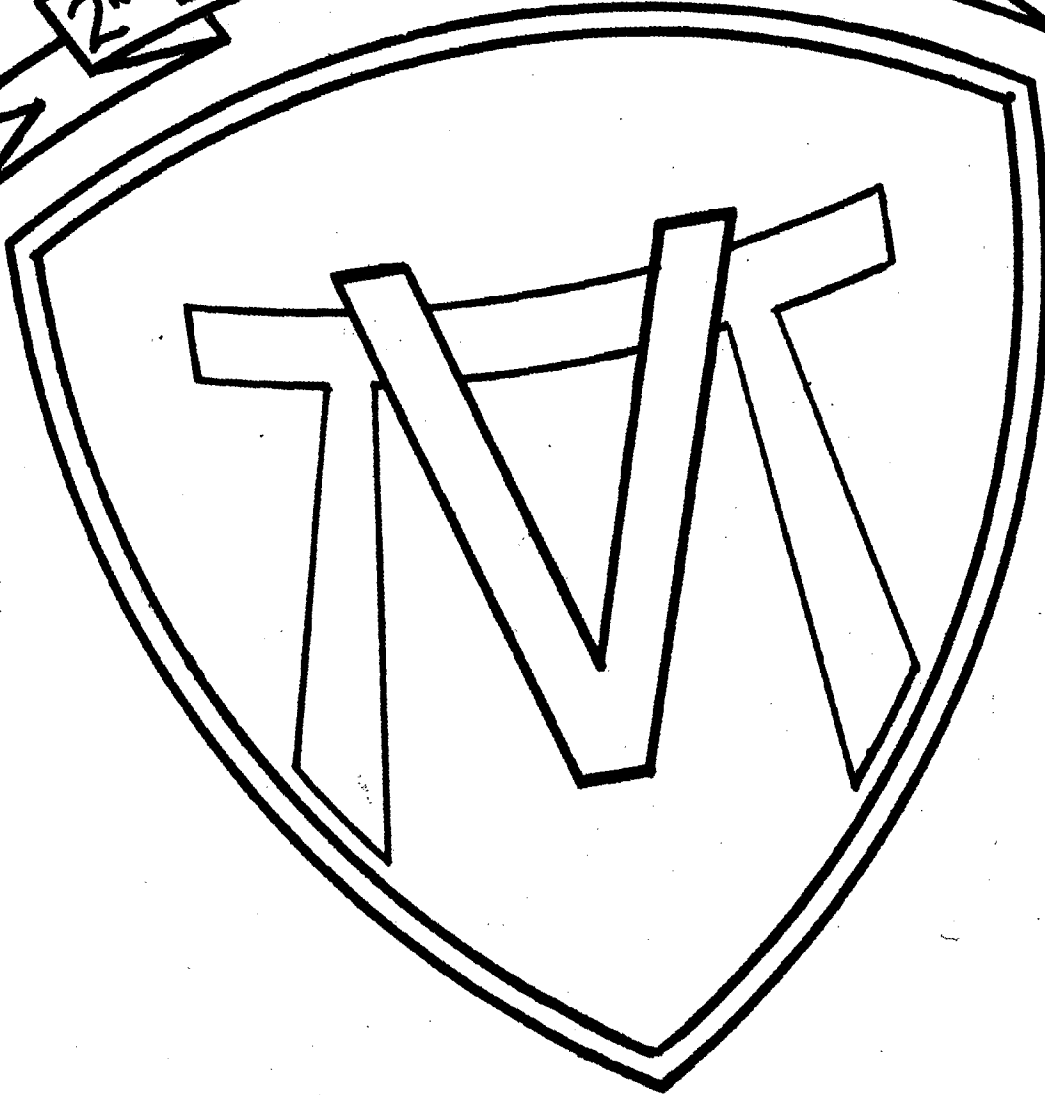


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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Designation Commander
- 2d Battalion, 26th Marines LtCol P. J. HEATH 1-30Jun68
- Subordinate Units
- H&S Company Captain S. M. HARTMAN 1-30Jun68
- Company "E" 1stLt J. R. MEEKS 1-30Jun68
- Company "F" Captain C. F. DIVELEISS 1-30Jun68
- Company "G" 1stLt R. W. RIORDAN 1-30Jun68
- Company "H" Captain C. O. BROUGHTON 1-30Jun68
2. Location
- 1-30Jun68 - Con Thien, RVN
3. Staff Officers
- Executive Officer Major C. TYE 1-30Jun68
- S-1 1stLt R. J. GUSTAFSON 1-30Jun68
- S-2 1stLt J. C. WAINIO 1-30Jun68
- S-3 Major G. F. KURTZ 1-30Jun68
- S-4 Captain E. G. BREEDING 1-30Jun68
4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of June the Battalion continued to occupy and defend A-3 (YD 175720), A-4 (Con Thien) (YD 116700), C-2 (YD 135646) and C-2 Bridge (YD 128670) dyemarker positions.

The Battalion was deployed as follows: The Battalion Command Post, Company H and Company E (-) at A-4; Company F at A-3; one Rein Platoon from Company E at C-2 Bridge; and Company G at C-2.

Throughout the month the Battalion participated in Operation Kentucky under the operational control of the 9th Marines.

Patrolling and ambushing was restricted throughout the month because of limited reinforcement capabilities. All patrols were at least platoon size and restricted to 2000 meters radius from any position. Ambushes were executed in close proximity to each position.

The Combat outpost positions at Hill 28 (YD 170730) and Yankee Station (YD 118688) were completely destroyed and bulldozed. The defensive perimeter at C-2 Bridge was reduced from company to platoon size. Fire plans and a counterattack plan for each position were finalized. Defensive fires were registered and counterattack rehearsals were conducted.

An extensive program of bunker repair, position cleanup and sanitation was instituted. Ten ammunition bunkers were completed which accommodated all types of ammunition and provided much needed protection for class V items.

Electronic early warning devices, PPS-5's and 6's, Microtales/ADSID's and Night Observation Devices, were utilized at all defensive positions. The readings from these devices provided prompt and timely intelligence, which usually resulted in fire missions being called on the suspected enemy movement. Assistance was rendered for two new sensor systems established at A-4.

A system of night line markers was installed utilizing detonating cord, gasoline, fuel thickener and a WP grenade completely around the perimeter at A-4 and C-2. This system gave the positions the capability of marking the front lines during night close air support missions.

There was only one significant ground contact. A platoon patrol from Company E engaged a NVA Company employed in a bunker complex near Hill 86 southeast of A-4 (Con Thien) on 6 June 1968. The enemy also conducted sporadic artillery, rocket and mortar attacks against all positions. Few casualties were suffered from the attacks.

An extensive H&I and pre-emptive fire program was instituted and maintained. Targeting was based on intelligence reports, sensor/AO reports and patrol reports.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. MISSION. During the period 1 to 30 June the Battalion was assigned the following missions:

a. Provide for the defense of A-3; (YD 175720); A-4 (YD 116700); C-2 (YD 135646) and C-2 Bridge (YD 128670).

b. Dismantle Yankee Station (YD 113686) and Hill 28 (YD 171730), reduce C-2 Bridge (YD 129670) to a platoon size position.

c. Protect LOC (Route 561) within AO, denying enemy opportunity to interdict the LOC by mines or ambushes; conduct daily road mine sweeps from A-4 to C-2.

d. Be prepared to commit one company by helilift for employment in area of operations (West of C-2) on one hour notice.

e. Establish OP's and conduct patrols along MSR # 561 providing security for convoys operating within assigned AO.

f. Conduct day patrols and night operations from all positions within the Battalion's AO.

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 Jun 68 At 010200H Frog Ord 37-68 issued from 9th Mar to 2d Bn, 26th Mar.

Ref: Journal No. 1
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

1 Jun 68 At 011525H Company H patrol discovered well camouflaged 60mm, 82mm mortar pits, and 20 living bunkers in vicinity of YD 132696. Cooking facilities, food, small arms ammo, 100 rds of 60mm, 10 rds of 82mm, and 5 rds of an unknown type ammo were also found. Bunkers and pits were destroyed, samples of all ammo were turned in to the Battalion S-2.

Ref: Journal No. 9
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

1 Jun 68 At 011730H completed major reduction of Yankee Station defensive position, located in vicinity of YD 119688. All salvageable ammo, and building material retrograded to A-4 located at YD 118698.

Ref: Journal No. 11
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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1 Jun 68 At 011900H Frag Ord 38-69 issued from 9th Mar to 2d Bn,
26th Mar.

Ref: Journal No. 12
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

1 Jun 68 At 010730H to 011630H Scout Snipers observed NVA fam firing
.50 cal machine gun in vicinity of YD 110715. Called in
artillery mission with 100% target coverage. Scout Snipers
observed 2 NVA Snipers firing on OP2 from vicinity of
YD 104706, 81mm mortar mission called with good target cover-
age. At 011400H Scout Snipers found numerous bunkers and
spider holes in vicinity of YD 111703, destroyed same.

Ref: Journal No. 13
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

2 Jun 68 At 021840H observed building flying NVA flag in vicinity of
YD 186811. Fired artillery mission with excellent target
coverage observed 7 secondary explosions.

Ref: Journal No. 24
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

2 Jun 68 At 022215H Frag Ord 39-68 issued from 9th Mar to 2d Bn,
26th Mar.

Ref: Journal No. 28
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

3 Jun 68 At 031230H 4 NVA OP structures were observed in vicinity of
YD 113702. 2 flights of fixed wing were directed on target.
Structures were destroyed with 24 500 lb bombs.

Ref: Journal No. 35
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

3 Jun 68 At 031915H 5 NVA were observed in the open in vicinity of
YD 124671. Artillery missions fired, 2 NVA went down when
hit by VT. Swept area with negative results.

Ref: Journal No. 38
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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3 Jun 68 At 031915H Company F observed 12 NVA in vicinity of YD 139710. Fired 81mm mortar and tank mission with good coverage but unknown results.

Ref: Journal No. 39
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

3 Jun 68 At 032015H movement picked up by ground surveillance device (PPS-5) in vicinity of YD 145695. 81mm mortar mission fired with unknown results.

Ref: Journal No. 41
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

4 Jun 68 At 041030H an AO observed a bunker complex in vicinity of YD 131729. Air Strike resulted in 1 NVA KIA (C) and 7 bunkers damaged or destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 49
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

4 Jun 68 At 041545H Company F received 3 heavy artillery rounds, suspected 152mm in vicinity of YD 116700, resulting in 1 USMC WIA (minor). Fired unobserved artillery mission on enemy coord YD 048780 with unknown results.

Ref: Journal No. 55
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

4 Jun 68 At 040900H Scout Snipers found enemy bunkers in vicinity of YD 114708, found booby traps in vicinity of YD 117707. Destroyed bunkers and booby traps. While destroying booby traps 1 USMC WIA (minor) resulted.

Ref: Journal No. 56
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

5 Jun 68 At 050130H Frag Ord 40-68 issued from 9th Mar to 2d Bn, 26th Mar.

Ref: Journal No. 64
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

6 Jun 68 At 061205H a reinforced platoon from Company E, made contact with an estimated enemy company while on patrol approx 1800 meters SE of Con Thien in vicinity of YD 138696 and YD 141696.

