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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December 1969 to 31 December 1969

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PART IORGANIZATIONAL DATADESIGNATION1st Battalion, 26th Marines

Lt. Col. J. C. GOODIN

1-31 Dec 69

SUBORDINATE UNITSM&S Company (-) (Rein)

1st Lt. P. S. GIBBEN

1-31 Dec 69

Det., 2nd Plt., Co. A, 5th SP Bn. (MST)

Company A (Rein)

Capt. R. J. KELLY

1-31 Dec 69

Company A

Det. M&S Co.

FO Team

Det. Comm. Plt.

Det. Med. Plt.

S-2 Scout

FO Team "A" Btry 1/13

Det. 1st Plt., Co. A, 5th Engr. Bn.

Company B (Rein)

Capt. D. R. McADAMS

1-31 Dec 69

Company B

Det. M&S Co.

FO Team

Det. Comm. Plt.

Det. Med. Plt.

S-2 Scout

FO Team "A" Btry 1/13

Det. 1st Plt., Co. A, 5th Engr. Bn.

Det. 2nd Plt., Co. A, 5th SP Bn. (MST) (29-31 Dec 69)

Company C (Rein)

Capt. P. A. HUGEL

1-31 Dec 69

Company C

Det. M&S Co.

FO Team

Det. Comm. Plt.

Det. Med. Plt.

S-2 Scout

FO Team "A" Btry 1/13

Det. 2nd Plt., Co. A, 5th Engr. Bn.

Company D (Rein)

Capt. E. J. LLOYD

1-31 Dec 69

Company D
Det. MS Co.

FO Team
Det. Comm. Plt.
Det. Med. Plt.
S-2 Scout

FO Team "A" Btry 1/13
Det. 1st Plt., Co. A, 5th Engr. Bn.

81mm Mortar Plt.

1st Lt. W. G. HAYES

1-31 Dec 69

106mm RR Plt.

SSgt. G. A. BENIZIO

1-31 Dec 69

ATTACHED UNITS

Det. Regt. Scout Sniper Plt., 26th Marines	1-31 Dec 69
Det. Kit Carson Scouts, III MAF	1-31 Dec 69
Det. Vietnamese Interpreters, III MAF	1-31 Dec 69
Det. Comm. Plt., Hq. Co., 26th Marines	1-31 Dec 69

DIRECT SUPPORT

"A" Btry 1/13 (Rein) with Rein fires from "A" Btry 1/11 (-)	1-31 Dec 69
1st Plt., Co. A, 5th TK Bn. (Rein)	1-16 Dec 69
3rd Plt. Co. A, 5th TK Bn.	16-31 Dec 69
1st Plt., Co. A, 5th Engr. Bn. (-)	1-31 Dec 69
2nd Plt. Co. A, 5th SP Bn. (-) (2HST)	1-31 Dec 69
Det. Scout Det Plt., 3rd MP Bn.	1-8 Dec 69
Sub Team 5th CIT, WWP	1-15 Dec 69
1st Sub Team, 15 IFF, WWP	1-31 Dec 69
Det. Plt. Provisional Btry. 1/11	4-8 Dec 69
Det. Company B, Huskie Plt., 11th MT Bn.	1-31 Dec 69

2. LOCATION. 31-31 December 1969 - DaNang, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Maj. T. W. RICH

1-31 Dec 69

S-1/Adjutant

1st Lt. D. F. MARTIN

1-31 Dec 69

S-2

1st Lt. J. H. BARNES

1-31 Dec 69

S-3

Maj. J. V. FLYNN

1-31 Dec 69

S-3A

1st Lt. J. F. FRASER

1-31 Dec 69

S-4

1st Lt. E. W. BERNES

1-31 Dec 69

S-5

1st Lt. J. F. RUEHS

1-31 Dec 69

CommO

1st Lt. S. D. RAMSEYER

1-31 Dec 69

MTC

2nd Lt. L. H. JACOBS

1-31 Dec 69

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

OFF	<u>USMC</u>	ENL
10.7		1219

OFF	<u>USN</u>	ENL
3		35

PART IINARRATIVE SUMMARY

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1. Enemy activity increased during this reporting period. This was due to his constant attempts to get rice. Several defensive ambushes caught the enemy moving to and from his rice caches. The largest sighting was 40 to 150 VC/M. Throughout this reporting period the Battalion continued the assigned mission in the AO. This consisted of providing defense of the Vital DaNang area and adjacent Military Installations, providing security for assigned vital bridges and roads and preventing movement of enemy supplies and munitions into the A.O. Extensive daily patrols and night ambushes were maintained to interdict enemy activity in the area.
2. There were three (3) Company-size operations conducted. One (1) of these operations was a search and clear mission conducted in Rumor Valley, in the general vicinity of grid (AT 83730). Enemy contact during this operation was nonexistent. The other two (2) Company-size operations were search and destroy missions conducted in the Sherwood Forest area. Several tunnels and bunkers were found and destroyed, but again enemy contact was light to nonexistent.
3. On the 4th of December a two (2) Company-size search and clear operation commenced in the eastern extension of Happy Valley in the vicinity of grid (AT 8369). One (1) Company searched and cleared to the west and north of the Song Lo Dong. The other Company conducted search and clear operations to the south and east of the Song Lo Dong. D-Day and L-Hour were delayed from 020800H December 1969 to 041330H December 1969 due to inclement weather. Results of this operation was one (1) probable enemy KIA and no friendly casualties. This operation gave our command group a very good exercise as a "jump OP". A platoon-size permanent OP was established on Hill 270, on 29 December 1969.

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PART IIILISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. MISSION/OPERATIONS

a. Major Operations. The Battalion participated in no major operation during this reporting period.

b. Command Relations

- (1) From 1 December 1969 to 31 December 1969 the Battalion was OpCon to CG, 1st MarDiv.
- (2) Effective 020800H to 061300H December 1969 two (2) Platoons of Company M, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines were OpCon to 1/26.
- (3) Effective 020800H to 071400H December 1969 one (1) Platoon of Company I, 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines was OpCon to 1/26.

c. Combat Missions Assigned

- (1) Occupy and defend all existing positions in assigned AO.
- (2) Conduct patrols and ambushes with minimum of 2/3 available forces assigned night acts.
- (3) Conduct unilateral and combined offensive operations in AO to locate and destroy enemy forces, material, and installations with primary emphasis on security of important population and economic centers and friendly military installations.
- (4) Deploy forces in AO to provide for defense of the DaNang Vital Area with emphasis on routes of approach to probable mortar and rocket launch positions.
- (5) Support accelerated pacification in AO.
- (6) Be prepared to commit reaction forces in defense of Hieu Duc District, CAPs and resettlement hamlets in AO.
- (7) Deny enemy use of all waterways in AO. Enforce curfews and restrictions on waterway traffic.
- (8) Perform inspections top/high priority bridges in AO.
- (9) Provide security and support for installations of line sensors on DaNang Anti-Infiltration barrier in AO as required.
- (10) Employ RF and line sensors in tactical operations and on DaNang Anti-Infiltration barrier integrated with fire, night optical devices and reaction forces to deny enemy movement through barrier.

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- (11) Be prepared to conduct operations outside assigned AO on order.
- (12) Conduct psychological operations within capabilities.
- (13) Continue participation in combined action program with CAP 217 and 218.
- (14) Continue rice denial operation in accordance with 26 Marines Frag Order 37-69. Reference 26 Marines Frag Order 39-69.
- (15) Establish a permanent OP atop Hill 270 at grid AT 865911.

d. Command Control

- (1) The Battalion Command Post was located on Hill 10 at grid AT 924690 during this reporting period except from 4 December 1969 to 7 December 1969, it deployed to the field and was there located on Hill 50 at grid AT 847678. The Battalion Aid Station was co-located with the Battalion Command Post on Hill 10.
- (2) Company A CP was co-located with the Fire Support Base SIX SHOOTER at grid AT 923737.
Company B CP was located on Hill 10 at grid AT 927690.
Company C CP was located on Hill 10 at grid AT 927690.
Company D CP was located on Hill 10 at grid AT 934664.
W Btry 1/11 CP was located on Hill 10 at grid AT 926690.
All attached units were located at the Battalion CP at grid AT 924690.
- (3) There were no major problems of control.

e. Organic Operations. Small unit operations conducted during this period were:

Two (2) Company Operations: 1 LP/OP: 120

Company Operations: 3 Night Ambushes: 455

Platoon Combat Patrols: 43 Sqd. Combat Patrols: 184

f. NBC Warfare. There were no NBC type devices or warfare employed by enemy or friendly units during this reporting period.

2. INTELLIGENCE

a. Enemy Situation

- (1) General situation at the beginning of the period: With the rice harvest over, the enemy on occasion moved down out of the mountains on rice resupply runs. Enemy initiated ground activity increased slightly but remained light due to both the offensive actions and defensive capabilities of the 1st Battalion, 26th

Marines.

- (2) General situation at the end of the period: during the reporting period, enemy activity increased slightly in comparison to the previous reporting period. VC/NVA subversion, espionage, and sabotage activities reported during this period reflected no significant change in intensity. Considerable enemy effort continues to focus on the collection, storage, distribution and transportation of rice.

b. Enemy Initiated Incidents/Actions

- (1) The only significant enemy initiated activity during this reporting period took place early in the morning on 19 December (Ref spot report 190100H). An enemy force of 100-150 was moving to attack the villages of Tuy Loan (AT 905205) and (AT 917203) and was forced to abort their mission due to the offensive/defensive actions of the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines.

c. Enemy Losses

- (1) Number of casualties: 12
- (2) Number of captured VC/NVA: 1
- (3) Equipment captured: 328 lbs of rice, approximately 13 lbs of documents, assorted clothing, 782 gear, and munitions.
- (4) Individual weapons captured: 6 AK47s and 1 M-16
- (5) Crew serve weapons captured: 0
- (6) Detainees: 1

d. Enemy Trends

- (1) There have been no significant trends or changes in tactical methods used by the enemy during this reporting period. The enemy was concerned with the continuation of rice resupply run from their mountain base camps into local villages.

e. Weather Conditions

- (1) The monsoon weather hindered both friendly and enemy units for a short period of time this month. The maximum temperature for this reporting period was 83 degrees, and the minimum was 62 degrees. The total precipitation was 3.70 inches in the Da Nang area.

f. Combat Missions Assigned

- (1) 1 Dec 69 - 8 Dec 69, Co. C and Co. B conducted search and clear operations in the vic. of Mang Chua (AT 835674) and Gao Sung (AT 845692).

- (2) 11 Dec 69 - 13 Dec 69. Co. C conducted a search and clear operation in the vic. of Rumer Valley (AT 933725).
- (3) 14 Dec 69 - 23 Dec 69. Co. C conducted a search and clear operation in the vic. of Sherwood Forest (AT 903700).
- (4) 26 Dec 69 - 31 Dec 69. Co. C conducted a search and clear operation in the vic. of Sherwood Forest (AT 903700).

g. VIP Fund Expenditures

- (1) The following is a report of expenditures by this command during the month of December 1969:

- (a) 031400H - I - Paid 4,800 \$VN for 4 B-40 rockets.
- (b) 041230H - D - Paid 1,200 \$VN for 4 CHICOMs.
- (c) 051430H - I - Paid 800 \$VN for 16 CHICOM friction fuses.
- (d) 051745H - I - Paid 3,200 \$VN for 4 B-40 rockets.
- (e) 071700H - I - Paid 600 \$VN for 3 CHICOM friction fuses.
- (f) 081430H - I - Paid 300 \$VN for 1 CHICOM.
- (g) 121545H - HAS - Paid 800 \$VN for 3 CHICOMs.
- (h) 121655H - B - Paid 100 \$VN for 1 CHICOM.
- (i) 151645H - B - Paid 600 \$VN for 2 CHICOMs.
- (j) 161345H - B - Paid 200 \$VN for 2 CHICOMs.
- (k) 161415H - D - Paid 200 \$VN for 1 RPG round.
- (l) 181225H - B - Paid 600 \$VN for 2 CHICOMs.
- (m) 190915H - B - Paid 300 \$VN for 1 CHICOM.
- (n) 210900H - B - Paid 100 \$VN for 1 CHICOM.
- (o) 221700H - B - Paid 100 \$VN for 1 CHICOM.
- (p) 231800H - D - Paid 400 \$VN for 1 CHICOM.
- (q) 281620H - B - Paid 3,000 \$VN for 6 82mm mortar rounds.
- (r) 291440H - B - Paid 100 \$VN for 1 CHICOM.

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(c) Monthly Report

a. Total funds drawn FY 70 110,000 \$VN
 b. Total expenditures FY 70 76,400 \$VN
 c. Total funds expended December 1969 17,400 \$VN
 d. Total funds on hand 31 December 1969 33,600 \$VN

3. SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF STAFF AND THE

a. 030001H to 052400H December 1969

- (1) 032300H CAP 217 sighted two (2) VC at grid AT 930707. Opened fire with M-16, M-60 and M-79. VC entered tree line at AT 930708. A sweep of the area was conducted. Results: Negative.

b. 050001H to 053400H December 1969

- (1) 050745H One (1) Vietnamese male brought four (4) B-40 rockets to Company I position at Cobb Bridge, grid AT 946699. The Vietnamese was paid 3,200 \$VN for the rockets. The rockets were destroyed.
- (2) 051945H Lights went out on Cobb Bridge at grid AT 946699. Illumination was fired while Company C, 7th Engineers repaired generator. Lights went back on at 052010H.

c. 060001H to 063400H December 1969

- (1) 060640H Second Platoon, Company B spotted three (3) VC running into tree line at grid AT 912602. Opened fire with 60mm mortar. A sweep was conducted of impact area. Results: Negative.
- (2) 062130H Third Platoon, Company M spotted one (1) VC/NVA approximately ten (10) meters from their position at grid AT 920706. Opened fire with small arms and swept area in AM. Results: One (1) AK-47 and magazine with (12) rounds.
- (3) 061945H First Platoon, Company M spotted two (2) enemy moving east at grid AT 908699. Opened fire with small arms and received automatic fire in return. Swept area in AM. Results: One (1) blood trail.
- (4) 061130H Snipers attached to Company B fired at three (3) NVA carrying weapons along ridge line at grid AT 844693. Results: Drag marks leading over ridge line.

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- (5) 060640H Second Platoon, Company D, sighted three (3) VC with weapons moving NW at grid AT 914672. Fired 60mm mortars. Sweep was made immediately. Results: Found one (1) caved-in bunker. After searching and probing found one (1) homemade booby trap. Later at grid AT 915675, the same unit found a suspected mortar site. The booby trap was blown.

d. 080001H to 082400H December 1969

- (1) 081200H Second Platoon, Company C, found VC/MVA, badly burned, that appeared to have been dead approximately one (1) to three (3) days floating beside bank at grid AT 900706. Checked area out, results: Negative.

e. 090001H to 092400H December 1969

- (1) 090950H First Platoon, Company B, found one (1) Vietnamese boby floating in river at grid AT 946700. Dead approximately one (1) week from gunshot wounds.

f. 110001H to 112400H December 1969

- (1) 111130H Second Platoon, Company D, found and searched a tunnel with a bunker on each end at AT 925674. Found 12 AK-47 rounds, four (4) AK-27 boosters with Russian markings, one (1) U.S. carbine stock, two (2) CHICOMs, one (1) B-40 booster and one (1) AK-47 barrel and firing mechanism. Kept one (1) each of above items and destroyed bunkers and remainder of items.

g. 120001H to 122400H December 1969

- (1) 120040H First Platoon, Company D spotted two (2) of three (3) enemy at grid AT 936675, opened fire and conducted a sweep with the help of a reaction squad during which they received AK-47 fire from tree lines to the north and south. Ambush was reset and reactionary force secured. Swept area in AM, results: Negative.

h. 170001H to 172400H December 1969

- (1) 170700H VC Chieu Hoi village chief with AK-44 sniper rifle turned himself into National Police at grid AT 941663 and taken to Vien Due for interrogation. Chieu Hoi had various I.D. papers.

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j. 190001H to 192400H December 1969

- (1) 190131H Second Platoon, Company C, heard enemy movement of three (3) or four (4) persons 25 meters to the front and sprung ambush at grid AT 894684. Swept area immediately, results: Found one (1) drag mark leading across the stream.
- (2) 192045H First Platoon, Company A, spotted 100 to 150 NVA at grid AT 911709 moving east and alerted Company B and CAP 212 at 202310H. CAP 212 made contact with five (5) NVA at grid AT 916712, results, two (2) NVA KIAs. CAP 212 again caught three (3) NVA in river, results: two (2) additional NVA KIAs and one (1) wounded detainee and two (2) AK-47 rifles captured.

k. 200001H to 202400H December 1969

- (1) 200200H Third Platoon, Company C, opened fire on five (5) NVA/VC coming out of a camouflaged lean-to bunker at grid 892712. Results: one (1) female VC KIA, two (2) AK-47s with four (4) magazines, five (5) CHICOMs, seven (7) M-26 grenades, seven (7) M-79 rounds, one (1) set of binoculars with tripod, one (1) CHICOM submachinegun, six (6) cartridge belts, 80 pounds of rice, three (3) medical kits, documents and maps captured.
- (2) 201600H after being alerted by an A.O. Third Platoon, Company C moved to vicinity of grid AT 898713. The platoon under the direction of A.O. captured one (1) NVA with 30 pounds of rice, two (2) CHICOM grenades, and one (1) M-26 grenade, and a pack. The detainee and captured equipment were turned over to the Battalion S-2.

l. 210001H to 212400H December 1969

- (1) 210700H one (1) Marine from Company A is suspected of having committed suicide with an M-16 rifle while at BAS (AT 925690) under psychiatric consultation and awaiting medevac.
- (2) 210920H First Platoon, Company C while on patrol encountered and killed one (1) enemy at grid AT 885697. Searched surrounding area, results: Negative.

m. 220001H to 222400H December 1969

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- (1) 222141H Third Platoon, Company D spotted 20 persons 50 meters south of their position at grid AT 937673 and opened fire, swept area, results: personnel were RF, two (2) RF KIAs and five (5) RF WIAs medevaced.

n. 240001H to 242400H December 1969

- (1) 242100H Second Platoon, Company A spotted VC moving east to west at grid AT 914710 and opened fire. Results: Five (5) VC KIA, one (1) AK-47 rifle, four (4) CHICOMs, 25 pounds of rice and various papers, wallets, and personal gear captured.

o. 250001H to 252400H December 1969

- (1) 251700H H&S Company sentry at grid AT 926690 received one (1) M-79 round from two (2) Vietnamese males and threw the M-79 round into a metal can causing round to explode. Results: one (1) Marine and one (1) Vietnamese male medevaced.

p. 260001H to 262400H December 1969

- (1) 261600H Third Platoon, Company A found one (1) dead VC at grid AT 906708 with the following gear: one (1) AK-47 rifle, one (1) magazine with two (2) rounds, one (1) CHICOM, one (1) bag polished rice, and a wallet containing 240 \$VN. Appeared to have been dead two (2) or three (3) days from wounds by Claymore. Searched area, results: Negative.

q. 270001H to 272400H December 1969

- (1) 271425 First Platoon, Company B found one (1) dead Vietnamese male at grid AT 903709 with raingear, mosquito netting and one (1) can of evaporated milk. Died from shrapnel in neck and legs. Vietnamese wearing khaki shirt over black pajamas.

r. 280001H to 282400H December 1969

- (1) 281824H Company D had Chieu Hoi walk up to gate at grid AT 934663. Chieu Hoi was blindfolded and turned over to S-2 for interrogation and detention at hill 10. Weapons and equipment held by S-2 include one (1) AK-47 rifle, two (2) fully loaded magazines, one (1) CHICOM and one (1) CHICOM poncho.

s. 290001H to 292400H December 1969

- (1) 290900H First Platoon, Company D, with Hoi Chanh went to cache site at grid AT 931672 and found one (1) AK-47 rifle with magazine and five (5) CHICOM booby traps. Boobytraps were blown in place.

- (2) 291100H Company C set off boobytrap at grid AT 888711. Three (3) Marine WIA and medevaced.
- (3) 291510H Company B found 2000 lbs. of rice plus 12 sandbags of unpolished rice and some rifle cleaning gear at grid AT 932714. ITT questioned villagers, results verified by Hieu Duc, rice stock for three (3) hamlets and cleaning gear belong to PF.

t. 300001H to 302400H December 1969

- (1) 301245 First Platoon, Company C spotted Vietnamese personnel along the barrier at grid AT 904700, personnel were apprehended and turned over to Hieu Duc Headquarters.
- (2) 302040H CAP 217 received four (4) incoming explosive devices and small arms fire wounding one (1) USN corpsman at grid AT 924706. Returned fire with small arms and swept area. Results: Negative.

u. 310001H to 312400H December 1969

- (1) 312015H First Platoon, Company A spotted and opened fire on three (3) VC/NVA at grid AT 931708. Swept area, results: one (1) VC/NVA KIA, one (1) AK-47 with magazine, one (1) canteen and one (1) haversack.

4. FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

a. "A" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines

- (1) Types of fire support employed: prep fires, harrassing and interdicting fires, counter-mortar/rocket fires, zone fires, shifting fires, time-on-target fires, illuminating fires, and fires on targets of opportunity.
- (2) During the month of December, "A" Battery 1/13 fired 6519 rounds at 937 targets.
- (3) Observed missions - 136
Unobserved missions - 801
HE - 5792
ILL - 483
WP - 56
FC - 188

b. 4.2 Mortar Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines

(1) Types of fire support employed: prep fires, harrassing and interdicting fires, counter-mortar/rocket fires, zone fires, shifting fires, time-on-target fires, illuminating fires, and fires on targets of opportunity.

(2) During the month of December, 4.2 Mortar Battery fired 4242 rounds at 863 targets.

(3) Observed missions - 00
 Unobserved missions - 782
 HE - 5792
 ILL - 355
 WP - 12

c. "X" Platoon, Provisional Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines

(1) Types of fire support employed; illuminating fires and fires on targets of opportunity.

(2) "X" Platoon fired a total of 20 rounds at two (2) targets.

d. Naval Gunfire

(1) During December, the USS Oklahoma City, H.B. Wilson, and Turner Joy were on station for 1/26.

(2) The USS Oklahoma City fired 1114 rounds in 21 missions and H.B. Wilson and Turner Joy fired a combined total of 51 rounds in 13 missions.

e. 81mm Mortar Platoon

(1) Types of missions: prep fires, harrassing and interdicting fires, illuminating fires, and fires on targets of opportunity.

(2) 81mm Mortar Platoon fired a total of 1601 rounds at 203 targets during December.

(3) HE - 967
 WP - 8
 ILL - 626

f. General Support Artillery

(1) 155mm Battery, K Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines fired a total of 60 cofram rounds and two (2) WP rounds for 1/26 in one combat fire mission on 19 December 1969.

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5. AIR SUPPORT

a. Units. All direct air support was provided by the 1st MAW.

b. Missions

(1) Resupply - 8 missions

(2) Close Air Support

(a) Number of missions - eight (8) Flts.

(b) Types of ordnance:

35-500 lb. bombs
24-500 lb. bombs (Snake)
23-500 lb. NAPALM
20mm and 2.75" rockets
Total Drop - 22 tons.

(3) TPO Requested - Five (5) Flts.

(4) Beacon Missions - Five (5) Flts. dropping 300-500 lb. bombs (Snake), total drop of 27 tons.

(5) Flare Support - One (1) mission dropping a total of 36 flares.

(6) Observation - Four (4) missions requested. AOs flying in area were used numerous times without request.

(7) Medevac - Seven (7) Medevac missions.

(8) Troop Lifts - One (1) two (2) company lift. Four (4) one (1) company lifts.

c. Significant Events. A detainee was captured as direct result of AO flying in area and directing ground forces to enemy. After several delays due to weather, a two (2) company-lift was completed without delay. Including TPOs, a total of 52 tons of ordnance was dropped in our AO by the 1st MAW.

6. PERSONNELa. Combat Losses

WIA	OFF	ENL
EVAC	0	3
MINOR	0	2
KIA	OFF	ENL
	0	0

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MIA	OFF	ENL
	0	0

b. Non-Combat Losses

Injured	OFF	ENL
EVAC	0	3
MINOR	0	2
Killed		1

c. WAs Returned to Duty • 2

d. R&R Trips • 110

e. Personnel Rotated (PCS) • 145

f. Replacements Received • 33

7. ADMINISTRATION

a. Personnel Account**

No significant events took place since the last reporting period.

b. Awards

3 Bronze Star Medals
1 Naval Commendation Medal
2 Naval Achievement Medals
1 Purple Heart
2 Meritorious Mast

c. Promotions

1st Lt.	-1
E-7	-1
E-5	-5
E-4	-3 (Merit)
E-4	-4
E-3	-1 (Merit)
E-3	-100
E-2	-13

d. Significant Events

No significant events transpired other than those mentioned above.

8. LOGISTICS

- a. Supply/Resupply. During the month of December the policy of force reeding was continued. This enabled the letter companies to maintain at least a three (3) day reserve of Class I, III, and V items, while Hill 10 maintained a twelve day reserve of the same. Company C carried with them on their operations a sufficient amount of long range rations for three (3) days and a three (3) day supply of ammunition. They were resupplied by air. During this period the two (2) M116A1 Amphibious Vehicles were used to a great extent for resupply due to the positions of the using unit(s).
- b. Food/Water. The battalion messhalls, Hill 41, Fire Support Base SIX SHOOTER, and Hill 10 were utilized by letter companies when applicable. While in the field the letter companies were issued MCIs, juice, chocolate milk, long range patrol rations, and SP packs. On December 25th all troops were feted to the holiday menu. At the Hill 41 position the company is presently subsisting with the water provided by the Regimental water tanker. Because of a breakdown of this tanker in the early part of this month, this battalion was granted a special allowance of six (6) M149 water trailers from 11th Motors to resupply Hill 41. An engineer request has been approved by Division for a water point to be constructed at Hill 41.
- c. Maintenance. 1st Force Service Regiment provides this unit with the necessary support in repairing combat essential equipment. Equipment on deadline for that echelon of repair has been repaired or replaced within a reasonable amount of time. Due to the inability to obtain sufficient motor transport parts at our echelon, motor vehicles have been deadlined on a NORS basis. However, due to continuous turn in and pick up this battalion has remained on a C-1 state of operational readiness.
- d. Embarkation. A Unit Cargo Manifest for all sections has been submitted and is presently being coded. Each unit cargo manifest has been checked against the boxes it represents to insure that the box is correctly marked with the information shown and that the box contains the listed items.
- e. Camp Facilities Development. This battalion has engineer requests submitted for the renovation of SEA huts on Hill 10, for the building of three (3) ordnance bunkers, and one (1) command bunker at Hill 10. As a result of our increasing need for potable water, the battalion has requested the construction of a water point for Hill 41 which would effectively supply all their water needs. Engineer requests have also been submitted to complete a series of minor repairs on the plumbing system and to erect an observation tower at Hill 10.

One (1) command bunker has been constructed at Fire Support Base SIX SMOOTHER with material from 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines. It has been requested that 7th Engineer Battalion construct a lighting system to consist of fifteen (15) "See-Mor" mercury vapor lights with five (5) back up lights on Hill 10. This battalion has engineer requests submitted for the construction of a SEA hut at CAP headquarters in Hieu Duc. Upon completion, the Hieu Duc District project will contain a small aid station and quarters for two (2) corpsmen. A request has already been submitted and approved for the construction of a lighting system of "See-Mor" lights on Hill 11. Currently being built is a series of twenty-three (23) two-man fighting bunkers on Hill 10.

f. Significant Events. None

9. NEW TECHNIQUES. There was nothing significant to report during this period.

10. TRAINING

a. A total of (29) personnel attended formal schools, as follows:

- (1) WFO Leadership School - 1 - DaNang, RVN.
- (2) Basic Infantry Weapons Repair - 2 - Camp Hansen, Okinawa.
- (3) Basic Ammo Tech Course - 2 - Camp Hansen, Okinawa.
- (4) XM-191 Multi-Shot Portable Flame Weapon School - 8 - DaNang, RVN.
- (5) Kit Carson Scout Orientation Course - 1 - DaNang, RVN.
- (6) Landmine Warfare Booby Trap School - 14 - DaNang, RVN.

b. The above is in addition to the weekly training schedule which is being conducted on Company level. A total of 3,144 handouts were distributed to the Companies.

c. On 17 December SSgt. MORRISON, the Bn. radio chief conducted classes on the AN/PRC-77/KY-38 System. All personnel attending were required to have at least a confidential clearance; 135 personnel attended.

11. CIVIL ACTION/PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

a. MedCaps

- (1) A total of 387 persons were treated during MedCaps conducted as stated below:

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(a) Tuy Loan (944701)

(1) A total of 192 people were treated; 105 male and 87 females, 91 under 13 and 111 over 13.

(b) Goc Cha (944664)

(1) A total of 85 people were treated; 53 males and 32 females, 43 under 13 and 42 over 13.

(c) Huon Son (940674)

(1) A total of 103 people were treated; 53 males and 50 females, 41 under 13 and 62 over 13.

(d) MAS (4111 10)

(1) A total of 17 people were treated; 13 males and 4 females, 10 under 13 and 7 over 13.

b. Solatium Payments/SIR's/Claims

(1) The following Solatium Payments/SIR's/Claims were submitted for the month of December:

(a) Solatium Payment was made to Luu Van Thu in the sum of 500 \$VN for minor ~~fracture~~ wounds ~~received when fired~~ upon by members of this battalion.

(b) Solatium Payment was made to Pham Be in the sum of 500 \$VN for minor wounds received on his feet when fired upon by members of this battalion.

(c) Solatium Payment was made to Tran Canh Thai in the sum of 1500 \$VN for a chest wound suffered when fired upon by members of this battalion.

(d) Solatium Payment was made to Miss Nguyen Thi Cuc in the sum of 4000 \$VN for her brother Nguyen Cuc who was accidentally shot and killed by members of this battalion.

(e) Solatium Payment was made to Mrs. Tan Thi Dang in the sum of 4000 \$VN for her husband Nguyen So who was accidentally shot and killed by members of this battalion.

(f) Solatium Payment was made to Le Tri in the sum of 1000 \$VN for a haystack accidentally destroyed by small arms fire from an unknown source.

(g) SIR was submitted on Le Phoi and Le Thanh who received fractures when a M-79 round was detonated by a Marine.

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- (h) SIR was submitted on (a) through (f) above when members of Company D this battalion accidentally fired upon a group of 20 Vietnamese military personnel.

c. Leaflet Drops/Tapes

- (1) Thirty-one (31) leaflet drops were requested in this unit's TAOR. Due to inclement weather, aircraft maintenance and combat operations only six (6) were made this month.
- (2) No tapes were made in this unit's TAOR during December.

d. Projects Underway and Supplies Distributed

- (1) The school in Goc Kha (944664) is in the process of being repaired; now awaiting receipt of supplies.
- (2) Armory in Tuy Loan (944701) is being built.
- (3) A total of 63,000 \$VN was paid to local civilians for work done in accordance with the Local Daily Hire Program.
- (4) One hundred (100) ammo boxes were delivered to the school at Duong Lam (949698) for the building of desks for the school.
- (5) Ten (10) bags of cement were taken to Tuy Loan (944701) to repair the bridge leading into the hamlet.
- (6) Two hundred and thirty-three (233) ammo boxes were delivered to Huong Son (940674) to help the people rebuild their homes. More will be delivered as they become available until the hamlet is rebuilt.
- (7) Fifty (50) ammo boxes were delivered to the school at Tuy Loan (944701) for the building of desks for the school.
- (8) Five (5) sheets of plywood were delivered to Phuoc Thoi (931716) for construction of chicken coops.

e. Projects Planned

- (1) Plan to make a dump to be used by the Vietnamese in the vicinity of coord 932689. District Chief has already consented to the making of the dump.
- (2) Plan to start a rabbit project in An Tan (926704). The request for rabbits has been submitted.

- (3) Plan to repair small bridge going into Tuy Loan (944701). Bridge badly in need of repairs. Supplies available, now awaiting favorable weather to lay cement.
- (4) Plan to repair well in Phu Son hamlet (957662). Supplies available, now awaiting favorable weather to lay cement.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Radio

- (1) On 0800 17 December all companies possessed the capability for covered communications on Battalion TAC Net. AT the same time, the Regimental TAC Net was fully activated for covered communications utilizing a KYB-6 and RT-524.
- (2) From 4 to 7 December two (2) radio operators and a supervisor were members of a two company operation. Radio communications with the Battalion OP was maintained utilizing a spare frequency requested and received from 26th Marine Regiment.
- (3) On 14 December frequencies and call signs were switched. An immediate frequency interference problem was uncovered, but rectified by exchanging three (3) separate frequencies within 26th Marine units.

b. Radio Relay

- (1) Regimental headquarters continued to support 1/26 with a Radio Relay Team. Two (2) common user lines, as well as a COC/FSCC to COC/FSCC hotline were operated from the Battalion to Regiment. Occasional alignment difficulties were encountered but swiftly corrected.

c. Wire

- (1) Continuing progress was made in Hill 10 wire system improvements. As new bunkers were constructed on the perimeter, new lines were laid to them and overheaded.
- (2) A line from Hill 10 to Hill 41 was completed on 1 December and remained in tact until 24 December. A section was cut by unknown indigenous personnel. The line was down until 27 December when the trouble was located and corrected.
- (3) A line was laid from Fire Support Base Six Shooter to the Regimental switchboard. This made it possible to call Company A on land line by going through 26th Marine Switchboard. A direct line is not feasible.

- d. Maintenance and Supply. 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance are being

performed at Hill 10. Battery supply was transferred from Battalion Supply to Communications Section Supply. It is hoped that tighter control can be placed on battery usage and issue. Communication supply continued to improve as requisitions are being filled.

- e. Significant Events. On 8 December a courtesy Division LTI was given to the Communication Section. Numerous weak areas were pointed out and are being corrected. The inspection was critical but helpful. On 27 December a limited Regimental LTI was conducted and a marked improvement noted.

13. MEDICAL/DENTAL SUPPORT

a. Medical

- (1) Location of the BAS: 1 December 1969 to 31 December 1969 (Hill 10)
- (2) Number of Doctors/Corpsmen: 2 Doctors; 48 Corpsmen
- (3) Casualties/injuries treated:
 - (a) Combat: 2
 - (b) Non-Combat: 846

b. Dental

- (1) Location of Dental Clinic: 1 December 1969 to 31 December 1969 (Hill 10)
- (2) Number of personnel treated: 169

14. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

a. Personnel

- (1) LCDR T.E. EDWARDS, CHC, USNR 645368
- (2) Cpl R.D. ROWSEY, 2291218, USMC
- (3) LCpl T.V. WISON, 2421863, USMC

b. Services Conducted

- (1) Protestant
 - (a) Sunday 16; attend: 181
 - (b) Weekday 8; attend: 159
- (2) Roman Catholic
 - (a) Sunday 8; attend: 79
 - (b) Weekday 15; attend: 62

c. Facilities

- (1) The chapel on Hill 10 is presently being rebuilt. Estimated date of completion uncertain at this time due to the inclement weather.

d. Significant Events

- (1) The Battalion Chaplain conducted special Christmas services for all units of the 1st Battalion, 26th Marines as well as units of 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines. He also took Red Cross grills to several CAP units in 1/26's TAOR as well as to Cobb Bridge, Hill 41 and Hill 10.
- (2) The Chaplain brought 19 large mail bags filled with Christmas presents to be distributed to all Rifle Companies.
- (3) The Chaplain assisted in arranging for a Christmas party for the children of Hieu Duc District.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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TAB 1 UNIT JOURNAL

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1st Bn. 26th Mar.

DaNang, RVN

010001H December 1969

012400H December 1969

In	Out	Ser No	Date	Time	Information
011305H	011305H	1	011145H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-3-3 B. 011145H C. (a) 913682 (b) 913682 D. Search patrol found old family type bunker with bamboo lined walls and cement floors. Also found a water proof covering. E. Bunker was searched and probed thoroughly and cement floor was cracked open. Results: Negative. F-M Negative.
011600H	011600H	2	011511H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co A-1-1 B. 011511H C. 902711 D. Found M-26 type boobytrap with trip wire extending across trail. E. Device was blown in place. F-M Negative.
012005H	012005H	3	011830H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. BAS B. 011830H C. 915690 D. Reference to 281430H cerebral hemorrhaging from previous fall. E. Emergency medevac to NSA completed. F-M Negative.
012015H	012015H	4	011935H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 011935H C. (a) 915690 (b) 906703, 907704 D. BPS had 14 activations on Box (15) and six (6) activations on Box (16). E. Fired three (3) rounds 81mm HE and swept in AM, results: Negative. F-M Negative.
012050H	012050H	5	012040H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. CAP 213 B. 012040H C. (a) 935699 (b) 935697 D. Spotted two (2) VC at grid 935697 moving from SE to NW E. Opened fire with M-79 and M-16. Negative return fire. VC fled South. Swept area, results: Negative. F-M Negative.
010330H	020325H	6	012113H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 012040H C. (a) 924690 (b) 908699 D. BPS had 13 activations on Box (12). E. Negative fire due to close proximity of friendlies. Friendlies were notified. Sweep was conducted, results: Negative. F-M Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:

Patrol found bunker and water proof covering. Bunker was probed and destroyed. Patrol found M-26 type boobytrap with trip wire extending across trail. Device was blown. Medevac to NSA completed of victim with cerebral hemorrhage from previous fall. BPS had 14 activations on Box 15 and six (6) activations on Box 16. Fired three (3) rounds 81mm HE. Area swept in AM, results Negative. Two (2) VC were spotted moving from SE to NW at grid 935697. Opened fire with M-79 and M-16 and VC fled. Swept area results: Negative. BPS had 13 activations on Box 12. Negative fire due to close proximity of friendlies. Friendlies were notified.

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020001H December 69
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In	Out	Ser No	Date	Time	Information
021220H	021220H	1	021125H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 3-2 B. 021125H C. 924676 D. Patrol found one (1) claymore without wire of detonating device and one (1) 60mm mortar round. E. Company D 3 dispatched fire team and destroyed claymore and mortar round with C-4. F-M Negative.
021930H	021950H	2	021220H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 3-2 B. 021220H C. (a) 926685 (b) 926685 D. Patrol found a reinforced bunker, partially above ground located in Banana grove. E. Bunker was throughly probed and was destroyed. F-M Negative
021950H	021950H	3	021950H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D B. 021950H C. (a) 920690 (b) 916686 D. BPS had eight (8) activations on Box 13 north. E. Fired three (3) rounds 60mm mortar HE, swept area, results: Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: Patrol found one (1) claymore without wire detonating device and one (1) 60mm Mortar round. Claymore round were destroyed. Reinforced bunker found in banana grove. Bunker was throughly probed and destroyed. BPS had eight (8) activations on Box (13) north. Fired three (3) rounds 60mm mortar HE. Swept area, results: Negative.

PLANS FOR 3 December 1969. Continue with present mission.

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030001H, December 1969
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In	Out	No	Group	Information
030015H	030045H	1	030008H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. MF B. 030008H C. (a) 925690 (b) 916691 D. BPS had ten (10) activations on Box (3). E. Fired one (1) 106 round and three (3) tank rounds. Swept in AM- results: negative. F-M. Negative.
030315H	030325H	2	030310H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. MF B. 030310H C. (a) 925690 (b) 916691 D. BPS had 34 activations on Box (3) E Fired two (2) 90mm tank beehive rounds. Swept in AM. Results: negative. F-M. Negative.
031700H	031720H	3	031400H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co I B. 031400H C. (a) 945707 (b) 950705 D. Two (2) VN brought four (4) B-40 rockets which were found in rice paddy. E. Paid 4800 \$ VN and turned rockets into S-2. F-M. Negative.
031900H	031927H	4	031515H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. PRU Hieu Duc B. 031515H C. (a) 953675 (b) 953675 D. Found two (2) bunkers containing two (2) VC females and one (1) SKS, two (2) AK-47's, 6000 rounds of AK ammo five (5) M-16 magazines with ammo, nine (9) B-40 rockets rounds with fuses and two (2) wooden AK-47 stocks. E. Bunkers blown and POW's taken to Hoi An. F-I. Negative J. Two (2) VC females K. Negative L. One (1) SKS and two (2) AK-47's M. 6000 rounds AK ammo, five (5) M-16 magazines with ammo, nine (9) B-40 rocket rounds with fuses and two (2) wooden AK-47 stocks.
040100H	040135H	5	032100H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. AF-2 B. 032100H C. (a) 918717 (b) 918717 D. One (1) old VN male was spotted moving around on rice paddy dike, approximately 25 meters from hootch area. Observed signal light from hootch. E. After observing movement for 25 minutes, opened fire on man resulting in one (1) VN male KIA, one (1) VN female WIA and one (1) VN child. VN female and child were caught in line of fire, VN female - medevaced - emergency. F. One (1) VN male G. One (1) VN female - emergency and one (1) VN child - minor. H-M. Negative.
040800H	041045H	6	032300H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. AF-7 B. 032300H C. (a) 929707 (b) 930707 D. Spotted two (2) VC E. Opened fire with M-16, M-60 and M-79. VC entered tree line at 929708. Reconned area with negative results. Swept area in AM - results: negative. F-M. Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BPS had ten (10) activations on Box (3). Fired one (1) 106 round and three (3) tank rounds. Results: negative. BPS had 34 activations on Box (3). Fired two (2) 90mm tank rounds, results: negative. Two (2) VN brought four (4) B-40 rockets. Paid 4800 \$ VN and turned into S-2. Found two (2) bunkers containing two (2) VC females, one (1) SKS, two AK-47's and 6000 rounds of AK ammo, five (5) M-16 magazines with ammo. nine (9) B-40 rocket rounds with fuses and two (2) wooden AK-47 stocks. Bunkers were blown and POW's taken to Hoi An. One VN male spotted moving near paddy dike. After observing for 25 Minutes, opened fire, resulting in one (1) VN male KIA, one (1) VN female WIA and one (1) VN child WIA. VN female was medevaced - classified emergency. VN female and child were caught in the line of fire. Two (2) VC were spotted. Opened fire with M-16, M-60

and M-79. Swept area, with negative results.

