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Encl: (1) Command Chronology for Oct 1968

1. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c), enclosure (1) is hereby submitted.

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a. 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

b. 1-3 Oct the 3rd Battalion (-) displaced to Camp Carroll to commence Operation "Thon Bang Son", OFCON to the 9th Marines. On 1 Oct the Bravo Command Group and Company "M" was located at Fire Base Shepherd. On 2 Oct the Bravo Command Group and Company "M" displaced by heli-lift to Vandegrift Combat Base in preparation for Operation "Scotland Nanking". On 3 Oct the 3rd Battalion (-) returned to Vandegrift Combat Base and chopped OFCON to the 4th Marines for preparation of Operation "Scotland Nanking". On 4 Oct Company "K" displaced by heli-lift to establish and defend Fire Base Nanking. On 5-10 Oct the 3rd Battalion (-) participated in Operation "Scotland Nanking". Upon completion of "Scotland Nanking", the 3rd Battalion (-) commenced operations in the Xa Bai and Rao Quon River Valley Complexes continuing operations through the month of October. On 18 Oct Company "K" displaced by over land movement to vicinity Fire Base Gurkha to commence extensive patrolling action.

2. Period covered in report 1-31 October.

3. Billet assignment.

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| a. Commanding Officer | 1-24 Oct 68 LtCol F. L. BOURNE JR |
| | 24-31 Oct 68 LtCol J. L. FOWLER |
| b. Executive Officer | 1-31 Oct 68 Maj R. L. BAKER |
| c. S-1 | 1-31 Oct 68 1stLt E. N. FIERTZ |
| d. S-2 | 1-31 Oct 68 1stLt G. F. DICKINSON |
| e. S-3 | 1-31 Oct 68 Maj C. W. MACFARLAN |
| f. S-4 | 1-31 Oct 68 Capt S. W. AUSTIN |
| g. CommO | 1-17 Oct 68 Capt J. B. WHALEN |
| | 18-31 Oct 68 2ndLt K. L. POPSON |
| h. CO H&S Co | 1-17 Oct 68 Capt J. B. WHALEN |
| | 18-31 Oct 68 Capt C. R. HUDDLESTON |
| i. CO Co "I" | 1-31 Oct 68 Capt H. L. CURRIE |
| j. CO Co "K" | 1-31 Oct 68 Capt S. E. THOMAS |
| k. CO Co "L" | 1-17 Oct 68 Capt C. R. HUDDLESTON |
| | 18-31 Oct 68 1stLt D. T. STEVENS |
| l. CO Co "M" | 1-31 Oct 68 Capt W. J. MACARDLE |

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SECTION II
S-1 AND PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

1. Replacements Received

- a. USMC Enlisted - 110
- b. USMC Officers - 11
- c. USN Enlisted - 7
- d. USN Officers - 1

2. Personnel Rotated

- a. USMC Enlisted - 75
- b. USMC Officers - 4
- c. USN Enlisted - 3

3. Other Personnel Losses

- a. Transfer by Service Records
 - (1) USMC Enlisted - 20
 - (2) USMC Officers - 1
- b. Wounded in Action
 - (1) USMC Enlisted - 2
- c. Killed in Action
 - (1) USMC Enlisted - 2
- d. Non-battle Casualties
 - (1) USMC Enlisted - 53
 - (2) USMC Officers - 2
- e. Intra-Divisional/Regiment Transfers
 - (1) USMC Enlisted - 28
 - (2) USMC Officers - 9
 - (3) USN Enlisted - 2
 - (4) USN Officers - 1

4. Number of R&R Trips

- a. In Country - 32
- b. Out of Country - 95

5. Average Monthly Strength

- a. USMC Enlisted - 1160
- b. USMC Officers - 34
- c. USN Enlisted - 49
- d. USN Officers - 2

6. Personnel Shortages

- | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| a. Officers - | <u>Rank</u> | <u>MOS</u> | <u>Number</u> |
| | LT | 0302 | 6 |

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SECTION IIIINTELLIGENCE

1. Introduction. During the month of October Third Battalion, Fourth Marines operated in three distinct geographical areas given the following nomenclature: (1) Qua Valley, (2) Khe Sanh-West, and (3) Khe Sanh-North or the Khe Xa Bai Valley. The Qua Valley is characterized by relatively level terrain with mountains ranging from the northwest to the southeast in the western extremity of the valley. To the east, slightly rolling lands exist. The two Khe Sanh areas are characterized by mountainous terrain consisting of such natural obstacles as precipitous gullies, ravines and mountains, unfordable streams (depending upon amount of recent rainfall), and impregnable vegetated areas that many times are leech infested. Khe Sanh-West is generally characterized by medium size but bomb scarred hills covered with four to seven foot elephant grass and trees. Khe Sanh-North is a relatively flat river valley surrounded on the north, south, and west by the highest mountains in South Vietnam. This valley, the Khe Xa Bai, junctures with the Rao Quan River Valley and both then give entrance to the Khe Sanh plain.

a. Qua Valley

(1) Key Terrain. The key terrain in this valley is the populated area surrounding the village of Thon Doc Kinh and through which route #558 runs. Route #558 becomes a key infiltration route because it runs from the Balong Valley northward to Route #9 which is the only main east to west highway in upper I Corps. The Balong Valley lends itself to ready access with NVA Base area 101. Thus Route #558 serves as an ideal MSR for enemy movement because the villages in the Thon Doc Kinh area afford food, shelter, and entertainment to the enemy.

(2) Obstacles. Only obstacles in this area would be the barrier like hedgerows that tend to channelize more than they prevent movement. Briars, barb wire, vines, and dense trees make up these hedgerows. There are no unfordable streams in the area even when the monsoon rains are at their peak.

(3) Observation. Observation is good because terrain is slightly rolling and vegetation is not omnipresent due to agricultural activities in the area. From Camp J. J. Carroll, complete, but distant observation is given of the area.

(4) Avenues of Approach. Route #558 from both the north and south and the unimproved road running west from Thon Doc Kinh through the Qua Valley are all good approaches to the area. There are numerous partly hidden foot paths that lead into the area from all directions.

b. Khe Sanh-West

(1) Key Terrain. The most key pieces of terrain to the west of Khe Sanh are; Hill 689, and Co Put (XD 790 384). Hill 689 is the first

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highest piece of ground to the west of the Khe Sanh air strip lending valuable surveillance to the immediate west and gives complete observation of the Khe Sanh plain south of the air strip. Also Hill 689 controls the ridge line, a known infiltration route, that runs northwest to southeast, 4 thousand meters to the west of the air strip. Co Put is the highest hill west of Hill 689 and gives needed observation of the relatively low ground to the Laotian border. The hill also commands Route #9, a good avenue of approach from the west.

(2) Obstacles. There are no natural obstacles to foot troops in the area. Some of the ground may be densely vegetated thus slowing forward progress, but all terrain is traversable. Ropes would be needed to cross streams during heavy rains.

(3) Cover and Concealment. The many ravines, gullies, hills, bomb craters afford ample cover at most any point and at the same time concealment is outstanding because the whole area is covered either with five to seven feet of elephant grass or its equivalent in underbrush and vegetation.

