combat Base /Ca Lu/ Thon Son Lam and provide one company for tactical operations in the D-5 area. Companies C, B, A, and D, respectively, and assigned these tasks.

b. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines OPO 10-68

(1) 1/9 attacks at 170730 to conduct detailed search and clear operations west of VCB/Signal Hill.

(2) Companies A and B continue assigned mission. Company C - on order, attack, seize, occupy and defend Bn Obj 1. On order, continue the attack to seize, occupy, and defend Bn Obj 4. Following seizure Obj A, and on order conduct detailed search and destroy operations towards Hill 512, 715, or 490, as directed.

(3) Company K 3/9 - At 170730" conduct helicopter borne assault into LZ Leatherneck. Establish defense and be prepared, on order, to continue the attack to seize occupy and defend Bn Obj B. Following seizure of objective B establish company patrol base and conduct aggressive patrols to seek out and destroy the enemy.

(4) Company G 2/9 Battalion Reserve. Be prepared on order to conduct helicopter borne assault into blocking position at Hill 512, 715, or 490, as directed.

c. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines FRAGO 64-68

(1) Company K returned to Opcon of 3/9 at 191600.

(2) Companies A and B returned to Opcon of 1/9 at 201000.

(3) Company F (-) chopped to Opcon of 1/9 at 201000. 1st Battalion, 9th Marine resumes defense of VCB/Ca Lu/Thon Son Lam with Company F augmenting Company C's defenses at VCB.

d. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines FRAGO 66-68

(1) Company A chopped to Opcon of the Third Marines at 2212004.

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e. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines FragO 68-68

Company D, at 243600H displace by tactical motor march to VCB. Be prepared to assume defense of VCB on order and in a sector to be assigned.

f. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines FragO 68-68

- (1) Company F returned to Opcon of 2/9 at 250800H
- (2) Company C provides entire perimeter defense for VCB

g. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines FragO 73-58

Company D provide augmentation forces to Company C as required for the defense of VCB.

2. Operations

01 October at 1230H Company C received 25 rounds from 82mm mortar fire. No casualties reported. An artillery mission was called on the assumed position of the mortar, with good coverage of the target. At 1500H, an AO observed 3-4 NVA running southwest at 905639, 2 NVA at 914633. Fixed wing strikes resulted in 6 KIA(c) at 611642. No BDA at other positions noted. At 2050H, while firing night defensive fires Company C observed a secondary explosion. Two repeats produced two and then four more secondary explosions, totaling 7 altogether.

02 October at 0900H Company medevacs two casualties from 30 September. At 1900H Company A received about 25 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from 911644, and observed movement at 901638. Artillery and 81mm mortar missions were fired and a flare-ship and SPOOKY were requested. Company A had 4 casualties, with two medevacs. At 2130H, Company D sighted a figure on a path at a distance of 25-30 meters. Five M-16 rounds were fired and the figure disappeared.

03 October at 1300H, Company B sighted 2 NVA moving west on a trail and pursued by small arms fire and M-26. Inspection of the area produced negative results. At 1730H, Company A found at 859650 three bunkers with grass covers and one OP platform in a tall tree. The bunkers were explored with negative results. Fresh blood traces were also found along a trail at 860649.

04 October Company D found 5 reinforced bunkers within a meter interval. An 82mm mortar pit, containing 20 rounds destroyed by artillery was also found. Trees were cut away from around the pit to give clearance. Four rocket sites containing 40 empty rocket cannisters were also found. One cannister contained a document of an unknown type.

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05 October at 1230H, Company A commenced movement toward regimental obj. B, discovering nine to fifteen 60mm mortar fuze well covers and one fighting hole, 2-3 days old. Also one apparent 60mm mortar pit was found at 852643. Occupied obj. 2 at 1400H and a one plane LZ completed at 1800H.

06 October at 1500, Company A found one common defecation pit, one bottle of white pills (500) with CNH stamped on each one, and two spent AK-47 rounds, about a month old, at 845646.

07 October helicopters reported taking small arms fire from 867662. Fire missions, consisting of 38 rounds of 81mm and 12 rounds of artillery were called in, giving good target coverage. Results unknown.

08 October Company A assumed defense of Thow Son Lam.

09 October at 1800H, elements of Company B received 15 rounds of sniper fire while acting as guard-security team at 010452. An artillery mission would not be called in because the area was a no-fire zone. At 2200H, Company D received 7 rounds of sniper fire from 076521, and heard movement in the same area. They responded with 60mm mortar fire and the sniping stopped. A search of the area in the morning produced negative results.

11 October at 1100H, a patrol from Company B checked a village at 025455 for PF's and RF's, learning from the elders that the village had had neither for a long time. The village was searched for tunnels with negative results. At 1830H, Company D sighted 10-15 NVA in the open, and called in 81mm mortar and artillery fire. The latter was checked fire, but the former gave good coverage of target with unknown results. Two UH-1E gunships also worked the area, getting one secondary explosion.

12 October at 1130H, a patrol from Company B encountered numerous indigenous persons, all destined for VCB trash dump. When the patrol passed through the Montagnard village and questioned the people, it found many individuals with malaria symptoms, primarily fevers, and a doctor was requested for them. The presence of the village chief in the village was revealed only after repeated questioning. He had wished to remain unnoticed fearing NVA terrorism. Villagers report that NVA often used the village for a rest center after operations. At 1845H, Company D sighted 2 indigenous personnel, one with a rifle and pack, leaving a deserted village. A 60mm mortar mission was fired, and later inspection revealed well beaten paths leading towards the mountains and blood traces.

13 October at 1215H, Company D discovered 1200 lbs. of rice later destroyed, in bins at 095542. At 1000H, a Company patrol learned from the villagers that 4 VC had entered the village with carbines and light machine guns 1-1½ hours earlier and sniped at Americans. No report as to the number of rounds or if fire was returned. Stories conflicted as to whether or not the VC received food in the village and as to the length of time VC normally stayed in the village, from 2 hours to 4 days. The corpsman inspected the villagers and

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concluded that, in relation to the Montagnards, the Vietnamese villages are cleaner, healthier and better fed.

16 October at 0830H, Company B sighted 3 NVA unarmed but heavily laden with gear, at 999457. The NVA also saw the patrol, retreated into the vegetation, looked out once, and then stayed hidden.

17 October from 0630H to 0640H VCS received 23 rounds, suspected 82mm mortar fire. Four rounds hit 400-500 meters east of the 1/3 SOC and 19 rounds 400-500 meters north to northeast of it. Artillery responded with unknown results. At 1415H, Company D 2/12 took 3 small arms rounds from 3900 mils azimuth, range undetermined. At 1500H, a reconnaissance patrol spotted an 82mm mortar tube in the open at 996462, and one NVA next to it. Artillery advised called in, results unconfirmed.

18 October at 0445H, Company C received 4 rounds of heavy mortars or artillery within 50 meters of the perimeter.

20 October at 1215H, a Company D patrol set off a booby trap, causing 5 WIA.

21 October at 0145H, a Company A patrol, 400 meters from the lines at Thon Son Lam heard 6-7 rounds of small arms fire from the north to east quadrant. It could not be determined whether the fire was friendly or hostile. At 1100H, Company B found and destroyed a cave at 999456.

23 October at 2300H, a SeaBee unit reported small arms fire coming from 028467 and impacting on Route 9. At 1500H, Company D found 4 bunkers, 2 grass huts, numerous clothes and tools, all used within the previous week, at 028467.

26 October at 1830H, Company D 2/12 received 1 round small arms fire.

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from 012455. No casualties.

5. Casualties and damage inflicted on the enemya. Personnel

- (1) NVA KIA: 6
- (2) NVA POW: 0
- (3) CHINESE POW: 0

b. Weapons captured - Nonec. Munitions

- (1) Mortar Rds: 58x82mm
- (2) Arty Rds: 12 Cal unknown

d. Foodstuffs

- (1) Rice: 1200 lbs.

e. Structures Destroyed

- (1) Bunkers - 19
- (2) Shelters - 2

f. Medical Supplies

- (1) 1 bottle of pills

g. Miscellaneous

- (1) Bundle of letters, poems and books

6. Friendly casualties sustained during the reporting period.

KIA 0 WIAE 9 WIANE 2

7. New Techniques employed: NONE8. Equipment

- a. The following is a report of the readiness of major items of combat essential equipment:

(1) Motor Transport	Allowance	On Hand	Op-ready
M-151 A1	20	19	13
M-274 A2	30	30	12
M-37 B1	4	4	2
M-416 B1	19	18	18
M-101 A1	4	5	4
M-107	6	4	3
MRC-109	2	1	1
MRC-87	1	1	0
MRC-83	2	1	1
M-170	1	1	1

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9. Logistics.a. Supply and Distribution.

1. Primary source of supply for Bn. FLSG-B

2. Significant items in short supply:

- (1) Weapons Cleaning Gear
- (2) Flack Jackets
- (3) Helmets
- (4) Utility Shirts and Trousers
- (5) Gas-Masks

3. Type of supply point used by the Bn. unit distribution.

b. Resupply.

1. Resupply figures, (by class) to the Companies in the Battalion.

CLASS

I	138,925 lbs.
II	12,000 lbs.
III	
IV	
V	60,800 lbs.

2. Total resupply figures for Companies in the Battalion,

UNIT

H&SCo	79,425 lbs.
Company A	21,625 lbs.
" B	25,625 lbs.
" C	26,625 lbs.
" D	58,425 lbs.

3. Hot meals were supplied to "D"Co at D-5 H&amp;SCo, "B"Co and "C" Co at VCB.

c. Transportation.

- (1) Truck from Quang Tri to VCB and from VCB to Mai Loc, Ca Lu and Rock pile.
- (2)
- (3) MAG-39
- (4) 187,415 lbs. by air

d. Engineer Support.

The 1st Platoon, Company C, 3d Engineer Battalion served in direct support of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

During Operation Lancaster Trousdale North the engineers constructed eleven one plane landing zones using some 5000 lbs. of explosives.

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The landing zones averaged 450 lbs of explosive each, 1000 ft of detonation cord, 100 ft. of time fuze and 50 to 75 blasting caps. During this same operation the engineers blew a great deal of enemy material including arms, ammunition, food, and clothing. It was found that a carefully stocked pile of enemy ammunition, small arms as well as cannon could be successfully detonated by exploding enemy anti-tank mines placed upside down on top of the pile.

At Vandegrift Combat Base the engineers used heavy equipment to dig trench lines in the 1/9 Battalion area. A grease pit 8' x 8' was also dug for the mess hall. The engineers used the 105 air compression with the small jackhammer attachment to cut the tops of barrels to be used by 1/9 for trash barrels.

e. Services Situation.

(1) While at VCB showers, laundry and ice (to the mess hall) were provided when available.

f. Supply Situation. (None up to T/O)

g. (1) GENERAL: During the month of October 1968, the BAS held sick call for Marine Corps Personnel.

(2) SANITATION: Routine weekly sanitation inspections were made of the Battalion area.

(3) DISEASE, INJURIES, AND TREATMENT IN GENERAL: Dapsone tablets are still in use for personnel in the Vandegrift Combat Base. Patients with FUO, URI, and acute diarrhea have presented a problem during the reporting period.

(4) CASUALTIES and HOSPITALIZATION: There were 11 WIA's and 103 NBC's. Out patient treatment consisted of 1597 miscellaneous illnesses and injuries, 27 gastroenteritis, 08 URI, 15 FUO, and 02 gonococcal infections.

(5) TRAINING: Orientation lectures were given to newly joined personnel. The subject matter included personal hygiene, self aid and buddy aid, venereal disease, care and protection of the feet, cellulitis, and snake problems in Vietnam.

(6) COMPLEMENT OF BAS: At the close of the month, the BAS had a complement of 01 Medical Officer and 49 Hospital Corpsmen. There were 04 E-6's. There were 04 new personnel joined during the month. There were 13 noneffectives during the month.

10. Personnel and Administration

a. Personnel

(1) Enlisted MOS Shortages and Rank

MOS	GySgt	SSgt	Sgt	Cpl	LCpl	Pfc/Pvt
0122					1	
0141		1	4			3
0239	1					
0311		27	57			

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MOS	GySgt	SSgt	Sgt	Cpl	LCpl	Pfc/Pvt
0331			8	15		3
0341			5			10
0351			4	15	20	
0369			10			
0441			1			
0848		1				
1341					1	
2111				1		
2311					1	
2511						2
2531				1		
2533				1		2
2549	1					
2811					1	
2815						1
2867			1			
3041				1		
3051						1
3371			1		1	1
3381	1					4
3516				1		1
3531					1	4
5591					1	
5931				2		
8421			1			

(2) Rotations during the month of October

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
5	47	0	0

## (3) Replacements received during the month of October

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
7	84	1	5

(4) Casualties

NBC - 103  
 WIAE - 9  
 WIKE - 2  
 NBC DOD - 1 (Died of Disease)

(5) PromotionsMeritorious

1 - 2dlt  
 2 - GySgt  
 1 - SSgt  
 5 - Cpl  
 8 - LCpl

Regular Promotions

1 - Sgt  
 23 - Cpl  
 5 - LCpl

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(6) AWARDS: Total 54 awards received by Battalion.  
 Total delivered: 24  
 Total readdressed and forward: 30

b. Administration

(1) Special Services (Type of equipment that was allocated and passed out)

Item Description	Rear Quantity	Forward Quantity
Guitar	12	3
Banjo	2	0
Basketball	11	3
Football	12	6
Volleyball	15	3
Radio, Zenith	2	5
Bat, Baseball	8	6
Glove, Baseball	19	13
Popper, Popcorn	10	0
Goal set, Basketball	2	2
Boot, Iron weight	3	4
Pump, Hand type	1	1
Antenna	2	0
Weight Set	4	2
Horseshoe Set	6	4
Mat, Gym	2	0
Generator, Honda	1	1
Hand Grip	6	4
Dumbell Weight Set	2	2
Table Tennis	1	0
Basketball Net	3	2
Fans, Electric	8	2
Mask, Catcher	1	2
Base, Softball Set	1	0
Coolers, Coleman	10	9
Projector, Bell and Howell	1	0
Trunks, Boxing	8	0
Strap, Weight, Body	10	0
Gloves, Boxing	4 pr	5 pr
Ball, Softball	10	10
Gloves, Handball	14	0
Head Protectors, Boxing	3	3
Net, Volleyball	3	3
Racket, Badmitten	8	0

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(2) Discipline

- (1) Problems if any: None
- (2) Courts Martial: None
- (3) Bn CO's OH: None
- (4) CO CO's OH: None

(3) Marine P.X., Postal Affairs and R&R

## a. P.X.

- (1) There is a P.X. van located in the 3/9 area which services the regimental rear.

## b. Postal

- (1) No problems other than transporting mail to the field during helicopter nonavailability.

## c. R&amp;R

- (1) 1/9 was allocated the following quotas for R&R October 1968

Hong Kong	- 13
Bang Kok	- 15
Hawaii	- 19
Taipei	- 12
Penang	- 3
Manila	- 2
Kuala Lumpur	- 2
Singapore	- 3
Okinawa	- 4
Sydney	- 12
Tokyo	- 7

(4) Chaplain Services

16 Protestant Services

4 Catholic	"
0 Memorial	"

11. Civic Action: There were no Civil Affairs conducted during the month of October 1968. This reduction was attributed to the lack of transportation and prolonged inclement weather conditions.

Letters were written to various organizations in the United States, explaining the Childrens Memorial Hospital, Sponsored by the 3d Marine Division. Any contributions from these organizations are expected to be in December 1968.

Further correspondence was sent concerning needed materials such as: clothing, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes and other items needed for refugees and orphans located within the Division A. O. No delivery date can be obtained for these items.

12. Psychological Warfare There was no Psychological Warfare conducted by the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, during the month of October 1968.

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13. Intelligence The area of operations encompassed the southern D.M.Z., from the 85 to the 91 grid, and south from the 67 to the 63 grid. The terrain encountered was rugged and hilly with thick vegetation making trafficability extremely difficult. Movement was often cross compartment, restricted to an average rate of 200 meters per hour. Avenues of approach, both enemy and friendly, were generally restricted to existing trail systems found in the area. Stream fording points presented little difficulty during the operation, due to the lack of heavy rains. The vegetation consisted of double to triple type canopies with heavy brush and elephant grass.

One road was observed through field glasses at XD 915680, which is not charted. On one occasion, vehicle movement was heard, but the exact direction from which the sound came is unknown. The majority of trails were well used. Trails were also large enough to permit transportation of supplies by elephants.

It is believed that larger NVA units had conducted a withdrawal, as friendly units moved into the area. Contact was limited to squad and platoon size enemy units which were masking the withdrawal of other units, or guarding the numerous supply caches found in the area. Enemy incoming rounds were sporadic and light, consisting solely of 60 and 82mm mortars. Enemy units through serial observation and contacts, indicated enemy was equipped with AK-47's, heavy M.G., mortars (60mm and 82mm). Active 12.7mm A.A. positions were sighted, of which one was destroyed by close air-support.

The types of uniforms used by the enemy were green and khaki utilities. The belts worn with the utilities were either a green web or a tan leather with a star on the buckle.

The age of the enemy was estimated at between 18-24. This was determined by KIA's, POW's and uncovered graves.

The enemy used delaying and harrassing tactics ie. mortar fire, probes, and occassional sniper fire. The units involved were small as previously noted, and it is thought he used those delaying tactics, allowing his larger units to withdraw as they avoided contact with friendly forces.

Most of the bunkers that were found were "A" framed in shape, and were built with legs. All were well camouflaged and were 2-3 weeks old. These bunkers were used for living quarters only and took approximately 3-4 days to complete. There were a few other bunkers very similar in shape, with adjoining crewserved weapons positions, such as anti-aircraft and mortar pits. These were also well camouflaged with local vegetation. There were also numerous above ground dwellings made of thin logs that were used for eating places. They could hold 4-6 men at a table.

WEATHER: Temperatures ranged from the high 90's to low 70's, winds ranged from 5 - 25 knots. Precipitation was occasionally heavy due to two typhoons near the northeastern coast of South Vietnam. The month of October should have an average of 16 days of rain.

14. Air Support [REDACTED] Heavy, medium and small air strikes.

A. Eleven air strikes were run by fixed wing during the month of October.

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- B. MAG-39 aircraft supported 1/9 this month with 3 company sized lifts and 1 battalion lift.
- C. Equipment lifted by MAG-39 helicopters consisted of daily class I resupply items.
- D. Bomb damage assessment totals were 31 NVA bunkers, and destruction of many NVA improved trails.

### 15. Fire Support

a. Artillery

(1) General: During the month of October 1968, artillery support for 1st Battalion, 9th Marines consisted primarily of fire that was defensive in nature. 1st Battalion, 9th Marines were located at Vandegrift Combat Base during the month of October and provided security in this area.

(2) Significant events: On 16 October, 3 NVA were seen by a Company "B" plt, located on Signal Hill (Co-ordinates 978480). A fire mission was conducted by 62 a with two confirmed KIA's and one probable WIA. The following day Vandegrift Combat Base received 27 rds. of artillery fire later determined to be 105 howitzer rounds, found in a D battery, 2d Battalion, 12 Marines, a three day operation was conducted from the 17th to the 19th of October by 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (-). Supporting fires were conducted by artillery and negative contact was made.

(3) Type missions fired:

- a. observed - 32 missions
- b. unobserved - 6 missions
- c. H&I's 4,500 rounds

(4) Number of rounds fired:

- a. 105's - 5,425
- b. 155's - 12 rounds
- c. 106's - 62 rounds
- d. 4.2" mortars - 210 rounds

(5) Significant Surveillances:

#### 16. Communications/Electronics:

a. General: During the subject period, communications were generally good, with the battalion operating in terrain ranging from low valleys to high mountains, and weather ranging from hot and dry to extended periods of rain.

As had been noted in the past, Command post siting is an extremely critical factor, communications wise when the CP sets in. **REF ID: A651254**

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Some difficulty was encountered in the submitting of required Communication - Electronics reports on a timely basis, which was due primarily to the non-availability of helicopters during periods of inclement weather.

A final evaluation was made of the AN/PRC-77 and KY-38 equipment, and was forwarded to 3d Marine Division CIO under separate cover.

b. Comm Center: A limited Communications Center was incorporated into the Command Post Group during the subject period on an evaluation basis. This element consisted of two (2) message center men, whose sole mission was to service and maintain a log of the administrative traffic, both incoming and outgoing, which was passed over the regimental tactical net and Battalion administrative net. It was readily evident that this element was an asset, in that the delays in delivery and the non-deliveries was reduced to an acceptable minimum.

c. Wire:

(1) While on operations and in a fluid situation, the only wire communications employed by this battalion is a command net loop, which includes the 6, 5, 3, 14 and 24. Inasmuch as all equipment is man-packed while on operations, weight is the limiting factor, and it is therefore more desirable to use the TA-PT telephone, as opposed to the TA-312. It was determined, however, that the quality of communications is drastically reduced when more than three (3) TA-1's are connected to the same line.

(2) The supply of wire WD-1/TT within this Battalion is rapidly approaching the critical stage, due to the fact that our requisitions are not being filled.

d. Radio: There were, and are, situations in which conflict of frequencies seriously hampered radio communications. The more serious instances seemed to involve the radio frequencies assigned to the supporting attachments, ie., artillery and air. In one instance, the LZ Common net was rendered ineffective in that an unknown station completely overrode any transmissions made from ground to air.

