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Encl (1) Command Chronology for June 1969

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 June to 30 June 1969

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATADESIGNATION

3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines

COMMANDERLtCol E. W. SNEILING
(1-30 June 1969)SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1stLt W. P. FRIESE
(1-30 June 1969)

Company I

Capt R. FURLEIGH
(1-30 June 1969)

Company K

Capt R. D. BARBA
(1-30 June 1969)

Company L

Capt J. TURRIETTA Jr.
(1-30 June 1969)

Company M

1stLt D. E. CRAWFORD
(1-30 June 1969)ATTACHED UNITS

1st Plt, Co A, 5th SF Bn.

Cy3gt G. J. WISEMAN.....
(1-12 June 1969)

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th MT Bn.

1stLt P. W. ESPLIN
(1-30 June 1969)

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Recon Bn.

1stLt W. G. DEATHERGE
(1-12 June 1969)

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th AT Bn.

1stLt C. F. HEMPS
(1-30 June 1969)

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Tank Bn.

1stLt W. A. HUGHES
(1-30 June 1969)

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Amtrac Bn.

1stLt P. R. HIRBAR
(1-12 June 1969)

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Legal Officer

1stLt L. C. TASBY
(1-30 June 1969)

S-2

1stLt B. M. EVERETT
(1-30 June 1969)

S-3

Major L. B. McHENRY
(1-30 June 1969)

S-3A

Capt G. B. MEEGAN
(1-30 June 1969)

S-3B

1stLt C.S.S. TIBBS
(1-30 June 1969)

S-4

Capt H. I. CATES
(1-30 June 1969)

S-5

1stLt B. M. EVERETT
(1-30 June 1969)

CommO

1stLt W. A. MOSSOR
(1-30 June 1969)

SupO

1stLt W. D. HILTON
(1-30 June 1969)

MedO

Lt P. R. BAILING
(1-11 June 1969)
Lt D. H. PATRICK
(1-30 June 1969)
Lt J. W. STOCKWELL
(2-30 June 1969)

Chaplain

Lt J. K. COLIE
(1-30 June 1969)

Naval Gunfire Officer

Lt J. G. BURRIS
(1-10 June 1969)4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

OFF	USMC	ENL
53		1443

OFF	USN	ENL
3		64

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3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Engineer Bn.

2ndLt J. J. KELLY
(1-30 June 1969)

"C" Btry 1/13

Capt M. E. POPELKA
(1-12 June 1969)

"W" Btry 1/13

1stLt M. C. BUNTON
(1-12 June 1969)

C&C Plt

Lt D. T. SMITH
(1-12 June 1969)

BST, 1st SP Bn.

(24-30 June 1969)

LSU

Capt W. E. WOODMAN
(1-30 June 1969)

Det, ARVN Interpreters

(13-30 June 1969)

Det, KCS

(13-30 June 1969)

Det, HQBn, 5th MarDiv

(1-12 June 1969)

Det, HQ, 26th Marines

(1-12 June 1969)

Det, Scout & Sentry Dogs, 3rd MP Bn.

(15-30 June 1969)

Det, Scout Snipers, 26th Marines

(15-30 June 1969)

DIRECT SUPPORT UNITS

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Recon Bn.

1stLt W. G. DEATHRAGE
(13-30 June 1969)2. LOCATION

1-10 June 1969: ARG Bravo Shipping; 11-30 June 1969: DaNang TAOR, RVN.

3. STAFF OFFICERS

EnO

Major W. T. MACY
(1-30 June 1969)

S-1 (ADJUTANT)

1stLt G. I. BURFORD
(1-30 June 1969)

Personnel Officer

1stLt R. O. MOE
(1-17 June 1969)

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PART II
NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. GENERAL (S) During the first twelve days of June, 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines was designated BMT 3/26 and was embarked aboard ARG shipping until 10 June 1969. On the morning of the 10th, the battalion's four rifle companies were chopped upon to BLT 2/26 preparatory to assuming responsibility in the DaNang TAOR. At 120600H, the battalion was officially detached from the SLF; operational and administrative control was passed to 26th Marine Regiment. The battalion then took control of the Hai Van Pass, Nam O Bridge sector of the 1st Marine Division TAOR.

The 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines was task organized from 12 June to 30 June 1969 with one medium tank platoon, one AT (Ontos) platoon, one engineer platoon, one truck platoon, and a LSU as permanent attachments, a recon platoon in direct support and a 105mm howitzer battery in general support.

The battalion's mission from 12 June to 31 June 1969 was that of providing security through aggressive patrolling and ambush techniques for the Hai Van Pass section of Route 1, the Esso plant north of DaNang, the Ap Nam O Bridge on Route 1, and denial of Elephant Valley as an avenue of approach for VC/NVA forces into the DaNang area.

Enemy contact during this period was fairly constant and was characterized by sniper and harassing fire in the Hai Van Pass area. Interdiction of enemy rice carriers in the Elephant Valley area was accomplished by saturation of the valley with Marine "killer teams". Significant enemy movement in the Elephant Valley area was observed by Mike Company at 160230H and 170050H with units of 33 and approximately 50 VC/NVA crossing the Song Cu De River moving in a southeasterly direction. Use of artillery and AC-47 aircraft missions resulted in 02 NVA confirmed, with numerous articles of 782 gear and large quantities of food found. Many blood trails and battle dressings were found when the areas were searched at first light.

On 16 June 1969, Kilo Company and Lima Company with one ARVN platoon and CIT and ITT conducted a cordon and search operation of Kim Lien village (AT922859) with negative results.

B. ADMINISTRATION (C) During the period 1-10 June 1969, administrative elements of the battalion were located aboard ARG shipping under the designation BMT 3/26. On 10 June 1969, all battalion elements displaced to the DaNang TAOR and at 120600H the battalion was redesignated 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines; operational and administrative control were chopped to 26th Marines Regiment.

1. Awards Presented:

- a. 1st Sgt E. L. SHAW, 1126636 (Navy Achievement)
- b. 1stLt M. L. FLYNN, 0104585 (Navy Commendation)

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2. Promotions:

to PFC: 13	to Gunnery Sgt: 2
to LCpl: 34	to Staff Sgt: 2
to Cpl: 148	
to Sgt: 5	

C. PERSONNEL (S)

1. Combat Losses

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
a. WIA:		
(1) EVAC	0	8
(2) MINOR	0	13
b. KIA	0	3
c. MIA	0	0

2. Non-Combat Losses

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
a. Injured		
(1) EVAC	01	18
(2) MINOR	0	02
b. Killed	0	0

3. WIA's Returned to Duty

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	5

4. R&R Trips - 128

5. Personnel Rotated

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
02	22

6. Replacements Received

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
04	63

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1. Enemy Situation. Enemy forces in the 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines AO were estimated at 350 VC/NVA of the T-87 Sapper Battalion and 325 of the Hai Van Engineer Battalion and 90 of the C-31 Company and 25 from the A-1 Water Sapper Company. Total enemy estimated in the AO is approximately 791 combined.

2. Enemy Mission. The enemy mission in the AO is to harass the out post along the Hai Van Pass and to try to destroy the Basso plant and the Nam O Bridge located in the 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines AO. The enemy is also regrouping in areas north of hill 190. Several contacts have been made with rice carriers trying to cross Song Cu De River at Ap Thuy Tu Island.

3. Weather. The maximum temperature for this period was 105° degrees. The low was 72° degrees and the mean temperature was 83° degrees. The relative humidity was 70% and the mean precipitation totaled 2.6 inches.

4. Terrain. The terrain in the AO in several areas is double canopy, forests and heavy brush, extremely steep mountains broken with deep draws. In the hill 190 area the terrain is mostly flat with some rising hills covered with light vegetation and small areas of rice paddies.

5. Avenues of Approach. Many unmarked trails running in all directions, with steep draws.

6. Total Enemy Losses

a. Casualties

VC/NVA	11
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b. Captured Personnel

POW	0
VCI	0

c. Captured Equipment

Chicom	26
M-26 Grenades	1
81mm Mortar rounds	1
7.62 Ammunition	200
RPG head	1
Mortar Fuse	14
Mortar Charges	8
NVA Canteen Belt	1
Clothing (Shirts)	3
Food (Rice) pounds	350

d. IWC

AK-47	1
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- e. CSWC None
- f. Detainees None

7. Enemy Trends. During the reporting period the enemy made several attempts in the Hai Van Pass to attack convoys in small groups and harass the out posts along highway QL 1. The enemy moved south towards the hill 190 area to secure rice from Quang Nam #1 and Quang Nam #2 trying to transport it across Thuy Tu Island and the Song Cu De River to their base camp in the hills.

II. CIVIC ACTION/PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE (C)

1. Since this command moved into the Civic Action area of responsibility, six medical and dental camps have been held. Medical treatment was given to 581 Vietnamese civilians in the hamlets of An Dinh, Nam My, and Kim Lien. A dental technician administered dental care to 46 civilians. The people are gradually accepting Marines as allies because of the assistance that the medical and dental camps are bringing to the hamlets.

2. Three loads of lumber were distributed in the Civic Action area of responsibility. Many homes had been completely or at least partially destroyed during VC/NVA sapper attacks. The lumber was used to repair and to rebuild many of these homes.

3. Aid Programs/Solatium Payments - None

4. Twelve General WAMF educational scholarships were awarded to Vietnamese children. The recipients were selected on the basis of need and of scholastic ability. The teacher at Dieu Hoc Hoc Loc School submitted the names of the children.

PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE (C)

1. Over seventy seven thousand leaflets were distributed in the Civic Action area of responsibility. The majority of the leaflets that were distributed have been air dropped. While in the hamlets many leaflets were handed to the individual civilians.

2. There were four main types of leaflets distributed in the C.A.A.R. These were Chieu Hoi, support CVN, awards, and first aid and sanitation leaflets. The greatest number of leaflets that were air dropped were leaflets with the Chieu Hoi theme. Many newspapers from Saigon were distributed among the civilian populace.

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3. VIP Fund. During the period covered 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines spent a total of 37,050 piasters for ordnance bought from Vietnamese civilians. Ordnance turned in during this period included 4 250 lb bombs, 48 chicom/M-26 grenades, 6 81mm mortar rounds, 1 60mm mortar round and an assortment of small arms ammunition and M-16/AK-47 magazines.

a. The area where most of this ordnance was bought was Mike Company Command Post around hill 190. Most of the ordnance was bought at the gate. The 250 lb bombs were all bought and located at vic (AT) 872824 and (AT) 869823.

b. The ages of the Vietnamese civilians turning in all the ordnance ranged from 10 to 15 years old.

c. No VIP fund was paid out this period for information of any intelligence value.

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- a. Type and number of missions
 - (1) Observed - 76 missions
 - (2) Unobserved - 860 missions
- b. 860 unobserved missions
- c. Ammunition expended by type
 - (1) 105mm - 8818 rounds
- d. Significant events
 - (1) Prep fires - 06
 - (2) Registrations - 31

2. Naval Gunfire Team

- a. Ships available for support
 - (1) USS Frank Knox (DD)
 - (2) USS Richard S. Edwards (DD)
 - (3) USS Saint Paul (CA)
 - (4) USS Buchanan (DDG)
 - (5) USS Henry W. Tucker (DD)
- b. Ammunition expenditure - 2954 rounds
- c. Observed missions - 09

3. 81mm Mortar Platoon (Organic)

- a. Type and number of missions
 - (1) Observed - 106
 - (2) Unobserved - 235
- b. Observed missions - 106
- c. Round expenditure - 1106

4. General Support

- a. Round expenditure - 3035 (155 Btry, 175 Btry, 8" Btry)

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Missions

1. Resupply
 - a. 128 bell-lifts = 115,100 lbs cargo
 - b. 48 passengers
2. Close air support
 - a. 18 (CAS & TAS & TPQ)
 - b. Ordnance = 51-D1 (250lb), 241-D2 (500lb), 73-D9 (500lb)napc, 6-D24 (20mm gun pod), 8-D26 (750lb).
 - c. Weight of bombs = 192,500 lbs, Napalm = 36,500 lbs.
3. Flare support
 - a. 4 C-130s (Basket balls) (total hours = 4 hrs. 55 min.)
 - b. 5 AC-47s (Spookies) (total hours = 6 hrs.)
4. Observation
 - a. 158 AO (total hours = 34 hrs. 32 min.)
5. Medevac
 - a. 17 Medevacs

H. LOGISTICS (C)

(1) General. Logistical support was satisfactory over all during June. Between the 1st and 10th of the month, Class I, III, IV and V support was provided by SLP-Bravo while the battalion was embarked aboard amphibious shipping. On 10 June movement ashore commenced and battalion supply assumed support for all classes of supply. A shortage of selected items of Class V ashore has resulted in lower expenditure rates for these items because of shortages. Transportation and food service was satisfactory.