(4) Observation. Hills 552, 542, 689, 471, and the hill at XD 794 398 afford outstanding 360° observation because each one is considerably higher than the immediately surrounding terrain.

(5) Avenues of Approach. Route #9 from the west is a good avenue of approach due to its trafficability for foot troops and vehicles as well as the low ground both north and south of the road. The ridge to the northwest of Hill 689 and the ridge running west of Hill 689 are outstanding avenues of approach for infantry.

c.. Khe Sanh-North (Khe Xa Bai Valley)

(1) Key Terrain. The Khe Xa Bai Valley and the Rao Quan River Valley, juncture at XD 80 49 terrain is especially adaptable to enemy infiltration. Control of this juncture can be had by the occupation of Hill 632 (XD 827 483) which lends excellent observation to the surrounding terrain. From this position, a fire base can be established and extensive patrolling can be conducted in the area to interdict infiltration.

(2) Obstacles. The Rao Quan River is a main obstacle to infantry and becomes impassable during heavy rains, as does the Khe Xa Bai River and the perennial streams in the area. The high mountains to the north of the Khe Xa Bai Valley, commanded by the highest piece of terrain in South Vietnam, Hill 1739, are obstacles to infantry when clouds blanket the mountains, making helicopters unavailable. The same can be applied to the mountain range commanded by Hill 1015, south of the Khe Xa Bai Valley. Although the terrain is densely vegetated with elephant grass, forests and thick scrub brush, it is traversable to the infantry.

(3) Cover and Concealment. Excellent concealment exists throughout the entire valley due to the abundance of vegetation that at many places is well over six feet in height. Elephant grass covers the smaller

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hills and a large part of the valley. The streams and rivers in the area are lined with thick brush and trees.

(4) Observation. At grid XD 831 546, Hill 1739, is the highest terrain feature in South Vietnam, but due to the winter monsoon rains this mountain remains covered by cloud mass almost every day. All other subhills in the Khe Xa Bai Valley offer excellent observation of the surrounding area since they are naked, except for five to seven foot elephant grass.

(5) Avenues of Approach. An infiltration route is reportedly used by the enemy coming down the Rao Quan River to 800 500 and then proceeding generally east along the 50 grid line. Both valleys, however, afford excellent avenues of approach to the Khe Sanh plain and the eastern extremity of the Khe Xa Bai Valley which is a good approach to the Ca Lu area.

2. Weather

a. During the month of October 1968, three varieties of weather occurred. From 1-10 October the weather was clear, hot, sunny, and humid. Temperatures averaged in the mid 90's for daylight hours and in the low 80's at night. Winds came out of the southwest at a five knot breeze. Visibility was generally seven miles plus but on occasion the atmospheric haze would disappear and visibility would be increased up to fourteen miles. Humidity averaged around 77% and skies remained relatively clear of clouds until late afternoon. Early morning ground fog did occur but dissipated by 0830H. From 11 October to 20 October the temperature dropped and visibility was drastically reduced. The wind came out of the northeast at ten to fifteen knots and gusting up to thirty knots. Visibility averaged one and a half miles but on many occasions one quarter of a mile was the limit. Temperatures dipped into the mid 60's at night and averaged in the mid 70's during the day. Rain was almost continuous but varied in intensity. On the average about two inches of rain fall occurred each day but this was sufficient to flood the rivers and streams. Humidity was in the 90% bracket. Then from 21 October to 31 October the weather changed to about five knots. Monsoon clouds disappeared and cumulus clouds appeared bringing an occasional rain shower. Visibility averaged five to seven miles but each morning ground fog remained until approximately 0900H. The mountain tops generally remained under cloud cover while sunlight filtered through to the valleys. Temperatures averaged in the low 80's during the day and in the low 70's during hours of darkness.

b. As of the 31st of October 1968, monsoon conditions had not completely been established in the mountains but ominous indications appeared in mid-month to foretell future weather conditions. Operations were slowed down considerably during the rainy part of the month due to swollen streams and cases of emersion foot. However, operations were not hindered during any other part of the month except for the normal routine heat casualties that do occur.

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3. Enemy Situation

a. Third Battalion, Fourth Marines found the month of October disappointing in regards to making contact with the enemy. According to intelligence reports, the Khe Sanh-West area was supposed to have units sufficient in strength to give stiff resistance to the attacking Fourth Marine Regiment. According to intelligence reports, the Qua Valley was infested with VC/NVA forces. According to POW reports, the Khe Sanh-North area contained large supply caches with at least a battalion and perhaps a regiment occupying the area. But, if one weighs the amount of sightings and contact encountered by the Battalion throughout the complete month of October against a Marine rifle squad, the latter would not have any difficulty overwhelming the enemy. A total of eleven (11) NVA soldiers were sighted and only a total of seven NVA were claimed as confirmed enemy killed and of the seven killed, five (5) were dead bodies which had been killed three to four months earlier. Therefore, the only logical conclusion is that the enemy has either retreated back into Laos or North Vietnam or continued their infiltration to the south leaving the Khe Sanh area a vacuum. There were slight indications that the enemy might be in the area when Third Battalion, Fourth Marines began to control the Khe Xa Bai Valley. Here the only actual contact was made for October by "L" Company when two or three NVA were encountered at XD 826 492 on 12 October, resulting in one enemy confirmed. However, there were other signs that small fire teams or squad size units were in the area because patrols would find two to three day old campsites and fresh trails. Also a sighting of two (2) NVA soldiers in white "T" shirts at XD 843 497 on 21 October supported the possibility of small enemy units still operating in the area. Another indication of enemy presence came when "M" Company on 22 October found an NVA diary, XD 847 496, with the latest entry being 16 October 1968. The diarist stated his unit as the 246 NVA Regiment which is commanded by a General. Soldier states moving into the Khe Sanh area on 12 May 1968 and attacking US forces on Hill 689, his first encounter with American forces on the ground or in the air. Diarist says that no B-52 strikes or bombing runs had been made upon him the whole time he was in North Vietnam or while he was infiltrating south. Finally the NVA soldier states that on 22 September his unit received orders to start an operation but does not know when or where. In conjunction with the diary's intelligence, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines captured a POW to the northwest of the Khe Xa Bai Valley near the village of Nguon Rao (XD 77 54). This POW stated that his squad had been contemplating surrender and a POW captured to the northwest of the Battalion's position brought forth an NVA map showing an infiltration route running down the mountain (Hill 1739, at XD 83 54) to the base of the Khe Xa Bai Valley and then turning east. But as of 31 October, the Battalion's letter companies, which patrolled the reported area of the infiltration route, had not found any evidence to support the POW's map. It appears that the enemy's morale and tendency to stand and fight has deteriorated greatly within the last several months. His food and supply caches have been disrupted. He has not achieved any recent battle victories and he has constantly been kept on the defense as exemplified by Third Battalion, Fourth Marines lack of enemy contact. The enemy retreated leaving only rear guard elements behind as friendly forces advanced which was highly likely the case in the Khe Sanh area.