(2) For reasons undetermined, the fire support coordinator attached to this battalion had difficulty communicating with FSC at Regiment during the subject period. The Battalion CP would have good communications on the Regimental Tactical net, while the FSC, using identical equipment as the Battalion operator, would be unable to communicate with the FSC at Regiment.

(3) As reported in the Command Chronology for September 1968, it is felt that the radio network required to support the administrative and logistic needs of this Battalion is too extensive, and commits men and equipment which could be more advantageously utilized in the field. It is again recommended, if only on a trial basis, that Regiment assume the responsibility of passing message traffic from the Battalion Command Post (forward) to the respective S-1 and S-4 sections of said Battalion.

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(4) While operating in conjunction with U. S. Army units, instances have arisen where U. S. Army call signs and/or frequencies were required. It is recommended that the U. S. Army equivalent of 3d Marine Division CIO be available for loan on an as-required basis, quite possibly these could be held and checked-out by 3d Marine Division CIO.

e. Radio relay: There was negative utilization of radio relay during the subject period.

17. Regimental Scout Snipers:

Headquarter Company, Headquarters Battalion, 9th Marines Regiment supplied the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines with 2 man Scout Sniper teams. The snipers were effectively employed against targets of opportunity.

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DRAFTER 3/RCS/bwh  
 SEC G-3 OPNS PHONE 180  
 CWD CH

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV IGH  
 TO: THIRD MARDIV  
 INFO: CG III MAF DNG  
 CG XXIV CORPS PHB  
 CG FMAR DNG  
 CG FIRST CAV DIV (AM) CES  
 TWENTY SIXTH GEN SUPT GP  
 FLSG-BRAVO  
 DET A-101 CO C 5TH SFG

UNIT	INT	ACTION
CO	✓	
S-3	✓	
S-3A	✓	
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24		
S-2	✓	
COMM		
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OPERATION ORDER 36-68 (BALD EAGLE/SPARROW HAWK)

A. MAPS: VIETNAM, AMS SERIES L7014, SHEETS 6442 I, II, III  
 6442 I, II, III AND IV 1:50,000

B. THIRD MARDIV OPO 27-68  
 C. THIRD MARDIV LOI 1-67  
 D. THIRD MARDIV OPO 2000.2 (COI)

E. THIRD MARDIV OP PLAN 21-68

F. 3D RECONNAISSANCE BN OPO P5000.2A

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. CURRENT INTSUMS, SPOTREPS, AND PERINTREPS  
 B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

(1) FLC (FLSG-BRAVO) PROVIDES SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT  
 FOR USMC UNITS.

(2) 26TH GEN SUPT GROUP USA PROVIDES SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE  
 SUPPORT FOR USA UNITS.

(3) 1ST MAW PROVIDES SUFFICIENT A/C TO MAKE A SIMULTANEOUS  
 LIFT OF THE FORCES LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 3.E. (1) BELOW AND TWO  
 UH-1E (ARMED) AIRCRAFT.

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## 2. MISSION:

THIRD MARINE DIVISION MAINTAINS A REACTION FORCE OF ONE RIFLE COMPANY (BALD EAGLE) IN EACH OF CERTAIN DESIGNATED AO'S, BE PREARED TO EXPLOIT RECONNAISSANCE TEAM SIGHTINGS/CONTACTS, TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR INSTALLATIONS OR DOWNED AIRCRAFT, REINFORCE UNITS IN CONTACT WITH OR THREATENED BY ENEMY FORCES, OR CONDUCT OTHER MISSIONS AS DIRECTED.

## 3. EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. EACH DESIGNATED REACTION FORCE WILL CONSIST OF ONE RIFLE COMPANY WITH ONE REINFORCED RIFLE PLATOON (SPARROW/HAWK) READY FOR DEPLOYMENT WITHIN 20 MINUTES OF BEING ALERTED. THE REMAINDER OF THE COMPANY (BALD EAGLE) WILL BE READY FOR DEPLOYMENT WITHIN 60 MINUTES OF THE TIME OF ALERT. UNITS WILL BE PREPARED TO MOVE BY FOOT, TRUCK, TRACKED VEHICLE, BOAT, OR HELICOPTER TO EXPLOIT RECONNAISSANCE TEAM SIGHTINGS/CONTACTS, PROVIDE SECURITY FOR INSTALLATIONS OR DOWNED AIRCRAFT, REINFORCE UNITS IN CONTACT WITH OR THREATENED BY ENEMY FORCES OR CONDUCT OTHER MISSIONS AS DIRECTED. NORMALLY, SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE UNITS WILL BE EMPLOYED WITHIN THEIR PARENT ORGANIZATION'S AO; HOWEVER, THEY WILL BE PREPARED FOR EMPLOYMENT ANYWHERE IN THE DIVISION AO. WHEN EMPLOYED TO EXPLOIT RECONNAISSANCE TEAM SIGHTINGS/CONTACTS SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES WITHIN THEIR CAPABILITY.

## B. AO COMMANDERS (LESS NAPOLEON/SALINE AO):

(1) MAINTAIN ONE REINFORCED RIFLE COMPANY ON 60 MINUTE ALERT WITH ONE OF ITS PLATOONS (REINFORCED) ON 20 MINUTES ALERT AT FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: KENTUCKY - C-2, LANCASTER-CAMP CARROLL, SCOTLAND-VCB, LIBERTY CANYON (WHEN ACTIVATED) - QTCB.

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## C. NAPOLEON/SALINE AO COMMANDER:

(1) THE REQUIREMENT FOR MAINTAINING A SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE IS APPLICABLE TO THE NAPOLEON/SALINE AO WHEN ASSIGNED INFANTRY STRENGTH IS GREATER THAN ONE BATTALION. OTHERWISE, THE SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE FOR THE KENTUCKY AO WILL BE PREPARED FOR COMMITMENT IN THE NAPOLEON/SALINE AO.

## D. THIRD MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION.

(1) PROVIDE TRUCKS AS REQUIRED ON ORDER TO MOVE SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE UNITS TO HELICOPTER PICK UP POINTS OR OBJECTIVES AS DIRECTED.

## E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) BALD EAGLE IS DEFINED AS A DESIGNATED RIFLE COMPANY CAPABLE OF DEPLOYING ON SHORT NOTICE ANYWHERE IN THE DIVISION AO. THE INITIAL PLATOON (SPARROW HAWK) WILL BE CAPABLE OF DEPLOYING WITHIN 20 MINUTES, AND WILL BE ORGANIZED AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) ONE RIFLE PLATOON
- (B) ONE MACHINE GUN SQUAD
- (C) ONE ARTILLERY FO TEAM
- (D) FAC TEAM
- (E) ONE ENGINEER TEAM, WITH DEMOLITION CAPABILITY
- (F) THE PLATOON REINFORCED WILL CONSIST OF AT LEAST 50

AND NOT MORE THAN 60 MEN, AND WILL BE COMMANDED BY AN OFFICER.

(2) ANY UNIT MAY INITIATE A REQUEST TO COMMIT THE SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE. REQUESTS WILL BE MADE THROUGH THE NORMAL CHAIN OF COMMAND TO THE DIVISION COC (PHONE 3D MARDIV 180).

(3) SEQUENCE OF ACTIVATION AND EMPLOYMENT: SEE ANNEX B  
(CHECKLISTS)

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(4) REF B CANCELLED EFFECTIVE RECEIPT THIS ORDER.

(5) THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE FOR OPERATIONS UPON RECEIPT.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS:

A. SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE COMMITTED IN THE LANCASTER AND SCOTLAND AO'S WILL BE LOGISTICALLY SUPPORTED IAW REF (C) AND (E) FROM VANDENGRIFT COMBAT BASE.

B. SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE COMMITTED IN THE KENTUCKY AND NAPOLEON/SALINE AO'S WILL BE LOGISTICALLY SUPPORTED IAW REF (C) FROM DONG HA.

C. US ARMY SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE COMMITTED WILL BE SUPPORTED LOGISTICALLY IAW CURRENT ARMY REGULATIONS AND AS PROVIDED BY THE 26TH GSC (RTCB).

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

A. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS. SEE ANNEX A (COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS).

B. COMMUNICATIONS

(1) REFERENCES (D), AND ANNEX B (CHECKLISTS) TO OPO 56-68.

(2) WHEN OPERATING IN SUPPORT OF A RECONNAISSANCE TEAM, THE REINFORCED PLATOON (SPARROW HAWK) WILL USE THE RECONNAISSANCE UNIT PRIMARY NET UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT THE COMPANY (BALD EAGLE) IS COMMITTED AND ARRIVES IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA. AT THIS TIME THE RECONNAISSANCE UNIT AND SPARROW HAWK WILL CHANGE TO NET OF BALD EAGLE UNIT.

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ANNEXES:

A. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS

B. CHECKLISTS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE.

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## ANNEX A (COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS) TO OP ORDER 36-68

1. OPCON OF COMMITTED SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE RESIDES WITH THE COMMANDER OF THE AO IN WHICH SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE IS EMPLOYED.
2. OPCON OF SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE WHEN COMMITTED IN AN AO OUTSIDE THE PURVIEW OF THAT UNITS CHAIN OF COMMAND, PASSES TO COMMANDER OF AO IN WHICH SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE IS COMMITTED UPON DEPARTURE OF THAT UNITS LEAD ELEMENTS FROM PICK UP SITE.
3. SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE, UPON ARRIVAL AT OBJECTIVE LZ, WILL ASSUME OPCON OF RECONNAISSANCE TEAMS LOCATED IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA.
4. IN THOSE CASES WHEN THE 3D RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION REACTION FORCE IS EMPLOYED, IT AND ANY RECONNAISSANCE TEAMS IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA WILL REMAIN IN D/S OF THE AO COMMANDER IN WHICH COMMITTED. (REF F. APPLIES)

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ANNEX B (CHECK LISTS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE) TO  
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1. APPENDICES 1 THROUGH 5 PROVIDE CHECK LISTS TO BE FOLLOWED IN  
RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF SPARROW HAWK/BALD  
EAGLE.

APPENDICES: 1. REQUESTING SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE FROM OTHER AO  
CHECKLIST.

2. PROVIDING SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE TO OTHER AO  
CHECKLIST.

3. REQUEST FOR AND PROVIDE SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE  
WITHIN OWN AO.

4. DIVISION COC CHECKLIST.

5. DIV AIR OFFICER CHECKLIST.

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APPENDIX I (REQUESTING SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE FROM OTHER AO) TO ANNEX B  
(CHECKLISTS) TO OP ORDER 36-68

1. CONTACT DIV COC MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS.

- A. EST OF SITUATION
- B. PROPOSED MISSION
- C. OBJ COORDINATES
- D. OBJ CALL SIGN
- E. OBJ FREQ
- F. RECOMMENDED MEANS OF INSERTION
- G. LZ DESCRIPTION (IF APPLICABLE)

2. AO/REGT AIR OFFICER: ALERT DIV AIR OFFICER TO BE PREPARED TO DIVERT RECON BN HELICO PKG. AND/OR PROVIDE SUFFICIENT HELO AND GUNSHIPS FOR LIFT.

- A. EST LZ WEATHER AT ETA.
- B. EST REQUIREMENTS FOR:
  - (1) LZ PREP
  - (2) GUNSHIP ESCORT
  - (3) FIXED WING REQUIREMENTS
  - (4) FLARE SHIP
  - (5) AO
  - (6) SPOOKY
  - (7) HELO APPROACH AND RETIREMENT LANES.

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APPENDIX 2 (PROVIDING SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE TO OTHER AO) TO ANNEX B  
(CHECKLISTS) TO OP ORDER 36-68

1. ALERT AO SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE
2. BRIEF SPARROW HAWK PLT. CMDR. AND BALD EAGLE CO. CMDR.
3. CONTACT DIV COC MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS.
  - A. PICK UP POINT COORDINATES
  - B. PICK UP POINT CALL SIGN
  - C. PICK UP POINT FREQ.
  - D. NUMBER OF PAX.

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APPENDIX 3 (REQUEST FOR AND PROVIDE SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE WITHIN OWN AO) TO ANNEX B (CHECKLIST) TO OP ORDER 36-68

1. ALERT AO SPARROW HAWK/BALD EAGLE
2. BRIEF SPARROW HAWK PLT. CMDR. AND BALD EAGLE CO. CMDR.

3. CONTACT DIV COC MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS:

- A. EST OF SITUATION
- B. PROPOSED MISSION
- C. OBJ COORDINATES
- D. OBJ CALL SIGN
- E. OBJ FREQ.
- F. RECOMMENDED MEANS OF INSERTION
- G. PICK UP POINT COORDINATES
- H. PICK UP POINT CALL SIGN
- I. PICK UP POINT FREQ.
- J. NUMBER OF PAX.

4. AO/REGT AIR OFFICER: ALERT DIV AIR OFFICER TO BE PREPARED TO DIVERT RECON  
IN HELO PKG. AND/OR PROVIDE SUFFICIENT HELO AND GUNSHIPS FOR LIFT.

- A. EST LZ WEATHER AT ETA.
- B. EST REQUIREMENTS FOR:
  - (1) LZ PREP
  - (2) GUNSHIP ESCORT
  - (3) FIXED WING REQUIREMENTS
  - (4) FLARE SHIP
  - (5) AO
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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: THIRD MARDIV  
 INFO: CG III AF, DNG  
 CG XXIV CORPS, PHB  
 CG FIRST IAW, DNG  
 CG FIRST ARVN DIV, DNG  
 CG FOR LOG COMD, DNG  
 MAG THREE NINE, QTA  
 MCB SEVEN, QTR  
 QUANG TRI PROVINCE HQ, (COURIER)  
 DET A/M ONE ZERO ONE, CO "C", FIFTH SFG (COURIER)

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OPERATION ORDER 38-68 (1968-69 PACIFICATION PLAN) (S)

- A. MAPS: SERIES L7014, SHEETS 6342 I AND II, 6442 III AND IV.
- B. 3D MARDIV OP O 28-68 (BALD EAGLE/SPARROW HAWK) (S) (NOTAL)
- C. 3D MARDIV OP O 25-68 (CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR DA I LOC) (NOTAL)
- D. 3D MARDIV OP O 26-68 (CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR CAM LO) (NOTAL)
- E. 3D MARDIV LOI 1-67 (S) (NOTAL)
- F. 3D MARDIV O P1300.1D (OPERATIONAL REPORTS) (NOTAL)
- G. 3D MARDIV O P2000.4C (COMINT SOP) (NOTAL)
- H. 3D MARDIV O P2000.2G (COI (C)) (NOTAL)

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

## 3. SITUATION (S)

- A. ENEMY FORCES. CURRENT INTSUNS, PERINTREPS AND COB UPDATES.
- B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

(1) XXIV CORPS FORCES, IN COORDINATION AND COOPERATION  
 WITH I ARVN CORPS, CONDUCT SUSTAINED, COORDINATED,

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UNILATERAL OR COINDED, GROUND AND AIR OPERATIONS TO DESTROY VC/NVA MAIN AND GUERRILLA FORCES LOCATED IN IOTZ.

- (A) QUANG TRI PROVINCE HEADQUARTERS PROVIDES AND COORDINATES RV/PF, NATIONAL POLICE, RAT POLICE FIELD FORCE, ARMED PROPAGANDA TEAM AND GVN MATERIAL ASSISTANCE SUPPORT WITHIN THE PROVINCE.
- (B) DET 2, 7TH PSYOPS BATTALION PROVIDES AND COORDINATES PSYOPS OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF 3D HARDIV UNITS.

2. MISSION (S)

THIRD MARINE DIVISION (-) (REIN) CONTINUES TO DESTROY NVA/VC MAIN FORCE SOUTH OF THE DMZ, NEUTRALIZE ENEMY BASES AND INTERDICT LOC'S; CONDUCTS COMBINED OPERATIONS IN POPULATED AREAS WITH 1ST AND 2ND ARVN REGTS RV/PF/NPPF TO ISOLATE AND DESTROY VC FORCES, VC1 AND TO EXTEND TERRITORIAL SECURITY; CONTINUES TO SUPPORT GVN PACIFICATION EFFORT IN AO AND CONDUCT RESOURCES DENIAL OPERATIONS; CONTINUES TO ASSIST GVN FORCES IN DEFENSE OF DONG HA AND QUANG TRI AND PROVIDE REACTION FORCES FOR DISTRICT DEFENSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR ACCELERATED EXPANSION OF GVN CONTROL OF VC CONTROLLED AND CONTESTED AREAS.

3. EXECUTION (S)

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.

- (1) AREA OF OPERATIONS: SEE ANNEX B (OVERLAY PASEP).

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- (2) 3D MARDIV CONDUCTS MOBILE OPERATIONS IN AO TO ENSURE PACIFICATION OF POPULATED AREAS, DESTROYS VC INFRASTRUCTURE, ASSISTS GVN FORCES IN REFORMING THE VILLAGE AND HAMLET ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS, AND ENSURES RESOURCES DENIAL TO THE ENEMY.
- (3) FORCES WILL BE ASSIGNED TO OPERATE IN THE VARIOUS PROVINCE DISTRICTS IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO ESTABLISH MEANINGFUL RELATIONS, BOTH MILITARY AND CIVIC, WITH THE LOCAL POPULATIONS.
- (4) FORCES WILL CONDUCT INTENSIVE, CONTINUING AND COORDINATED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE COLLOCATION OF USMC/ARVN COMMAND POSTS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF GVN FORCES TO DESTROY THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE, REESTABLISH POSITIVE DAY AND NIGHT CONTROL OVER ALL HAMLETS AND ASSIST IN THE RE-INSERTION OF RF/PP, AND RD UNITS IN AREAS PREVIOUSLY DENIED THEM.

B. TP HOTEL

- (1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION TO INCLUDE PACIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE BA LONG/DA Krong AREA.

C. 3D MARINES

- (1) PROVIDE ONE INFANTRY BATTALION FOR OPERATIONS IN THE CAM LO DISTRICT REFUGEE/RESettleMENT AREA AND THE MAI LOC AREA.
- (2) PROVIDE FOR PERMANENT LIAISON AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS IN CAM LO AND HUONG KHIEU DISTRICTS.

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- (1) CONDUCT COORDINATED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS AND PACIFICATION PROGRAMS IN THESE AREAS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF SUCH FORCES AS PROVIDED BY THE QUANG TRI PROVINCE HEADQUARTERS AND OTHER GVN AGENCIES.
- (2) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT MULTI-BATTALION OPERATIONS ANYWHERE IN 3D ARMDIV AO.
- (3) MAINTAIN SECURITY OF LOG'S IN AO.
- (4) MAINTAIN REACTION FORCES AS REQUIRED BY REFERENCE B, C AND D.

D. 1ST BDE, 5TH INF

- (1) CC TIME PRESENT MISSION AND OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
- (2) BE PREPARED TO REINFORCE GVN UNITS OPERATING IN AO.
- (3) PROVIDE FOR PERMANENT LIAISON AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS IN AO.
- (4) MAINTAIN SECURITY OF LOG'S IN AO.

E. 12TH MARINES (-) (REIN)

- (1) PROVIDE D/S, G/S ARTILLERY AND SEARCH LIGHT SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.

F. 3D RECON BN (-) (REIN) GENERAL SUPPORTG. 3D TANK BN (-) (REIN) GENERAL SUPPORTH. 3D ENGR BN (-) (REIN) GENERAL SUPPORTI. 3D SP BN (-) (REIN) GENERAL SUPPORTJ. 3D AT BN (-) (REIN) GENERAL SUPPORTK. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE FOR OPERATION ON 1 NOV 72.

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## 22. COMMUNICATING

(3) COMMUNICATING WITH SOUTHERN COMMANDING AUTHORITY AND ARVN UNITS ON BOUNDARY CHANGES.

(4) REQUESTS FOR SPECIFIC GVN UNITS SUCH AS ARVN, NATIONAL POLICE FIELD FORCE, ETC., SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

(5) COORDINATION WITH GVN FORCES SHOULD BE AT ALL LEVELS, PROVING TO THE POPULATION THAT ARVN FORCES ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL ECHELONS TO PROTECT THEM AGAINST VC INTRUSION.

(6) ARVN FORCES WILL INTEGRATE WITH RVN UNITS AT THE LOWEST FEASIBLE LEVEL.

## b. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. (S)

a. OPERATIONS WILL BE LOGISTICALLY SUPPORTED BY ARVN.

b. PARADES. LAW CURRENT DIRECTIVES AND REGULATIONS.

c. REPORTS. LAW CURRENT DIRECTIVES AND REGULATIONS.

## d. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. (S)

a. COMMUNICATIONS. LAW REGS G AND R.

b. COMMAND POST. REPORT ANY CHANGES IN CP LOCATIONS.

## e. THEMES:

a. OVERLAY, AREA OF OPERATIONS (PAGE P)

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1<sup>ST</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>TH</sup> Marines (Ran)

F106 Orders

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for October  
Command Chronology

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FROM: 1st Battalion, 7th Marines

TO: A, B, C, D, W.

