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Encl: ✓(1) Task Force Bravo Command Chronology

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 to 31 JANUARY 1969

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDERS

Task Force Bravo

Col T. W. CLARKE 1-31 Jan

2. LOCATION. Republic of Vietnam.SUBORDINATE UNITS

Det, HqCo, 3d Marines	1stLt C. A. GREENFIELD 1-31 Jan
2nd Bn, 3d Marines 1-31 Jan	LtCol R. C. McMONAGLE 1-31 Jan
3d Tank Bn 1-31 Jan	LtCol G. E. HAYWARD 1-31 Jan
1st Amtrac Bn 1-17 Jan 27-31 Jan	LtCol W. W. DAMEWOOD 1-31 Jan
3d Bn, 4th Marines 17-25 Jan	LtCol W. A. DONALD 1-31 Jan
2nd Bn, 4th Marines 1-3 Jan	LtCol J. E. HOPKINS 1-31 Jan

3.

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE.

4. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	LtCol B. T. CHEN 1-31 Jan
S-1	GySgt R. D. SMITH 1-31 Jan
S-2	Maj G. L. SHELLEY 1-31 Jan
S-3	Maj H. L. BAUMGARTNER 1-31 Jan
ALO	N/A
S-3 A	1stLt G. E. PLANT 1-31 Jan
S-3 A/Ln Off	2ndLt J. H. SHARPE 10-31 Jan

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S-3 A/Ln Off	1stLt E. L. BARLOW 8-31 Jan
S-3 A/Ln Off	2ndLt T. J. SMITH 7-31 Jan
S-4	1stLt S. L. COX 7-31 Jan
S-4 A	SSgt H. E. WILHITE 1-31 Jan
MTO	SSgt M. V. EVERHART 1-31 Jan
Comm Off	SSgt J. E. AUSTIN 1-17 Jan
	SSgt S. L. DUNN 17-31 Jan

5. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF/ENL</u>	<u>OFF/ENL</u>
4/89	0/2

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

There was only one significant change in the mission of Task Force Bravo during the month of January. This was a combined cordon, search, destroy and land clearing operation in "Leatherneck Square" (UL YD 1272, LR YD 2163) in cooperation and coordination with the 2nd ARVN Regiment, 1st ARVN Division, to assist the Government of South Vietnam in the resettlement of the Cam Vu Valley.

The Second Battalion, Third Marine Regiment continued its mission of providing security for fixed installations along route #501, participation in the pacification assistance program and was assigned the additional mission of maintaining a screen on the western flank of the cordon of Leatherneck Square and providing security for the 59th Engineer Company, U.S. Army.

During the month the Second Battalion, Third Marines conducted numerous small unit operations with units placed under their OPCON. These operations netted the Battalion six NVA/VC KIA (C), six weapons and numerous other gear and documents captured.

The Second Battalion(-), Fourth Marines continued search and destroy operations in the vicinity of Rao Vinh (ID 1553) until Task Force Bravo passed OPCON to CG, Third Marine Division on 3 Jan 1969. Their operation resulted in numerous bunkers destroyed and one POW captured.

The Third Battalion(-), Fourth Marines were OPCON to Task Force Bravo from 17 January 1969 through 25 January 1969 to participate in the cordon, search and destroy operation in Leatherneck Square. The Battalion manned the cordon on the northern flank and conducted searches to the south. The Battalion found several bunker complexes and old caches of ammunition. The operation ended on the 25th of January.

The 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion continued its mission of security for fixed positions along the eastern seacoast of the AO, and provided security for the Cua Viet River. The Amtrac Bn conducted offensive operations within their AO with units of the Amtrac Battalion and units assigned OPCON to them.

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The most significant event during the month occurred when a Reconnaissance Team under the OPCON of the First Amphibious Battalion killed four NVA and captured one on the Cua Viet River (YD 268644).

The 59th Engineer Company, U.S. Army was in direct support of Task Force Bravo and commenced land clearing operations in the Leatherneck Square area on 22 January 1969. By the end of January the company had cleared over a thousand acres.

The month of January ended with the 2nd Bn, 3d Marines conducting operations in the Rao Vinh with A Cavalry Troop, 4th Battalion, 12th Regiment U.S. Army and the 59th Engineer Company continuing land clearing operations in the Leatherneck Square.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. Combat Mission Assigned.

a. In cooperation and coordination with the 2nd ARVN Regiment, Task Force Bravo conducted cordon, search and destroy operations to destroy NVA/VC Forces, installations, weapons, and caches in the Leatherneck Square area (Upper left YD 1272, Lower right YD 2163) in preparation for land clearing operations in the objective area and resettlement in the Cam Vu Valley.

(1) 01 January 1969 passed OPCON of 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines to CG, Third Mar Div.