(2) General Supplies. General supply was adequate except for an existing shortage of BA-30's.

(3) Transportation

a. This unit was supported by HHC-164 from 1 June until 10 June. From 10 June to 30 June 1969, transportation was provided by the 3rd platoon, Co. A, 5th Motor Transport Battalion which is attached. In addition our attached motor transport has been augmented by 3 housekeeping trucks from 1st Motor Transport Battalion. The deadline of the old M-35 gas operated 2 1/2 ton trucks of the 3rd platoon, 5th Motor Transport Battalion has necessitated the augmentation of the 3 housekeeping trucks. The unit is now phasing out several of the gas operated vehicles and replacing them with multi-fuels.

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b. Resupply and troop movements have been accomplished using organic motor transport and helicopters.

(4) Resupply. Resupply was accomplished primarily by organic motor transport.

(5) Maintenance Support. Maintenance support was furnished by the attached Logistics Support Unit, FLC and 1st FSR. Maintenance support has been excellent during this reporting period.

(6) Ordnance Support. Ordnance support was furnished by ASP-2 and was satisfactory.

(7) Food Service. This unit subsisted on "A" rations and MCI's for the month of June. While deployed in the field each company received at least one hot meal each day.

I. COMMUNICATIONS (S)

(1) General. During the period 1-10 June 1969, the battalion was aboard ship and SLF Bravo was responsible for the communication/crypto guard of the battalion/BLT. The battalion message center was the facility that controlled both incoming and outgoing messages for the unit with courier service provided by the battalion to the SLF communication center. SLF Bravo also provided a TAC LOG net which afforded the battalion/BLT a means of sending and receiving tactical and logistical messages with the companies and attached units aboard the other ships.

(2) Message Center. Upon coming ashore the 26th Marines communication center assumed the communication/crypto guard for the battalion. A message center was established within the battalion command post with courier service provided by the battalion to and from Regiment.

(3) Radio. Upon coming ashore normal internal radio circuits were established within the battalion and the companies. A covered FM radio net was established with the 26th Marine Regiment. All tactical nets are guarded in the COC bunker and the administrative net is guarded in the S-4 office. In addition, radios AM/PRC-88 are employed by the companies on the squad level.

(4) Wire. The wire section installed normal internal wire communication with trunk lines from the switchboard to 1st Bn., 26th Marines (Rear); 7th Engineers; 26th Marine Regiment; "C" Battery, 1st Bn., 13th Marines and 1st Marine Division. In addition, limited wire communication has been established in each company command post. At the present time there are no land lines to the four letter companies. However, steps have been taken to possibly provide land lines to all companies in the near future.

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(5) Repair. Three technicians from the logistic support unit were assigned to the battalion tech shop upon coming ashore, thus enabling the battalion to perform up to and including 3rd echelon maintenance on all communication/electronic equipment organic to the battalion. Items requiring fourth echelon maintenance are evacuated directly to 1st Force Service Regiment via the battalion supply officer.

J. MEDICAL/DENTAL (C)

(1) Personnel. The Battalion Aid Station has a total of 60 personnel; consisting of 2 medical officers, 1 corpsman in medevac status, 3 corpsman on emergency leave, and 50 effective corpsman. In addition, 4 hospital corpsman are assigned to attached units.

(2) Capabilities. The Battalion Aid Station handles routine medical problems. Minor surgical procedures were limited by the lack of sterile equipment. Special efforts were made to establish an adequate diagnostic laboratory for blood counts, urine analysis, stool analysis, and observation. Consultation was readily available at 1st Medical Battalion or NSA DaNang.

(3) Training. Corpsman received on the job training and lectures from the medical officers. Corpsman carry out their own lectures on buddy aid, first aid, and personal hygiene. Indoctrination lectures were given to all new Marines.

(4) Dental. Dental treatment was available at 11th Motor Transport.

(5) Malaria Prophylaxis. Accomplished by weekly dose of chloroquine/primaquin tablets and the use of insect repellents.

(6) Sanitation. Special efforts were made to improve sanitary conditions. Sanitary inspections were made at Kilo Company, Mike Company, and the battalion rear area. Correction of defects was begun in the above areas.

(7) Med-Cap. Weekly Med-Caps were held at Nam My refugee village. Approximately 30 patients were treated per Med-Cap.

(8) Statistics for the month of June are as follows:

<u>DIAGNOSIS</u>	<u>H&S</u>	<u>INDIA</u>	<u>KILO</u>	<u>LIMA</u>	<u>MIKE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>LAST REPORT</u>
Head Injuries	00	06	00	00	00	06	12
Lacerations	09	17	09	10	15	60	24
Ear Problems	08	05	24	12	01	50	56
Eye Problems	10	01	04	03	02	20	18
Dental	07	09	06	11	09	42	341
Upper Resp Inf.	07	00	07	05	08	27	185
Fever Unkn Origin	01	00	00	00	02	03	12

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DIAGNOSIS	HAS	INDIA	KILO	LIMA	MIKE	TOTAL	LAST REPORT
Ortho Disorders	12	13	09	05	17	56	112
Immunizations	84	51	37	21	17	200	86
Venereal Disease	10	03	09	03	02	27	22
Shrapnel Wounds	00	13	00	00	00	13	02
Malaria	00	00	00	00	00	00	17
Blisters	00	03	03	03	12	21	05
Heat Exhaustion	01	12	00	05	01	19	01
Neuropsychiatric	00	01	00	01	00	02	00
Skin	48	36	68	31	61	244	248
Gun Shot Wounds	00	00	00	00	05	05	00
Gastro Intestinal - Disorders	06	03	11	13	06	39	35
Immersion Foot	00	00	01	02	00	03	00
Return Visits	16	12	34	75	54	191	190

K. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES (U)(1) Personnel

- a. Chaplain J. K. GOLIE is assigned to 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines and to the 26th Marine Regiment (additional duties).
- b. LCpl R. S. DORMAN is assigned as clerk for the chaplain of the 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines.

(2) Services Conducted

- a. Protestant Divine Services (18) with 350 attending.
- b. Protestant Bible Studies (5) with 32 attending.
- c. Protestant Private Communion with 109 attending.
- d. Catholic Divine Services (13) with 260 attending.
- e. Catholic Private Communion with 33 attending.
- f. These services were provided by Fathers AMER, HORVAT and Father GILL.

(3) Facilities

- a. There is a chapel at the 26th Marine Regiment and at the 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marine rear. 1st Marine Division Chaplain's office has made available a "Field Kit" for use where no chapel is available. A jeep is made available for hospital visits, brig visits, and for ministering to the Marines not in the battalion rear.

(4) Significant Events

- a. None

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

10 June 1969 BLT 3/26 displaced from ARG shipping to northern sector, DaNang TAOR. Rifle companies passed to opcon BLT 2/26.

12 June 1969 BLT 3/26 redesignated 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines with attachments of one truck plt., one AT plt., and LSU, one tank plt., one Amtrac plt., and one engineer plt. Operational and administrative control passed to 26th Marine Regiment.

~~0600H~~ 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines assumed tactical responsibility for the northern sector, DaNang TAOR.

1930H I-2 received 100 rounds small arms fire from (AT) 924929. Duster fire mission called; results 01 secondary explosion observed.

~~2035H~~ I-2 received 01 RPG and 02 Chicoms at (AT) 926924. Result: 01 KIA, RTD.

13 June 1969 I-3 received 05 RPG's and approximately 200 rounds small arms fire from 05 HVA... at (AT) 915937. Results: 01 KIA, 08 WIA.
.....

14 June 1969 K-1 patrol found 200 SKJ rounds and 01... Chicom pouch at (AT) 929900.
1125H

1220H 10th ARVN Bn. convoy hit by 03 B-40; and small arms fire at (AT) 914940. Results: 01 ARVN DOW.
.....

15 June 1969 K and I observed 08 122mm rockets launched from (AT) 928908 towards DaNang. Artillery 81mm fire mission called in. Checked area with neg results.
~~0050H~~

1945H I-2 received approximately 250 rounds small arms from 926926.

16 June 1969 Elements of K and L Companies, an RF plt. and CIT and ITT conducted a cordon and search operation in Kim Lien village with negative results.

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16 June 1969
0150H

K Co. CP sighted approximately 30 VC/NVA moving south across stream at (AT) 904822. 01 RPG fired at search light. Returned fire with arty and 81mm. Results numerous blood trails found.

2150H

K-2 KT killed 01 NVA while engaging unknown size enemy force. Results 01 NVA KIA, 01 AK-47.

17 June 1969

I-3 received 01 RPG and 01 Chicom from (AT) 918928. Results 01 USMC WIAE.

0050H

Mike sighted approximately 35 VC/NVA moving south at (AT) 904822. Called in fire mission. Area searched by K-2 and found 02 VC/NVA, KIA, numerous clothing and 782 gear and blood trails leading east.

18 June 1969
0130H
0900H

K-3 KT killed 01 VC at (AT) 911825.

I-3 received 01 RPG and 05 rounds small arms fire from (AT) 901955. Returned small arms fire with negative results.

2040H

I-1 received approximately 150 rounds small arms fire from (AT) 933905. Called 81mm fire mission with negative results.

19 June 1969
1955H

I-3 received approximately 50 rounds small arms fire from (AT) 915927. Returned small arms fire with negative results.

20 June 1969
0822H

K-3 patrol found 150 lbs rice, 01 shirt, and 01 MK-4 grenade at (AT) 909822.

21 June 1969

Joint operation conducted by K Company and PF Company in Quan Nam #1 hamlet (AT) 905817. Results 01 VN girl killed and 01 RF wounded by PF's.

1145H

I-2 received 20 rounds small arms fire and 02 Chicoms from (AT) 929919. Returned small arms fire with negative results.

2005H

I-3 received 50 rounds small arms fire from (AT) 915927. Returned small arms fire with negative results.

2230H

I-3 received approximately 675 rounds small arms fire and 02 RPG's from vic (AT) 907943. Called 81mm fire mission with negative results.

22 June 1969
0600H

I-3 received 02 RPG's from (AT) 915935. Returned fire with small arms, negative results.

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1200H

I Co. took approximately 200 rounds small arms fire and 02 RPG's throughout the Bai Van Pass area.

2130H

3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines CP received approximately 100 rounds small arms fire and 03 Chicoms at (AT) 933779.

2340H

I Co. took heavy small arms fire, 03 RPG's and 05 Chicoms throughout it's AO. Returned fire with small arms and 81mm mission, negative results.

23 June 1969
1545H

I-3 received approximately 50 rounds small arms fire from vic (AT) 915928. Returned small arms fire with negative results.

1600H

I-2 received approximately 175 rounds small arms fire from (AT) 922923. Returned small arms fire with negative results. Results 01 USMC WIAE.

1915H

I-3 took 03 82mm rounds incoming from unknown grid.

2000H

I-2 took 10 minutes CS gas and small arms fire at (AT) 924928. Dusters and 81mm fired night defensive fires with negative results.

24 June 1969
2145H

H-3 KP while setting in ambush site took small arms fire from unknown size enemy forces. Results 01 USMC WIAE.

25 June 1969

I-1 patrol found 12 61mm rounds at (AT) 932902.

26 June 1969
0715H
1845H

H-3 patrol found 03 NVA bodies at (AT) 906822.

I-3 received 15 rounds small arms fire and 20 rounds M-79 from (AT) 915927. Returned small arms fire with negative results.

1935H

CAP patrol found 02 NVA bodies at (AT) 908844.

27 June 1969
2045H

I-3 received approximately 125 rounds small arms fire and 04 rounds M-79 from (AT) 921928. Results 02 USMC WIAE.

2130H

I-3 received 50 rounds small arms fire from 04 VC/NVA at (AT) 917928. Returned fire with small arms negative results.

28 June 1969
1200H
1230H
1745H

H-1 patrol found 01 VC body at (AT) 915826.

CAP patrol found 01 AK-47 in stream at (AT) 903808. I-3 received 175 rounds small arms fire from (AT) 937913. Returned fire, negative results.