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1. No change.  
2. No change.  
3. A. IB"A" at 030800H conduct helilift into LZ located at White Owl R 1.0. On arrival at LZ, resupply as necessary from stocks at that location and immediately continue tactical march toward IB obj. 4. Establish night defenses on route by 1600 if obj. 4 not reached. Earliest 4 Oct, attack to seize BW obj. A. Following seizure construct one-plane LZ utilizing max. effort. Following construction, conduct detailed search and ~~and mission operations~~ clear operations. Emphasis on finger towards New Mexico. If helos can not support, commence trek by 030800 to obj 2, pending receipt of verbal frag o.

B. IB"B" at 030730H attack to seize IB obj. 4. Following seizure, develop one-plane LZ employing Max. effort. When completed, conduct detailed search and clear operations. Emphasis on finger towards New Mexico.

C. IB"C" on arrival IB"D" and IB"CP" at your pos, at approx. 031130H, be prepared to conduct tactical march to IB obj. 3. Develop one-plane LZ. Employing max. effort. On completion LZ conduct operations emphasizing fingers toward New Mexico.

D. IB"D" at 030800H conduct tactical march to IB obj. 2. Establish defense and conduct detailed search and clear operations. Emphasis on finger toward New Mexico.

E. IB"W" at 030730H conduct helilift into LZ located at IB obj 2. Join other "W" elements that pos and support IB operations in AO. If helo support unavailable, be prepared to conduct tactical march with IB "D" and "CP" at 030800H.

F. Coordinating Instructions: (1) Time factors critical. All missions to be accomplished by 050800H Oct. (2) Plans premised on 6-hour LZ construction max. (3) Plan involves 2 hour time limit interval between IB "B", "A" and "C" on same escalation. Safety paramount. 4. All obj from Roi Tan. Obj 2 R 1.0 obj 3 R 0.2 U 0.7 obj 4 L 0.8 U 0.8 Beware obj "A" L 1.6 U 1.0, Beware obj "B" contingent upon accomplishment other mission.

Three 400 lb. packages demo and variety of accessories staged in rear to be delivered simultaneous with arrival of IB elements at their objective areas.

5. No change.

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FROM: IB

TO: A,B,C,D,W.

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1. A. No change.
- B. Perintreps indicate extensive bunker complex extending from Corona L 1.8 U 1.5. 100 fighting holes. L 2.0 U 0.8.
2. No change except: Beware obj B now included subsequent to accomplishment other task.
3. A. No change except: 1 Pink will now develope obj B in accordance with mission and task.
  - B. IB"A". Earliest 4 Oct. attack, seize, occupy and defend Beware obj A. Complete consolidation earliest. Complete construction one-plane LZ by 5 Oct. Conduct activites set forth frag0 54-68.
  - C. IB"B". Continue assigned mission.
  - D. IB"C". Continue assigned mission.
  - E. IB"D". Continue assigned mission present pos. Earliest 5 Oct. be prepared to conduct helilift with IB and IB"W" into LZ located Beware Obj A, and on order continue the attack to seize, occupy and defend Beware obj. B. Following seizure obj B conduct detailed search and clear operations emphasis finger towards Arizona.
  - F. IB"W". Continue assigned mission present pos. Earliest 5 Oct. be prepared to conduct helilift to LZ located Beware obj A. Support further IB operations from that pos.
  - G. Coordinating Instructions: (1) Phase line Blue from Roi Tan R 0.4 U 0.3 to L 0.2 U 0.2. (2) Phase line Red from White Owl L 0.8 U 1.2 to L 1.3 U 0.8. (3) Phase line White from Roi Tan L 1.7 U 0.4 to L 2.1 U 1.7. (4) Pinks will not accept or initiate direct transmissions with IB X-Ray or IB-4. All logistics traffic via IB-5. (5) IB"A" attack commences immediately following preps discussed with IB-3.
4. Priority of external Corvair for LZ construction to IBA when prepared to receive.
5. 3 and 4 Oct Obj 3. 5 Oct. Beware Obj. A.

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From: 1/9

To: A, B, C, D, W.

FragO 56-68

1. No change.
2. No change.
3. IBA. On order, repeat, on order and earliest 5 Oct attack, seize, occupy, defend, search and clear Beware Obj B. Be prepared to receive via helilifted external load equipment necessary to develope one-plane LZ that obj. Upon receipt exedeiate developement LZ. IBB &C missions unchanged. IBD. Conduct day acts at present pos, IBB. General support IB from present pos. Priority of fires IBA.  
E. Coordinating Instructions: A. Prep fires commence 0600 controled by IBA.
4. Conservation class 1 imperative. Consumption long rats on order of IB only.
5. Remains present pos.

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FMAG ORDER 57-68 (101600 to 111600 Oct 68)

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization: No Change

1. SituationA. Enemy Forces - See Annex CB. Friendly Forces - No ChangeC. Attachments and Detachments - No Change2. MISSION: Provide base defense of VANDGRIFT COMBAT BASE, CA LU, THON SON LAM, and provide one company for tactical operations in the B-5 area; such operations as initially prescribed by Commanding Officer, Ninth Marines.3. EXECUTION

a. Company A (Rein) provide base defense at THON SON LAM; such defense to include occupation of outposts BEN and EVE.

b. Company B provide one reinforced platoon for defense of Signal Hill. Company B(-)(Rein) provide perimeter defense at CA LU.

c. Company C provide base defense for VANDGRIFT COMBAT BASE.

d. Company D displace from present location and continue operations in support of current assigned mission. Maintain liaison with RF and PF units in AO and, where appropriate, incorporate such forces in daily operations.

e. 81mm Mortar Platoon sections: No change

f. 106RR Platoon: No change

g. Coordinating Instructions.

Day and night activities will be submitted to this headquarters 48 hours in advance by 1100 daily.

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS

a. IAN Battalion SOP.

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ANNEX B TO FRCG ORDER 57-68

IGHT AGIS 10 OCT/DAY ACTS 11 OCT 1968

1. CL22 (PFC)  
R2.4 D2.6

4. R2.7 D2.1  
5. R3.1 D2.3

10. FO1 (COLLIE)  
10.0 D2.2

2. CL33 (SSGT)  
R1.9 D2.6

4. DP21 (GLEEM)  
TOD - 0800  
TOR - 1630

11. BM1 (now COLLIE)  
TOD - 0610  
TOR - 0930

3. CL31 (GLEEM)  
R3.5 D3.5

1. R0.4 U1.8  
2. R0.2 U2.5  
3. R0.4 U1.5

1. R0.5 U6.0  
2. R1.5 U7.1  
3. R2.1 U9.0  
4. R3.0 U11.0

4. PS-1 (COLLIE)  
R0.8 U1.2

5. DP211 (GLEEM)  
TOD - 1000  
TOR - 1230

5. R2.1 U9.0  
6. R1.5 U7.1  
7. R0.5 U6.0

5. AL31 (CPL)  
R0.1 U2.5

1. R0.7 U3.1  
2. R0.8 U2.5  
3. R0.5 U2.2

12. BP22 (To-Be-  
ANNOUNCED-  
TOR 13 Y. REGT.) JUNK

6. AL32 (PFC)  
R0.3 U2.6

6. DP212 (GLEEM)

1. R0.0 U5.5

7. DA21 (PEPSIDENT)  
R0.8 U1.5

TOD - 1300  
TOR - 1500

2. R0.8 U5.9

8. DA32 (GLEEM)  
R1.4 U1.7

1. R0.9 U2.6  
2. R1.5 U2.5  
3. R0.6 U2.3

3. R1.6 U5.4

9. MI.11 (GLEEM)  
R1.2 U1.1

7. DP12 (PEPSIDENT)  
TOD - 1230  
TOR - 1630

4. R1.6 U4.7

## DAY ACTS

1. CO32 (GLEEM)  
R1.5 ~~R2.0~~ L5.9 D2.8

8. Road Runner 31  
TOD - 0730  
TOR - 1100

BY COMMAND OF LTCOL GEORGE M. SMITH

23. CO12 (LCPL)  
R1.5 D2.7

9. API1 (LCPL)  
TOD - 0900  
TOR - 1200

R. F. SMITH

Capt USMC

OPERATIONS OFFICER

3. CP21 (SGT)  
TOD - 0800  
TOR - 1200  
1. R2.4 D2.7  
2. R2.4 D2.5  
3. R2.5 D2.2

1. R0.5 U2.7  
2. R0.9 U2.7  
3. R1.2 U3.0

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TO 1/9 FRAG ORDER 57-68

Password Code # for  
101200H Aug 68 to 101200H Aug 68

Code # 19

Astronomical DataSunrise - 0641 Sunset - 1839  
Lunar Illum 89%Significant Events

1. (YD028454) 091800H - B/1/9, B C-E security received 15 rounds of sniper fire. Friendly co-ordinates YD010452. After alerting lines, B tried to call in Arty, but the area was in a No Fire Zone.
2. (YD076521) 092300H - D/1/9 received 7 rounds of sniper fire and heard movement. D called a 60mm mission, sniper fire ceased. Area was searched the following morning with negative results.
3. (YD081410) 091530H - Elements of 3/9 made visual contact with 3 unknown persons, who were approaching the lines. After contact was made unknown persons turned and fled. Friendly forces threw 3 M-26 Grenades. Squad size patrol was sent to check area with negative results.

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G. M. COSTELLO  
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FRAG ORDER 58-68 121600Z to 121600W Oct 68

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organizations: No change.

1. Situations

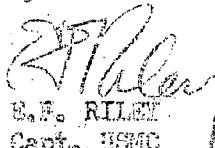
- A. Enemy Forces: See Annex C
- B. Friendly Forces: No change.
- C. Attachments and Detachments: C or D (Rain) receives one EC Scout, attached this date.

2. Mission: No change.3. Execution: No change.4. Administration and Logistics

## A. IAW Battalion SOP.

5. Command and Communications: No change.

By Command of LtCol SMITH

  
 S. P. SMITH  
 Capt. USMC  
 Operations Officer

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## ANNEX B TO FRAG ORDER 58-68

NIGHT ACTS FOR 12 OCT 68 (DUSK TO DAWN).

1. AL31 (PVT)	DAY ACTS FOR 12 Oct 68		
R 1.1 U 2.6			
2. AL32 (PFC)	1. AP32 (SGT)	6. 301 (COLLIE)	
R 1.3 U 2.6	TOD-120900	DAWN TO DUSK	
	TOR-121300	U 4.2	
3. CL31 (PFC)	2. R 1.4 U 2.7	7. BH-1 (COW)	
R 1.4 D 4.0	3. R 1.7 U 2.8	TOD-120610	
4. CL23 (CPL)	4. R 1.5 U 3.2	TOR-120930	
R 2.5 D 2.6	5. R 1.9 U 3.6	CHPT COOR	
5. CL31 (STRIPE)	6. R 1.8 U 3.7	1. L 0.5 U 6.0	
L 3.5 D 3.5	7. R 1.5 U 3.4	2. L 1.5 U 7.1	
6. BS-2 (COLLIE)	CHPT COOR	3. L 2.1 U 9.0	
U 4.2	1. R 1.7 U 2.6	4. L 3.0 U 11.0	
7. DALL (LIFE)	2. R 1.9 U 2.3	5. L 2.1 U 9.0	
L 1.4 U 0.3	3. R 2.1 U 2.2	6. L 1.5 U 7.1	
8. DA22 (GLEEM)	4. R 2.4 U 2.1	7. L 0.5 U 6.0	
R 1.6 U 1.2	5. R 2.5 U 2.0	8. DP31 (PLAYBOY)	
9. DA33 (LIFE)	6. R 1.9 U 2.0	TOD 120800	
L 1.8 D 0.4	7. R 1.7 U 2.2	TOR 121600	
10. DL11 (LIFE)	3. 1011 (GY/SGT)	1. L 1.0 D 1.5	
L 1.6 D 0.2	DAWN TO DUSK	2. D 0.8 PBS	
	D 3.5 R 1.0	3. L 0.7 D 0.6	
11. DL12 (LIFE)	4. CO32 (CREST)	9. DP32 (PLAYBOY)	
L 1.7 D 0.2	DAWN TO DUSK	TOD 121030	
	L 5.9 D 2.8	TOR 121300	
12. DL21 (GLEEM)	5. CP22 (SGT)	1. R 0.2 D 1.6	
R 1.0 U 1.5	TOD-120800	2. R 0.7 D 1.5	
13. DL22 (GLEEM)	TOR-121100	10. DP33 (PLAYBOY)	
R 1.3 U 1.6	CHPT COOR	TOD 121300	
14. DL31 (LIFE)	1. R 2.3 D 2.7	TOR 121500	
L 1.7 D 0.6	2. R 2.4 D 2.3	1. R 0.4 D 0.4	
15. DL32 (LIFE)	3. R 2.7 D 2.3	2. R 0.9 D 0.6	
L 1.6 D 0.5	4. R 3.0 D 2.5	11. DP12 (PLAYBOY)	
	5. R 2.7 D 2.8	TOD 120845	
		TOR 121200	
		1. L 1.4 U 0.7	
		2. L 0.9 U 0.6	
		3. L 0.7 U 0.1	

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## DAF ACTS CONTINUED

12. BP2 (POODLE)

TOD-120800

TOR-121200

CKPT COOR

1	L 0.2 U 5.5
2	R 0.7 U 0.8
3	R 1.6 U 4.5
4	R 2.3 U 3.8
5	R 1.6 U 4.5
6	R 0.7 U 5.8
7	L 0.2 U 5.5

13. DOLL (PLAYBOY) DAWN TO DUSK

L 1.3 U 0.4

14. DOL2 (PLAYBOY) DAWN TO DUSK

L 1.7 U 0.4

15. DO 21 (GLEEM) DAWN TO DUSK

R 0.1 U 1.5

16. DP23 (GLEEM)

TOD-121030

TOR-121430

CKPT COOR

1	R 2.4 U 1.4
2	R 3.0 U 1.7
3	R 3.7 U 2.0
4	R 2.6 U 2.0

BY COMMAND OF LTCOL SMITH

  
 E.F. RILEY  
 Capt USMC  
 Operations Oficer

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ANNEX C (SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT)  
TO 1/9 FRAG ORDER 58-68Password Code for  
111200H Oct 68 to 121200H Oct 68

Code # 25

Astronomical Data

Sunrise - 0641 Sunset - 1839  
Lunar Illum 82%Significant Events

There are no significant events for this reporting period.

*G.M. Costello*  
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FMAG ORDER 59-68 121600Z to 131600Z Oct 68

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization: No change

1. Situation:A. Enemy Forces: See Annex C.B. Friendly Forces: No changeC. Attachments and Detachments: No change2. Mission: No change3. Execution: No change4. Administration and Logistics:

a. IAN Battalion SOP

b. The Bronze Star medal will be presented by the Battalion Commander to Corporal Eddie R. PRITCHETT, Company C, (SAC) and all available personnel from Company "C", not immediately required in the performance of the company's mission, will be in attendance. Uniform for the formation will be utilities with helmet liner.

c. Religious services will be conducted at all unit positions. Schedule of services is contingent on means and availability of transportation and will be announced.

5. COMMAND OF ARCON SITREP

*CHM*  
 R. F. NELSON  
 CAPT USMC  
 OPERATIONS OFFICER

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NIGHT ACTS 12 OCT/DAY ACTS 13 OCT 68

ALL NIGHT ACTS FROM DUSK TO DAWN.

1. CL13 (CPL) D 2.7 R 1.5	16. CO14 (SOT) DAWN TO DUSK D 3.0 R 1.4	22. BM-1 (ROCK API) TOD-130610 TOR-130930 CKPT COOR 1 L 0.5 U 6.0 2 L 1.5 U 7.1 3 L 2.1 U 9.0 4 L 3.0 U 11.0 5 L 2.1 U 9.0 6 L 1.5 U 7.1 7 L 0.5 U 6.0
2. CL21 (PPC) D 2.7 R 2.5	17. CO32 (CREST) L 5.0 D 2.8	23. UP11 (LIFE) TOD-130900 TOR-131400 CKPT COOR 1 L 2.7 D 0.1 2 L 3.0 D 0.5 3 L 2.4 D 0.7
3. CL33 (CREST) L 3.5 D 3.5	18. CP22 (PVT) TOD-130800 TOR-131100 CKPT COOR 1 R 2.7 D 2.8 2 R 3.0 D 2.5 3 R 2.7 D 2.3 4 R 2.4 D 2.3 5 R 2.3 D 2.7	24. DP22 (SIRIPE) TOD-130800 TOR-131500 CKPT COOR 1 R 0.7 U 0.8 2 L 0.1 U 0.8 3 L 0.4 U 1.7 4 R 0.4 U 2.0
4. AL31 (PVC) R 1.1 U 2.6	19. AP12 (L/CPL) TOD-131000 TOR-131400 CKPT COOR 1 R 1.7 U 2.6 2 R 1.9 U 2.3 3 R 2.1 U 2.2 4 R 2.4 U 2.1 5 R 2.1 U 2.0 6 R 1.9 U 2.0 7 R 1.7 U 2.2	25. DP30 (LJFE) TOD-130900 TOR-131500 CKPT COOR 1 D 0.8 P.P.B.
5. AL32 (PVT) R 1.3 U 2.6	20. BP2 (ROOLE) TOD-131000 TOR-131500 CKPT COOR 1 R 1.5 U 4.3 2 R 2.5 U 3.4 3 R 3.0 U 3.7 4 R 1.6 U 4.5 5 R 0.7 U 5.8 6 L 0.7 U 5.5	26. DP31 (PLAYBOY) TOD-130900 TOR-131000 CKPT COOR 1 L 0.5 D 1.3 2 R 0.2 D 1.4
6. BS-1 (COLLIE) U 4.2	21. BO1 (COLLIE) DAWN TO DUSK U 4.2	27. DP32 (LIFE) TOD-131015 TOR-131230 CKPT COOR 1 R 0.8 D 0.7 2 R 0.8 D 1.1
7. DALL (LIFE) L 1.7 D 0.3		
8. DA32 (PLAYBOY) L 0.3 D 0.7		
9. DA33 (HOT ROD) R 0.3 D 0.9		
10. DA24 (CREST) L 1.4 D 0.1		
11. DL11 (LIFE) L 1.4 D 0.1		
12. DL12 (PLAYBOY) L 1.6 U 0.1		
13. DL33 (HOT ROD) D 0.6		
14. DL34 (LIFE) D 0.9		
15. DL25 (PEPSIDENT) R 1.0 U 1.2		

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ANNEX B TO FRAG ORDER 59-68

DAY ACTS 13 OCT. CONTINUED

38. ID11 (LIFE)

DAWN TO DUSK

L 1.3 U 0.4

29. ID12 (LIFE)

DAWN TO DUSK

L 1.5 D 0.5

30. ID33 (LIFE)

DAWN TO DUSK

L 0.2 D 0.6

31. ID34 (LIFE)

DAWN TO DUSK

L 0.3 D 0.9

32. ID25 (GLEEM)

R 1.5 U 1.5

DAWN TO DUSK

BY COMMAND OF LVL 1 MIT

  
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CPT USMC  
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ANNEX C (SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT)  
TOL/9 FRAG ORDER 58-68

Passcode for Astronomical Data  
121200H Oct 68 to 131200H Oct 68  
Code # 92 Sunrise - 0641 Sunset - 1838  
Lunar Illum 75%

Significant Events

1. (YD104556) 112830H - D/1/9, spotted estimated 10 to 15 NVL in the open. Called in 81mm mission had good coverage of target area with unknown results. Also 2 huey gunships (Scar Face 6-3 and 6-4) were used against the above targets. One secondary explosion was observed in target area when gunships were executing strikes. Area was checked this morning with negative results.

*J M Correll*  
S.M. CORTELL  
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Frag Order 60-68 131600H to 141600H Oct. 68

Time Zones: Hotel

Task Organizations: No change.

1. Situation:

a. Enemy Forces: See Annex C.

b. Friendly Forces: No change.

c. Attachments and Detachments: No change.

2. Missions: No change.

3. Execution: No changes.

4. Administration and Logistics:

a. 1st Battalion SOP.

b. All units are advised that recently-issued foul-weather gear requires strict accountability. Stocks are minimal, replacements doubtful. Such replacement as may be effected will be on a strict one-for-one basis.