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The Company E platoon was reinforced by Company H platoon and Company Command Group. Contact resulted in 14 USMC KIA, 11 USMC WIA medevac, 14 NVA KIA (C), 1 PW, 3 AK-47s, 1 RPG-2, 1 RPG-7, 21 RPG rounds, 1500 AK-47 rounds, 19 Chicom grenades, 4 mines, 782 gear and medical supplies. Several bunkers were destroyed prior to returning to Con Thien.

Ref: Journal No. 78
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

- 7 Jun 68 At 071155H defoliation of grassy areas along front lines and inside the defensive positions at Con Thien (A-4) and C-2 (YD 135646) conducted by army helicopters.

Ref: Journal No. 89
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

- 7 Jun 68 At 072200H received orders from 9th Mar to escort well digger from Route #1 in vicinity of YD 214727 to A-3 in vicinity of YD 175720 at 081200H Jun 68.

Ref: Journal No. 94
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

- 8 Jun 68 At 081100H Frag Ord 20-68 distributed.

Ref: 2d Bn, 26th Mar Frag Ord 20-68
(Tab B to enclosure 1)

- 9 Jun 68 At 091830H Company H (-) conducted company minus operation in area of enemy contact of 6 Jun 68, 1800 meters SE of Con Thien. Operation was supported by tanks and a heavy detachment of engineers. Both CS dispensers and extra demolitions were carried with the company and utilized to destroy and neutralize the area after the objective was secured. No enemy contact. All remaining enemy bunkers and positions were destroyed.

Ref: Journal No 125
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

- 10 Jun 68 At 100837H A-3 received 3 rounds of incoming 82mm mortar resulting in 2 USMC WIA (1 medevac and 1 minor). Fired counter mortar fire with tanks at enemy coord YD 162732 and YD 155724 with unknown results.

Ref: Journal No. 130
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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10 Jun 68 At 100837H A-3 received 3 rounds of incoming 82mm mortar resulting in 2 USMC WIA (1 medevac and 1 minor). Fired counter mortar fire with tanks at enemy coord YD 162732 and YD 155724 with unknown results.

Ref: Journal No. 130
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

10 Jun 68 At 101015H an AO spotted 2 NVA in the open and an enemy mortar site. Gunship took 2 NVA under fire resulting in 2 NVA KIA (C). Fixed wing called in on enemy mortar site resulting in 1 large secondary explosion, 2 bunkers and 1 automatic weapons site destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 133
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

10 Jun 68 At 101745H OP1 spotted 6 NVA in the open in vicinity of YD 139839. Fired artillery mission with excellent target coverage resulting in 1 NVA KIA (C).

Ref: Journal No. 140
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

10 Jun 68 At 102300H a Ground Surveillance Device detected movement at YD 145719. Fired artillery mission on suspected coord with unknown results.

Ref: Journal No. 143
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

11 Jun 68 At 110200H a Ground Surveillance Device detected heavy movement in vicinity of YD 171732. Fired 81mm mortar mission with unknown results.

Ref: Journal No. 146
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

12 Jun 68 At 121830H an AO observed enemy movement in vicinity of YD 133712. Area appeared to be enemy storage site with trenchlines and bunkers. 81mm mortar mission fired, destroying 1 bunker and 1 NVA KIA (C).

Ref: Journal No. 181
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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16 Jun 68 At 160730H 11th Engineers received several incoming sniper rounds while building a bunker on OP2 at Con Thien resulting in 1 USMC WIA (minor).

Ref: Journal No. 226
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

16 Jun 68 At 161200H 9th Marines chopped Co G 2/26 to 2d Bn, 26th Mar.

Ref: Journal No. 233
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

16 Jun 68 At 161700H an AO spotted 4 NVA in the open in vicinity of YD 133712. Called air strike, artillery, 81mm mortar and 106mm RR fire missions resulting in 7 NVA KIA(C).

Ref: Journal No. 245
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

16 Jun 68 At 161745H C-2 in vicinity of YD 137645 received 15 rounds of suspected 75 pack howitzer fired from vicinity of enemy coord YD 0461 resulting in 2 USMC KIA, 3 WIA (medevac) and 1 WIA (minor).

Ref: Journal No. 246
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

16 Jun 68 At 162150H OP2 at Con Thien using the NOD observed lights that appeared to be enemy helicopters in vicinity of the following coords: YD 133750, YD 0879, YD 1384, YD 1578, and YD 1585. Fired artillery mission resulting in 1 secondary explosion.

Ref: Journal No. 250
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

17 Jun 68 At 170955H C-2 (YD 135645) received 6 incoming rounds of suspected 75 pack howitzer resulting in 2 USMC WIA (medevac). Fired artillery mission on enemy coords YD 089778 resulting in 2 secondary explosions. Excellent target coverage.

Ref: Journal No. 254
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

17 Jun 68 At 171622H Major General Stilwell USA visited A-4.

Ref: Journal No. 261
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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17 Jun 68 At 171645H ran airstrikes on enemy coord YD 143697 resulting in 6 NVA KIA (C) and 2 bunkers destroyed.

Ref: Journal No. 264
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

19 Jun 68 At 191400H received 4 rounds of 82mm mortars from vicinity of enemy coordinates YD 109741, resulting in 4 USMC WIA (1 medevac and 3 minor).

Ref: Journal No. 297
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

20 Jun 68 At 201100H Frag Ord 22-68 distributed.

Ref: 2d Bn 26th Mar Frag Ord 22-68(C)
(Tab C to enclosure 1)

21 Jun 68 At 210842H 81mm mortar fired prep fire for Company H patrol in vicinity of YD 130688. 1 short round resulted in 3 USMC WIA (2 medevacs and 1 minor). Investigation being conducted.

Ref: Journal No. 324
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

24 Jun 68 At 241120H Company H Platoon patrol called for a fire mission at YD 105680. One 4.2 inch mortar round impacted in vicinity of patrol command group resulting in 2 USMC KIA, 5 WIA (4 medevacs and 1 minor). Investigation being conducted.

Ref: Journal No. 373
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

24 Jun 68 Issued OPORD 21-68

Ref: 2d Bn, 26th Mar OPORD 21-68(S)
(Tab D to enclosure 1)

25 Jun 68 At 250640H 4 NVA were observed in open vicinity coords YD 137835. 4.2 mortar mission fired with good target coverage.

Ref: Journal No. 385
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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25 Jun 68 At 251130H Scout Snipers found 3 bunkers reinforced with heavy logs, built into the side of rice paddy dike at YD 110707. The bunkers were partially destroyed. Also found a trail leading from bunkers to YD 144706.

Ref: Journal No. 390
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

25 Jun 68 At 252115H OP2 using NOD observed lights that appeared to be helicopters landing. Range determined by Fire Watch to be 15,835 meters. Unable to fire artillery due to friendly aircraft in local area.

Ref: Journal No. 394
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

26 Jun 68 At 261050H confirmed information on tracked vehicles marks at YD 204725. Tracks were 28 inches wide, 116 inches from center to center. Tracks were from 2 vehicles heading south on magnetic azimuth of 172° estimated 1 week old. Information forwarded from Bn S-2 to Regt S-2.

Ref: Journal No. 404
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

26 Jun 68 At 261730H L/3/3 observed enemy automatic weapons position at YD 175696. Requested fire mission from 2/26. 81mm mortar mission fired resulting in 3 bunkers destroyed, and 2 secondary explosions.

Ref: Journal No. 407
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

27 Jun 68 At 270720H G/2/26 minesweep found one antitank mine located in the middle of route 561 at YD 133628. The mine was blown in place.

Ref: Journal No. 413
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

30 Jun 68 At 300930H Hotel Co patrol found 4 small 2 man bunkers in vicinity of YD 115713. The bunkers were freshly built, well camouflaged and appeared to be recently lived in. Overhead constructed with snakeye bombs. Bunkers were booby trapped with Chicom with trip wires across the entrance. Destroyed bunkers and contaminated area with CS.

Ref: Journal No. 451
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

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30 Jun 68 At 301010H one Army Bell type helicopter crashed and burned in the 2/26 LZ at Con Thien (YD 115700). Pilot was taken to BAS for routine checkup.

Ref: Journal No. 453
(Tab A to enclosure 1)

1-30 Jun 68	Total number of patrols	129
	Total number of ambushes	68
	Total number of LP's	316
	Total number of OP's	285

3. Personnel Administration

a. Personnel

- (1) Number of replacements received: 61
- (2) Number of personnel lost through rotation: 46
- (3) Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation:
 - (a) KIA: Officers 0 Enlisted 16
 - (b) DOW: Officers 0 Enlisted 1
 - (c) WIA: Officers 0 Enlisted 22
 - (d) Non-battle casualties: 8
 - (e) Intra-Division/Regiment Transfers: 32
- (4) Number of personnel who were wounded, treated and returned to duty and non-battle casualties returned to duty after treatment.
 - (a) WIA: Officers 0 Enlisted 11
 - (b) Non-battle casualties: 7
- (5) R&R: A total of 87 personnel took R&R.

b. Administration

- (1) Awards: Thirty-eight (38) Purple Heart medals were issued during the reporting period.

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(2) Promotions:

- (a) To Gunnery Sergeant: 1
- (b) To Sergeant: 11
- (c) To Corporal: 23
- (d) To Lance Corporal: 102
- (e) To Private First Class: 1

(3) Postal Services: Mail is initially sorted in the Administrative Rear and sent by convoy and helicopter by mail courier to the receiving activities, where it is turned over to the unit mail orderly.

(4) Post Exchange: Post exchange facilities at the Battalion's positions are limited. An exchange truck makes visits monthly.

(5) Special Services: Writing kits and ice chests were issued to all units. During June Special Services funds were used to purchase free beer and soda. Two (2) beers and sodas were distributed to all personnel every other day throughout the month. Movies are shown daily at A-4. Movie facilities for the units at A-3 and C-2 are being obtained.

4. Intelligence

a. Enemy situation at the beginning of the period. Elements of the 320th NVA Division were known to be operating in and around the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines AO. These units were supported by artillery and rocket units which were either organic or in general support of the Division. These supporting arms units included elements of the 54th, 84th and 164th Regiments. Another known unit is the K400 or Gio Linh Local Force Company which operates along Highway 1, east of A-3. It also appeared that the 812th Regiment of the 324 B Division had moved north from the Hue area and was operating in the area southeast of A-4 in vicinity of YD 1688. The enemy employed harassing indirect fire against C-2 and A-3, while fire against A-4 (Con Thien) was minimal.

b. Enemy initiated incidents.

(1) Contacts - The enemy initiated one ground contact against the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines.

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(2) Sniper Fire - The enemy employed snipers against the A-4 position almost daily.

(3) Mortar/Artillery/Rocket Fire - The 2d Battalion, 26th Marines received a total of 173 rounds during the reporting period. Listed below is a breakdown by position.

	<u>A-3</u>	<u>A-4</u> (Con Thien)	<u>C-2</u>
60mm Mortar	15	2	-
82mm Mortar	39	6	-
120mm Mortar	3	-	-
122mm Rocket	2	2	-
75mm Pack Howitzer	8	11	11
152mm Artillery	8	4	1
105mm Artillery	-	31	-
Unknown	14	4	12

Known enemy mortar positions are listed below:

YD 173720	YD 155724	YD 098726	YD 159718
YD 158748	YD 109741	YD 117732	YD 160730

(4) Vietnamese Nationals volunteering information. There were no instances of Vietnamese volunteering information during the reporting period.

c. Summary of enemy casualties, POW's and captured equipment.