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No significant events.

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- B - CTF seven nine message 160758Z May 1969 (S)
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- D - CTC seven nine pt five message 280003Z May 1969 (S)
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- H - CTC seven nine pt five message 061135Z June 1969 (S)
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BLT 3/26 WILL CONCLUDE AFLOAT PHASE AND OFF-LOAD FROM ARG ON
10--11JUNE. REQUEST ADVICE AS TO WHICH UNITS CURRENTLY ON TASK
ORGANIZATION OF BLT WILL REMAIN WITH THE BATTALION / BLT ASHORE.
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P 160758Z MAY 69
 FM CTF SEVEN NINE
 TO RHMMFA/CG III MAF
 RUHGSF/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUMHLAA/TWENTY SIX MARINES
 RUHGKEY/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 RUHGKEU/BLT THREE SLANT TWO SIX
 RUMHLAA/SECOND BATTALION (REIN) TWO SIX MARINES
 RUMHLAA/FIRST BATTALION THIRTEENTH MARINES
 ZEN CTG SEVEN NINE PT EIGHT
 INFO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC
 RUMHLAA/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMLMPA/CG FLC
 RUMFOXC/CTF SEVEN SIX
 RUHGKEU/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 RUMUFGA/CTU SEVEN NINE PT ZERO PT ONE
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WARNING ORDER FOR ROTATION OF BLT 3/26 AND 2ND BN
 (REIN) 26 MAR (S)

A. CG FMFPAC 032102Z JAN 69 (NOTAL)

B. COMSEVENTHFLT 122354Z MAY 69 (NOTAL)

C. BLT 3/26 150837Z MAY 69 (NOTAL)

1. (S) REF A DIRECTS THAT BLT XROTATIONS BE FROM
 RESOURCES OF NINTH MAB. (LESS REQUIRED MORTAR BTRY
 AND BMU).

2. (S) REF B IS A PROPOSED CHANGE TO FOURTH QUARTER
 TY69 SEVENTHFLT EMPLOYMENT SKED WHICH IF APPROVED
 BY CINCPACFLT WILL REPLACE BLT 3/26 WITH BLT
 2/26 8IN SLF BRAVO ON OR ABOUT 12 JUNE AND SKED SLF BRAVO
 TO OKI 17-26 JUN 69 FOR REHAB/IRNG.

3. (C) IN ORDER TO INSURE TIMELY ADBANCE PLANNING
 AND COMPLETION OF A SUCCESSFUL REHAB OF BLT 2/26 THIS
 HQ IS ASSUMING FOR PLANNING PURPOSED REF B WILL
 BE APPROVED BY CINCPACFLT AND HAS
 COMMENCED PREPARATIONS FOR REHAB PERIOD.

4. (S) BLT 2/26 TASK ORGANIZATION: (EFFECTIVE FOR
 PLANNING 1 JUNE 1969)

UNIT

2ND BN 26 MAR
 DET HQBN 5TH MARDIV

CURRENTLY OPCON TO
 26 MAR

BLT 3/26

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DET HQCO 26MAR

NM

BTRY B 1ST BN 13TH MAR

3RD PLT CO A 5TH AMTRAC BN

1ST PLT CO A 5TH SP DN

1ST B 305 :9 - 5TH MT BN

2ND PLT CO A 5TH BN

2ND PLT CO A 5TH RECON BN

2ND PLT CO A 5TH TK BN

2CY PLT CO A 5TH ENGR BN

DET 15TH DENTAL CO 9TH MAB

1ST CLEAR PLT CO A 5TH MED BN

DET BMU NBG (TO BE DEAB

NATED BY COMSEVENTHFLT)

LSU TWO

MORTAR BTRY 1/13

5. (C) FOR COMSEVENTHFLT: REQUEST DESIGNATION OF
BMU TO BE ASSIGNED BLT 2/26

6. HERC) FOR CG III MAFKVE

A. REQUEST UNITS CONTAINED TASK ORGANIZATION FOR
XRXHIWSI CURRENTLY OPCON 1ST MARDIV BE DIRECTED TO
REPO

O TO BLT 2/26 FOR PLWONG ASAP AND

BLT 3/26

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OPERATIONS WHEN DIRECTED O/A 1 JUNE 1969 AND

D. AUTH ALCON.

7. (C) FOR TWO SIX MAR. 9TH MAB LTI TEAM WILL
ARRIVE DANANG VIA MARLOG 17 MAY TO CONDUCT LTI OF ALL
ORGANIC BLT EQUIP. OIC IS CAPT R. E. SMITH WITH 2
ADD OFF AND 63 ENL. REQUEST PROVIDE BILLETING AND
TRANSPORTATION AS REQUIRED.8. (S) FOR CTG 79.5 UPON COMPLETION ROTATION O/A
12 JUNE 69, PLAN TO PASSYPCON AND COMMAND LESS OPCON AS
FOLLOWS:A. 3/26 (REIN) : COMMAND LESS OPCON TO 26 MAR.
OPCON TO CG III MAF.B. C/1/13: COMMAND LESS OPCON TO 1/13.
OPCON TO CG III MAF.

C. DET B BMU NBG: COMMAND TO COMSEVENTHFLT.

9. (C) FOR BLT 3/26:

A. UPON REPLACEMENT BY BLT 2/26, BLT 3/26 WILL
BE REDESIGNATED AS 3RD BN (REIN) 26 MAR. TASK
ORGANIZATION AS FOLLOW:

3RD BN 26 MAR

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3RD PLT CO A 5TH AT BN
3RD PLT CO A 5TH TK BN
3RD PLT CO A 5TH RECON BN
3RD PLT CO A 5TH MI BN
3RD PLT CO A 5TH ENGR BN

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B. THIS ANSWERS REF C.

10. (U) MOVEMENT ORDER TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY.

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P R 213719Z MAY 69
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 TO RUMLMVA/BLI TWO SLANT TWO SIX
 INFO RUMHIA/TWO SIX MAR
 ZEN/BLI THREE SLANT TWO SIX
 ZEN/IG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

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BLI 2/26 IN FOR B/L AND OPNS (C)

A. CTF SEVEN NINE 160738Z MAY 69

1. (S) DIRLAUTH WITH UNITS EMBARKED ADD ARG BRAVO FOR PURPOSE OF
 OBTAINING INFO FOR PLANNING BLI ROTATION IAW REF A.

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R 280003Z MAY 69
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 TO RHMMAPA/CG III MAF
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUYPSTF/CG FIRST MAW
 INFO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC
 RUMGSAP/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUABQL/CG FMFPAC (FWD)
 RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB
 RUMLMPA/CG FORLOGCMD
 RUMUFGA/NAVSUPACT DANANG
 RUMLMHA/MAB THREE SIX
 RUAUDB/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 RUMHLA/TWENTY SIX MARINES
 RUMHLA/BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX (REIN)
 ZEN/BLT THREE SLANT TWO SIX
 RUMHVP/FIRST BN THIRTEENTH MARINES
 ZEN/MARMEHELRON ONE SIX FOUR
 ZEN/USS VALLEY FORGE

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 RUMHVP/CTU SEVEN NINE PT ZERO PT ONE
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OPCON/DEBARK OF 3/26 (REIN) AND DEI HMM-164 AND OPCON/EMBARK OF
 BLT 2/26 (S)

A. CG III MAF 211542Z MAY 69 (NOTAL)

B. CTG SEVEN NINE 160758Z MAY 69 (NOTAL)

1. (S) REF A PROVIDES ACTIVATION/EMBARKATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR BLT
 2/26. REF B IS NINTH MAB WARNING ORDER FOR ROTATION OF BLT 3/26 AND
 2ND BN (REIN) 26 MAR. REF B ALSO PROVIDES ASSETS FOR TASK ORG OF BLT
 2/26 FOR PLANNING AND OPNS O/A 1JUN69 W/DIRLAUTH ALCON. UNODIR INTEND
 EXECUTE OPCON CHOP/DEBARK OF 3/26 (REIN) AND EMBARK OF BLT 2/26 AS
 FOLLOWS:

A. OFFLOAD BLT 3/26 ENCAMPMENT AND GARRISON EQUIP AND 3D PLAT, CO
 A, 5TH MT BN ON 2JUN69 UTILIZING NAVSUPACT DANANG FACILITIES.

B. CONDUCT AMTRAEX 12JUN LANDING FOUR REIN RIFLE COMPANIES AND BN
 CP. THIS WILL PROVIDE ARG/SLF BRAVO AMPHIBIOUS TRNG AND WILL ALLOW
 TWO DAY OVERLAP IN POSITION FOR 3/26 UNITS TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH

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CURRENT 2/26 AO/RESPONSIBILITIES.

C. GENERAL OFFLOADING 10-11JUN UTILIZING NAVSUPACT DANANG FACILITIES, OF FOLLOWING REMAINING UNITS 3/26 (REIN):

- (1) H AND S CO (-)
- (2) BTRY C, 1ST BN, 13TH MAR
- (3) 3D PLT, CO A, 5TH TANK BN
- (4) 3D PLT, CO A, 5TH AT BN
- (5) 3D PLT, CO A, 5TH RECON BN
- (6) 3D PLT, CO A, 5TH ENGR BN
- (7) LSU THREE

D. UPON COMPLETION OFFLOAD PASS OPCON AND COMMAND LESS OPCON OF DEBARKED UNITS AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) 3/26 (REIN): OPCON TO CG III MAF FOR SIMULTANEOUS CHOP TO CG FIRST MARDIV AND COMMAND LESS OPCON TO 26 MAR.
 - (2) C/1/13: OPCON TO CG III MAF FOR SIMULTANEOUS CHOP TO CG FIRST MARDIV AND COMMAND LESS OPCON TO 1/13.
2. (S) IAW REF A HMM-164 REMAINS OPCON CTG 79.5 DURING RENAB/ITING IN OKINAWA AND SUBIC BAY AND A MINIMUM OF EIGHT OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT WILL REMAIN EMBARKED ON LPH WITH REMAINDER AVAIL AS DET ASSIGNED TO CG FIRST MAF. UNODIR INTEND EXECUTE OPCON CHOP/DEBARK OF DET HMM-164.

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AS FOLLOWS:

A. OFFLOAD DET HMM-164 OF SIX A/C ON 13JUN AT SITE TO BE DESIGNATED BY CG FIRST MAF.

B. UPON COMPLETION OFFLOAD PASS OPCON DET HMM-164 TO CG FIRST MAF.

3. (C) FOR CG FIRST MAF. REQUEST OFFLOAD SITE DET HMM-164.

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P 020735Z JUN 69
 FM TWENTY SIMAR
 TO ZEN/BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX
 INFO RUMHLA/CB FIRST MARDIV
 RUMGKEU/CTF SEVEN SIX
 RUABOL/CTF SEVEN NINE
 RUMGKEU/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 RUMGKEU/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 RUMGKEU/BLT THREE SLANT TWO SIX
 RUMHLA/ELEVENTH MAR
 ZEN/FIRST BN THIRTEENTH MAR
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ROTATION OF BLT 3/26 AND BLT 2/26 (S)

A. CTF SEVEN NINE 180158Z MAY 69

B. CB III MAF 211542Z MAY 69

1. (S) IAW REF A AND B, BE PREPARED TO EMB ABD ARG BRAVO O/A
 12 JUNE 69 AS LANDING FORCE SLF BRAVO. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOLLOWS.

2. DURLNAUTH ALCON.

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030232Z JULY 69

FM CTF SEAN NINE

TO RHHMAF/CG III MAF

RUMGSF/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMHLAA/TWO SIX MARINES

RUMUFG/CG SEAN NINE PT FIVE

ZEN/CG SEVEN NINE PT EIGHT

RUMUFG/BLT THREE SLANT TWO SIX

RUMHLAA/BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX

RUMHLAA/FIRST BN THIRTEENTH MARINES

INFO RUMHMA/CG FMFPAC

RUMHLAA/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMLMPA/CG FLC

RUMGTXC/CG SEAN SIX

RUMUFG/CG SEAN SIX PT FIVE

RUMUFG/CG SEAN NINE PT ZERO PT ONE

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A. COMSEVENTHFLT 019230Z JUN 69

B. COMSEVENTHFLT 122354Z MAY 69

C. CG III MAF 211542Z MAY 69

D. CTF 79 167758Z MAY 69

E. CIG 79.5 280303Z MAY 69

F. CTF 76 171156Z MAY 69

1. (U) REF A DIRECTED CHANGE TO AFG/SLF

FOURTH QUARTER EMPLOYMENT SKED AS OUTLINED IN REF B.