(2) 17 January 1969 Task Force Bravo assumes OPCON of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines (-) for search and destroy operations in the Leatherneck Square area. Passed OPCON of 3/4(-) to CG, Third Mar Div on 25 January 1969.

(3) 17 January 1969 Task Force Bravo passed OPCON of 1st Amtrac Battalion to CG, Third Mar Div. Assumed OPCON of 1st Amtrac Battalion on 27 January 1969.

(4) 21 January to 31 January 1969 59th Engineer Company was in direct support of Task Force Bravo for land clearing operations.

(5) 25 January 1969 Task Force Bravo assumed OPCON of A Cavalry Troop, 4th Battalion, 12th Regiment U.S. Army for search and destroy operations within the AO.

2. Significant Operations Covered.

See paragraph 1 above.

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3. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

a. Confirmed NVA/VC KIA - 46

b. POW - 3

4. Casualties Sustained.

<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA (MED EVAC)</u>	<u>WIA (MINOR)</u>	<u>MIA</u>
4	34	2	1

5. New Techniques Employed. None.6. Command Relations. During the period of 1 to 31 January 1969, Task Force Bravo was OPCON to CG, Third Marine Division.7. Equipment. No T/E assigned for Task Force Bravo.8. Logistics.

a. General. January was moderate period for resupply activities. All resupply was handled at Quang Tri and Dong Ha LSA's. Third Marines Rear remains in support of Second Battalion, Third Marines, who at present is OPCON to Task Force Bravo.

b. Supply

(1) The overall supply support during this reporting period has been adequate. Sizes 7W, 8W and 9W jungle boots are in short supply. Primary emphasis during this reporting period has been placed on a complete inventory, posting to 708's and computing AMRD to determine overages and shortages. The new system of FLSG-B passing requisitions to FLC for approval to issue has created a waiting period on material that could be issued at FLSG-B before the new system went into effect.

(2) Supply of Class II and IV items has been routine for this month.

c. Evacuation and Hospitalization

(1) R.A.S., Rear (Dong Ha)

The Regimental Aid Station provided routine medical treatment and emergency first aid. Serious cases were evacuated to 3d Medical Battalion Hospital at Quang Tri for treatment and further evacuation.

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d. Transportation

(1) The Hq. Co. 3d Marines Rear was supported by Division Motor Transport on a daily basis. Second Battalion, 3d Marines continues to be supported by 3d Motor Transport Battalion with (8) 2½ ton trucks which were assigned TAD.

(2) The Motor Transport Section of Headquarters Company, 3d Marines was in general support of the Task Force Headquarters.

e. Service

(1) Construction. No construction was accomplished during this period due to tactical commitments.

(2) Laundry service provided by Vietnamese civilians in Dong Ha was very satisfactory.

(3) Maintenance. Problems continued to exist in obtaining certain first and second echelon repair parts.

9. Civic Action.

a. Task Force Bravo on January 26, 1969 delivered 1 truck of scrap lumber to the Cam Lo Resettlement Village.

b. Second Bn, 3d Marines and 1st Amtrac Bn conducted battalion level Civic Action programs.

10. Administration.

a. Post exchange facilities were available at Dong Ha and continued to carry basic health and comfort items and other merchandise.

b. A postal unit from Division Post Office was in operation and served all units.

11. Personnel.

a. There is a critical shortage of 8421 Career Planning NCO, 3516 Motor Transport Mechanic, 3371 Mess Sergeant and 2542 Message Center men.

b. Awards. There were no awards presented during this period.

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c. Morale is considered to be excellent. There were no in-country and 10 out-of-country R & R quotas used during this period.

d. The Regimental Chaplain was not available during this period.

12. Intelligence

a. Significant Events. Enemy activity remained very light in the Task Force Bravo AO throughout the month of January. Activity was primarily of a guerilla nature; however, it is believed that NVA units and elements were involved.

(1) Mining and booby-trap incidents increased significantly during the month. The focal point of enemy mining activity was along route #561 in the general area of C-2. AT mines were frequently accompanied by AP mines in the same vicinity, particularly in the C-2 area. It was reported that dog tracks were discovered at most of the mine sites in the C-2 area. Friendly troops also encountered mines in the Mai Loc TAOR and north of A-4 (south of the DMZ). Enemy efforts to interdict the Cua Viet River by mining resulted in the sinking of a yard utility craft (YFU) at YD 320690 and the damaging of an LCM-8 at YD 296667, both events occurring on 16 January. On several occasions, friendly use of concussion grenades produced secondary explosions in the river.

On 17 January, 4 NVA/VC were killed at YD 2764. A prisoner taken at the site was identified as a member of the 126th Naval Sapper Regiment, thus confirming earlier agent reports indicating that an unidentified sapper unit had deployed and was operating along the Cua Viet River. The prisoner stated that he had met 8 sappers carrying a large mine in three sections in the Jones Creek area, just north of the southern trace to the DMZ. The sappers were reported to be from the 138th NVA Regiment, with the mission of mining the Cua Viet River. Whether or not this apparent coordinated effort between the 126th Naval Sapper Regiment and the 138th NVA Regiment will continue to threaten allied shipping on the Cua Viet River is not clear at this time.