5. Command and Communications: No changes.

*George M. Smith*

George M. SMITH  
 Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps  
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ANNEX B TO FRAG ORDER 60-58 131600H to 141600H Oct 68

NIGHT ACTS 13/DAY ACTS 14 OCT. 68

ALL DUSK TO DAWN

1. CL11 (L/CPL) R 2.5 D 2.7	14. BM 1 (POODLE) TOD-140610 TOR-140930 CKPT COOR 1 L 0.5 U 6.0 2 L 1.5 U 7.1 3 L 2.1 U 0.9 4 L 3.0 U 11.0 5 L 2.1 U 9.0 6 L 1.5 U 7.1 7 L 0.5 U 6.0	20. DP11 (TIME) TOD-140730 TOR-141130 CKPT COOR 1 L 2.5 D 0.4 2 L 3.2 D 0.9 3 L 4.1 D 1.2 4 L 4.7 D 1.5
2. CL22 (CPL) R 2.7 D 2.7		
3. CL31 (STRIPE) L 5.5 D 2.3		
4. BS11 (POODLE) U 4.2		
5. CANCELLED	15. BO 1 (GREAT DANE) DAWN TO DUSK R 2.4 U 3.3	CKPT COOR 1 L 4.0 D 1.7 2 L 2.6 D 1.6 3 L 1.7 D 1.6 4 L 1.2 D 0.7
6. DA11 (TRUE) L 1.2 U 0.2	16. BO22 (POODLE) DAWN TO DUSK R 2.4 U 3.3	RETURN TO PINK CP
7. DA 22 (TRUE) L 4.8 D 1.1	17. CO11 (SGT) DAWN TO DUSK R 1.4 U 3.7	22. DP33 (ARGOSY) TOD-141030 TOR-141500 CKPT COOR 1 L 1.0 U 0.5 2 E 1.8 U 0.7
8. DA33 (ARGOSY) E 0.2 U 0.2	18. CP22 (PVT) TOD-140800 TOR-141100 CKPT COOR 1 R 2.2 D 2.5 2 R 2.3 D 2.4 3 R 2.5 D 2.4 4 R 2.7 D 2.4 5 R 2.8 D 2.6	23. DO31 (TIME) DAWN TO DUSK L 1.9 D 0.6
9. DL11 (ARGOSY) L 1.7 D 0.3	19. CP33 (CREST) TOD-140900 TOR-141300 CKPT COOR 1 L 5.3 D 2.7 2 L 5.2 D 2.1 3 L 4.9 D 1.6 4 L 5.6 D 1.4 5 L 5.9 D 1.3	24. DO32 (TIME) DAWN TO DUSK L 0.8 U 0.4
10. DL32 (TIME) L 1.6 U 0.2		25. AP2 (SGT) TOD-141200 TOR-141500 CKPT (600R) 1 T-1 R 2.0 U 2.3 2 T-1 R 1.9 U 2.3 3 T-1 R 2.5 U 2.9 4 T-1 R 2.5 U 2.6 5 T-1 R 2.2 U 2.3 6 T-1 R 1.9 U 2.3 7 T-1 R 4.7 L 0.5
11. AL31 (PFC) R 1.1 U 0.2		
12. AL32 (PVT) R 1.3 U 2.6		
DAY ACTS 14 OCT 68		
13. SP2 (GREAT DANE) TOD-141000 TOR-141600 CKPT COOR 1 R 0.2 U 5.5 2 R 0.8 U 5.7 3 R 1.6 U 4.5 4 R 2.0 U 4.3 5 R 2.3 U 3.8 6 R 2.7 U 3.7 7 R 2.4 U 3.6 8 R 1.4 U 4.3 9 R 0.4 U 4.7	21. DP22 (PLAYBOY) TOD-141145 TOR-141600 CKPT CONFIDENTIAL 1 L 4.0 L 7 2 L 2.6 L 6 3 L 1.7 L 6	

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DAT ACTS 14 OCT. CONTINUED

26. API (SGT)

TOD-140800

TOR-141200

CKPT. COOR

1	R 0.5 U 2.5
2	R 0.6 U 2.2
3	R 0.9 U 1.9
4	R 1.3 U 1.8
5	R 1.0 U 2.0
6	R 0.5 U 2.5

27. AO 1 (CPL)

DAWN TO DUSK

U 2.0

28. AL 1 (PVT)

DAWN TO DUSK

U 2.0

29. AO2 (PFC)

DAWN TO DUSK

R 1.3 U 2.5

30. AL2 (SGT)

DAWN TO DUSK

R 1.3 U 2.5

BY COMMAND OF LTCOL SMITH



E. F. RILEY  
CAPT. USMC  
OPERATIONS OFFICER

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ANNEX C (SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT)  
TO 1/9 FRAG ORDER 60-68Password Code for  
131200H Oct 68 to 141200H Oct 68

Code # 62

Astronomical DataSunrise - 0641 Sunset - 1837  
Lunar Illum 65%Significant Events

1. (ID095542) 131215H Oct 68. "D" Co. found approx. 1,200 lbs. of field rice stored in bins. Rice was destroyed.

*G.M. Costello*  
G.M. COSTELLO  
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Frag Order 61-68 141600H to 151600H Oct 62

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization: No change

1. Situation:

- a. Enemy Forces: See Annex C.
- b. Friendly Forces: No change.
- c. Attachments and Detachments: No change.

2. Mission: No change.

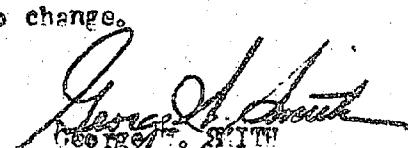
3. Execution:

- a. No change.
- b. Coordinating Instructions: Inclement weather and reduced visibility dictate increased supervision in order to ensure continued security. Frequent physical inspections of positions by unit commanders at all levels will remain a constant requirement.

4. Administration and Logistics:

- a. IAW Battalion SOP.
- b. The Battalion Air Liaison Officer is providing instruction regarding air operations and employment of close air support. Where feasible, unit commanders are strongly urged to avail themselves of this instruction in the conduct of unit training. Instruction will be provided at unit areas on request.

5. Command and Communications: No change.

  
 George F. SMITH

Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Commanding

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ANNEX B TO FRAG ORDER 61-68

NIGHT ACTS 14 OCT/DAY ACTS 15 OCT 68

ALL DUSK TO DAWN

1. PS11 (COLLIE)  
L 0.0 U 4.2

2. AL1 (PVT)  
U 2.0

3. AL2 (PFC)  
R 1.3 U 2.5

4. CL12 (PFC)  
R 1.0 D 3.2

5. CL23 (SGT)  
R 2.8 D 2.7

6. CL31 (GLEEM)  
L 5.5 D 3.3

7. DA11 (ARGOSY)  
L 4.5 D 1.7

8. DA22 (PLAYBOY)  
L 1.7 D 0.6

9. DA33 (LIFE)  
L 1.9 U 0.3

10. DL21 (TRUE)  
L 1.4

11. DL32 (LIFE)  
L 1.6 D 0.2

12. AL31 (PFC)  
R 1.1 U 2.6

13. M32 (PVT)  
R 1.3 U 2.6

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14. BP2 (ALMOND JOY)  
TOD-151000  
TOR-151600  
CKPT COOR  
1 L 3.6 U 2.5  
2 L 2.8 U 2.3  
3 L 1.8 U 1.5

14. (CONT.)  
CKPT COOR  
4 L 2.8 U 2.3  
5 L 3.6 U 2.5

15. EM1 (COLLIE)  
TOD-150610  
TOR-150930  
CKPT COOR  
1 L 0.5 U 6.0  
2 L 1.5 U 7.1  
3 L 2.1 U 9.0  
4 L 3.0 U 11.0  
5 L 2.1 U 9.0  
6 L 1.5 U 7.1  
7 L 0.5 U 6.0

16. EO1 (POODLE)  
TOD-150700  
TOR-151800  
U 4.2

17. CO12 (CPL)  
TOD-150800  
TOR-151630  
R 1.4 D 3.7

18. CP22 (CPL)  
TOD-150800  
TOR-151100  
CKPT COOR  
1 R 2.2 D 2.9  
2 R 2.2 D 2.7  
3 R 2.3 D 2.5  
4 R 2.4 D 2.3

19. CO3 (CREST)  
TOD-150800  
TOR-151630  
L 5.9 D 2.5

20. AO1 (CPL)  
DAWN TO DUSK  
U 2.0

21. AO2 (PFC)  
DAWN TO DUSK  
R 1.3 U 2.5

22. AP3 (PVT)  
TOD-151300  
TOR-151600  
CKPT COOR  
1 R 0.7 U 2.8  
2 R 0.3 U 2.2  
3 R 0.6 U 3.5  
4 R 0.8 U 3.8  
5 R 1.3 U 3.7  
6 R 0.9 U 3.1  
7 R 0.7 U 2.8

23. DP11 (TRUE)  
TOD-150930  
TOR-151330  
CKPT COOR  
1 L 4.8 D 4.1  
2 L 5.8 D 2.4  
3 L 6.0 D 1.4

24. DP22 (LIFE)  
TOD-150800  
TOR-151600  
CKPT COOR  
1 L 2.4 D 0.7  
2 L 2.0 D 1.6  
3 L 1.3 D 1.2  
4 L 1.7 D 1.4  
5 L 1.9 D 0.8

25. DP3 (ROT ROD)  
TOD-151000  
TOR-151500  
CKPT COOR  
1 L 1.4 U 1.4  
2 L 0.6 U 1.6  
3 L 0.1 U 0.6

26. DO31 (LIFE)  
DAWN TO DUSK  
L 2.4 D 0.5

27. DO32 (ARGOSY)  
DAWN TO DUSK  
L 1.6 U 0.3

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ANNEX C (SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT)  
TO 1/3 FRAG ORDER 61-68

Password Code for  
161200H Oct 68 to 151200H Oct 68  
Code # 16

Astronomical Data

Sunrise - 0641 Sunset - 1837  
Lunar Illum 56%

Significant Events

1. (YD11222) 131800H Oct 68 "B" Co. called fire mission for (Toxic Union Delta) who spotted (1) VC squad in the open. Arty fired 44 rds. firecracked with unk results.

*G.M. Costello*  
G.M. COSTELLO  
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Prog Order 62-68 (3516001 to 1st FOC Oct 68)

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization: No change

1. Situation:

- A. Enemy Forces: See Annex C
- B. Friendly Forces: No change
- C. Attachments and Detachments: No change

2. Mission: No change

3. Executions: No change

4. Administration and Logistics: IWM SP

5. Command and Communications: No change

IN COMMAND OF 1ST MAW

*E.P. Gray*  
 E.P. Gray  
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 OPERATIONS OFFICER

ANNEXES:

- Operations Overlay
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NIGHT ACTS 15 OCT/ DAY ACTS 16 OCT 68

			CHPT	OCOR
1.	BS11 (COLLIE)	13. CL21 (POODLE)	1	R 0.7 U 2.8
	TOD-151600	TOD-152000	2	R 0.3 D 2.2
	TOR-160600	TOR-160530	3	R 0.6 U 3.5
	U 4.2	L 1.6 U 8.2	4	R 0.8 U 3.8
2.	AL31 (PFC)	14. CL33 (CLERM)	5	R 1.3 U 3.7
	DUSK TO DAWN	TOD-151600	6	R 0.9 U 3.1
	R 1.1 U 2.6	TOR-160600	7	R 0.7 U 2.8
3.	AL32 (PVT)		21. DP12 (HOT ROD)	
	DUSK TO DAWN		TOD-161015	
	R 1.3 U 2.6		TOR-161430	
4.	AL1 (CPL)	15. BM1 (COLLIE)	CHPT	OCOR
	DUSK TO DAWN	TOD-160610	1	L 5.0 D 1.5
	U 2.0	TOR-160930	2	L 3.4 D 0.8
		CHPT	3	L 3.4 D 0.9
		OCOR	4	L 3.4 D 0.8
		1. L 0.5 U 6.0	5	L 5.6 U 1.3
5.	AL2 (SGT)	2. L 1.5 U 7.1		
	DUSK TO DAWN	3. L 2.1 U 9.0	22.	DP21 (T-17)
	R 1.3 U 2.5	4. L 3.0 U 11.0	TOD-160800	
6.	DP22 (LIFE)	5. L 2.1 U 9.0	TOR-161230	
	DUSK TO DAWN	6. L 1.5 U 7.1	CHPT	OCOR
	L 1.6 D 0.3	7. L 0.5 U 6.0	1	L 2.5 D 0.4
7.	DP33 (TIME)	16. DP2 (POODLE)	2	L 3.4 D 0.5
	DUSK TO DAWN	TOD-160800	3	L 2.2 D 0.4
	L 1.7 D 0.3	TOR-161600	4	L 2.0 U 0.6
		CHPT	5	L 1.7 U 0.3
		OCOR		
8.	DA11 (AROOSY)	1. L 1.2 U 4.1	23.	DP33 (TIME)
	DUSK TO DAWN	2. L 1.7 U 3.7	TOD-161245	
	L 4.7 D 2.6	3. L 2.7 U 3.0	TOR-161230	
9.	DL11 (TIME)	4. L 2.7 U 2.7	CHPT	OCOR
	DUSK TO DAWN	5. L 1.6 U 3.5	1	L 1.7 D 0.6
	L 4.5 D 1.7	6. L 0.9 U 4.2	2	L 1.2 D 0.7
10.	DL22 (TRUE)	17. BOLL (POODLE)	3	L 1.2 D 1.3
	DUSK TO DAWN	TOD-160800	4	L 1.6 D 1.7
	L 1.9 U 0.1	TOR-161800	5	L 2.0 D 1.1
11.	DL33 (TIME)	U 4.2	24.	1021 (AROOSY)
	DUSK TO DAWN	18. AL1 (CPL)	L 4.4 TO DUSK	
	L 1.7 D 0.2	DUSK TO DUSK	1 L 5 U 0.3	
12.	CL11 (PFC)	U 2.0	25.	1032 (AROOSY)
	TOD-151900	19. AL2 (S/SVT)	DUSK TO DUSK	
	TOR-160600	DUSK TO DUSK	1 L 4 D 0.5	
	5.1.6 D 3.2	R 1.3 U 2.5	26.	1011 (PFC)
20.	AP3 (L/CPL)	20. AP3 (L/CPL)	TOD-160515	
	TOD-161900	TOD-161900	TOR-161600	
	TOR-161600	TOR-161600	5. 1.4 D 3.7	

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27. CP23 (POODLE)

MD-16030

TOR-16130

CK PT COOP

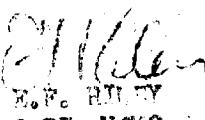
1	L 1.7 U 8.2
2	L 1.5 U 8.4
3	L 1.4 U 8.6
4	L 1.4 U 8.8

28. CO1 (GLORI)

DARK TO DUSK

L 5.9 D 2.5

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ANNEX C (SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT)  
TO 1/9 FRAG ORDER 62-68

Planned Code for  
161200H Oct 68 to 161200H Oct 68

Code # 09

Significant Events

None

Astronomical Data

Sunrise - 0641 Sunset - 1836  
Lunar Illum 36%

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Plan Order 63-68 (162000H to 171600H Oct 68)

Plan Series: Metal

Basic Organization: No change

1. Situations:

- A. Enemy Forces: See Annex C
- B. Friendly Forces: No change
- C. Attachments and Detachments: No change

2. Mission: No change3. Execution: No change4. Administration and Logistics: IAV Bn SGP5. Command and Communications: No change

*George W. Smith*  
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 Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps  
 Commanding

## Annexes:

- A-Operations Overlay
- B-Night/Day Aids
- C-Intelligence Supplement

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1. GL12 (SCT)  
TOD-161930  
TOR-170600  
R 1.5 D 3.0

2. GL22 (CPL)  
TOD-162000  
TOR-170600  
R 2.7 D 2.8

3. GL32 (CREST)  
TOD-161930  
TOR-170600  
L 5.5 D 2.3

4. DS11 (COLLIE)  
TOD-161800  
TOR-170800  
U 4.2

5. AL31 (PVC)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
R 1.1 U 2.6

6. AL32 (PVT)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
R 1.3 U 2.6

7. ALL (CPI)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
U 2.0

8. AL2 (SPT)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
R 1.3 U 2.5

9. DAK1 (LIVE)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
L 4.5 D 1.7

10. DAK2 (PLAYBOY)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
L 2.4 D 0.1

11. DAK3 (TRUE)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
L 1.7 D 0.7

12. DL22 (TIME)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
L 1.7

13. DL33 (TIME)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
L 2.8 D 0.3

14. GL13 (S/SC)  
TOD-170815  
TOR-171600  
R 1.2 D 4.5

15. GL3 (CREST)  
TOD-170800  
TOR-171600  
L 5.9 D 2.5

16. CP21 (CPL)  
TOD-170830  
TOR-171100  
CKPT DOOR  
1. R 2.2 D 2.8  
2. R 2.4 D 2.6  
3. R 2.6 D 2.6  
4. R 2.8 D 2.8

17. DP2 (PVT)  
TOD-170800  
TOR-171300  
CKPT DOOR  
1. R 1.7 U 2.8  
2. R 2.2 U 2.7  
3. R 2.8 U 3.0  
4. R 2.3 U 3.1  
5. R 2.7 U 2.8

18. DP22 (ROOFLINE)  
TOD-170800  
TOR-171600  
CKPT DOOR  
1. L 1.1 U 4.3  
2. L 0.9 U 4.3  
3. L 1.4 U 4.3  
4. L 1.2 U 4.9  
5. L 0.7 U 4.6  
6. L 0.1 U 4.3

19. D011 (COLLIE)  
TOD-170800  
TOR-171800  
U 4.2

20. D01 (COLLIE)  
TOD-170610  
TOR-170930  
CKPT DOOR  
1. L 0.5 U 6.0

21. D01 (CPI)  
DAWN TO DUSK  
U 2.0

22. D02 (SPT)  
DAWN TO DUSK  
R 1.3 D 2.5

23. DPL2 (LIFER)  
TOD-170820  
TOR-171240  
CKPT DOOR  
1. L 4.7 D 2.6  
2. L 5.3 D 3.3  
3. L 5.0 D 3.7  
4. L 4.4 D 3.3  
5. L 4.2 D 2.7

24. DP23 (TIME)  
TOD-171140  
TOR-171640  
CKPT DOOR  
1. L 2.4 U 0.2  
2. L 2.8 U 0.4  
3. L 3.1 U 0.3  
4. L 3.0 U 0.1  
5. L 2.7 U 0.6  
6. L 2.1 D 0.3

25. DP31 (TIME)  
TOD-170745  
TOR-171200  
CKPT DOOR  
1. L 1.2 D 0.4  
2. L 0.7 D 0.8  
3. L 0.2 D 1.0  
4. L 0.8 D 1.3  
5. L 1.0 D 0.8

26. D021 (PLAYBOY)  
DAWN TO DUSK  
L 1.6 U 0.3

27. D032 (TIME)  
DAWN TO DUSK  
L 1.4 D 0.5

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Significant Events

None

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Sunrise - 0642 Sunset - 1836  
Lunar Illus 373

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Vandegrift Combat Base, SV  
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Prep Order 64-58 (201600H to 211600H Oct 68)

1. Area: Zone: Total

2. Area Organization: No Change

3. Attaching:

a. Army Forces: See Annex C

b. Reinforcing Forces: Company 9(-) 2/9 provides reaction force for defense of Vandegrift Combat Base, Company 4 remains Option to 2/9 but responsive to requests made by this Headquarters relative to its role as reaction force.

c. Attachments and Detachments:

- (1) Company K returned to Option of 3/9 at 191600H.
- (2) Companies A and B returned to Option of 1/9 at 201000H.
- (3) Company Y (-) 2/9 dropped to Option of 1/9 at 201000H.

4. Mission: First Battalion Ninth Marines resumes responsibility for defense of Vandegrift Combat Base, Calm, and Thor Son Lam.

5. Assignment:

a. Commanders: No Change

b. Company C assumes defensive positions in sector vacated by Company G. This is on east flank with elements of Company F (-), warning that sector of the Vandegrift Combat Base defense in the vicinity of Task Force Hotel and Ninth Marines Headquarters.

c. Company F (-) No change except maintain communications with this Headquarters on 1/9 Tactical Net and switch to ~~Conduct~~ ~~Conduct~~ Net for ~~W~~ direct support artillery.

d. Reporting: (1) Timely submission of Day and Night activities of essential Day and Night acts to be submitted by 1000, on date night acts affected. (Day acts submitted for following day).

(2) Report available from Dusters, Searchlights, Tanks and Ontos on request of Headquarters.

e. Administrative Privileges:

f. Fire Control:

g. Coordinating: (1) Continue to provide working parties to Base Coordinator as required and required from unit providing base defense.

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NIGHT ACTS 20/07/68 ACTS 21 Oct 68

1. DA 11  
L 0.5 D 1.8

15. PP 22 (poodle)

TOD-210900

TOD-211600

CRPT COOR

1 U 4.3 L 0.5

2 U 4.3 L 0.9

3 U 4.8 L 1.3

4 U 4.6 L 0.8

5 U 4.3 L 0.1

2. DA 22 (Life)  
L 1.5 D 1.53. DA 32 (True)  
L 1.8 D 0.84. DA 34 (True)  
L 2.05. DA 35 (Argosy)  
L 2.7 U 0.36. DL 11 (Argosy)  
L 0.8 D 2.87. AL 12 (Sgt)  
R 1.1 U 2.68. AL 12 (Sgt)  
R 1.7 U 2.69. OP 21 (Sgt)  
EUSK TO DIV

R 2.4 U 2.5

10. OP 22 (Sgt)  
EUSK TO DIV

L 0.1 U 2.0

11. AL 33 (Sgt)  
R 1.3 U 2.212. OP 32 (Pvt)  
R 2.6 D 3.013. AL 31 (Sgt)  
R 2.7 U 2.3

16. P11 (POKE, E)

TOD-210630

TOD-210930

CRPT COOR

1 L 0.5 U 6.0

2 L 1.5 U 7.1

3 L 2.1 U 9.0

4 L 3.0 U 11.0

5 L 2.1 U 9.0

6 L 1.5 U 7.1

7 L 0.5 U 6.0

17. DP11 (WEIS WEF)

TOD-21130

TOD-211630

CRPT COOR

1 U 0.9 D 1.1

2 L 1.7 D 1.5

18. U33 (WEF)

TOD-210730

TOD-211000

CRPT COOR

1 L 0.3 D 2.1

2 R 0.7 D 2.1

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CRPT 2.