3. (S) CG III MAF WILL PROVIDE FOR EXCHANGE

BETWEEN BLT 2/26 AND BLT 3/26 AS APPROPRIATE. SEE
REF C.2. MISSION: THIS ROTATION CONSTITUTES NO CHANGE
TO THE MISSIONS ASSIGNED TO CTF 79/CG NINTH MAF.

3. EXCLUSION:

A. FOR CIG 79.5

(1) OFFLOAD BLT 3/26 IAW REF E.

(2) EMBARK BLT 2/26 O/A 12 JUNE. REAG

ALCON INFORMED.

B. FOR C.O. 26TH MAR: UPON COMPLETION BLT
ROTATION, BLT 3/26 REDESIGNATED 3RD BN (REIN) 26

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4. (S) ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICS

4. ADMIN

(1) SUBMIT MAIL ROUTING IAW FMFPACO 2700.3E
(2) ENSURE GENEA CONVENTION CARDS, ID TAGS,
AND RECORDS OF EMERGENCY DATA ARE CURRENT AND OR-
RECT.

(3) ENSURE ALL REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS ARE
COMPLETED IAW D INSIS 6230.1E AND 6230.13 REFLE.

(4) COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF FWIP 10-1(C). ENSURE CG
FMFPAC, COMSINIFLI, CG III MAF, CG 1ST MARDIV, CG 9TH MAB,
CIG 76 AND CIG 76.5 ARE INFO ADDEDS ON ALL MOVEREPS AND CHOP MS.

(5) C.O. TWENTY SIX MARINES:

(A) SUBMIT NECESSARY MARES/FORSTAT FOR 3/26 (RAIV)
WITHIN 24 HRS AFTER CHOP.

(B) SUBMIT A MSG REPORT TO THIS HQ, INFO CG FMFPAC,
CG III MAF AND CG FIRST MARDIV, REFLECTING ON BOARD STRENGTH OF
3/26 AT TIME OF CHOP. FURTHER SUBMIT BY LETTER A COMPLETE
ROSTER OF ALL PAY OFFICER AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL ROTATING WITH
BLI 3/26 TO INCLUDE NAME, RANK, SER NO, DESIGNATOR OR NLC AND

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(6) SUBMISSION OF UNIT DIARIES IAW FMFPACO 1080.4C.

(7) COMMAND CHRONOLOGY IAW BRIGO 3750.1C WITH CHANGE
ONE. ENSURE MOVEMENT IS INCLUDED.

(8) BLI 2/26, UPON ROTATION, SUBMIT TO THIS HQ BY MS
A ROSTER OF ALL PAY OFFICER AND ENLISTED MARINES ROTATING, INFO CG
FMFPAC AND CIG 79.5.

B. LOGISTICS

(1) PLI 3/26 DEPART WITH T/E EQUIP, ORGANIC SUPPLIES,
B/A AMMO AND MEDICAL ALLOWANCE LIST CODE 674.

(2) THE FOLLOWING SUPPLY BLOCK WILL REMAIN ABOARD

ARG SHIPPING:

15 DAYS RATION BLOCK

BLI CLOTHING BLOCK

LSU BLOCK

LFORM BLOCKS

MED ALLOW LIST CODE 670

MED ALLOW LIST CODE 680

MED ALLOW LIST CODE 685

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5. COMMAND AND COMM ELTCT.

A. OPCON AND COMMAND LESS OPCON 3/26 (RLI) WILL BE PASSED IAW THIS ORDER AND REF D.

B. WHEN COMMAND BLI 2/26 PASSED CTF 79/CG 9TH MAB, CTG 79.5 WILL SIMULTANEOUSLY ASSUME OPCON.

C. C.O. 26TH MARINES, CIG 79.5, BLI 2/26 AND BLI 3/26 ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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P 031417Z JUN 69
 FM CIG S.V. NINE PT FIVE
 TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MAR DIV
 RUMHLA/TWENTY SIX MAR
 INFO RUMCSAF/COMSEVLTINFLT
 RUMHFM/CG FMFPAC
 RUABCL/CG FMFPAC (FWD)
 RUABCL/CG ININ MAB
 RUMLMPA/CG FORLOGCMD
 RUMUFGA/NAVSUPACT DANANG
 ZEN/CIG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 RUMHLA/TWENTY SIX MAR
 RUMGXXG/BLT TWO SLANT TWENTY SIX
 ZEN/BLT THREE SLANT TWO SIX
 RUMHLA/FIRST BN THIRTEENTH MARINES
 ZEN/MARMEHLRON ONE SIX FOUR
 RUMHLA/CIG SEVEN NINE PT ZERO PT
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TACTICAL DEPLOYMENT ASHORE OF 3D BN 26TH MAR (REIN) (C)

A. CIG 79.5 280033Z MAY 69

1. (S) REF A PROVIDE CONCEPT OF TACTICALLY DEPLOYING ASHORE
 SELECTED MANEUVER ELEMENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH GENERAL OFFLOAD OF
 3/26 (RLI) ON 10 JUNE 69.

A. 1st PARA 18 REF A DELETE WORDS "CONDUCT AMTRACX" AND SUB THERE
 "TACTICALLY DEPLOY ASHORE".

B. CHANGE PARA 10 REF A TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "COMMENCE DEBARKATION
 OF LSU THREE FROM USS IULARE ON 6 JUNE, UTILIZING NAVSUPACT
 DANANG FACILITY. DEBARK FOLLOWING REMAINING UNITS ON 10-11 JUNE."

(1) H AND S CO (-)

(2) BTRY C, 1ST BN, 13TH MAR

(3) 3D PLT, CO A, 5TH TANK BN

(4) 3D PLAT, CO 1, 5TH AT BN

(5) 3D PLT, CO A, 5TH RECON BN

(6) 3D PLT, CO A, 5TH LGR BN

2. (S) FOR CG 1ST MAR DIV AND 26TH MAR. REQ APPROVAL OF FOL CONCEPT
 OF EXECUTION SUBJ TACTICAL DEPLOYMENT ASHORE:

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A. CONDUCT HELIBORNE LANDING OF THREE RIFLE CO'S, 31MM MORT
PLT, AND CMD GRP ALFA IN DESIGNATED LZ'S IN 26TH MAR AO.

B. LAND ONE RIFLE CO IN LVT'S OVER DESIGNATED BEACH IN 26TH MAR

A.
C. LANDING BEACH, L AND H HOURS, LZ'S, HELO APPROACH AND RETIREMENT
LINES AND MOVEMENT WITHIN AO AS COORD WITH 26TH MAR.

D. AMPHIB SHIPPING POSITIONS IN DANANG HARBOR.

E. UNITS TO BE TACTICALLY LANDED VICINITY POSNS TO BE OCCUPIED IN
EXECUTING FILLIF IN PLACE OF BLT 2/26. UPON LANDING, OPCON OF LANDED
UNITS OF 3/26 (REIN) WILL BE PASSED TO CG III MAF FOR SIMULTANEOUS
CHOP TO CG 1ST MAR DIV AND TO 26TH MAR.

F. FIRE SUPPORT FURNISHED BY 26TH MAR, AS REQUIRED.

3. (U) REF DIRMOUTH ALCON FOR PLANNING.

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P 061135Z JUN 69
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 TO RUMHLA/BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX
 ZEN/BLT THREE SLANT TWO SIX
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 INFO RUHGSF/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RHMAFA/CG III MAF
 RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMUFGA/NSA DANANG
 RUMHLA/TWENTY SIX MAR
 ZEN/MARMEDELRON ONE SIX FOUR
 RUMHVP/FIRST BN THIRTEENTH MAR
 RUMUFGA/CTU SEVEN NINE PT ZERO PT ONE
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3/26 (REIN) DEBARKATION AND BLT 2/26 EMBARKATION INSTRUCTIONS (C)

A. CTG 79.5 280033Z MAY69

B. CTG 79.5 031417Z JUN69

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C. CG III MAF 071752Z JUN69

D. CG 1ST MARDIV 050100Z JUN69 (NOTAL)

E. CTG 79 030232Z JUN69

F. CTG 79.5 051415Z JUN69 (NOTAL)

1. (U) THIS MSG HAS CONCURRENCE OF 26TH MAR.

2. (S) REF A MODIFIED BY REF B STATED CTG 79.5 INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO SUBJ ACTIONS. REF'S C AND D CONCURRED IN THESE PLANS. REF E DIRECTED CTG 79.5 OFFLOAD BLT 3/26 IAW REF A AND EMBARK BLT 2/26 O/A 12JUN.

3. (S) SUBJ TO CONCURRENCE OF CTG 76.5 THIS COMMAND WILL EXECUTE PLANS STATED IN REFS A AND B AS FOLLOWS:

A. 8JUN69

(1) 3/26 (REIN) OFFLOAD LKA ACROSS BRIDGE RAMP USING 2 LCU'S.

(2) BLT 2/26 STAGE PALLETS TO BE EMBARKED ON LKA AT TIEN SHA RAMP (169 PALLETS).

(3) BLT 2/26 STAGE WASHED VEHICLES FOR LKA AT TIEN SHA RAMP. (50 VEHICLES).

(4) BLT 2/26 PRELOAD 2 LCU AT TIEN SHA COMMENCING EVENING 8JUN.

B. 9JUN69

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- (1) BLT 2/26 LOAD LKA WITH PALLETS STAGED AT TIEN SHA RAMP.
- (2) BLT 2/26 LOAD LSU AND VEHICLES STAGED AT TIEN SHA RAMP ON LKA (COMPLETE LOADING LKA).

C. 12JUN69

- (1) 3/26 (REIN) TACTICALLY DEPLOY ASHORE FOUR REIN RIFLE COMPANIES, 8 IMM PLAT AND ALFA CMD GROUP IAW REF F.
- (2) 3/26 (REIN) OFFLOAD VEHICLES FROM ALAMO TO BRIDGE RAMP. (SP, W BTRY, ONIOS, TD-25 AND TANKS).
- (3) 3/26 (REIN) BEGIN OFFLOAD VALFOR UPON COMPLETION OF TACTICAL DEPLOYMENT ASHORE 2.C. (1) ABOVE. USING 3 LCU OFFLOAD CARGO AND VEHICLES TO TIEN SHA AND M247'S FROM VALFOR TO BRIDGE RAMP.
- (4) 3/26 (REIN) OFFLOAD LPA VEHICLES AND CARGO TO BRIDGE RAMP.
- (5) BLT 2/26 STAGE PALLETS AND VEHICLES FOR LPH AND LPA AT FERRY LANDING NORTH OF III MAF.
- (6) BLT 2/26 WASH VEHICLES AND STAGE AT FERRY LANDING.
- (7) BLT 2/26 LIFT ADVANCE PARTIES FOR LPA AND LPH FROM LZ 460, AT 1430H.

D. 11JUN69

- (1) 3/26 (REIN) CONTINUE OFFLOAD LPH UNTIL COMPLETE, APPROX

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1200H.

- (2) BLT 2/26 UPON COMPLETION OF 3/26 (REIN) OFFLOAD:
 - (A) LOAD LPH WITH 200 PALLETS AND 59 VEHICLES STAGED AT FERRY LANDING AND 17 M274'S STAGED AT BRIDGE RAMP.
 - (B) LOAD LPA WITH CARGO AND VEHICLES STAGED AT FERRY LANDING AND 1 TD-15 FROM BRIDGE RAMP. (52 PALLETS, 49 VEHICLES AND WHISKEY BTRY).
- (3) BLT 2/26 NIGHT LOAD 1 LCU AT FERRY LANDING WITH 112 PALLETS OF LINE 4 FOR LPH.

E. 12JUN69. BLT 2/26 ONLY

- (1) 1200H LIFT ONE CO FROM LZ 460 TO LPH. EMBARK REMAINDER OF BLT 2/26 PERSONNEL IN LPA AND LPH BY SMALL BOATS FROM BRIDGE RAMP.
- (2) COMPLETE LOADING LSD FROM BRIDGE RAMP.
- (3) LCU WITH PRELOADED LINE 4 ITEMS TO LPH.

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- (1) COMPLETE LOADING LPH BY 1430H.