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(2) There was some increase in small arms firing and sniping incidents, the largest concentration (9) being in the general vicinity of C-2. There were 3 incidents in the general area of C-3, and 4 in the vicinity of Quat Ka (YD 0959). Other incidents were scattered throughout the AO. There was 1 incident involving enemy mortars.

(3) There were no significant contacts during January.

(4) Since the DMZ fire limitations went into effect, there have been no incidents of enemy artillery firing into the Task Force Bravo AO. On 26 January, A-4 received 1 round of unknown caliber, unknown type. Although initial reports identified the round as a 122mm rocket, the evidence is still being studied, and no definite conclusions have been reached as yet.

(5) Enemy use of the DMZ continued at a high rate. DMZ sightings for January were double those for December. (It should be recalled, however, that Task Force Bravo was not organized until 9 December. Nevertheless, the increase is a significant one.) There were 15 sightings of lights at night during January, as contrasted with 5 in December. 27 enemy personnel were sighted in January; only 4 were observed in December. In December there were no reports of smoke being observed in the DMZ; in January there were 11 sightings of fire and/or smoke, at least one of which was identified as a campfire. In December there were 6 UFO sightings; in January there was 1.

b. <u>Contacts and Incidents.</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Night</u>	<u>Total</u>
(1) <u>Small Arms/Snipers</u>			
2nd Bn, 3d Mar	12	8	20
1st Amtrac Bn	0	5	5
3d Tank Bn	2	0	2
Total for Month	<u>14</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>27</u>
(2) <u>Grenades</u>			
2nd Bn, 3d Mar	0	4	4

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(3) <u>Booby Traps & Mines</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Night</u>	<u>Total</u>
2nd Bn, 3d Mar	14	1	15
1st Amtrac Bn	3	0	3
2nd Bn, 4th Mar	2	0	2
3d Tank Bn	6	0	6
B Co, 3d Engineers	6	0	6
3d Bn, 4th Mar	2	0	2
Totals for Month	<u>33</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>34</u>
(4) <u>Sightings Where Enemy Did Not Fire or Return Fire</u>			
2nd Bn, 3d Mar	2	13	15
1st Amtrac Bn	0	4	4
3d Tank Bn	0	1	1
3d Bn, 4th Mar	0	1	1
"A" Trp, 4/12 Cav, USA	0	1	1
Total for Month	<u>2</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>22</u>
(5) <u>Mortar/Arty/Rocket Fire</u>			
2nd Bn, 3d Mar	1	1	2
(6) <u>Engagements</u>			
	0	0	0
(7) <u>Miscellaneous Sightings</u>			
2nd Bn, 3d Mar	5	9	14
1st Amtrac Bn	0	6	6
3d Bn, 4th Mar	2	2	4
Total for Month	<u>7</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>24</u>

c. Enemy Losses

(1) <u>Personnel</u>	<u>Total</u>
NVA KIA	46
NVA POW ^s	3
(2) <u>Material</u>	
(a) <u>Weapons</u>	
AK-47	11
(b) <u>Ammunition</u>	
60mm mortar rnds	84
82mm mortar rnds	208
RPG rnds	110
7.62 rnds	300
AK-47 rnds	100

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(c)	<u>Demolitions</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Chicom Grenades	25
	82mm Fuses	6"
	82mm Increments	1 Can
(d)	<u>Weapons Accessories</u>	
	AK-47 Magazines	10
	Improvised 82mm Base Plate	1
	LMG Drum Magazine	1
(e)	<u>Food</u>	
	Rice	50 lb.
	Unk Number Rice Packets	
(f)	<u>Documents</u>	
	ID Card	1
	Various Assorted Documents	
(g)	<u>782 Gear</u>	
	Packs	2
	Helmets	2
	Gas Masks	6
	Ponches	1
	NVA Binocular Case	1
	NVA Ammo Pouches	2
	NVA E-Tools	3
	AK-50 Assault Pouch	1
	Various Cooking Items	
(h)	<u>Medical Supplies</u>	
	Basic Corpman's Gear	1
	Various Medical Supplies	
	Battle Dressings	
(i)	<u>Fortification & Pans Discovered & Destroyed</u>	
	Bnkras	280
	FTG Holes	74
	Messhalls	2
	Hootches	2
	Rkt Pans	1
	Mortar Pits	2
	Hospital Bnkras	2
	Trenches	3

