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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I  
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. DESIGNATION	COMMANDER	DATE
1st Battalion, 4th Marines	LtCol. G. T. SARGENT	1-31 Jan

SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company	1stLt. G. H. BROUILLETTE	1-31 Jan
Company A	Capt. K. S. RUSSOM	1-31 Jan
Company B	Capt. G. A. FRY	1-31 Jan
Company C	LstLt. J. E. HERRON	1-31 Jan
Company D	Capt. J. GYPIN Jr.	1-31 Jan

ATTACHED UNITS

Det, Co. H&S, 3rd MP Bn (Scout Dogs)  
 Det, Co. B 3rd Sp Bn (HST Team)  
 Det, Co. A 3rd Engr Bn.  
 Det, Btry G; 3/12- FO Teams  
 Det. 3rd Mar Div, Kit Carson School, ( KC Scouts).

2. LOCATION

Battalion CP	1-9 Jan	LZ Gazelle Grid XD 869537 RVN
	9-18 Jan	LZ Cougar Grid XD 851593 RVN
	18-21 Jan	LZ Catapult Grid XD 825617 RVN
	21-31 Jan	Vandegrift Combat Base RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer	Major K. D. HYSLOP	1-31 Jan
S/1/ Adjutant	1st Lt J. M. ALLEN	1-31 Jan
Personnel Officer	1st Lt R. J. LLOYD	1-31 Jan
S-2	SSGT. P. F. STARRETT	1-12 Jan
	Capt. J. B. GREEN	12-31 Jan
S-3	Major H. E. PIERPAN	1-31 Jan
Assist S-3	1st Lt. J. L. Mc INTIRE	1-16 Jan
Assist S-3	2nd Lt. T. J. RABBITT	1-31 Jan
Assist S-3 ALO	Capt. G. H. ROBINSON	1-23 Jan
	Capt. D. B. PAGE	7-31 Jan
Assist S-3 FAC	1st Lt. W. J. KEOUGH	1-16 Jan
	Capt. S. J. WUTKIEWIEZ	2-31 Jan
Artillery Officer	2nd Lt. M. R. CARTER	1-31 Jan
S-4	1st Lt. M. R. MORRIS Jr.	1-31 Jan
Comm Officer	1st Lt. R. P. BROUGHAM	1-31 Jan

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LT Officer	1st Lt. J. E. BAUMAN	1-31 Jan
Supply Officer	2nd Lt. R. A. STOTZ	1-31 Jan
Chaplain	Lt. W. B. TURNER, USNR	1-31 Jan
Bn Surgeon	Lt. J. F. SCHEUFFLER, USNR	1-31 Jan

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	ENL
<u>39</u>	1,100

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OFF	ENL
<u>2</u>	52

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## PART II

~~DECLASSIFIED~~NARRATIVE SUMMARY

At the beginning of January the 1st Battalion, 4th Marines continued its mission of search and destroy while part of operation SCOTLAND II. In accordance with Operation Order # 10-68, Co. "A" provided security for each of the following Fire Support Bases; Feville, Russell, and Mack. Companies "B", "C" and "D" continued to search out the area surrounding Nui Tia Pong, while Co. H&S (-) provided Battalion Command Post security at LZ Gazelle and conducted local security patrols.

On 1 January 1969, patrols from Co. "C" found bunkers and mortar pits in the vicinity of Grid XD 859569 and after a thorough search unearthed 27-82MM mortar rounds and one can of fuzes. Later in the day, at grid XD 844556, another patrol from Co. "C", while searching out a cave complex, found various medical supplies including, Stroptomycin, penicillan, Strycnine and Iodine.

The afternoon of 2 January found a Co. "C" patrol engaged by an estimated enemy squad at grid XD 853575. Air and artillery were called in resulting in three secondary explosions. Searching out the area after the strikes, the patrol found one body, severely burned, and 1 AK-47 rifle. The patrol suffered no casualties.

At 1000 on 4 January Co. "D" found 2 armed ChiCom mines, at grid XD 895536. An hour later a patrol from Co. "C" set off a booby trapped mine resulting in 1 killed and 1 wounded. At 1600, while searching out the area of the previous days fire fight, the same patrol found 4 NVA killed by M-79, M-60 and M-16's. Again on 5 January a Co. "C" patrol discovered 5 bunkers with mutually supporting command detonated mines. All the mines were booby trapped with pressure release devices. Numerous trails were in the area, grid XD 847573, and at least one of these was found to be mined.

Company "C" continued to search out this particular area, and uncovered, on 6 January an NVA Battalion Command Post site. Four large (18'X10'X6') storage bunkers were discovered and a total of 50 Tons of Rice was discovered. Also 30 ammunition bunkers, containing 300-82MM increments, 13-82MM mortar propaganda rounds, 150 cans of arming devices, 25 RPG rounds, 240 RPG increments, 65 boxes of 12.7 MM ammunition, 250 pounds of TNT and 30 booby trap devices.

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Later the patrol found an additional 200 pounds of salt, a requisition form from enemy Battalions and a weighing scales.

At 1415 on 9 January, the Alpha Command Group began the helo-lift to hill 715 North (LZ Cougar) and established the Battalion Command Post. Company "D" was lifted into the same LZ and commenced movement in a northerly direction. H&S (-) established CP security. Co. "B" at grid XD 841584 found a bunker complex containing the following munitions, 3-82MM mortar rounds, 1 RPG-7 round, 13-60MM mortar rounds, 100 pounds of rice and assorted small arms ammunition. At 2114 Co. "D" at grid XD 850595 had one man trip a booby trapped NVA Claymore mine. Result: 1 friendly KIA.

The line companies continued extensive patrolling activities in the general vicinity of Dong Long and uncovered several more important caches. On 10 January Co. "B" at grid XD 837586 found 36-82MM recoilless rifle rounds with Russian markings, 51-82 MM mortar rounds with fuzes and increments.

In order to increase the strength of the defenses at the fire support bases, a provisional platoon from H&S 1/4 at Vandegrift Combat Base was lifted to FSB Neville and Chopped OpCon to Co. "A", 1/4. Also FSB Mack was closed and that unit was sent to FSB Russell to bolster that position. Upon arrival of these units, Co. "A" conducted extensive long range patrolling from FSB Russell and FSB Neville, besides providing security for the artillery units located thereon.

At 1342 on 10 January, Co. "B" at grid XD 835587 found 6-60MM mortar rounds, 150 pounds of polished rice, this and the previous gear was lifted to the Battalion Cp area and evacuated to Vandegrift Combat Base.

On 11 January, both caches, Co. "C" and Co. "B" were lifted to VCB allowing both companies to continue their mission of search and destroy. Also, Co. "D" at grid XD 837594 made contact with an estimated NVA platoon, they returned small arms fire and called in 81MM Mortars and artillery. Results were 3 friendly WIA.

The following day, Co. "D" found a bunker complex of 30 units. Searching the area they found assorted medical gear, 150 pounds of rice, 42-82MM mortar rounds, assorted 782 gear and equipment. The patrol destroyed all positions and gear.

On the 13th at 0800, the Bravo command group was activated and awaited lift to LZ Russell. Co. "C" was helo-lifted to hill 477, LZ Catapult, as the movement remained generally oriented to the North and West. As the first helicopter set down, it exploded a trip wire type booby trap.

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The "bird" was damaged and unable to fly. The crew was evacuated and 1 heloteam from Co. "C" commenced to clear the LZ of more mines. The rest of the lift was completed and a helo-recovery team arrived to prepare the downed "bird" for extraction.

Searching the area of grid XD 829602, Co. "D" found assorted 782 gear and clothing of approximately four people. The clothes were blood stained and showed signs of profuse bleeding. Later at 1725, Co. "D" found three fresh graves and three bodies. All had died from shrapnel wounds. One body was carefully wrapped, marked and buried, perhaps indicating an officer. These deaths were directly related to "D" Co. contact on 11 January.

As Co. "C" Patrol left the lines on 14 January, the point man set off a D1-10 directional mine. Further down the trail were more mines placed to cover the width and length of the trail. Two friendlies were wounded as a result of the explosion. Later a "D" Co. patrol at grid XD 830005 found 40-82mm mortar rounds, 7 cans of increments and six fuzes. Nearby the same patrol uncovered 16 bunkers, 1 Chinese Claymore mine, 2-1 pound blocks of TNT and 1 ChiCom grenade. The patrol destroyed all gear and emplacements and continued the search of the area. The Bravo Command Group arrived at FSB Russell at 1400H.

At 1500 on the 14th of January, 1/4 assumed OpCon of Co. "K" 3/4 at Khe Gia Brigade and Co. "F" 2/9 at TSI ( Elliott Combat Base).

A Company "C" patrol made contact at 1530 and were pinned down by heavy automatic weapons fire. Patrol called in COMV, 81st and artillery and Huey Gunships. The patrol had 1 KIA.

At 1715, 1/4 assumed OpCon of 2nd platoon Co. "A" 1/9 ( Sparrow Hawk) whose mission was to guard a downed CH-46 at Grid XD 982553. The following day, 15 January, 1/4 dropped OpCon to 3d Mar Div of A2 1/9, and Co "K" 2/9 were dropped OpCon to Task Force Hotel.

On the 17th of the month, a Co "D" patrol at grid XD 833626 found a cave complex. Searching the area the patrol discovered 500 pounds of rice, 13 cans of 82mm mortar shot-gun shell propellant, 72-82mm mortar fuzes and assorted medical gear.

Alpha Command Group once more moved on the 18th to LZ Catapult and established the Bn CP at 1530. "H&S" (-) again

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provided perimeter defense. The next day an "H&S" patrol at grid XD 825616 found a 105 shell and 256 M-564 fuzes which was all U.S. gear. It was evacuated to VCB.

A Co "D" patrol at grid XD 809641, on the 20th, found 18 boxes of .50 cal. ammo, 782 gear and fighting holes. CO "H&S" had a patrol uncover 40 "A" frame bunkers (4'X8'X5') and 600 pounds of rice, 100 pounds of salt, detonating cord and 10 blasting caps.

On 21 Jan at 1200 Co "B" commenced heli-lift to VCB, following in succession were Co "D", Co "C", and the Command Group with Co "H&S" (-). The Bn CP was established at VCB at 1630.

At the conclusion of the 25 day operation, 1/4 had uncovered 51 tons of rice, 355 pounds of salt, 14,560 rounds of small arms ammo, 2,375 rounds of mortars, recoilless rifle and rocket ammo and 48 AP mines. Elements of 1/4 destroyed 340 bunkers and had killed 25 NVA.

On 22 Jan, 1/4 assumed responsibility for perimeter defense at Vandegrift Combat Base, Ca Lu, FSB Cates, Hill 691, Hill 950, along with maintaining FSB Russell and Neville. To accomplish this mission 1/4 assumed OpCon of Co. "B", Co. "D", Co. "D" 2d 1/9. The responsibility of Reaction Platoon/Company went to Company "D" 1/4. (Ref: 221200H).

On the 23rd at 0800, a Provisional Platoon from H&S Co at Vandegrift Combat Base and assumed control of Signal Hill defenses and dropped OpCon of 2d Platoon Co. "D" 1/9. 1/4 assumed OpCon of Co. "F" 2/4 and dropped OpCon of 1st Platoon Co. "C" 1/4 to III MAF for duty as security platoon for the Commanding General III MAF. Co. "D" 2nd platoon was committed as reaction platoon and chopped OpCon to 2/4. 1st platoon Co. "B" 1/4 assumed duties as reaction platoon.