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b. For the Qua Valley supposedly infested this month by VC/NVA soldiers of the 31st Local Forces Group, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines made no captures or contacts with the enemy during the three days it worked in the area. However, in the Thon Bang Son Village (YD 09 53) cordoned by the Battalion, forty (40) people were apprehended with fourteen (14) classified as VC suspects. The appearance of Marine forces appears to have caused the enemy there to reduce the scale of his operations in order to avoid friendly operations.

c. For the Khe Sanh-West area, Operation Nanking failed to uncover any evidence of recent significant enemy activity in the area. Third Battalion, Fourth Marines found three to four month old graves, old and un-serviceable bunkers, four to six month old enemy equipment and weapons. Only two sightings of NVA soldiers were made and each time the small groups showed no indications that they were there to prevent our forward movement. Avoidance once again seemed to be the enemy's mission. The enemy's interest in the area seems to be in harmony with the amount of activity encountered on Operation Nanking.

d. In conclusion, Third Battalion, Fourth Marines operations continued to dominate the tactical situation in all areas of operations. VC/NVA units continued to avoid contact and only rear guard activity was encountered. It appears that the 52nd NVA Regiment and the 48th NVA Regiment of the 320th Division have retreated north into North Vietnam and the 246th NVA Regiment has moved back into Laos for regrouping and re-equipping themselves. Thus leaving the northwestern sector of I Corps void. Consequently for the month of October Third Battalion, Fourth Marines found the month dull in light of enemy contact.

4. Enemy killed in action, enemy sightings and captured equipment:

a. Enemy KIA's:

| | | | | |
|-----|-------------|------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| (1) | 5 Oct 1968 | Co "L" | 1 NVA body, 3-4 months old | XD 792389 |
| (2) | 5 Oct 1968 | Co "L" | 1 NVA body, 3-4 months old | XD 793389 |
| (3) | 6 Oct 1968 | Co "L" | 1 NVA body, 3 months old | XD 793389 |
| (4) | 6 Oct 1968 | Co "I" | 2 NVA bodies, 4 months old | XD 796400 |
| (5) | 12 Oct 1968 | Co "L" | 1 NVA KIA | XD 826492 |
| (6) | 29 Oct 1968 | Co "A" 1/4 | 1 NVA KIA by recent H&I Fire | XD 824497 |
| (7) | 30 Oct 1968 | Co "M" | 1 NVA body, 2-3 weeks old | XD 865497 |

b. Enemy Sightings:

| | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------|---------------------------|-----------|
| (1) | 5 Oct 1968 | Co "K" | 3 personnel | XD 825424 |
| (2) | 5 Oct 1968 | Co "I" | 4 NVA well camouflaged | XD 783375 |
| (3) | 6 Oct 1968 | Co "M" | 1 NVA | XD 784386 |
| (4) | 10 Oct 1968 | Co "L" | 1 NVA | XD 811489 |
| (5) | 21 Oct 1968 | Co "M" | 2 NVA in white "T" shirts | XD 843497 |

c. Captured Equipment Totals:

| | | | |
|---------|-----|--------------------|----|
| Bunkers | 126 | Unfinished bunkers | 25 |
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| Mortar pits | 2 | Fighting holes | 26 |
| AK-47 | 5 | AK-50 | 1 |
| SKS | 1 | Light machine gun | 1 |
| Flare pistol | 1 | AK magazines | 27 |
| RPG-2 rounds | 7 | RPG fuzes | 6 |
| 82mm mortar rounds | 50 | 82mm mortar fuzes | 10 |
| 60mm mortar rounds | 24 | Chi Com grenades | 48 |
| TNT blocks | 3 | 120mm mortar propellant | 4 |
| AP mines | 3 | charge | |
| Satchell charges | 5 | Det cord | 20' |
| Russian radio | 1 | Assorted medicines | |
| NVA canteens | 6 | NVA "E" tools | 10 |
| Various documents | | Gas mask filters | 3 |
| Diarys | 1 | Various 782 gear | |
| NVA belt | 1 | NVA wallet | 1 |
| NVA letter | 1 | Dry cell batteries | 2 |
| Rolls of wire | 3 | Electrical kits with wire | 2 |

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SECTION IVOPERATIONS AND TRAINING

1. The following training was conducted by 3d Battalion, 4th Marines during Oct 1968.

| <u>UNIT</u> | <u>SUBJECT</u> | <u>NUMBER OF HOURS</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| H&S Co | Mapping | 8 |
| | First Aid | 70 |
| | Weapons Safety | 25 |
| | Compass | 5 |
| | Med-Evac Procedures | 10 |
| | Scouting and Patrolling | 18 |
| Co "I" | Employment of Supporting Arms | 5 |
| | Assault of Fortified Positions | 4 |
| | Patrolling Techniques | 17 |
| | First Aid | 3 |
| | Weapons Safety | 4 |
| | Map and Compass | 5 |
| | Squad Tactics | 12 |
| Co "K" | Radio Procedures | 3 |
| | Elements of Reconnaissance | 4 |
| | Map and Compass | 5 |
| | Call for Fire | 3 |
| | Patrolling | 17 |
| Co "L" | Weapons Safety | 2 |
| | Field First Aid | 3 |
| | Camouflage | 2 |
| | Map and Compass | 17 |
| | Recon Patrols | 34 |
| | First Aid | 15 |
| Co "M" | Combat Patrols | 42 |
| | Radio Procedures | 14 |
| | Supporting Arms in Patrolling | 12 |
| | Tactical Bivouac | 11 |
| | Weapons Safety | 7 |
| | Radio Procedures | 3 |
| | Scouting and Patrolling | 21 |

2. In addition to the above, all individual Marines fired their weapons prior to assignment to a unit in the field.

3. All replacements were given indoctrination lectures prior to joining their units by the Commanding Officer, Sergeant Major and their respective Company Commanders.

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4. Command and Control

- a. On 10 Oct 1968: Co "E" 2/9 OFCON to 3/4
- b. On 19 Oct 1968: Co "F" 2/9 Chopped to 9th Marines
- c. On 23 Oct 1968: Co "G" 2/4 OFCON to 3/4
- d. On 24 Oct 1968: Co "A" 1/4 OFCON to 3/4
- e. On 24 Oct 1968: Co "G" 2/4 Chopped to 2/4

(1) The Battalion was task organized as follows:

- (a) Vandegrift Combat Base (1 Oct 68)
 - H&S Co (-) (Alpha Command Group)
 - Co "I" (-) (rein) 3/4
 - Co "K" (-) (rein) 3/4
 - Co "L" (-) (rein) 3/4
 - Det, Btry "I" 3/12 (Arty Liaison)
 - Det, Co "A", 3rd Ingr'n
 - Det, 3rd Lt, Co "C", 3rd SpBn (MST)
- (b) Fire Base Shepherd (1 Oct 68)
 - H&S Co (-) (Bravo Command Group)
 - Co "M" (-) (rein) 3/4
 - Det, Btry "I", 3/12 (Arty Liaison)
 - Det, Co "A", 3rd Ingr'n
 - Det, 3rd Lt, Co "C", 3rd SpBn (MST)
- (c) Operation Thon Bang Son (2-3 Oct 68)
 - H&S Co (-) (Bravo Command Group)
 - Co "I" (-) (rein) 3/4
 - Co "K" (-) (rein) 3/4
 - Co "L" (-) (rein) 3/4
 - Det, Btry "I" 3/12 (Arty Liaison)
 - Det, Co "A", 3rd Ingr'n
 - Det, 3rd Lt, Co "C", 3rd SpBn (MST)
- (d) Vandegrift Combat Base (2-4 Oct 68)
 - H&S Co (-) (Bravo Command Group)
 - Co "M" (-) (rein) 3/4
 - Det, Btry "I" 3/12 (Arty Liaison)
 - Det, Co "A", 3rd Ingr'n
 - Det, 3rd Lt, Co "C", 3rd SpBn (MST)
- (e) Vandegrift Combat Base (4-5 Oct 68)
 - H&S Co (-) (rein) 3/4
 - Co "I" (-) (rein) 3/4
 - Co "M" (-) (rein) 3/4 (Fire Base Manking)
 - Co "L" (-) (rein) 3/4
 - Co "K" (-) (rein) 3/4
 - Det, Btry "I" 3/12 (Arty Liaison)
 - Det, Co "A", 3rd Ingr'n
 - Det, 3rd Lt, Co "C", 3rd SpBn (MST)
 - Det, 17th ITT

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(f) Operation Scotland Nanking (5-10 Oct 68)

H&S Co (-) (rein) 3/4
 Co "I" (-) (rein) 3/4
 Co "K" (-) (rein) 3/4 (Fire Base Nanking)
 Co "L" (-) (rein) 3/4
 Co "M" (-) (rein) 3/4
 Co "E" (-) (rein) 2/9
 Det, Btry "I" 3/12 (Arty Liaison)
 Det, Co "A", 3rdEngrBn
 Det, 3rdFlt, Co "B", 3rdSPBn (HST)
 Det, 17th ITT

(g) Operation Xa Bai and Rao Quon River Valley Complexes
(10-31 Oct 68)

H&S Co (-) (rein) 3/4
 Co "I" (-) (rein) 3/4
 Co "K" (-) (rein) 3/4
 Co "L" (-) (rein) 3/4
 Co "M" (-) (rein) 3/4
 Co "E" (-) (rein) 2/9
 Co "A" (-) (rein) 1/4
 Co "G" (-) (rein) 2/4 (Fire Base Alpine)
 Det, Btry "I" 3/12 (Arty Liaison)
 Det, Co "A", 3rdEngrBn
 Det, 3rdPlt, Co "B", 3rdSPBn (HST)
 Det, 17th ITT

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~~SECRET~~INTRODUCTION

1. Third Battalion, Fourth Marines spent the entire month of October in a highly mobile status. After completing Operation "Sonofabitch" in late September, which was a highly successful cordon and search of a Montagnard village in the Balong Valley (YD 047443). Ninth Marines conducted on 1-4 October 1968 a cordon and search of two villages in the Qua Valley, South-east of Camp Carroll (YD 0953). This locale was a known VC/NVA infested base area. Third Battalion, Fourth Marines, under the operational control of Ninth Marines, on the night of 1 October and early morning of 2 October marched from Camp Carroll and established a successful cordon along with two other Battalions (2/9 and 3/9) around the villages of Thon Cam Lo Thu-rong and Thon Bang Son (YD 0953). October 4th found the Battalion preparing for Operation "Scotland II Nanking", a Fourth Marines Regimental size operation. It was launched on 5 October. The area of operations was the terrain to the West of Khe Sanh Combat Base coming within two and a half miles of the Laotian border and then attacking Eastward toward Hills 689, 552 and 471; Khe Sanh and Houng Hoa Village. These areas had been heavily infested with North Vietnamese Forces in July 1968 and intelligence led us to believe that enemy forces still occupied the area in October. By 10 October, all Battalions successfully reached their last objective and then a new phase of Nanking was promulgated. Third Battalion, Fourth Marines was given the mission to conduct extensive reconnaissance/search and destroy operations in the Khe Xa Bai Valley (defined by: upper left XD 8051, lower right XD 8746 grids) where it was believed that the enemy may have stored extensive ammo, food and weapon caches. Also the area is believed to be used as an infiltration route. After establishing a fire base at grid XD 827483 called "Gurkha", Third Battalion, Fourth Marines launched extensive saturation patrols throughout the whole valley and during the last days of October was in the process of slowly working their way to the highest piece of terrain in South Vietnam, Hill 1739.

2. Oct, being a month in which the Battalion operated in three different geographical areas: Qua Valley, Khe Sanh-West and the Khe Xa Bai Valley, was a period in which Third Battalion, Fourth Marines became vastly more familiar with the terrain and weather and enemy forces surrounding the Khe Sanh area. This month was the second time the Battalion had returned to said locale and it was a period when the Battalion played a very active offensive and key role throughout the entire area. The individual Marine's familiarization of enemy tactics, habits, weather cognizance and terrain appreciation was complete and comprehensive.

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Subj: After Action Report for Operation Cordon of Thon Bang Son Village;
submission of

Encl: (1) After Action Report for Operation Cordon of Thon Bang Son Vil-
lage (1-3 Oct 1968)

1. Enclosure (1), the After Action Report for "Operation Cordon of Thon
Bang Son Village" is submitted for information and appropriate action.

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AFTER ACTION REPORT"OPERATION CORDON OF THON BANG SON VILLAGE", 1-3 Oct 68

1. Mission - The mission assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines was to assist in the surprise cordon of the Vietnamese village of Thon Bang Son (YD 0853) and to conduct limited offensive operations and extensive patrol activities within the AO in order to detain VC suspects.

2. Concept of Operations

a. The concept of operations and operational guidance was provided by the Commanding Officer, 9th Marines on 1 Oct 1968. Phase I of the concept provided for the overland movement under cover of darkness of two infantry battalions (3rd Battalion, 4th Marines and 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines) to accomplish the partial encirclement of the Thon Bang Son Village. The cordon would be secured entirely upon completion of a night heliborne assault by the 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines. Phase II of the operation provided for the introduction of USA forces, ARVN and other special intelligence units. Phase III was the extraction of the battalion from the operation.

b. The battalion's concept of operation provided for the overland movement of three companies from Camp Carroll to the North and Northwest sector of the cordon. Companies India, Kilo and Lima, under the operational control of the Alpha Command Group, were transported from Vandegrift Combat Base to Camp Carroll during the early evening of 1 Oct 68. The battalion (-) staged at Camp Carroll prior to the commencement of the operation.