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d. <u>Enemy Observed</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
2 En	YD314694	03 Jan
20 NVA in open	YD115468	11 Jan
3 NVA	YD288578	11 Jan
3 NVA/VC	YD305685	13 Jan
4 NVA/VC	YD110727	16 Jan
6-8 NVA/VC	YD126675	19 Jan
1 NVA/VC	YD125678	20 Jan
4 NVA/VC	YD129670	21 Jan
1 NVA/VC	YD132657	21 Jan
7 NVA/VC	YD138648	27 Jan
5 VC	YD098524	25 Jan
e. <u>DMZ Sightings</u>		
4 En	YD155778	01 Jan
4 En on Beach	YD250823	01 Jan
2 En w/1 wpn	YD216796	02 Jan
2 En in black w/dogs	YD251798	09 Jan
10 En moving	YD21107992	09 Jan
Lgts Believed to be Convoy	YD253823	10 Jan
White Smoke & 2 NVA Farmers	YD14708165	11 Jan
White Smoke	YD18769203	14 Jan
Bright Lights	YD253834 & YD250828	13 Jan
Transversing skyward lights	YD236810 & YD240830	13 Jan
Bright Search light	YD245825	13 Jan
Stat lgt	YD188809	14 Jan
Smoke of campfire	YD18128096	18 Jan
2 Stat lgts	YD176817	18 Jan
2 Lgts moving SW	YD171797	17 Jan
2 Lgts moving SE	YD189799	17 Jan
5 Stat lgts	YD17098083	20 Jan
1 lgt moving SE	YD17778384	20 Jan
Small fire w/white smoke	YD18948085	21 Jan
1 Stat lgt	YD16947978	23 Jan
2 Stat lgts	YD16698013	23 Jan
1 Stat lgt	YD11817716	23 Jan
1 fire w/lgt smoke	YD168774	25 Jan
1 fire w/white smoke	YD156765	26 Jan
1 NVA walking W	YD17988028	23 Jan
1 lgt moving E	YD12478066	22 Jan

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	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
White smoke	YD16337691	23 Jan
2 Lgts moving W	YD12497910	22 Jan
1 UFO moving E	YD234838	21 Jan
Small fire	YD16707762	22 Jan
Fire & smoke	YD15607762	22 Jan
Pires	YD15277499	28 Jan
1 fire	YD15247499	28 Jan
Cable Crossing River	YD076740	27 Jan

13. Communications

a. The message center handled 828 messages for the month of January. There were 640 incoming and 188 outgoing messages.

b. The wire section had a normal routine for the month. There was no outage time or replacement of gear needed.

c. Radio relay has a shortage of equipment. There are no backups for the radios or generators. There are two radio relay shots with personnel manning four stations. Radio relay had a total of 57.53 hours outage for the month. (Cam Lo - 48 hours 38 minutes, Con Thien 8 hours 45 minutes). Generator parts are next to impossible to get.

d. The radio section also has a critical equipment shortage. We have ten PRC-25's at Task Force Bravo, Dong Ha. Two are committed to usage in the Combat Operations Center, three are on loan to 2/3 convoy security team, one on loan to the Reaction Team, one for tech shop use, one back up radio for the Combat Operations Center and two were turned in damaged by convoy security which required committing the remaining two radios.

e. During the month of January, 26 pieces of communications equipment were turned into the tech shop. Four RT 252's, one RT 524, two PRC-25's, seven TD 101's and ten TA 208's are being repaired or awaiting parts. One RT 524 and one PP5547 were evacuated. During the month one PU 278, one MARC 110, and one MARC 83 were returned to our command from deadline.

14. Weather

a. During the month of January there was mixed rain and sunshine. The first week of the month brought scattered showers, followed by warm sunny weather until the 28th day of the month. On the 29th of January cold rainy weather began and continued through the 31st.

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b. Statistics were as follows:

- 1) Average high temperature was 80°.
- 2) Average low temperature was 67°.
- 3) Average humidity was 86%.
- 4) Average daily rainfall was .15".

c. Weather had no significant effect on Task Force Bravo operations.

15. Fire Support. Task Force Bravo did not have FSCC capabilities at its Headquarters. Each OPCON Battalion controlled their own FSCC directly with 3d Marine Division FSCC. When more than one Battalion was in the western portion of the AO, the FSCC of the 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines controlled all fire in the area. Likewise, when an infantry Battalion was operating along the Cua Viet River, the 1st Amtrac FSCC controlled all fires in the Eastern portion of the AO.

16. Air Support. Task Force Bravo did not have ALO capabilities. Each OPCON Battalion controlled their own air directly with the 3d Marine Division ALO.

17. Psychological Operations. During the month of January no psychological operations were performed by Task Force Bravo.

Task Force Bravo performed no psyops during the past month. There was, however, the continued use of loudspeakers in conjunction with regular patrols along the Cua Viet Riverway. This function was performed by Task Force Clearwater.