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(b) CIG 79.5 Oplan 120 *YT*
(c) BLT 3/26 Oplan 1-69
(d) Maps: AMS RVN 1:50,000 Series L7041 Sheets 6641 II and III

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Task Organization: (Annex A)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Current ~~INFORMS~~ and ~~PERIPHERIES~~
- (2) Enemy units identified and probable location in 26 MAR AO.

- (a) T-87 Sapper Bn (INF) Via AF9205
- (b) Hai Van Eng Bn (NVA) Via AF8606
- (c) G-31 Ind Co (NVA) Via AF8990

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) CIG 76.5 provides shipping for ship to shore movement.
- (2) III MAF provides coordination with in country friendly forces.
- (3) 26th Marines provides fire support if required.
- (4) HH-164 provides A/C for heli-borne phase of movement ashore.

2. MISSION. Commencing at L and H-Hour on D-Day BLT 3/26 conduct a surface and heli-borne assault landing in the 26th Marines AO in order to effect a relief in place of BLT 2/26.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. Annex B: (Concept of Operation) to Frags Order 4-69.

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b. Co I (Rein)

(1) Commencing at L-Hour on D-Day conduct a heli-borne assault landing in designated LZ and effect a tactical relief in place of designated units of BLT 2/26. (See Annex B)

c. Co K (Rein)

(1) Commencing at L-Hour on D-Day conduct a heli-borne assault landing in designated LZ and effect a tactical relief in place of designated units of BLT 2/26. (See Annex B)

d. Co L (Rein)

(1) Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day conduct a water-borne surface landing over designated beach and effect a tactical relief in place of designated units of BLT 2/26. (See Annex B)

e. Co M (Rein)

(1) Commencing at L-Hour on D-Day conduct a heli-borne assault landing in designated LZ and effect a tactical relief in place of designated units of BLT 2/26. (See Annex B)

f. Alpha Command Group

(1) Commencing at L-Hour on D-Day the Alpha Command Group lands by helicopter in designated LZ and establishes a CP at BLT 2/26 CP.

G. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Tentative D-Day 10 June 1969.
- (2) Tentative L and H-Hour 1000H.
- (3) Overlays (to be issued as req)
- (4) Map grid designator AE.
- (5) NUTHE BEACH grid coordinates (AE 931645 to AE 928231).
- (6) Co L conduct a pre H-Hour transfer to USS Alamo by LCMs on D-Day at 0600H.

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- (7) Co I conduct a pre L-Hour transfer to USS Valley Forge by LC16's on D-Day at 0600H.
- (8) 3rd Platoon, Co A, 5th Ingr Bn (-) conduct a pre L-Hour transfer to USS Valley Forge by LC16's on D-Day at 0600H.
- (9) 3/26 81mm mortar platoon (-) conduct a pre L-Hour transfer to USS Valley Forge by LC16's on D-Day at 0600H.
- (10) Co H designate one rifle platoon (Rain) as Sparrow Hawk to be landed on order of the Landing Force Commander.
- (11) LZ's Grid Coordinates
 - 460 AT 932735
 - Falcon AT 925857
 - Sparrow AT 895822

4. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS

- a. Companies will land with the following prescribed load.
 - (1) Class I - four canteens of water and four LCIs per unit.
 - (2) Class II - normal arms and equipment.
 - (3) Class III - as required
 - (4) Class IV - as required
 - (5) Class V - as required
- b. All casualties will be evaced to Naval Hospital DaNang.
- c. CTC 79.5 is Casualty Reporting Control Center Bravo.
- d. BLP Casualty Reporting Officer hold cas reps briefing IAW para 204 9th MAB O. P3040.10 (SOP for Cas Rep and Management).
- e. All records of emergency data and SGLI forms will be current.
- f. Utilize field medical tags on all casualties (hostile and non-hostile).
- g. All personnel will possess ID cards, ID tags, and Geneva Convention cards.
- h. Field casualty reporting will be in accordance with para 317 9th MAB O. P3040.10.
- i. All personnel will have (02) heli-teen cards completely filled out.

5. COMBAT and COMMUNICATIONS

a. Command Post

- (1) Afloat: USS Valley Forge (DPH-9)
- (2) Ashore: BLP 2/26 CP.

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b. Communication

- (1) Activate Bn TAC #1 at H-Hour -60 minutes.
- (2) Each company upon reaching assigned TAOR will notify net control and request permission to secure from battalion TAC net. The companies will then check in on BLT 2/26 company TAC net.

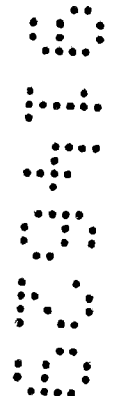
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- a. Task Organization
- b. Concept of Operation
- c. Landing Plan
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Alpha Command Group

IES Co (-)

1stLt FRIESE

81mm Mortar Plt (-)

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Engr Bn (-)

Co I (Rein)

Capt FURLIGH

Co I

Det IES Co

Det Intell Sect

FOHM 81mm Mortar Plt

Sect 81mm Mortar Plt

FOHM Btry "C", 1st Bn, 13th MAR

Det, 3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Engr Bn

PAC Tn

MGF Spot Tn

Co K (Rein)

Capt BARBA

Co K

Det IES Co

Det Intell Sect

FOHM 81mm Mortar Plt

Sect 81mm Mortar Plt

FOHM Btry "C", 1st Bn, 13th MAR

Det, 3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Engr Bn

PAC Tn

MGF Spot Tn

Co L (Rein)

Capt TURRILETTA

Co L

Det IES Co

Det Intell Sect

FOHM 81mm Mortar Plt

Sect 81mm Mortar Plt

FOHM Btry "C", 1st Bn, 13th MAR

Det, 3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Engr Bn

PAC Tn

MGF Spot Tn

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Co M (-) (Rain)

1stLt CRAWFORD

Co H (-)

Det INS Co

Det Intell Sect

FORM 81mm Mortar Plt

Sect 81mm Mortar Plt

FORM Btry "C", 1st Bn, 13th MAR

Det, 3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Engr Bn

PAC Tn

HCF Spot Tn

Btry "C" 1st Bn, 13th MAR

Capt POPELKA

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th AT Bn

2ndLt HINES

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th EK Bn

2ndLt HUGHES

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th Recon Bn

1stLt DEATHERAGE

3rd Plt, Co A, 5th MT Bn

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1stLt WOODMAN

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Annex B: (Concept of Operation) to Eng Order 4-69

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1. MISSION

a. Commencing at L and H-Hour on D-Day BLT 3/26 conducts an amphibious tactical deployment ashore in the 26th Marines AO to effect an in-place tactical relief of BLT 2/26.

2. CONCEPT

a. The amphibious tactical deployment ashore of BLT 3/26 will be conducted in two phases:

- (1) Phase I. On D-Day at L-Hour, Companies I, K and H will conduct helicopter-borne landings in assigned LZ's and deploy to assigned TAOR's. Upon arrival at assigned TAOR's companies will report for operation to BLT 2/26. The Alpha Command Group will land by helicopter in LZ 460 and deploy to BLT 2/26's C.P.
- (2) Phase II. On D-Day at H-Hour Company L embarked in LVT5's will land over Hite beach and subsequently deploy to assigned TAOR.

3. Scheme of Maneuver (Phase I)

- (1) Company I will be the lead unit followed by Company K, the Alpha Command Group and Company H.
- (2) Company I at L-Hour, embarked in helicopters, land at LZ FALCON (AT 925067) and proceed to assigned TAOR by motor transport convoy.
- (3) Company K at L-Hour, be prepared to embark in helicopters aboard LPH-8 and land in LZ FALCON (AT 925067). Subsequent to landing, deploy to assigned TAOR.
- (4) Alpha Command Group at L-Hour be prepared to embark in helicopters aboard LPH-8 and land in LZ 460 (AT 938785). Subsequent to landing, deploy to BLT 2/26's CP and establish BLT 3/26 CP.
- (5) Company H (-) at L-Hour, be prepared to embark in helicopters aboard LPH-8 and land in LZ SPARROW (AT 895822). Subsequent to landing, deploy to assigned TAOR.

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- (6) Company H (-) will provide one reinforced platoon as Sparrow Hawk. Sparrow Hawk will land on order of the Landing Force Commander.

c. Scheme of Manover (Phase II)

- (1) Company L at H-Hour, embarked in LVT5's, land over White Beach (AT 931845 to 920051) and deploy to assigned TAOR.

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Annex C: (Landing Plan) to Frog Order 4-69

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1. General.

a. This plan calls for:

- (1) Landing three reinforced rifle companies by helicopter.
- (2) Landing Alpha Command Group by helicopter.
- (3) Landing one reinforced rifle company by water-borne surface craft.

b. Appendices of this annex contain detailed instructions pertinent to the amphibious tactical deployment ashore.

2. Control measures.

a. All units of the BLT participating in the tactical deployment ashore check in on BLT TAC net No 1 (66.05) at H-Hour minus 60 minutes on D-Day.

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- (1) Serial Assignment Table
- (2) Landing Diagram
- (3) Amphibian Vehicle Assignment Table
- (4) Helicopter Employment and Assault Landing Table

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Appendix 1 (Serial Assignment Table) to Annex C (Landing Plan) to
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Serial Assignment Table D-Day

SERIAL NUMBER	UNIT	PLANS	MATERIAL EQUIPMENT VEHICLES	GRAVE NO/TYPE	SHIP	REMARKS
008	Co I ASLT BATT	190	Normal Combat	19CH46A	LPH	Schedule
010	Co E ASLT BATT	190	Normal Combat	19CH46A	LPH	Schedule
011	Wing Command Group	80	Normal Combat	7CH46A	LPH	Schedule
012	Co L ASLT BATT	190	Normal Combat	10LVTP5	LPD	Schedule
056	Co M ASLT BATT	140	Normal Combat	14CH46A	LPH	Schedule
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Appendix 2: (Landing Diagram) to Annex C (Landing Plan) to Frag-Order 4-69

Amphibious Tactical DeploymentLanding Diagram

L-Hour

D-Day

Beach WHITE

Assault Element Co L

WAVE I

1-1	1-2	1-3	1-4	1-5	1-6	1-7	1-8	1-9	1-10
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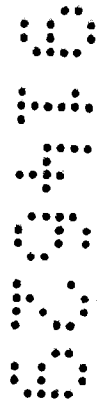
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Appendix 3: (Amphibian Vehicle Assignment Table) to Annex C (Landing Plan) to Prog-Order 4-69

Landing Craft and Amphibian Vehicle Assignment Table

CRAFT	PERSONNEL	BOAT	
		SPACES	FORMATION
LCVP 1-1	Co L w/full combat equip	27	1-1
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Appendix 4: (Helicopter Employment and Assault Landing Table) to Annex C: (Landing Plan) to
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Helicopter Employment and Assault Landing Table

WAVE	HELICO UNIT FLIGHT	NO/TYPE AIRCRAFT	FROM CARRIER	REPORT	TIME LOAD	TIME LAUNCH	TIME LAND	DESTINATION	TROOP UNIT OR EQUIPMENT
1	Spanish Hose 1	10CH-46A	LPH-8	LPH-8	L-18	L-15	L-14	LZ FALCON	India Ser 008 10 Mm Tns
2	Spanish Hose 2	9CH-46A	LPH-8	LPH-8	L-10	L-13	L-18	LZ FALCON	India Ser 008 10 Mm Tns 2 (2 Mm Tns/1 81mm Tube)
3	Spanish Hose 3	10CH-46A	LPH-8	LPH-8	L-33	L-35	L-40	LZ FALCON	Kilo Ser 010 10 Mm Tns
4	Spanish Hose 4	9CH-46A	LPH-8	LPH-8	L-50	L-53	L-58	LZ FALCON	Kilo Ser 010 7 (10 Mm Tns) 2 (9 Mm Tns/1 81mm Tube)
5	Spanish Hose 5	7CH-46A	LPH-8	LPH-8	L-73	L-76	L-81	LZ 460	"A" GIB Cp Ser 011 5 (10 Mm Tns) 2 (2 Mm Tns/1 81mm Tube)
6	Spanish Hose 6	10CH-46A	LPH-8	LPH-8	L-96	L-99	L-104	LZ SPARROW	Mike Ser 036 10 Mm Tns
7	Spanish Hose 7	4JH-46A	LPH-8	LPH-8	L-114	L-117	L-122	LZ SPARROW	Mike Ser 036 2 (10 Mm Tns) 2 (2 Mm Tns/1 81mm Tube)
8	Spanish Hose 8	2CH-46A	LPH-8	LPH-8	L-137	L-140	L-143	Daisy LZ 460 L-Chain	81mm Ammo Ser 1001 1 pallet per A/C
9	Spanish Hose 9	5CH-46A	LPH-8	LPH-8	ON CALL	ON CALL	ON CALL	LZ Sparrow	Sparrow Hawk 5 (10 Mm Tns)

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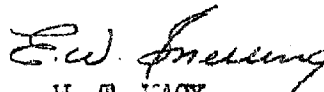
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(1-7 July 1969)
1stLt J. D. REICH
(8-31 July 1969)

Company I

Capt R. FURLEIGH
(1-31 July 1969)

Company K

Capt R. D. BARBA
(1-31 July 1969)

Company L

Capt J. TORRIETTA Jr.
(1-31 July 1969)

Company M

1stLt D. E. CRAWFORD
(1-15 July 1969)
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3rd Plt, Co A, 5th MT Bn.