(1) KIA

(a) By ground - 26

(b) By air - 5

(2) POW's - 1

(3) Equipment Captured: 1 RPG-2; 1 RPG-7; 3 AK-47's; 28 ChiCom Stick grenades; 1500 rounds small arms ammunition; 26 RPG rounds; 4 mines; 3 satchel charges; 4 gas masks; miscellaneous 782 gear; medical supplies; and a small amount of documents.

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d. No significant trends were noted.

e. Enemy situation at the end of the reporting period. Elements of the 64th Regiment and supporting arms were known to be operating in and around the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines AO. From interrogation of POW's it also appeared that elements of the 27th Independent Regiment were also operating in the area between A-3 and A-4. No further indications had been received that the 81st Regiment was still in the area and it is felt that this unit either moved north to regroup or returned to the normal operating area north of Hue. Enemy units appeared to be reluctant to engage friendly forces in the area surrounding the C-2, A-3 and A-4 defensive positions. It is felt that infiltration routes, both east and west of A-4, are still being utilized. The introduction of the microtalc system to monitor movement along these routes has enabled the Battalion to detect movement during the last week of the reporting period. The enemy continued to employ harassing indirect fires against the C-2, A-3 and A-4 positions.

f. Weather. The weather during the reporting period was highly conducive to friendly activities as it allowed maximum observation and utilization of air support. The days were characterized by clear weather, ever increasing temperatures, and high humidity.

5. Operations

a. Command Relations. The Battalion was under operational control of the 9th Marines and administrative control of the 3d MARDIV.

b. Major Operations conducted. Participated in Operation Kentucky 1-30 June 1968.

c. New Techniques. None.

d. Training.

(1) Throughout the month each rifle company conducted training in the following areas:

Field Sanitation (Corpsmen utilized)

Offensive Tactics (Squad and Platoon)

Map Reading

Crew-served Weapons

M-16 Rifle (Zeroing, FAM firing)

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(2) The 106 RR and 81mm Mortar platoons conducted gun drills and FAM firing. Lectures on ammunition and fuzes, field fortification, mapping and individual weapons were completed.

(3) A new Quarterly training plan was published and will commence on 1 July. See Tab E.

(4) Company Commanders on several occasions accompanied platoons on patrols in order to conduct on the job training. This proved extremely effective since some platoons were taken over by newly arrived Staff NCO's due to officer losses.

6. Logistics

a. Source of Supply and Maintenance. The source of supply and maintenance is FLSG-B and the Battalion rear at Quang Tri. Battalion supply and the majority of the Battalion's 2nd echelon maintenance facilities are located in the consolidated rear at Quang Tri with limited 2nd echelon maintenance facilities at A-4.

b. Supply

(1) Status of Supply

1. Classes I, III, and V are maintained at the level proscribed by the 9th Marines Administrative Plan 1-68. Steps were taken to meet the existing requirements; however, this was not maintained due to the destruction of ASP-1, Dong Ha, and the Dong Ha ISA. Upon re-operation of the Dong Ha ISA, steps were once again initiated to meet the existing requirements.

2. Class II. Some items of Class II are in short supply such as jungle utilities. All effort is being made to obtain the required items.

3. Class IV. Adequate Class IV is maintained on the various positions or readily obtainable through normal supply sources.

(2) Resupply. Resupply is effected by vehicle to A-4, C-2 and C-2 Bridge, while resupply is by helicopter to A-3.

c. Evacuation and Hospitalization. Vehicles and helicopters have been used to evacuate casualties from the Battalion's positions to the BAS located with 3d Shore Party Battalion at Dong Ha, and "D" Med, Dong Ha. All casualties from A-3 are evacuated by helicopters. The BAS has been placed in close proximity to "D" Company, 3d Medical Battalion to afford greater cognizance of casualties coming into "D" Med, and to facilitate ease of handling casualties not requiring the services of "D" Med.

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d. Transportation

(1) Surface. Thus far, the provided surface transportation has been adequate. The Battalion has transported an average of 7.3 tons and 596 cube per day.

(2) Air. The only use of air transportation has been helicopters to resupply to Company "F" at A-3. The Battalion averages 6.7 tons and 511 cube per day.

e. Services

(1) Through the use of generators, there has been constant power at all positions except C-2 Bridge. The Battalion rear recently has been provided electrical power to essential facilities.

(2) Water. The water point at C-2 Bridge provides ample water for C-2, C-2 Bridge, and A-4. Water is transported to A-4 by a 1000 gallon water truck from Truck Company, FLSG-B, where water trailers and cans are then filled. This truck also fills the water trailer at C-2 when needed. The rear at Quang Tri uses the local water point quite satisfactorily. Water at A-3 was transported to A-3 from the Dong Ha ISA by helicopter. An average of 4800 lbs of water per day was lifted in support of A-3 until 30 June when the purification unit was installed on a new well.

(3) Food Service. The Battalion rear at Quang Tri has been subsisting in the 1/3 mess hall. The Battalion is operating small field messes at A-4, A-3, and C-2, serving one hot meal per day. The Battalion is feeding all supported units and attachments with an average daily supported strength of 1269 personnel.

7. Civil Affairs. No Civil Affairs operations were conducted during the reporting period.

8. Communications

a. Wire. Wire communications has been extensively employed at the A-4, A-3 and C-2 positions. Within the Battalion Command Post at A-4, the internal wire system has been completely overhauled and the old wire removed.

b. Radio

(1) Constant Radio communications has been maintained between Battalion, forward and rear, Regiment, companies and supporting arms during the entire month.

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(2) A KY-8 circuit is maintained between the Battalion CP at A-4 and the Regimental CP at Dong Ha.

(3) The Tactical Air Control Party continues to use UHF and VHF equipment in support of the Battalion.

c. Radio Relay. Radio Relay terminals are present on the A-4, A-3 and C-2 positions. At the Battalion Command Post position at A-4, the AN/TRC-27 was operating to Regiment 92% of the time during the past month.

d. Message Center. A total of 478 messages were processed during the month of June. Communication guard for the Battalion remains at Quang Tri.

e. Maintenance and Supply. The tech shop continued to provide maintenance facilities at A-4. Also batteries were charged in support of project 972.

9. Medical Support

a. The BAS treated or examined 825 patients.

b. Disease or injuries encountered during the month are as follows:

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>PATIENTS</u>
Malaria	12
FUO	4
VD	13
<u>INJURIES</u>	
Trauma	24
Lacerations	13

c. The BAS provides support for the Battalion with the following facilities.

(1) A Forward BAS is maintained both at Con Thien (A-4) and A-3 providing patient care and medevac facilities.

(2) The Medical Officer and 5 corpsmen maintain a BAS and holding facility in Dong Ha with one corpsman on duty at D-Mod for easy referral of medevacs to the Battalion Dong Ha BAS.

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(3) The rear BAS is situated with the Battalion rear in Quang Tri and handles sick call for rear area personnel, medical supplies for all the BAS's and records and medical administration for the Battalion.

10. Religious Services.

a. Name of Chaplain assigned: LCDR Hollis H. Bond, CHC, USN

b. Services conducted:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Sunday Wership - Protestant	15	361
Sunday Mass - Catholic	0	0
Weekday Worship - Protestant	32	684
Weekday Mass - Catholic	11	209
Holy Communion - Protestant	6	93 communed
Baptismal Services - Protestant	2	9 Baptized
Battalion Memorial Services	3	195

c. Personnel receiving counsel:

- (1) Professional counselling cases - 52
- (2) American Red Cross cases - 2
- (3) Cases utilizing MARS radiotelephone - 6

d. Significant activities:

(1) Chaplain sponsored a program to utilize MARS radio facilities to allow servicemen to call relatives and friends in the United States. Seventy-six Marines successfully completed such calls.

(2) Current disposition of Battalion personnel in four static positions in addition to the rear requires circuitous travel by the Chaplain to provide the ministries of the Church to each position weekly. One location, A-3, is accessible only via air travel.

(3) During the month 21 boxes of reading materials, toilet articles, comfort items and foods were received from donors in the United States and distributed to the troops to the delight of the recipients. This includes one large carton of 500 Bible verse booklets from the R. W. Fair Foundation, Tyler, Texas.

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3. Facilities. The ~~dyo~~-marker bunker, which is designated as the Battalion Chapel, continues to be adequate for worship services for elements of the Battalion located at A-4 and supporting personnel. It doubles as a theater for three movie showings daily.

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

↓ Tab A to enclosure (1)	Unit Journal
↓ Tab B to enclosure (1)	Frag Order 20-68
↓ Tab C to enclosure (1)	OP Order 21-68
↓ Tab D to enclosure (1)	Frag Order 22-68
↓ Tab E to enclosure (2)	Quarterly Training Report

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			INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
2113	24	021840	Spt Rept: 1 NVA flag obs at 186811. Arty msn fired resulting in 7 secondary explosions.	FR
2114	25	021930	Spt Rept: Ref: Journal no. 18, tunnel was blown	FR
2140	26	022005	Spt Rept: Recd 5 rds 152mm at 133645.	FR
2315	27	022300	Sitrep # 26	FR
2330	28	032250	DP to HF: Frag 0 39-68	FS
0500	29	030500	Sitrep # 27	FR
0750	30	030750	HF to HFE & HFI: Frag 0 for 4 June	FS
0920	31	030830	DP2 to HF: Weather Rept	FS
0933	32	030930	HF to DP: HFF's on position rept	FR
1100	33	031100	Sitrep # 28	FR
1107	34	031034	DP2 to HF: Intel Rept	FS
1335	35	031230	Spt Rept: 4 En OP's at 113720 destroyed by air strikes.	FR
1700	36	031700	Sitrep # 29	FR
1705	37	031700	HF to DP: change in night activities	FR
1945	38	031915	Spt Rept: Obs 5 NVA 124671. 2 NVA fell under VT arty msn.	FR
1945	39	031915	Spt Rept: HFF called fire msn from 81's on 12 NVA at 139710 w/unlk res.	FR

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TIME	SNR #	LOC	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
2100	41	032015	Spt Rept: Movement picked up by PPS at 145695 01's fired msn w/unk res	FR
2204	42	031915	Spt Rept: Movement picked up by PPS at 165725 01's fired msn w/unk res	FR
2312	43	032250	Spt Rept: Recd 3 rds arty. Counter arty & 90mm fire returned	FR
2313	44	032300	Sitrep # 30	FR
2317	45	032000	HF to I: OP Scotland After Action Rept recd by L. A. Duault from HF	FSR
			on 29 Apr 68.	
0500	46	040500	Sitrep # 31	FR
0510	47	040430	Spt Rept: HF recd 2 rds 105mm Arty.	FR
1135	48	041100	Sitrep # 32	FR
1140	49	041030	Spt Rept: AO obs bunker complex at 131729. Air strike resulted in 1	FR
			KIA(G) and 7 bunkers damaged or destroyed.	
1249	50		Entry 50 was deleted	F
1300	51	041240	DP2 to HF: Intel Rept	FS
1510	52	041405	DP2 to HF: Intel Rept	FS
1505	53	041450	HF to HFE & HPH: Frag O for 5 June	FS
1405	54	041415	DP to HF: Change M 387 to M 1161	FS
1605	55	041545	Spt Rept: recd 3 heavy arty rds, probably 152mm. Counter arty fired	FR