3. Task Organization

a. The battalion task organization remained unchanged.

b. The specific task organization for the operation was as follows:

3rdBn, 4thMar (-) (rein)
H&S Co (-)

LtCol BOURNE
Capt WHALEN

Co "I" (rein)
FO Team, 3rdBn, 12thMar
HST Co "B", 3rdSPBn
Det H&S Co, 3rdBn, 4thMar

Capt CURRIE

Co "K" (rein)
FO Team, 3rdBn, 12thMar
HST Co "B", 3rdSPBn
Det H&S Co, 3rdBn, 4thMar

Capt THOMAS

Co "L" (rein)
FO Team, 3rdBn, 12thMar
HST Co "B", 3rdSPBn
Det H&S Co, 3rdBn, 4thMar

Capt HUDDLESTON

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4. Execution and Sequence of Events

a. The operation to cordon the Thon Bang Son Village was initiated by 6 TF Hotel and the 9th Marines were designated the operational regiment. The 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines chopped OPCON to 9th Marines at 011200H Oct 68. An initial planning conference was conducted at TF Hotel at 011000H Oct 68. A second planning conference and issuance of the operation order was accomplished at 011400H. Initially the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines was designated as Regimental Reserve, however the nonavailability of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines necessitated the battalions introduction into the operation from its onset.

b. Initially the battalion was staged at Vandegrift Combat Base and transported by truck convoy to Camp Carroll arriving there at 011930H. Liaison was effected with the Commanding Officer of 3rd Marines and two guides, to assist in exiting from Camp Carroll as expeditiously as possible, were provided by the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines. The battalion commenced its overland infiltration at 012115H Oct 68. The order of march was India Co, Alpha Command Group, Lima Co and Kilo Co. The companies secured their respective sectors at 020245H and were located as follows:

| | | |
|----------|-------------|--------|
| India Co | Left Flank | 098533 |
| | Right Flank | 096540 |
| Lima Co | Left Flank | 096540 |
| | Right Flank | 093539 |
| Kilo Co | Left Flank | 093539 |
| | Right Flank | 089536 |

Linkups were effected with 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines elements on the battalion left flank and 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines elements on the battalion right flank.

c. Operations during the period between 020245H and 022400H consisted of maintaining the security and integrity of the cordon. The battalion conducted limited patrol activities in addition to observation posts and four night time activities consisting of three (3) listening posts and one (1) squad ambush per company. There were no significant events on 2 Oct.

d. On the morning of 3 Oct 68, companies Lima and Kilo commenced a constriction of the cordon to approximately 50 meters from the edge of the village. Co "I" held their position on the battalion's left flank.

e. Approximately 031300H elements of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines commenced displacing Kilo Co elements on the battalion Right Flank. Kilo and Lima Company were ultimately displaced and removed from the cordon at 031430H Oct 68. India Co was displaced from the cordon by elements of 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines at 031500.

f. The battalion commenced a retrograde overland movement to Camp Carroll at 031600H. The companies were shuttled to Vandegrift Combat Base by truck convoy and the battalion's return to Vandegrift Combat Base was completed at 032030H. The battalion was chopped OPCON to 4th Marines at 032100H.

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The operation was considered successful due to the rapid and surprise buildup of forces to effect the cordon. Operation was conducted without incident with the exception of the nonbattle casualty and death sustained by one marine from Lima Co as a result of an accidental discharge of an M-79.

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 3dBn, 4thMar
 Fire Base Shepherd
 092100H Sep 68

Operation Order 10-68

Ref: (a) Maps: Viet Nam, 1:50,000 Ams Series L7014, Sheets 6342 II,
 6342 III
 (b) DirO P2000 4-C (Comm SOP)
 (c) DirO P02000.26 (COI)

TIME ZONE: Hotel

Task Organization: No change to present Task Organization.

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces: Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) 4th Marines conducts operations in AO to locate, fix and destroy enemy forces, installations, supply caches, equipment and artillery in AO.

(2) 1stBn, 4thMar; 2ndBn, 4thMar and 3rdBn, 9thMar conducts concurrent operations in accordance with Regimental operation order 8-68 to locate, fix and destroy enemy forces, installations, supply caches, equipment or enemy artillery in AO.

(3) 3rdBn, 12thMar DS 4thMar

(4) 1st MAW provides fixed/rotary wing support

(5) Co "A" (-), 3rdEngrBn, DS 4thMar

(6) Co "B" (-), 3rdTankBn, DS 4thMar

c. Attachments: 1stPlt, Co "A", 3rdEngrBn, attached 101200H Sep 68.

2. Mission: 3rdBn, 4thMar (-) (rein) conducts operations in Lang Vei, Khe Sanh area to locate, fix and destroy enemy forces, installations and supply caches in AO. Locate, capture or destroy enemy transportation, equipment or artillery in AO.

3. Execution

a. Concept of Operations

(1) At D-1, 3rdBn, 4thMar (-) (rein) conducts heliborne assault with one company to seize, occupy and defend Fire Support Base Vic at XD 830415.

(2) On D-Day, 3rdBn, 4thMar (-) (rein) conducts ~~heliborne assault~~

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to seize Battalion Obj A. Attacks two companies abreast, companies in column to seize Regimental Obj 1.

(3) On order, continues attack to seize Battalion Objectives B and C and Regimental Obj 3; Battalion Objectives D, E, F and G, (Regt Obj 5), Battalion Obj H, (Regt Obj 7) and Battalion Obj I.

(4) Conducts destroy operations upon securing Battalion Obj 1.

(5) On order conducts operations to locate, fix and destroy enemy forces, installations, supply caches, equipment or artillery in AO.

b. Co "K"

(1) Commencing 120800H D-1, Co "K" conducts heliborne assault to XD 836414. Secures LZ and attacks to seize, occupy and defend Fire Support Base Vic at XD 830415.

(2) Consolidates defensive perimeter and conducts daytime and night-time security activities as required.

c. Co "L"

(1) Commencing L-Hour on D-Day conducts heliborne assault to Battalion Obj A (LZ Turkey) at XD 784375. Secures LZ on order attacks to seize northern portion of Regt Obj 1.

(2) Be prepared to continue attack on order to seize designated objectives in AO.

(3) Conducts operations to locate, fix and destroy enemy forces, installations, supply caches, equipment and artillery in AO.

d. Co "M"

(1) Commencing L-Hour on D-Day, conducts heliborne assault to Bn Obj A, LZ Turkey, at XD 785375. Attacks to seize southern portion of Regt Obj 1.

(2) Be prepared to continue attack on order to seize designated objectives.

(3) Conducts operations to locate, fix and destroy enemy forces, installations, supply caches, equipment and artillery in AO.

e. 81mm Mortar Platoon

(1) Commencing L-Hour, D-Day conduct heliborne assault to Obj A.

(2) Provides general support of assault companies from firing positions.

f. 106mm RR Platoon

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- (1) Maintains present mission at Fire Base Shepherd
- (2) Provides one platoon (-) as CP security.

g. Bn Reserve

Co "I"

- (1) Commencing L-Hour conducts heliborne assault to Battalion Obj A.
- (2) Be prepared to assume mission of either assault company on order.
- (3) Follow in trace of assault companies.

h. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) All companies will be staged at Vandegrift Combat Base on or prior to D-1.
- (2) D-Day 13 Sep 68
- (3) L- Hour TBA
- (4) EEI's-Annex B (Intelligence)
- (5) Current thrust points in effect. Additional thrust points in effect for this operation are:

| | |
|-------------|------|
| Animals | 7838 |
| Automobiles | 8234 |
| Fruits | 8239 |
| Vegetables | 7941 |
| Furniture | 8537 |
| Boys Names | 8633 |

- (6) Report evidence of enemy armor or tracked vehicle activity by the most rapid means available.
- (7) Fire Support Coordination IAW Annex D - Artillery Annex.
- (8) Absolute minimum of classified matter to be carried by all personnel.
- (9) Engineer tools, pics, shovels to be carried as directed by company commanders.
- (10) Fighting hole preparation will have priority upon setting in for night activities.
- (11) Heliborne assaults may be directed withing AO to secure Objectives or exploit contacts.
- (12) Air sentries will be positioned at each firing position.