DAY ACTS 21 Oct 68

14. AP3 (PPC)

TOD-0800

TOD-1200

1. R 1.1 U 2.3

2. R 1.0 U 2.0

3. R 0.7 U 1.7

4. R 0.5 U 1.6

5. R 0.3 U 1.5

6. R 0.4 U 1.7

7. R 0.6 U 1.8

8. R 1.0 U 2.0

9. R 1.1 U 2.3

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DATA ACES CONTINUED 23 OCT 1968

18. D-23 (ARCGSY)

TO 121300

TO 221300

CPT. USMC

1. H 1.4 D 2.3  
2. S 2.6 D 2.8

19. D-24 (LIFR)

TO 121300

TO 221300

CPT. USMC

1. E 0.5 D 1.5  
2. E 1.0 D 1.5

20. D-25 (TRUE)

TO 121300

TO 221300

CPT. USMC

1. E 0.7 D 0.1  
2. E 0.2 D 0.2  
3. E 0.2 D 1.1  
4. E 0.4 D 1.9

21. D-21 (ARCGST)

BORN TO DUSK

E 1.7 D 2.1

22. D-12 (TRUE)

BORN TO DUSK

E 0.7 D 1.9

23. D-13 (CPT.)

TO 121300

TO 221300

CPT. USMC

1. E 3.8 D 4.5  
2. E 4.7 D 2.1  
3. E 3.6 D 2.4  
4. E 2.0 D 2.6

24. D-12 (FVT)

TO 121300

TO 221400

D 4.0 S 1.4

BY COMMAND OF THE CPT. USMC

25. D-13 (CPT.)

TO 121300

TO 221300

CPT. USMC

1. E 1.5 D 2.4  
2. E 1.5 D 2.4  
3. E 1.7 D 2.5  
4. E 1.7 D 2.8  
5. E 1.5 D 2.6E. R. PATRY  
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ANNEX C (SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT)  
TO 1/9 FRAG ORDER 64-68

Password Code for  
201200H Oct 68 to 211200H Oct 68

Astronomical Data

Code # 86

Sunrise - 0642 Sunset - 1833  
Lunar Illum 05%

Significant Events

1. None

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G. J. STUDDARD  
Intelligence Chief

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 Vandegrift Combat Base, 8VM  
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FMF Order 65-68 (21100 to 221600 net 68).

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization: No Change

1. Situation:

- a. Army Forces: See Annex C
- b. Friendly Forces: No Change
- c. Attachments and Detachments: No Change
- d. Mission: No change

2. Execution:

- a. Companies A, B and C: No Change
- b. Company D: Continue assigned operations. Continue to make liaison with ARVN and incorporate them into your operations. Continue to consolidate in preparation for retraction to VCP when ordered.
- c. Company E 2/9: No change

3. Administration and Logistics:

- a. 11 in 80.
- b. Company C provide working parties as required by Task Coordinator.
- c. Ordnance and Communications: No change

*R. Miller*  
 R. P. MILLER  
 Capt 1STC  
 Operations Officer

ANNEXES:

- 1. Operations Overlay
- 2. Night/Day Data

APPENDIXES:

1st Battalion	1 ea	Company C	1 ea
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Company B	1 ea	1/3 80C	1 ea
Company E	1 ea	S-1	1 ea

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IGHT ACTS 21/DAY ACTS 22 Oct 69

1. CL 21 (PFC)  
R 2.3 D 2.8

2. CL 31 (Sgt)  
R 3.0 D 3.0

3. AL 11 (Sgt)  
R 1.2 U 2.6

4. AL 12 (Cpl)  
R 1.7 U 2.6

5. AD 21 (Pvt)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
R 2.4 U 2.5

6. AD 22 (L/Cpl)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
L 0.1 U 2.0

7. DA 11 (Porse)  
L 1.0 U 3.7

8. DA 22 (Cow)  
L 1.1 U 2.3

9. DL 11 (Mouse)  
L 2.2 U 2.8

10. DL 22 (Pet)  
L 2.2 U 1.4

11. DL 33 (Sheep)  
L 2.7 U 2.7

DAY ACTS 22 Oct

12. CO 12 (Sgt)  
Dawn to Dusk  
R 1.4 D 4.0

13. CO 3 (PFC)  
Dawn to Dusk  
R 3.1 U 3.7

14. CP 23 (Sgt)  
TOD = 0830  
TOR = 1200  
1. R 2.3 D 3.2  
2. R 2.1 D 2.7  
3. R 2.1 D 2.5  
4. R 1.9 D 2.0

15. HF 21 (Poodle)  
TOD = 0630  
TOR = 0930

1. L 0.5 U 6.0  
2. L 1.5 U 7.1  
3. L 2.1 U 9.0  
4. L 3.0 U 11.0  
5. L 2.1 U 9.0  
6. L 1.5 U 7.1  
7. L 0.5 U 6.0

16. TP 11 (Poodle)  
TOD = 0900  
TOR = 1500  
1. L 0.5 U 4.3  
2. L 1.2 U 5.1  
3. L 1.6 U 4.4  
4. L 1.6 U 5.6  
5. L 0.9 U 5.3  
6. L 0.1 U 4.3

17. AP 1 (Cpl)  
TOD = 0800  
TOR = 1200  
1. R 1.1 U 2.0  
2. R 0.8 U 1.7  
3. R 0.4 U 1.4  
4. R 0.4 U 1.1  
5. R 0.9 U 1.3  
6. R 1.0 U 1.5  
7. R 1.1 U 2.0

18. DP 11 (Merchant)  
TOD = 0730  
TOR = 1200  
1. L 1.5 U 2.5  
2. L 1.0 U 2.8  
3. L 0.5 U 2.6  
4. L 1.0 U 2.3  
5. L 1.7 U 2.4

19. DP 22 (Horse)  
TOD = 1130  
TOR = 1530

1. L 1.3 U 3.1  
2. L 0.5 U 3.5  
3. L 0.7 U 4.0  
4. L 1.5 U 3.9  
5. L 2.1 U 3.3

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FMAG ORDER 66-68 (221600H to 231600H OCT 68)

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE.

1. SITUATION:

A. ENEMY FORCES: SEE A NEX C.  
 B. FRIENDLY FORCES: 2/9(-) CONDUCTS OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS WITHIN AO TO  
 WEST OF VCB, ADJACENT TO 1/9 AO.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS: COMPANY A CAPTURED OPTION OF THE TAIRO MALLAS  
 AM 221200H OCT. 68.

2. MISSION: NO CHANGE.

3. EXECUTION: NO CHANGE.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: NO CHANGE.

5. COMINT AND COMINTIFICATIONS: NO CHANGE.

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APPENDIX II TO ARBAG ORDER 66-68

NIGHT ACTS 22 OCT/DAY ACTS 23 OCT 68  
(ALL DUE TO DAWN BY RSS INDICATED)

1. CL23 (pvt)	14. CO3 (pvt)	19. DP20 (argosy)
R 2.3 D 2.9	TOD-230900	TO D-230730
R 3.0 D 3.0	TOR-231600	TO R-231700
R 1.1 U 2.6	R 3.1 D 3.7	CKPT COOR
R 1.2 U 2.6	15. BP23 (poodle)	1 L 0.6 D 1.7
24 HRS.	TO D-230900	2 R 0.3 D 1.8
R 2.4 U 2.5	TOR-231600	3 R 0.8 D 2.0
R 0.1 U 2.0	CKPT COOR	4 R 0.5 D 2.5
R 1.3 D 2.0	1 L 0.2 U 5.5	5 R 6.2 D 2.6
L 0.7 D 2.6	2 L 0.7 U 5.3	6 L 0.4 D 2.2
L 1.4 D 2.0	3 L 1.0 U 5.5	20. D041 (true)
L 1.5 D 2.0	4 L 2.0 U 5.3	(AVG TO WST)
L 1.6 D 2.0	5 L 1.4 U 5.3	1. 1.0 D 2.0
L 1.5 D 2.0	6 L 1.9 U 5.4	21. P211 (pvt)
L 1.5 D 2.0	7 L 0.2 U 5.5	TO D-230900
L 1.5 D 2.0	16. M11 (poodle)	R 1.4 D 3.4
L 1.5 D 2.0	TO D-230630	22. F212 (pvt)
L 1.5 D 2.0	TOR-230930	TO D-230900
L 1.5 D 2.0	CKPT COOR	R 1.6 D 4.0
L 1.5 D 2.0	1 L 0.5 U 6.0	23. F311 (pvt)
L 1.5 D 2.0	2 L 1.5 U 7.1	TO D-231200
L 1.5 D 2.0	3 L 2.1 U 9.0	R 3.3 D 4.9
L 1.5 D 2.0	4 L 3.0 U 11.0	24. P2P1 (pvt)
L 1.5 D 2.0	5 L 2.1 U 9.0	TO D-230800
L 1.5 D 2.0	6 L 1.5 U 7.1	TO D-231200
L 1.5 D 2.0	7 L 0.5 U 6.0	CKPT COOR
L 1.5 D 2.0	27. AP3 (pvt)	1 R 1.8 D 1.0
L 1.5 D 2.0	TO D-230800	2 R 1.5 D 1.3
L 1.5 D 2.0	TOR-231200	3 R 1.9 D 1.3
L 1.5 D 2.0	CKPT COOR	25. F3P1 (pvt)
L 1.5 D 2.0	1 R 1.1 U 2.3	TO D-231300
L 1.5 D 2.0	2 R 1.3 U 1.9	TO D-231600
L 1.5 D 2.0	3 R 1.7 U 1.6	CKPT COOR
L 1.5 D 2.0	4 R 2.0 U 1.5	1 R 1.9 D 5.0
L 1.5 D 2.0	5 R 1.9 U 1.7	2 R 2.3 D 4.6
L 1.5 D 2.0	6 R 1.7 U 1.8	3 R 2.7 D 4.6
L 1.5 D 2.0	7 R 1.4 U 2.1	
L 1.5 D 2.0	8 R 1.1 U 2.3	
L 1.5 D 2.0	18. DP18 (time)	
L 1.5 D 2.0	TO D-230700	
L 1.5 D 2.0	TOR-231800	
L 1.5 D 2.0	CKPT COOR	
L 1.5 D 2.0	1 L 0.6 D 1.7	
L 1.5 D 2.0	2 R 0.2 D 1.1	
L 1.5 D 2.0	3 R 0.8 D 1.2	
L 1.5 D 2.0	4 R 1.3 D 1.6	
L 1.5 D 2.0	5 R 0.0 D 1.5	
L 1.5 D 2.0	6 R 2.0 D 1.8	
L 1.5 D 2.0	7 L 0.7 D 2.6	

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ANNEX C (SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT)  
TO 1/9 FRAG ORDER 66-68Password Code for  
221200H Oct 68 to 231200H Oct 68Astromoncal Data

Code # 55

Sunrise = 0643 Sunset = 1839  
Lunar Illum 03%Significant Events1. Increased Mining Incidents

In recent days enemy mining activity in the Division AO has increased markedly. The enemy in addition to T-71 Anti-Tank mines, has employed plastic mines which are relatively non-detectable.

2. Effective Immediately; All captured rice will be reported as being either polished or paddy rice. Reports will continue to reflect amount, location, marking of cache, and disposition of rice. Paddy rice should not be spread on the ground as a means of destruction, as it does not decay, and can be easily regathered.

3. Several recent cache and bunker complex findings have of necessity been destroyed prior to being photographed. To assist in the gathering of intelligence information, personnel who use personal cameras to take these pictures may forward them to Division G-2 for processing and will receive a copy of their personal photos in return.

4. Recent reports reveal that hand grenade safety pins have become defective over an extended period and have resulted in friendly casualties. Small unit leaders should, while in a static situation for periods of time, conduct a visual inspection of grenades within his unit to insure maximum safety and that they are being carried in the prescribed manner while on operations.

5. Intelligence Requirement exists for the following types of captured ammunition:

- a. Boxed 82mm mortar rounds
- b. Boxed 7.62mm rounds Type 566 (For AK-47)
- c. AK-47 magazines

Ammo recovery should not be permitted to jeopardize success of your operations.

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Time Zone: HOTEL

~~Temp~~ Organization: One interpreter attached to Company D this date.1. Situation:

- A. Enemy Forces: See Annex C.
- B. Friendly Forces: 2/9 continues offensive operations in zone east of the 1/9 AO?
- C. Attachments and Detachments: No change.

2. Mission: No change.3. Execution:

- A. Companies B, C, D: No change.
- B. Company F 2/9: Provide Sparrow Hawk force. Continue to provide forces for defense of VCB in assigned sectors.
- C. Coordinating Instructions: All familiarization firing conducted at VCB range will first be cleared through 2/9 by the 1/9 Watch-Officer.

4. Administration and Logistics: No change.5. Command and Communications: No change.

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Annexes:

- A—Operations Overlay
- B—Day/Night Sets
- C—Intelligence Supplement

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ANNEX B TO FRAG ORDER 67-68 (231600H to 241600H Oct. 68)

EIGHT ACTS 23/24T ACTS 26 OCT 1968

1. P2L1 (pvt)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
R 1.4 D 3.4

2. P2L2 (pvt)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
R 1.6 D 4.0

3. P3L1 (pvt)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
R 3.3 D 4.9

4. CL2L (pvt)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
R 2.4 D 2.9

5. CL3L (pvt)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
R 3.0 D 3.0

6. H1L1 (life)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
L 1.1 D 2.1

7. DL2L (look)  
DUSK TO DAWN  
L 1.3 D 2.2

8. DP1L (life)  
TOD-240900  
TOR-241300  
CPT 000R  
1 L 1.4 D 1.5  
2 L 1.8 D 1.7  
3 L 1.4 D 2.5

9. DP2L (gent)  
TOD-241100  
TOR-241530  
CPT 000R  
1 L 0.5 D 1.7  
2 L 0.2 D 2.1  
3 L 0.7 D 2.6

10. P3P1 (pvt)  
TOD-240900  
TOR-241200  
CPT 000R  
1 R 1.4 D 4.6  
2 R 1.6 D 4.8  
3 R 2.3 D 5.1  
4 R 2.3 D 4.8

11. P2P1 (pvt)  
TOD-241300  
TOR-241600  
CPT 000R  
1 R 0.8 D 3.3  
2 R 1.1 D 2.7  
3 R 1.5 D 2.4  
4 R 1.9 D 2.7

12. PP2L (pvt)  
TOD-240900  
TOR-241600  
CPT 000R  
1 L 0.9 D 4.3  
2 L 1.6 D 3.5  
3 L 1.4 D 3.0  
4 L 2.4 D 3.3  
5 L 2.1 D 3.3  
6 L 1.2 D 3.1  
7 L 0.1 D 4.3

13. MK 4M1 (pvt) E.E. PULLY  
TOD-240630  
TOR-240930  
CPT 000R  
1 L 0.3 D 6.0  
2 L 1.5 D 7.1  
3 L 2.1 D 9.0  
4 L 3.0 D 11.0  
5 L 2.1 D 9.0  
6 L 1.5 D 7.1  
7 L 0.5 D 6.0

14. C1L1 (pvt)  
Tod-240415  
TOR-241100  
R 1.4 D 4.2

15. CP2L (pvt)  
TOD-240900  
TOR-241100  
CPT 000R  
1 R 2.3 D 3.2  
2 R 2.1 D 2.9  
3 R 2.2 D 2.7  
4 R 2.5 D 2.7  
5 R 2.4 D 2.9

16. M3 (pvt)  
TOD-240900  
TOR-241600  
R 3.1 D 3.7

17. DP3L (LIFE)  
TOD-232300  
TOR-240200  
1. L 2.4 D 1.7  
2. L 2.1 D 1.4  
3. L 1.9 D 1.5

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ANNEX C (SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT)  
TO 1/9 FRAG ORDER 67-68Password Code for  
231200H Oct 68 to 241200H Oct 68

Code # 53

Astronomical DataSunrise - 0643 Sunset - 1832  
Lunar Illum 2%Significant Events

1. Recent incidents at Quang Ngai indicate the possibility of the rise of a new non-toxic chemical agent by the VC/NVA. In order to minimize the effectiveness of possible future use of this or other riot control agents, unit commanders will insure that all personnel are in the possession of a properly fitted and serviceable protective mask. Protective masks will be carried or readily available for use.
2. Any member of this Battalion desiring information concerning the registration of war trophies should contact S-2.
3. Enemy multi-strand comm wire will not be cut or otherwise tampered with. All sightings of enemy multi-strand comm wire will be carefully plotted and the location passed to G-2, 3d Mar Div by FLASH msg/telecon.
4. Any Marine interested in becoming a Scout with the Battalion S-2 Section should submit his name through Company level, to S-2. He must have six months remaining in-country and be capable of learning the Vietnamese language. Any-one who can speak Vietnamese language is encouraged to submit his name.

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Time Zones: NOVOL

Task Organizations: No change

1. Situations:

A. Enemy Forces: See Annex C.

B. Friendly Forces:

- (1) 2/9 continues offensive operations in zone east of the 1/9 AO.
- (2) 3/9 assigned AO west of 1/9 AO.

2.

Missions: No change except 2/3 assigned responsibility for combined operations in D-5 area, effective 241300H.

3. Executions:

A. Companies B, C, F: No change

B. Company D: At 241600H displace by tactical motor march to VCS. Be prepared to assume defense of VCB on order and in a sector to be assigned.

C. Administration and Logistics: Company D to occupy area in which previously billeted.

5. Command and Communications: No change.

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Annexes:

- A. Operation Overlay
- B. Night/Day Aids
- C. Intelligence Supplement

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Annex P to Frag Order 63-68 (241600H to 251600H Oct 68).

Night Acts 24/Day Acts 25 Oct 68

1. DAI1 (look)

DUSK TO DAWN  
L 1.5 D 2.1

2. DA22 (true)

DUSK TO DAWN  
L 0.8 D 2.5

3. DAI1 (life)

DUSK TO DAWN  
L 1.3 D 2.0

4. DL22 (look)

DUSK TO DAWN  
L 0.8 D 2.0

5. F2L1 (pvt)

DUSK TO DAWN  
R 1.5 P 2.7

6. F2L2 (pvt)

DUSK TO DAWN  
R 1.3 D 3.4

7. F3L1 (pvt)

DUSK TO DAWN  
R 3.2 D 5.1

8. CL33 (pvt)

DUSK TO DAWN  
R 2.8 D 3.6

9. CL22 (pvt)

DUSK TO DAWN  
R 2.3 D 3.0

10. CP22 (pvt)

DUSK TO DAWN  
R 2.5 D 3.0

11. CO3 (pvt)

DUSK TO DAWN  
R 3.1 D 3.7

12. CO12 (pvt)

DAWN TO DUSK  
R 1.4 D 4.2

13. BM22 (poodle)

TOD-250630  
TOR-250930

CKPT COOR

1 L 0.5 U 6.0  
2 L 1.5 U 7.1  
3 L 2.1 U 9.0  
4 L 3.0 U 11.0  
5 L 2.1 U 9.0  
6 L 1.5 U 7.1  
7 L 0.5 U 6.0

14. PP22 (poodle)

TOD-250900  
TOR-251600

CKPT COOR

1 L 0.8 U 4.3  
2 L 1.2 U 4.8  
3 L 1.6 U 4.7  
4 L 1.2 U 5.1  
5 L 0.6 U 4.6  
6 L 0.6 U 4.3

15. DP11 (look)

TOD-251000  
TOR-251400

CKPT COOR

1 L 1.0 D 1.5  
2 L 1.5 D 1.3

16. DP22 (life)

TOD-250800  
TOR-251300

CKPT COOR

1 R 2.1 D 2.8  
2 R 2.2 D 2.6  
3 R 2.4 D 2.4  
4 R 3.1 D 3.7

17. P31 (pvt)

TOD-250200  
TOR-251200

CKPT COOR

1 R 3.2 D 5.1  
2 R 2.6 D 4.8  
3 R 2.3 D 5.1  
4 R 2.1 D 4.7

18. F2P1 (pvt)

TOD-251200  
TOR-251600

CKPT COOR

1 R 1.4 D 4.2  
2 R 1.3 D 3.6  
3 R 1.2 D 3.1  
4 R 1.2 D 2.9

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ANNEX C (SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT)  
TO 1/9 FRAG ORDER 68-8

Password Code for  
241200H Oct 68 to 251200H Oct 68

Code # 82

Astronomical data

Sunrise - 0643 Sunset - 1832  
Solar Illum 6%

1. DEFECTIVE ENEMY WEAPONS

A number of defective enemy weapons have been captured in the RVN, and occasionally, no attempt has been made to report or turn in these weapons for intelligence value. All weapons will be reported and appropriate action taken. No captured enemy weapons will be tampered with, unless the tactical situation necessitates their use.

2. RADIO PROCEDURE

A recent security transmission report makes note of the fact that there have been numerous security violations during radio transmissions. Extreme caution and correct procedure will be exercised when transmitting tactical information on a nonsecure net.

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Time Zone: HOTEL

Task Organization: No change except Company F 2/9 swapped from 1/9 open at 250800H Oct. 68.

1. Situation:

- A. Enemy Forces: See Annex C.
- B. Friendly Forces:

(1) 2/9 Conducts offensive operations in zone southwest of the Dakrone River.

(2) 3/9 Conducts offensive operations in zone west of 1/9 AO.

(3) Battery E, 12th Marines D/S 1/9 vice Battery D.

- C. Attachments and Detachments: No change.