On the 24th, Co. "F" dropped OpCon to 2/4. The following day 1/4 assumed OpCon of Co. "D" 1/9. Co. "B" (-) lifted to FSB Fuller, Co. "C" 2nd platoon 1/4 assumed defense of the Khe Gio bridge. Co. "G" 2/4 dropped OpCon to 1/4. 1st Platoon Co. "B" (Sparrow Hawk) inserted as reaction force at grid XD 850648 and Recon team # 69 Dropped OpCon to 1/4. On 27 January Co. "L" 3/4 Chopped OpCon to 1/4 and proceeded to TSL, (Elliott Combat Base) Co. "G" 2/4 was relieved at TSL and were trucked to Vandegrift Combat Base to assume Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle reaction Platoon/Company.

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On the 28th of January 1/4 dropped OpCon of Co. "L" 3/4, 2nd platoon Co. "C" 1/9, Co. "B" 1/9, to 3/4. Co "B" 1st. platoon 1/4 Sparrow Hawk was extracted from LZ Catapult to Vandegrift Combat Base.

On 29 January Co. "G" 2nd platoon 2/4 Sparrow Hawk was inserted at grid YD 082733 and dropped OpCon to 2/4. On 30 January, 9 Bru Chieu Hoi's came into Ca Lu and were detained for an ITT team from 4th Marines. Company "C" (-) 2/4 were transported from Vandegrift Combat Base to Con Thien by vehicle and dropped OpCON to 2/4. 1st platoon Co. "B" 1/4 relieved 2nd platoon Co. "C" at Khe Gia bridge. Co. "D" 1/4 placed on reaction platoon/company ( Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.

On 31 January Co. "K" 3/4 arrived at Vandegrift Combat Base and chopped OpCon to 1/4. At the end of the month of January 1/4 maintained security for Vandegrift Combat Base, Ca Lu, Elliott Combat Base, Khe Gia Bridge, Signal Hill, FSB Russell, FSB Neville, and FSB Fuller, with an AO of over 1 Billion square Meters and at one time having operational control of 10 Companies in order to accomplish it's mission.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED.

a. Fourth Marines Operation Order # 11-68, (Continuation of SCOTLAND II)

- (1) FSB Neville, FSB Russell and FSB Mack.
  - (a) Defend FSB Neville, FSB Russell and FSB Mack.
  - (b) Conduct extensive patrolling from FSB Neville, FSB Russell and FSB Mack.
  - (c) Conduct search and destroy operations in designated AO.

b. Conduct defense of Vandegrift Combat Base, FSB Neville, FSB Russell, FSB Mack, FSB Cates, FSB Fuller, Hill 950, Hill 691, Elliott Combat Base, Ca Lu, Khe Gia bridge. (Ref: 2212008).

- (1) Conduct road clearance security from Ca Lu at grid YD 012455 to grid YD 078571 east of Elliott Combat Base.
- (2) Activate Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle reaction force to:
  - (a) Exploit contacts, reinforce units in contact with or threatened by enemy forces.
  - (b) Provide security for key installations or protect downed aircraft.
  - (c) Conduct other missions as assigned.

2. OPERATIONS.

01 Jan "t 1021H Co. "A" at grid XD 844557, patrol found 1 NVA grave, patrol dug up grave, found 1 body 4-5 months old, body had no identification or signs of cause of death, patrol covered grave and continued the patrol mission.

At 1110H Co. "D" patrol at grid XD 904524 found 1-250 pound bomb, destroyed in place.

1138H Co. "A" at grid XD 841556 found 9 old bunkers dug in the ground with log roofs, 1 kitchen with assorted utensils, various digging tools scattered around the area. 1 hand grip for M-16 rifle, a barrel and receiver group for Chinese machine gun, M.7.62 Ammunition belt, medicine box and newspaper dated 10 November 1968 NVA type, two trails, one heading

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in Northeast and the other heading in the direction of North, Patrol continued mission, checking out area.

1158H An "A" Co patrol at Grid XD 859569 found 2 bunkers 6'x3'x5', made of dirt and logs approximately 3 months old. Patrol found 3-82mm Mortar pits with mast clearance to north-east from the Mortar pit, patrol could see, Regimental Objective #1, Mortar pits were no more than three months old, also found 27-82mm Mortar rounds, 1 can of fuzes and 1 NVA E-tool, patrol continuing to search out area.

1251H Co. "A" patrol at Grid XD 844556 found 3 caves, inside found sketch Map, terrain marked with X's, found various medical supplies including a barrel for a 2½CC syringe, 63 vials distilled water, 4 unknown vials, 1 catheter size 16, 1 vial stryptomycin, 2 Penicillan vials, 1 vial unknown white powder, 7 empty vials of Stryctnine, a pint size bottle of brown Iodine powder, 2 pounds of NVA TNT, 1 letter with date of 6 Nov 68 saying "troops going into field for rice", gave name of village and amount of rice, all medical supplies being returned to Company patrol base.

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At 1005H Col. GOGGIN, Commanding Officer, 4th Marines arrived at 1/4 Command Post. Col. GOGGIN departed at 1020H.

At 1055H an "H&S" Co. patrol at Grid XD 880530 found 1 bunker built of logs and dirt. Bunker was large enough for two persons, used one week ago, also found fire place and sleeping area for two persons in the open. Patrol destroyed bunker.

1345H Co. "A" patrol at Grid XD 853575 was moving along a trail and recieved fire from NVA automatic weapon, unit believed to be of squad size, patrol returned fire, killing 1 NVA and pulled back, calling in artillery, resulting in various secondary explosions.

At 1542H a Co. "C" patrol at Grid XD 842552 found a cave complex consisting of 10 caves and six huts, 8'x3' made of sticks and leaves; 2-3 weeks old.

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Patrol found 1 NVA Claymore, 14 boxes of booby trap devices, 10 devices in each box, 29 AK rounds, 2 AK pouches, 5 AK Magazines, 1 ChiCom pouch, assorted letters, 12 bottles of injectible fluid, 1 bottle of sulphur, 3 bottles of penicillin, 1 cooking pouch with rice, 1 protective mask filter, and 1 NVA E-tool; patrol returned all gear to Company Command Post.

At 1425H aircraft in support of Co. "C" patrol initiated 3 secondary explosions, Artillery caused one secondary explosion.

1826H Co. "B" at Grid XD 883563 found 4 bunkers 2 of which were 4'x4'x3', 2 were 5'x5'x4' and approximately 2 to 4 months old, 11 fighting holes and four benches, benches of logs tied to trees, did not destroy anything.

2045H Co. "C" patrol at Grid XD 853575 made addition to Spot Report #127, patrol found 1 NVA body destroyed by Napalm, part of the head was found in a helmet. Patrol found 1 AK-47 rifle, 1 20 round magazine, one canteen on cartridge belt, 1 ChiCom grenade, patrol buried body and destroyed all gear.

1410H A Co. "D" patrol at Grid XD 897536 found some NVA Comm-wire, running in a northwest direction for approximately 30 meters. It stopped for 10 meters and started again for 20 meters, stopping again. Area has been hit by Air and Artillery. Patrol destroyed wire and continued on it's mission.

1535H Co. "D" at Grid XD 891538 has occupied Regimental Objective #6, will consolidate position for night position.

1750H Co. "D" at Regimental Objective #6 found 9 bunkers 6-8 months old. Bunkers were already destroyed. Patrol found 2 cooking and two rice bowls, area was heavily hit by Air and Artillery. No signs of enemy activity in the past six to eight months.

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1003H Co. "D" at Grid XD 895536 found 2 found 1 ChiCom Claymore mines, net work of trench lines and fighting holes running in Southwest direction for 100 meters, also 1 trail going down in a North South direction.

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Trail established to be 6 to 8 months old. No sign of recent activity.

1139H Co. "C" at grid XD 847574 was cutting thier way through brush, when the point man set off what is believed to have been an explosive booby trap. Patrol reported movement around them and pulled back, 2 artillery missions were fired in the area.

1233H Co. "D" at grid XD 893531 found eleven sleeping bunkers 6'X4'X4' with logs and dirt; 20 empty rocket cannisters with writing and date of 5/67; 1 rocket warhead carrier, also found aiming stakes pointing in an easterly direction, all estimated to be 6 to 8 months old. Destroyed bunkers.

1601H Co. "C" patrol at grid XD 846574 searching out area of contact which had been prepared with artillery and air; found 2 NVA/KIA confirmed resulting from fire fight, 1 hit by M-79, 1 by M-60 Machine Gun. Two additional NVA/KIA later were confirmed by M-16 fire.

05 Jan

0829H Co. "H&S" (-) at grid XD 871537 had one confirmed KIA/nocturnal intruder, unidentified. length 2½ feet, waight 30 pounds, hieght 1½ feet, silver and black markings, banded tail like a racoon, head of a fox, feline body and ears, paws, has five pads like a dogs foot. Retained body for viewing.

1049H Co. "C" patrol at grid XD 847574 was searching area of contact from top of objective to the bottom of the draw. Patrol saw at least 4 NVA bunkers. Bunkers were mutually supporting with command detonated Claymore mines. Also saw clearing at the bottom of the draw, approximately 75-100 meters from the top of the ridge line. It is believed there are more bunkers beyond this clearing. Patrol cleared area of Claymore mines, searched for NVA and continued on mission.

1517H Co. H&S patrol at grid XD 882541 found fresh foot prints of one person, fresh axe marks on wooden box that was being chopped for fire wood, 1 rice bowl, 15 Ak rounds, 1 protective mask,

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1 small weaving basket, 12 NVA bunkers estimated to be 4 to 6 months old, pieces of NVA comm wire cut in 15 inch lengths, and 2 NVA E-tools. Destroyed all gear.

1815H Co. "C" patrol at grid XD 847573 found five bunkers 5'X3'X6'; made of logs and dirt and strongly reinforced. Bunkers show signs of recent use. Each bunker had mutually supporting Command detonated mines. All Command detonating mines were booby trapped with a pressure release device. Two mines were blown, three were disarmed. There are two trails, one leading in a westerly direction, this trail shows signs of very recent use, and lead to more bunkers. Trail in northerly direction is very large and heavily used recently. This trail has not been checked out. On the trail to the West two booby trapped ChiCom grenades, with trip wires across the trail were found and disarmed. Patrol found drag marks along the trail, where a body had been dragged.

06 Jan 1135H Co. "C" patrol at grid XD 845574 was checking out the trail in northerly direction from position and found what is believed to be an NVA Battalion Command Post area. In this area were 4 rice storage bunkers 18'X10'X6'. In the first bin was found 78-100 Kilo bags of rice. In the second bin was 25, the third bin contained, 100 bags, the fourth contained 37 bags measured in Kiles, for a total of 51 tons of rice. Patrol also found thirty well made bunkers 6X8'X4'. One contained 300-82MM mortar rounds, 300-82MM mortar increments, 13-82MM mortar Propaganda rounds, 150 cans of 82MM arming devices, with 3 devices in each can, 25 RPG-2 rounds, 40 RPG increments, 10 directional mines, 6 anti-tank mines, 65 boxes of 12.7 MM ammunition with 85 rounds in each box, 250 pounds of NVA TNT, 30 booby traps devices and 8 ChiComs. Found in this area a large kitchen 6X12'X10', inside were four stoves, and eight cooking pots. Patrol is continuing to check out the area.