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ 1. TAB A - Task Force Bravo Operation Order 1 - 69 (Overlay)
- Tab B - Task Force Bravo Letter, Subj: Recommended T/O for Task Force Bravo Staff, 3 Jan 1969
- Tab c - Postage Message from ARVN on Curfew & No Entry into Combat Area

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Operation Order 1-69 (Leatheneck Square Cordon/Search/Destroy Opn)

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, A43, Series L7014, Sheets
 6342 I & II, 6442 II & IV.

Task Organization: No Change

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Current Intsums
- (2) See Annex A (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 3d Marine Division (-) (Rein) continues offensive operations in Quang Tri Province and supports GVN Pacification Program.

(2) 2nd Regiment, 1st ARVN Div on D-Day cordons eastern and southern portion of objective area to deny the enemy infiltration from within the cordon and destroys enemy forces, caches and installations in assigned area.

(3) GVN Forces, Quang Tri Province continues intensified pacification program and resettles refugees in Cam Vu Valley.

(4) 3d Recon Bn provides search teams for underwater search of streams in objective area.

(5) Artillery

(a) B/1/12 D/S 2nd Bn, 3d Mar and will provide fire for 3d Bn, 4th Mar.

(b) K(-)/4/12 G/S 3d Mar Div.

(c) M/4/12 G/S 3d Mar Div.

(d) A/1st/40th G/S 3d Mar Div.

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(e) C/1st/40th G/S 3d Mar Div.

(f) 8th/4th G/S 3d Mar Div.

(g) Det, 1st Searchlight Btry, D/S TFB provides illumination as required.

(6) Air. 1st MAW provides fixed wing and helicopter support as required.

c. Attachments and Detachments. None

2. MISSION

On D-Day Task Force Bravo conducts cordon, search and destroy operations in cooperation and coordination with the 2nd ARVN Regiment to destroy NVA/VC Forces, installations, weapons, and caches in the Leatherneck Square Area (Upper left ID 1273, lower right YD 2161) in preparation for land clearing operations in the objective area and resettlement in the Cam Vu Valley.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Annex B (Operation Overlay)

(1) On D-Day one USMC Bn moves by foot from A-4 to the east Estrada road

and establishes a blocking position to form the northern stationary portion of the cordon. For the remainder of the operation the Bn conducts detailed searches of the area in it's AO during daylight and at night occupies the entire blocking position to prevent enemy entry into or exit from the cordoned area.

(2) By noon on D-Day one USMC Bn establishes an ambush/counterambush/screening force on a north-south axis to the east of route #561 to prevent enemy ambushes and mining of the road and enemy entry into or exit from the western portion of the cordon.

(3) On D-Day one ARVN Bn moves into the Cam Vu Valley, deploys and searches and clears on a broad front to the north and forms the moving southern flank of the cordon. Simultaneously, another ARVN Bn deploys and advances from east to west and forms the moving eastern portion of the cordon. On succeeding days both Bn's continue to advance and search and clear as they shrink the objective area.

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b. 3d Bn, 4th Mar

(1) Establish the northern portion of the cordon with a blocking position.

(2) During nighttime maintain the blocking position to prevent enemy infiltration or exfiltration. During daytime conduct thorough searches within assigned AO and destroy enemy forces, installation and caches located therein.

(3) Be prepared to react to enemy threats from the DMZ or to assist in extraction of Recon elements.

c. 2nd Bn, 3d Mar

(1) Establish ambush/counterambush/screening force east of route #561 oriented toward the east to prevent enemy ambushes, ^{mining} of route #561 and infiltration into or exfiltration from the cordoned area.

(2) Maintain security of assigned fixed positions along route #561.

(3) Continue other assigned mission of pacification with RF/PF units in the Cam Lo and Huong Hoa Districts.

d. 3d Tank Bn

(1) Provide Tank Company (-) D/S 3d Bn, 4th Marines

e. Coordinating Instructions

(1) D-Day: 18 January 1969

(2) H-Hour: 0800

(3) DIRLAUTH CO 3/4 and CO 2/3 with CO 2nd ARVN Regt.

(4) Alert all forces of probability of mines, booby traps and duds in area.

(5) Maintain alert security front and rear while in night positions.

(6) Annex C (Fire Support Coordination).

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supply.

- (1) Units will carry one DOS MCI.
- (2) Units will carry BA plus one day ammunition.

b. Resupply.

- (1) Class I will be requested on a daily basis.
- (2) Primary resupply will be by helicopter for 3d Bn, 4th Marines.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Comm-Elec.

- (1) THRUST POINTS. effective since 151200H Dec 68.

Girls Names	1070	Days	2074
States	1468	Countries	2774
Beers	1264	Trees	1771
Weapons	1560	Cars	2168
Presidents	1858	Airlines	2465
Furniture	1157	Sports	1863
Gum	1253	Months	3063
Ships	0551	Fish	3267
Rivers	0848	Coffee	3171
MCI	1450		

- (2) Time Brevity Code:

U	0500
S	1400
M	1700
C	2300

- (3) Frequencies.