2. Mission: Continue to provide defense for VCB/Ca Lu complex. Be prepared to reinforce the 2nd or 3d Battalions, in their respective AO's on 60 minute notice.

3. Execution:

A. Concept of Operations: 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (-) provides security for the VCB/Ca Lu complex with two rifle companies. A third rifle company is retained in readiness at VCB as the initial element to be employed should 1/9 be committed in its mission as regimental reserve.

B. Company F (Rein): Continue assigned mission. Be prepared to reinforce 2/9 or 3/9 on 60 minutes notice, as directed.

C. Company C (Rein): Provide entire perimeter defense for VCB occupying positions vacated by Company F 2/9. Be prepared to reinforce 2/9 or 3/9 on 60 minutes notice, as directed.

D. Company D (Rein): Maintain a ready posture at VCB, prepared for employment on 60 minute notice to reinforce 2/9 or 3/9, as directed.

E. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) In the event 1/9 is committed in a helicopterborne operation, lift sequence will be: D, C, Command Post, and E.

(2) The light command group will be prepared for tactical operations on 60 minute notice.

4. Administration and Logistics:

- A. Units must be self sustaining for three days.
- B. Ensure all personnel have minimum halzone supply. Local water to be main source of resupply.
- C. Ensure BA class V is maintained. Additional class V in accordance with unit mission.

5. Command and Communications: No change.

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## Annexes:

A--Operations Overlay  
 B--Day/Night Acts  
 C--Intelligence Supplement

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ANNEX A TO FRAG ORDER 69-68 (25160CH to 26160U OCT 68)

IGHT ACTS 25/DAY ACTS 26 OCT 68 1968

1. CL11 (GREEN)

D 1.1 R 3.3

2. CL23 (SEPT)

D 0.8 L 1.6

3. CL31 (MARCH)

L 1.1 D 1.6

4. CO11 (MAY)

TOD-260815

TOR-261600

R 3.4 D 1.1

5. CP23 (JUNE)

TOD-260830

TOR-261200

CKPT COOR

1 L 1.8 D 1.1

2 L 1.9 D 1.0

3 L 1.8 D 0.6

4 L 1.7 D 0.5

6. CO3 (MARCH)

TOD-260800

TOR-261600

L 0.9 D 1.7

BY COMMAND OF JETCO, 811TH


  
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7. EM22 (POODLES)

TOD-260630

TOR-260930

CKPT COOR

1 L 0.5 U 6.0

2 L 1.5 U 7.1

3 L 2.1 U 9.0

4 L 3.0 U 11.0

5 L 2.1 U 9.0

6 L 1.5 U 7.1

7 L 0.5 U 6.0

8. EP11 (POODLE)

TOD-260900

TOR-261600

CKPT COOR

1 L 0.1 U 4.3

2 L 0.9 U 4.3

3 L 0.7 U 4.7

4 L 1.0 U 5.0

5 L 1.4 U 4.5

6 L 0.1 U 4.3

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ANNEX C (SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT)  
TO 1/9 FRAG ORDER 69-68Password Code for  
2512004 to 2612004 Oct 68

Code # 33

Astronomical a/cSunrise ~ 0643 sunset ~ 1831  
Lunar Illum 13%

## 1. MAPS

It is requested that upon the completion of an operation all maps pertaining to that AO be turned in to the Battalion S-2.

## 2. ENEMY MEDICAL SUPPLIES

In recent weeks, a large amount of enemy medical supplies has been captured. Unit commanders are reminded of the following: MACV SICR 0-200-01431 requires that all such items be evacuated after field exploitation. MACV Dir 525-9(c), ACVDir 381-24, and the Geneva convention specifically prohibit the destruction of medical supplies.

  
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Time Zone: HOTEL

Task Organization: No change.

1. Situation: No change.

2. Mission: No change.

3. Execution: No change.

4. Administration and Logistics: No change.

5. Command and Communications: No change.

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Annexes:

/A - Operations overlay  
 /B - Day/Night Acts  
 /C - Intelligence Supplement

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ANNEX - O-FRAG ORDER 70-68 (261600H to 271600H OCT 68).

NIGHT OCTS 26/DAY OCTS 27 OCT. 68

1. CL12 (VT)

DUSK TO DAWN

D 3.0 R 1.5

2. CL21 (SET)

DARK TO DAWN

D 0.5 L 1.5

3. CL32 (JMN)

DUSK TO DAWN

D 1.7 L 0.9

4. COL (CHEV)

DAWN TO DUSK

U 6.2 R 2.1

5. CP23 (SEPT)

TOD-270830

TOR-271100

CAPT COOR

1 D 1.0 L 1.9

2 D 0.6 L 1.7

3 D 0.4 L 1.5

4 D 0.5 L 1.0

6. C3 (DC)

DOWN TO DUSK

D 1.7 L 0.9

7. RM21 (BULL D7)

TOD-270630

TOR-271930

CAPT COOR

1 U 6.0 L 0.5

2 U 7.1 L 1.5

3 U 9.0 L 2.1

4 U 11.0 L 3.0

5 U 9.0 L 2.1

6 U 7.1 L 1.5

7 U 6.0 L 0.5

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ANNEX C (SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT)  
T-1/9 FRAG ORDER 70-68Password Code for  
261200H to 271200H Oct 68

Code 439

Astronomical DataSunrise - 0643 Sunset - 1831  
Lunar Illum 23%

## 1. IMITATIVE DECEPTION

Reports have been received indicating imitative deception is being practiced in the I Corps Tactical Zone. The reports concern FM radio nets.

- a. The unknown station uses the call sign "RAINBOW", and transmits, "ALL STATIONS, ALL STATIONS, THIS IS RAINBOW, RADIO CLOCK". Any unit answering is queried as to their being Army, Navy, or Air Force.
- b. All unit commanders should take the following actions:
  - (1) Authenticate transmissions
  - (2) Any suspected imitative deception should be reported immediately giving frequency, location, and call sign.

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Time Zone: HOTEL

Task Organization: No change.

1. Situation: No change.
2. Mission: No change.
3. Execution: No change.
4. Administration and Logistics: No change.
5. Command and Communications: No change.

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TO 1/9 FLAG ORDER 71-68Password Code for  
271200 1 Oct 68 to 281200 4 Oct 68

Code # 36

Astronomical DataSunrise = 0643 Sunset = 1330  
Lunar Illum 33%Significant Events

## 1. Handling of Detainees

Def: A detainee is any indigenous personnel, friendly or enemy, who is held for questioning. All indigenous personnel, who are apprehended, will be designated as detainees until they are reclassified by higher authority.

2. It is directed that all detainees be turned over to an S-2 representative, unless tactically impossible. No unauthorized personnel will attempt to interrogate or befriend detainees.

  
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ANNEX B TO FRAG ORDER 71-68 (271600 to 281600 Oct 68)

NIGHT ACTS 27/DAY ACTS 28 OCTOBER 1968

1. CL12 (PVT)	6. CP22 (JULY)
TOD-271930	TOD-280830
TOR-280630	TOR-281100
R 1.5 D 3.0	OKPT COOR
	1 L 1.9 D 1.0
2. CL22 (JULY)	2 L 1.9 D 0.7
TOD-272000	3 L 0.4 D 0.5
TOR-280600	4 L 0.5 D 0.4
L 0.5 D 0.5	
3. CL33 (JAN)	
TOD-271930	
TOR-280630	
L 0.7 D 1.7	
4. OO3 (DEC)	
TOD-280800	
TOR-281600	
L 0.9 D 1.7	
5. OO11 (FORD)	
TOD-280815	
TOR-281600	
R 2.3 U 2.9	
6. EM22 (COLLIE)	BY COMMAND OF LTCOL SMITH
TOD-280630	<i>E. F. Riley</i>
TOR-280930	E. F. RILEY
OKPT COOR	CAPT. USMC
1 L 0.5 U 6.0	OPERATIONS OFFICER
2 L 1.5 U 7.1	
3 L 2.1 U 9.0	
4 L 3.0 U 11.0	
5 L 2.1 U 9.0	
6 L 1.5 U 7.1	
7 L 0.5 U 6.0	
7. BP11 Cancelled	

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Time Zone: HOTEL

Task Organization: No change.

1. Situation: No change.
2. Mission: No change.
3. Execution: No change.
4. Administration and Logistics: No change.
5. Command and Communications: No change.

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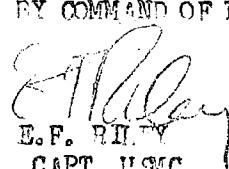
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ANNEX B TO FRAG ORDER 72-68 (281600 to 291600 11 Oct 1968).

NIGHT ACTS 28/DAY ACTS 29 OCT 1968

1. CL13 (PVT)	8. CP23 (JAN)
TOD-281930	TOD-290830
TOR-290600	TOR-291000
R 1.5 D 3.0	<u>CKPT COOR</u>
	1 L 1.8 D 1.2
2. CL23 (DEC)	2 L 1.7 D 1.0
TOD-282000	3 L 1.6 D 0.5
TOR-290600	4 L 1.9 D 0.4
L 1.5 D 0.4	
3. CL31 (JAN)	9. CO3 (OCT)
TOD-281930	TOD-290800
TOR-290630	TOR-291710
L 0.7 D 1.7	L 0.9 D 1.7
4. BS22 (ROODLES)	
TOD-290630	
TOR-291830	
R 0.1 U 4.2	
5. BM11 (ROODLES)	BY COMMAND OF LTCOL SMITH
TOD-290630	
TOR-290930	E. F. RILEY
<u>CKPT COOR</u>	CAPT. U.S.M.C.
1 L 0.5 U 6.0	OPERATIONS OFFICER
2 L 1.5 U 7.1	
3 L 2.1 U 9.0	
4 L 3.0 U 11.0	
5 L 2.1 U 9.0	
6 L 1.5 U 7.1	
7 L 0.5 U 6.0	
6. BP22 (COLLIES)	
TOD-291000	
TOR-291600	
<u>CKPT COOR</u>	
1 L 0.1 U 4.3	
2 L 0.9 U 4.3	
3 L 1.2 U 5.0	
4 L 0.7 U 4.7	
5 L 0.1 U 4.3	
7. CO12 (CHEVY)	CONFIDENTIAL
TOD-290815	
TOR-291600	
R 2.3 U 2.9	

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ANNEX C (SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT)  
TO 1/9 FLAG ORDER 72-68Password Code for  
281200H to 291200I Oct 68

Code # 87

Astronomical DataSunrise - 0643 Sunset - 1830  
Lunar Illum - 44%

1. Interrogation report on POW captured by D company 1/9 on 27 Sept 68.

Interrogation report received by this command from 17th I.T.T. demonstrates the value of intelligence information derived from POW's.

The following are a few of the pertinent facts derived from initial interrogation:

## A. Biography:

- (1) Name - NGAN XUAN ANG
- (2) Rank - Cpl
- (3) Job with NVA - Rifleman

## B. Unit:

- (1) 3rd sgd., 4th plt., I-10 company, H-6 bn., 28-B regiment, 0-2 division
- (2) Strength - POW gave information concerning his unit's strength up to division level.

Along with unit strength, POW also informed the interrogator of his unit's AO, base area, mission, personalities, and morale. POW stated that unit morale was very low due to shortage of food.

  
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Time Zone: WOTEL

Task Organization: No change.

1. Situation: No change.

2. Mission: No change.

3. Execution:

a. Companies B and C: No change.

b. Company D: Provide augmentation forces to Company C as required for the defense of VCB.

4. Administration and Logistics: No change.

5. Command and Communications: No change.

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ANNEX E TO FRAG CDR R 73-68 (291600H to 301600H Oct 68)

NIGHT ACTS 29/DAY 1CTS 30 Oct 68

## 1. CL11 (CPL)

DUSK TO DAWN  
D 4.0 R 1.3

## 2. CL21 (JUNE)

DUSK TO DAWN  
D 0.5 L 1.5

## 3. CL32 (APRIL)

DUSK TO DAWN  
D 1.5 L 0.6

## 4. CO13 (L/CPL)

DAWN TO DUSK  
D 3.6 R 1.3

## 5. CP23 (JAN)

TOD-300330

TOR-301100

CKPT COOR

1	D 1.0 L 1.9
2	D 0.6 L 1.7
3	D 0.4 L 1.5
4	D 0.5 L 1.0

## 6. CO3 (MARCH)

DAWN TO DUSK

D 1.7 L 0.9

## 7. BM22 (COLLIE)

TOD-300630

TOR-300930

CKPT COOR

1	U 6.0 L 0.5
2	U 7.1 L 1.5
3	U 9.0 L 2.1
4	U 11.0 L 3.0
5	U 9.0 L 2.1
6	U 7.1 L 1.5
7	U 6.0 L 0.5

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## 8. EP11 (COLLIE)

TOD-301000

TOR-301600

CKPT COOR

1	U 5.5 L 0.2
2	U 5.7 L 0.5
3	U 5.5 L 1.0
4	U 5.4 L 1.5
5	U 5.3 L 1.0
6	U 5.5 L 0.2

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ANEX C (SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE SUPPLEMENT)  
TO 1/9 FRAG ORDER 73-68

Password Code for  
291200H to 301200H Oct 68  
Code # 03

Astronomical Date

Sunrise .. 0643 Sunset .. 1830  
Lunar Illum 55%

1. It is directed that all personnel engaging in conversation with Kit Carson Scouts, ARVN interpreters, or other indigenous personnel, be constantly on guard against security leaks (i.e. plans for forthcoming operations, unit strengths, dispositions etc.). These matters are seldom required to be known by such individuals and, when it does become necessary, are disseminated selectively and only by personnel authorized to do so.

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9th Marines  
Frog Orders

Tab "C"

For October  
Command Chronology

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Tab C

FROM: 9th Marines

TO: 1st Battalion, 9th Marines

Frag O 100-68

1. No change.

2. No change.

3. A. For JB (1) Continue assigned mission. (2) Be prepared for (010900) lift to new AO. (3) Chop to Fighting Mad on order.

B. For IB (1) Continue Ops to the California in assigned AO.

C. For 7-Up (1) Be prepared to lift to VCB at (010700). (2) Provide minimum of 1 company for security of FSBW. (3) Chop FSBW security element at FSBW to HM upon closing of Sandy.

D. Coordinating Instructions: Boundary changes will become effective upon the closing of FSBS. (2) AO will be the area for the 7-Up element at FSBW: from the present boundary at (IB) L 1.3 U 2.0 to (Cancer) L 1.1 U 1.0 to (Clap) L 1.8 follow ridge line to (Syphillis) L 1.0 D 1.0, stay on ridge line to (IB) D 1.9 to (Red) L 1.0 follow ridge to (Pink) D 0.5 L 0.1, to (Black) R 1.0 D 0.2, to (Green) R 1.8 to the Blue line from (Orange) R 2.0 U 0.5, follow the Blue line to R 3.0 (Brown), follow the trail R 4.2 (Scarlet). (2) Delete the boundary between JB and IB upon completion of Exodus of IB.

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FROM: 9th Marines

TO: 1st Battalion, 9th Marines

Frag O 102-68

1. No change.
2. No change.
3. A. For IB (1) Continue assigned mission. (2) Devote max effort to LZ const. in conjunction with out move to the California.  
B. For 7-Up PK (1) Continue assigned mission.  
C. Coordinating Instructions: (1) The boundary changes as outlined in FragO 100-68 were effedtive as of 011500H Oct 68.

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FROM: 9th Marines  
TO: 1st Battalion, 9th Marines  
Special Frago 103-68

1. No change.
2. No change.
3. A. At earliest commence attack on Beware obj. A, vic. XD 953650.  
B. Conduct detailed clearing operations along the Rockies, and  
the Razorbacks running Canada & Dixie to axis of advance.  
C. Be prepared to continue the attack to secure Beware obj. B  
vic. of XD 849648 on order.
- D. Coordinating Instructions: (1) Phase line as follows: Phase  
line Blue 874653 to 868642, Phase line Red 862652 to 857648. (2) Develop  
LZ's on axis of advance as required to support operations to include 1  
LZ at Beware obj. A and/or obj. B.
4. No change.
5. No change.

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FROM: 9th Marines

TO: 1st Battalion, 9th Marines

Frag O 104-68

1. Situation: No change.
2. Mission: No change.
3. Execution: A. For 1/9, continue assigned mission in accordance with special Frag O 103-68.
4. Administration and Logistics: No change.
5. Command and Communications: No change.

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FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: FIRST BN, NINTH MAR  
THIRD BN, NINTH MAR  
SECOND BN, TWELFTH MARINFO: CG, TASK FORCE HOTEL  
CG, THIRD MAR DIV

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FRAG O 109-68

A. MAPS: VIETNAM, SHEET 6342 II

1. SITUATION: CURRENT INTSUMS2. MISSION. THE NINTH MARINES CONDUCTS CLEARING OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF THE BA LONG/DA Krong VALLEYS WHILE CONCURRENTLY PROVIDING SECURITY FOR CUA VALLEY, THON SON LAM AND VANDENGRIFT COMBAT BASE.3. EXECUTION.A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. AT L-HOUR, ON 8 OCTOBER 1968, THE NINTH MARINES CONDUCTS A HELO ASSAULT INTO THE HIGH GROUND, WEST OF THE BA LONG VALLEY, WITH A BATTALION PLUS AND A CONTINUOUS BUILD UP OF FORCES AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, WHILE CONCURRENTLY MAINTAINING THE SECURITY OF VANDENGRIFT COMBAT BASE, AND CA LU.B. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES.

(1) AT 080900H OCTOBER RELIEVE 3/9(-) OF THE DEFENSE OF VANDENGRIFT COMBAT BASE/CA LU.

C. 2D BN, 9TH MARINES (-).

(1) AT L-HOUR ON 8 OCTOBER 1968, CONDUCT A HELICOPTER ASSAULT INTO SELECTED LZ'S IN THE BA LONG/DA KRONG AREA.

(2) CONDUCT CLEARING OPERATIONS TO SEEK OUT, KILL, CAPTURE, OR DESTROY THE ENEMY AND HIS SUPPLIES IN YOUR AO.

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D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) ANNEX A (OPERATION OVERLAY)

(2) L-HOUR 081000H OCT 1968

(3) THRUST POINTS

(A) CANDY 0643

(B) GIRLS NAMES 0539

(C) DOGS 0141

(D) STATES 1041

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS - NO CHANGE5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - NO CHANGE

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From: 9th Marines  
To: 1/9

Frag O 110-68

1. Situation: No change.
2. Mission: No change.
3. Execution: A. For SB. (1) Weather and Helo availability permitting, terminate present operations and move to VCB as scheduled 191700H Oct 68. (2) If weather and helo availability preclude lift move to VCB by foot. (3) Be prepared to assume defense of VCB on 20 Oct. 68. (4) On order chop KK to Kdk. B.
4. Admin and Log: No change.
5. Command and Communications: No change.

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From: 9th Marines  
To: 1/9

Frago 111-68

1. Situation: No change.
2. Mission: No change.
3. Execution: A. SB(1) assume responsibility for defense of VCB TSL/CL/CL by 20100H. (2) assume opcon of A, B, F on order. B.
4. Administration and Logistics: No change.
5. Command and Communications: No change.

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From: 9th Marines  
To: 1/9

FragO 112-68

1. Situation: No change.
2. Mission: No change.
3. Execution: B. For SB: (1) Continue assigned mission. (2) assume day security and chopper security from HF.
4. Administration and Logistic: No change.
5. Command and Communication: No change.

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From: 9th Marines  
To : 1/9

Frag 0 113-68

1. Situation: No change.
2. Mission: No change.
3. Execution: B. For SB. (1) Continue assigned mission.
4. Administration and Logistics: No change.
5. Command and Communications: No change.

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To : 1/9

FragO 114-68

1. Situation: No change.
2. Mission: No change.
3. Execution: B. For SB. (1) Continue assigned assigned mission.
4. Administration and Logistics: No change.
5. Command and Communications: No change.

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FROM: NINTH MAR

TO: FIRST BN, NINTH MAR  
SECOND BN, NINTH MAR (REIN)  
THIRD BN, NINTH MAR (-)  
SECOND BN, TWELFTH MARINFO: CG, TASK FORCE HOTEL  
CG, THIRD MAR DIV

FRAG ORDER 115-68 (OP SCOTLAND II AFTON)

REF: A MAPS: VIETNAM, SERIES L7014 SHEETS 6341 I, IV,  
6342 II, III.

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

1. SITUATIONA. ENEMY FORCES. CURRENT INTSUMS AND PIRINTREPS.B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

(1) 3D MARINES CONDUCT SEARCHING AND CLEARING OPERATIONS IN THE LANCASTER II AO.

(2) 4TH MARINES CONDUCT SEARCHING AND CLEARING OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN SCOTLAND II AO.

(3) 2ND BN, 12TH MARINES DIRECT SUPPORT; 12TH MARINES GENERAL SUPPORT/REINFORCING.

(4) 1ST MAW PROVIDES HELICOPTER AND FIXED WING AIR SUPPORT.

2. MISSION. AT L-1 HOUR ON D-DAY, 9TH MARINES CONDUCTS A TWO BATTALION HELIBORNE ASSAULT INTO MULTIPLE LANDING ZONES, IN THE EASTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN SECTORS OF THE SCOTLAND II AO, TO SEEK OUT AND DESTROY THE ENEMY, HIS SUPPLY CACHES AND INFILTRATION ROUTES.3. EXECUTION.A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.