1543H Co. "C" at grid XD 845574 while searching area found in one bunker a weighing scale to weigh rice

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Inside were 4 pages of rice receipts with lists of requisitions from the 15th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 27th Battalions. Most recent entry was 30 December 68. Also found 200 pounds of salt, search continues.

07 Jan 0730 H Co. "B" at grid XD 863575 had a man hit in the face by shrapnel of M-26 grenade that exploded in protective hole after man started an unauthorized fire.

1140H Co. "D" patrol at grid XD 898505 found 3 AK-47 magazines loaded, 2 ChiGen Grenades, 1 M-26 fragmentation grenade, 1 knife and sheathe, 1 water proof bag, 1 cartridge belt, 1 magazine pouch, 1 battle dressing, 17 bunkers measuring 6'X4'X4', 1 fighting hole, 3 grass shelters, all 2 to 3 months old. Bunkers destroyed, all gear retained.

08 Jan 0920H BGen GARRETSON and Col. GOGGIN arrived at L/4's position and departed at 0930H.

1826H Patrol from "H&S" Co. at grid XD 372538 found 2 graves, dug up one and found a body wrapped in a green plastic bag, cause of death undetermined, no identification on the body, remains estimated to be 3 months old. The second grave will be dug up tomorrow.

09 Jan 1140H "H&S" co. Patrol returned to grave site found on 08 January at grid XD 372538. Grave site was fenced in, 5'X10', using 2-3 inch sticks, each grave had a Chinese star marker made of bamboo over it and had one big star at the entrance. Finished digging up graves that were found on 08 January. Body had wounds in both legs and stomach. Body was estimated to be three months old and over 6' tall. Body was established to be badly burned. Second grave had one body over six months old with stomach wounds and the body was badly burned. Estimated to be 5' 8" tall, wrapped in a green plastic bag, dressed in green uniform with army belt and cover. No identification on bodies. Trails from grave area lead North, West and East; not recently used, bodies were reburied.

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1210H Col GOGGIN arrived at 1/4 command post and departed at 1220H.

1250H " " Battery 3/12 commenced heli-lift to LZ Cougar on hill 715 North at Grid XD 851593.

1415H Heli-lift of Alpha Command Group completed to LZ Cougar.

1440H Co. "D" heli-lift to LZ Cougar at Grid XD 851593 commenced.

1445H Co. "B" at Grid XD 841584 found a bunker complex with 3-82 MM mortar rounds, 1 RPG-7 round and one body. Bunker complex contains 5 bunkers 5'X8', 2 months old, abandoned 1 week ago; found 3 ChiCom Claymore Mines, ChiCom grenades, 100 AK-47 rounds, 2 increments for RPG, 1 RPG- 5 rounds, 4 RPG-7 rounds, 13- 60mm Mortar rounds, 3-82mm Mortar rounds, 200 7.62mm link machine gun rounds, cooking gear, 4-100 pound sacks of rice, 2 canteens, 2 pair of sandals, 1-helmet, 1 pith helmet, 1 shovel, 1 knife, 1 body approximately 1 month old.

1510H Co. "D" heli-lift completed to LZ Cougar at Grid XD 851593.

1515H Co. "H&S" heli-lift commenced to LZ Cougar at Grid XD 851593.

1550H Co. "H&S" heli-lift completed to LZ Cougar.

1555H All heli-lift to LZ Cougar completed.

2114H Co. "D" at Grid XD 850595, lead man of column was walking down hill and evidently hit a trip wire, to what is believed to have been a 105mm round resulting in mans death.

2230H Listening Post of Co. "A" at Grid XD 964616 reported hearing movement and noises in a direction northwest of their position. Area was illuminated by hand fired pyrotechnic pep up: White Star Cluster. Personnel assigned to the listening post observed 1-NVA about 50 Meters Northwest of their position. The 60mm Mortar crew saturated the area and a small light was observed moving in a northwest direction away from the Platoon position. An Artillery mission was fired with negative results.

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Co. "B" Patrol at Grid XD 837586, found 7 bunkers, 4'x6'x2', 10 bamboo huts, 8'x6', 3 fighting holes and 36 Rockets, each measured to be 82mm wide, 710mm long and weighing 10-15 pounds. Also found 17 boxes of 82mm Mortar rounds complete with increments; fuzes and boosters, 3 rounds per box, and two claymore mines. All rockets are in sealed water proofed metal carrying cases with Russian characters. Also 2 cans 60mm or 82mm Mortar fuzes, Chinese type, with three fuzes per can. All items were to be heli-lifted to Regimental Headquarters.

1130H Provisional Platoon from "H&S"  $\frac{1}{2}$  at VCB commenced heli-lift to Neville.

1145H Heli-lift of Provisional Platoon to FSB Neville completed and Chopped OpCon to Co. "A"  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Co. "D" at Grid XD 851592 found 5 bunkers 3'x4', last occupied 1 to 2 weeks ago. Also found 2 ChiCom and one Chinese Claymore tied to a tree, 2 feet off the Deck. Not booby trapped. All gear and bunkers were destroyed. Co. "A" at Grids XD 825575, XD 827572, XD 826573 found a partly built hut with chips of fresh cut wood. Checked out area and found some bushes flattened out, moved on and at grid XD 826573 found tree with letters "D"."O", carved in the bark, letters "Y"."O". were carved directly beneath. Patrol moved on to Grid XD 827572 and found recent ash covered with leaves. Patrol continued to search out area 1342H Co. "B" at Grid XD 835586, patrol found 6-60mm Mortar rounds, 1501 pounds polished rice, 2 metal helmets, 25 huts, 10'x 8'x 6', each with 1 incoming hole. Also found miscellaneous cooking gear, 25 AK-47 rounds, 2 gas masks canisters. Huts are new and show recent signs of occupation. Trail leading into positions ends at this point. Rice and gear to be heli-lifted with other gear.

1530H Heli-lift of 2nd Platoon Co. "A" from FSB Mack to FSB Russell Commenced.

1605H Lt. Gen. STILLWELL arrived Co. "C"'s position and departed at 1615H.

1630H Heli-lift to FSB Neville from FSB Mack completed.

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1810H Heli-lift of arms cache from Co. "C" to Command post completed.

1916H Spot Report #155 amended to read, found 6 more 60mm Mortar rounds, 36 82mm recoilless rifle rounds and 1001 pounds of rice.

11 Jan Lift of Co. "B" arms cache to VCB commenced and was completed at 0930.

0955H Col. GOGGIN arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1010H.

1030H Lift of rice and ammo from "C" Co. position commenced.

1115H BGen GARRETSON arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1130H.

1230H Lift of rice from Co. "C" position was completed.

1235H Co. "D" at Grid XD 837594, point fire team hit trip wire to a Claymore Mine. No injury here. Received automatic weapon fire from the left, took cover on their left, then received small arms and automatic fire from the right, estimated 20 to 25 NVA. Returned fire with M16, M-79, M-60mm Mortar and called in 81mm Mortars and Artillery. Checked out area with negative results. Suffered 3 WIA.

12 Jan 1050H BGen GARRETSON arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1100H.

1105H Col. GOGGIN arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1115H.

1400H MajGen DAVIS arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1410H.

1505H Co. "D" at Grid XD 833595 and Grid XD 834596 found 30 bunkers 4'x6'x4', well fortified, made of logs, rocks and dirt, 9 bunkers mutually supporting, 21 bunkers on both sides of trail running in a direction of northeast for 150 Meters, three outside kitchens with 3 stoves, 100 pounds of rice in separate containers, state of rice, rough, 25 pounds of cooked rice, 15 pounds found wrapped in green leaves, 10 pounds found scattered through 5 bunkers, fresh vegetables for chow enough for 5 to 6 persons.

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Cooked rice and vegetables not more than 24 hours old, 8 vials of unknown medicine, 1 bottle of pills, unknown, 3 empty bottles of penicillin, 2 empty bottles of unknown medicine, 1 bottle of ointment 3/4 full, 1/2 bottle of gauze, 1 bottle dressing, old wrappings of gauze and cotton and three packages of medical gear, that are unknown. Also found 42-82 MM rounds, 6-82MM primers, 7 ChiComs, 3 fragmentation grenades, 1 Chinese AP mine, 4 empty AK magazines, 2-1 pound blocks of TNT, 1 U. S. entrenching tool, 2 machete blades, 1 NVA gas mask, 3 AK-47 pouches, 1/4th bottle of Sake, 1 mortar pit, 5' oval X 2' and 1/2 feet deep, fresh cut, 325 degree azimuth with 20 degree clearance each side, fresh citrus peelings no more than twenty four hours old, 1 package of sulphur pills; 100 in number, plastic casing of civilian type radio, empty C-ration cans, four trails running in all directions, 2 NVA bush covers, 1 NVA helmet, 2 NVA saddles, 1 U. S. Pack, 5 flashlight batteries, 2 blankets, 2 sweatshirts, 1 U. S. canteen cup. Age of bunker approximately 3 weeks old, some occupied within the last 24 hours. Patrol searched trail and destroyed all gear except medical supplies.

1550H Co. "D" at grid XD 833594 found three fighting holes, fortified, 2 Chi Com Claymores, 2 AK-47 magazines fully loaded, 1 U. S. Entrenching tool, holes one week old, occupied within the last 24 hours. Destroyed all gear and continued to search out the area.

1615H Co. "D" at grid XD 837597 found 17 fighting holes 8'X3'X2' spaced along the trail, running 100 meters in northwest direction, estimated 2 to 3 months old. Checked out area with negative results.

13 Jan 0800H Command Group Bravo activated and awaiting heli-lift to FSB Russell.

1030H BGen GARRETTSON arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1040H.

1125H Co. "C" commenced heli-lift to LZ Catapult at grid XD 826617.

1325H Co. "C" at grid 826617, the first bird of the heli-lift hit a booby trap in the LZ route

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resulting in one helicopter being downed.

1335H The one heli-team in the area is checking out the area for more booby traps so that the other helicopters can land.

1310H Co. "C" when the first bird with the landing team set down in the LZ the helicopter set off some type of mine that was activated by a trip wire. The explosion left the rear under side of the helicopter with shrapnel holes and damage to the blades. The heli- was damaged extensively enough that it can not be flown out of the LZ. Some men of the heli-team received shrapnel wounds, but none serious enough to be Medevaced. The crew was extracted after the incident with no casualties. Co. "C"'s one heli-team continued to clear the zone.

1350H Co. "D" at grid XD 834613 found 4 bunkers 8'X4'X5', 5 fighting holes 3'X2'X4' about 6 to 8 months old. About three months since last occupied. Searched out the area with negative results; all bunkers were destroyed.

1400H BGen GARRETSON arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1410H.

1415H Co. "D" at grid XD 829602 found 4 ChiComs, 20 medical vials, 2 silk parachutes, 2 NVA pouches, 1 pouch of tobacco, 1 NVA bush cover, 1 canteen cup U.S. type, 3 ground clothes, 2 pair of NVA trousers, 1 empty rice sack, 15 pound capacity, 1 battle dressing, 2 U.S. type canteens, cooking utensils, 2 NVA utility shirts, 2 pair of sandals, 1 U.S. bayonet, 1 U.S. utility cover, estimated 3 to 4 people bleeding profusely, fresh blood found no more than 5 to 6 hours old. People believed to hit by Artillery and are still moving in the area. Also found miscellaneous documents. The clothing found is not wearable and is believed to have been left behind by men carrying so they could move faster. Gear was riddled with shrapnel. Patrol continued to search out the area.