	<u>Freq</u>	<u>M</u>
(a) TFB TAC I	35.70	1213
(b) TFB TAC II	65.25	892
(c) ARVN Regt Advisor	68.55	910
(d) 2/3 Bn TAC	(P) 66.70	738
	(S) 53.40	1043
(e) 2/3 FSCG	60.90	1003
(f) TAR	34.50	1172
(g) 3/4 Bn TAC	(P) 58.85	264
	(S) 43.05	1092
(h) 3d Tk Bn TAC	(P) 35.20	1218
	(S) 70.80	743

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(4) Call Signs.

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|-----|-----------------------|-------------------|
| (a) | TF Bravo | Tarzan |
| (b) | 2/3 | Heritage |
| (c) | 3/4 | Salinas |
| (d) | 3d Tank Bn | Hasty Foot |
| (e) | 2nd ARVN Regt Advisor | Eddy Budget 2 |
| | 2nd ARVN Bn Advisor | Eddy Budget Bravo |
| | 3d ARVN Bn Advisor | Eddy Budget Delta |

b. Command.

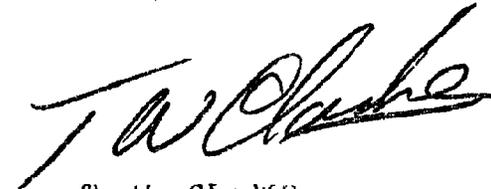
(1) Reports

- (a) Sitreps 0500, 1100, 1700, 2300 daily.
- (b) Night acts and day acts by 1600 daily.
- (c) Spot Reports - ASAP

(2) Command Posts.

- | | | |
|-----|---------------|--|
| (a) | TF Bravo | - DHCB |
| (b) | 2/3 | - Cam Lo Dist. Hq. |
| (c) | 3/4 | - Report when established |
| (d) | 2nd ARVN Regt | - to be established in objective area. |

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Annexes:

- A - Intelligence
- B - Operation Overlay
- C - Fire Support Coordination

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Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 1-69.

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS, Series L7014, Sheets
 6342 I & II, 6442 II & IV.

1. Summary of the Enemy Situation.

a. The C-9 Company of the 31st Local Force Group is believed to be based in the target area, with headquarters located possibly in Thien Chanh (YD 166643), or to the northwest of that location. (Bunkers have been discovered in the grid squares 1865-1866, which may in the past have contained headquarters elements, having contained numerous papers and documents). The C-9 Company area of operations has included the Cam Lo River Valley to the south of the target area, and west to about the 09 grid line. It is possible that the C-9 Company has been responsible for the recent mining incidents along route #561 in the general vicinity of C-2. The C-9 Company is probably about 40-50 men strong. Their normal arms include B-40's and 60mm mortars; more than half of the troops can be expected to be armed with carbines and SKS's, the remainder being armed with AK-47's or SP's.

b. The 7th Company, 27th Bn, 31st Local Force Group, has also been known to work in the target area, and is currently carried at YD 2067; however, there has been no indication of their presence in the area in recent months. The last known strength of the 7th Company was approximately 70 troops. In addition to the type of armament with which the C-9 Company is equipped, the C-7 Company could possibly also be equipped with 82mm mortars.

c. It is possible that elements of the C-11 Sapper Company may be attached to the C-9 Company. Whether or not this is the case, friendly troops should be alert for mines and booby traps in the target area. Past sweeps through the area have encountered dug-in bunkers that showed no more than a few inches above the ground. Such emplacements are exceedingly difficult to find.

d. Friendly troops should be especially watchful for tunnels and tunnel complexes. The enemy's camouflage is excellent, and entrances to tunnels may be found in such unlikely places as tree trunks or stumps, under boulders, along stream banks under water, or beneath false bottoms in bunkers.

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2. Enemy Capabilities (Listed in probable order of adoption).

a. The enemy can evade contact with friendly elements by hiding in tunnels or other refuges.

b. The enemy can continue guerrilla operations in the target area, utilizing mines and booby traps, sniping, and/or grenades.

c. The enemy has the capability of reinforcing within a 22-hour period, with units of up to multi-battalion size. The C-10 Company, 31st Local Force Group, is currently listed as being located vic YD 2667, with a strength of approximately 75 men. Further, the 2nd Bn, 138th NVA Regiment has been reported to be located in the vic YD 245765, with the 3d Bn in the vic YD 165765. Finally, the K-4, K-5, and K-7 Companies, 31st Group may be located just south of the southern trace of the DMZ between the 13 and 17 grid lines.

3. Target List. See Appendix 1 (Target List) to Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 1-69, and TAB A (Target Position Overlay) to Appendix 1 (Target List) to Annex A to Operation Order 1-69.