PLANS FOR 4 December. Continue with present mission.

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 040001H, December 1969
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In	OUT	Ser No	Date	Time	Information
041200H	041220H	1	041130H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. AF-P153 B. 041130H C. (a) (b) 935693 D. A corpsman from Hieu Duc District Hq. come upon a PF being transported to Hill 10 BAS by vehicle. PF had multiple chest, stomach, leg and arm fragmentation wounds. Received wounds from enemy CHICOM booby trap. E. PF brought to BAS Hill 10 for emergency treatment. Medevaced to 1st Med. Bn.- condition: serious. F. Negative G. One (1) H-M. Negative.
041450H	041454	2	041230H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. D-6 B. 041230H C. 934663 D. D-6 purchased four (4) CHICOM grenades from local ville children for 1200 \$ VN. E. CHICOMs were destroyed. F-M. Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: PF with multiple fragmentation wounds was transported to BAS Hill 10 by vehicle for emergency treatment. Later was medevaced to 1st Bn. Med. - condition- serious. D-6 purchased four (4) CHICOM grenades from local ville children for 1200 \$ VN. CHICOMs WERE DESTROYED.

PLANS FOR 5 December. Continue with present mission.

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050001H, Dec. 1969
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In	Out	Ser No	Date	Time	Information
051140H	051145H	1	051115H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co AF B. 051115H C. 937795 D. An RF was shot in the head by another RF. Details unknown at this time. E. Will be medevaced by helicopter - priority. F. Negative. G. One (1) H-M. Negative.
051200H	051207H	2	050955H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. A-2 B. 050955H C. 905717 D. Two (2) 60mm dud rounds were given to A-2 by two (2) VN. No charge. Rounds were blown. F-M. Negative.
051700H	051730H	3	051620H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co C-2 B. 051620H C. 864674 D. Marine developed 104° fever. E. Medevaced by helicopter. Complete at 051715H. F-M. Negative.
051917H	051945H	4	051430H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. MF I-2 B. 051430H C. Cobb Bridge D. Received 16 CHICOMS - friction detonators from VN boy. E. Paid 800 \$ VN for CHICOMS. Searched area at grid 958708-results: Negative. F-M. Negative.
051917H	052035H	5	051745H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co I 2/S-2 B. 051745H C. Cobb Bridge D. Received four (4) B-40 rockets from VN male. Rockets found around river. E. Paid 3200 \$ VN for rockets. F-M. Negative.
052000H	052003H	6	051945H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co I-2 B. 051945H C. (a) 946699 (b) 946699 D. Lights are out on Cobb Bridge. E. Requested assistance from Co C 7th engineers. Fired 60mm and 81mm illumination. Illumination is sufficient - will keep 26th Marines advised. Lights returned at 052010H. F-M. Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: One (1) PF was shot in the head by another PF. Details are still unknown. Will be medevaced by helicopter - priority. Two (2) 60mm dud rounds were given to A-2 by two (2) VN, no charge. Rounds were blown. Marine developed 104° fever. Medevac completed by helicopter. Co I-2 received four (4) B-40 rockets, from VN male. Rockets were found around river. Paid 3200 \$ VN for rockets. Lights are out at Cobb Bridge. Requested assistance from Company C 7th Engineers. Fired 60mm and 81mm illumination rounds. Sufficient till lights returned at 052010H.

PLANS FOR 6 December. Continue with present mission.

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DaNang, RVN
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In	Out	Ser No	Date	Time	Group	Information
060640H	060655H	1	060640H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-2 B. 060640H C. (a) 935664 (b) 912682 D. Co D-2 spotted three (3) VN personnel running into a tree line at grid 912682. E. Fired 60 mm mortar rounds on grid. Will sweep in AM. F-M. Negative.
070720H	070730H	2	062130H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A M-3-1 B. 062130H C. (a) 920706 (b) 920706 D. Spotted one (1) VC/NVA approximately ten (10) meters from position. E. Fired upon enemy. Swept area in AM and found one (1) AK-47 in poor condition, one (1) AK-47 magazine and twelve (12) AK rounds. F-K Negative. L. One (1) AK-47, one (1) AK magazine and twelve (12) AK rounds. M. Negative.
061925H	061930H	3	061845H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. M-1-3 B. 061845H C. (a) 908699 (b) 908699 D. Co M-1-3 spotted two (2) enemy moving east. Opened fire with small arms. Auto-fire was returned. Swept area in AM- results: one (1) blood trail. F-M. Negative.
061120H	061145H	4	061120H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-2-1 B. 061100H C. 839693 D. B-2-1 found trail which lead to Hill 995. Found six (6) 82mm rounds, empty cigarette packs, and chow cans. E. Checked out entire area - results: negative F-L Negative. M. Six (6) 82mm rounds.
061145H	061220H	5	061145H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. MFI-2 B. 061145H C. 945706 D. Rice truck 6 x 6 lost control and ran off bridge. Damaged railing and one (1) light. E. Truck is out of water, one (1) occupant of truck taken to 1st Med. F-M. Negative.
061150H	061200H	6	061140H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co A-2 B. 061140H C. 922737 D. Patrol saw elderly VN who ran from them. E. Woman was picked up and taken to SIXSHOOTER and interrogated by S-2 interpreters. No information obtained and no I.D. on woman. F-M. Negative.
061200H	061300H	7	061130H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Sly Fox B. 061130H C. (a) 844697 (b) 844693 D. Snipers saw three (3) NVA on ridge line carrying two (2) SKS's and one (1) AK-47. E. Opened fire, hitting one (1). Search area found drag marks leading over ridge line. F-H. Negative. I. One (1) NVA probable J-M. Negative.
061405H	061425H	8	060640H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-3-2 B. 060640H C. N/A D. Co D-2 spotted three (3) VC with weapons running at grid 914672 moving NW. E. Fired 15 60mm HE rounds. Sweep was made immediately. Found one (1) bunker and probed, results: negative, bunker top was caved in. Two (2) 60mm illumination rounds, one (1) 81mm HE round, one (1) homemade booby trap. Suspected mortar site found at grid 915675. Trap was blown in place. F-K. Negative. L. One (1) 81mm, one (1) 60mm and one (1) booby trap. M. Negative.
061605H	061629H	9	061500H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co C-1 B. 061500H C. (a) 842665 (b) 842665 D. Found cave one (1) NVA cartridge belt, shirt, shower shoe, and pieces of plastic with indigions writing. E. Probed cave thoroughly, articles will be brought in. Cave was blown. F-M Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: Three (3) VN were spotted running into tree line. Fired 60mm mortar rounds with negative results. Spotted one (1) VN/NVA, opened fire and swept area. Found one (1) AK-47, one (1) AK-47 magazine and twelve rounds. Spotted two (2)

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enemy, opened fire with small arms. Received auto-fire in return. Swept area and found blood trail. Found trail which led to Hill 995. Found six (6) 82mm rounds. Rice truck ran off bridge, damaging railroad one (1) light. One (1) of occupants was taken to 1st Med. Patrol brought in one (1) elderly; VN female who ran away from them. Female was interrogated, but no information was obtained. Female did not have I.D. card. Sniper opened fire on three (3) NVA, hitting one (1). Searched area, finding drag marks leading over ridge line. Three (3) VC with weapons were spotted running. Fired 15 60mm HE rounds. Swept area and found: one (1) bunker, two (2) 60mm illumination rounds, one (1) 81mm HE round, and one (1) home-made booby trap. Also a suspected mortar site was found at grid 915675. Bunker was probed and caved in.

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070150H	070210H	1	070100H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D B. 070100H C. (a) 935664 (b) 930664 D. Received six (6) BPS activations on Box 33. E. Results: negative, time lapse too long for 60mm. F-M. Negative.
071440H	071500H	2	070130H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-3-2 B. 070130H C/ 9065 D. Ambush spotted something like a shooting star. Two (2) minutes later spotted another heading in the same direction southwest to northeast. E. Got more men and searched area at 070900H. Results: negative. F-M. Negative.
070220H	070230H	3	070140H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-3-2 B. 070140H C. (a) 922668 (b) Finger on Charlie Ridge 1100 meters south of friendly position. 26th Regiment asked if we had seen any rocket flashes. D-3-2 reported seeing flashes. E. From the impact of the rockets at grid BT 065740, of the report by D 3-2 the launch site was located. The grids 9065 and 8965. Calling in artillery. Swept area in AM. Results: Negative. F-M Negative.
072020H	072030H	5	071000H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-1 B. 071000H C. (a) 945707 (b) 953708 D. Paid 600 \$ VN for eight (8) friction fuses and a CHICOM grenade. E. CHICOM was blown. F-L Negative. M. Eight (8) friction fuses.
071530H	071545H	6	071200H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co A 3-3 B. 071200H C. 895714 D. Found dud Naval Gunfire round about three (3) feet long and eight (8) inches in diameter. E. Blown in place. F-M Negative.
072233H	072305H	7	072035H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Anti-Freeze 5H B. 072035H C. (a) 948674 (b) 948676 D. Spotted three (3) enemy. E. Opened fire with small arms. Enemy fled to the NE. Swept area results: Negative F-M Negative.
072130H	072305H	8	072110H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D B. 072110H C. (a) 934663 (b) 930664 D. BPS had seven (7) activations on Box 33. E. Fired 60 mm's. Scanned area with starlight scope, and swept area, results: Negative.
072230H	072305H	9	072020H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Anti-Freeze 3 B. 072020H C. (a) 935705 (b) 933705 D. Spotted two (2) enemy. E. Opened fire with small arms. Enemy fled to the east. Swept area then, and again at 081500H, results: Negative. F-M Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIOD ACTION: BPS had 13 activations on Box 33. Fired 60mm mortars, results: Negative. Company D 3-2 spotted two (2) rocket flashes called in artillery HE. Swept area, results: Negative. A Marine from Anti-Freeze 8 suffered minor wound while destroying bunkers. Anti-Freeze 3 spotted three (3) enemy at grid 933705. Opened fire with small arms. Swept area, results:

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negative. Anti-Freeze-5M spotted two (2) enemy. Opened fire with small arms. Swept area, results: negative.

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080010H	080010H	1	080010H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co H&S B. 080010H C. (a) 923690 (b) 916694 D. Between the time period 080010H and 080435H, box 5 received 42 activations. E. Fired 81mm mortars twice. At 081500H swept area, results: negative. F-M. Negative.
080125H	080130H	2	080125H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co H&S B. 080125H C. (a) 926690 (b) 912695 D. Received six (6) activations on BPS Box 8. E. No action taken because of friendly activity in the area. F-M. Negative.
081221H	081213H	3	081200H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. C. C-2-3 B. 081200H C. 900706 D. Found a NVA/VC body floating beside bank. E. Checked out body thoroughly, found to be badly burned. Been dead approximately one (1) to three (3) days. Checked out area, results: negative. F-M. Negative I. One (1) NVA/VC J-M. Negative.
081450H	081528H	4	081430H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-1 B. 081430H C. (a) 944706 (b) 937704 D. A VN boy brought in one (1) CHICOM grenade. E. Paid 300 \$ VN. Engineers blew CHICOM. F-M. Negative.
082122H	082122H	5	082110H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co H&S B. 082110H C. (a) 923690 (b) 916690 D. BPS Box 2 had three (3) different activations of 24, 11, and 10. E. Fired 90mm's and 81's, swept area, results: negative. F-M. Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BPS Box 5 had 42 activations. Fired 81's swept area - results: negative. BPS Box 8 had six (6) activations. Notified friendly activity in the area. Company C 2-3 found a NVA/VC body floating beside the bank at grid AT 900706. Body was badly burned. Checked out area - results: negative. BPS Box 2 had 45 activations. Fired 90mm and 81's, swept area, results: Negative.

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090353H	090355H	1	090350H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co H&S B. 090350H C. (a) 923690 (b) 906707 D. Received six (6) activations on Box 21. E. Informed friendly activity in that area. F-M. Negative.
090425H	090426H	2	090420H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co H&S B. 090420H C. (a) 923690 (b) 916695 D. Received eight (8) activations on Box 5. E. Fired 81's and swept area with negative results. F-M. Negative.
091000H	091025H	3	090950H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-1 B. 090950H C. 946700 D. Spotted one (1) VN body floating in the river E. Fired one (1) round M-16 at it. Body had been dead for about a week. Died from gun shot wounds. F-M. Negative.
091715H	100058H	4	091300H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Anti-Freeze-6 B. 091300H C. (a) 905765 (b) N/A D. Observed one (1) WP round land 50 meters to the south of their position. E. While checking out the area, received 10 to 12 105 HE rounds, resulting in one (1) PF and two (2) VN civilians medevaced. Two (2) Marines received slight wounds. Source of rounds unknown. Matter under investigation by CO. F. Negative. G. One (1) PF and two (2) Marines, minor, H-M. Negative.
092340H	092345H	5	092230H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-1-3 B. 092230H C. 935649 D. Heard movement 50 meters west of these positions. Movement became stationary E. Fired 60mm illumination and swept area. Spotted enemy moving west. Called in 81's on the enemy. Results of sweep were negative. F-M. Negative.
092035H	092037H	6	092028H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co H&S B. 092028H C. (a) 923690 (b) 916694 D. BPS Box 5 had 25 activations, between the times 092028H and 092350H. Fired 81's and 90's. AT 100830H swept area around BPS Box 5 and found a spider hole that developed into a tunnel. Searched tunnel finding a 5 inch 38 NGF round, and tunnel. Both were destroyed. F-M. Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BPS had a total of 12 activations on Box 21 and Box 5. Fired 81's on Box 5 and informed friendly activity at Box 21 area. Company B-1 spotted a body floating in the river. Body was retrieved by PF unit. Company D-1-3 heard movement to the west of their position. Fired 60mm illumination and swept area, saw enemy moving west. Called in 81's on the enemy. Reswept in AM results: negative. BPS Box 5 had 25 activations, fired 81's, 90's and swept area, found tunnel and a NGF round. Both were blown.

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100115H	100120H	1	100110H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co H&S B. 100110H C. (a) 923690 (b) 916694 D. BPS Box 5 had a total of 32 activations on four (4) different readouts, of eight (8) activations each. E. Fired a total of 35 rounds of 81mm mortar HE. Ground Surveillance believes Box 5 is a faulty box. F-M. Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTIONS: BPS Box 5 had a total of 32 activations. Fired a total of 35 rounds of HE 81mm mortars. Ground Surveillance believes Box 5 is a faulty box. Repair of BPS is underway.

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110145H	110155H	1	110015H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Anti-Freeze 214 B. 110015H C. (a) 953690 (b) 949691 D. Spotted seven (7) VC. E. Opened fire with M-60 and small arms. Swept area under illumination, results: negative. F-M. Negative.
111440H	111530H	2	111130H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-2 B. 111130H C. 925674 D. Found tunnel with a bunker on each end. Tunnel was searched and found twelve (12) AK rounds, four (4) AK-2 boosters with Russian markings, one (1) U.S. carbine stock, two (2) CHICOMs, one (1) B-40 booster and one (1) AK barrel and firing mechanism. Kept one (1) of each item, except carbine stock and destroyed the bunker and remainder of items. F-M. Negative.
111330H	111345H	3	111250H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. AF B. 111250H C. 905765 D. Reference DTG 091300H. E. Investigation shows that requested fire mission on ten (10) VC in 8782 area. Rounds were to be made change seven (7) but were made change two (2), causing them to fall approximately 7000 meters short. When FO failed to observe WP round, he called for HE instead of repeat on spotter round. F. Negative. G. Two (2) VC, one (1) PF, two (2) USMC H-M. Negative.
111730H	111730H	4	111430H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-3-1 B. 111430H C. 927703 D. Found two (2) CHICOMs, one (1) crudely made and one (1) manufactured, also one (1) wallet, old clothes, unrecognizable papers and a battle dressing. E. Blew one (1) CHICOM in place, gave other CHICOM to CAC unit, papers will be turned into S-2. F. Negative. G. One (1) non-evac H-K. Negative L. Negative. M. Papers.
111700H	111800H	5	111600H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-2-1 B. 111600H C. 911663 D. Co D-2-1 searched area at grid 911663 for possible rocket site. Found one (1) CHICOM and was taken back to D-2 position and blown, left NVA pack there, it was unserviceable. F-M. Negative.
112045H	112132H	6	112005H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-3-3 B. 112005H C. (a) 930665 (b) 928665 D. While moving to ambush site, spotted movement W. of barrier. Fired three (3) rounds 90mm. Area was checked visually under illumination, two (2) people were spotted moving NW. E. Swept area in AM.-results: negative. F-M. Negative.
112050H	112132H	7	112030H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-3-3 B. 112030H C. (a) 930657 (b) 929668 D. While moving to ambush site spotted movement to their west. Unable to observe direction of movement. Area was checked out with neonlight and illumination. Fired 60mm checked in AM.-results: negative. F-M. Negative.
112237H	112325H	8	112115H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-2 B. 112115H C. (a) 922672 (b) 928664 D. Had 160 activations on BPS Box 10 S. E. Fired ten (10) rounds 60mm HE. Checked area with neon light - results: negative. Area was swept in AM- results: negative. F-M. Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: Anti-Freeze 214, spotted seven (7) VC, opened fire with M 60, results: negative. Co D-2 found tunnel with a bunker at each end. Probed tunnel and found twelve (12) AK-47 rounds, four (4) AK-2 boosters with Russian markings, two (2) CHICOMs, one (1) B-40 booster, one (1) AK-47 barrel and fir-

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ing mechanism, one (1) U.S. carbine stock, kept one (1) of each items and stock. Destroyed bunker and other merchandise. Investigation shows that 3/1 requested a fire mission on ten (10) VC in 8782 area. Rounds were to be made change seven (7) but were made change two (2) causing them to fall short. Two (2) friendly VN WIA's. Found two (2) CHICOMs, one (1) crudely made and one (1) manufactured, also one (1) wallet, old clothes and papers and a battle dressing. One (1) CHICOM blown, the other was given to CAC Unit, papers will be turned into S-2. Co D-2-1 found miscellaneous enemy gear - one (1) CHICOM and NVA pack. BPS Box 10 had 160 activations, fired ten (10) rounds 60mm HE. Area was swept in AM. Results of sweep were negative.

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120100H	120250H	1	120015H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. AF-4 B. 120015H C. (a) 943693 (b) 942695 D. While sitting in ambush position, spotted eight (8) enemy. E. Initiated fire and enemy fled west. Swept in AM - results: negative. F-H. Negative. I. Two (2) VCI and three (3) NVA KIA's. J. One NVA. K-M. Negative.
120030H	120053H	2	120025H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co H&S B. 120025H C. (a) 914694 (b) 916694 D. BPS had eight (8) activations on Box 5 E. Negative fire due to close proximity of friendlies. Friendlies were notified. F-M. Negative.
120208H	120215H	3	120040H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-1-3 B. 120040H C. (a) 936675 (b) 936675 D. D-1-3 spotted two (2) or three (3) enemy. E. Opened fire and swept area. While on sweep received AK fire from tree lines N. and S. of their position. Reactionary squad sent to assist in sweep. Ambush was reset and reactionary squad secured. Swept in AM - results: negative. F-M. Negative.
120130H	120137H	4	120110H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-3-1 B. 120110H C. (a) 924699 (b) 924702 D. Spotted four (4) personnel moving into ville wearing packs. E. Opened fire with small arms, and swept under illumination. Swept in AM - results: negative. F-M. Negative.
120340H	120345H	5	120325H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. AF-4-1 B. 120325H C. 935698 D. Spotted five (5) enemy moving SW. Opened fire and enemy fled west. Results of sweep were negative. F-M. Negative.
121500H	121515H	6	121130H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. AF-7 B. 121130H C. AF-7 found one (1) VC KIA at grid 931712, had been dead for approximately two (2) days. Also one (1) CHICOM grenade, one (1) cartridge belt and one (1) CHICOM pouch. E. Believed to have been killed during AF-3 contact Ref. DTG 111700H. F-H. Negative. I. One (1) VC J-K. Negative. L. One (1) CHICOM grenade M. Cartridge belt.
121550H	121555H	7	121543H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S S-2 B. 121543H C. 925690 D. Two (2) VN boys turned in three (3) CHICOMs to main gate at Hill 10. E. Paid 800 \$ VN for items. CHICOMs will be blown. F-M. Negative.
121715H	121735H	8	121655H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-1 B. 121655H C. (a) 944707 (b) 952907 D. One (1) VN boy brought one (1) CHICOM to our position. E. Paid 100 \$ VN for CHICOM, engineers blew it. F-M. Negative.
122135H	122145H	9	121905H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D B. 121905H C. (a) 934663 (b) 933660 D. BPS Box 28 had eleven (11) activations. E. Did not fire due to close proximity of friendlies. Friendlies were notified F-M. Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: While sitting in ambush site, spotted eight (8) enemy. Initiated fire and enemy fled west. Swept in AM and found two (2) VCI and three (3) VC KIA's. BPS Box 5 had eight (8) activations and Box 28 had eleven (11) activations. Negative fire due to close proximity of friendlies. Co D-1-3 opened fire on two (2) or three (3) enemy while sweeping area. Received AK fire from tree line. Reactionary force was sent

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to assist. Sweep of area resulted in negative findings. Co B-3-1 spotted four (4) personnel moving into ville, opened fire and swept under illumination - results: negative. Five (5) enemy were spotted moving SW, opened fire, enemy fled. AF-7 found one (1) VC KIA at grid 931712, had been dead for approximately two (2) days. Also one (1) CHICOM grenade, one (1) cartridge belt and one (1) CHICOM pouch. Two (2) VN boys turned in three (3) CHICOMs to main gate at Hill 10, paid 800 \$ VN for items. CHICOMs will be blown. One (1) VN boy brought one (1) CHICOM to Co B-1 position. Paid 100 \$ VN for CHICOM. Engineers blew it.