1stLt P. W. ESPLIN
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3rd Plt, Co A, 5th AT Bn.

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2ndLt J. J. KELLY
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Det, ARVN Interpreters	(1-31 July 1969)
Det, KCS	(1-31 July 1969)
Det, Scout & Sentry Dogs, 3rd MP Bn.	(1-31 July 1969)
Det, Scout Snipers, 26th Marines	(1-31 July 1969)

2. LOCATION

1-31 July 1969: DaNang TAOR, RVN.

3. STAFF-OFFICERS

ExO

Major W. T. MACY
(1-31 July 1969)

S-1 (ADJUTANT)

1stLt G. I. BURFORD
(1-31 July 1969)

Personnel Officer

1stLt G. I. BURFORD
(1-31 July 1969)

Legal Officer

1stLt L. C. TASBY
(1-7 July 1969)
1stLt W. P. FRIESE
(8-31 July 1969)

S-2

1stLt B. H. EVERETT
(1-11 July 1969)
SSgt R. L. RACINE
(11-31 July 1969)

S-3

Major L. B. McHENRY
(1-31 July 1969)

S-3A

Capt G. B. MEEGAN
(1-31 July 1969)

S-3B

1stLt C.S.S. TIBBS
(1-31 July 1969)
1stLt D. E. CRAWFORD
(15-31 July 1969)

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Chaplain

Lt J. K. GOLIE
(1-31 July 1969)

4. AVERAGE STRENGTH

<u>OFF</u>	<u>USMC</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>USN</u>	<u>ENL</u>
50		1431	2		54

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of July, 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines was engaged in providing security through aggressive patrolling and ambush techniques for the Hai Van Pass section of Route #1, the Esso plant north of DaNang, the Ap Nam O Bridge on Route #1 and the denial of Elephant Valley as an avenue of approach for VC/NVA forces into the DaNang area.

Enemy contact in the Hai Van Pass sector was markedly lower than that encountered in June and this can be particularly attributed to the joint Marine/ARVN patrols operating on a permanent basis in the hills to the west of Route #1. In the Elephant Valley area from 1-19 July 69, Mike Company encountered significant enemy activity. Interdiction of enemy rice carriers in the Elephant Valley area was accomplished by saturation of the valley with squad sized ambushes. The enemy rice carriers continued to cross the Song Cu De River moving in a southeasterly direction into Quang Nam (1) to collect food. Use of supporting arms and ambushes resulted in 25 NVA confirmed, with numerous articles of 782 gear and large quantities of food captured during this period. Because of the increased enemy activity in Quang Nam (1) (AT 907817), Mike Company and Lima Company with one platoon of ARVN, CIT and ITT conducted a cordon and search operation on 13 July 1969. Four hundred suspects were questioned and six were held for further interrogation. The remainder of the month showed a marked decrease in enemy sightings in the Elephant Valley area; however, enemy mine and booby trap incidents increased considerably.

On 16 July 1969, Kilo Company and two ARVN platoons conducted a sweep of the valley west of Hill 358 with negative results.

On 20 July 1969, the rifle companies changed areas of operation within the battalion TAOR in order to maintain versatility and to subject the units to different combat situations. The move was conducted over a two day period in order to maintain maximum continuity within the TAOR.

On 24 July 1969, a provisional company, including engineer and recon personnel secured and cleared Fire Support Base Outlaw (AT 806857), and on 25 July 1969, a detachment of three 105mm howitzers from "C" Btry, 1/13 Marines took up firing positions at the fire base in support of elements of the 101st Airborne Brigade on operation "Campbell Streamer".

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LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. (S) MISSIONS/OPERATIONS

- a. Major Operations: None
- b. Command Relations: None
- c. Combat Missions Assigned: 1-31 July 1969
 - (1) Defend the Ap Nam O Bridge at (AT 924845)
 - (2) Defend the Esso plant at (AT 938867)
 - (3) Defend Route #1 in the Hai Van area at (AT 940917)
 - (4) Deny the enemy the use of Elephant Valley as an infiltration route into the DaNang area (AT 895821)
- d. Command Control. The battalion CP was located at (AT 939782) during the month of July. India Company was located at (AT 940917) from 1-19 July and at (AT 895821) from 19-31 July. Kilo Company was located at (AT 938867) from 1-19 July and at (AT 940917) from 19-31 July. Lima Company was located at (AT 924845) from 1-19 July and at (AT 938867) from 19-31 July 1969. Mike Company was located at (AT 895821) from 1-19 July and at (AT 924845) from 19-31 July 1969. No problems of control were experienced.
- e. Organic Operations. The battalion conducted (64) listening posts, (744) observation posts, (233) daylight patrols, (15) night patrols and (459) night ambushes during the month of July.
- f. No NBC Warfare methods were employed during the month of July.

2. (S) INTELLIGENCE

- a. Enemy Situation. Enemy forces in the 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines AO were estimated at 350 VC/NVA of the T-87 Sapper Battalion, 325 of the Hai Van Engineer Battalion, 90 of the C-31 Company and 26 from the A-1 Underwater Sapper Company. The total estimated enemy strength in the AO this reporting period is approximately 1000 combined.
 - (1) During the month of July enemy movement increased somewhat from the month of June. Reports received from intelligence sources indicate new units in the 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines AO. These units were the T-19 Artillery Company and the 575th Artillery Regiment, also known as the 368B Artillery Regiment. Throughout the AO there were 21 sightings and contacts which indicated new enemy troops in the AO.

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- b. Enemy Mission. The enemy mission in the AO is to harass the outposts along the Hai Van Pass and to stop the flow of supplies throughout the pass and to destroy the Esso plant and Nam O Bridge located in the 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines AO. From information gathered from intelligence sources the enemy mission was also to destroy the northern artillery contingent, Camp Brooks, Camp Haskins (Seabee compound) and the U.S. Army Viking compound. The enemy is also regrouping in areas north of Hill 190. Many contacts have been made with rice carriers trying to cross Song Cu De River at Ap Thy Tu Island.
- c. Weather. The maximum temperature for this period was 105°. The low was 86° and the mean temperature 96°. The relative humidity was 75% and the mean precipitation totaled 2.8 inches.
- d. Terrain. The terrain in the AO in several areas is double canopy, forest and heavy brush with extremely steep mountains broken with deep draws. In the Hill 190 area the terrain is mostly flat with some rising hills covered with light vegetation and small areas of rice paddies.
- e. Avenues of Approach. Many unmarked trails running in all directions with steep draws.
- f. Total Enemy Losses
- (1) Casualties
- VC/NVA 25
- (2) Captured Personnel
- POW 0
VCI 2
Detainees 13
- (3) Captured Equipment
- | | | | |
|----------|----|-----------------|----------|
| Chicoms | 39 | Det Cord w/Caps | 2 |
| M-26 | 51 | 5.56 ammo | 488 |
| M-79 | 5 | 7.62 ammo | 400 |
| 105mm | 11 | Packs | 32 |
| 155mm | 3 | Rice | 2700 lbs |
| 4.2 rds | 8 | Bombs (250 lbs) | 6 |
| M-16 mag | 58 | | |
| AK mag | 16 | | |

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(4) IWC 15
 (5) CSWC 0
 (6) SFD 14

g. Enemy Trends. During the reporting period the enemy made several attempts to move south towards the Hill 190 area to secure rice from Quan Nam (4), and Quan Nam (5) and transport it across Thuy Tu Island and Song Cu De River to their base camps in the hills north of Hill 190.

h. VIP Fund. During the period covered 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines, spent a total of 58,750 piasters for ordnance bought from Vietnamese civilians. Ordnance turned in during this period included six 250 lb bombs, three 155mm rounds, eleven 105mm rounds, eight 4.2 rounds, fifty one M-26 grenades and an assortment of small arms ammunition and M-16/AK-47 magazines.

(1) Most of this ordnance was bought by Mike Company CP at Hill 190. The 250 lb bombs were all bought and located at vic (AT 872824) and at (AT 869824).

(2) The ages of the Vietnamese civilians turning in all the ordnance ranged from eight to fifteen years old.

(3) No VIP fund was paid out this period for information of any intelligence value.

3. (S) LIST OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1 July 1969
 1930H

India Company received 01 RPG and small arms fire from (AT 921923), returned fire with small arms and 81mm mortars, checked area with negative results.

2300H

India 3 received 03 RPG and 80 rounds small arms fire. Results: 02 USMC KIA.

2 July 1969
 2020H

India 3 took 02 rounds RPG and 03 rounds small arms fire from (AT 918928), returned fire: Negative results.

3 July 1969
 0845H

Mike 2A killed 01 NVA hiding in bushes at (AT 908824). Results: 01 NVA killed, 01 cnicom found.

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2100H India Company received 25 rounds small arms fire and 01 chicom at (AT 901956). Returned small arms fire with negative results.

2245H India Company received 08 incoming mortar rounds at (AT 942918). Returned fire with 81mm mortars, dusters, and used Spooky with negative results.

4 July 1969
2130H Mike Company spotted 10 VC/NVA coming out of Quang Nam Village (AT 910820). Opened fire with 60mm mortars. Enemy scattered and 02 ran into Mike 1A ambush. Results: 02 NVA KIA, 200 lbs rice, 3 chicoms.

5 July 1969
0400H Lima Company 2 spotted 10 NVA at (AT 912834). Lima 2 opened fire with small arms fire and called 81mm mortars. Results: 07 chicoms, 100 lbs rice, 03 AK magazines, 3000 plasters.

1830H 02 USA vehicles heading south at (AT 937903) received 05 rounds small arms fire. No action taken.

6 July 1969
2040H Mike Company spotted approximately 40 VC/NVA moving into village at (AT 885813). Artillery mission, 81mm, and 60mm mortar missions and Spooky were used. Area searched with negative results.

7 July 1969
2150H India Company 2 received approximately 05 rounds small arms fire and 01 chicom at (AT 933921). Returned fire with small arms fire and 81mm mortar with negative results.

2230H Mike Company 2B had 02 NVA walk into their ambush. Opened fire with grenades and claymores. Results: 02 NVA KIA, 02 chicoms, 02 AK-47, 01 pack.

9 July 1969
1930H Mike Company 2B tripped M-26 booby trap at (AT 905823). Results: 01 USMC WIA.

10 July 1969
0615H Mike Company 2 found 02 chicom booby traps at (AT 909822) and (AT 907820). Destroyed in place.

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2400H

Mike Company 3A spotted 20 VC/NVA crossing river at (AT 914827). Opened fire with small arms fire and M-79. Results: 06 NVA KIA, 03 AK-47, 22 packs of rice (1400 lbs), 03 chicoms, 20 lbs sugar, 09 ponchos, 37 cans mackerel, numerous other items. Drag marks and blood trails were also found.

11 July 1969
0830H

CAG 2-8 had 01 VC/NVA Chieu Hoi at (AT 901793). Was taken to district headquarters.

12 July 1969
2115H

India Company spotted 01 VC/NVA at (AT 935907). Opened fire with small arms and 60mm mortars with negative results.

13 July 1969
0020H

Mike Company 3A spotted 03 VC/NVA walk into their ambush at (AT 916820). Opened fire with small arms fire, 01 claymore and grenades. Results: 02 VC/NVA KIA, 01 AK-47, 150 lbs rice, 03 chicoms.