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(13) Retrograde will occur on E-Day, subsequent to extraction of 3rd Bn, 9th Mar and Fire Base Nanking artillery lifts.

(14) Air Support

(a) Preparation of Landing Zones.

(1) Prior to D-1, Battalion will insure that landing zone Turkey at XD 836414 has been prepared. This zone will initially be occupied by one company prior to their movement to the Fire Support Base to be located at XD 830415.

(2) Prior to L-Hour on D-Day, this battalion will insure that a landing zone has been prepared for the heliborne assault of two (2) companies to Battalion Objective A at XD 784375.

(3) If the LZ's have been prepped prior to D-Day, each of the landing zones will require one flight of fixed wing with forward firing ordnance to be on station immediately prior to the heliborne assault to provide additional preparation. In addition, each of the assaults will require one flight of fixed wing with snake eyes and napalm to be on station as the helicopters land so as to destroy any enemy opposition. Each assault will require an AO to be on station to control the fixed wing flights.

(b) Requests for Air Support

(1) All companies will request air support through the battalion ALO on TACF Net 35.9 (M-3).

(2) TFQ's will be submitted by 0930H on the day requested.

(3) Fragg'd fixed wing will be submitted by 1300H on the day prior.

(4) Helo troop lifts will be submitted by 1330H on the day prior.

(5) This battalion will, in addition, maintain a helo assault net and HST net.

(6) This battalion will maintain UHF capability for control of fixed wing and the ability to mark friendly and enemy positions.

(c) Troop Lift: The heliborne assault will be conducted on a discreet frequency to be provided.

4. Admin and Logistics

a. Supply

(1) All supply and resupply will be the responsibility of the S-4A.

(2) All resupply requests will be submitted to the S-4A by 1330 H

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on the day before resupply is needed.

(3) The prescribed load will be as follows:

- (a) One BA of ammo
- (b) 2 days of MCI
- (c) 3 canteens of water
- (d) Poncho and liner
- (e) Weapons and Cleaning gear
- (f) Gas Mask
- (g) 2 pairs of socks
- (h) Helmet / w liner and camouflaged cover and normal arms and equipment.
- (i) Flack jackets
- (j) Shaving gear and accessories
- (k) E-tool
- (l) 20 sandbags
- (m) Insect repellent, water purification tablets, malaria pills and salt tabs.

(4) Emergency resupply may be initiated at anytime, however, the authority to request emergency resupply rests with the Battalion Commander. On D-Day, only emergency resupply will be accepted.

(5) Maximum use of streams, water points and water purification tablets as directed.

(6) Emergency resupply items for two companies will be staged at Vandegrift Combat Base, consisting of separate loads of rations, water and ordinance items. There will be two loads for each of the above classes of supply.

(7) Cargo nets must be returned ASAP.

b. Evacuation - Hospitalization

(1) Evacuees will be handled by BAS and Evaced to 3rd MedBn, Quang Tri. The battalion will maintain representatives at Quang Tri to retrieve equipment and facilitate casualty reporting procedures.

(2) Casualty reporting IAW present directives.

c. Personnel: POW's will be handled by the S-2 IAW DirO 3461.1 and will be evacuated via the logistics chain to the Ca Lu Pad.

d. Transportation: Helicopters are primary means of transportation and trucks the alternate.

5. Command and Communication/Electronics

a. Establishment and maintenance of communications

(1) Current COI is effective (Issued separately)

(2) Radio

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- (a) This battalion will maintain a station on the Regt Tac Net.
- (b) This battalion will activate and maintain a station on the Regt Logistics/Admin Net.
- (c) This battalion will be prepared to enter the tactical air direction net as required.
- (d) This battalion will maintain a station on the battalion Tac Net. Company Commanders will never be more than 15 seconds away from this net.

(3) Wire

(a) This battalion will activate and maintain an internal wire system. All sections carry their own phones

(b) Locals to be activated

| | |
|--------------|------|
| Line Company | FSCC |
| Line Company | 10 |
| Line Company | 4/1 |
| 6 | HST |
| CCC | BAS |

(4) Crypto

(a) Authentication and numerical codes (KAC-QAG 507) and brevity codes (KAC-FAG 7) will be used. Extracts totaling ten (10) days will be carried.

(b) PRC-77/KY-38 will be used on Regimental tactical net.

(5) Visual

(a) Pyrotechnic signals will be in accordance with reference.

(b) Smoke

1. White - Marking enemy positions
2. Red - Area not secure, not safe to land
3. Violet/Green - Area secured, safe to land
4. Yellow - Marking friendly positions.

b. Command Post locations

(1) See operations overlay

(2) Battalion Command Post locations will be reported to Regiment when

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established and closed.

(3) Company Command Post locations will be reported to Battalion when established and closed.

c. Axis of Communications

(1) See operations overlay

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C. Operations Overlay

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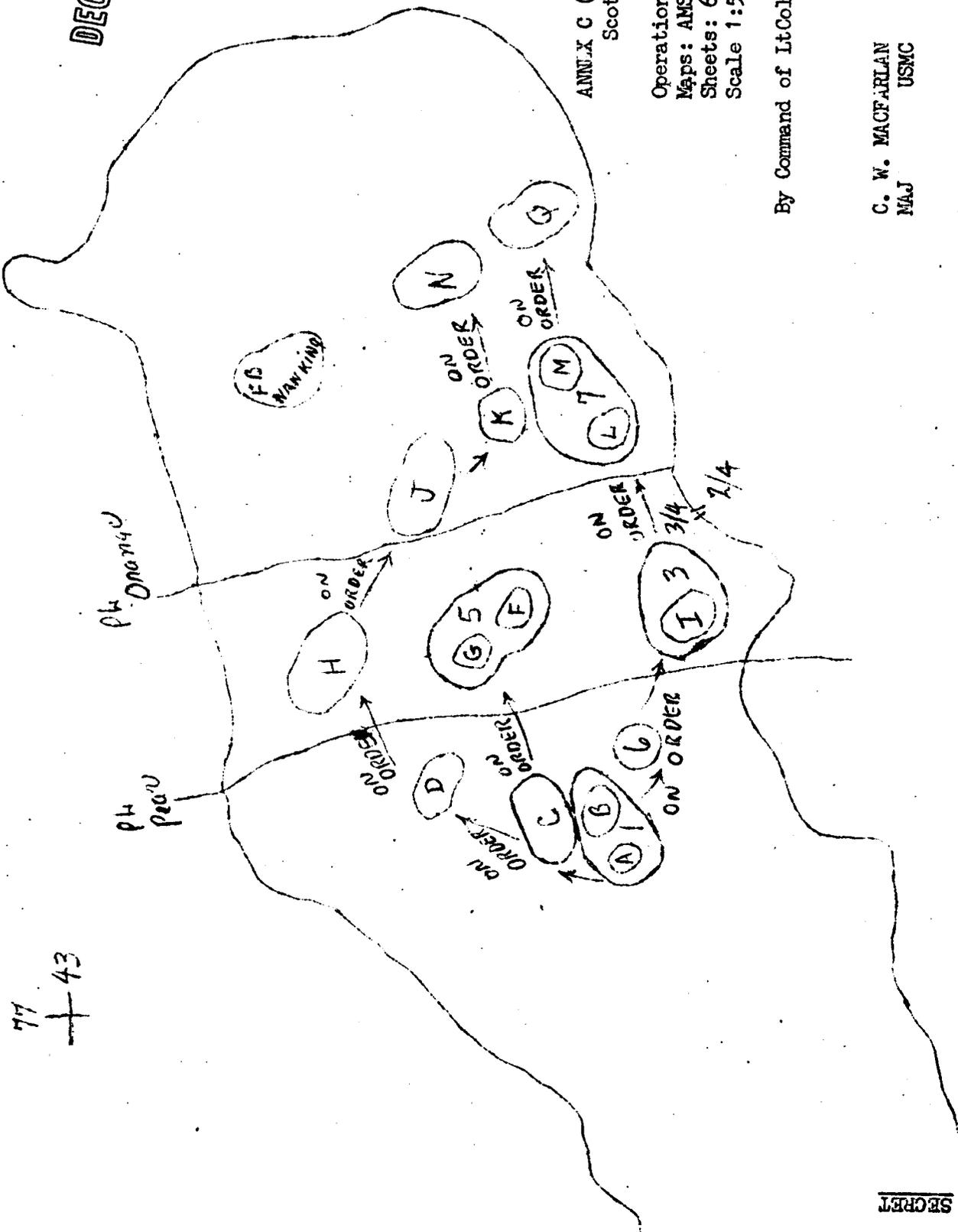
ANNEX C (Operation Overlay
Scotland Nanking