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131100H	131115H	1	130945H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-3-1 B. 130945H C. (a) 928675 (b) 928675 D. Point man found ARVN pack lying on the trail. E. The pack was brought back to Hill 41 and turned over to S-2. F-L Negative, M. One (1) ARVN pack.
131515H	131630H	2	131430H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-2-2 B. 131430H C. (a) 932654 (b) 932654 D. Checked out area of grave. E. Dug up grave, body to badly decomposed to determine cause of death. Closed grave. F-M. Negative.
132200H	132207H	3	131940H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 131940H C. (a) 925690 (b) 909698 D. Six (6) activations on BPS Box 11. E. Fired two (2) 90mm tank beehive rounds. Swept in AM; results: negative. F-M. Negative.
132205H	132210H	4	132020H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 132020H C. (a) 925690 (b) 909698 D. Seven (7) activations on Box 11. E. Negative fire due to close proximity of friendlies. Friendlies were notified. F-M. Negative.
132125H	132130H	5	132115H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 132115H C. (a) 925690 (b) 916694 D. Eight (8) activations on Box 5. E. Fired three (3) rounds of 81mm HE. Will sweep in AM. F-M. Negative.
132340H	132350H	6	132220H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 132220H C. (a) 925690 (b) 916691 D. Six (6) activations on Box 3. E. Fired three (3) 90mm. Tank beehive rounds and three (3) 81mm HE. Will sweep in AM. F-M. Negative.
132355H	132350H	7	132222H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-1 B. 132222H C. (a) 945706 (b) 945706 D. Received one (1) incoming explosive device suspected grenade of unknown type E. Fired four (4) rounds 60mm under illumination. Will sweep in AM F-M. Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIOD S ACTION: While on patrol, D-3-1 found ARVN pack, turned over to S-2. Co D-2-2 checked out area of grave. Grave was dug up, but body was to decomposed to determine cause of death, grave was covered. BPS Box 11 had 6 activations, fired two (2) 90mm HE rounds, and later had seven (7) activations, negative fire due to close proximity of friendlies. Box 5 had eight (8) activations, fired three (3) rounds 81mm, and Box 3 had six (6) activations, fired three (3) 90mm and three (3) 81mm HE rounds. Sweep of activations were with negative results. Received one (1) incoming explosive device, believed to be a grenade. Four (4) rounds of 60mm were fired under illumination.

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140030H	142130H	1	140030H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co H&S B. 140030H C. (a) 925690 (b) 916691 and 916694 D. Received a total of 41 activations on Box 3, and eight (8) activations on Box 5, between the DTG's of 140030H and 142130H. E. Fired nine (9) rounds of 90mm bee-hive and six (6) rounds 81mm HE at activations. Sweep in AM-negative results. F-M. Negative.
140945H	141200H	2	140915H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-2-2 B. 140915H C. 903707 D. While sweeping area, found one (1) B-40 rocket. E. Will blow in place. F-M. Negative.
141105H	141200H	3	141100H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-1 B. 141100H C. 922675 D. Children brought one (1) 155 dud illumination round to D-1 position. E. Round will be destroyed, with demolitions. F-M. Negative.
141335H	141340H	4	141320H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-2 B. 141320H C. 907704 D. VN children brought one (1) 105 dud, to B-2 position. E. Round will be blown. F-M. Negative.
141500H	141530H	5	141443H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-1-2 B. 141443H C. 902675 D. Discovered cave entrance AT grid 902675. Cove appeared old and unused. One (1) entrance and one (1) air hole. Room for two (2) people. E. D-1-2 smoked cave then searched - results: negative. Cave was left and recorded for future ambush site. F-M. Negative.

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151230H	151258H	1	151155H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co C-2-2 B. 151155H C. (a) 873708 (b) 873708 D. While on search and clear mission found one (1) RPG at grid 873708. E. Searched area thoroughly with negative results. Blew RPG in place and continued mission. F-L. Negative. M. One (1) RPG two (2) feet long, of CHINESE make.
1511420H	1511425H	2	151315H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-2-2 B. 151315H C. AT 935648 D. Found VC harbor sight in bushes, had been used recently. Found 12 packs fresh cooked rice total of twelve (12) pounds. Also found VC cigarettes. E. Buried all rice except one (1) pack which was returned for ID. Have ambush in area for tonight. F-L. Negative. M. One (1) pound of rice.
151555H	151625H	3	151545H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. IA-D B. 151545H C. (a) 934663 (b) 934645 D. While firing 81's on suspected enemy harbor sites, caused two (2) secondary explosions. E. Co D sent a squad to check area of explosions. Found a spider hole and two (2) pounds of rice, both were destroyed. F-M. Negative.
151705H	151737H	4	151645H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-2 B. 151645H C. (a) 945707 (b) 934709 D. VN boy turned in two (2) CHICOMs. E. Paid 600 \$ VN. CHICOMs will be blown. F-K. Negative L. Two (2) CHICOMs will be blown. M. Negative.
152400H	152400H	5	152350H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 152350H C. (a) 925690 (b) 916694, 909699, 916691. D. received eleven activations on Box 5, 16 activations on Box 11, and six (6) activations on Box 3. Between the time 152155H and 152350H. E. Fired 81's and 90's on each box. Swept and found a U.S. type CS gas launcher serial no. 2D11-81-1035, 35mm 16 tube E-8. It was brought back to S-2. F-K. Negative. L. E-8 gas launcher. M. Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTIONS: Company D-2-2 found an RPG. It was blown in place. Company D-2-2 found a VC harbor sight, with fresh cooked rice. Will have an ambush in this area. While firing 81's had two (2) secondary explosions. Found a spider hole and two (2) pounds of rice. Both were destroyed. BPS had eleven (11) activations on Box 5, six (6) activations on Box 3 and 16 activations on Box 11. Fired 81's and 90's. Swept area and found a E-8 gas launcher. Gas launcher was turned in to S-2.

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1st Bn., 26th Mar.
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 160001H, December 1969
 162400H, December 1969

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160100H	160100H	1	160055H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co H&S B. 160055H C. (a) 925690 (b) 909699 D. Received nine (9) activations on BPS Box 11. E. Fired three (3) rounds of 90mm beehive. Swept area, results: negative. F-M. Negative.
160150H	160140H	2	160115H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 160055H C. (a) 925690 (b) 916699 D. Received 73 activations on BPS Box 11. Fired six (6) rounds of 81's HE, and three (3) rounds 90mm beehive. Swept area in AM, results: negative. F-M. Negative.
160155H	160155H	3	160150H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 160150H C. (a) 925690 (b) 916691 D. Received six (6) activations on Box 3, fired three (3) rounds of 81's HE. Swept area, results: negative. F-M. Negative.
161350H	161358H	4	161345H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-2 B. 161345H C. (a) 946700 (b) 951705 D. A VN boy brought in two (2) CHICOMs. E. Paid 600 \$ VN, and will blow. F-K. Two (2) CHICOMs - grenades. M. Negative.
161435H	161512H	5	161415H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D B. 161415H C. (a) 934663 (b) 934663 D. Purchased a B-40 rocket propelled grenade from VN children. E. Paid 200 \$ VN for the grenade. Grenade was destroyed. F-M. Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: Received 81 activations on BPS Box 11 and six (6) activations on BPS Box 3. Fired 81's and 90mm, swept area - results: negative. Company D purchased a B-40 rocket propelled grenade. Paid 600 \$ VN for the grenade.

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In	Out	Ser No	Date	Time	Information
170845H	170850H	1	170700H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Hieu Duc B. 170700H C. 941663 D. One (1) VC Chu Hoi turned over to National Police at grid 941663. VC was a village chief and had various identification papers, and one (1) AK-44 sniper rifle with magazine. E. Taken to district headquarters for interrogation. F-I. Negative. J. One (1) Chu Hoi K. Negative. L. One (1) AK-44 sniper rifle with magazine M. Various identification papers.
171445H	171500H	2	171315H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-1-1 B. 171315H C. 929673 D. Found in rafters of Pagoda, two (2) RPG fuses, six (6) mortar primers with charges in sealed plastic packs. E. Items brought to D-1 position, will be turned over to S-2. F-I. Negative. M. Two (2) RPG fuses, six (6) mortar primers with charges.
172330H	172340H	3	172325H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co H&S B. 172325H C. (a) 923690 (b) 916890 D. BPS Box 2 had eight (8) activations E. Fired ten (10) rounds of 81's. Swept in AM results: negative. F-M. Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: A VC Chu Hoi was turned over to National Police. He had a AK-44 sniper rifle. He was taken to District Headquarters. Company D-1-1 found in a Pagoda two (2) mortar primers with charges. All was brought and turned into S-2. BPS Box 2 had eight (8) activations. Fired 81's, swept area, results: negative.

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In	Out	Ser No	Date	Time	Information
180240H	180250H	1	180007H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Skeptic Caco 217 B. 180007H C. (a) 928706 (b) 927707 D. While in ambush position, initiated small arms fire on four (4) VC moving S to NW. VC did not return fire. E. Will sweep again in AM. F-M Negative
180250H	180305H	2	180045H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co C-1-2 B. 180045H C. 865681 D. One (1) USMC shot himself in left leg with .45 cal. pistol while on line watch. E. USMC was treated in field, will medevac in AM. F-M Negative.
180535H	180543H	3	180535H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co H&S B. 18535H C. (a) 925690 (b) 916690 D. Received five (5) activations on Box 2. E. Fired ten (10) rounds 81mm HE, one (1) dud. Swept area, results; Negative. F-M Negative.
181238H	181300H	4	180800H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-1-1 B. 180800H C. (a) 916677 D. Found one (1) unservicable NVA canteen in bushes. E. Canteen brought back to D-1 position. F-L Negative M. Canteen.
181238H	181300H	5	181015H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-1-3 B. 181015H C. 918677 D. Found one (1) bunker under bamboo thicket. Trampled grass denotes recent use. E. Probed bunker with negative findings; also smoked and threw frag into it. F-M Negative
181243H	181305H	6	181130H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-1 B. 181130H C. 921675 D. VN children brought one (1) unservicable AK-47 to Co D-1 position. E. Weapon was completely destroyed with C-4. F-K Negative L. One (1) AK-47 rifle. M. Negative
181245H	181320H	7	181225H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. B-2 B. 181225H C. (a) 945707 (b) 937704 D. VN boy brought 2 (two) CHICOMs to Co B-2 position. E. Paid 600 \$ VN. CHICOMs will be blown. F-m Negative
182120H	182125H	8	182040H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. LA-D B. 182040H C. (a) 934663 (b) 930664 D. Had 38 Activations on Box 33. E. Fired ten (10) rounds 60mm HE. Swept in AM; results Negative. F-M Negative
182245H	182313H	9	182150H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-1-3 B. 182150H C. (a) 905708 (b) 905708 D. While set in at ambush site, B-1-3 took six (6) incoming CHICOM grenades and SKS fire from S, N, and NE of river. E. Returned fire with small arms and grenades. Swept under illumination with Negative results. Swept area in AM; Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:

While in ambush site, initiated small arms fire on four (4) VC, negative return fire. One USMC shot himself in left leg with 45 cal. pistol while on line watch. Will medevac in AM. Received five (5) activations on Box 2. Fired ten (10) rounds 81mm HE, one (1) dud. Swept area with negative results. Found one (1) unservicable NVA canteen, returned to Co D-1 position. Found one (1) bunker under bamboo thicket. Trampled grass indicates recent use. Probed bunker with negative findings. VN children brought one (1) unservicable AK-47 to Co D-1 position. Weapon was completely destroyed with C-4. VN boy brought two (2) CHICOMs to Co B-2 position. Paid 600 \$ VN for CHICOMs, they will be blown. Had 38 activations on Box 33. Fired ten (10) rounds 60mm HE, results of sweep were negative. While set in ambush site, Co B-1-3 took six (6) incoming CHICOM grenades and SKS fire from S, N, and NE of river. Returned fire with small arms and grenades. Swept area in AM with Negative results.

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190001H, December 1969
192400H, December 1969

In	Out	Ser No	Date	Time	Information
190226H	190226H	1	190131H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co C-2-3 B. 190131H C. (a) 893684 (b) 894684 D. Heard enemy movement of approximately three (3) or four (4) personnel, about 25 meters to the front. E. Sprung ambush and area was immediately swept, found one (1) drag mark leading across a stream. F-H. Negative I. Unknown J-M. Negative.
190928H	190932H	2	190915H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-2 B. 190915H C. (a) 944706 (b) 937704 D. One (1) VN boy brought one (1) CHICOM. E. Paid 300 \$ VN for item. F-K. Negative. L. One (1) CHICOM M. Negative.
191430H	181530H	3	191200H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-1-3 B. 191200H C. 915656 D. Co D-1-3 found one (1) 250 pound bomb AT 915656. E. Sent out engineer and blew in place. F-M. Negative.
200325H	200335H	4	192025H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Skeptic 215 B. 192025H C. (a) 945675 (b) 915675 D. While sitting in ambush position spotted movement approximately 100 meters to their east. E. Skeptic 215 initiated small arms fire, and received two (2) incoming explosive devices. Enemy fled to East. Swept area, finding numerous blood trails. Swept in AM, results: negative. F-M. Negative.
200200H	200330H	5	192045H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co A-1-3 B. 192045H C. 911709 D. Observed 100 to 150 NVA moving to their south, in an easterly direction. The enemy stopped in the immediate vicinity of A-1-3's position. A-1-3 was flanked on the east and west by the enemy. E. Company B's 3rd and 1st platoons and CAP 212 were alerted. Co A-1-3 withdrew to marry up with A-2-3. AT 202310 CAP 212 made contact with five (5) VC/NVA at grid 916712, resulting in two (2) KIA's. Enemy fled south. CAP 212 caught three (3) more VC/NVA in the river, resulting in two (2) KIA's and a wounded detainee. F-M. Negative. I. Four (4) NVA J. One (1) wounded K. negative L. Two (2) AK-47's M. Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: Company C-2-3 sprung ambush on three (3) or four (4) enemy. Swept area and found one (1) drag mark. Caco 215 opened fire on enemy movement east of their position. Swept area finding numerous blood trails. Company A-1-3 observed 100 to 150 NVA moving to their south. Company B's 1st and 3rd platoons and CAP 212 were alerted. CAP 212 made contact with the enemy twice results in four (4) NVA KIA's and one (1) wounded detainee.

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200001H December 1969
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In	Out	Ser No	Date Time	Group	Information
200027H	200100H	1	200015H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 200015H to 202015H C. (a) 924690 (b) 906708, 916691, 916694. D. BPS Box 22 had 34 activations, Box 5 had eight (8) activations and Box 3 had six (6) activations. E. Fired 20 rounds 81mm on Box 22, three (3) rounds 81mm on Box 5 and two (2) rounds 106mm on Box 3. All results: Negative. F-M Negative.
201010H	202300H	2	200200H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co C-3 B. 200200H C. (a) 892712 (b) 892712 D. While on search and clear patrol, discovered camouflaged lean-to, with large tunnel on side of hill. E. Enemy attempted to leave, friendlies opened fire, results: One (1) female VC KIA. F-H Negative. I. One (1) VC female. J&K Negative. L. Two (2) AK-47 rifles, four (4) magazines, five (5) CHICOMs seven (7) M-26 grenades, seven (7) M-79 rounds, one (1) CHICOM submachine gun. M. Six (6) cartridge belts, 80 lbs. of rice, one (1) set of binoculars with tripod, three (3) medical kits, documents and maps.
200310H	200340H	3	200230H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-3 B. 200230H C. (a) 929706 (b) 920706 D. Spotted two (2) VC/NVA about 50 meters from their position. E. Opened fire with small arms and M-79. Swept area, results: Negative. F-M Negative.
201005H	202240H	4	201600H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co C-3-1 B. 201600H C. 888712 D. Spotted one (1) male VC. E. Squad apprehended enemy. F-I Negative. K. One (1) NVA detainee. L. Negative. M. 30 lbs of rice, two (2) CHICOMs and one (1) M-26 grenade.
201815H	201820H	5	201800H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co A-1 B. 201800H C. 933714 D. Received word from grievance chief that there were six (6) enemy in village. Later received word that 20 to 25 enemy were in village at 930711. E. Co A-1 moved into position and checked area, results: Negative. F-M Negative.

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201640H	201650H	8	201645H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co. C-3 B. 201645H C. 898713 D. Under direction of AO, captured one (1) detainee and three (3) packs. E. Thoroughly searching area, holding detainee for pickup. F-I Negative. J. One (1) NVA. K&L Negative. M. Three (3) packs.
201815H	201820H	9	201805H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co. B-1 B. 201805H C. (a) 926701 (b) 926701 D. Received word from grievance chief that 15 enemy in village at 926701. E. CoB moved a patrol into area to check it out, results; negative. F-M Negative.
201955H	202030H	10	201810H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co A-1 B. 201810H C. 915712 D. Found one (1) RPG warhead, B-40, laying on ground, was not rigged as exp. ^{booby trap} E. Items were blown in place. F-M Negative.
201945H	201955H	11	201935H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-1&3, C-1&2 B. 201935H C. Grid squares 8572 & 8770 D. Sweep was conducted, all indications show that NVA unit broke into smaller units and dispersed. E. Will attempt to determine rally area from detainee interrogation. F-M Negative.
202010H	202035H	12	201958H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-3 B. 201958 C. (a) 917682 (b) 918685 D. Had eleven (11) activations on Box 11 north. E. Fired five (5) rounds 60mm HE. Swept in AM with Negative results. F-M Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:

BPS Box 11 had eleven (11) activations, Box 22 had 34 activations and Box 3 had six (6) activations. Fired five (5) rounds 60mm HE at Box 11, three (3) rounds 81mm at Box five (5), and two (2) 106mm rounds at Box three (3). Spotted five (5) NVA coming out of bunker, opened fire resulting in one (1) NVA KIA, also found other bunkers and two AK-47 rifles, one (1) map and four (4) packs. Bunkers were destroyed. While on search and clear patrol, discovered a tunnel and five (5) enemy attempting to leave, opened fire, results; one (1) VC female KIA, two (2) AK-47 rifles, four AK-47 magazines, five (5) CHICOMs, seven (7) M-26 grenades, six (6) cartridge belts, one (1) CHICOM submachinegun, seven (7) M-79 rounds, 80 lbs. of rice, three (3) medical kits, one (1) set of binoculars with tripod, documents and maps. Two VC/NVA were spotted by Co B-3. Opened fire with small arms and M-79, results were negative. A patrol found a tunnel. Probed tunnel and found 75lbs. of rice, four (4) CHICOMs, one (1) booby trap, papers and documents. The CHICOMs and booby trap were blown. Spotted one (1) male VC, sent squad and apprehended enemy. Received report that six (6) enemy were in village. Co A sent squad into vill, results; negative. Co. C-3 captured one (1) detainee and three (3) packs.

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15 enemy reported in village at 926701. Patrol was sent and checked out area, results; Negative. Found one (1) RPG warhead, B-40, laying on ground. Was blown in place. Conducted sweep of grids 8572 & 8776; indications show that NVA broke into smaller units and dispersed. Will attempt to determine rally area from detainee interrogation.