1435H Co. "C" heli-lift completed to LZ Catapult.

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1610H Co. "C" at Grid XD 825616 Reported mines having been recovered. Heli recovery team at "C" Co. position to evacuate downed helicopter.

1615H Col. GOGGIN arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1610H.

1725H Co. "D" at Grid XD 827606 found five reinforced bunkers 4'x4'x4', 5 fighting holes 3'x4', 1 NVA E-tool, 3 graves containing 3 bodies, 2 of which died within the last 6 to 7 hours, the third is less than 24 hours old. All three died as a result of shrapnel wounds; through their sides and back. Two bodies were wrapped in cloth and leaves with marker buried under a layer of dirt. One body wrapped in cloth, plastic and a bag over all, tied at both ends to seal. This grave was found by a tree, the initials "M". "D". were carved in the tree with arrow pointing down to the grave. This body believed to be an officer because of the care taken to preserve it and also because of the markings on the tree. The bunkers were destroyed, bodies were searched, no identification or markings were found. Bodies were reburied, and the patrol continued to search out the area.

14 Jan 0835H Co. "C" patrol at Grid 828617 was approximately 75 meters away from lines when point man set off trip wire to mine. The patrol was parallel to trail approximately 10 meters to the side of it. The mine was a D1-10 directional AP mine with a tension release booby trap device. The booby trap was set off approximately 7 meters off the trail aimed perpendicular to the trail. Ten meters further down the trail the patrol found another mine of the same type. This mine was aimed down the middle of the trail still intact. The patrol had two WIA from the first explosion.

1140H Co. "D" at Grid XD 830605 found 40-82mm mortar rounds not out of cannisters more than 24 hours. The patrol also found 7 cans of increments, 200 per can, 6 fuzes on ground, 15 fighting holes, 3'x5'x4', 6 fighting holes used in the last 1-2 days.

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The holes form 180 degree perimeter 75mm wide facing southerly direction. All the holes were two-three months old; partially dug mortar pits were aimed in the south east direction. The patrol also found 2 shelters 2-3 months old, used in the last 24 hours, with fresh leaves on each shelter. It had been occupied by 4 people. The patrol destroyed the shelters and rounds and continued the search.

1300H Co. "D" at Grid 827605 found 1 Chinese Claymore, 2-1 lb. blocks of TNT, 1 ChiCom, miscellaneous NVA clothing, 70 AK-47 rounds, 1 AK-47 magazine; 16 well fortified bunkers, the dimensions were 10'x5'x5' and made of logs and dirt. The bunkers were 2-3 months old and last occupied 2 months ago. The patrol destroyed the gear and bunkers and continued to search area.

1400H Bravo Command Group heli-lifted to FSB Russell

1500H Assumed OPCON of the following: KHE GIA-K 3/4 and 2/9 at Tsl and F 2/9 at 1415H (Ref. 141505H).

1530H Co. "C" at Grid XD 831627, patrol was hit by automatic fire and pulled back and noticed caves in rockpile. Patrol called in 60mm, 81 mm and Artillery missions. Also Huey gunships. Results 1 friendly KIA.

1614H Co. "A" patrol found at Grid XD 811580. 1 NVA Command Post area. Cooking area, bunkers have layers of logs and dirt. Found one radio antenna, base and pack board. Base made of aluminum and Nylon. Also found one medical pack board. Patrol continued to search area.

1610H Co. "A" Patrol at Grid XD 808579 found squad sized bunker complex. Bunkers facing North to Northwest direction. Also found radio parts and BA-30 Batteries. Bunkers were reinforced with logs and dirt, 4'x6', fighting holes were one month old. Patrol destroyed gear and positions, continued to search area.

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1715H Assumed OPCOM 2nd Platoon Company "A" 1/9 (Sparrow Hawk), Patrol at Grid XD 981553 to guard a downed helicopter CH-46 effective 141-715H (REF: 141919H).

2015H Co. "H&S" (-) at Grid XD 850593 had one NVA approach hole on perimeter. When challenged he threw a ChiCom and retreated. 81mm Mortars and Artillery were called in on the area with negative results.

- 15 Jan 1141H Dropped OPCOM of 2nd Platoon Co. "A" 1/9 to the Third Marine Division. (REF. 151141H).  
1722H Dropped OPCOM of Co. "K" 2/4 to parent unit and Co. "F" 2/9 to Task Force Hotel.
- 16 Jan 1315H BGen GARRETSON arrived at 1/4 position and departed at 1330h.
- 17 Jan 1935H Co. "D" at Grid XD 833626 found a cave complex and checked out caves. Found on the floor of 2 caves approximately 500 pounds of rice scattered on the cave floors. Rice was dropped hastily. Also found sleeping area inside to accommodate 10 persons. On razorback, crevices contained web matting in various places to fit 30 people. Also 30 "hooches" with a stove intact in each hooch. Also 13 cans of 82mm Mortar shot shell propellant, 12 to a can; 12 cans fuzes, point detonating for 82mm Mortar, 6 per can, 4 cans of propellants and increments for 82mm Mortar, 3 charges and 8 increments per can. Two old ChiCom grenades, 1 full canteen of oil, 5 shirts and one pair of NVA trousers; 5 large cooking pans; 5 bottles of pills of unknown kind and source, 1 pair of new green tennis shoes, with white laces, 1 NVA book on preparing hooches, 1 .50 Caliber tracer round, parts of a letter and a ticket or receipt. Search out area until dark, will continue search at first light.
- 18 Jan 1020H Col. GOGGIN, Commanding Officer 4th Marines; arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1030H.  
1500H BGen GARRETSON arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1525H.  
1520H Heli-lift of Alpha Command Group Commenced to LZ Catapult At grid XD 826617.

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1530H Command Group Alpha established at LZ Catapult.

1550H Heli-lift of Command Group Alpha Completed to LZ Catapult.

1720H Co. "D" at grid XD 830627 found, 3 NVA pa packs, 3 new NVA ponchos, 2 green-white blankets 1 bag of grain, 3 pair of trousers, 1 NVA shelters half, 1 tooth brush and paste, 1 can of powdered milk, 1 small bag of salt, 200 pounds of scattered rice, 4 ChiCom grenades, 2 pair of skivies, 2 rice bowls and one spoon, 5 cooking pots, 1 bag of salted chicken, 2 pouches of tobacco, 1 nylon rope 6' long, 2 pieces of parachute, 2 bars of soap, 3 NVA canteens, 2 NVA bush covers, 21-1 pound blocks of TNT, 2 NVA sweatshirts, 2 hammocks NVA type, 2 plastic bags, 1 NVA mosquito net, 25 AK-47 rounds, 1-RPG round with 16 scraps of paper, 57 over hanging caves, caves were 12' wide, 1' high and 15' deep, 3 large caves to accomodate approximately 10 persons, 7'X8'X18', 1 large entrance 8'X20', 1 battle dressing with blood stains, approximately 48 hours old. Patrol destroyed one cave and continued mission.

- 19 Jan 1045H BGen GARRETSON arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1100H
- 1200H Co. "H&S" (-) at grid found, 1-105MM shell, 256 fuzes, M-564 in sealed containers, all U. S. All gear was lifted to Vandegrift Combat base.
- 1455H Col. GOGGIN arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 1515H.
- 1935H Co. "A" at grid 6470 observed lights varying from 1-5 in number, red in color, lasting from 1-5 minutes.
- 2015H Co. "A" from FSB Neville, on an azimuth of 240 degrees at 21,000 meters, observed a string of lights moving southeast. Assumed to be a convoy in Laos.
- 20 Jan 0900H BGen GARRETSON arrived at 1/4's position and departed at 0945H.
- 1545H Co. "D" at grid XD 809641 found 18 boxes .50 caliber ammunition with 85 rounds in each box.

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1 plastic bag with 60 AK rounds, 1 canister for gas mask, 2 fighting holes, 3'x4'x3', 3-4 months old, NVA marker with 3 sticks in shape of Tee Pee with one stick running down center of three. Patrol destroyed gear and continued to search out area.

1815H Co. "H&S" (-) at Grid XD 831607 found 40 "A" frame bunkers, 4'x8'x5', reinforced with logs and dirt, searched area and found 600 pounds of rice, 100 pounds of salt, 4 ChiComs, 1 Chinese Claymore, 30 ft. detonating cord, 10 blasting caps, 100 ft of Green Comm wire. Patrol destroyed bunkers and explosives.

21 Jan 0800H Co. "B" at Grid XD 780639 spotted 2 NVA in the open, called in Arty, 60mm Mortars and fired M-79's with negative results.

1140H BGen GARRETTSON arrived 1/4's position and departed at 1200H.

1140H Co. "B" heli-lift to VCB commenced

1300H Co. "B" heli-lift completed to VCB, Co. "D" heli-lift commenced.

1420H Co. "D" heli-lift completed, Co. "C" heli-lift to VCB commenced.

1510H Co. "C" heli-lift completed to VCB, Co. "H&S" (-) and Alpha Command Group heli-lift commenced

1630H All lifts completed to VCB, Bn CP established at Vandegrift Combat Base.

22 Jan 0600H Co. "D" assumed reaction Force Platoon/Company (Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle).

1200H Assumed OPCON of "B", "C" and 2d Platoon "D" 1/9.

23 23 Jan 0800H Activated provisional platoon, from "H&S" Co. 1/4 awaiting heli-lift to Signal Hill for security

1115H Task Force Hotel assumed OPCON of "F" 2/4 from 4th Marines and passed OPCON to 1/4. Co. "D" 2d Platoon committed as Sparrow Hawk, reaction force chopped OPCON to 2/4.

1350H Co. "C" 1st Plt OPCON to "H&S" Co. III MAF (REF 221350Z) Co. "B" 1st Plt assumed duties of reaction PLT.

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1400H Dropped OPCON of 2nd Plt Co. "D"  
1/9 to 1/9.

1720H Co. "A" at Grid 904578 saw human  
body running through undergrowth. Fixed  
on it and saw second body fall from tree  
and run. Fired 60mm and M-79 with negative  
results.

0830H Co. "F", 2/4 dropped OPCON to 2/4

0600H 4th Marines assumed OPCON of Co. "D"  
1/9 and passes OPCON to 1/4 (REF 242340H)

0915 Co. "B"(-) lifted to FSB Fuller for  
security, Co. "C" 2nd Platoon assumed  
security at Khe Gia Bridge.

0930H Co. "B" heli-lift completed

1130H Co. "G" 2/4 chopped OPCON to 1/4  
(REF DTG 251130H)

1145H Co. "B" 1st Plt, inserted at Grid  
850648, Recon insert #69 chopped OPCON to  
1/4.

1500H Co. "D" and Plt extracted as Reaction  
Force (Sparrow Hawk) chopped OPCON from  
2/4 to 1/4 (REF 251515H)

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0830H 2nd Plt Co. "C" at Grid 026562 spot-  
ted 2 NVA in open at northwest edge of  
river, fired M-79's and 60mm Mortars. 1  
short round from 60mm Mortars resulted in  
6 friendly WIA's.