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1630	56	040900	Spot Report: DP scouts discovered 3 man bunkers and 5 booby traps at YD 114708. All were destroyed in place.	FSR	
1807	57	041700	DP to DP: SITREP # 33.	FR	
1900	58	041900	DP to DP: On position and equipment report.	FR	
1915	59	041915	Location of PS tank/infantry OP.	FS	
1930	60	041830	Spot Report: Vehicle accident at 123682. Two NBC. Wrecker received incoming arty. tanks fired on 065679 resulting in 1 secondary.	FSR	
2000	61	041820	Spot Report: Received 7 rds of 105mm at 176720, fired arty mission on observed flashes at 135793.	FSR	
2300	62	042300	SITREP # 34.	FR	
0500	63	050500	SITREP # 35.	FR	
0845	64	050130	DP to HF: Frag Order 40-68.	FST	
0915	65	050915	HF to E & H: Frag Order for 06 June.	FST	
0930	66	050900	DPH to HF: CCP-1 and TCP in at this time.	FS	
1030	67	050950	Spot Report: Enemy troops in open in vic of 1471, 1571 and 1671. Fired 81mm, arty and 4.2 mortars resulting in 1 secondary explosion.	FSR	
1100	68	051100	SITREP # 36.	FR	

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1233	69	051215H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence report.	FS
1236	70	051055H	DP3 to CTS: info HF: Copy of CTS patrol route.	FS
1700	71	051700H	SITREP # 37.	FR
1725	72	051600H	Spot Report: Airstrike run on 200720 (bankers). 80% of target destroyed. ESR	FSR
2330	73	052300H	SITREP # 38.	FR
0500	74	060500H	SITREP # 39.	FR
0610	75	060810H	HF to B & H: Eng Order for 07 June.	FST
1115	76	061100H	SITREP # 40.	FR
1215	77	061010H	Spot Report: HRP patrol found bankers at 129692. Blow in place.	FSR
1220	78	061155H	Spot Report: A-3 received 14 rds 75mm from 195659. Fired counter- attack.	FSR
1440	78	061205H	Spot Report: HRP made contact at 135659 with estimated enemy plb. HRP departed A-4 to reinforce. BMT KIA 14, MIA (noted) 11. Enemy KIA (C) 14.	FSR
1615	79	061700H	SITREP # 41.	FR
2110	80	062200H	HF to DP: On position and equipment report.	FR
2125	81	062310H	HF to DP: HRP CP location.	FR

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2340	82	062300H	SITREP # 42.	FR
2357	83	062030H	DP to HF: Intelligence Report.	FST
0500	84	070500H	SITREP # 43.	FR
0810	85	070800H	Distributed Prog Order for 08 June.	FST
0958	86	070900H	Spot Report: Received 1 rocket rd at 119698 in minefield from un-	
			known direction.	FSR
1105	87	071100H	SITREP # 44.	FR
1107	88	071107H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FST
1200	89	071155H	HF to DP: Defoliant planes over area.	FR
1350	90	071145H	Spot Report: Truck at 120682 received 1 rd of sniper fire from un-	
			known direction.	FSR
1408	91	071255H	Spot Report: E3P received 3 rds of arty at 11682. Patrol moved out	
			of area.	FSR
1800	92	071800H	SITREP # 45	FR
1830	93	071800H	Spot Report: Received 2 incoming rds of unknown cal in vic of 114701	
			from unknown direction.	FSR
2230	94	072200H	DP to HF: Order for HPT for convoy escort and well digger security.	FST

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2230	95	072050	DP2 to HF: Intell Rept	FS
2300	96	072230	Spt Rept: LP obs 10-15 people at 127668. Infrared scope still obs area	FR
2310	97	072300	Sitrep # 46	FR
0500	98	080500	Sitrep # 47	FR
0720	99	080720	HDE to HF: Morning Rept	FS
0915	100	080940	Spt Rept: 6 LVA obs at 116701 & 7 at 130039. Five Men being fired	FR
1120	101	081024	DP2 to HF: Intell Rept	FS
1120	102	081025	DP2 to HF: Intell Rept	FS
1100	103	081100	Fraco 20-60 distributed	FS
1115	104	081100	Sitrep # 48	FR
1130	105	081112	Spt Rept: A-3 mod 5 suspected 02mm rds from unit direction	FR
1240	106	081240	DP to HF: Recon inserts positions	FS
1500	107	081500	DP2 to HF: Intell Rept	FS
1700	108	081635	DP2 to HF: Intell Rept	FS
1720	109	081716	DP2 to HF: Int 11 Rept	FS
1730	110	081700	Sitrep # 49	FR
1800	111	081755	DP to HF: Weather Rept	FS

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TIME	DATE	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1935	112	060915	1st Bnptt summary of 1st 2's patrol of 556 & escort of CD's	FR
1937	113	060903	1st Bnptt AD obs 14 km at 170722, 140720. DI's fired when time permits	FR
2000	114	060900	Station # 50	FR
0600	115	060900	Station # 51	FR
1105	116	060930	1st Bnptt 4-5 road 2 north of rd from 150740. Cannon-mortar fired	FR
1120	117	061100	Station # 52	FR
1120	118	060900	1st Bnptt and 1st regts no contact	FR
1205	119	060930	1st to 1st. 1st Bnptt	FR
1315	120	061155	1st Bnptt 2 and 3rd road at 110659 from 010764. Army men fired	FR
1325	121	061200	1st to 1st. 1st Bnptt	FR
1400	122	060550	1st to 1st. 1st Bnptt	FR
1501	123	061140	Station # 55	FR
1730	124	061630	1st to 1st. 1st Bnptt	FR
1825	125	061830	1st Bnptt and 1st regts 55 bunkers & fighting holes. No contact.	FR
2100	126	062300	Station # 54	FR
0100	127	060500	Station # 55	FR
0400	128	060500	1st Bnptt and 1st regts 20 km obs 01 from 06115695. 1st Bnptt mortar.	FR

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233	1337	1102315	Spt Rept: obs 3 IVA digging at 160690. Fired arty. none.	FR
(035)	145	110335	DP to Hq Intel Rept	PH
0225	146	110200	Spt Rept: Heavy movement suspected at 171732. Ol. none fired	FR
0527	147	110300	Satrop # 59	FR
0200	148	110300	Prsgo for 12 June Distributed	FR
0344	149	110335	Spt Rept: 4-5 rods 5 rods of 105mm at 170724.	FR
0346	150	110740	Spt Rept: 8-2 rods 3 rods of 60mm from 164737 at 166734.	FR
(055)	151	110600	DP to Hq: Weather rept and password	FR
(036)	152	110900	DP to Hq: Intel Rept	FS
1019	153	110830	Spt Rept: obs 1 large structure with tower. Air strike destroyed.	FR
1303	154	111100	Satrop # 60	FR
1207	155	111130	Spt Rept: 9 IVA spotted at 160830. Arty none fired with good coverage.	FR
1230	156	111140	Spt Rept: Scout aviators obs 12 IVA at 121716. Arty none fired.	FR
1320	157	111300	Spt Rept: 2 IVA obs at 204225. Arty none fired.	FR
1435	158	111341	Spt Rept: 105mm & 60mm fired on En aviators at 113700. 60mm none fired	FR
			on aviators 115730.	
1507	159	111535	Spt Rept: Wall digging comm has not arrived	FR

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TIME	DATE	DAY	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1700	160	111700H	STREP # 61.	FR
1740	161	111710H	Spot Report: HET at 175720 reports necessary part to drill has arrived.	FSR
1750	162	111730H	Spot Report: OP1 at 114701 spotted 10-20 TWA at 135840. Requesting	
			Arty at this time.	FSR
1830	163	111830H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1930	164	111845H	Spot Report: A Marine was wounded in the head by a bayonet thrown by	
			another Marine at A-4. Medevac complete at 1915.	FSR
2110	165	112100H	HF to HET A-4: Submit one man for SNCO school by the 15th of June.	FSR
2132	165A	112152H	Form Order for 13 June distributed.	FSR
2300	166	112300H	STREP # 62.	FS
2355	167	112355H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
0500	168	120500H	STREP # 63.	FS
0607	169	120607H	DP1 to HF: Weather Report.	FSR
0630	170	121000H	Spot Report: Achieved a depth of 25 ft on well at 175720 (A-3)	
			Continued digging this morning.	FSR
1030	171	120950H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1031	172	120951H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS

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1105	173	121100H	HF to DP: SITREP # 64.	FR
1110	174	121045H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1145	175	121135H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1600	176	121500H	Spot Report: Well presently sunk to 60 ft level.	FR
1650	177	121600H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1730	178	121700H	SITREP # 65.	FR
1925	179	121848H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
2000	180	121815H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
2015	181	121830H	Spot Report: AO at 116698 saw enemy movement at 133712. 81's fired resulting in 1 NVA KIA and 1 bunker destroyed.	FR
2323	182	122300H	SITREP # 66.	FR
2355	183	122355H	Spot Report: Observed enemy movement at 120730, 105700 and 134725. Also observed lights at 118712 and 143745. Fired 81mm and arty. Lights extinguished, other results unknown.	FR
0013	184	130005H	Spot Report: PPS-5 detected movement at 118707; fired 81mm mission with unknown results.	FSR
0500	185	130500H	SITREP # 67.	FR

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IN/OUT	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
0815	186	130815H	Frag Order for 14 June distributed.	FST
1100	187	131100H	SITREP # 68.	FR
1100	188	131100H	HF to DP: Progress report for A-3 well digging.	FR
1035	189	131035H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1210	190	131130H	Spot Report: 10 NVA spotted at 132821. Arty mission fired with un-	
			known results.	FSR
1300	191	131215H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1310	192	131255H	DP2 to HF: Challenges and passwords.	FS
1450	193	131445H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1500	194	131215H	Spot Report: HLP found tunnel complex at 104686. Destroyed tunnels.	FSR
1710	195	131700H	SITREP # 69.	FR
1730	196	131650H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
2300	197	132300H	SITREP # 70.	FR
0245	198	140225H	Spot Report: HFW noted explosion at their lines at 111706, believed	
			to be a grenade. Continuing to observe.	FSR
0500	199	140500H	SITREP # 71.	FR
0810	200	140810H	Frag Order for 15 June distributed.	FST

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IN. OUT.	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1100	201	141030	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FR
1100	202	141045	HF to DP: Progress report on well digging.	FR
1100	203	141100	SITREP # 72.	FR
1120	204	141115	Spot Report: OP2 at 115701 spotted 4 NVA in the open at 132722; 4.2" mortar mission was fired with unknown results.	FSR
1321	205	141250	Spot Report: C-2A reported S-3558 shot in the neck (accidental discharge) by L-6284 at 129669. E. Medevac complete at 1322.	FSR
1507	206	141500	Spot Report: A-4 received 2 rds arty from 085793; counter-arty being fired.	FSR
1605	207	141600	Spot Report: 3 vehicles observed at 133785; GS being fired.	FSR
1640	208	141621	Spot Report: A-4 received 5 rds of arty from 091731; 106's returned fire.	FSR
1710	209	141705	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1725	210	141700	SITREP # 73.	FR
2300	211	142300	SITREP # 74.	FR
0500	212	150500	SITREP # 75.	FR
0805	213	150805	Frag Order for 16 June distributed.	FST