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210001H December 1969
212400H December 1969

In	Out	Ser No	Date	Time	Information
210715H	210730H	1	210700H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 210700 C. 925690 D. One (1) Marine apparently committed suicide with an M-16 rifle. Marine was under psychiatric consultation by BAS and was to be medevaced Monday. E. Body will be delivered to First Med. F. One (1) Marine. G-M Negative.
210945H	210950H	2	210900H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-2 B. 210920H C. 944706 D. One (1) VN boy brought one (1) CHICOM to our pos. E. Paid 100 \$VN for CHICOM and will blow. F-K Negative. L. One (1) CHICOM M. Negative.
211045H	211150H	3	210920H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co C-1-3 B. 210920H C. 885697 D. Squad search and clear patrol encountered one (1) NVA/VC. E. Took enemy under fire killing him. Searched surrounding area, results: Negative. J-M Negative. F-H Negative. I. One (1) NVA/VC.
211300H	211425H	4	211200H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co C-2-3 B. 211200H C. (a) 889709 D. Patrol found tunnel. E. Probed and found 75 lbs of rice, one (1) five gallon can fish oil, medical gear, two (2) 82mm rounds, four (4) CHICOMs, one (1) boobytrap, one (1) NVA cartridge belt, two (2) feet time fuse, NVA propaganda papers and documents. Blew CHICOMs and boobytrap. F-L Negative. M. Same as line E.
211500H	212304H	5	211420H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co C B. 211420H C. 885697 881701, 883709 D. Thoroughly searched grids. Found old tunnel, no sign of recent use. E. Left tunnel and reported its position. F-M Negative.
212300H	212304H	6	212256H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 212256H C. (a) 925690 (b) 916691 D. Received 26 activations on Box 3. E. Fired three (3) rounds 90mm Beehive. Area was swept, results: Negative. F-M Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:

One (1) Marine apparently committed suicide, was due for medevac Monday. One (1) CHICOM was turned in to Co B-2 pos. Paid 100 \$VN for CHICOM. Co C-1-3 killed one (1) NVA/VC. Co C-2-3 found tunnel with 75 lbs. of rice, one (1) five gallon can fish oil, medical gear, two (2) 82mm rounds, four (4) CHICOMs, one (1) boobytrap, one (1) NVA cartridge belt, two (2) feet time fuse, NVA propaganda papers and documents. Blew CHICOMs and boobytrap. Co C searched areas of suspected enemy movement finding one (1) unused tunnel. BPS Box 3 received 26 activations. Fired three (3) rounds 90mm, results: Negative

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221230H	221245H	1	221230H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co A 1 B. 221230H C. 900719 D. Found a M-16 rifle in a rice paddy. The M-16 serial number is 689996, it is in bad conditions. E. Kept the M-16. F-M Negative.
221728H	221745H	2	221300H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 3-2 B. 221300H C. 928673 D. Found a trap door assembly, AK-47 magazine full loaded and in bad condition, and some documents. E. Brought all items back. F-K Negative. L. One (1) AK-47 Magazine. M. Documents.
221840H	221900H	3	221400H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 3 B. 221400H C. (a) 922679 D. The following items were turn in by VN children: one (1) 3.5 HE round, one (1) M-26 grenade, one (1) M-79 HE round and one (1) 82mm round. E. All ordnance blown except the 82mm round. No VIP funds were paid. F-K. Negative. L. One (1) 82mm round. M. Negative.
221600H	221616H	4	221410H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co A 1-2 B. 221410H C. 902710 D. Found a tunnel about 15 feet long with a center chamber. Used with in the last 24 hours. E. Searched, results: Negative. The tunnel was destroyed. F-M Negative.
221630H	221650H	5	221530H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 3-1 B. 221530H C. 921670 D. Found a hole concealed by bushes. The hole was six (6) feet deep and a foot around with a chamber at the bottom. E. Seached area and destroyed the hole. F-M Negative.
221715H	221730H	6	221700H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B 3 B. 221700H C. (a) 944706 D. VN children turned in one (1) CHICOM grenade. E. Paid 100 \$ NV. CHICOM was blown. F-M Negative.
222005H	222051H	7	221905H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B 1-3 B. 221905H C. (a) 918706 (b) 920704 D. At rally point, spotted movement on top of the hill. E. Fired 60mm HE, enemy opened up with small arms. Swept area, results: Negative. F-M Negative.
222215H	222240H	8	222141H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co 3-3 B. 222141H C. 937673 D. Spotted 20 persons moving to the east, 50 meters south of their position. E. Opened up with small arms and swept area. Results; personnal were RF unit. Medevac was called. F. Two (2) RFs G. Five (5) RFs. H-M. Negative.
222354H	230007H	9	222330H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 3 B. 222330H C. (a) 922672 (b) 917688 D. Had 23 activations on BPS Box 14 north. E. Did not fire because of friendlies in the area. F-M Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: Company A-1 found a M-16 rifle at grid 900719. The rifle was in bad condition. Company D 3-2 found a AK-47 magazine fully loaded and some documents, items were brought back. Company A 1-2 found a tunnel about 15 feet long with a center chamber. Used with in the last 24 hours. Searched, results: Negative. The tunnel was destroyed.

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Company D 3-1 found a hole six (6) feet deep with a chamber at bottom. The hole was destroyed. Company , 1-3 spotted movement at grid 920704. Fired 60mm HE, and received small arms fire. Swept area, results: Negative. Company D 3-3 opened fire on 20 persons 50 meters south of their position. The personnel were RFs, results; two (2) KIAs, and five (5) ~~W~~ WIAs. Had 23 activations on BPS Box 14 north. No fire, because of friendlies in the area.

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In	Out	Ser No	Date	Time	Group	Information
	231815H	1	231800H			To: 26th Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D B. 231800H C. (a) D. Purchased one (1) CHICOM grenade from NV children. E. Paid them 400 \$ VN. The CHICOM was destroyed. F-M Negative.
232330H	222400H	2	232325H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 2 B. 232325H C. (a) 922672 (b) 917687 D. Received ten (10) activations on Box 13 north. E. Fired 60mm HE. Swept then and again in the AM, results: Negative. F-M Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BPS had ten (10) activations on Box 13 north. Fired 60mm HE, swept area, results: Negative.

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240001H December 69
242400H December 69

In	Out	Ser No	Date	Time	Group	Information
241705H	241720H	1	241300H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 3 B. 241300H C. (a) 922675 D. The following ordnance turned in; one (1) 105 HE round, one (1) M-79 HE round, and one (1) M-79 flechette round. E. All items were destroyed. F-M Negative.
242000H	242035H	2	241942H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 3 B. 241942H C. (a) 917680 (b) 919683 D. Had 17 activations on Box 9. E. Fired 60mm HE. Swept area, results: Negative. F-M Negative.
242100H	242120H	3	242055H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 3 B. 242055H C. (a) 917682 (b) 919684 D. Had 14 activations on Box 10 north. E. Fired 60mm, swept area, results: Negative. F-M Negative.
242140H	242155H	4	242100H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co A 2-2 B. 242100H C. (a) 914709 (b) 914710 D. Spotted two (2) VC moving west to east. E. Opened fire killing one (1) VC. Set up in ambush site again and heard movement two more times. Swept area both times, and found four (4) more VC KIAs. F-H Negative. I. Five (5) VC. J-K Negative. M. Four (4) CHICOM grenades, 25 pounds of rice various papers, wallets and personal gear.
242152H	242150H	5	242148H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 242148H C. (a) 925690 (b) 916691 D. Had 24 activations on BPS Box 3. Fired 90mm Beehive. Swept area in the AM, results: Negative.
242317H	242340H	6	242230H			To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B 1 B. 242230H C. (a) 918702 (b) 918703 D. Spotted movement. E. Opened fire with small arms. Received three (3) to four (4) rounds of small arms. Swept area, results: Negative. F-M Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BPS had 17 activations on Box 9, 24 activations on Box 3, and 14 activations on Box 10 north. Fired 60mm on Boxes 9 and 10, fired 90mm on Box 3. Swept the area results, Negative. Company A 2-2 spotted movement. Opened fire swept the area, resulting in five (5) VC KIAs. Company B 1-2 spotted movement. Opened fire with small arms. Swept area, results: Negative.

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250530H	250340H	1	250325H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Tanks. B. 250325H C. (a) 923690 (b) 918689, 918693 D. Had movement about 50 meters from Barrier. E. Shot M-79s and 90mm, swept area, results; Negative. F-M Negative.
261405H	261410H	2	251300H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 3 B. 251300H C. (a) 922675 D. The following ordnance has been turned in; one (1) 105 HE round. E. The 105 HE round was destroyed. F-M Negative.
	251730H	3	251700H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 251700H C. 926690 D. Two (2) VN males turned in one (1) M-79 round. E. The sentry threw it in a metal can, the round went off injuring the sentry and the two (2) VN males. The sentry and one (1) VN male were medevac. F. Negative. G. One (1) Marine and one (1) VN male medevac. One (1) VN male. H-M Negative.
252105H	252105H	4	252057H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 3 B. 252057H C. (a) 919685 D. Had 11 activations on Box 10 north. E. Fired 60mm HE swept area, results; Negative. F-M Negative.
252247H	252255H	5	252247H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 252247H C. (a) 925690 D. Had 38 activations on Box 3. E. Fired 90mm Beehive, swept area. Results: Negative. F-M Negative.
250007H		6	252345H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D. B. 252345H C. (a) 932663 D. Had 327 activations on BPS Box 30. E. Fired 60mm HE. Swept area in the AM, results: Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: Had movement 50 meters from Barrier shot M-79s and 90mm, swept area, results: Negative. One (1) 105mm HE round turned in and destroyed. Two (2) VN males turned in one (1) M-79 bound. The sentry threw it in metal can causing the round to explode, injuring the sentry and two (2) VN males. The sentry and one (1) VN male were medevac. Had 11 activations on Box 10 north. Fired 60mm HE and swept area, results: negative. Box 3 had 38 activations. Fired 90mm Beehive and swept area with negative results, 327 activations on BPS Box 30 east. Fired 60mm HE and swept area in AM with negative results.

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In	Out	Ser No	Date	Time	Information
260155H	260948H	1	260115H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D B. 260115H C. (a) 932663 (b) 932668 D. Spotted four (4) persons moving through west side of the barrier in westerly direction. Movement was spotted with starlight. E. Delta 2-3 and 1-3 and 3-2 were alerted, but unable to spot movement. Will check barrier in AM for possible placement of mines. Follow-up: swept area, results: Negative. F-M Negative.
260345H	260350H	2	260130H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Caco 2-1-2 B. 260130H C. (a) 925715 (b) 924715 D. While in ambush site, observed nine (9) with packs and weapons, 75 to 100 meters north of their position. E. Initiated fire, contact broken when enemy fled west into the treeline. One (1) corpman WIA resulted from contact. F. Negative. G. One (1) corpman. H-M Negative.
262155H	262200H	3	262156H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co B. 262156H C. (a) 924690 (b) 906707 D. Received seven (7) activations on BPS Box 21. E. Negative fire due to friendly acts. Friendlies were notified of activations. F-M Negative.
261600H	261645H	4	261600H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co A 3-1 B. 261600H C. 906708 D. Found one (1) dead VC, with the following gear: One (1) CHICOM, one (1) AK-47 rifle, one (1) magazine with two (2) rounds, one (1) bag polished rice, (1) one lighter, a wallet containing 240 \$ NV. Appeared to have been dead two (2) or three (3) days from claymore wounds. E. Checked area, results: negative. Blew CHICOM. F.-L. Negative. M. Reference Line D.
261945H	261947H	5	261933H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 2 B. 261933H C. (a) 922672 (b) 917687 D. Had 24 activations on Box 14 north. E. Fired 60mm HE. Swept area, results: Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: Spotted four (4) persons moving through west side of barrier in a westerly direction. Swept area, results: Negative. CAP 2-2 spotted nine (9) NVA with packs and weapons. Initiated fire, contact broken when enemy fled west into the treeline, one (1) corpman WIA resulted from the contact. Received seven (7) activations on BPS Box 21. Negative fire due to friendly acts. Found one (1) dead VC at grid 906708, with a AK-47 and some personal gear. Received 24 activation on Box 14 north. Fired five (5) rounds 60mm HE. Swept area with Negative results.

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In	Out	Ser No	Date	Time	Information
270808H	270810H	1	270745H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co A 3 B. 270745H C. 916717 D. Found dud 155mm round. E. Blew in place. F-M Negative.
271252H	271259H	2	271230H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co C-3 B. 271230H C. (a) 888707 (b) 888707 D. Spotted two (2) VC. E. Swept area, results: Negative. F-M Negative.
271414H	271424H	3	271405H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 2-2 B. 271405H C. (a) 916664 D. Found a grenade from firecracker round, and human bone with battle dressing on them. E. Searched area with negative results. Had no engineer, consequently left grenade in place. F-M Negative.
271510H	271520H	4	271425H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B 1 B. 271425H C. 903709 D. Found one (1) VN male dead. Died from shrapnel in neck and legs. Wearing Khaki shirt over black pajama shirt, with raingear, mosquito netting and a can evaporated milk. F-M Negative.
281323H	281400H	5	271505H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B 1 B. 271505H C. 914709 D. Found blood stained piles of rice, four (4) sets of rain gear, two (2) CHICOM charges, two (2) litters, three (3) rotten fish, and a small note book. E. Searched area with metal detector, results : Negative. Notebook was turn into S-2. F-L. Negative. M. Two (2) litters and two (2) CHICOM charges.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: Found dud 155mm round and blew in place. Spotted two (2) VC in black pajamas. Swept area, results: Negative. Found one (1) grenade from firecracker round and human bones with battle dressing on them. Searched area, results: Negative. Found one (1) VN male dead. Died from shrapnel in neck and legs. Found blood stained piles of rice, four (4) sets of rain gear, two (2) CHICOM charges, two (2) litters, one (1) small notebook with NV writing. Searched area with negative results. Notebook was turned into S-2.

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280410H	280425H	1	280402H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. H&S Co. B. 280402H C. (a) 923690 (b) 906707 D. Received 17 activations on Box 21. E. Informed B-2-2 & 2-3 who were within 500 meters of box. F-M Negative.
281225H	281225H	2	281115H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co. D-2-2 B. 281115 C. 922663 D. Found spider hole 5' in diameter and 4' deep. Did not look like it had been recently used. E. Smoked hole, searched and probed area with negative results. F-M Negative.
281330H	281530H	3	281330H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co. D-3-2 B. 281330H C. 926665 D. Found hole 3' wide and 5' deep on flat, going into ground at an angle, containing old c-rat cans. E. Fraggged with M-26 and collapsed hole leaving it inoperable. F-M Negative.
281800H	281815H	4	281600H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. A-2 B. 281600H C. 89957085 D. Found tunnel complex, airholes 40-50 meters apart, entrance to small to permit entry. Thought to have been recently used due to smell. Searched in AM, results; Negative. Blew tunnels.
281800H	281815H	5	281620H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. B-3 B. 281620H C. 945707 D. A 15 year old VN male brought six (6) 82mm mortar rounds to B-3s pos. E. Paid 3000 \$ VN for them, they will be blown. F-K Negative. L. six (6) 82mm mortar rounds. M. Negative.
281940H	282006H	6	281824H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co. D B. 281824H C. 934663 D. Chu Hoi walked up to gate. E. Sentry had Chu Hoi lay weapon on ground, Chu Hoi was then blindfolded and turned over to S-2 for interrogation. Chu Hoi was turned over by S-2 to be detained at Hill 10. Weapons and equipment held to S-2. F-I Negative. J. One (1) VC Cheiu Hoi. K. Negative. L. One (1) AK-47 rifle. M. One (1) CHICOM, two (2) fully loaded magazines (AK-47), one (1) NVA belt, one (1) plastic poncho, one (1) sweater, one (1) cotton shirt, one (1) fountain pen, one (1) CHICOM poncho (with space for 2 CHOCOMs), one (1) pair light blue shorts.
282053H	282055H	7	282046H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co. D. B. 282046H C. 933660 D. 32 activations on Box 28 south. E. Fired five (5) 60mm HE at 282045H, area swept in AM, results; Negative. F-M Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:

Received 17 activations on Box 21. Informed B-2-2&2-3 who were within 500 meters of Box. Found spider hole 5' in dia. and 4' deep, apparently unused. Smoked hole, searched and probed area, results; Negative. Found hole 3' in dia. and 5' deep on flat, going into ground at angle, containing old c-rat cans. Fraggged with M-26 and collapsed hole leaving it inoperable. Found tunnel complex, unable to enter, smell denotes recent use. Searched and blew in AM, results; Negative. A VN male brought six (6) 82mm mortar rounds to B-3 pos. Paid 3000 \$ VN for them, they will be blown.

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One (1) VC Chieu Hoi walked up to gate at Hill 41. Sentry had Chieu Hoi lay weapon on ground. Chieu Hoi was blindfolded and turned over to S-2 who interrogated him and detained at Hill 10. Among Chieu Hoi's equipment was; one (1) AK-47 rifle, with two (2) loaded magazines, one (1) CHICOM, one (1) NVA belt, one (1) CHICOM poncho (with space for two (2) CHICOMs). Received 32 activations on Box 28 south. Fired five (5) 60mm HE. Swept in AM with results; Negative.

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In	Out	Ser No	Date	Time	Group	Information
290400H	1	290345H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co. D B. 290345H C. (a) 934663 (b) 945649 D. Received 16 activations on BPS Box 9. E. Negative fire due to friendlies in the area. F-M Negative.			
291332H	291415H	2	290900H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co. D-1 B. 290900H C. 931672 D. With Hoi Chan, went to cache site and found one (1) AK-47 rifle with magazine and five (5) CHICOM boobytraps. Boobytraps were blown in place. F-K Negative. L. One (1) AK-47 rifle with magazine. M. Negative.		
291155H	291225H	3	291100H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co C&B B. 29100H C. 888711 D. Set off boobytrap. E. Three (3) Marines medevaced. E-F Negative. G. Three (3) Marines WIA. H-M Negative.		
291440H	291505H	5	291440H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. B-3 B. 291510H C. 932714 (b) 945706 D. A VN boy brought a CHICOM. E. Paid 100 \$ VN for it CHICOM was blown. F-M Negative.		
291705H	291715H	5	291510H	To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B. B. 291510H C. 932714 D. Checking villages found a supply of rice, 2000 lbs., plus 12 additional sandbags with unpolished rice and some rifle cleaning gear. E. ITT questioned the villagers. Rice to be stock for three (3) hamlets. PF rifle cleaning gear. F-M Negative.		

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:

Received 16 activations on Box 9. No fire because of friendlies in the area. Company D-1 and Hoi Chan found an AK-47 with magazine and five (5) CHICOM boobytraps which were blown in place. C-3 set off boobytrap, three (3) Marines medevaced. Co B found 2000 lbs. of rice and 12 sandbags unpolished rice plus rifle cleaning gear. Investigation showed that rice was stored for hamlets and cleaning gear was PF.

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DaNang, RVN
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In	Out	Ser No	Date Time	Group	Information
300814H	300826H	1	300805H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D-1 B. 300805H C. (a) 929744 D. Found a dud 81mm illum. round. E. 81mm round was blown in place. F-M Negative.
301615H	301640H	2	301245H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co C-1 B. 301245H C. (a) 904700 D. Spotted numerous VN personnel along the barrier. E. Sent out a squad and got the 37 VN personnel and turned them in to Hieu Duc Headquarters. F-J Negative. K. 37 VN. L-M Negative.
301710H	301720H	3	301700H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co B-1 B. 301700H C. 947700 D. Tried lights on Cobb Bridge noticed east side was not working. E. Called engineers and they repaired lighting. F-M Negative.
302030H	302040H	4	301950H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. CAP 212 B. 301950H C. (a) 921709 (b) 921710 D. Spotted four (4) enemy moving north of their position. E. Opened fire with small arms, swept area. Results; Negative. F-M Negative.
302235H	302240H	5	302040H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. CAP 217 B. 302040H C. 924706 D. Received four (4) incoming explosive devices, and small arms fire wounding a corpman. E. Opened fire with small arms. Swept area, results; Negative. F. Negative. G. One (1) Corpman (minor) H-M Negative.
302245H	302250H	6	302134H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D B. 302134H C. (a) 922672 (b) 917689 D. Received 14 activations on BPS Box 13 north. E. Fired 60mm HE, swept area, results; Negative. F-M Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION:

Company C-1 spotted 37 VN personnel along the barrier. Sent a squad to bring them back and turned them over to Hieu Duc Headquarters. CAP 212 spotted four (4) enemy at grid 921719, opened fire with small arms, swept area results; Negative. CAP 217 received four (4) incoming explosive devices, wound a corpman. Opened fire with small arms and swept area. Results; Negative. Co Company D received 14 activations on BPS Box 13 North.