1400H Co. "I" of 3/4 chopped OPCON to  
1/4 and proceeded to TSL (REF 271805H).

1500H Co. "I" 3/4 chopped OPCON from TFH  
to 1/4. Heli-lift to Grid XD 895515.

1745H Co. "H&S" patrol at Grid 975479 saw  
1 NVA in the open. Searched area with  
negative results.

1800H Co. "G" relieved at TSL by Co. "L"  
3/4 and transported to VCB. Assumed Reac-  
tion Platoon/Company.

1939H Co. "I" 3/4 at Grid 896518 saw numer-  
ous light flashes in their area. Fired  
Arty and mortars.

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- 28 Jan 0830H Dropped OPCON of Co. "I" 3/4, 2nd Plt Co. "C" 1/9, Co. "B" 1/9 to 3/4 (REF 280019H)  
 1340H Co. "B" 1st Plt, 1/4 extracted from LZ Catapult to VCB.  
 1950H Co. "A" at FSB Neville observed 6-8 red-orange illum. Flares at azimuths of 4600, 4300, 4100. Called Artillery and Mortars.
- 29 Jan 1025H Reaction Platoon placed on stand-by.  
 1428H Col PHILLIPS, Base Coordinator, arrived 1/4's area  
 1525H Reaction platoon inserted at Grid XD 082733 dropped OPCON to 2/4.  
 1530H Col PHILLIPS arrived 1/4's position.  
 1624H Col PHILLIPS departed 1/4's position.
- 30 Jan 1145H Co. "C", 1/9 at Ca Lu had 9 BRU CHIEU HOI at their position. They were in turn released to an ITT Team from 4th Marines.  
 1300H Co. "G" 2/4 trucked from VCB to Con Thien and dropped OPCON to 2/4. 1st Plt "B" 1/4 security for Co. "G" convoy. Co. "D" 1/4 assumes Reaction Platoon/Company.  
 1625H Co. "B" 1st Plt arrived KHE GIA Bridge and assumed perimeter defense.  
 1850H Co. "C", 2nd Plt arrived VCB and assumed perimeter defense.
- 31 Jan 1610H Co. "K", 3/4 arrived at VCB and Chopped OPCON to 1/4. (REF. DTG 011030H).

3. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

NVA/KIA	25
NVA/POW	0
VC/KIA	0
VC/POW	0

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KIA	3
WIA	18
Non Hostile Deaths	0
DOW	0
NBC	88
MIA	0

5. TRAINING

a. During the month of January no training was conducted on the Battalion level due to operational commitments. Company level training was devoted to Map Reading and the use of the Compass, Maintenance of Weapons, individual equipment, and General Military Subjects.

b. All replacements recieved indoctrination briefings in accordance with the Battalion SOP for replacement training. Each replacement fired his T/O weapon for familiarization. During the latter part of January the 81MP Mortar Platoon conducted extensive training for new replacements.

6. FIRE SUPPORT.

During January the composition of the forward observer teams was changed with each team losing experienced enlisted men and receiving new personnel who required training. "B" Companies team improved when a new team leader was brought in. "A", "B" and "D" Companies went through the month with competent F. O.'s who continued to display good technique.

In the first three weeks of January the F. O. teams supported the 1st. Battalion, 4th Marines in operations sweeping from below the Nui Tia Pong to the D. M. Z. in the North. After that they were joined by OpCon units in giving Artillery support to Vandegrift Combat Base, Elliott Combat Base, Ca Lu, Fire Support Bases Cates, Neville, Russell, Fuller, Hill 950 and 691. F. O. teams also supported the Battalions " Sparrow Hawk" reaction force when they went into the D. M. Z.

All teams fired missions on active targets in January. For the "B", "C", and "D" teams, this was during fire fights with the enemy.

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Vegetation and terrain made surveillance incomplete, however there were three confirmed NVA/KIA and one secondary explosion by artillery.

The Artillery support given to the 1st. Battalion, 4th Marines in January significantly improved over that of previous months. This is accountable to the Regimental F. S. C. C. giving this Battalion responsibility for its own Sav-A-Plane when there was enemy contact. In such cases the Battalion mustered quicker fire support and with more continuity than before. It was possible for the first time in months to develop a coordinated Air and Artillery attack.

Improved fire support was also possible during most contact was within range of 81mm mortars. In contact the grid of Artillery fire was also forward on and 81mm Mortar mission. Mortar fire filled in the time gap until heavier fire could be employed on the enemy.

The area needing stress lies in insuring that the fire support exploitation of contact does not hamper ground movement and unit advancement. Some enemy contact may have been given over to supporting arms to the extent that they put ground advancement in check. All F. O. teams have been made aware of this potential problem and have been instructed to keep the F. S. C. C. better appraised of the nature of contact from the moment of contact; also they will stress F. O. techniques that will allow quicker ground exploitation.

#### Missions Fired in Support of 1st. Battalion, 4th, Marines

Adjusted	162 targets	3177 rounds
Prep Fires	69 Targets	1228 rounds
Illumination	1 target	3 rounds
H&I/TOT	904 targets	4177 rounds
** Sensing Devices	97 Targets	3016 rounds

\*\* Approximately for Sensing Device Targets.

#### 7. AIR SUPPORT

##### a. Fixed Wing.

(1) Close Air Support. Seven flights were run in the Battalion Area of Operations.

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- (2) Aerial Observers. Aerial observers were used nineteen times on area surveillance missions.
- (3) TPQ'S. Of all the TPQ'S requested in the 1st Bn. 4th Marine area of operation, 30 were hit.
- (4) Illumination. On one occasion during the month of January, illumination was used to assist in an emergency Medevac.

b. Helicopter Support.

(1) Troop Lifts.

- a. Battalion size lifts. 4  
b. Company size lifts. 9

(2) Medevacs.

- a. Emergency Medevacs 5  
b. Priority Medevacs 13  
c. Routine Medevacs 24  
d. Time lapse for medevacs  
(1) Emergency  $\frac{1}{2}$  Hour  
(2) Priority 2 Hours  
(3) Routine 5 Hours

- (3) C&C Flights. Twelve helicopter flights were used for Command and Liaison and Reconnaissance missions during the month of January.

- c. Comments. One problem that the Battalion Air Liaison Section faced during the month January was a scarcity in Transport Helicopters. This was due to aircraft availability problems within the supporting MAG, and also many days where weather and low ceilings prevented resupply. One item of interest was that the Battalion was given permission to conduct our own Artillery/Air Save-a-Plane on Battalion level. Working in coordination with the Battalion F30C. This allows more reliable and continuous support by Artillery and Air.

8. INTELLIGENCE. During the month of January the 1st Bn 4th Marines participated in operations Scotland II and defense of (VCE) Vandegrift Combat Base and other assigned positions within Northern I Corps Area.

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- a. Enemy. Contact with the enemy has been light. The majority has been in support of a delaying action against patrols nearing caches. However, squad and reinforced squad size elements have been sighted. Heavy trail activity has been noticed at various places north of LZ Catapult and throughout Cam Lo Valley. The enemy should have many logistics problems, as most of the material captured has been in excellent condition.
- b. Weather. The early part of the month produced some scattered showers and fog. Temperatures were in the high 70's and low 50's with winds variable at 5-10 knots. The middle of the month brought clear weather, with temperatures ranging from the high 80's to low 60's, with winds variable at 5-10 knots, this trend continues to date.
- c. Terrain. In the A.O., numerous hills and valleys with heavy canopy, are predominant. Hills are steep with crests from 300 to 900 meters. Small streams are numerous throughout the A.O.
- d. Enemy Equipment Captured Or Destroyed.

(1) Small Arms Ammo.

7.62mm Soviet Ammo	3,650 rounds.
AK-47 Ammo.	2,025 rounds.
50 Cal. Ammo.	8,360 rounds.

Mortar, Recoilless Rifle and Rocket Ammunition.

82mm mortar rds., propaganda rds.	13 rds.
82mm mortar rds.	1573 rds.
81mm mortar rds.	120 rds.
60mm mortar rds.	261 rds.
75 Recoilless Rifle rds.	300 rds.
82 Recoilless Rifle rds.	46 rds.
122 Rockets	3 rds.
122 Rocket Warheads	2 rds.
RPG-2 Rocket rds.	45 rds.

Weapons

RPG-2	1
AK-47	2
AK-50	1

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Chinese Anti-Tank Mines	100
Chinese Anti-Personal Mines	8
Chinese Claymores	12
82mm Arming Devices	150 cans
ChiCom Booby Trap Devices	50
82mm Fuzes 250	250
82mm Primers	20
82mm Increments	310
ChiCom Grenades	30
RPG Increments	50
Detonating cord	40 feet

Medical Supplies

Battle Dressings	120
Sulfur	12 bottles
Penicillin	4 bottles

Food Supplies

Rice	51 Tons
Salt	350 Pounds

9. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE. All psychological warfare operations were conducted by higher echelon.
10. CIVIL AFFAIRS. No Civil affairs Activities were conducted by this Battalion during the month of January.
11. COMMUNICATIONS.
- Message Center. The Message Center Section is deployed at two locations. The rear in Quang Tri is responsible for the acquisition of Classified Codes from 3rd Marine Division, as well as distribution of Classified and Unclassified traffic to the administrative offices at that location. The Vandegrift Message Center is responsible for the distribution of Shackle Sheets/ Authentication Codes to the tactical units and also to collect unclassified traffic from Regimental Headquarters for the Commanding Officers Daily Read Board.
  - Radio. Radio transmission is still the primary means of communications in the Tactical situation.

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Relay stations on FSB Fuller, FSB Neville, FSB Mack, and FSB Russell, were essential in establishing continuous communications throughout the month of January of the tactical net. Stations located at Vandegrift and Quang Tri provided reliable communications for the administrative and supply traffic. Log Periodic Antennas were used for long distance Line of Sight Communications and were ideal for static FSB deployment. The field stripped, OMNI directional 292 Antennas were most practical for the widely dispersed units and gave more reliable communications than the Log Periodic System from the majority of Command Post Locations.

- c. Covered Circuits. The KY-38/PRC-77 was used extensively with positive results on the Regimental Tactical Net. The Battalion received it's T/E requirement of KY-38 Cypher units and KY-28 Cypher Keying units this month. Initially 3 KY-38 units proved defective after one day's use each. The problem has not been resolved as yet.
- d. Wire. The wire section maintains 4 SB/22 units, two at Vandegrift and two at Quang Tri. The Switchboard at Quang Tri is in constant use where the one at Vandegrift is guarded only when the Battalion is located at Vandegrift Combat Base. Hot lines to the Combat Operations Center are utilized when the Command Group is not at Vandegrift Combat Base. Field wire loops are employed as needed in the defensive perimeter when the Command Group is in a tactical position.
- e. Electronics Repair. This section continues to provide second echelon maintenance from it's static position at Quang Tri. A projected future move is planned for an alternate shop to be constructed at Vandegrift to bring the required repair facilities closer to the deployed Battalion.
- f. Radio Relay. There was no use for this section during the month of January.
- g. Critical Shortages. Modules for the AN.FRC-25 remain in a critical status. In particular, they are as follows: A-1, A-2, A-5, A-9, A-10, A-25. There are no replacement parts available for the transmitter elements for the EE-8 or Transmitter/Receiver elements for the H-189. There are no Preventative Maintenance report sheets available in the tech shop. Testing gear and meters for the tech. shop, such as ME-25/A and UG-255 and URM 438 are also unavailable at this time.