Operations Order 10-68
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(1) 4th Marines conduct operations in AO to locate, fix and destroy enemy forces, installations, supply caches, equipment and artillery in AO.

(2) 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines DS . 4th Marines

(3) 1stMAW provides fixed, rotary wing support.

c. Attachments - No change to present Task Organization.

2. Mission - 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines conduct operations in Rao Quon and Khe Xa Bai River Valley complexes to locate, fix and destroy enemy forces, installations, equipment or supply caches in AO.

3. Executiona. Concept of Operations

(1) At L-Hour on D-Day, 3rd Battalion, (-) (rein) conduct heliborne assault with three (3) companies to seize Battalion Objectives A, B and C. Establish Fire Support Bases at Objective A and company combat patrol bases at Objectives B and C. (see Operations Overlay Annex A)

(2) On order conduct extensive reconnaissance and offensive operations to locate, fix and destroy enemy forces, installations or supply caches in AO.

(3) On order attack to seize Battalion Objective 3.

b. Company "I"

(1) Commencing L-Hour on D-Day conduct heliborne assault to seize Battalion Objective B. Establish company patrol base in that vicinity.

(2) On order conduct operations in 8246, 8346 and 8245 to locate fix and destroy enemy forces, assets or supply caches.

(3) Be prepared to displace to Objective F and J on order.

c. Company "L"

(1) Commencing L-Hour on D-Day conduct heliborne assault to seize Battalion Objective A.

(2) Establish defense of Fire Support Base at that position.

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(3) Be prepared to conduct local security patrols, and limited offensive or defensive operations on order.

d. Company "M"

(1) Commencing L-Hour on D-Day conduct heliborne assault to seize Battalion Objective C.

(2) Establish company patrol base that vicinity.

(3) On order conduct operations to locate, fix, and destroy enemy forces, assets or supply caches in grids 8147, 8136 and 8247.

(4) Be prepared to displace to Objective E and G on order.

e. 81mm Platoon (-)

(1) Commencing L-Hour on D-Day conduct heliborne assault to objective A. Establish firing positions that position.

(2) General Support.

f. Company "K"

(1) On order be prepared to conduct heliborne assault from Fire Base Nanking to Battalion Objective D. Establish company patrol base that position.

(2) Be prepared to conduct operations to locate, fix and destroy enemy forces, assets or supply caches in grids 8148 and 8048.

g. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Companies will be helilifted from present positions in twelve (12) man heliteams.

(2) L-Hour, D-Day to be announced.

(3) Current thrust points remain in effect.

(4) Alternate concept of operations contained appendix 2.

4. Administration - Logistics: No change.

5. Command, Communications/Electronics: No change.

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Appendix 2 (Alternate Concept of Operations to Frag Order for 10 Oct 1968)

3. Concept of Operations

a. At L-Hour on D-Day conduct heliborne assault with four companies to seize Battalion Objectives A, B, C and D. Establish Fire Support Base at Objective A and company patrol bases on Objectives B, C and D.

b. Company "I": Conduct heliborne assault to seize Battalion Objective B.

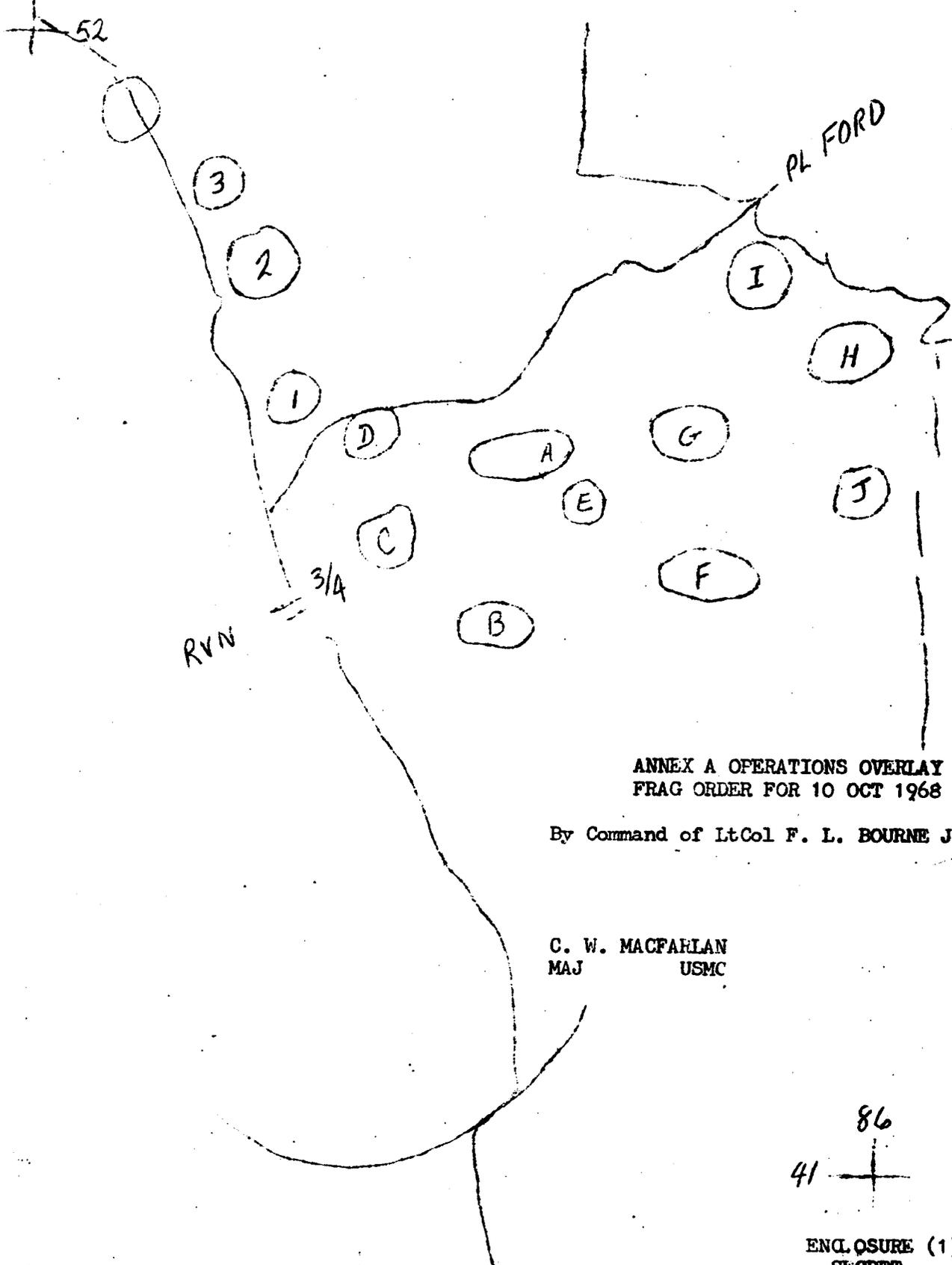
c. Company "K": Conduct heliborne assault to seize Battalion Objective D.