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In	Out	Ser No	Date	Time	Information
310100H	310110H	1	310100H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D B. 310100H C. (a) 921674 (b) 923664 D. Received 12 activations on BPS Box 10 south. E. Did not fire because of friendly in the area. F-M Negative.
310220H	310235H	2	310230H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D B. 310230H C. (a) 934663 (b) 934659 D. Received 22 activations on BPS Box 27. E. Did not fire because of friendly in the area. F-M Negative.
312100H	312128H	3	312035H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co A 1-2 B. 312035H C. 901708 D. Spotted three (3) VC/NVA. E. Opened fire with small arms and grenades. Swept area and found one (1) VC/NVA. F-H Negative. I. One (1) VC/NVA. J-L. Negative. M. One (1) canteen, one (1) haver sack, and one (1) AK-47 magazine.
312324H	312345H	4	312320H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 2 B. 312320H C. (a) 922684 (b) 917689 D. Had eight (8) activations on BPS Box 15 north. E. Fired 60mm HE. Swept area, results: Negative. F-M Negative.
312337H	312354H	5	312330H		To: 26 Marines - Spot Report - A. Co D 2 B. 312330H C. (a) 934663 (b) 917686 D. Had ten (10) Activations on BPS Box 13 north. E. Fired 60mm HE. Swept area, results: Negative. F-M Negative.

SUMMARY OF PERIODS ACTION: BPS Boxes had a total of 42 activations. Fired 60mm mortars twice. Swept area, results: Negative. Company A 1-2 spotted three (3) VC/NVA. Opened fire with small arms. Results: One (1) VC/NVA KIA.

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TAB 2 OPERATION ORDER 10-69

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OPERATION UNDER 10-69

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam AMS Series D/014, Sheets 6641 III and 6640 IV, 1:50,000
 (b) BLF 1/26 Op Order 9-69
 (c) 1st Bn., 26 Mar. Frag Order 39-69
 (d) 26 Mar COI dtd 10 Nov 69

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TASK ORGANIZATION. Annex A

1. SITUATION

- (a) Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence).
- (b) Friendly Forces. 3rd Battalion, 26 Marines will provide one (1) Company to assume responsibility for the security of Cobb Bridge and the AO east of the barrier assigned to Company C by reference (b) as modified by reference (c).

2. MISSION

Conduct search and clear operations in the assigned AO.

3. EXECUTION

- (a) Concept of Operation. Two (2) reinforced companies will land by helicopter to the west of Hill 270. One (1) company will conduct search and clear missions west and northwest of the Song Lo Dong with particular attention directed toward the abandoned villages of Cao Sung (5), Cao Sung (6) and Mang Chua. The other company will conduct search and clear operations to the east and south of the Song Lo Dong. Particular emphasis will be placed on the western slopes of Hill 270 and the north western slopes of Hill 310. Both companies will interdict all traffic on the water tributaries in the assigned AO.
- (b) Company A (Rein). When directed on D-1 Day, assume responsibility for that portion of Company B AO, as assigned in reference (b), east of the Barrier and north of the Song Tuy Loan.
- (c) Company B (Rein)
 - (1) On D-1 Day relinquish responsibility for the defense of Cobb Bridge and the AO assigned in reference (b), and move to Hill 10 for staging.

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- (2) At L-Hour on D-Day land two (2) platoon by helicopter in LZ Roadrunner. Secure the LZ and be prepared for offensive operations to the west.
 - (3) At L-Hour + 40 minutes land the remainder of Company B (Rein) in LZ Roadrunner and commence search and clear operations to the west in the assigned AO. Annex C (Operation Overlay). Use Annex B (Intelligence) as a guide to the AO.
 - (4) Establish a Company Patrol Base and Platoon Patrol Bases as required to accomplish the assigned mission.
 - (5) Provide security for the Battalion Command Group during the operation.
 - (6) Be prepared to conduct further offensive operations as directed.
- (d) Company C (Rein)
- (1) On D-Day at L-4 Hour relinquish responsibility for that portion of the AO assigned in reference (b) east of the Barrier to Company M, 3rd Bn., 26 Marines.
 - (2) On D-Day at L-Hour + 20 minutes land two (2) platoons by helicopter in LZ Ostrich. Secure the LZ and be prepared for offensive operations to the east and southeast.
 - (3) Be prepared to insert the initial two (2) platoons into LZ Roadrunner as a reaction force for Company B (-).
 - (4) At L + 1 Hour land the remainder of Company C (Rein) in LZ Ostrich and commence search and clear operations to the east and south east in the AO assigned in Annex C (Operation Overlay). Use Annex B (Intelligence) as a guide to the AO.
 - (5) Establish a Company Patrol Base and Platoon Patrol Bases as required to accomplish the assigned mission.
 - (6) Be prepared to conduct further offensive operations as directed.
 - (7) Upon completion of assigned mission and when directed, conduct search and clear operations easterly along the Song Lo Dong, to include Hill 112 and the hill mass Nui Dong Chua enroute to Hill 10.
- (e) Company D (Rein). Be prepared to provide one (1) reinforced platoon on a 30 minute notice as reaction force in support of this operation.
- (f) Company M, 3rd Battalion, 26 Marines.
- (1) On order, assume responsibility for security and defense of Cobb Bridge.

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- (2) Assume responsibility for that portion of Company C AO east of the DaNang Barrier and south of the Song Tuy Loan, as assigned in reference (b) and modified by reference (c).
- (3) Conduct normal day and night activities in the assigned AO to: Interdict all traffic on the Song Tuy Loan; prevent all night movement; seek out and destroy the VC/VCI/VCS.

(g) Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Execute on order.
- (2) All Spot Reports and Situation Reports will be submitted as previous, using standard forms.
- (3) Fire Support will be in accordance with Annex D (Artillery).
- (4) Duration of the operation is approximately three (3) days.
- (5) The Battalion Operations Section will submit day and night activities for Company M, 3rd Bn., 26 Marines to cover the duration of the problem.
- (6) Air Support will be in accordance with Annex E (Air Support).
- (7) Company areas of operation and direction of attack are depicted in Annex C (Operations Overlay).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- (a) Carry two (2) days basic allowance of ammunition for all T/A weapons, and allowance as required for all other weapons.
- (b) Carry two (2) meals "C" rations per man.
- (c) Carry sufficient water and water purification tablets for the duration of the operation.
- (d) Carry sufficient medical supplies for duration of the operation. Particular attention must be directed toward the prevention and treatment of immersion foot. Maximum precautionary measures must also be taken for the prevention of malaria.
- (e) Resupply by helicopter will be effected on the second day of the operation only.
- (f) Medevac by helicopter as required.
- (g) Carry sufficient demolitions to destroy all reuseable enemy bunkers, equipment, supplies and fortifications.

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- (h) The Battalion S-4 will provide for rations for Company M, 3rd Bn., 26 Marines.
- (i) Transportation for Company M, 3rd Bn., 26 Marines on 1 and 5 Dec 69 will be provided by 26 Mar Regiment. The same vehicles used to transport Company to Cobb Bridge and return will be used to transport Company B to Hill 10 and return.
- (j) The Battalion S-4 will insure that the Huskies are available on 1 Dec and 5 Dec 69 for movement of troops between Cobb Bridge and Platoon Patrol Bases.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

- (a) Reference (d) is in effect.
- (b) Deployed companies will use an alternate Battalion Tactical Net to be designated later.
- (c) All tactical traffic will be through Command Group A.
- (d) Logistical and Administrative traffic as previous.
- (e) The Battalion Command Group A will displace with the second wave of Company B, and will be located with Company B throughout the operation.

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ANNEXES:

- ✓ A. Task Organization
- ✓ B. Intelligence
- ✓ C. Operation Overlay
- ✓ D. Artillery
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Company C (Rein)

Capt. P. A. KUGEL

Det. H&S Co.

Det. Comm Plt.

FO Team 81mm Mortar Plt.

Det. Med. Plt.

1 Squad Flames (XM-191 MSW)

1 Team, XM-174 Automatic Grenade Launcher

1 FAC Team

1 Team Scout Snipers

1 Team, Scout Dogs

1 Team (HST), 1st Plt, Co A, 5th Shore Party

FO Team A/1/13

1 Team, 1st Plt (Rein), Co A, 5th Eng Bn.

S-2 Scout

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Interpreter

Company B (Rein)

1st Lt. D. R. McADAMS

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ANNEX B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 10-69

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Time Zone: H

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. Ground: Within the proposed area of operation there are presently no known units located. The 31st NVA Regiment's present probable location is (AT) 8770 and vicinity. This regiment is composed of a regimental headquarters (350 men) and two (2) infantry battalions, the 102nd (335 men) and the 103d (320 men)

This regiment's morale is thought to be extremely low due to B-52 strikes in August and September (nfi) that inflicted heavy casualties upon it. This unit also suffers from malaria, dysentery, malnutrition, lack of medical facilities and treatment, inadequate clothing and poor living conditions. Each of the two (2) infantry battalions is believed to have a fighting or operational strength of approximately 150 men.

Elements of the 575th Rocket Battalion are believed to be working with the 31st NVA Regiment. The probable location of the 575th Rocket Battalion is located at grid ZC 1960 and vicinity. The 575th Rocket Battalion seems to be in place to cover the retrogradation of the 141st NVA Regiment which is presently at YC 8360.

The 31st NVA Regiment has been subject to a high incident of malaria. Units entering areas adjacent to their area of operations (AT 8770) should take precautionary measures to ensure that Marine personnel are protected.

b. Naval: Enemy naval forces are non-existent. The VC/NVA are known to utilize sampans and small fishing craft along the Song Lo Dong River and its tributaries for the conveyance of both troops and munitions.

c. Air and Air Defense: The only air defense weapons the VC/NVA are known to have are .30 caliber and 12.7mm or .50 caliber machineguns, automatic weapons and small arms. There have been no reports of any larger caliber weapons in this area.

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- a. Upon initial contact to report whether enemy or friendly initiated, to include disposition, strength, and activity.
- b. To report identification of units: suspected or confirmed presence of new units: location of unit boundaries: strength of units.
- c. To report the location and identification of command posts and supply installations.
- d. To report the disposition of artillery and mortar sights/unit locations.
- e. To report the suspected or confirmed presence of anti-aircraft weapons.
- f. To report the location, nature, and extent of defensive installations: presence or absence of obstacles protecting these; and locations of minefields.
- g. To report enemy patrol contacts/observations, to include locations, nature of contact/observation and subsequent enemy reactions.
- h. To report suspected or confirmed enemy jamming or intrusion on communications nets.
- i. To report new enemy weapons.
- j. To report suspected or confirmed enemy use of biological or chemical weapons.
 - (1). Presence of gas masks in hands of the enemy.
 - (2). Presence of protective clothing and/or decontamination equipment in hands of the enemy.
 - (3). Loss of contact for a period in excess of one (1) hour.
 - (4). Anxiety reaction of POW's, indigenous personnel toward remaining in forward areas.
 - (5). Presence of signs indicating areas to avoid.
- k. To report significant errors or omissions in maps.
- l. To report the presence of obstacles to movement by foot or vehicle.
- m. To report the presence of fords at major streams.

3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION**a. Orders to Subordinate and Attached Units.**

- (1). The S-4 exercises staff cognizance over the evacuation, hospital-

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ization and establishing a collection point for captives.

(2). The S-1 exercises staff cognizance over the collection, safeguarding and administrative processing of captives.

(3). Company/Unit commanders have the responsibility of insuring POW's, captured weapons/equipment, and captured material are sent back to S-2, by the most expeditious means available for intelligence screening, processing, and/or interrogation. (refer to par 4a, b and c of this Intell Annex)

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS, AND MATERIAL

a. Prisoners of War.

(1). Immediately upon capture, enemy personnel will be completely and thoroughly searched and disarmed.

(2). All items except minimum necessary clothing will be taken from the captive and returned to S-2 for screening. All items that meet the prescribed prerequisites as outlined in DivO 3460.1A (Control, Screening, Evacuation and Disposal of Captured Enemy Material) will be registered and returned to the capturing party.

(3). The captive and his collective possessions will be tagged (S-2 Scout).

(4). Only minimum medical aid will be given captured personnel. They will be given no health and comfort items. Food, water, head privileges and cigarettes will not be given to a captive prior to interrogation unless prolonged retention by the capturing unit is unavoidable.

(5). Speed of evacuation is essential, otherwise the captive's intelligence value may be lost.

(6). Capturing units will report the location of all dead enemy to S-2.

(7). Captured personnel will be accorded firm, just, humane treatment in the manner prescribed in the "Geneva Convention relative to the treatment of Prisoners of War, 1949."

b. Captured Documents.

(1). The primary sources of captured documents are:

- (a). Captured and abandoned enemy CP's/other installations
- (b). POW's/Military and Civilian
- (c). Captured Viet Cong Guerrillas
- (d). Enemy dead

(2). All captured documents, regardless of source, will be immediately

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turned into, or placed under the control of the intelligence officer (S-2).

c. Captured Material and Equipment.

(1). All captured material will be properly tagged (S-2 Scout) with a captured equipment tag and returned to this S-2 office.

(2). Reports of frequency settings on captured enemy radios will be classified as SECRET and forwarded to this Headquarters by the fastest secure means available.

(3). Captured material of a new or unusual nature will be reported to this Headquarters by the most expeditious means available.

(4). Although speed is essential, electronic communication means will not be used to report capture of enemy material unless sent in code.

5. DOCUMENTS AND/OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

a. Aerial Photographs.

(1). Upon receipt from 1st MarDiv G-2 (AIR) aerial photograph packets will be disseminated to the requiring company/unit commander(s).

b. Maps.

(1). All subordinate companies/units/attachments of this command have been issued more than the ample number of maps required.

(a). Requests for maps need only be verbal.

(b). If required maps need to be laminated, requesting units will normally wait one full working day prior to issuance.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

a. Counterintelligence Measures.

(1). These measures are implemented within this Battalion to defeat the enemy intelligence efforts. It is the responsibility of all unit commanders to be alert to detect and/or report the following:

(a). Loss or compromise of classified material or equipment.

(b). Capture of known or suspected enemy intelligence personnel or material.

(c). Existence of enemy or Foreign Clandestine Organizations of any nature.

(d). Evidence of enemy Psychological Warfare.

(e). Deceptive measures/tactics being used by the enemy.

(f). The keeping of personal diaries, the carrying of identification cards, letters or unit insignia by Marines on operations.

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(g). Insufficient instruction in password and countersign procedure.


7. MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS

a. Employment of Intelligence Personnel.

(1). Counterintelligence Teams (CIT)/Interrogation Translator Teams (ITT) are trained specialists in their respective fields. The proper employment of such teams greatly enhances the satisfactory completion of the tactical mission and the requirements assigned a commander on special operations.

(2). Battalion S-2 Scouts have been trained not only to serve as a scout but to aid the unit to which they are attached with information about the enemy. If employed properly they serve as a ready reference concerning enemy weapons, tactics, capabilities and vulnerabilities.

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Subj: INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE for proposed operation vicinity HILL 310, 270 and the valley south of the Ba Na Mountains.

Ref: (a) Maps, Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6641 (III) and 6640 (IV)
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1. MISSION

a. Basic Mission: To rout out and destroy the enemy within this proposed area of operations (AO).

b. Previous Decisions: None

c. Purpose of this Estimate: To develop the intelligence necessary for planning a Search and Clear Operation vicinity HILL 310, 270 and the valley south of the Ba Na Mountains.

2. ENEMY SITUATION

a. Characteristics of the Area of Operation:

(1). Topography: See TAB A (Terrain Study)

(2). Climate and Weather: See TAB B (Climatology Study)

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4. **ARMS AND ARMAMENT** See TAB D (Enemy Arms and Armament)

5. **ENEMY CAPABILITIES**

a. Enumeration:

(1). Capability #1. **ATTACK**: The enemy has the capability to conduct small scale sapper attacks and ambushes at the present time. An attack in force would be to the enemy's disadvantage because of FVMAF overwhelming fire superiority. The enemy also possesses the ability to attack by fire in any given situation.

(2). Capability #2. **DEFEND**: The enemy possesses the ability to defend areas he deems worthwhile. However, this would not be wise nor to his advantages because of FVMAF numerical and fire superiority.

(3). Capability #3. **EVADE**: The enemy has the capability of avoiding major contact with friendly forces by conducting delaying tactics such as mining, sniper fire, sporadic mortar/rocket fire, to permit the escape of Main Force elements to previously designated hiding places in an effort to avoid capture.

6. **CONCLUSIONS**

a. Relative Probability of Adoption of Enemy Capabilities.

(1). The enemy will probably adopt capability #3 (EVADE). He can conceal himself due to his knowledge of the terrain and can blend in with the local populace because of their support.

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b. Effect of Enemy Capabilities upon Commanders Mission.

(1). The adoption of Capability #1 (ATTACK) and #2 (DEFEND) would be the most advantageous as it would greatly subject the enemy to our air, artillery and Naval gunfire, with the probability of tremendous losses by the enemy.

(2). The adoption of Capability #3 (EVADE) could delay but not prevent the accomplishment of the mission.

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- ✓A. Terrain Study
- ✓B. Climatology (To be supplemented to this Intelligence Estimate one (1) day prior to Proposed Operation)
- ✓C. Enemy Strength, Composition and Disposition
- ✓D. Enemy Arms and Armament
- ✓E. Challenge and Password
- ✓F. Blacklist (Already distributed)

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TAB A (Terrain Study) to Intelligence Estimate for proposed operation vicinity Hill 310, 270 and the valley south of the Ba Na Mountains.

1. General

a. The study area is in the southern portion of Hieu Duc District, Quang Nam Province, almost directly west of Hill 10. The AOA is bounded by grids AT 8370, AT 8770, AT 8766 and AT 8366.

b. The Song Lo Dong River (from AT 830673 to AT 870691) almost directly bisects the proposed AO. The river at this present time is approximately 3-12 feet in depth.

c. The area is a mountainous, dense forest or jungle and a lowland river valley of clear forest with an average elevation of 258 feet. Its high point is in the northern corner of the AOA (AT 8370) measuring approximately 400 feet.

2. Drainage

a. The AO is well drained due to the presence of the Song Lo Dong River and its tributaries but in the valley swamps are prevelent.

b. During inclement weather streambeds and river banks should be avoided as patrol routes due to the high flash flood possibility.

3. Vegetation

a. Moving southwest from our northeastern boundary (AT 8770) we first encounter scattered rice paddies. Throughout this area are numerous tree lines (burms). Drainage ditches and paddy dikes are common in the cultivated rice-land areas. Proceeding either northwest or southwest, south or southeast from the central portion of the AO (AT 8568) the vegetation gradually thickens from clear forest with elephant grass ranging from 2 to 10 feet and heavy scrub growths to dense forest or jungle. The latter (dense forest or jungle) is to be found by moving into the foothills, the valleys and the draws of this area.

b. It should be noted that double canopy rain forest is prevelent starting at the elevation of approximately 150 feet. Because of this double canopy coverage it should be noted that extreme difficulty could be encountered if the need for a medevac should arise.

4. Surface Material

a. Generally in this mountainous area red clay and a red rock shale comprise the earth substance. This extends to a depth usually greater than 12 meters and a fertile top soil is prevelent in most cases. The soil in the lowlands and rice cultivated areas consists of a silt clay mixture.

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5. Cultural Features

a. Prior to this conflict there were five (5) villages to be found within the proposed AO. At present all villages/hamlets are supposedly abandoned due to the relocation phase of the pacification program promoted by MAC V at Hieu Duc District Headquarters (AT 921704).

b. The ruins and /or remaining unkept structures are, in some cases still to be found. No personnel should be living at these locations.

6. Observation

a. Observation is generally fair to good throughout the lowlands. In the mountainous area it is reduced to poor in many areas depending upon vegetation density (refer to paragraph 3 (Vegetation)).

7. Fire

a. Based on existing terrain characteristics there are generally no restrictions upon the use of organic and supporting arms. In some areas the effective use of small arms/direct fire organic weapons will be hindered due to hedgerows, treelines, thick elephant grass, heavy vegetation, draws and valleys found within this AO.

ENCLOSURE

✓ 1 - Helicopter Landing Zones

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ENCLOSURE 1 (Helicopter Landing Zones) to TAB A (Terrain Study) to Intelligence Estimate for proposed operation vicinity Hill 310, 270 and the valley south of the Ba Na Mountains.

1. Landing Zone #1: AT 842679, Good, 1 CH-46, consisting of 9-10' elephant grass.
2. Landing Zone #2: AT 863695, Good, 2 CH-46, consisting of 1½' elephant grass.
3. Landing Zone #3: AT 852699, Good, 1 CH-46, consisting of 2' elephant grass.
4. Landing Zone #4: AT 840681, Good, 2 CH-46, consisting of 5' elephant grass.
5. Landing Zone #5: AT 865693, Good, Multi-CH-46, consisting of 3' elephant grass.
6. Landing Zone #6: AT 849694, Good, Multi-CH-46, consisting of 3-4' elephant grass.
7. Landing Zone #7: AT 848686, Good, 2 CH-46, consisting of 2' elephant grass.
8. Landing Zone #8: AT 854685, Good, 2 CH-46, consisting of 2' elephant grass.
9. Landing Zone #9: AT 855684, Good, 2 CH-46, consisting of 2' elephant grass.