0615H

Joint ARVN/Mike Company and Lima Company cordon established around Quang Nam Village at (AT 904877). Mike 1 and ARVN Rangers conducted sweep. CIT and ITT questioned 400 suspects, 06 held for further interrogation.

0815H

While searching Quang Nam 01 Ranger tripped 01 booby trap chicom. Results: 01 ARVN WIA.

14 July 1969
0005H

Kilo Company 2-2 patrol spotted 03 VC/NVA at (AT 924869). Opened fire with small arms with negative results.

2200H

ARVN's in Kim Lien Village (AT 927855) received small arms fire, 60mm mortars and RPG's. Returned fire with small arms. Results: 01 VC/NVA KIA, 01 AK-47.

15 July 1969
0330H

Mike Company 2A spotted 04 VC/NVA walk into their ambush at (AT 909826), 01 claymore was blown. Results: 03 VC/NVA KIA, 02 100 lbs bags rice, 01 poncho, 03 AK-47.

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2000H Mike Company 1C found 01 chicom booby trap at (AT 909824). Was destroyed by engineers.

2400H Mike Company 3B spotted 15 VC/NVA moving to the east in river at (AT 911826). Opened fire with small arms, 60mm and 81mm mortars. Results: 01 AK-47, 100 lbs rice, 04 chicoms, 03 AK magazines with 60 rounds.

16 July 1969
0800H Joint ARVN/Kilo Company sweep of valley north of Kim Lien at (AT 915874) with negative results.

1000H CAG 2-8 patrol spotted 02 VC/NVA move into bunker at (AT 913817). VC/NVA opened fire and patrol returned small arms fire. Bunker was destroyed. Results: 01 VC/NVA KIA, 02 chicoms, 01 cartridge belt, 01 female was detained as suspect.

1920H Mike Company 3C while moving to ambush site found 01 chicom booby trap at (AT 915822). Booby trap was destroyed.

2310H Mike Company 3C spotted 04 VC/NVA moving into their ambush at (AT 914826). Opened fire with small arms resulting in 03 VC/NVA KIA, 03 AK-47, 05 packs with misc effects.

17 July 1969
0615H Mike Company 3A found 01 chicom booby trap at (AT 906825). Destroyed in place.

2120H Mike Company 3A spotted 08 VC/NVA at (AT 909825). Opened fire with small arms. Result: 01 VC/NVA KIA.

18 July 1969
1425H Kilo Company received approximately 80 rounds AK-47 fire at (AT 938866). 60mm and 81mm mortars fired with negative results.

2250H Mike Company 1B spotted 04 VC/NVA moving east in the river at (AT 906827). 03 claymores were blown. Results: 01 VC/NVA KIA, 01 AK-47, 01 chicom, 01 pack, 01 9mm pistol.

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1915H

Mike Company found 01 booby trapped, 81mm mortar at (AT 902817). Destroyed in place.

20 July 1969
1235H

Flip-flop of companies was completed with no incidents. India at Hill 190, Kilo at Hai Van, Lima at Esso plant, Mike at Nam O.

1840H

Mike Company 2B found 01 chicom booby trap at (AT 922841). Was destroyed in place.

2105H

Kilo Company received AK fire and RPG's at (AT 932922). Returned fire with 60mm and 81mm mortars and duster. Negative results.

2310H

CA 2-8 spotted 02 VC/NVA at (AT 902814). Opened fire with small arms. Negative results.

22 July 1969
2120H

CA 2-8 spotted 05 VC/NVA at (AT 898806). Opened fire with 03 claymores and small arms. Results: 50 lbs rice, 01 VC/NVA KIA, 01 AK-47, 01 chicom, 03 AK-47 magazines.

2200H

India Company observed 04 VC/NVA at (AT 902819). Fired 60mm mortar and 90mm beehive. Searched area with negative results.

23 July 1969
1100H

CA 2-8 found 01 chicom booby trap at (AT 902818). Was destroyed in place.

2300H

India Company observed 03 VC/NVA at (AT 891814). Fired artillery, 60mm and 81mm mortar missions. Negative results.

24 July 1969
0730H

Composite Company helo lifted to FSB Outlaw at (AT 808858). Preparation on FSB began, no enemy sightings or contact.

25 July 1969
1030H

03 105mm howitzers helo lifted to FSB Outlaw.

26 July 1969
2130H

India Company spotted 04 NVA/VC crossing river at (AT 897827). Opened fire with artillery, mortars and tanks. Search of area resulted 02 AK-47, 04 VC/NVA KIA, 12 chicoms, 04 packs.

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28 July 1969
0640H

CAJ 2-8 patrol tripped 01 M-26 booby trap at
(AT 904815). Results: 01 USMC WIA, 02 PF WIA.

30 July 1969
0055H

India Company 3A spotted 05 VC/NVA crossing
river at (AT 897832). Fired 60mm mortars and
tanks. Negative results.

4. (S) FIRE SUPPORT

a. 1st Bn., 13th Marines

(1) Type and number of missions

- (a) Observed - 413
- (b) Unobserved - 1,604

(2) Ammunition Expenditure

- (a) 105mm - 14,893 rounds

(3) Significant events

- (a) Prep fires - 10
- (b) Registrations - 44

b. Naval Gunfire

(1) Ships available for support

- (a) USS Boston (CA 69)
- (b) USS Buchanan (DD 616)
- (c) USS Waddell (DD 624)
- (d) USS Henry W. Tucker (DD 875)
- (e) USS Meredith (DD 890)

(2) Ammunition expenditure - 2834 rounds

(3) Observed missions - 14

c. 81mm Mortar Platoon (organic)

(1) Type and number of missions

- (a) Observed - 203
- (b) Unobserved - 654

(2) Rounds Expenditure - 5589 rounds

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(1) Units providing general support

- (a) "H" Btry, 4th Bn., 11th Marines
- (b) 3rd 175 Gun Platoon
- (c) 3rd 8" Howitzer Platoon

(2) Ammunition Expenditure - 2677 rounds

5. (S) AIR SUPPORTa. Resupply

(1) 24 helo requests - 147,300 lbs cargo

(2) 325 passengers

b. Close Air Support

(1) 27 (CAS, TPQ, Beacon, LZ Prep,)

(2) Ordnance: 84 D1 (250 lbs), 368 D2 (500 lbs), 18 D3 (1000 lbs), 6 D4 (2000 lbs), 8 D7 (500 lbs), 4 D8 (500 lbs), 36 D9 (520 lbs).

c. Flare Support

(1) 1 flare C-130 (basketball) 2 hrs 32 minutes

(2) 4 Spooky AC-47 (Spooky) 5 hrs 42 minutes

d. Observation

(1) 33 AO/VR missions 27 hrs 53 minutes

e. Medevac

(1) 15 Medevacs

f. After Fire Support Base "Outlaw" was ready to receive the 105mm guns and supplies Space 31-6 and Lady Ace 95 worked unceasingly for over 5 1/2 hours to complete the critical moving of supplies, troops and equipment to this forward post. Their unwavering devotion to duty and steadfast effort towards completing the job contributed immeasurably to the success of this displacement.

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	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
(1) WIA		
(a) Evac	0	3
(b) Minor	0	5
(2) KIA	0	3
(3) MIA	0	0

b. Non Combat Losses

	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
(1) Injured		
(a) Evac	1	58
(b) Minor	0	0
(2) KIA	0	0 ³⁴

c. WIA's Returned to Duty

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
0	5

d. R&R Trips - 133e. Personnel Rotated - 84f. Replacements Received

<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
5	127

7. (G) ADMINISTRATIONa. Awards

- (1) 2 Bronze Stars
- (2) 1 Army Commendation
- (3) 1 Navy Commendation
- (4) 15 Purple Hearts

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- (1) 3 to PFC
- (2) 35 to LCpl
- (3) 6 to Cpl
- (4) 1 to Sgt
- (5) 3 to 1stLt

c. Significant Events - None8.(c) LOGISTICS

- a. Supply/Resupply. The supply organization within the battalion centers around the organic supply section. This section occupies a 20' X 100' supply warehouse, a 782 gear issue room, supply office and 100' X 100' open storage lot. Normal supply routine is well established and effective in the control and issue of needed supplies. Resupply of all classes of supplies is handled by 1348 via the battalion supply section with the exception of Class V. Class V resupply is handled by 1348 through the battalion S-4 section which maintains the ammunition inventories and requests. Resupply was accomplished using attached trucks and 1st Marine Air Wing helicopters.
- b. Food/Water. Units in the field received at least one hot meal each day with the exception of platoons involved in long range patrol operations. These platoons received supplemental B rations and fresh fruit in addition to the MCI and water held -lifted to them every other day. The battalion operated two field messes in addition to the field mess located at the battalion CP.
- c. Maintenance. The battalion used the normal maintenance at the 1st and 2nd echelon available in organic repair facilities. The battalion used the LSU attached to the battalion for the performance of selected 3rd echelon repair. Repairs beyond the LSU capability were performed by FLC.
- d. Camp Facilities Development. During the month all buildings were given a minimum of one coat of paint to protect the exposed wood against weathering. Five new urinoils were installed and two unserviceable ones were closed. Rescreening of buildings was accomplished on an as required basis with the majority of buildings including the mess hall receiving new screens. The contentionment was phased in to the FLC power distribution system and the existing 100 KW generator was shut down. The dwindling water supply has been eased somewhat by the construction of a dam and holding area. The remaining tent covered strong back tents are being replaced with tin.

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- a. There were no new techniques or trends employed by this battalion during July 1969.

10. (C) TRAINING

- a. All new personnel coming in country attended a five day indoctrination course. Two days were devoted to general military subjects, fan firing, administration matters and medical orientation. Three days were devoted to Landmine Warfare courses conducted by the 1st Engineer Battalion at Camp Faulkner, RVN.
- b. A total of fourteen enlisted Marines were issued FAD orders to special schools located at Ninth MAB Headquarters, Ckinawa.

11. (C) CIVIC ACTION/PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFAREa. Civic Action

- (1) During the reporting period, 1 July 1969 to 31 July 1969, there were sixteen Med Caps held and approximately 475 people were treated. These Med Caps were conducted by 1st Medical Battalion and 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines.
- (2) Community improvement and public works projects which the battalion was involved in during this period were the Nam Hy and An Dinh pig project and rabbit projects. This battalion is continuing to supply messhall scraps from the combat base at Hill 190 for the pig projects.

b. Psyop Activities

- (1) A total of 4,550 leaflets were distributed by hand throughout this command's area of responsibility.
- (2) There were air drops and tape broadcasts over the area where most of the enemy movement was reported.
- (3) Most reports of movement was around Hill 190, where the enemy crossed the river and moved into Quan Nam. Contact by Marines has been frequently made with the NVA in this area.

c. VIP Fund

- (1) During the period covered 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines spent a total of 58,750 piasters for ordnance bought from Vietnamese civilians. Ordnance turned in during this period included six 250 lb bombs, three 155mm rounds, eleven 105mm rounds, eight 4.2in rounds, fifty-one M-26 grenades and an assortment of small arms ammunition and M-16/AK-47 magazines.

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- (2) The area where most of this ordnance was bought was Nike Company CP at Hill 190. Most of the ordnance was bought at the gate. The 250 lb bombs were all bought and located at vic (AT 872824) and at (AT 869824).
- (3) The ages of the Vietnamese civilians turning in all the ordnance ranged from eight to fifteen years old.
- (4) No VIP fund was paid out this period for information of any intelligence value.

d. Industrial Relations

- (1) We have been bringing Vietnamese people from the hamlets An Dinh and Nam Ky to work in this battalion's rear. Those Vietnamese people work cutting grass and policing areas.

12. (3) COMMUNICATIONS

- a. General. During this period the battalion communication platoon continued to support the battalion in much the same manner as the previous period. Improvement of antenna sites and field wire line constructions was continuous throughout.
- b. Message Center. The 26th Marines communication center held the communication/crypto guard for the battalion with the battalion providing courier service for pick-up and delivery of messages four (4) times daily. Priority or higher messages were picked up and/or delivered immediately.
- c. Radio. A covered FM radio net was established with the 26th Marine Regiment. Normal internal radio communications was established in the battalion with the tactical nets guarded in the COC bunker and the battalion administrative net guarded at the S-4 office. In addition, radios AN/PRC-88 were employed by the companies on the squad level.
- d. Radio Relay. No radio relay was employed during this period.
- e. Wire. The wire section maintained a switchboard watch twenty-four (24) hours a day. Trunk lines connected the battalion switchboard to 1st Battalion, 26th Marines (Rear), 7th Engineers, 26th Marine Regiment, "C" Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines and 1st Marine Division.