(1) ANNEX A (OP OVERLAY)

(2) ON D-DAY, FOLLOWING AIR STRIKES AND ARTILLERY PREPS, TWO BATTALIONS WILL CONDUCT HELIBORNE ASSAULTS INTO MULTIPLE LANDING ZONES, IN THE EASTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN SECTORS OF THE SCOTLAND II AO TO SEEK OUT AND DESTROY THE ENEMY, HIS SUPPLY CACHES AND INFILTRATION ROUTES.

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B. 1ST BN, 9TH MARINES.

(1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSION.

(2) BE PREPARED TO REINFORCE EITHER ASSAULT BATTALION ON 60 MINUTE NOTICE.

C. 2ND BN, 9TH MARINES (REIN).

(1) SEE ANNEX A (OP OVERLAY).

(2) AT L-HOUR ON D-DAY CONDUCT A HELIBORNE ASSAULT INTO LZ'S TORCH AND RUNWAY VIC XD 908278 AND XD 933280 RESPECTIVELY, CONDUCT DETAILED CLEARING OPERATIONS TO LOCATE, KILL, CAPTURE, AND DESTROY THE ENEMY, HIS LOCS', ROAD NETWORKS, WHILE ATTACKING IN A NORTH/NORTHEAST DIRECTION.

D. 3D BN, 9TH MARINES (-).

(1) SEE ANNEX A (OP OVERLAY).

(2) AT L-HOUR ON D-DAY CONDUCT A HELIBORNE ASSAULT INTO MULTIPLE LZ'S, IN THE HIGH GROUND WEST OF VCB, VICINITY XD 967468 AND XD 956451; CONDUCT DELIBERATE SEARCH AND CLEARING OPERATIONS TO LOCATE, KILL, CAPTURE, AND DESTROY THE ENEMY IN ASSIGNED AO TO INCLUDE RHC OBJECTIVE 1.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) ANNEX A (OP OVERLAY).

(2) D-DAY IS 25 OCTOBER 1968.

(3) L-HOUR FOR 3/9 IS 0830H.

(4) L-HOUR FOR 2/9 IS 1100H.

(5) DURATION OF OPERATION 7 TO 10 DAYS.

(6) SIX HOUR SITREPS DUE 0500H, 1100H, 1700H, 2300H; SPOT REPORTS ON OCCURRANCE; DAY ACTS BY 1630H AND NIGHT ACTS DUE BY 1600H.

(7) SUBMIT HELO FRAGS AND FIXED WING FRAGS BY 1330H AND 0930H RESPECTIVELY ON DAY PRIOR TO DAY OF NEED.

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(8) ENEMY ARTILLERY MAY BE DELIVERED IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS, EMPHASIZE DISPERSION OF PERSONNEL.

(9) PLACE EMPHASIS ON THE TAKING OF PRISONERS.

(10) PLAN SUBSEQUENT MOVES, AFTER THE INITIAL LANDING, TO BE A COMBINATION OF HELO AND OVERLAND MOVES.

(11) UTILIZE MAXIMUM FIXED WING AND AO SUPPORT WITHIN OUR CAPABILITIES.

(12) EACH INDIVIDUAL MARINE SHOULD CARRY A MINIMUM OF 10 SANDBAGS.

(13) THRUST POINTS:

BEERS	9437	BOYS NAMES	8930
CARS	9645	COLLEGES	9324
PRESIDENTS	0034	SOFT DRINKS	9430
DOGS	0141		
GIRLS NAMES	0539		
FOODS	9533		

(A) FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION:

(A) NORMAL FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION. ARTILLERY AND AIR LIAISON OFFICERS COORDINATE TO SELECT APPROPRIATE SUPPORTING ARMS AND PRECLUDE ~~MUTUAL~~ INTERFERENCE. WHEN CONTACT IS MADE, MAXIMUM USE OF SUPPORTING ARMS SHOULD BE MADE AND, SUPERIORITY OF FIRE ACHIEVED PRIOR TO INITIATION OF THE ASSAULT.

(B) NO RESTRICTIONS ON TARGETS IN AREA OF OPERATIONS.

(15) ALL HELICOPTER RESUPPLY AND MEDEVAC LZS WILL BE WELL POLICED IN ORDER TO AVOID AIRCRAFT DAMAGE FROM DEBRIS, FOREIGN PARTICLES, ETC.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

##### A. GENERAL.

(1) UNITS MUST BE AS SELFSUSTAINING AS POSSIBLE FOR A MINIMUM OF 3 DAYS. LOCAL WATER WILL BE USED TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. ENSURE ADEQUATE HALIZONE TABLETS ARE AVAILABLE.

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B. CLASS I.

(1) NORMAL RESUPPLY FROM VCB.

(2) THREE DAYS MCI WILL BE PREPOSITIONED ON FSB ROBIN FOR THE MANEUVER ELEMENTS. THESE ARE FOR EMERGENCY USE AND SHOULD NOT BE BROKEN INTO UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

C. CLASS V.

(1) BA PLUS MAXIMUM LOADS.

D. CAPTURED MATERIAL.

(1) CAPTURED MATERIAL WILL BE TAGGED AND EVACUATED THROUGH NORMAL LOGISTIC CHANNELS.

(2) CAPTURED ORDNANCE ITEMS TO BE EVACUATED BY HELICOPTER AND (WHEN FEASIBLE) MUST BE INSPECTED BY EOD PERSONNEL AND CERTIFIED AS SAFE PRIOR TO BEING EVACUATED THROUGH LOGISTIC CHANNELS.

E. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION.

(1) TAKE MAXIMUM REQUIRED ANTI-MALARIA MEASURES.

(2) NORMAL EVACUATION PROCEDURES.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

A. COMMUNICATION IAV 3D MAR DIV 0 P02000.2G (COI) AND P2000.4G.

B. RC-292 ANTENNA (JUNGLE KIT) REQUIRED ON REGIMENTAL NETS.

C. WATER PROOF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

D. MEDEVAC COMMO FREQUENCY = 45.7.

E. CARRY AT LEAST 3 BA-386'S PER RADIO.

F. COMMAND POSTS.

9TH MAR	VCB
1/9	VCB
2/9	TBA
3/9	TBA

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2. Dates of Operation: 270930 Aug 68 to 081000 Oct 68
3. Location: Northern Quang Tri Province, Lancaster Trousdale and Lancaster Trousdale North
4. Task Organization:

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27 Aug 68 - 1 Oct 68

Lt Col C. W. STITT

2 Oct 68 - 09 Oct 68

H&amp;SCo (Rein)

Capt E. H. HARRIS

H&amp;SCo

27 Aug - 20 Sep 68

1st Lt T. J. MCNAUL

30 Sep - 09 Oct 68

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Capt J. S. STONE

Company 2 (Rein)

27 Aug 68 - 09 Oct 68

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5. SUPPORTING FORCES.

a. ARTILLERY. On the Lancaster Trousdale Operations, artillery played a minor role as no contact was experienced by ground units of 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. Prior to and immediately after insertion of the Battalion, artillery initiated and maintained preparation fires on surrounding prominent terrain features. Subsequent fire missions were sent in primarily by the company forward observers and were defensive in nature.

From 17 September to 08 October 1968 artillery fired mission in support of operation Lancaster Trousdale North. Artillery prep fires were fired in between Arclights and Air Strikes on known enemy bunkers, artillery positions, mortar sites, and infiltration routes. Mortar suppression fires were responsive throughout the operation. Due to the mountainous terrain high angle fire was used effectively. H.A.T. fires were extremely accurate and at times plotted to within 150 meters of the perimeter. During and after contact H.A.T. targets were fired upon every 30 minutes. Illumination fire was kept on call and used when flare ships were not available. Artillery support throughout the operation also included preparation fires, TOT's, and normal adjustment missions on enemy targets of opportunity.

b. AIR. During operation Lancaster Trousdale air support was limited to rotary wing and aerial observers. Normal resupply and visual reconnaissance were the only air support means employed during this period.

Lancaster Trousdale North used air support extensively. Close air strikes were used for Landing Zone runs as well as to attack and destroy enemy bunkers, mortar positions, staging areas, active trails, roads, and troop concentrations. Aerial observers were employed to control all airstrikes and perform visual reconnaissance of the battalions entire surrounding area of operation throughout the operation. All airstrikes were conducted in support of this operation.

Rotary wing support included resupply medevac, and troop transfer movements. Helicopter gunship support was effective and telling on the enemy. The operating weather was hazardous at times during helicopter operations, but the pilots risked the weather numerous times to perform their missions. 57 TEC's missions were requested during this operation with most of them being flown. This battalion also constructed nine helicopter landing zones to accomodate rotary wing requirements.

6. INTELLIGENCE. As Operation Lancaster Trousdale began, there were not known enemy units in the 1/9 area of operations. The Khe Siane stream area and surrounding valley is flat with old rice paddies. Movement was not restricted in the flat regions or lower hills. The higher hills and mountains was typical dense triple canopy vegetation. There are no known roads in this area and the few trails found could not support any vehicular traffic. Helicopter landing zones are numerous in the valley and surrounding hills. One LZ was built at XD 913518 to accomodate 1 CH-53 or 2 CH-46 helicopters.

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During this operation temperatures ranged from the middle 70's to high 90's. A four-day tropical storm swept the area from 4 September to 7 September halting any significant operations. Throughout this operation there were no significant findings or enemy contacts for this Battalion.

Lancaster Trousdale North area of operations encompassed the southern D. M. Z. from the 85 to 91 grid and south from the 67 to the 63 grid. Terrain encountered was rugged and hilly with thick vegetation making trafficability extremely difficult. Movement was often cross compartment, restricted to an average rate of 200 meters per hour. Venues of approach, both enemy and friendly, were generally restricted to existing trail systems found in the area.

Stream fording points presented little difficulty during the operation due to a lack of heavy rains.

Vegetation consisted of double to triple tree canopies with heavy brush and elephant grass.

One road was observed through field glasses at TD 915680, which is not charted. On one occasion, vehicle movement was heard but the exact direction from which the sound came is unknown. The majority of trails were well used. Trails were also big enough to transport supplies by elephants.

WZ grids are as follows: TD 902657 (capable of landing 2x461's), 912642, 903657, 904635, 892638, 880640, 873647, 862649, 855650, 850643. All are capable of landing 1x46 helicopter.

It is believed that larger NV units had conducted a withdrawal as friendly units moved into the area. Contact was limited to squad and platoon size enemy which were units masking the withdrawal of other units or guarding the numerous supply caches found in the area. Enemy incoming fires were sporadic and light, consisting solely of 60 and 82mm mortars.

Enemy units, through U.O. sightings and contacts, were confirmed with K-47's, M1's, 82 mortars, (60 & 82). Active 12.7 mm AAA, positions were sighted of which one was destroyed by close air support.

The types of uniforms used by the enemy were green and black utilities. The belts worn with the utilities were either a green web belt or a tan leather belt with a star on the buckle.

The age of the enemy, estimated at between 18 - 24 years of age, was determined from VI's, POW's, and uncovered graves.

The enemy used delaying and harassing tactics i.e. incoming mortar fire, probes, and occasional sniper fire. The units involved were small as previously noted and it is thought he used these delaying tactics allowing his larger units to withdraw as they avoided contact with friendly forces.

Most of the bunkers that were found were "L" shaped in shape and were 4'x4'x6' built with logs 3" - 4" in diameter. They were well camouflaged and were 2 - 3 weeks old. Looking from the top of these bunkers they appear to be L shapes. These bunkers were used as living quarters only, and took approximately 3-4 days to complete. There were a few other bunkers very similar in shape with adjoining crew-served weapons positions such as antiaircraft and mortar pits. These were also well camouflaged with local vegetation.

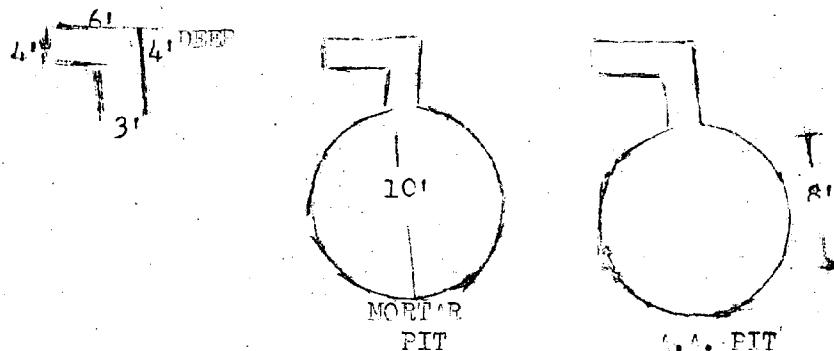
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There were also numerous above ground dwellings made of thin lofts that were used for eating places. They could hold 4 to 6 men at a table and were well concealed.

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Cumulative enemy losses inflicted by 1/9 were 335 KI's. There was also 2 detainees. Weapons captured were 2x82 mm mortar tubes (destroyed), 1x12.7 mm 'O' mg (destroyed), 3x82's, 4xK-47's 1 unk type automatic weapon, 450x82 mm mortar rds., 619x60 mm mortar rds., 2x107 mm rocket rds., 19x122 mm rocket rds., 11x107 RR rds., 23xRPG's 213, RPG 7 rds., 266,350xK-47 rds., 7.580x12, 7 rds., 300x7.62 Numerous documents, 782 gear and medical supplies were also captured.

#### WEATHER

Temperatures ranged from the high 70's to the low 100's. Winds ranged from 5 to 25 knots and precipitation was occasionally heavy due to two typhoons near the coast.

#### 7. MISSION.

a. Lancaster Trousdale: To conduct a battalion-sized search and destroy operation to seek out and destroy all enemy forces, installations, and equipment located in the designated Fn. 'O'.

b. Lancaster Trousdale North: To conduct a battalion sized search and destroy operation to seek out and destroy all enemy forces, installations and equipment located in the Fn. 'O'; to assess the effectiveness of RCLIGHT strikes within the Fn. 'O'; to construct LZ's in order to facilitate future operations.

#### 8. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS:

a. Lancaster Trousdale: 1st Battalion, 9th Marines to conduct a

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helilift to commence Operation Lancaster Trousdale and establish a series of company sized patrol bases. To seek out and destroy the enemy, his supply caches, and infiltration facilities.

b. Lancaster Trousdale North: 1st Battalion, 9th Marines lands in Landing Zone Pacific. Following consolidation 1/9 attacks with two companies abreast to seize, occupy, and defend Battalion Objective 1. Following seizure of Objective 1, 1/9 continues the attack to seize, occupy, and defend Regimental Objectives A and B.

9. EXECUTION.

On 27 August 1968, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines conducted a helicopter-borne operation in conjunction with operation Lancaster Trousdale. Company patrol bases were established with Company A in the vicinity of XD 922528, Company B with the Battalion CP at XD 919520, Company C at XD 880515, and Company D at XD 913529. At 1635, the Battalion CP observed an active enemy rocket site fire 2 volleys of 5 round each. A fire-mission was called but was checked due to the proximity of friendlies.

On 28 August 1968, at 1000 Company A, found a well used trail leading northwest from XD 918529. At 1230, ad Platoon, Company C, found 12 fighting holes at XD 875506. At XD 870500, the platoon observed a "V" cut into a tree along a trail. This mark was noticed every 150 meters leading to a possible base camp at XD 877502. An artillery mission was fired into that area with unknown results. At 1630, Company D, at XD 910529, found a possible rocket site with command detonating booby traps. 20x2.75 inch rockets were found, 10 of which had been partially destroyed by ABAT. JCBTC, the other 10 were piled and rigged for command detonation. Also in that area were 3 bunkers 6'x4'x4', constructed of logs and dirt, and 2-2'x3'x2' fighting holes. The positions and ordnance were destroyed in place. At 1900, Company C received 5 rounds of 82mm mortar fire at XD 880515. Only 3 of the 5 rounds detonated.

On 29 August at 1030, Company D at XD 917526, found approximately 100 feet of multi-strand electrical wire. At 1105, Company A found 8 old fighting holes overlooking the stream at 919532. The holes were 2'x3'x4' with log and dirt overhead and inter-connecting comm. wire. 3 suspected rocket positions, 8'x12'x3' were found in the same area with each position showing holes as a triangular position. These holes appeared to be where a tripod had been placed with the front hole being 7' from the rear holes, pointing on a 1400 mill azimuth. Also, in the positions, were found a plastic lid for a cannister of unknown size, a canvas fuse pouch, and a document. The positions were destroyed.

On 30 August 1968, at 0900, a patrol from Company A found 2 and 2.75 inch rockets and a 250 lb. bomb in the vicinity of XD 920537. All were blown. At 1215 a patrol from Company D found 2 bunkers, 6'x3'x5', about 1 week old covered with dirt and logs. The bunkers were 25 meters apart with 6 gauge comm wire running between them. The bunkers were destroyed. Several trails leading to a water point in the vicinity of XD 909531 were located. At 1310, the patrol from Company D found 2 documents about 25 meters from the trail. At 1330, the patrol found 11 bunkers, 3'x5'x6', with dirt and log overheads and destroyed them. At 1330, a patrol from Company C found a possible heavy weapons site at XD 897501.

On 31 August at 2250, Company C had one Marine accidentally

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wounded and the man was medevaced.

On 1 September 1968, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines was still employed on Operation LONG STRIKE II in the vicinity of the ROCKPILE. On 1 September, at 0030, the men of Company E's defensive perimeter had been hearing noise and movement about their position for a period of time. One Marine left his position to check on the position to his left, which was on a down hill trail in a grassy area. The man moved 10' or less and called out to the other position with no reply. Then returned to his position. After a period of time, the Marine heard movement to his left and opened fire, resulting in one WIA. A medevac was requested for morning. At 1700, 2nd Plt. of Company E found 5 sleeping positions in a heavy brush area on hill. They were well camouflaged (XD 919523). They destroyed the positions and searched the area with negative results. They also found writing on rock (XD 924523) (black paint on dark rock). An arrow was pointing SS' beside the writing which was in the local dialect.

On 3 September at 1345, a patrol from Company A discovered a large quantity of blood on the grass at XD 873525. The blood appeared to be about 2 days old. No trails were found leading away from the area. At 1600, the 2nd Plt of Company C, at XD 958550, heard movement to the direct front of their position. Small arms and M-79 grenade launchers were employed with undetermined results. At 2130, on 2 September, Company C heard movement to the front of their position at XD 91755. M-26 grenades and M-79 grenade launchers were employed with unknown results. A listening post was withdrawn and an artillery mission fired with good target coverage. Results were undetermined.

At 1000 on 3 September, Company A displaced by tactical march to Vandegrift Combat Base. The displacement was completed by 1700 and Company A was chopped to operational control of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

During the period 4 September through 6 September, there were no significant events. I Corps Tactical Zone was struck by a typhoon during this time.

At 1200 on 7 September, 2nd Plt of Company D, while on patrol at XD 898501, found a large gun pit measuring 25' by 15' by 4'. Forming a perimeter around the gun pit were twenty bunkers measuring 5'x4'x3' each and covered with dirt and logs. The positions, partially destroyed by air, had been rendered ineffective. At 1400, the same unit found a trail running NE to SW at XD 901504. Along the trail was a marker carved in a tree and an arrow pointing to the SW. The trail was two to three feet in width and had been cleared of undergrowth enabling easy and rapid movement. Ten "L" shaped trenches were discovered at XD 901504, measuring 5'x15'x2'. These trenches formed a perimeter 20 meters to the side of the trail. Five bunkers, 4'x5'x4', were inside the perimeter. They were covered with three feet of dirt and logs. The trail was followed to XD 900506, where four small perimeters were found, consisting of trenches and bunkers. These positions were destroyed.

On 8 September Company C was chopped to operational control of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines.

At 1015 on 9 September, Company E at XD 877514, found 9 reinforced

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bunkers, 6'x3'x4', with an overhead of dirt and logs. The bunkers contained 18 82mm mortar rounds, 3 sets of M60 Machine Gun, 1 RPG launcher, and 1 bag of rice. All were destroyed. At 1200 on 9 September, elements of Company F found an old trail at XD 875530 which had recently been used. Rations had been constructed along the steep portions of the trail. At 1300, Company E at XD 875520, found a cooking hut and two other huts of unknown purpose. They appeared to be three to five months old. Near that same area some cracked rice and a bloody battle dressing were found. At 1400, Company F found what appeared to be a small base camp at XD 873518. Along the trail were fighting holes approximately 3 to 4 months old, with numerous footprints around them. The holes measured 24" x 12".

At 0845 on 10 September, a patrol from Company F at XD 873520, found a cave five feet deep and three feet high. Inside the cave was a sleeping area with large leaves on the ground. Some fresh rice and a cup of coffee-like substance were found in the cave. At 1100 elements of Company F found several "L" shaped bunkers 8x3'x4', on a slope at XD 864524 with well prepared fields of fire. At 1430 on 10 September, a patrol from Company D found a trail at XD 875515. While checking the area, the patrol heard a shout that sounded like an alert and they requested a 60mm mortar mission. Upon checking the area, the patrol found two bunkers and two huts. At 1445, Company F sighted one man running down a trail at XD 876519. The man wore trousers but no shirt nor did he appear armed. Grenades were found along the trail. At 1530, Company F at XD 872523 found an abandoned camp site which contained the following gear: a blue sweat shirt, pieces of a poncho, six empty cans of which two were "WYNTON TOMAT O" cans, two grenades, one 1D can, three NV belts, four empty rice sacks, six 30 cal. cartridge rounds, one ammunition pouch, three blood stained battle fatigues, and one nurse pack with a red cross on it.