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TIME	DATE	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
	0920	214	150915 Spt Repts: Ptl at 123712 spotted 4 NVA at 123717. 81's fired man	FR
	1155	215	151100 Sitrep # 76	FR
1200		216	151110 DP2 to HF: Intel Rept	FS
	1330	217	151330 HF3 to HFF: Pos Rept of ARVN	FS
	1425	218	151420 HF to DP: Progress rept on well	FR
	1545	219	151433 DP2 to HF: Intel rept	FS
	1652	220	151655 HF to HFF: Pos rept of ARVN	FS
	1700	221	151700 Sitrep # 77	FR
1950		222	151950 DP2 to HF: Intel rept	FS
2140		223	152150 DP to HF: Thrust Pts	FS
	2300	224	152300 Sitrep # 78	FR
	0500	225	160500 Sitrep # 79	FR
	0735	226	160730 Spt Repts: USMC engs recd minor wound from sniper bullet ricochet	FR
	1015	227	161010 FragO for 17 Jan distributed	FS
	1023	228	160315 OPs spotted helicopters from 115670 to 205950.	FR
	1100	229	161100 Sitrep # 80	FR
1105		230	160950 DP2 to HF: Intel rept	FS

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1135	231	161105H	Spot Report: Bn sniper observed at 100710. 4.2" mortar fired with good target coverage.	FSR
1235	232	161230H	DP6 to HF: Progress report on well digging.	FS
1230	233	161200H	DP to HF: G 2/26 stopped to rear OPCH.	FSR
1240	234	161240H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1320	235	161305H	Spot Report: B Co patrol setting up 60mm at 127637 received 2 75mm shells.	FSR
			extra fire from 122666. Returned fire with unknown results.	FSR
1440	236	161435H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1450	237	161445H	DP to DP: Request for Intel. Amplifier.	FSR
1525	238	161525H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1640	239	161630H	DP to DP: Progress report on DP well.	FS
1700	240	161700H	STUNTER # 61.	FSR
1705	241	161655H	DP3 to DP3: Air Minded inserts.	FSR
1734	242	161730H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1741	243	161740H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1744	244	161745H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1814	245	161700H	Spot Report: AO at 115701 spotted 4 IVA in open, 700 air-strikes flush- ing to WNO. 106's fired mission. 7 IVA KIA.	FSR

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IN	TIME	SER #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
	1815	246	161745H	Spot Report: C-1 received 5 rds 120mm rockets at 137645 from unknown direction, conducting crater analysis.	FSR
	2000	247	161930H	Final Spot Report (Ref: # 245): Following airstrike AO and OP2 spotted 10-25 NVA running from bunkers. BDA: 35m trench line. 2 bunkers destroyed with 2 large secondaries and several smaller secondaries. Total NVA KIL 8.	FSR
	2115	248	162115H	HFC to HF: Sweep check points.	FSM
	0015	249	162300H	SITREP # 82.	FR
	2335	250	162150H	Spot Report: OP2 at 116700 observed enemy helicopters at 3750, 0879, 1384, 1578 and 1585. Arty fired resulting in 1 secondary. Continuing to observe.	FSR
	0215	251	170210H	Spot Report: OP1 observed fire resembling A/A fire observed earlier during airstrike. Fire was at direction 6400 mills, unknown range.	FSR
	0500	252	170500H	SITREP # 83.	FR
	0815	253	170813H	HF to HFE, G, H: Frag Order for 18 June distributed.	FST
	0955	254	170955H	Spot Report: C-2 received 6 rds 75mm from suspected enemy coordinates 089778 resulting in 2 USMC KIA.	FSR

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	105	255	171030H HF to DP: Request for 3 bulldozers for Y3, C2A & C-2.	FR
	1105	256	171100H SITREP # 84.	FR
1120	257	171120H	PS to HF: Conduct search for USMC vehicles # 302195 1/2 ton jeep.	FR
1155	258	171100H	DP2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FR
	1215	259	171200H HF to DP: Progress report on well.	FR
1456	260	171456H	HF6 to C-2.	FR
1622	261	171622H	MajGen Stillwell U.S.A. at A-4.	FR
	1700	262	171700H SITREP # 85.	FR
	1714	263	171700H Spot Report: HFG at C-2 received 8 rds 75mm from unknown direction.	FR
	1720	264	171645H Spot Report: Airstrikes at 143697 resulted in 2 NVA KIA. 81mm mission	FR
			resulted in 4 NVA KIA & 2 bunkers destroyed.	FR
	1815	265	171800H Spot Report: Tank at 172722 caught fire while firing, fire extinguished	FR
			with slight damage, gun operational.	FR
	1835	266	171810H Spot Report: HFG at 129672 received 1 rd 152mm from unknown direction.	FR
	1940	267	171935H Spot Report: HFG received 6 rds 60mm at A-3. 81mm mission fired with	FR
			unknown results.	FR
	1945	268	171920H Spot Report: 12 airborne helicopters observed at 0450 miles from GP1.	FR

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2300	269	192300H	STWEP # 26.	TR
2440	270	192330H	Spot Report: OFI spotted SWI fired at one of the previously reported helicopters.	ISR
0004	271	190005H	Spot Report: OFI observed lights coming south to a distance of 6,000 to 8,000 meters. OFI 2 spotted lights through B. U. Seeps.	ISR
0010	272	190000H	STWEP # 27.	TR
0100	273	190615H	Spot Report: OFI spotted smoke in suspected active site. Flying Arty. JISR	ISR
0335	274	190730H	Long Arty. for 19 Jms distributed.	ISR
0915	275	190820H	Spot Report: Left progress report.	ISR
0950	276	190915H	Spot Report: A-3 received suspected down rd. Fired counter missiles.	ISR
1100	277	191100H	STWEP # 28.	TR
1115	278	191100H	Spot Report: HEP hit water, causing in complete on well. Notes in 15' from surface, blowing out with continue for 72 hours.	ISR
1350	279	191152H	Spot Report: A-4 received 2 down rd at 114104.	ISR
1400	280	191315H	CC2 to HF. Intelligence Report.	TR
1455	281	191428H	CC2 to HF. Intelligence Report.	TR
1635	282	191615H	CC2 to HF. Intelligence Report.	TR

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TIME	SEC	REF	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1635	283	181615	CC2 to HF: Intel Rpt	FR
1713	283	181633	Spt R pt: F3P closed A-3 with one gladiator	FR
1725	284	181655	CC2 to HF: Intel rpt	FS
1730	285	181635	Spt Rpt recd 1 82mm rd at 117702 from 125719. Arty non fired	FR
1731	286	181720	Sitrop # 89	FR
2205	287	182150	Spt Rpt 011 at 116700 rpt obs through HOD a high performance air craft engage a slow moving aircraft to the north.	FR
2237	288	182200	Spt Rpt: 011 obs lights at 101700. 81mm non fired	FR
2355	289	182330	Spt Rpt: radar detected up to 5 aircraft in vic of 104714.	FR
2356	290	182350	Sitrop # 90	FR
0500	291	190500	Sitrop # 91	FR
0010	292	190800	Frag 0 for 20 June distributed	FS
1015	293	191015	CC6 arrived at A-4	FS
1100	294	191100	Sitrop # 92	FR
1115	295	191115	CC6 departed A-4	FS
1205	296	191200	HF3 to HFE & G; school notes requested	FS

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TIME	REF	REF	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1235	297	191230	Spt Rept: road 4 rds unk col outside wire. 4 more rds landed in wire resulting in 1 MIA medevac & 3 MIA minor. 106s returned 3 rds.	FR
1425	298	191355	CG2 to HQ: Intell rept	FS
1609	299	191609	CG2 to HQ: Intell rept	FS
1700	300	191700	HQ to CG: Sitrep # 93	FR
1845	301	191845	CG2 to HQ: Boundaries revert to those set by OPORD 6868	FS
1930	302	191920	Spt Re: OP1 obs 15 NVA at 139835. Arty destroyed 1 building in vic	FR
2043	303	192020	Spt Re: OP2 obs 3 helicopters at distance of 14,000 meters.	FR
2100	304	192100	Spt Re: Fixed wing aircraft recd ground fire from vic of 6400 mls	FR
2230	305	192125	Spt Re: Photo recon plane recd AW fire at 117702	FR
2240	306	192120	Spt Re: OP2 obs 4 helicopters traveling along Ben Hai to coast.	FR
2305	307	192300	Sitrep # 94	FR
2310	308	192310	HQ to CG: On pos 6 equly rept for 19 June	FR
0500	309	200500	Sitrep # 95	FR
0900	310	200900	CG2 to HQ: Intell rept	FS
1213	311	201210	Sitrep # 96	FR
2330	312	201330	Prog 22-66 distributed	FS

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TIME	REF	REF	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
0215		1	010200H DP to HF: FREQ 37-66.	FS
	0500	2	010500H HF to DP: SITREP # 19.	FR
	1025	3	010950H Spot Report: HF received sniper fire at 135547, 130647 from 107703. Fired 106 and 81mm mission with good target coverage.	FSR
	1107	4	011052H Spot Report: AO observed 20 NVA in the open. Fired 81mm mission with good target coverage.	FSR
	1100	5	011055H Spot Report: Received 1 rd of mortar fire at 173720, unable to determine direction or caliber.	FSR
	1113	6	011100H HF to CU3: Activities for H3P.	FT
	1125	7	011100H SITREP # 20.	FR
	1315	8	011220H Spot Report: OP2 at 115700 observed 7 NVA in open at 122734. Arty fired with unknown results.	FSR
	1612	9	011525H Spot Report: H3P discovered abandoned bunkers and 100 60mm, 10 82mm and 5 rds unknown caliber ammo at 132696.	FSR
	1700	10	011700H SITREP # 21.	FR
	1740	11	011730H Spot Report: 11th Eng. dozer inoperable 200 meters NE of Yankee Station. Tank will attempt to retrieve dozer to A-4 position tomorrow.	FSR

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TIME	DATE	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
2048	12	011900	DE to HF: Eng Order 38-68.	FS
2130	13	011630	Spot Report: HEFS spotted a .50 cal position at 110715, also spotted 2 snipers at 061470. Arty was fired at the 150 cal. position and 81's were used on snipers. Excellent target coverage on both.	FSR
2230	14	012200	Spot Report: HEF at 172722 received 4 rds incoming arty, unknown caliber, from 135723. Counter arty being fired.	FR
2315	15	012300	SITREP # 22.	FR
0500	16	020500	SITREP # 23.	FR
1100	17	021100	SITREP # 24.	FR
1158	18	021025	Spot Report: Golf patrol found tunnel and bunker complex at 102604, blew same.	FRS
1158	19	021145	DE2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1255	20	021315	DE to HF: Lack of Reaction Force in AO outside without reinforcements.	FS
1420	21	021315	DE to HEF: Unidentified enemy units positions.	FT
1700	22	021700	SITREP # 25.	FR
1929	23	021155	Spot Report: HEF3 reported receiving 2 rds small arms, and they impacted near OP1 position. Keeping area under observation.	FSR