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- h. Equipment Repairs. Maintenance repairs for the month of January are as follows.

<u>Item</u>	<u>No.</u>
RT-505	21
H-189	22
H-138	9
EE-8	5
TA-312	3

i. LOGISTICS

a. Supply

- (1) Class I. All Class I was drawn at Vandegrift Combat Base in support of operations. The Battalion Mess Hall, served "A" rations twice daily at Vandegrift Combat Base. While the battalion was on Fire Support Base, Russell and Neville, the mess hall served one hot every other day, weather permitting.
- (2) Class II. Battalion Supply operating at Quang-Tri with FLSG-B as the service of supply. Class II supply tents remain at Vandegrift to cut time lost in transfer of cargo from Quang-Tri to Vandegrift. Shortages in the following items were experienced during this period.
  - nozzles, covers (water buffalo)
  - holsters, hip .45 cal.
- (3) Class III. Class III was adequate at Vandegrift.
- (4) Class IV. Class IV. was adequate at Vandegrift.
- (5) Class V. Class V. was adequate at Vandegrift.

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b. Transportation

- (1) Organic. During this month the M-151A1, M-274A2, and the M-37B1 were used for resupply and administrative runs at Vandegrift and Quang-Tri.
- (2) Support. Division. Motor Transport arranged transportation of Class II supplies and Personnel Quang-Tri to Vandegrift. Division Embarkation coordinated several lifts of troops and supplies from Quang-Tri to out lying fire base. 3rd Motor Transport Battalion supported the battalion on a daily basis.

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c. Engineer Support. Engineer Support Teams provided the battalion with demolition capabilities.

13. PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Average Monthly Strength

USMC		USN	
OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
39	1100	2	52

Friendly casualties sustained

KIA	3
WIA	18
Non- Hostile Deaths	0
DOW	0
NBC	88
MIA	0

Personnel and Administration.

Personnel Losses and Gains

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
LOSSES				
Battle	0	18	0	0
Non-Battle	0	5	0	0
Administrative	7	75	0	14
TOTAL	7	98	0	14
GAINS	1	139	0	14

Awards. During the reporting period 4 Bronze Stars, 2 Navy Comm, 1 Navy Achievement, 8 Purple Hearts, and 24 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry were presented. The following type awards were processed recommending approval:

Silver Star	1
Bronze Star	6
Navy Commendation	6
Navy Achievement	35
Purple Heart	21
VCG	0

Discipline. The number of disciplinary cases acted upon or pending action are as follows:

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COURTS-MARTIALS ADMIN. DISCHARGES/INVESTIGATIONS

Art 32 - Pending	0
Spl Court - Pending	6
Spl Court - Completed	3
Summary Court - Pending	1
Summary Court - Completed	0
Admin Discharge	1

Non - Judicial Punishments

Battalion Commander	4
Company Commander	15

Morale continued to be high. This Battalion utilized 24 quotas for In-Country R&R. Out-of-country R&R quotas utilized for the month were; Bangkok 19; Hawaii 19; Hong Kong 13; K.L. 4; Manila 2; Penang 2; Singapore 2; Okinawa 4; Sydney 17; Taipei 9; Tokyo 6; During the month 1 First Lieutenant was promoted to Captain, 1 Staff Sergeant was promoted to Gunnery sergeant, 80 Lance Corporals were promoted to Corporal 91 Privates First Class were promoted to Lance Corporal, and 7 Privates were promoted to Private First Class. Two Lance Corporals were meritoriously promoted to Corporal, 1 Corporal was meritoriously promoted to Sergeant, 2 Sergeants were meritoriously promoted to Staff Sergeant, and 1 Staff Sergeant was meritoriously promoted to Gunnery Sergeant.

14. RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Spiritual coverage was provided for the Battalion during the month of January in the field and at our rear. A total of 19 Protestant Services were conducted by the Battalion Chaplain with an attendance of 684 and 393 taking communion. Seven Catholic Masses were given by Chaplain Carr (4th) with a total attendance of 296. Three Memorial Services were conducted by the Battalion Chaplain with 192 attending. Four Services were conducted by the Battalion Chaplain for other units at Vandegrift Combat Base with 64 attending. The Battalion Chaplain was on R and R from 5 January to 14 January in Hawaii. One marine was Baptized, numerous counseling cases, answering letters from concerned families, and notifying servicemen of casualties in their families were accomplished during this month.

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Hospitals and hospital ships were visited and mail given to the members of this Battalion by the Chaplain. One Platoon on duty at 3 MAF was visited and mail given to them.

15. MEDICAL AND DENTAL AFFAIRS

1. The total number of visits to the Battalion Aid Station during the month of January was 2051.
2. Prevalent medical entities encountered were:
 

Gonorrhoea	11	Rat Bites	5
Diarrhea	228	FUO	3
Malaria	5	Dermatological Conditions	395
URI	67	Heat Casualties	10
NP Disorders	13	NSU	1
3. All suspected and confirmed cases of Venereal disease were given an STS in accordance with MANNED 22-18 and the results entered in the individual's health record.
4. A total of 124 patients were referred to 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, (Rein) FMF. Of those referred, the following were consults:

Dental	75
Ophthalmology	3
ENT	4
Urology	119
Internal Medicine	11
surgical	12

Patients requiring further consultation were referred from 3rd Medical Battalion to the following medical facilities;

NSA, DaNang	14
USS Sanctuary	5
USS Repose	4

5. The following is breakdown of casualties encountered for the month:

KIA	3
WIA	18
MIA	0
NHD	00
DOW	0
NBC	88

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6. Weekly malaria prophylaxis was continued with the use of Chloroquineprimaquine tablets in the battalion area rear. Daily malaria prophylaxis was continued with the use of Dapsone in conjunction with weekly use of Chloroquine-primaquine in battalion forward areas. Personnel from all areas in the rear were mustered daily and given Dapsone.
7. Sanitation inspections were held daily, and weekly in accordance with art. P6000.4D in the Battalion area (Vandegrift Combat Base, and Quang Tri). Sanitary facilities, at present time are considered adequate.
8. Two Battalion Aid Stations were maintained during the month of January. A forward BAS consisting of a Battalion Surgeon and eight hospital corpsman located at Vandegrift Combat Base and a secondary BAS located at Quang TRI, consisting of nine hospital Corpsman. All injuries and Malaria encountered were treated by the line company corpsman, and when required, casualties were transferred for further treatment. No serious delays were encountered in resupply or evacuation during this period.
9. Forward echelons of Company "C" & "H&S" Co. received smallpox, Cholera Gamma Globulin and plague which accounted for 499 immunizations.
10. Lectures are given regularly at both Battalion Aid Stations.

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PART IV  
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓1. JOURNAL ENTRIES *Filed Sep*
- ✓2. 4TH. MARINES OPERATION # 11-68
- ✓3. FIRST BATTALION FOURTH MARINES, OPERATION # 10-68  
(CONTINUATION OF SCOTLAND II)
- ✓4. MAPS SHEETS, 6342 I, 6342 II, 6342 III, 6342 IV,  
SERIES L 7014
- ✓5. OVERLAY OF AO EFFECTIVE 051200H JAN 1969
- ✓6. OVERLAY OF AO EFFECTIVE 221430H JAN 1969
- ✓7. OVERLAY OF AO EFFECTIVE 221600 JAN 1969
- ✓8. OVERLAY OF AO EFFECTIVE 251700H JAN 1969
- ✓9. OVERLAY OF AO EFFECTIVE 252000H JAN 1969
- ✓10. OVERLAY OF AO EFFECTIVE 280800H JAN 1969
- ✓11. OVERLAY OF AO EFFECTIVE 281040H JAN 1969
- ✓12. OVERLAY OF AO EFFECTIVE 300800H JAN 1969

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OPERATION PLAN 11-68

A. MAP: VIETNAMS 1:50,000, 6341 I, 6342 IV, SERIES L7014

B. CURRENT COI (3D MARDIV)

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION:

4TH MARINES (-)

COL M. J. SEXTON

1ST BN, 4TH MARINES

LTCOL G. T. SARGENT JR.

3D BN, 4TH MARINES (-)

LTCOL W. A. DONALD

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES

(1) TASK FORCE BRAVO OPERATES IN AO TO THE EAST.

(2) 9TH MARINES OPERATES IN AO TO THE SOUTH.

(3) ARTILLERY

(A) 3RD BN, 12TH MARINES DS.

(B) 12TH MARINES PROVIDES GS REINFORCING FIRES.

(4) 1ST MAW PROVIDES FIXED/ROTARY WING SUPPORT AS

REQUIRED.

(5) RECONNAISSANCE/SURVEILLANCE

(A) 3RD RECON BN. GS.

(B) AO'S ON STATION DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. ON

CALL DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS.

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(6) ELEMENTS OF CO. A (-), 3RD ENGR. BN. DS.

2. MISSION. ON ORDER CONDUCT SWEEP OPERATIONS GENERALLY ALONG THE AXIS OF THE SUOI TIEN HIEN RIVER. FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, POSITIONS, CACHES AND DENY ENEMY THE USE OF TERRAIN.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS:

(1) ON D-DAY ONE COMPANY OF THE THIRD BN (-)(REIN) MOVES OVERLAND, SEIZES AND CLEARS THE HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE ON OBJ. 1.

(2) AT L-HOUR, THE REMAINDER OF THE THIRD BN. (-) HELILIFTS TO OBJ. 1 AND THE FIRST BN. (-)(REIN) HELILIFTS TO OBJ. 4 SIMULTANEOUSLY.

(3) OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AND EXTENSIVE PATROLLING WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM THESE INITIAL OBJECTIVES WITHIN EACH BN. ZONE OF ACTION, WITH SUBSEQUENT ATTACKS TO OBJECTIVES 3 AND 6 ON ORDER.

B. THIRD BN. (-)(REIN), 4TH MARINES. ON D-DAY SEIZE OBJECTIVE 1 WITH ONE COMPANY ATTACKING OVERLAND FROM LZ WINCHESTER. UPON SEIZURE THE REMAINDER OF THE BN. (-) HELILIFTS TO THAT OBJECTIVE, CONDUCTS OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS TO THE SOUTH AND WEST, PREPARED TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS TO OBJECTIVE 3 ON ORDER.

C. FIRST BN. (-)(REIN), 4TH MARINES. AT L-HOUR ON

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D-DAY HELILIFT TO SEIZE OBJECTIVE 4. CONDUCT OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS TO THE NORTHEAST AND NORTHWEST INCLUDING OBJECTIVE 2, PREPARED TO CONTINUE ATTACK TO OBJECTIVE 6 ON ORDER.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) TENTATIVE D-DAY 28 DEC 1968, TENTATIVE L-HOUR 1000H.
- (2) EACH BN. BE PREPARED TO EFFECT RIVER CROSSINGS TO REINFORCE OR EXPLOIT CONTACTS OF ADJACENT BN.
- (3) NORMAL SITREPS AND SPOTREPS REQUIRED.
- (4) SUBMIT AIR AND ARTILLERY PREP REQUIREMENTS DAILY.
- (5) MAINTAIN THE CAPABILITY IN EACH COMPANY NOT OPERATING IN THE VICINITY OF HLZ'S TO OPEN AREAS SUITABLE FOR THE RECEIPT OF EXTERNAL HELICOPTER LOADS AND THE EVACUATION OF CASUALTIES.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. SUPPLY

- (1) SOURCE - VCB
- (2) PRESCRIBED LOAD (AS DIRECTED) TO INCLUDE 20 SANDBAGS PER MARINE, DAPZONE AND WATER PURIFICATION TABLETS.
- (3) RESUPPLY
  - (A) HELICOPTER
  - (B) ONE DAYS NOTICE ON RESUPPLY. REQUESTS TO INCLUDE LZ LOCATION.
- (4) MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF LOCAL WATER AND HALIZONE.