On 11 September, Company F and "D" Company were helilifted to VCP. Company F returned to Operational Control of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

At 0730 on 12 September, the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines (-), departed VCP by motor march to Camp Carroll. At 0900 Company F was chopped to Operational Control of the 9th Marines. At 1200 on 12 September, 1st Battalion 9th Marines (-) chopped to Operational Control of the 3d Marines. At 1400, Company C arrived by helicopter at Camp Carroll, and returned to Operational Control of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. At 1700 the Battalion assumed Operational Control of the 82mm mortar platoon of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines. At 1800, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines assumed the defense of Camp Carroll, Khe Gio Ridge, Thua Son Lam Route 49 position, and the Dong Ha Mountain OP. At 2215, the perimeter at Camp Carroll received 12 82mm mortar rounds from VNC75596. No casualties were taken and a counter-mortar mission was fired.

At 1200, on 13 September, Company C found 40 82mm VM and illumination rounds and four 3.5 rocket rounds at XD 066534. At 1400, Company F at Thua Son Lam received 5 rounds of mortar fire from XD 927546. A counter-mortar mission was fired. At 1500, Company A on the Dong Ha Mountain observation post sighted 20 NV's at XD 06165. An artillery mission was fired resulting in 15 NV's confirmed KIA.

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At 1100 on 14 September, the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines was relieved of the security of Camp Carroll and the surrounding area and returned to Vandegrift Combat Base. Operational Control returned to the 9th Marine.

On the morning of the 15th, Company D was helilifted to Vandegrift Combat Base and returned to the control of the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines.

On 16 September, the Battalion maintained a ready posture at Vandegrift Combat Base.

At 0900 on 17 September, the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines conducted a heliborne assault into a landing zone just south of the Ben Hai River. The Battalion's mission was to search out and destroy or capture the enemy and his supply caches. The lift was completed to LZ Pacific (XD 907676) at 1200.

At 1210 on 17 September, Company A sighted 5 enemy troops at XD 913683. Elements of Company A engaged the troops with small arms and an artillery mission was requested immediately. Forward observers reported that there was excellent coverage of the target area and 25 NVA were later confirmed. Due to numerous elephant tracks and droppings, it was probable that the enemy had utilized these animals in this area. The tracks appeared to be one or two weeks old. At 1340, Company B sighted 4 enemy troops at XD 910681 moving from west to east towards the Ben Hai River. Snipers fired upon the enemy and artillery was employed, killing the 4 NVA. At 1410 Company A observed 6 to 8 enemy at XD 913683. Small arms and artillery were employed and 2 NVA KIA were confirmed. At 1410, a sniper attached to Company B, took three NVA troops under fire at XD 909684. One NVA KIA was confirmed. At 1450 on September 17, elements of Company B, observed enemy troops in a bomb crater at XD 908689. Small arms were utilized with one NVA KIA confirmed. At 1500 several NVA were sighted to the north of the Ben Hai River. Four flights of fixed-wing air support were run on the target. Three bunkers were destroyed and one secondary explosion was observed. Twenty-five NVA KIA were confirmed. At 1625 an Aeriel Observer called a mission on 10-12 bunkers, buildings and a trail network at XD 901656. A fixed-wing mission was run resulting in 12 bunkers destroyed. At 1915 on 17 September, the Battalion CP located at XD 918687 received 15 rounds of 82mm mortars. This resulted in 4 USMC WIA and one civilian reporter WIA. One flight of fixed-wing and artillery were fired on XD 918687. At 2345, one 82mm mortar round impacted at Company C's position. Three USMC KIA resulted.

At 1630 on 18 September, elements of Company C found one "butterfly" mine at XD 917664. Engineers blew the mine in place. At 1800, the Battalion's CP at XD 913679 received 25 rounds of 82mm mortar fire from XD 922678. Air support engaged the target with 500 lb bombs and napalm. At 1800 confirmed the destruction of one .50 caliber machinegun and one 82mm mortar tube. At 2110, Company D, at XD 916667, received 8 grenades. Grenades were thrown in return; results however, were unknown. At 2150 while firing mortar suppression fires, a secondary explosion was observed. At 2150 a jet flying north to south between the 90 and 92 grid lines was fired upon by a suspected 23mm radar controlled gun. The weapon was believed to be on a tracked vehicle on highway #102. It seemed likely that a base camp was also in that area. Twenty TFO's and flares

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were requested for 19 September.

On 0500 on 19 September, one explosive device was thrown into Company B's line. M-26 grenades were thrown in return. At 0817 the Battalion at XD 918667 received one 155mm artillery round from a friendly battery. One Marine was wounded. Throughout the day patrols from the Battalion found old bunkers and huts. There was no sign of recent activity, nor was equipment or ordnance found. At 1700, the Battalion CP, at XD 919693, received two 82mm mortar rounds. Air was employed on grid XD 922678 and two 82mm mortar tubes and one bunker were destroyed. Ten NVG KIAs were confirmed.

At 0640 on 20 September, the Fire Support Coordinator obtained a sound sighting of a suspected enemy tracked vehicle. Two flights of air support were run, but results were undetermined. Patrols continued throughout the day, but discovered nothing of significance.

At 1030 on 21 September, air strikes were run on XD 904663. One large secondary explosion was observed and two fighting holes and several bunkers were destroyed. At 1345, heavy bunker complexes were found at XD 901656 and XD 905659 by Company C and D, respectively. Deliberate searches of each area were conducted with good results. Company C found 350 bunkers and storage areas. Fighting holes were near each bunker. Communication wires connected the bunkers, fighting holes and storage areas. 3000 pounds of rice and 300 lbs of rock salt were found, but many of these were unserviceable. A few documents were found and forwarded to intelligence personnel. Leading to the bunker complex was a trail to the top of a nearby hill. Steps had been cut into the trail and a bamboo bannister ran along side. At the top of the hill was a bunker with good observation of the surrounding area. Company D found a mass grave at XD 903660, which contained twenty-four bodies. The bodies appeared to be 4-5 days old. Another grave was found nearby containing 96 more bodies. Also, a small bunker complex consisting of a command post, a mess bunker, and 15 small living bunkers were located. Tables and chairs had been constructed on the top of the bunkers with camouflaged roofing above. Well worn trails connected all the positions. In a discarded pack along one of the trails were found a personnel letter, an ID card, and other documents, all of which was forwarded via intelligence channels. Total enemy KIAs confirmed were 120.

At 0930 on 22 September, a patrol from Company B found a bunker complex at XD 910656. The bunkers measured approximately seven feet by five feet by six feet. Each had a patio with a thatched roof, tables and chairs. There were ten small kitchens with cooking materials left inside them. There appeared to have been a nest and orderly with details there was little gear left behind. A few of the bunkers had been destroyed. Also significant, was the absence of fighting holes in the surrounding area. The following gear was found: 1 M-16 (serial # 295513), 5xM17 magazines, 200xM17 rounds, 1 bandoleer, 1 grenade, 1 can of rifle oil, 3 cooking pots, 1 water can, 9 packs, 3 E-tools, 1 canteen and cover, 1 compass, 4 boots, 5 lbs of salt, 3 machetes, 15 ponchos, 14 utility shirts, 13 utility trousers, 3 sweat shirts, 8 pairs of socks, several undershirts and shorts, 3 covers, 2 belts, assorted medical gear, \$10 of NVG currency, 2 gas masks and personal toilet articles.

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At 1600, Company C at XD 911656, found 75 more bunkers. They were empty of gear.

At 1700 on 23 September, Company B found a bunker complex at XD 910656. It consisted of approximately 100 covered bunkers, 50 open fighting holes, 15 living bunkers, and 1 storage bunker. A well developed trail system ran throughout the area. The storage area contained only 3x100 lbs of rice. The entire area was well camouflaged from aerial observation. The area had been thoroughly patrolled prior to its evacuation. At 1730 Company B reported finding 50 grass huts and several bunkers at XD 912656. 1500 lbs. of rice and assorted clothing had been left in the area.

At 0945, on 24 September, Company A found 13 one-man bunkers at XD 911653. They appeared to be 3-4 weeks old. At 1045 Company B found a thirty bunker complex at XD 911652, 250 lbs. of rice, 1 helmet, 1 gas mask, and 30x7.62 rifle rounds were found in the area. Several tables and chairs were also found. Near the area was an observation post in a tree. The words "Tr Ban Lon Tri" were written on the tree. A scout dog alerted the patrol but the area was checked with negative results. At 1200 a patrol from Company A at XD 916654 found a series of bunkers containing medical supplies, mess facilities and assorted equipment. A total of 350 lbs. of rice was found. At 1600 elements of Company A found 4 bunkers at XD 916654. In these were found 10 lbs. of salt, 250 lbs of rice, 6 cans of water, and a small medical kit. At 1800 Company D found 2 graves at XD 916643 containing an estimated 24 bodies each. At the head of one grave was written "YOUNG 9/9".

At 1100 on the 25th of September, Company C at XD 911645, found an ammunition storage area 20 meters off a well used trail. The following ordnance was discovered: 616 60 mm mortar rounds, 30x 82mm mortar rounds, 233 RPG-2 rounds, 218 RPG-7 rounds, 2x 82mm rocket round, 117 anti-tank rounds (mines), 1,000 12.7mm rounds, and 246,000 7.62 rounds. 1800 lbs of rice was stored nearby. At 1330 the same day, Company D, while destroying an ammunition cache, at XD 911645, was taken under fire by enemy troops hidden in bushes. The unit returned fire and called in artillery support. The Company exploited the contact resulting in 7 NVN KIA confirmed. At 1430, Company B at XD 911645, found 50 bunkers, 60 .50 caliber machine gun positions and 3 mortar pits. 1,000 rounds of 12.7mm ammunition, 2 107mm anti-tank rockets with carrying cases, 1 82mm mortar round, 10 helmets, and 2 pairs of boots were found in the area.

At 0900 on 26 September Company B discovered 7 shallow graves, each containing 1 body, at XD 916641. They appeared to be 7-10 days old. At 0930, the same unit found a bunker complex at XD 917601. The bunkers were built in an L-frame measuring 3x4x6'. A kitchen was also found. Fighting holes surrounded the bunkers and trails connected the positions. 4 grenades, 300x7.62 machinegun rounds, and 20 new gas masks were found. At 1030 elements of Company B captured a wounded NVN while searching the bunker complex. The prisoner had been wounded only slightly, but the nature of his wound had prevented him from walking.

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He was hiding among the trees and was without 'white', weapon, equipment or clothing. He made no attempt to escape and was returned to the S-2 for questioning and evacuation. At 1100 on 26 September, a patrol from Company C at XD 911645, found 60 bunkers, 30 fighting holes, 2x82mm mortar rounds, 100 lbs of rice, 4x M47 magazines, 100 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, and medical supplies made in France, Hungry and Czechoslovakia. Written over one bunker were the words "Det Ukirng Nghday Cam Uao". At 1400, Company C found on "T" shaped bunker 5'x6'x3', at XD 913644 with 50 boxes of .50 caliber machinegun ammunition. At 1530, a patrol from Company B found 4x 82mm mortar fuses at XD 908642.

At 1115 on 27 September Company B found 4 graves at XD 916641. Each grave contained one body and appeared to be about 7-10 days old. The following gear was found near the grave: 2 grenades, 100 small arms rounds, 280x12.7mm rounds, 3 NVI belts, 1 canteen and 1 gas mask. At 1135 a patrol from Company D spotted one enemy moving towards their position at XD 891652. A Marine fired at the NVI soldier, wounding him in the hip. He was then taken prisoner and evacuated. At 1145, a patrol from Company D made contact with a platoon sized force at XD 88654. The enemy deployed automatic weapons, grenades and small arms. The patrol returned fire with their organic weapons. Two reinforced squads were sent to assist, and their arrival enabled the unit to assault the enemy positions. The enemy withdrew and the patrol pursued by fire. One USMC VTA and 4 USMC VIM resulted. At 1230, Company A found 2250 .50 caliber rounds at XD 914646. At 1300, Company B found a bunker complex running south at XD 910640. One NVI was seen running to the southwest of the complex. 2 explosions were heard and 2 NVI were observed running from the area. Both were killed by small arms. They wore utilities and helmets. One M-47 rifle was captured. Approximately 10 NVI were then sighted moving from the area, where the first NVI had been seen. Marines fired upon them, wounding 4. At 1315, an unknown automatic weapon fired on a helicopter from XD 905635. Air, artillery and 81mm mortars were fired on that area with unknown results. At 1330 on 27 September, Company B while on patrol at XD 910640, heard movement in the bushes and observed 2 NVI moving towards their position. One Marine fired his .45 pistol at both. The closest NVI fell at the Marine's feet still alive and trying to shoot his M-47 rifle. The Marine took the NVI's rifle from him and killed both enemy soldiers with it. At 1330, elements of Company B received small arms and 60mm mortars at XD 911641. They returned small arms fire and requested 81mm mortars and artillery for support. The patrol intercepted 6 NVI and killed 2 and wounded 4. At 1440, a helicopter was hit with automatic weapons fired from an unknown location. At 1500, Company B, while moving south on a well used trail at XD 888642, was taken under fire from 14 automatic weapons and small arms. They returned fire with organic weapons and confirmed 2 NVI VIM's.

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At 1540, Company B received small arms at XD 892654, returned fire but results were unknown. Contact was broken and no casualties were reported.

At 0930 on 28 September, Company D found one partially destroyed SKS rifle at XD 895. At 1040, one enemy was observed at XD 901635, and artillery fired with undetermined results. At 1330, Company B found numerous bunkers and " " frame huts at XD 908640. Also found were five grenades, one RPG-2 round, eating utensils, a gas mask, a wallet and ID card, and 6 blocks of demolitions. At 1500, an aerial observer controlled fixed wing support of the destruction of five bunkers, at XD 918546, containing fifty 82mm mortar rounds, 100 .50 caliber rounds, and grenades, four M-17 rifle magazines, one canteen and cover, one bottle of insect repellent, two battle dressing and one piece of currency, which had been found by Company B.

At 1140 on 29 September, Company B received fifteen rounds of small arms at XD 892654. Small arms and 60mm mortar fire were returned with unknown results. At 1230, a patrol from Company B observed a squad size unit of NV moving towards their position at XD 904637. They were on line and appeared to be looking for something. The enemy scattered when fired upon. At 1530, a Marine from Company A observed a bush moving 20 meters from his position down a steep incline. When he approached the area the bush continued to move so he fired one round at it. A search of the area revealed footprints only. At 1900, an observation mist from Company A, at XD 911642, made contact with unknown size enemy force. The OP was reinforced shortly thereafter and came under a large volume of small arms fire and RPG rounds. One Marine was wounded as the enemy attacked from both the east and west flank. The contact was estimated to be a platoon size unit. Marines held their position and returned fire. Artillery and mortar fire were employed and the action subsided after thirty minutes. Marine casualties were two USMC KIA and seven USMC WIA. Company A confirmed one KIA. Throughout the night the perimeter received sporadic fire and a flare ship was on station throughout the night.

At 1030, 30 September, Company A saw enemy troops withdraw from the area. No further contact was made that day.

On the 1st. of October, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines was employed on Lancaster Trousdale North, just south of the Son Mai River. At 1230 Company C while sitting in a defensive position received approximately 25 82mm mortar rounds of incoming, from grid XD 865642. An artillery mission was called in with good coverage of target. Results were one friendly WIA. At 1500, an "C noted 3-4 WIA were observed at XD 905639, running to a new bunker complex. Also, two NV were observed at XD 911642 resulting in 6 NV KIA confirmed. At 2050, Company C while firing night defensive fires a served one secondary explosion. Later another artillery mission was called with two more secondary explosions at that position.

On 2 October at 1100, three flights of fixed wing were run on grid XD 911642. At XD 911644, there were three bunkers destroyed along with a trail junction at XD 906639. At 1900, Company A received approximately twenty-five 60mm mortar rounds from XD 911638.

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A fire mission with 82mm and artillery was fired with good coverage of the target. At 1920, Company A, at XD 903697, heard movement outside their defensive perimeter. Artillery and 82mm mortar missions were called and the movement ceased. At 2130, Company D spotted a figure moving between two trees headed down a path about 25 to 30 meters out. Five rounds of M16 small arms was fired and the figure disappeared.

On 3 October at 1300, the point platoon of Company E saw two enemy troops moving west on a trail. The platoon pursued the enemy troops by small arms and M-26 grenades. The area was checked with negative results. At 1730, Company A found three bunkers with grass covers, 4 ft. by 5 ft. by 3 ft. and one observation post platform in a tall tree. Also noted, was fresh blood along a trail at grid XD 869649. The bunkers were searched with negative results.

On 4 October at 0930, 2nd Platoon of Company D, at XD 877642, found five bunkers, 3 ft. by 4 ft. by 4 ft., covered with grass and dirt. The bunkers were spread out within 50 meters. One 82mm mortar pit was found measuring 5 feet in diameter and 4 feet deep. The pit contained 20 rounds of 82mm mortar rounds destroyed by an artillery round. The trees in the area were cut away for clearance. Also found were four rocket sites (8ft. by 3ft by 2ft), facing south. The site contained 40 empty rocket cannisters. At 1700, Company A heard movement; estimated 2-3 people moving away from them at an azimuth of 270 degrees, heading between grids XD 854647 - XD 853648. An attempt was made to call in an AC and supporting arms with negative results.

On 5 October at 1230, Company A, at XD 850648, found 12-15 empty fuze cans and numerous fuze well cans for 60mm mortar. They also found 1 fresh foxhole and 1 60mm mortar pit at XD 852648. Movement was heard at XD 851648, the area was checked out with negative results.

On 6 October at 1500, Company A, while on patrol found a trail running east to west (XD 850646) that was not recently used. They also found 1 slit trench, 1 bottle of white pills (500 with 50 stamped on each one), at XD 845646, they also found 2x M-47 rounds about a month old.

On 7 October at 0900, helicopters were taking small arms fire from XD 867662. An artillery and 82mm mortar mission was fired with good coverage of target. Company A and HQ Company were heli-lifted to VCB. The remainder of the Battalion was lifted into VCB, the following day, to complete the operation.

## 11. Administrative Matters:

a. Supply: During this reporting period all resupply was accomplished by helicopters. Double and triple pennants were used to put in resupply in the thickly vegetated mountainous areas where helicopters could not get close to the ground. Recovery of the resupply nets in this terrain resulted in using plastic water bags versus metal water cans. This technique of resupplying water was

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unsuccessful as most of the water bags broke when landed. No other problems were encountered during this operation.

- b. Maintenance: There was no maintenance assessment during this operation.
- c. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation and Hospitalization: See Medical paragraph f.
- d. Transportation: All troop transfers were adequately handled by UH-1C helicopters.

e. Communications: Overall communications during this operation were good. Terrain and weather adversely effected comm at times, although not seriously. KY-38 performance was marginal and at times lost during periods of rain and humid weather. Minor frequency overrides were corrected by liaison to higher echelons.

f. Medical Evaluation: The major medical problems encountered were fevers of undetermined origin, immersion foot, and pyoderma (jungle rot). Follow-up on the fevers has shown that the majority of these men turned out to have malaria. Early evacuation from the field of all FUG's is essential in these endemic areas for malaria since most of the malaria deaths can be preventable by early treatment.

Immersion foot is going to be a more serious problem with the upcoming monsoon. Every Marine should have an extra pair of socks in his pack (preferably wrapped in plastic so they will stay dry), a can of foot powder, and silicone ointment.

The pyoderma can be best handled by early care of minor cuts and abrasions (OPERATION LANCASTER TROUSDALE).

g. The only unusual medical problem encountered on this operation was an outbreak of Salmonellosis and Shigellosis which resulted from contaminated water sent to the field. Initial difficulty stemmed from the inadequate supply of tetracycline and anti-diarrhea medicines needed to treat those affected (most of the Battalion). When supplies became available the problem was readily brought under control.

Several troops sustained what appeared to be some type of mite bite with resultant papular eruptions. These are currently being treated with steroid ointment and are responding.

FUG's are still with us, most turning out to be malaria, Company C is under treatment for worms. (OPERATION LANCASTER TROUSDALE NORTH).

Commanders Analysis: Assignment of a new Battalion Commander and a major turnover of Battalion staff personnel subsequent to termination of this operation preclude submission of a comprehensive analysis of Lancaster Trousdale. Two significant results however are believed to be most significant:

- a. That the campaign proved extremely productive in the destruction of vast quantities of enemy supplies, equipment and material. Although not decisively impaired, the enemy will require expenditure of inestimable man-hours to re-develop his support base south of the Pan Hui River prior to resumption of meaningful operations in the Lancaster AO.
- b. That insertion of a battalion sized force in the DMZ and its subsequent sustained overland operations in the mountainous area contiguous thereto, unquestionably served to prove that such units, adequately supported by supporting arms and helicopter resupply, can project the offensive into any geographical

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area previously deemed inviolate and/or sanctuary for the enemy. By so doing, initiative has passed to the Free World Forces and has resulted in a marked degradation of the enemy capability for freedom of action.

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