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TIME	GRID	DATE	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1410	330	211342	Spt Rept: 3 bunkers found at 130683. All destroyed	FR
1430	331	211430	Spt Rept: BNH recd 1 rd mortar fire.	FR
1700	331	211700	Sitrep # 101	FR
2130	333	210030	Spt Rept: 2 airborne lights obs coming from NW	FR
2135	337	212118	Spt Rept: LP obs 4 IVA at 113702, fired SAF, IVA disappeared.	FR
2300	335	212300	Sitrep # 102	FR
0500	335	220000	Sitrep # 103	FR
0600	337	20715	Spt Rept: obs 1 IVA enter bunker. Arty (106s) destroyed bunker.	FR
0810	338	20715	Spt Rept: recd 1 rd of 82mm.	FR
0123	339	20820	RF to CC: Mortrep	FR
002	340	20623	Frsgo for 23 June distributed.	PS
1100	341	221100	Sitrep # 104	FR
1111	342	221100	CC to HQ: Weather rept	PS
1202	343	221115	Spt Rept B3P fired prop on 100680 & obs small secondary explosion	FR
1203	344	221150	CC to HQ: Change of AO	PS
1301	345	221250	CC to HQ: Intell rpt	PS
1330	346	221220	Spt Rept: Well completed at 179720	FR

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IN	OUT	SER #	DTC	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1510		347	22145H	Spot Report: Bulldozer working at 128671 hit a and mortar rd setting it off; no damage to dozer or personnel. Continuing work.	FSR
					FR
1515		348	221515H	HF to CC2: Intelligence Report.	
1646		349	221635H	Spot Report: HF at 115701 received 2 rds sniper fire from 4000 mils.	FJR
				Continuing to observe.	FR
1715		350	221700H	SITREP # 105.	
1815		351	221800H	Spot Report: OP1 spotted 15 IMA in the open at 145825. Fired only with unknown results. OP1 also received 2 rds sniper fire from 111705.	FSR
				SS returned fire.	
2115		352	222050H	Spot Report: OP2 at 117702 reported observing airborne lights moving SE at 16,000 meters at 0100 mils. Alerted OP1 and Radar.	FSR
					FR
2300		353	222300H	SITREP # 106.	FR
0500		354	230500H	SITREP # 107.	FST
0930		355	230930H	HF to HQ, G & H: Frag Order for 24 June distributed.	FSM
1015		356	231015H	CC to HF: Attended Kogen intercept.	FR
1100		357	231100H	SITREP # 108.	FS
1210		358	231201H	CC2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	

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TIME	SPOT #	TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1610	359	231610H	CC to HF: Boundary change.	FSTM
1630	360	231605H	Spot Report: A-4 received 1 rd 82mm at 117702 from 117732. Fired 81mm	
			mission with unknown results.	FSR
1710	361	231700H	SITREP # 109.	FR
1000	362	231800H	CC2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
1935	363	231845H	HF to CC: Well Progress Report.	FR
2145	364	232145H	CC2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FS
2235	365	232130H	Spot Report: HFF at A-3 observes airborne flashing lights at an un-	
			determined range around A-3. Continuing to observe.	FSR
2300	366	232300H	SITREP # 110.	FR
0045	367	240045H	Spot Report: A-4 received 1 rd 82mm from unknown enemy coordinates.	FSR
0545	368	240530H	Spot Report: HFF at 136646 received 6 rds suspected arty from direction	
			of 1200 mils. Rds impacted about 300 meters outside wire to the west.	FSR
0730	369	240645H	CC to HF: Weather Report.	FST
0731	370	240600H	SITREP # 111.	FR
0845	371	240840H	W3 to HFF, E & H: Frog Order for 25 June distributed.	FST
0905	372	240900H	CC of 3d MARDIV arrived for a visit, departed at 240945H.	F

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IN	OUT	SIG	TIME	REMARKS	LOCATION
	1402	373	241120H	Spot Report: One short 4.2 inch mortar round impacted at a H Co patrol at 112687. One USMC KIA, one DCA and 5 KIA's were sustained. Whitefish Whiskey will conduct investigation. FSR	
	1402	374	241100H	SITREP # 112.	FR
	1405	375	241245H	CC to HF: RECON inserts.	FSMT
1410		376	241230H	CC2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FST
1420		377	241350H	CC2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FST
	1700	378	241700H	SITREP # 113.	FR
1800		379	241700H	CC2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	FSR
	1835	380	240845H	Spot Report: HF patrol found 2 sets of track marks at 199703 running from North to South and NO to 12 inches in width.	FSR
1950		381	240900H	Victims to this position (A-4) included Maj Gen DAVIS CO of 3d MARDIV, Lt Col KUCKMAN CO 12th Marines and CO of 1st Arty. R	

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IN	OUT	STRT	END	REMARKS	ACTION
	2100	362	2420Z5H	Spot Report: A-4 lines at 127670 reported movement and a mine exploding at 124697, checking area with starlight scope and will check area at 1st light. (Negative results)	FSR
	2300	363	242300H	STREP # 114.	FR
	0500	364	250500H	STREP # 115.	FR
	0837	365	250640H	Spot Report: 7 MVA observed in open at 157835. A-2 mortar mission fired with good target coverage.	FSR
0850		366	242200H	CG to HF: New thrust points.	FSM
	0900	367	250900H	Trag Order: For 26 June 1968 distributed.	FSI
	1100	368	251100H	STREP # 116.	FR
1315		369	251255H	CG to HF: Intelligence Report.	FSI
1430	390		251130H	Spot Report: SS found 5 bunkers at 110707. Bunkers were partially destroyed.	FSR

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IN	OUT	STG	PRO	REMARKS	ADVICE
1520		391	251510H	CC2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	PSU
1655		392	251630H	CC2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	PSU
	1700	393	251700H	SIGREP # 117.	PR
	2130	394	252115H	Spot Report: OP2 at 115702 observed 4 choppers land at 0130 mills at 15. 935 meters, firing arty at this time.	PSR
2145		395	251855H	CC3 to HF3: RECON insert.	PSNM
	2300	396	252300H	SIGREP # 118.	PR
	0500	397	260500H	SIGREP # 119.	PR
0845		398	260840H	CC2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	PSU
0946		399	260945H	CC2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	PSU
	1035	400	261025H	HF3 to CC3: Request a defoliation flight.	PR
1050		401	261048H	CC2 to HF: Intelligence Report.	PSU
	1115	402	261100H	SIGREP # 120.	PR

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IN	OUT	SECT	TIME	REMARKS	LOCATION
1210	403	261115H	Spot Report: HRP at 137692 reported 3 HVA at 155589; fired	PS	
			SA at air negative results.		
1235	404	261050H	Spot Report: HRP at 204725 confirmed info on tank destroyed.		
			Track width 22" center to center 110". Tracks were from 2		
			vehicles on landing on 172° magnetic.	PSR	
1700	405	261700H	Signal # 121.	PS	
1840	406	261615H	Spot Report: HRP at 140701 received 4 rounds 60mm mortar	PSR	
			from 159710. No action taken.		
1925	407	261750H	Spot Report: Ammunition dump at 175720 observed HVA automatic		
			weapons position at 175696; requested SA mission from HRP.		
			Mission fired resulting in 3 bunkers destroyed and 2 secondary		
			explosions.	PSR	
2136	408	262030H	HP to CO: Well progress report.	PSR	

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TIME	DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REMARKS & COMMENTS	STATUS
2147	409	262120H		Spot Report: Trip Flare set off at 190704. Fired small arms in area with negative results.	FSR
2328	410	262300H		STINGER # 122.	FR
2335	411	262333H		HF to CG: On position. ANYWHERE report.	FSR
0500	412	270500H		STINGER # 122.	FR
0615	413	270720H		Spot Report: HMG minesweep at 133628 discovered 1 anti-tank mine located in the middle of the MSR. Blown in place.	FSR
1100	414	271100H		STINGER # 122.	FR
1425	415	271315H		Wagden DAVIS & party arrived at A-4 at 1315. Departed at 1425.	P
1700	416	271526H		Spot Report: 2 MVA observed at 174743. Storm mission fired with unknown results.	FSR
1705	417	271700H		STINGER # 122.	FR

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TH	DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION	REMARKS	LOCATION
1856	418	271700H	Spot Report: V-3535-accidentally discharged his .45 cal pistol into his hand (left) while cleaning pistol. SUCCESS		
2240	419	272110H	Accidental Discharge Report to follow. Medevaced		FSR
			Spot Report: SFD picked up light movement at 134731. Slum		
			mission fired.		FSR
2245	420	272149H	Spot Report: G Co lines received 2 chl-com grenades at 124.		
			643. Returned fire with M-79 and M-26's.		FSR
2300	421	272300H	SITREP # 126.		FSR
0305	422	282205H	Spot Report: HEF at A-3 received 3 rd 152mm Arty from enemy coordinate 1782. Fired counter Arty.		FSR
0440	423	280335H	Spot Report: HEF at A-3 received 3 more rounds heavy arty from enemy coordinate 147880. Fired counter arty.		FSR
0500	424	280500H	SITREP # 127.		FSR

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IN	OUT	STRT	END	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES & ORDERS	ACTION
	1100	425	281100H	SITREP # 128.	FR
	1145	426	280930H	Spot Report: OP2 received 6 rds sniper fire from 116706.	
				81mm mission and small arms fired with unknown results.	FSR
	1347	427	281110H	Spot Report: Marine at HPT position at 172722 was injured	
				while FAM firing a .50 cal MG. Medevaced with burns.	FSR
	1425	428	281340H	Spot Report: E Co at 116699 received 1 rd 82mm. 1 WIA minor.	FSR
	1635	429	281615H	Spot Report: OP1 at 114699 spotted 7 NVA in open at 139842.	
				Fired Arty with good target coverage.	FSR
	1755	430	281700H	SITREP # 129.	FR
1830		431	281800H	CC to HPT: Change in effective time of boundary change.	FS

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144		432	281000	CC2 to HF: Intel Rept	FS
210		433	282132	3d MarDiv info HF: Dud Bomb Rept	FS
	2300	434	282300	Sitrep # 130	FR
	0500	435	290500	Sitrep # 131	FR
	0935	436	290900	FragO for 29 June distributed	FR
005		437	291000	CC2 to HF: Intel Rept	FR
015		438	291015	CC2 to HF: Intel Rept	FR
100		439	291005	Spt Rept: A 34 Chopper suffered engine trouble & landed	FR
				outside G Co perimeter with moderate damage. G Co is pro-	
				viding security.	
	1130	440	291100	Sitrep # 132	FR
1145		441	291145	CC2 to HF: Recon Inserts	FS
	1200	442	291130	HF3 to HFF6: Boundary changes	FS

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IN	OUT	SIG	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES & ORDERS	ACTION
1220		443	291215	GC2 to HF: Intel Rept	FS
	1700	444	291700	Sitrep # 133	FR
	1900	445	291835	Spt Rept: F Co recd 11 rds of 105mm from 143794	FR
	2330	446	292830	Sitrep # 134	FR
	0445	447	300410	Spt Rept: Microtail detected movement at 15357281. Arty fired	FR
	0505	448	300500	Sitrep # 135	FR
	0630	449	300630	FragO for 1 Jul distributed	FS
	0915	450	300915	Spt Rept: Recd 2 rds 82mm from unk coord	FR
	0945	451	300930	Spt Rept: Plt found bunkers at 115713. Destroyed same	FR
	0950	452	301010	Spt Rept: Plt found tunnel at 098695	FR
	1030	453	301010	Spt Rept: Bell bubble Helo crashed in HF LZ, totally destroyed	FR
	1053	454	300958	Spt Rept: E1P heard possible arty at 055702. Arty fired	FR
	1100	455	301100	Sitrep # 137	FR