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(5) CARGO NETS TO BE RETURNED ON THE LAST RE-SUPPLY HELICOPTER USING EACH LZ.

B. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION:

(1) BY HELICOPTER TO 3RD MED BN. QUANG TRI OR C CO. 3RD MED BN. AT VCB.

(2) TAKE MAXIMUM ANTI-MALARIA AND HEAT CASUALTY MEASURES.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS:

A. NORMAL PROCEDURES.

B. EACH CO. CARRY A LIGHT 292 ANTENNA (TOP SECTION ONLY) AND 5 DAYS RESUPPLY OF BATTERIES.

C. EACH BN. MAINTAIN A CYPHER CAPABILITY AND CARRY A SPARE KY-38.

D. REPORT ALL CHANGES OF CP LOCATIONS AND SUBMIT POSITIONS OF MOVING COMBATANT UNITS EACH HOUR.

E. 4TH MARINES FORWARD CP INITIALLY LOCATED AT FSB FULLER.

F. ALL REPORTS WILL COME TO "A" CP LOCATED AT FSB FULLER.

G. THIS PLAN EFFECTIVE ON RECEIPT FOR PLANNING EFFECTIVE ON ORDER FOR EXECUTION.

✓ ANNEX A - OPERATIONS OVERLAY

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 OPERATION ORDER # 10- 68 ( CONTINUATION - ~~LANCASTER II~~ SCOTLAND II )

- A. MAPS, VIETNAM, 1: 50,000, 6341 I, 6341 IV, L 7014
- B. CURRENT COI ( 3rd MARINE DIVISION)
- C. FOURTH MARINES OPERATION ORDER # 11- 68

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION

1st BN, 4th MARINES	COL SARGENT
COMPANY "A"	CAPT RUSSUM
COMPANY "B"	CAPT FRY
COMPANY "C"	1/LT HERRON
COMPANY "D"	1/LT GYPIN
H&S COMPANY	1/LT BROULETTE
GOLF BTRY, 3rd BN, 12th MARINES	
DET, COMPANY "A", 3rd ENGR BN	
DET, 3rd SHORE PARTY BN	
DETSQUAD DOG PLT, 3rd MP BN	

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES

- (1) SEE ANNEX A ( INTELLIGENCE ANNEX)
- (2) SPECIAL BRIEFING TBA

B. FRIENDLY FORCES

- (1) TASK FORCE BRAVO IN AO TO THE EAST
- (2) 9th MARINES OPERATE IN AO TO THE SOUTH
- (3) RECON SURVEILLANCE IN AO TO THE WEST
- (4) 3rd BN, 4th MARINES OPERATES TO NORTH OF SUOI TIEN HIEN AS PART OF OPERATION
- (5) ARTILLARY
  - (a) GOLF, 3rd BN, 12th MARINES PROVIDE DS
  - (b) 12th MARINES PROVIDE MS
- (6) AIR SUPPORT
  - (a) 1st MARINE AIRCRAFT WING PROVIDES FIXED/ ROTARY WING SUPPORT AS REQUIRED
- (7) RECONNAISSANCE/ SURVEILLANCE
  - (a) 3rd RECON BATTALION GS
  - (b) AO ON STATION DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, ON CALL DURING DARKNESS
- (8) ELEMENTS OF "A" COMPANY, 3rd ENGR BN, DS

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS

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## 2. MISSION

ON ORDER CONDUCT HELIBORNE ASSULT INTO ASSIGNED LANDING ZONES (SEE ANNEX B) AND CONDUCT SWEEP IN DESIGNATED AO. FIND, FIX, AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, POSITIONS, CACHES AND DENY ENEMY THE USE OF THE TERRAIN.

## 3. EXECUTION

- A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS -- ON D- 2 LAND ONE RIFLE COMPANY, <sup>three</sup> ONE SECTION 81 MM MORTERS AND APPROPRIATE COMMUNICATION PERSONNEL EQUALLY AMONG FSB NEVILLE, RUSSELL, AND MACK. AT L HOUR ON D DAY LAND THREE RIFLE COMPANIES AND H&S COMPANY (-) ON LZ'S DELTA AND CHARLIE. ON ORDER MOVE ONE RIFLE COMPANY IN NORTHWEST DIRECTION; ONE TO THE NORTH AND ONE TO THE SOUTHEAST DIRECTION.
- B. COMPANY "A"
- (1) ON D DAY LAND AND DEFEND WITH ONE PLATOON EACH; FSB NEVILLE, RUSSELL, AND MACK.
  - (2) CONDUCT EXTENSIVE LOCAL PATROLLING IN AREAS OF EACH FS BASE
  - (3) COMPANY COMMAND GROUPS TO BE ON FSB NEVILLE TO PROVIDE NECESSARY COMMUNICATION RELAY FOR THE BATTALION.
- C. COMPANY "B"
- (1) ON D DAY LAND ON LZ CHARLIE AND ON ORDER MOVE TO THE NORTH AND SEIZE BN OBJ D.
  - (2) ON ORDER BE PREPARED TO MOVE IN A SOUTHWEST DIRECTION.
- D. COMPANY "C"
- (1) ON D DAY LAND ON LZ CHARLIE AND COMMENCE RAPID IMPROVMENT OF SAME.
  - (2) ON ORDER MOVE IN A NORTHWEST DIRECTION TO SEIZE REGT OBJ 2.
  - (3) WESTERN BOUNDRY IS SOUL TIEN HIEN RIVER.
- E. COMPANY "D"
- (1) D DAY LAND LZ DELTA AND SECURE AREA.
  - (2) ON ORDER MOVE AND SEIZE REGT OBJ 6
  - (3) BE PREPARED TO MOVE IN A SOUTHWEST DIRECTION ON ORDER.
- F. H&S CO (-)
- (1) ON D DAY LAND LZ DELTA AND PROVIDE NECESSARY SECURITY. BE PREPARED TO DISPLACE ON ORDER.
  - (2) 81 MM MORTER PLATOON (-)
    - (1a) ON D DAY - 2 LAND ONE SECTION EACH ON FSB NEVILLE, RUSSELL AND MACK.
  - (3) 106 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE PLATOON (-)
    - (1a) ON D DAY LAND THREE SECTIONS MINUS GUNS ON LZ DELTA
    - (1b) ASSUME MISSION OF CP SECURITY
    - (1c) BE PREPARED TO DISPLACE ON ORDER
- G. GOLF BRTY, 3rd BN, 12th MARINES
- (1) L-4<sup>30</sup> HOURS CONDUCT LZ PREP AND SURROUNDING AREA
  - (2) BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT OPERATION ON ORDER

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- (1) LAND ON LZ CHARLIE WITH COMPANY "C" PROVIDE HST SUPPORT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE LIFT
- (2) LZ CHARLIE TEAM IS ATTACHED TO COMPANY "C" AND LZ DELTA TEAM IS ATTACHED TO COMMAND GROUP "A"

I. DET "A" CO, 3rd ENGINEER BATTALION

- (1) ATTACH ONE TEAM PER RIFLE COMPANY AND ONE TO COMMAND GROUP "A"
- (2) PROVIDE DEMOLITION SUPPORT AND LANDING ZONE CLEARING CAPABILITY

J. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) D- DAY 28 DEC 68
- (2) L - HOUR 1000 HOURS
- (3) SEQUENCE OF LANDING - COMPANY "C" LZ CHARLIE, COMPANY "D" LZ DELTA COMPANY "B" LZ CHARLIE, COMMAND GROUP "A" LZ DELTA.
- (4) USE MAXIMUM SECURITY AND COMMUNICATION DURING MOVEMENT. EMPHASIZE PATIENCE AND CHOW DISCIPLINE.
- (5) EMPHASIZE CONTINUOUS CAMOUFLAGE AND DISPERSION OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT
- (6) MAXIMUM EFFORT WHILE IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON DIGGING IN.
- (7) THRUST POINTS
  - (a) CARS 8458
  - (b) MAGAZINE 8452
  - (c) SPORTS 8756
  - (d) TREES 9053
- (8) MAXIMUM EFFORT SHOULD BE PLACED ON COLLECTING INTELLIGENCE DATA
- (9) SPOT REPORTS DUE ON OCCURENCE. DAY AND NIGHT ACTS DUE IMMEDIATLY UPON ASSUMING NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.
- (10) ALL UNITS EMPHASIZE PROPER ORIENTATION AND LOCATION OF UNITS TO REDUCE POSSIBILITY OF INJURIES TO FRIENDLY UNITS BY SUPPORTING ARMS AND SMALL ARMS FIRE.
- (11) ORGANIC FAC PERSONNEL WILL ACT AS AIR SENTRY AND CHECK ALL FIRE OF WEAPONS THAT WILL ENDANGER SAFE FLIGHTS SHOULD AIRCRAFT BE ENDANGERED.
- (12) MAXIMUM ADHERANCE TO ANNEX C ( HELICOPTER EMBARKATION PLAN) WILL BE FOLLOWED.
- (13) USE AIR PANELS AND/OR SMOKE FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES AND FOR WORKING WITH HELICOPTERS
- (14) RIFLE COMPANIES CARRY CS GRENADES
- (15) DO NOT DESTROY ENEMY EQUIPMENT OR FOOD WITHOUT AUTHORITY THIS HEADQUARTERS
- (16) BE PREPARED TO EFFECT RIVER CROSSINGS TO REINFORCE OR EXPLOIT CONTACTS OF ADJACENT BATTALION
- (17) SOUTH BANK OF SUOI TIEN HIEN RIVER IS NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF A0 WESTERN BOUNDRY ALSO SUOI TIEN HIEN.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

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A. SUPPLY

- (1) PRESCRIBED LOAD - AS REQUIRED TO INCLUDE FIVE MEALS MCI, HALIZONE DAPZONE, AND SALT TABLETS, INSECT REPELLENT, EXTRA PAIR OF SOCKS IN COVERBAG, AND FIELD PROTECTIVE MASK, SMOKE GRENADES, TWENTY SANDBAGS PER MAN.

(2) RESUPPLY

- (a) RESUPPLY REQUESTS WILL BE SUBMITTED BY 1330H THE DAY PRIOR TO THE DAY OF DELIVERY. REQUEST TO CONTAIN LZ LOCATION.

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- (b) EMERGENCY RESUPPLY REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ANYTIME  
 (c) ON D PLUS 1 SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR RESUPPLY  
 (d) MAXIMUM USE OF DISPOSABLE PLASTIC CONTAINERS WILL BE MADE BY ALL UNITS. USE LOCAL WATER AND HALZONE.  
 (e) ENSURE THAT CARGO NETS ARE RETURNED WITH SAME HELICOPTER THAT BROUGHT THEM. NONE WILL BE LEFT BEHIND WITHOUT THE EXPRESS CONSENT OF THIS HEADQUARTERS.  
 (f) COMMANDERS WILL ENSURE THAT NO EQUIPMENT, RATIONS OR ORDNANCE IS LEFT BEHIND.

B. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

- (1) EXERCISE PREVENTIVE MEDICINE MEASURES TO PRECLUDE HEAT CASUALTIES  
 (2) TAKE MAXIMUM MEASURES TO PREVENT MALARIA  
 (3) NORMAL MEDICAL EVACUATION PROCEDURES WILL BE FOLLOWED  
 (4) ONLY M-16'S AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE EVACUATED WITH MEDIVAC. DO NOT EVACUATE PISTOLS OR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

C. PERSONNEL

- (1) CASUALTY REPORTING WILL BE MADE IMMEDIATELY UPON INCIDENT OR FOLLOWING MEDIVAC IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT DIRECTIVES

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- A. THE FOLLOWING CALL SIGNS WILL BE ADDED TO THE PRESENT COI  
 (1) FSB NEVILLE            ANDREW NOVEMBER  
 (2) FSB RUSSELL            ANDREW ROMEO  
 (3) FSB MACK                ANDREW MIKE  
 (4) FSB FULLER             ANDREW MOUNTAIN
- C. MAXIMUM USE OF THE ANTENNA AS- 223 G/ GRC ( LOG PERIODIC) WILL BE USED AT EACH OF THE THREE FSB'S QUANG TRI, VCB, AND COMMAND GROUP "A"
- D. EACH COMPANY CARRY TWO PRE- CUT FIELD EXPEDIENT ANTENNA ( GURKA) AND  $\frac{1}{2}$  WAVE LENGTH WIRE CUT TO BN FREQUENCY AND A LIGHT 292 ANTENNA ( TOP SECTION ONLY)
- E. COMMAND GROUP "A" WILL USE AN/PRC -77/ KY 38 TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS ON THE REGT TACTICAL NET.
- F. AUTHENTICATION AND NUMBERING CODES (KAC-~~000~~ 511-512) AND BREVITY CODE FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY WILL BE CARRIED BY ALL UNITS
- G. EACH COMPANY CARRY A FIVE DAY SUPPLY OF BATTERIES
- H. REPORT POSITIONS OF ALL MOVING UNITS HOURLY. REPORT CP LOCATION WHEN ESTABLISHED AND CLOSED
- I. THE FOLLOWING SMOKE AND PYROTECHNIC SIGNALS WILL BE IN EFFECT  
 (1) WHITE            MARKING OF ENEMY POSITIONS  
 (2) RED              AREAS NOT SECURE, NOT SAFE TO LAND  
 (3) VIOLET/ GREEN    AREA SECURE, SAFE TO LAND  
 (4) YELLOW          MARKING OF FRIENDLY POSITIONS  
 IF PROPER SMOKE IS NOT AVAILABLE POP ANY COLOR AND ASK FOR AUTHENTICATION OF COLOR

*G. T. Sargent*

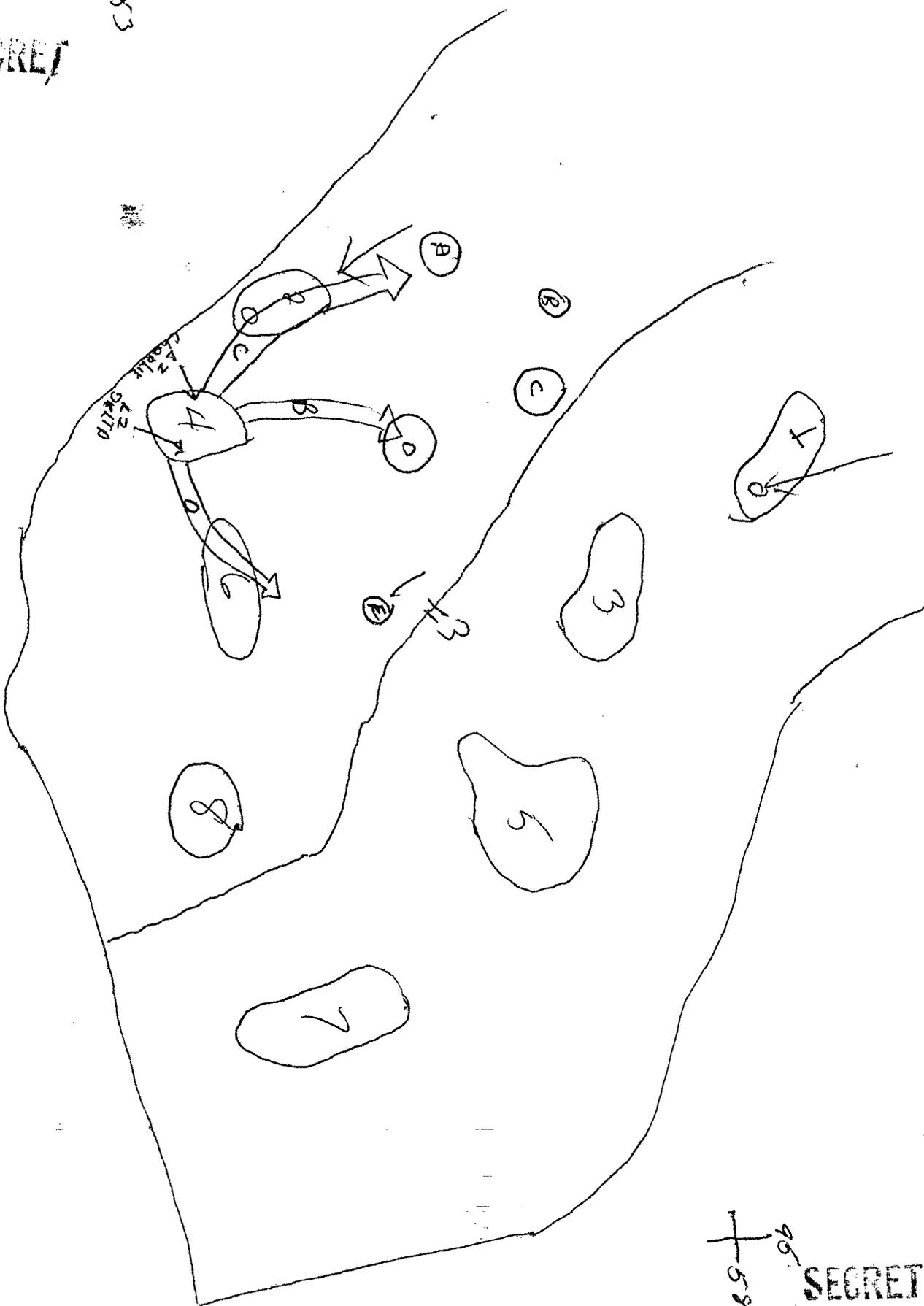
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 LIEUTENANT COLONEL, U.S. MARINE CORPS  
 COMMANDING

ANNEX "A"            INTELLIGENCE  
 ANNEX "B"            OPERATION OVERLAY  
 ANNEX "C"            HELICOPTER EMBARKATION PLAN

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Numbered obj's - Ref T obj's  
Littered obj's - Bu obj's



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Answer B

CONFIDENTIALANNEX "C"HELICOPTER EMBARKATION PLAN**SECRET**PURPOSE

TO PROVIDE AN EASY, FAST, EFFICIENT SYSTEM FOR EMBARKING HELITEAMS FOR THE OPERATION. HELITEAMS WILL BE CONSECUTIVELY LIFTED IN NUMERICAL ORDER

PROCEDURE

1. ALL UNITS WILL EMPLOY A SYSTEM WHEREAS ALL READY AND STANDBY POINTS (SEE ENCLOSURE 1) ARE OCCUPIED AT ALL TIMES
2. STAGE YOUR UNIT IN ASSEMBLY AREA. AS STANDBY POINTS BECOME AVAILABLE FILL THEM IN THE ORDER YOU WANT HELITEAMS LIFTED
3. WHILE OCCUPYING THE STANDBY POINT AND WHEN READY POINT THE SAME NUMERICAL DESIGNATION BECOMES AVAILABLE MOVE HELOTEAMS TO THEM.
4. WHEN HELICOPTER LANDS AT ASSIGNED READY POINT EMBARK IT
5. HELITEAMS WILL BE LIFTED IN NUMERICAL SEQUENCE 1 THROUGH 8 WITHOUT A BREAK IN NUMERICAL SEQUENCE BETWEEN DIFFERENT UNITS.
6. ALL STANDBY AND READY POINTS WILL BE OCCUPIED REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF HELICOPTERS AVAILABLE.

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VCB Landing Strip

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

ASSEMBLY AREA

DIRT ROAD

O - Ready Point

X - Standby Point

2/9 AREA

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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Encl: (.) Maps: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheets 6342 I, II, & IV  
Pictomap, 1:25,000, Sheets 6342 IS, IVS, & IIN  
(2) Trail and Bunker Overlay

1. Code Name: Operation Scotland II
2. Dates of Operations: 28 September 1968
3. Locations: Quang Tri Province, RVN
4. S-2 Task Organizations:

a. CP Group

2/Lt. G.W. JACOBSON	S-2 Officer
SSgt P.F. STARRETT	S-2 Chief
Cpl D.E. COOPER	S-2 Assistant

b. Company A - No attachments

c. Company B -

Cpl J.E. KEIR	S-2 Scout
L/Cpl H.P. SORENSEN	S-2 Scout
SSgt N.M. KINH	Interpreter
Pvt HIEN	KC Scout
Pvt VINH	KC Scout

d. Company C

Cpl J.Z. SELLS	S-2 Scout
L/Cpl G. A. Felty	S-2 Scout
Sgt P.B. TRUNG	Interpreter
Cpl L.V. QUANG	KC Scout
Pvt AI-TANG	KC Scout

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## e. Company D

L/Cpl J.X. MILLER	S-2 Scout
L/Cpl R.J. O'BRIEN	S-2 Scout
SSgt CHONG	Interpreter
Pvt H.D. TAT	KC Scout
Pvt P.V. DUONG	KC Scout

5. Terrain

The AO is characterized by rugged irregular ridgelines with numerous draws running in all directions. Tien Hien creek serves as our NW and NE boundary while Giang Thoan creek serves as the SW and southern boundary. We can expect many small feeder streams running from within our AO into these larger boundary streams.

We will generally follow a descending ridgeline as we go SE and east to Nui Tia Pong. The elevation drops off sharply between objectives 6 and 8. To the north and south of this ridgeline there are numerous fingers jutting out with steep draws separating the fingers. There is secondary high ground on some of the fingers before the elevation drops off sharply into the more prominent draws.

There will be heavy forest throughout the AO except in the river valleys where the vegetation will thin out some.

The known trails in the area will run perpendicular to our route of advance, as shown on the trail overlay.

6. Enemy Situation

There are no known enemy units in the area. The trails in this area serve as infiltration routes from the north to the south. The recent rocket incoming into VCB probably resulted from NVA units coming down through this area into the Dong Ca Tu - Hill 7.5 area.

There are numerous old NVA fortifications and mortar pits within a .,000 meter radius of Nui Tia Pong.

There have been no recon or other friendly units in the area in the recent past. AO sightings have been nil in our portion of the operation, but there have been a few signs of trail activity in 3/4's area.

G. W. JACOBSON

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