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Appendix 1 (Target List)

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Appendix 1 (Target List) to Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation
 Order 1-69

COORDINATE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
XD 186690	1 large bunker	5 Nov 68
XD 186693	1 large bunker	5 Nov 68
XD 114691	old rocket position	10 Nov 68
XD 118692	mortar positions & bunker complex	18 Nov 68
XD 118646	mortar position	18 Nov 68
XD 117657	107MM RM positions & 12X60mm mort sites	25 Nov 68
XD 190698	40 foxholes	22 Nov 68
XD 168699	20 foxholes	29 Nov 68
XD 119699	35 bunkers	29 Nov 68
XD 185740	suspected 82mm mortar positions	12 Nov 68
XD 143733	bunkers and foxholes	12 Nov 68
XD 196748	10 bunkers with fresh trail activity	13 Nov 68
XD 194749	bunkers	13 Nov 68
XD 115736	bunker complex	14 Nov 68
XD 138736	suspected NVA position	14 Nov 68
XD 160738	82mm mortar position	12 Nov 68
XD 175735	82mm mortar position	12 Nov 68
XD 180744	bunker and trench lines	16 Nov 68
XD 197742	mortar position	13 Nov 68
XD 171731	40/2 man foxholes	13 Nov 68
XD 192755	suspected NVA positions	16 Nov 68
XD 113744	small bunker complex	16 Nov 68
XD 160730	100 foxholes	16 Nov 68
XD 163753	bunkers, trenches, bridges, trl act and foxholes	20 Nov 68
XD 145745	possible base camp	17 Nov 68
XD 134734	bunkers with heavy trail act- ivity	21 Nov 68
XD 133735	Heavy trail activity	21 Nov 68
XD 122722	4 to 6 Cam positions with bunkers and trails	21 Nov 68
XD 139735	bunkers	19 Nov 68
XD 191753	bunkers and trails	19 Nov 68
XD 145735	trail act and caves	19 Nov 68
XD 148731	trail and bamboo hut	19 Nov 68
XD 133735	2 X 50 cal positions	21 Nov 68
XD 167713	fresh trl act	22 Nov 68
XD 133732	hvy trl act	22 Nov 68
XD 148726	bunker	21 Nov 68

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YD 1174	trl act, bunker, & bridge	23 Nov 68
YD 188750	trl act, bunker, & bridge	23 Nov 68
YD 132712	num bunkers	23 Nov 68
YD 136715	2 X 50 cal positions	25 Nov 68
YD 112711	foot bridge	25 Nov 68
YD 138737	2 bunkers	25 Nov 68
YD 19207205	30 foxholes	16 Nov 68
YD 18757200	75 foxholes	16 Nov 68
YD 157752	bunker complex	29 Nov 68
YD 175712	bunker complex	29 Nov 68
YD 1140731	bunkers w/rent act	30 Nov 68
YD 128738	6 bunkers	30 Nov 68
YD 124727	2 bunkers	06 Jan 69
YD 117733	bunker, 1 mort position	11 Jan 69
YD 159723	3 lgg bunkers	11 Jan 69
YD 134716	trl act	14 Jan 69
YD 122628	recent trl act	11 Dec 68
YD 127646	30 foxholes	05 Dec 68
YD 137667	3 aa/aw positions	05 Dec 68
YD 136665	20 foxholes	05 Dec 68
YD 198716	75 foxholes	02 Dec 68



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TAB A - (Target Position Overlay)

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Annex C (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Order 1-69

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Current Intsums
- (2) See Annex A (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces.

B/1/12	105 How	D/S	2/3
K(-)/4/12	155 SP	G/S	3d Mar Div
M/4/12	155 SP	G/S	3d Mar Div
A/1st/40th	105 How	G/S	3d Mar Div
G/1st/40th	105 How	G/S	3d Mar Div
G/8th/4th	8"	G/S	3d Mar Div
Det, 1st Search- light Btry	Searchlights	D/S	T F Bravo

2. MISSION

The 2nd Bn, 3d Marines fire support coordination center will control all fires.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations.

- (1) All calls for fire will be through 4th Bn, 12th Marines.
- (2) Units making a call for fire are giving ground clearance with their call for fire.
- (3) Fire support coordination will be accomplished through the fire support coordination center at 2/3.
- (4) See paragraph 7 of this Annex for communications instructions.
- (5) All requests for air will be through the 2/3 FSCC.

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4. Target information

a. See Appendix 1 (Target List) to Annex A (Intelligence) to Operation Order 1-69.

b. Units submit desired targets to 2/3 FSCC.

5. Aircraft Safety

a. All measures for aircraft safety will be employed as prescribed in the 3d Mar Div Fire Support Coordination SOP.

6. Ground Forces Safety

a. Close coordination will be maintained on a continuous basis with the FSCC to insure troop safety.

7. Command and

a. Artillery Frequencies.