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TIME	SECT	REF	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES AND ORDERS	ACTION
1331	313	201015	OP2 to HQ: Intell rept	FS
1330	314	201200	Spt Rept: 5 IVA obs at 140738 entering bunker. Arty men conducted	FR
1330	315	201315	OP2 to HQ: Intell rept	FS
1331	316	201420	OP2 to HQ: Intell rept	FS
1635	317	201530	Spt Rept: recd 8 rds unk cal at 116700 from 065763. Arty men fired.	FR
1705	318	201600	Atrop # 97	FR
1710	319	201525	Spt Rept: F 80 well has been closed. OK to start 22 June	FR
2037	320	201635	Spt Rept: at 43 G 44 tracked 2 airborne objects.	FR
2300	321	201730	Atrop # 98	FS
0515	322	210500	Atrop # 99	FR
0915	323	210500	Spt Rept: OP2 rept 1 82mm rd impacted at 117702.	FR
0917	324	210842	Spt Rept: HQ firing prop fires for HQ ptl had 1 short rd. 1 VIA (mode)	FR
0941	325	210941	OP2 to HQ: Weather rept	FS
1030	326	211015	Spt Rept: recd 7 rds at 115710 from 098726. Arty men fired	FR
1110	327	211100	Atrop # 100	FR
1150	328	211150	OP2 to HQ: Intell rept	FS
1245	329	211130	OP2 to HQ: Intell rept	FS

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FROM CO 2/26		TO 2/26			
FRAG ORDER 20-68. CO H CONDUCT A COMPANY MINUS OPERATION AGAINST ENEMY HARBOR SITE AREA VICINITY YD 135699, REDUCE ALL ENEMY FORTIFICATIONS AND FIGHTING POSITIONS; CO E CONDUCT ROADSWEEP AND UPON COMPLETION OF THE ROADSWEEP PROVIDE SIX MEN FOR CONVOY CONTROL POINT SECURITY, ESTABLISH NIGHT AMBUSHES VICINITY C-7 BRIDGE; CO F CONDUCT					
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TWO DAYLIGHT REIN PLAT SIZE PATROLS. ALL OTHER UNITS NO CHANGE. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

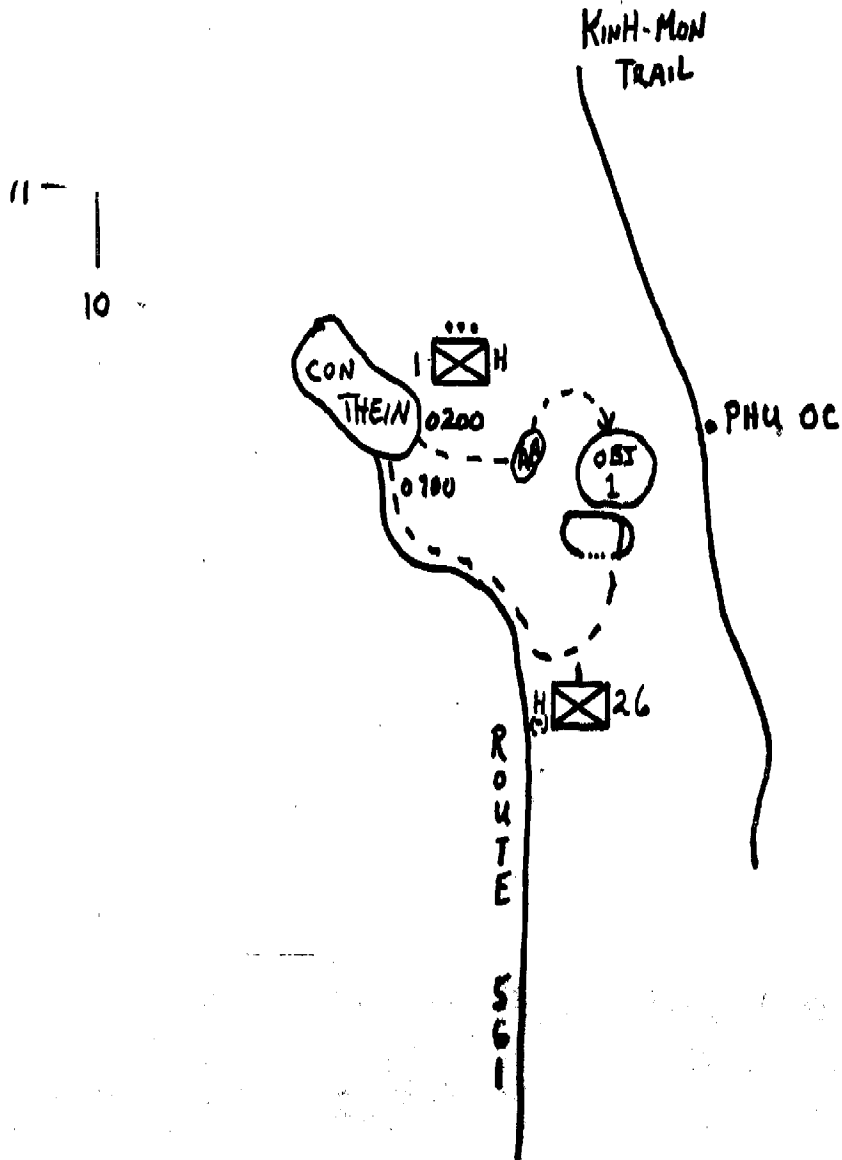
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(2) TANKS FOR THE CONVOY CONTROL POINT WILL MEET THE INFANTRY SECURITY AT MAIN GATE TO CONTINUED AFTER THE ROADSWEEP IS COMPLETED.

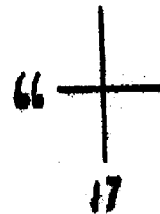
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Operation Order 21-68 (Operation Kentucky)

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM 1:50,000 Sheets 6342 I and 6442 IV
 (b) 9th Mar Operation Plan 2-68
 (c) 2d Bn, 26th Mar Frag Ord 20-68
 (d) DivO P200040 (Comm SOP 3d Mar Div)

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces: Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) USMC Infantry Battalions (-) conduct Search and Destroy operation within Leatherneck Square.
- (2) 3d Reconnaissance Battalion Teams operate in and around the Battalion's AO.
- (3) Artillery. 2d Battalion, 12th Marines, DS 9th Marines.
- (4) Air. 1st MAW provides fixed wing and helicopter support.
- (5) Other
 - (a) Det, Co C, 3d Engr Bn, DS 9th Marines.
 - (b) Company A (-), 3d Tank Bn, DS 9th Marines.
 - (c) Det, "W" Btry, 2d Bn, 12th Mar, DS 9th Marines.
 - (d) 1st Plat, Co A, 5th Anti-Tank Bn, DS 9th Marines.
 - (e) Det, "B" Btry, 1st Bn, 44th Arty (USA), DS 9th Marines.
 - (f) Det, Hq Btry, 12th Mar (AN/MPQ 4), GS 9th Marines.

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(g) Det, "F" Btry, 26th Arty (USA) DS 9th Marines.

(h) Det, Srech Lt Btry, Hq Btry, 12th Mar DS 9th Marines.

(i) Det, Hq Btry, 12th Mar (CMR) GS 9th Marines.

c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A (Task Organization).

2. MISSION

- a. Defend Strong Point Patrol Bases A-3 and A-4.
- b. Defend Forward Operation Base C-2 and C-2 Bridge.
- c. Protect LOC (Rt 561) within AO, denying enemy opportunity to interdict LOC by mines or ambushes. Conduct daily road minesweep from A-4 to C-2.
- d. Conduct patrolling out to two thousand meters of each anti-infiltration position.
- e. Continually conduct preemptive/suppressive counter battery fires and air strikes against known and suspected enemy mortar/artillery/rocket positions and FO locations. Preemptive fires to be in addition to immediate counter battery fires conducted against active enemy gun and mortar positions and will include maximum use of organic weapons.
- f. Establish CCP along route 561 for control of vehicular traffic.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. The 2d Battalion commencing 27 May occupies and defends A-3 and C-2 with one company each; A-4 with one company and one company minus; and C-2 bridge with one platoon.

b. Co E (Rein).

(1) Occupy and defend assigned sector of A-4 with one Company (-). See Annex C (Operation Overlay).

(2) Conduct daylight platoon size patrols and night squad/platoon size ambushes out to 2000 meters from A-4.

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- (3) Provide security for the Engineer road sweep each morning.
- (4) Be prepared to man convoy control points along route 561, on order.
- (5) Be prepared to chop one platoon for Bn Res, on order.

c. Co F (Rein)

- (1) Occupy and defend A-3 (YD 175720). See Annex C (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Conduct daylight platoon size patrols and night squad size ambushes out to 2000 meters from A-3.
- (3) Dismantle the defensive position on Hill 28 (YD 167732) retrograding all salvagable materials.

d. Co G (Rein)

- (1) Occupy and defend C-2 (YD 135646). See Annex C (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Conduct daylight platoon size patrols and night squad size ambushes out to 2000 meters from C-2.

e. Co H (Rein)

- (1) Occupy and defend assigned sector of A-4, CON THIEU, (YD 116700). See Annex B (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Conduct daylight platoon size patrols and night squad/platoon size ambushes out to 2000 meters from A-4.
- (3) Provide security for the Engineer road sweep each morning.
- (4) Dismantle the defensive position at Yankee Station (YD 119686).
- (5) Be prepared to man convoy control points along route 561, on order.
- (6) Be prepared to chop one platoon for Bn Res, on order.

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f. 3d Plt (Rein) Co E

- (1) Occupy and defend C-2 Bridge.
- (2) Reduce defensive position to a platoon sized position, retrograding all salvagable materials.
- (3) Conduct day and night activities as directed.

g. 81mm Mortar Platoon (Rein)

- (1) Attach one section to Co G at C-2, and one section to Co F at A-3.
- (2) GS of A-4 and C-2 Bridge.

h. 106 Recoilless Rifle Plat (-)

- (1) Attach one section to Co G at C-2, and one section to Co F at A-3.
- (2) GS, A-4.

i. Bn Res(1) Provisional Platoon, H&S Co

- (a) Muster nightly at 1900 in an assembly area near the communication tech shop.
- (b) Be prepared to move to blocking positions near OP 1, 2 or 3 to support the front line units and block enemy penetrations.
- (c) Be prepared to man a portion of the A-4 defensive perimeter.

(2) 1st Plt, Co H

- (a) One rifle platoon will assume Battalion reserve in lieu of the Provisional Platoon on order.
- (b) Occupy an assembly area immediately east of OP 2, be prepared to counterattack and/or reinforce on order.

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j. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) All patrols must consist of at least one rifle platoon, while night ambushes may be mutually supporting squads.
- (2) All companies should be prepared to reinforce any patrol or ambush in contact.
- (3) Patrols will not be conducted further than 2000 meters from any dyemarker position.
- (4) All enemy bunkers and field fortifications discovered by patrols will be destroyed. Captured materials will not be destroyed, report location and await instructions.
- (5) Submit day/night activities 1100 each day.
- (6) Maximum use will be made of supporting arms, including preemptive/suppressive fires, and air strikes on known and suspect enemy artillery/mortar positions and FO locations.
- (7) All obstacles and mines will be under observation and covered by fire.
- (8) All weapons will be assigned a sector of fire and/or PDF.
- (9) Company Commanders are authorized to call down the FPL when necessary.
- (10) Report by fastest means available indications of enemy activities.
- (11) The signal for red alert is a one minute blast of a siren. All personnel man their holes during alert. All clear will be two blasts of 15 seconds duration.
- (12) Investigate instances of friendly firing from the perimeter and report results to the COC.
- (13) Maximum use will be made of sensory surveillance equipment.
- (14) Flak jackets and helmets will be worn by all personnel outside bunkers at all times.
- (15) Line markers will be detonated on order from the COC. Control of the other explosive devices rests with the Company Commander.