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- f. Communication Electronics Maintenance/Resupply. Four (4) LSU technicians had been assigned to the battalion maintenance shop which authorized the battalion 3rd echelon maintenance. Items requiring fourth echelon maintenance were evacuated directly to 1st Force Service Regiment via the battalion supply officer.

- g. Significant Events. None

13.(S) MEDICAL/DENTAL SUPPORT

- a. Personnel. The battalion aid station had a total of 57 personnel, consisting of 1 medical officer, 1 corpsman in medevac status, 3 corpsmen on emergency leave, 2 corpsmen in TAD status, and 46 effective corpsmen. In addition, 4 hospital corpsmen were assigned to attached units.
- b. Capabilities. The battalion aid station handled medical problems and minor surgical procedures. We had in operation an adequate diagnostic laboratory for blood counts, urine analysis, stool analysis and malarial smears. A ward was available for short term admissions and observation. Consultation was readily available at 1st Medical Battalion and NSA DaNang.
- c. Training. Corpsmen received on the job training and lectures from the medical officer. Corpsmen carry out their own lectures on buddy aid, first aid and personal hygiene. Indoctrination lectures were given to all new troops.
- d. Dental. Dental treatment was available at 7th Engineer Battalion.
- e. Malaria Prophylaxis. Accomplished by weekly dose of chloroquine/primaquin tablets and the use of insect repellents. To insure that the troops were taking the prophylaxis, malaria pill rosters were maintained, and CP urine tests were run on a selected percentage of the troops.
- f. Sanitation. Continuous efforts were made to improve sanitation conditions in the company and battalion areas. Correction of defects noted in the weekly sanitation reports was gradually being made. Both of the preventive medicine personnel have recently completed the course in disease vector control presented by 1st Marine Division Preventive Medicine personnel.
- g. Med-Caps. Several Med-Caps were held in Nam Ky and Iden Chieu villages. Approximately 70 patients were treated in all.

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h. Statistics for the month of July are as follows:

Diagnosis	HAS	India	Kilo	Lima	Mike	Total	Last Report
Head Injuries	02	06	01	01	00	10	07
Lacerations	14	30	06	40	76	166	60
Ear Problems	24	08	05	05	06	48	50
Eye Problems	16	05	01	01	05	26	20
Dental	14	08	09	03	05	39	42
Upper Resp Inf	17	03	00	08	23	51	27
Fever Unkn Origin	08	08	04	04	08	32	03
Ortho Disorders	47	30	02	17	39	135	56
Immunizations	Overall total of all companies					385	200
Shrapnel wounds	01	05	00	00	05	07	13
Blisters	04	03	05	11	25	46	21
Dermatology	115	61	20	75	39	310	244
Neuropsychiatric	05	02	00	01	00	08	02
Gun Shot Wounds	00	00	00	03	01	04	05
Gastro Intest Disorders	16	08	05	00	11	38	39
Genital Urinary Disorders	05	00	01	00	00	06	NR
Surgical Problems	05	00	00	00	00	05	NR
Veneral Diseases	22	07	11	05	05	50	27
Heat Casualties	00	00	00	02	05	05	19
Malaria	01	00	00	00	01	02	00
Headaches	08	01	05	00	05	15	NR
Return Visits	50	50	15	87	190	392	191

14.(U) RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIESa. Personnel

- (1) Chaplain J. K. GOLIE is assigned to 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines and to the 26th Marine Regiment (additional duties).
- (2) Pvt L. HUTCHINSON is assigned as clerk for the chaplain of the 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines.

b. Services Conducted

- (1) Protestant Divine Services (28) with 395 attending.
- (2) Protestant Bible Studies (4) with 24 attending.
- (3) Protestant Private Communion with 109 attending.

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- (1) There is a chapel at the 26th Marine Regiment and at the 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines rear. 1st Marine Division Chaplain's office has made available a "Field Kit" for use where no chapel is available. A jeep is made available for hospital visits, brig visits, and for ministering to the Marines not in the battalion rear.

d. Significant Events

- (1) Ninth MAB Chaplain, CDR Arthur Boyer, CHC, USN made a official visit to the battalion on 14 July 1969.

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A. FIRST MARDIV 171131Z JUL 69

B. FIRST MARDIV 201306Z JUL 69

1. (S) SITUATION.

A. FRIENDLY:

(1) 101ST ABN DIV LONG OPN CAMPBELL STREAMER IN ELEPHANT VALLEY AREA.

(2) FMAH PROV F/W HCPTK SPT AS REQ.

(3) ARTY:

(A) 117F MAR G/S 1ST MARDIV: PROV ON CALL FIRES IN SPT OPN

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CAMPBELL STREAMER.

(B) 1ST BN 13TH MAR D/S 26TH MAR: DISPLACES BTRY(-), THREE 105MM HOW TO OP EAGLE EYE AND THEN TO FSB OUTLAW IN SPT 26TH MAR OPNS: PROV ON CALL FIRES IN SPT OPN CAMPBELL STREAMER.

(4) 1ST ENGR BN PROV ENGR SPT AS REQ.

(5) 1ST RECON BN PROV RECON SPT AS REQ: LONG GROUND RECON OPNS IN SPT OPN CAMPBELL STREAMER.

2. (S) MISSION: 1AW REF A AND B, 26TH MAR ESTAB AND PROV SCTY F/FSB AT OP EAGLE EYE VIC AT853651 AND, O/A 24 JUL 69, ESTAB AND PROV SCTY F/FSB VIC AT 808858.

3. (S) EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPN: 26TH MAR: W/ONE RIFLE PLAT ESTAB AND PROV SCTY F/FSB AT OP EAGLE EYE F/THREE 105MM HOW D/S ARTY; COMMENCING 24 JUL 69, W/REQ FORCES ESTAB AND PROV SCTY F/THREE 105MM HOW D/S ARTY TO BE DISPLACED FM OP EAGLE EYE; ESTAB DIRLN W/2ND BRIGADE, 101ST ABN DIV.

B. 3RD BN (MAIN), 26TH MAR.

(1) CONT ASSIGNED MISSION EXCEPT AS MOD HEREIN.

(2) ESTAB FSB VIC OP EAGLE EYE AND PROVIDE SCTY F/THREE 105MM HOW D/S ARTY.

(3) COMMENCING 24 JUL 69, ESTAB FSB OUTLAW VIC AT808858 AND PROV SCTY F/THREE 105MM HOW D/S ARTY TO BE DISPLACED FM OP EAGLE EYE.

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FRAG 0 30-69 (26TH MAR OPNS) (U)

A. FIRST MARDIV 171131Z JUL 69

R. FIRST MARDIV 201300Z JUL 69

1. (S) SITUATION.

A. FRIENDLY:

(1) 101ST ABN DIV LONG OPN CAMPBELL STREAMER IN ELEPHANT VALLEY AREA.

(2) FMAN PROV F/W HOPTR SPT AS REQ.

(3) ARTY:

(a) 11TH MAR E/S 1ST MARDIV; PROV ON CALL FIRES IN SPT OPN.

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CAMPBELL STREAMER.

(B) 1ST BN 12TH MAR D/S 26TH MAR; DISPLACES BTNY(-), THREE

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26TH MAR OPNS; PROV ON CALL FIRES IN SPT OPN CAMPBELL

STREAMER.

(4) 1ST ENGR BN PROV ENGR SPT AS REQ.

(5) 1ST RECON BN PROV RECON SPT AS REQ; LONG GROUND RECON OPNS IN SPT OPN CAMPBELL STREAMER.

2. (S) MISSION: 1AW REF A AND E, 26TH MAR ESTAB AND PROV SCTY

F/FSB AT OF EAGLE EYE VIC AT853651 AND, O/A 24 JUL 69, ESTAB

AND PROV SCTY F/FSB VIC AT 808650.

3. (S) EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPN: 26TH MAR; W/ONE RIFLE PLAT ESTAB AND PROV SCTY

F/FSB AT OF EAGLE EYE F/THREE 105MM HOW D/S ARTY; COMMENCING

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(3) COMMENCING 24 JUL 69, ESTAB FSB OUTLAW VIC AT808650 AND PROV SCTY F/THREE 105MM HOW D/S ARTY TO BE DISPLACED FM OF EAGLE EYE. (B)

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Ref: (a) Map 1/50,000 series L7014 sheets 6641 III, 6541 II
(b) Twenty Six Marines 210717Z July 1969

Time: Hotel

1. (S) SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Current INSUMS and PERINTREPS

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1st MAW provides helicopter and fixed wing air support.

(2) 1st Battalion, 13th Marines provides artillery supporting fires.

2. (S) MISSION. In accordance with reference (b) on or about 24 July 1969, 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines establishes and provides security for FSB OUTLAW vic AT 808858.

3. (S) EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation: On D-Day at L-Hour 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines lands one composite company composed of two (2) rifle platoons and one (1) artillery reconnaissance party in designated LZs and proceeds to vic AT 808858 to establish and provide security for FSB OUTLAW.

b. At L-Hour -15 minutes the composite company will embark aboard helicopters in LZ 460 and LZ 190 to conduct a helicopterborne assault into LZ Mustang. Upon completion of the troop lift into LZ Mustang the composite company will proceed to FSB OUTLAW vic AT 808858 and construct three (3) 105 howitzer sites in the most expeditious manner.

c. On or about 28 July upon completion of the construction of FSB OUTLAW the composite company will be prepared to receive three (3) 105 howitzers from "C" Btry 1/13 in the FSB and provide security and support for the duration of occupancy of the FSB.

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- d. 3rd platoon, Company A, 5th Engineer Battalion Land on D-Day with composite company and provide all necessary engineer support for construction of FSB OUTLAW.
- e. 3rd platoon, Company A, 5th Reconnaissance Battalion Land on D-Day with composite company and guide company to FSB OUTLAW via AT 808858. On order be prepared to conduct reconnaissance operations in assigned reconnaissance zone in immediate vicinity of FSB OUTLAW.
- f. Coordinating Instruction
 - (1) D-Day - 24 July 1969.
 - (2) L-Hour - 0800 Hotel.
 - (3) Landing Zone Coordinates.
 - (a) LZ 460 - vic AT 938786
 - (b) LZ 190 - vic AT 898821
 - (c) LZ Mustang - vic AT 816863 (Primary)
 - (d) LZ Bronco - vic AT 823862 (Alternate)
 - (4) Composite Company call sign Mable Ann OUTLAW.
 - (5) Composite company conduct day time patrolling and night activities as required.
 - (6) Maximum utilization of CAS and artillery supporting fires is directed.
 - (7) Submit spot reports on occurrence.
 - (8) Situation reports every hour during period 1800-0600.
 - (9) Battalion S-4 section provide necessary logistic support for all elements located at FSB OUTLAW.

4.(3) ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS

a. Supply

- (1) General. All classes of supply will be provided by Battalion.
- (2) Supplies and Equipment Available
 - (a) Prescribed loads on D-Day
 - 1) Class I - 3 days w/trioxane
 - 2) Class II - as required
 - 3) Class III - 5 gal can mogas
2 gals 9110 oil
MRE - 10
 - 4) Class IV - as required
 - 5) Class V - basic allowance plus 1000lbs C-4 and demo equipment to support C-4 requirement.
 - 6) Water - as required/minimum of 4 canteens per man.

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(3) Medical

- (a) All friendly casualties will be evacuated by normal heli-medevac procedures.
- (b) Field medical tags will be completed on all casualties (hostile and non-hostile).

(4) Distribution and Control

- (a) All resupply requests will be consolidated by the composite company commander and submitted via the battalion admin net by 0900 the day prior to the resupply delivery date. Emergency resupply request on call.
- b. Transportation. All transportation via helicopter.
- c. Personnel. Strength report submitted to battalion by 0900 each day via battalion admin net.

5 (3) COMBAT and COMMUNICATIONSa. Command Post

- (1) 3rd Battalion, (Rein) 26th Marines AT 949783.
- (2) Composite Company OUTLAW AT 808858.

- b. Composite Company OUTLAW will guard the battalion TAC #1.
- c. Composite company will use 65.00 as their company frequency.
- d. Composite company air liaison will guard the TACP local.
- e. Recon platoon will guard the composite company TAC.
- f. Engineer platoon will guard the composite company TAC.

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