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TAB B (Climatology) to INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE for proposed operation vicinity Hill 310, 270, and the valley south of the Ba Na Mountains.

1. The Climatology portion of this Intelligence Estimate will be published one (1) day prior to H hour of the proposed operation.

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ENCLOSURE 1 (Astronomical Data) to TAB B (Climatology Study) to Intelligence Estimate for proposed operation vicinity Hill 270, 310, and the valley south of the Ba Na Mountains.

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ILLUMINATION</u>	<u>MOON RISE</u>	<u>MOON SET</u>	<u>MOON PHASE</u>
Nov	26	96%	2002	0848	
	27	91	2056	0940	
	28	85	2148	1028	
	29	78	2240	1111	
	30	70	2330	1150	
Dec	01	61	NONE	1227	
	02	52	0019	1301	LAST QTR
	03	42	0106	1335	
	04	32	0155	1409	
	05	23	0245	1446	
	06	15	0338	1526	
	07	08	0436	1611	
	08	03	0538	1704	
	09	00	0644	1803	NEW MOON
	10	01	0751	1909	
	11	04	0856	2017	
	12	10	0955	2124	
	13	18	1048	2228	
	14	28	1138	2328	
	15	38	1216	NONE	
	16	49	1254	0024	1ST QTR
	17	60	1332	0118	
	18	70	1409	0210	
	19	79	1448	0303	
	20	87	1530	0357	
	21	93	1615	0451	
	22	97	1704	0547	
	23	99	1755	0641	
	24	100	1848	0734	FULL MOON
	25	98	1942	0823	
	26	95	2034	0908	
	27	91	2124	0948	
	28	84	2213	1025	
	29	77	2301	1100	
	30	69	2347	1134	
	31	59	NONE	1207	

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TAB C (Enemy Strength, Composition and Disposition) to INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE for proposed operation vicinity HILL 310, 270, and the valley south of the Ba Na Mountains.

1. The following is a list of known units operating in or near the area of operation.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>EST STR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE OF INFORMATION</u>
31st Regt 341st Div	NVA	C	1150	Vic AT 8770	
Hq/Spt	NVA	C	790	Vic AT 8770	11 Nov 69
102nd Bn 31st Regt	NVA	C	160	Vic AT 8770	11 Nov 69
103rd Bn 31st Regt	NVA	C	200	Vic AT 8770	11 Nov 69
575th RKT Bn	NVA	C	300	Vic ZC 1960	11 Nov 69

2. In addition to the above, numerous local guerrillas exist in the hamlets throughout the proposed area of operation.

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ENCLOSURE 1 (Intelligence Information Reports) to TAB C (Enemy Strength, Composition and Disposition) to Intelligence Estimate for proposed operation vicinity of Hill 270, 310 and the valley south of the Ba Na Mountains.

1. Below listed Intelligence Information Reports were received from various intelligence producing agencies located in DaNang.

a. 021645H - SENATOR - S. 5 VC/NVA

- A. Standing around table, others chopping wood for fire
- L. 836694
- U. Black PJ's
- T. 02110H
- E. Could not observe

b. 082100H.- SENATOR - Agent Report - 2nd NVA Bn., 31st Regt. presently located Cao Sung (2) (H) AT 878701. Strength: 800 with 30 140mm rockets, 3 82mm mortars and small arms.

c. 091610H - SENATOR - Dai La Grievance Chief - F-3 - Members of K-1 Rocket Btry of 31st NVA Regt moved to pick up rockets at a secret location. Strength of unit is 90. 4 persons for rocket, left on 8 Nov and returning night of 10/11 Nov to a location described as a garden of Mr. Cua Sang, bordering a stream at 822709. This group will have a total of 25 rockets.

d. 141601H - RB - Agent Report - 577 artillery company, 31st Regt. located Cao Sung 3,4,5, (H) vicinity AT 868689, AT 854688, and AT 842692. Strength: 1 heavy company. Weapons: 30 122mm rockets and 5 AA MG.

e. 172345 - RB-2 - Agent Report - On 17 Nov 69, H27 found 3,600 pounds of unpolished rice buried in false graves. Area near graves was booby trapped. All Units should be alerted to possibility of further use of false graves as cache sites.

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ENCLOSURE 2 (Hieu Duc District Intelligence Information Reports) to TAB C (Enemy Strength, Composition and Disposition) to Intelligence Estimate for proposed operation Hill 270, 310 and the valley south of the Ba Na Mountains.

1. The following is a listing of Hieu Duc District Intelligence Reports received from the Senior U.S. Army Advisor (MAC V), Hieu Duc District Headquarters, Quang Nam Province.

- a. An unidentified artillery unit was located at the vicinity of AT 888708 (nfi)
- b. An unidentified NVA Battalion is located at the vicinity of AT 877701. All members of the Battalion have individual weapons.
- c. The Viet Cong Hieu Duc District Force located in the 2nd area will prepare to commemorate Ho Chi MINH in the vicinity of AT 872707 (nfi)
- d. Two companies of the 31st NVA Regt. (nfi), moved from Cao Sung to the vicinity of AT 888695 and AT 892698. The above units were carrying rockets and hid them in an unknown location.
- e. An Agent reported on 21 Oct 1969 that one (1) NVA Transportation Plt. of the K-6 Company, 9th Battalion, 31st Regt., commanded by a man named AI (nfi) to guide the laborers team to carry fish sauce, rice, sugar and ammo., from Phuc Hau, Hoa Thinh and Hoa Vang. They went by road on 20 Oct 69. This unit is waiting for another unit from Dong Bich and Hoa Thuong Loc at AT 882680 to carry weapons back to the Mts. (nfi)
- f. An Agent reported one (1) NVA Plt of the 31st Regt., combined with local guerrillas with a strength of about 45 men all armed with individual weapons are located at AT 884713.
- g. There is one UI NVA Plt located at AT 826694 - 867693. They are to attack or harras friendly units in Hoa Phu Village.
- h. One UI NVA Co from the 31st Regt has moved from AT 850705 to an unknown area to pick up approximately 20 x 122mm rockets. They are to return 10-11 November at AT 885714-885711. They may rocket DaNang in the Future.

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TAB D (Enemy arms and armament) to INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE for proposed operation vicinity HILL 310, 270, and valley south of the Ba Na Mountains

1. The following is a list of infantry weapons used by the NVA/VC.

<u>TYPE WEAPON</u>	<u>MAX RANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE RANGE</u>	<u>RATE OF FIRE</u>
Soviet 7.62mm AK-47 (Chicom type 56)		400m (semi auto) 300m (auto)	40 RPM 90-100 RPM
Soviet 7.62mm Carbine (Chicom type 53)		400m	10 RPM
Soviet 7.62mm Carbine (Chicom type 56)		400m	30-35 RPM
Soviet 7.62 LMG RPD (Chicom type 56)		800m	150 RPM
Soviet 7.62 HMG (Chicom type 53-57)		1,000m	250 RPM
Soviet 82mm Mortar (Chicom type 53)	3,040m		25 RPM
Soviet 120mm Mortar (Chicom type 53)	5,700m		15 RPM
Soviet RPG-2 (Chicom type 56)	600m	100m	4-6 RPM
Soviet RPG-7	700m	500m	5 RPM
Chicom 57mm RR (Type 52)	4,375m		5 RPM
Chicom 75mm RR (Type 52)	6,675m		10 RPM
Soviet 82mm RGun (B-10)	4,470m	390m	5-6 RPM
Soviet 107mm RGun (B-11)	6,650m	450m	4-5 RPM

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2. Anti-air weapons commonly used by the NVA/VC.

<u>TYPE WEAPON</u>	<u>MAX RANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE RANGE</u>	<u>RATE OF FIRE</u>
Soviet 12.7 HMG (Chicom type 54)		1,000m (AA)	80 RPM
Soviet 37mm AA Gun (Chicom type 55)	6,000 (Vert) 8,000 (Horz)	1,373m (AA)	80 RPM

3. Rockets commonly used by the NVA/VC.

<u>TYPE WEAPON</u>	<u>MAX RANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE RANGE</u>	<u>RATE OF FIRE</u>
107mm Rocket (type 63)	8,700-9,800m		
122mm Rocket	11,000-17,000m		
140mm Rocket	9,000m		

4. Captured weapons commonly used by the NVA/VC.

<u>TYPE WEAPON</u>	<u>MAX RANGE</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE RANGE</u>	<u>RATE OF FIRE</u>
BAR		800m	100 RPM
M-1		500m	40 RPM
M-1 Carbine		300m	40-60 RPM
M-14		460m	40-60 RPM
M-16 (Semi auto) (auto)	2,645m 2,645m	463m 463m	45-60 RPM 120-150 RPM
.30 Cal MG		1,000m	150-200 RPM
.50 Cal MG		1,000m	120 RPM

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TAB E (Challenge and Password List) to INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE for proposed operation vicinity HILL 310, 270, and the valley south of the Ba Na Mountains.

1. Codes for the challenge and password will be disseminated by this Headquarters on a daily basis to cover 24 hour periods from 1200H to 1200H.
2. The following list becomes effective 011200H November 1969.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>PASSWORD</u>
99 NINE NINE	CROWN	FEATHER
04 ZERO FOUR	SWEATER	CLAW
96 NINE SIX	RING	TAIL
09 ZERO NINE	RED	PAW
89 EIGHT NINE	WATCH	TOP
11 ONE ONE	BLUE	ERASER
84 EIGHT FOUR	SHOE	BUCKLE
17 ONE SEVEN	BAG	STRING
75 SEVEN FIVE	WHITE	TIRE
21 TWO ONE	EVE	SEAT
72 SEVEN TWO	BELT	WHEEL
25 TWO FIVE	PLATE	TILLER
69 SIX NINE	NOSE	BOARD
55 FIVE FIVE	HOLE	FISH
28 TWO EIGHT	CURTAIN	GALLEY
66 SIX SIX	PAPER	SHEET
30 THREE ZERO	BEND	LIGHT
64 SIX FOUR	GLASS	BIRD
33 THREE THREE	RUBBER	MAST
61 SIX ONE	HAND	MONEY
36 THREE SIX	END	TELL
60 SIX ZERO	KEY	TAIL
40 FOUR ZERO	EAR	CENTER
50 FIVE ZERO	BAND	HEAD
42 FOUR TWO	HOOK	BOARD
48 FOUR EIGHT	SAVE	TRUNK
44 FOUR FOUR	TOOTH	BRASS
01 ZERO ONE	TAB	MUFFLER
77 SEVEN SEVEN	SMOKE	RULER
19 ONE NINE	SOCK	DEST

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1-Alternate Challenge and Password

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ENCL. 1 (ALTERNATE Challenge and Password List) to TAB E to INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE for proposed operation vicinity HILL 310, 270, and the valley south of the Ba Na Mountains.

1. Codes for the alternate challenge and password will be disseminated by this Headquarters on a daily basis to cover 24 hour periods from 1200H to 1200H.

2. The following list becomes effective at 01120H November 1969.

<u>CODE</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>PASSWORD</u>
99 NINE NINE	FLINT	PIPE
04 ZERO FOUR	WRENCH	DOOR
96 NINE SIX	STONE	CUP
09 ZERO NINE	STORM	PICTURE
89 EIGHT NINE	SCREEN	BOTTLE
11 ONE ONE	ANGLE	SINK
84 EIGHT FOUR	NAIL	FAUCET
17 ONE SEVEN	KNOB	STOVE
77 SEVEN SEVEN	LATCH	NAME
19 ONE NINE	WINDOW	CLIP
75 SEVEN FIVE	HANDLE	RUBBER
21 TWO ONE	SCREW	FRAME
72 SEVEN TWO	HAMMER	DRUM
25 TWO FIVE	MASON	FENDER
69 SIX NINE	TOOL	PIER
55 FIVE FIVE	DRIVER	BAND
28 TWO EIGHT	BOX	NEWS
66 SIX SIX	WORK	RUSTY
30 THREE ZERO	MEDICINE	WEEK
64 SIX FOUR	FOUNTAIN	LINE
33 THREE THREE	CHAIR	TRAY
61 SIX ONE	BENCH	WIPER
36 THREE SIX	CLIP	BUTTON
60 SIX ZERO	PEN	SEAM
40 FOUR ZERO	STOP	ROLL
50 FIVE ZERO	SIGNAL	SPEED
42 FOUR TWO	SWITCH	NUMBER
48 FOUR EIGHT	SAIL	TRACK
44 FOUR FOUR	PAD	GLASS
01 ZERO ONE	BOOK	TILLER

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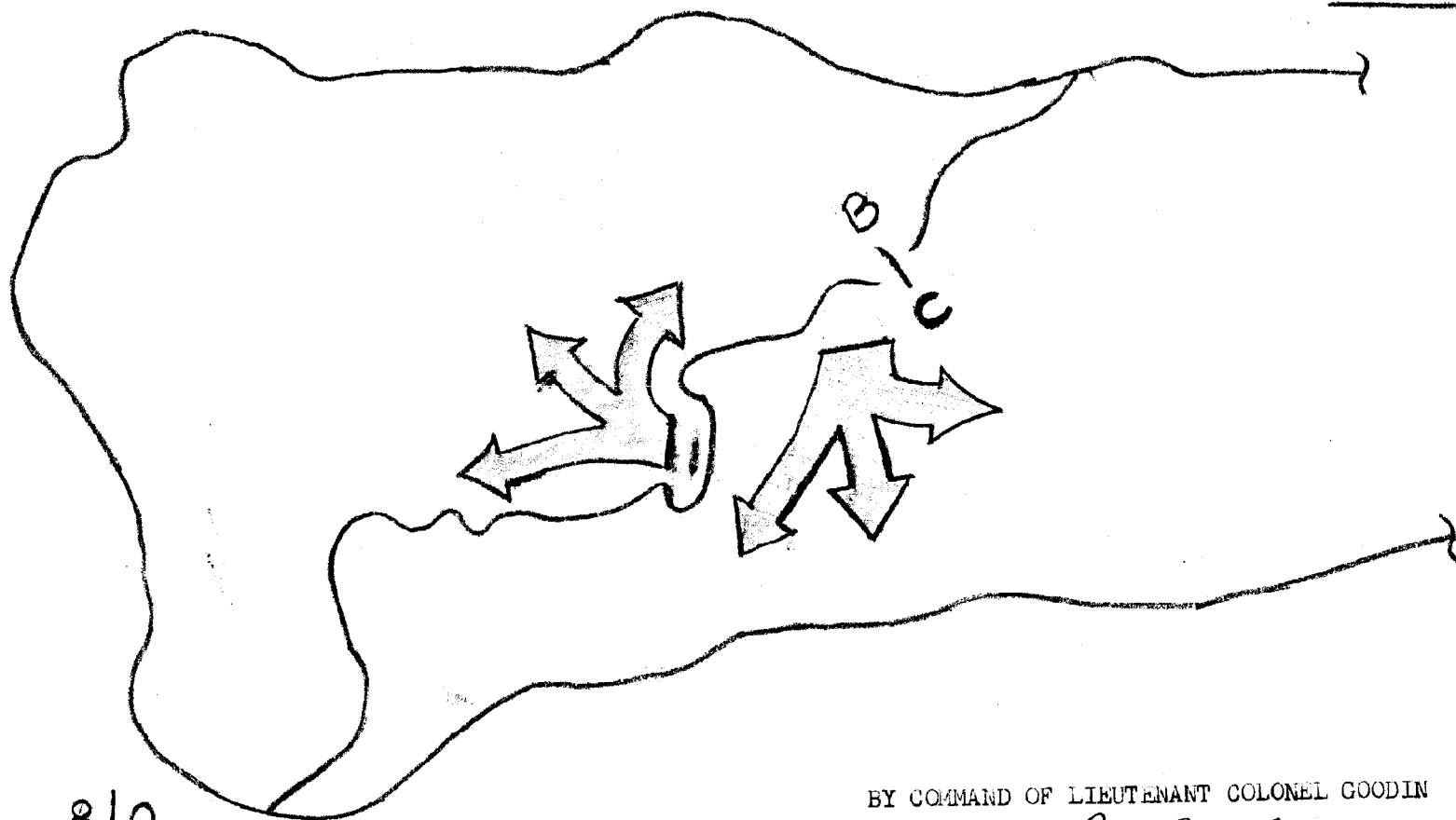
TAB F (Blacklist) to INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE for proposed operation vicinity HILL 310, 270, and the valley south of the Ba Na Mountains.

1. The VC/VCI/VCS Blacklist was forwarded to this command from the 3rd Counterintelligence Team Headquarters, 1st Marine Division, on or about 15 October 1969. The VC/VCI/VCS Blacklist (dated 08 Oct 1969) was disseminated to all rifle companies by this office on 15 October 1969.

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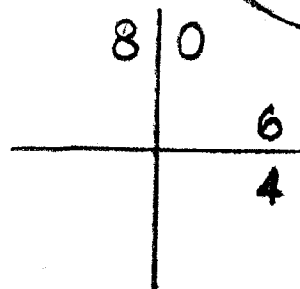
ANNEX C (OPERATION OVERLAY) TO OPERATION ORDER 10-69



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Annex D (Artillery) to Operation Order 10-69

Ref: (a) Maps: Viet Nam, 1:50,000 Scale, Dai Loc 6640 IV, DaNang 6641 III
 (b) 26th Marine Regiment Operation Order 301-69

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) "A" Battery 1/13 is the direct support Battery for 1/26.
- (2) "W" Battery 1/11, "L" Battery 4/11, "K" Battery 4/11, Platoon "A" 3d 8 inch Howitzer Battery, and detachment "A" 3d 175 Gun Battery will provide general support and reinforcing fires.
- (3) All fire support in 1/26 AO will be coordinated by 1/26 ESCC.

2. MISSION. Search and Clear AO assigned, Annex C (Operation Overlay)

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Artillery Employment. In preparation of AO on D-Day commencing at L-90 minutes and ending at L-30 minutes.

- (1) "A" Battery, 1/13 will fire on targets; Groups K2A, F11A, K3A, K6A, U12A, and K10A.
- (2) "W" Battery, 1/11 will fire on targets; Group K4A.
- (3) "K" Battery, 4/11 will fire on targets; Groups U5A, F11A, U1A, and U12A.
- (4) "L" Battery, 4/11 will fire on targets; Groups U7A, K6A, U5A, and K10A.
- (5) Platoon "A", 3d 8 inch Howitzer Battery will fire on targets; Groups F9A, U1A, and F11A.
- (6) Detachment "A", 3d 175 Gun Battery will fire on targets; Groups G8A, and F9A.
- (7) On D-1 Day, Diversionary H&I's will be fired by "A" Battery, 1/13 and "W" Battery 1/11.

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CONFIDENTIALb. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Concentration Numbers - Appendix 1 (Concentration Numbers).
- (2) Restrictions on fire.
 - (a) Daily Regimental No-Fire-Line.
 - (b) Regimental Sav-A-Plane's.

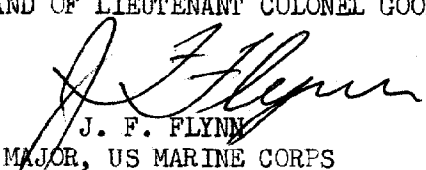
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. As Previous.5. COMMAND AND COORDINATIONS

- a. Coordination by 1/26 FSCC, "MAY FLY BAILEY".
- b. Control by 1st Battalion, 13 Marines FSC, "LUNCH MEAT".
- c. Sav-A-Plane clearance by 26th Marines FSCC, "RAZOR BIRD BAILEY".
- d. Primary COM 60.00, R-359.