	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>M</u>
(1) 4th Bn, 12th Mar Dagmar	(P) 60.90	1003
(2) B/1/12 Selby Bravo	(P) 60.90	1003
(3) 2/3 FSCC (Arty) Heritage 24	(P) 60.90 (S) 75.50	1003 7

b. Air Frequencies

(1) 2/3 FSCC (Air) Heritage 14	34.50	1172
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HEADQUARTERS
 Task Force Bravo
 3d Marine Division (Rein), MFP
 FPO San Francisco, 96602

03 Jan 1969

From: Task Force Bravo
 To: CG, Third Marine Division (Attn: A G/S G-3)
 Subj: Recommended T/O for Task Force Bravo Staff
 Ref: (a) Verbal request from A G/S, G-3 on 3 Jan 69.

1. Proposed staff organization.

<u>Billet</u>	<u>Rank/MOS</u>	<u>On Board/MOS</u>	<u>Incumbent Furnished by</u>
<u>Command Sec.</u>			
CO	Col /9906	Col/9906	Hq Bn
XO	LtCol/0302	LtCol/0302	3d Mar
Sgt Maj	Sgt Maj/9999	-----	
Driver	LCpl	LCpl	3d Mar
<u>S-1 Sec.</u>			
S-1/Adj.	Lt/0130	-----	
Admin Chief	SSgt/0141	CySgt/0141	Hq Bn
Admin Man	Cpl /0141	Cpl/0141	3d Mar
<u>S-2 Sec.</u>			
S-2	Maj/0802	Maj/0802	3d Mar
Intell Chief	CySgt/0239	CySgt/0369	3d Mar
Intell Asst (2)	Sgt/Cpl 0231	1 LCpl /0231	3d Mar
		1 PFC /0311	
<u>S-3 Sec.</u>			
S-3	Maj/0302	Maj/1802	3d Tank Bn
Asst S-3/NBC Off	Capt/0302	-----	
Air Ln Off	Maj/Capt/6708	-----	
COG Watch Off (3)	3 Lt/9910	2 Lt/1803/0302	1 - 3d Mar 1 - 1st Amtrac Bn
Opns Chief	MSgt/0369	CySgt/0369	3d Mar
Opns Asst	CySgt/0369	-----	
Opns Asst	Sgt/0369	-----	
Admin Man	Cpl/LCpl/0141	LCpl /0141	3d Mar
Draftsman	Cpl/1441	-----	
Driver/Mers	PFC/0311	PFC /0311	3d Mar

S-4 Sec.

S-4	Capt/0402	-----	
Log Chief	SSgt /0441	SSgt /0441	3d Mar
Log Man	LOpl/0441	Cpl /0441	3d Mar

Comm Plat.

Comm Off/Plat Cdr	Capt/2502	-----	
Comm Chief	GySgt /2591	Sgt	3d Mar
Message Center Sec	5	2	3d Mar
Radio Sec	9	5	3d Mar
Radio Relay Sec	21	16	3d Mar
Wire Sec	7	6	3d Mar
TACP Sec	4	-----	
Tech Shop	7	7	3d Mar

2. The following additional personnel would be required to fill the proposed billets:

1 Maj/Capt	6708	
1 Capt	0302	1 Sgt 2519
1 Capt	0402	1 SSgt 2867
1 Capt	2502	
1 Lt	0130	
2 Lt's	9910	
1 Sgt Maj	9999	
1 Gy Sgt	0369	
1 Gy Sgt	2529	
1 Sgt	0369	
1 Opl	1441	
7 Pvt/LOpl	2531	
5 Pvt/LOpl	2532	
1 Pvt/LOpl	2511	
1 Sgt	2549	
2 Pvt/LOpl	2542	
1 Sgt	2539	

3. Additionally, an Artillery Liaison Team and a NGF Liaison Team will be required to establish a Task Force F300. In the event the 3d Marines orders more personnel to report south there will have to be replaced from another source.

4. Equipment on hand is sufficient however there is no back up for radio relay and no facility to repair UHF equipment. In the event this equipment is ordered south it would have to be replaced from another source.

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POSTAGE MESSAGE

From: 1st Div/11th DTA Hqs G3
To: Quang Tri Provincial Executive Capital
Quang Tri Sector
2nd Inf Regiment

Info:
1st Div/MAGV

Text nr 2338/SDI/3/1/H Q

- FIRST: In order to prevent the misidentification from happening that may cause the losses of people's lives. Quang Tri Sector is requested to select the proper measures for info to local people strictly not to enter into A.Area, stay out 1 kilometer far away from G2 outpost and Pho An Bridge Forward Post. As to B Area, people may have free movement at daylight, but at night time people must return home.
A and B Area overlay is herewith enclosed.
- SECOND: The above measure is put in effect as of 1 January 1969.
- THIRD: Report of action taken is required. End.

APC 4895 22 December 1968
Major General NGO QUANG THUONG
1st Div/11th DTA Commanding General
Colonel TRAN VAN CAM
Chief of Staff
s/s

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Major BUU NHON
Executing 1st Div G3 Chief

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