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(16) Artillery and/or 81mm Mortar FO's will man OP's 1, 2 and 3 at all times.

(17) Each company must establish a system for ensuring weapons safety within any defensive position and upon return from patrol.

(18) H-hour: 1200

(19) D-day: 27 May 1968

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Administration Order 1-68.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. Communication - Electronics

(1) Annex F (Comm - Electronics).

(2) The signal to call down Final Protective Fires will be two green star clusters fired in rapid succession.

(3) The signal that Beehive ammunition and/or VT artillery will be fired within our position will be two red star clusters fired in rapid succession.

b. Command Posts

(1) Battalion CP: 115701.

(2) Report company command posts locations and any changes as they occur.

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ANNEXES:

- ✓ A - Task Organization
- ✓ B - Intelligence
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H&S Co (-)
 Det, HQ Co, 9th Mar
 Det, 9th MT Bn
 Det, Svc Co, 11th Engr Bn
 Det, Comm Co, HQ Bn

Co E (-) (Rein)

Lt MEEKS

Co E (-)
 Det, H&S Co
 Det, Med Plat
 Det, Comm Plat
 Det, Intel Sec
 Det, HQ Co, 9th Mar
 Det, 3d MP Bn, 3d MarDiv
 FO Tm, "B" Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Co F (Rein)

Capt DIVELEBISS

Co F
 Det, H&S Co
 Det, Med Plat
 Det, Comm Plat
 Det, Intel Sec
 Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat
 Sec, 106mm RR Plat
 Det, 3d MP Bn, 3d MarDiv
 FO Tm, "B" Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

Co G (Rein)

Lt RIORDAN

Co G
 Det, H&S Co
 Det, Med Plat
 Det, Comm Plat
 Det, Intel Sec
 Sec, 81mm Mortar Plat
 Sec, 106mm RR Plat
 Det, 3d MP Bn, 3d MarDiv
 Det, HQ Co, 9th Mar
 FO Tm, "B" Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

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Co. H (Rein)

Capt BROUGHTON

Co. H

Det, H&S Co

Det, Med Plat

Det, Comm Plat

Det, Intel Sec

FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat

Det, 3d MP Bn, 3d MarDiv

FO Tm, "B" Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Mar

3d Plat (Rein) Co E

S/Sgt DUENO

3d Plat

Sqd, MG, Wpns Plat

Sqd, 3.5 RL, Wpns Plat

Sqd, 60mm Mortar Section

Det, Med Plat

FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plat

81mm Mortar Plat (-) (Rein)

Lt GREEN

81mm Mortar Plat (-)

Det, Med Plat

106mm RR Plat (-)

Sgt ATKINSON

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ANNEX B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 21-68

Ref: Maps: (a) CAM LO, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Series L 7014,
 Sheet 6342 I
 (b) QUANG TRI, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Series L
 7014, Sheet 6442 IV
 (c) DivO P3800.11

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1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. Major NVA infiltration routes exist to the east and west of A-4 with an additional route running from north of A-3 southeast to Highway 1 and then south generally paralleling the highway. The last sighting of a large NVA infiltrating force was made during the latter part of February. However, there have been numerous agent and aerial observer reports that indicate that infiltration in the area is on the increase. Currently, 4 to 5 battalions of 2 NVA regiments plus support units and one Viet Cong Local Force Company are generally accepted as operating in the 2d Battalion, 26th Marines AO. Enemy forces continue to build new positions and improve old ones in the surrounding area. Numerous bunker complexes in close proximity to friendly defensive positions have been discovered by patrols operating around the A-3, A-4, C-2 and C-2 Bridge positions.

b. The NVA artillery units located to the north and northwest can be expected to continue their harassing fires. The NVA maintain their capability of employing both direct and indirect fire weapons against friendly units, up to and including 152mm Gun-Howitzers.

c. Intelligence reports indicate that A-4 remains a high priority target for the NVA. Although no concrete evidence is available, it appears that there is a large increase in enemy activity in the area to the north and south of A-3, thus increasing the possibility of an attack on this position.

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2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

- a. Determine if the NVA will attempt to attack the positions held by the 2d Bn, 26th Marines in force. If so, in what strength? When?
- b. Determine if the NVA will employ armor in any assault. If so, what will be the size of the force?
- c. Determine the extent to which the NVA will employ his artillery during the summer months. Will the volume of fire increase? Will the artillery attacks be sustained?
- d. Determine if the NVA will occupy the known positions surrounding friendly elements. If so, in what size force? What will be their mission?
- e. Determine if the NVA will continue to use the trail networks in the AO as main infiltration routes. If so, in what size units will he move his forces? Which trails can be considered primary routes?

3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION TASKa. Orders to subordinate and attached units.(1) Subordinate Infantry Companies

- (a) Conduct reconnaissance patrols on a continuous basis.
- (b) Provide this Headquarters with all information concerning enemy activity.
- (c) Every attempt should be made to take prisoners. Paragraph 4, below, contains instructions for the handling of PW's.

b. Requests to higher, adjacent and supporting units.(1) 9th Marines

- (a) Provide on an as obtained basis, all information concerning enemy activity and/or movement within the 2d Bn, 26th Marines AO.
- (b) Provide or arrange for aerial photography.

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(c) Disseminate information provided by technical intelligence on an as obtained basis.

(d) Provide current weather and astronomical data.

(2) 3d Reconnaissance Battalion

(a) Provide reconnaissance patrols on an as required basis.

(b) Provide this Headquarters with information gathered pertaining to the 2d Bn, 26th Marines AO.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL

a. Prisoners of war, deserters, Hoi Chanhs, and other prisoners.

(1) Reference (c) applies. This Headquarters will provide guidance for any circumstance not provided for in reference (c).

(2) No prisoners or detainees will be brought into the defensive compounds.

b. Captured Material.

(1) When conditions permit, all captured equipment will be sent to this Headquarters as soon after capture as possible.

(2) Captured equipment which is flown directly from the battlefield to the rear, will have a completed captured equipment tag attached.

c. Captured Documents.

(1) A completed captured document tag will accompany all documents captured on the battlefield, when sent to this Headquarters.

(2) Documents found on prisoners will be left on their person.

5. DOCUMENT AND/OR EQUIPMENT

a. References (a) and (b) are designated as the standard maps for this operation.

b. Maps and charts will be issued as available in accordance with the standard distribution set forth in reference (c).

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- c. Aerial photography will be issued on an as obtained basis.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

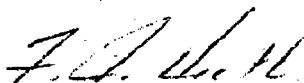
- a. Counterintelligence assistance will be provided in accordance with reference (c), on an as required basis.
- b. All units will maintain security over information that could be used against friendly units.

7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION

- a. Intelligence reports will be submitted to higher headquarters in accordance with reference (c).
- b. SHELREP/MORTREP/BOMBREP reports will be submitted to this Headquarters when applicable.

8. MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Scout Sniper Teams will report to the S-2 or S-2 representative prior to deployment and immediately upon completion of each mission.
- b. Counter-Mortar Radar will provide S-2 with targets as obtained.
- c. All units will make maximum efforts to obtain prisoners.



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ANNEX D (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Order 21-68

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM: QUI HAN, 1:50,000, Series L 7014, Sheet 6343 II; QUANG TRI, 1:50,000, Series L 7014, Sheet 6442 IV; CAM LO, 1:50,000, Series L 7014, Sheet 6342 I; HO XA, 1:50,000, Series L 7014, Sheet 6443 III

(b) Annex J (Rules of Engagement) to 3d Mar Div
 (Rein) LOI 1-67

(c) FMFM 7-1

Time Zone: ^(A) H

Task Organization: See Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Annex B (Intelligence)

(2) Current Intsums.

b. Friendly Forces. Operation Order 21-68.

2. MISSION

The Battalion fire support coordination center (FSCC) will exercise overall responsibility for planning, coordinating, and controlling all fires supporting the elements of the Battalion, thereby ensuring maximum effective fire support and troop safety to all units throughout the operating area.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Fire support coordination will be in accordance with reference (d).

b. Artillery Liaison Section, "B" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines. Assume responsibility for coordination of all supporting fires within the Battalion's zone of action. Be prepared to coordinate firing into adjacent units zones of action on targets of opportunity and suspected targets affecting the safety of the Battalion.

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c. FSCC Section 81mm Mortar Platoon. Control all fires from 81mm Mortar Platoon under cognizance of the fire support coordinator.

d. ALO and FAC. Control all fixed wing and helicopter support under cognizance of the fire support coordinator.

4. TARGET INFORMATION

a. Target List. A target list will be maintained by the Battalion Intelligence Officer. This list will be utilized in planning H and I fires for the Battalion.

b. Counter Mortar Plan. A counter mortar plan, fired by W Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines and by 81mm mortars, will be controlled under cognizance of the fire support coordinator. Targets for this plan will be of a continually changing nature depending on available intelligence.

5. AIRCRAFT SAFETYa. Air Sentries and Lookouts

(1) Air sentries will be positioned at 81mm mortar and .50 caliber firing areas, and will check fire when friendly aircraft are observed approaching danger areas.

(2) Artillery and 81mm mortar forward observers will check fire when it appears that the trajectories of artillery and mortar fires will endanger friendly aircraft.

b. Flak Suppression Fires. As required flak suppression fires will be planned to be fired by the 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon, Tank Platoon, Twin 40mm Platoon and the .50 caliber machine-gun.

c. Restrictive Fire Plan. There is no restrictive fire plan in effect in the Con Thien area.

6. DEFENSIVE FIRE PLAN. See appendixes (1), (2), (3) and (4).7. SAFETY OF GROUND FORCES.a. No-Fire Line.

(1) Fire coordination lines are delineated by the boundaries at adjacent units. Fires within 500

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meters of 2d Battalion, 26th Marines boundaries must be controlled under the cognizance of the fire support coordinator. Clearance must be obtained from adjacent units through the 9th Marines FSCC when fires are within 500 meters of the adjacent units boundaries.

- (2) The C-2 position will be assigned a NFL when a Battalion CP is not located within that position and FSC is the responsibility of the 2d Battalion 26th Marines.

8. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. (1) Annex F (Communications-Electronics)
- (2) Artillery missions will be called on the artillery conduct of fire net.
- (3) 81mm Mortar missions will be called on the 81mm mortar conduct of fire net.
- (4) Air support will be controlled on the TACP local net.
- (5) 106mm Recoilless Rifle, .50 caliber machine gun support, Ontos, Tanks, and Twin 40mm will be directed on the Battalion tac net or by wire communications.
- b. Command Posts. The Fire Support Coordination Center will be located in the Battalion CP: YD 115701.

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APPENDIXES:

- ✓1 - Defensive Fire Plan for A-4
- ✓2 - Defensive Fire Plan for A-3
- ✓3 - Defensive Fire Plan for C-2
- ✓4 - Defensive Fire Plan for C-2 Bridge.
- ✓5 - Target List
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