APPENDICES

- ✓1 - Concentration Numbers
- ✓2 - Artillery Fire Overlay
- ✓3 - Schedule of Fires

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Appendix 1 (Concentration Numbers) to Annex D (Artillery) to Operation Order 10-69

GROUP U1A - 807704
 811701
 813703
 815704
 820693

GROUP K2A - 841694
 843701
 847693
 847696
 848699
 851698
 853694

GROUP K3A - 864692
 864689
 868683
 865680

GROUP K4A - 875698
 875697
 874694
 874692
 875689

GROUP U5A - 875697
 856676
 861677
 864676
 862674
 863671

GROUP K6A - 848670
 847663
 852663
 856663
 862665

GROUP U7A - 833658
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 841659

GROUP G8A - 806668
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 818672

GROUP F9A - 808635
 813683
 813684

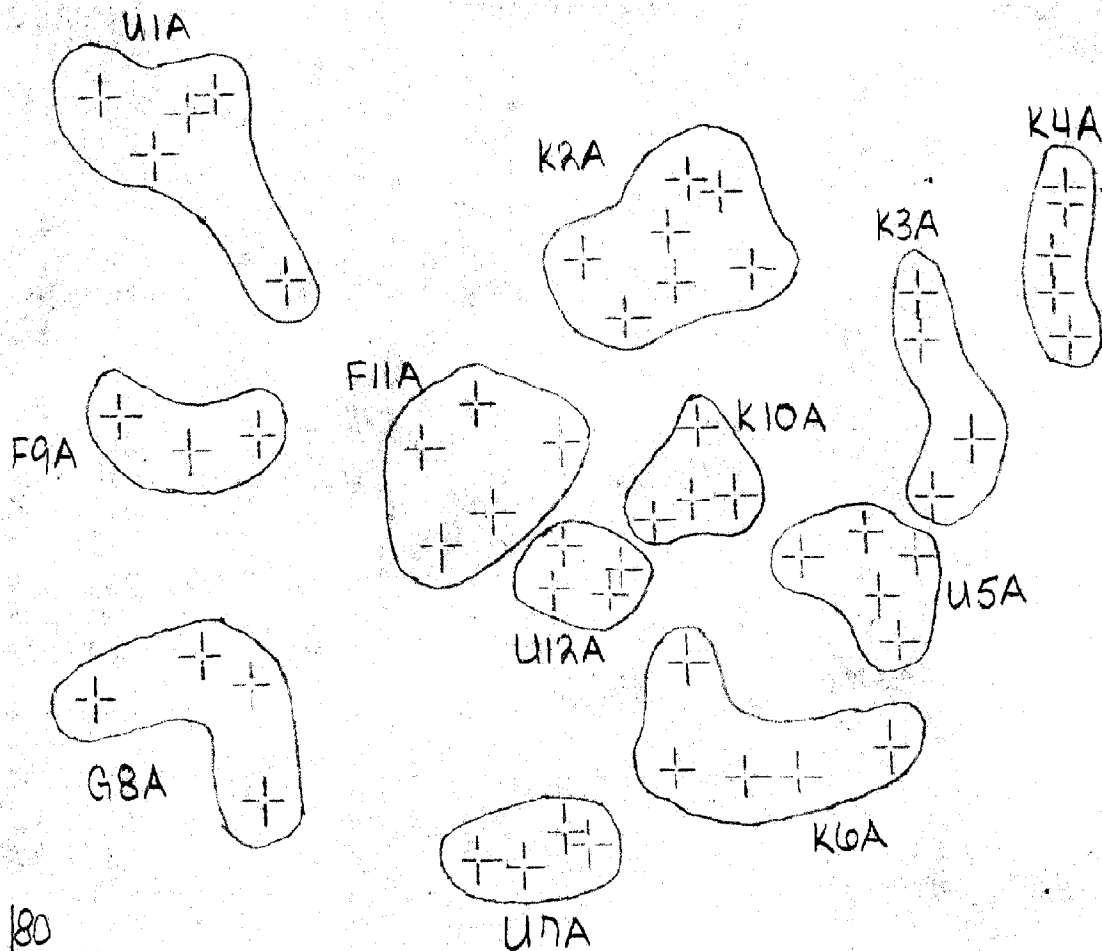
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 849684
 852680

GROUP F11A - 829683
 831677
 834679
 839683
 833686

GROUP U12A - 838674
 839677
 843674
 844676

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APPENDIX 2 (ARTILLERY FIRE OVERLAY) TO ANNEX D (ARTILLERY) TO
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APPENDIX 3 (SCHEDULE OF FIRES) to ANNEX D
to OPERATION ORDER 10-69

	L-90	-80	-70	-60	-50	-40	-30
WHISKEY	K4A			K4A		K4A	
	18			18		18	
ALPHA	K2A	F11A	K3A	K6A	U12A	K10A	
	42	30	24	30	24	24	
KILO	U5A		F11A	U1A		U12A	
	30		30	30		24	
LIMA	U7A	K6A		U5A		K10A	
	24	30		30		24	
Plt A 3rd 8"	F9A		U1A		K2A	F11A	
	6		10		14	10	
Plt A 3rd 175	G8A		F9A			G8A	
	8		6			8	

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Annex E (Air Support) to Operation Order 10-69

Ref: (a) Maps, Viet Nam, 1:50,000 scale, AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6640 IV/6641
 III
 (b) 26 Marines Regiment Operation Order 301-69

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) DaNang DISC coordinates and assigns all air support in the 1st Bn., 26th Mar. AO.
- (2) 1st MAF and 7th Air Force conducts operations in support and defense of units operating in the 1st Bn., 26th Mar. AO.

2. MISSION

Search and clear assigned AO. Annex E (Operations Overlay)

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. 1st Bn., 26th Mar. Operation Order 10-69.

b. Air Support (1st MAF)

- (1) Provide fixed wing strikes as requested on D-Day and fixed wing support until the termination of the operation.
- (2) On D-Day provide helicopter support (6 CH-46's & 2 Gunships), for lift of two (2) Companies (Rein) and CP Group. See Appendix 1 (Helicopter Overlay) to Annex E (Air Support), Sheet 1.
- (3) On D+1 Day, provide helicopter support (1 CH-46) for resupply.
- (4) On D+3 Day, provide helicopter support (4 CH-46's & 2 Gunships) for heli-lift of one (1) Company and CP Group. See Appendix 1 (Helicopter Overlay) to Annex E (Air Support), Sheet 2.
- (5) Provide Aerial Observer on station from L-Hour - 30 minutes to L+1 Hour + 30 minutes on D-Day.

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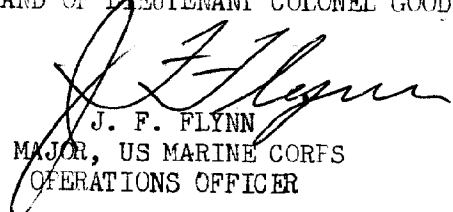
- (1) Coordinating of fixed wing and helicopter will be between DaNang DASG and 1st Bn., 26th Mar. MACP.
- (2) Fire Support Coordination - Annex D (Artillery).
- (3) 1st Bn., 26th Mar. will establish all pre-cleared Fire Zones and No-Fire lines during the operation.

4. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND LOGISTICS. No change.5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

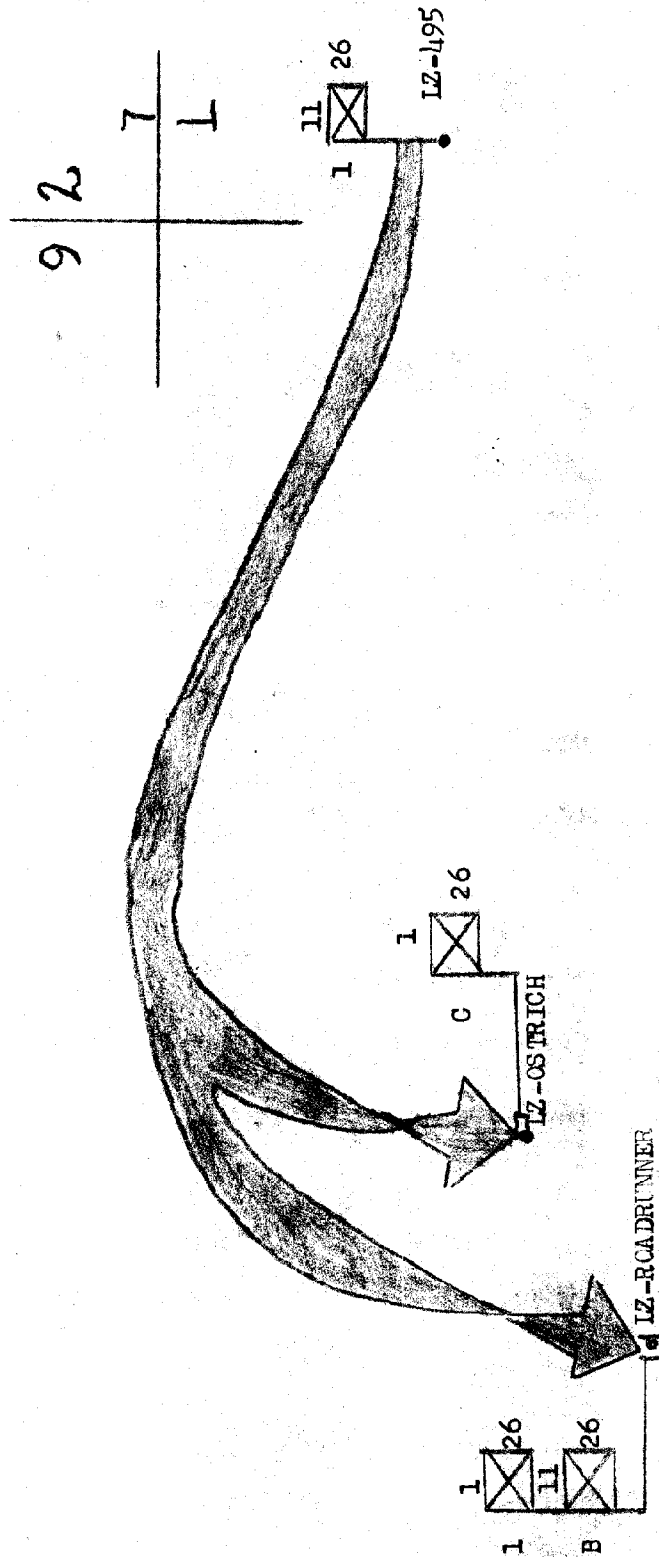
a. Control agencies:

- (1) DASG, DaNang, UHF - 225.3/Color - Rust.
- (2) MACP, 1st Bn., 26th Mar. - "May Fly 14" on 43.60/M-104.
- (3) Assault Frequency - "May Fly 14", "B HOT", "C HS" on F.M. 31.20 - F-112.
- (4) LZ 495, "Georgia Moss", frequency F.M. 45.60/M-155.
- (5) Resupply on LZ Common, F.M. 45.60/M-155.
- (6) Admin. requests, "May Fly 14" on 43.60/M-104.

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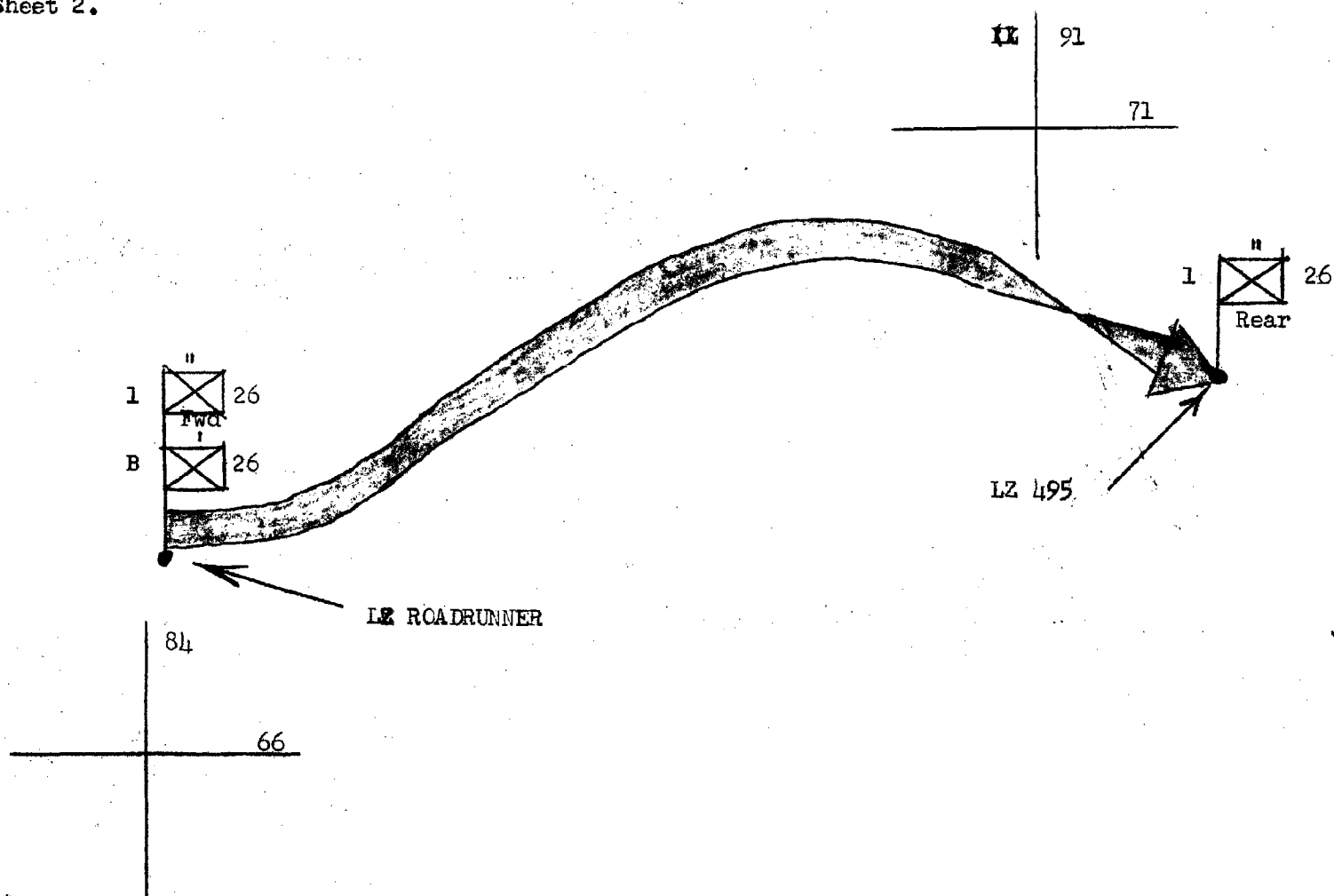


ANNEX E (OPERATION OVERLAY)

TO OPERATION ORDER 10-69

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TAB 3 COMBAT OPERATIONS AFTER ACTION REPORT

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24 December 1969

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 26th Marine Regiment

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report

Ref: (a) DivO 3480.1B
(b) 1st Bn., 26th Mar. OpOrder 10-69

Encl: / (1) Patrol Routes

1. TYPE OF OPERATION. Two (2) Companies search and clear.
2. DATES OF OPERATION. Company B, 041330H to 071100H December 1969.
Company C, 041330H to 081500H December 1969.
3. LOCATION. Quang Nam Province, Hieu Duc District in vicinity of Mang Chua (grid AT 835674) and Cao Sung 5 (grid AT 845692).
4. COMMAND HEADQUARTERS. 1st Battalion, 26th Marines.
5. REPORTING OFFICER. LtCol. J. C. GOODIN.
6. TASK ORGANIZATION

Command Group A

LtCol. J. C. GOODIN

Company B

1stLt. D. K. McADAMS

Det. H&S Co.

Det. Comm Plt.
FO Team, 81mm Mortars
Det. Med. Plt.
2 Squads Flames (XM-191)
1 Squad Automatic XM-174
1 PAC Team
S-2 Scout

Det. Regt. Scout Sniper Plt. (3 Teams)
Det. 3rd MP Bn. (3 Scout Dog Teams)
Det. 1st Plt., Co. A, 5th SF Bn. (HST Team)
Det. 1st Plt., Co. A, 5th Eng. Bn. (Demo Team)
FO Team, A Btry, 1st Bn., 13th Mar.
Kit Carson Scout
Interpreter

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Capt. P. A. KUGEL

Det. H&S Co.

Det. Comm Plt.
 FO Team, 81mm Mortars
 Det. Med. Plt.
 1 Squad Flames (XM-191)
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 Kit Carson Scout
 Interpreter
 ITT Team

7. SUPPORTING FORCES. Provisional Battery X, 1/11 and A Battery, 1/13 with reinforcing fires from W Battery, 1/11 were in direct support. L Battery and K Battery 4/11, Platoon A, 3rd 8" Gun Battery and Detachment A, 3rd 175mm Gun Battery were in general support. The 1st Marine Air Wing provided all Air Support.
8. INTELLIGENCE. Within the area of operation there were no known enemy units present. The 31st NVA Regiment was estimated to be located in the vicinity of 8770. This unit is composed of two (2) infantry battalions and a headquarters with an estimated strength of 1000. Morale is believed to be poor for VC/NVA units operating in the Ba Na Mountains due to insufficient food, high disease rate and heavy casualties inflicted 69 FVNAF.
9. MISSION. Conduct search and clear operations in the assigned AO.
10. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. Two (2) reinforced companies land by helicopters to the west of Hill 270. One (1) Company search and clear to the west and north-west of the Song Lo Dong. The other Company conduct search and clear operations to the South and East of the Song Lo Dong. Particular Emphasis is to be placed on the western slopes of Hill 270 and the Northwestern slopes of 310. All traffic on the waterways is to be interdicted.
11. EXECUTION. Reference (b) was issued on 25 November 1969. D-Day and L-Hour were delayed from 02000H Dec. 69 to 04130H Dec. 1969 due to inclement weather. The weather prevented the fixed-wing prep fires that are required for a helicopter insert into an insecure zone. At L-Hour-50 minutes artillery prep fires began and were fired until L-Hour-30 minutes. At L-Hour-30 minutes fixed-wing prep began, and this one (1) flight of A-4 aircraft were followed by four (4) Huey Cobra Gun Ships. Final prep of the two (2) LZ's was accomplished by two (2) Helicopter TRAP weapons being delivered on each zone. A fixed-wing CAP was on station during the landing.

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- a. Company B. Company B and the Battalion Command Group A landed in LZ Roadrunner. The initial flight into the zone took small arms fire from the northeast, but this ceased immediately after return of .50 cal. from the C H-46 aircraft. Upon arrival on the ground, Company B established two (2) Platoon Patrol Bases (PPBs) and began saturation patrolling to the west, north and northeast. (See Enclosure (1)). Company B and BN. CP Group A were helolifted to Hill 10 at 071100H Dec. 69.
- b. Company C. Company C landed in LZ Ostrich without incident. PPBs were established the first night, and security of the Battalion Command Group was provided. Saturation patrols were conducted throughout the assigned AO. (See Enclosure (1)). The southern side of Hill 270 was checked as was the northwestern slopes of Hill 310. On 7 December 1969 movement began to the east. An OP was established on Hill 270 to observe the Valley to the west as the unit withdrew. Company C returned to Hill 10 on 8 December 1969, and the OP from Hill 270 returned on 9 December 1969.

12. RESULTS

- a. There were no friendly casualties during the operation. Company B had one (1) sighting of three (3) VC/NVA, carrying one (1) AK-47 and two (2) SKS weapons. A sniper/killer team fired at the enemy from approximately 700 meters and observed one (1) enemy fall. A search of the area revealed drag marks. Company B also uncovered six (6) 82mm mortar rounds buried near an enemy harbor site.
- b. Company C did not find movement too difficult in the lowlands, but the side of the slopes are very difficult to traverse. Trails that appear on the maps are not actually on the ground. Several trails were found, but recent use could not be verified. The slopes of Hill 310 and Hill 502 are laced with natural caves and cave-like rock formations that offer excellent harbor areas for the enemy.
- c. The Song Lo Dong is a swift running, clear river; Numerous fording points are available, but locating these fords presents a problem due to the heavy vegetation. Company B found numerous well used trails on the northern reaches of the valley along the foothills of the BaNa Mountain Range.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. Resupply was effected by helicopter on the D+1 Day for all hands, and also for Company G on D+3 Day.
- b. One (1) medevac was performed for a high temperature of unknown origin.
- c. A special 'B' Command net was maintained between Company B, Company G and the Battalion Command Group A. The Command Group maintained communications with the Battalion CP at Hill 10 over the Battalion TAC NET. Excellent communications were experienced over all nets.

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14. SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNIQUES. The XM-191 was used to prep natural caves on the side of the ridge lines as units moved up the face. The weapon had no functional problems. It was accurate and well-employed by the flame squad. No damage was done to the caves by the weapon, although personnel inside would have been casualties.
15. COMMANDERS ANALYSIS. The area of the operation is really too large for a three (3) day operation with two (2) Companies. The nature of the terrain dictates a larger force being used for a period of about seven (7) to ten (10) days. There are numerous caches, harbor sites, trails and natural caves throughout the area. The Operation was valuable in several respects, two (2) of which are; it afforded the opportunity to exercise the Battalion Staff functioning in the field, and it denied the enemy the use of the area. It would have been better in retrospect to have taken a smaller portion of the valley and thoroughly searched the given area with the forces available. It was a simple case of ambition being too large for the forces or time available. Plenty of evidence was available to indicate enemy occupation and activity. So, if the opportunity presents itself again, a smaller portion of Echo Valley will be delineated and conscientiously scoured. Staff personnel will also be varied to provide maximum training for the entire staff.

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