d. Company "L": Conduct heliborne assault to seize Battalion Objective A.

e. Company "M": Conduct heliborne assault to seize Battalion Objective C.

In the event that Company "K" is not available on D-Day, E-2-9 may become OFCON to 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines and will conduct a heliborne assault to seize Battalion Objective A. If this occurs Company "L" will be assigned Battalion Objective D.

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ANNEX A OPERATIONS OVERLAY
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1 Oct: Company Locations:

| | |
|----------|------------------------|
| H&S Co | Fire Base Shepherd |
| India Co | Vandegrift Combat Base |
| Kilo Co | Vandegrift Combat Base |
| Lima Co | Vandegrift Combat Base |
| Mike Co | Fire Base Shepherd |

See After Action Report for Operation "Thon Bang Son".

Company I

1. Three LP's were conducted at XD 003494, XD 998497 and XD 992492. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
2. At 012000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 005492. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company K

1. Two LP's were conducted at XD 002479 and XD 998476. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
2. At 012000H conducted a squad (rein) size ambush at XD 006480. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company L

1. Three LP's were conducted at XD 999474, XD 988475 and XD 992480. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
2. At 012000H conducted a squad (rein) size ambush at XD 988491. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company M

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Shepherd.
2. One OF was conducted at XD 929409. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. Four LP's were conducted at XD 932414, XD 934406, XD 939412 and XD 941409. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

At 011600H the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines were chopped OPCON to the 9th Marines.

2 Oct: Company Locations:

| | |
|----------|------------------------|
| H&S Co | Vandegrift Combat Base |
| India Co | Thon Bang Son 090530 |
| Kilo Co | Thon Bang Son 090530 |
| Lima Co | Thon Bang Son 090530 |
| Mike Co | Vandegrift Combat Base |

Company I See After Action Report for Operation "Thon Bang Son".

Company K See After Action Report for Operation "Thon Bang Son".

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Company L See After Action Report for Operation "Thon Bang Son".

Company M

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Shepherd.
2. One OI was conducted at XD 929409. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. Four LP's were conducted at XD 932414, XD 934406, XD 939412 and XD 941409. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

3 Oct: Company Locations:

| | |
|----------|------------------------|
| H&S Co | Vandegrift Combat Base |
| India Co | Thon Bang Son 090530 |
| Kilo Co | Thon Bang Son 090530 |
| Lima Co | Thon Bang Son 090530 |
| Mike Co | Vandegrift Combat Base |

Companies I, K and L continued operations under OPCON of 9th Marines.

Company M

1. At 030900H conducted heliborne movement to Vandegrift Combat Base. The heliborne movement was completed at 031030H.

Companies I, K and L were chopped OPCON to the 4th Marines at 032100H.

4 Oct: Company Locations:

| | |
|----------|------------------------|
| H&S Co | Vandegrift Combat Base |
| India Co | Vandegrift Combat Base |
| Kilo Co | Fire Base Nanking |
| Lima Co | Vandegrift Combat Base |
| Mike Co | Vandegrift Combat Base |

See Operation Order 10-68 (Scotland Nanking)

Companies I, L and M continued preparations for the conduct of Operation Scotland Nanking.

Company K

1. At 040835H conducted a heliborne movement to Fire Base Nanking at XD 830414. Movement was completed at 041010H.
2. Three OP's were conducted at XD 832420, XD 831413 and XD 827414. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. Two LP's were conducted at XD 831412 and XD 833414. Reported no enemy sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 042000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 828419 contact or indications of enemy movement.

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5 Oct: Company Locations:

H&S Co XD 789388
 India Co XD 785383
 Kilo Co Fire Base Nanking
 Lima Co XD 789388
 Mike Co XD 788384

Company I

1. At 050930H conducted heliborne assault to seize Battalion objective "A" at XD 785383. The objective was secured at 051035H with no incidents.
2. At 051430H reported sighting one well camouflaged NVA at XD 796375. Fired artillery mission with unknown results.
3. Four LP's were conducted at XD 787385, XD 787380, XD 790380 and XD 782379. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 052000H conducted one squad size ambush at XD 789384. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company K

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Nanking.
2. At 051000H observed three NVA at XD 825424. Fired 81mm mortars and artillery with unknown results.
3. Two LP's were conducted at XD 830420 and XD 833420. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 052000H conducted one squad size ambush at XD 825446. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company L

1. At 050930H conducted heliborne assault to seize Battalion objective "C" at XD 789388. The objective was secured at 051305H with no incidents.
2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 792390, XD 794388 and XD 789388. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company M

1. At 050930H conducted heliborne assault to seize Battalion objective "B" at XD 788384. The objective was secured at 051030H with no incidents.
2. Four LP's were conducted at XD 790384, XD 796385, XD 793384 and XD 789385. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

6 Oct: Company Locations:

H&S Co XD 794398

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India Co XD 794398
 Kilo Co XD 830414
 Lima Co XD 792389
 Mike Co XD 802409

Company I

1. At 061005H commenced attack to seize Battalion objective "D". The objective was secured with no incidents at 061040H.
2. At 061300H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to further determine access routes to battalion objectives "H" and "G". The patrol covered the following routes:

Patrol #1

CF 14 XD 794406, CF 10 XD 796406, CF 12 XD 801405, CF 26 XD 798404

Patrol #2

CF 35 XD 797397, CF 30 XD 800395, CF 33 XD 803396, CF 37 XD 798397

Patrol #1 reported finding the following enemy equipment at XD 796400:

| | | | |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 32-ChiComs | 24-61mm mortar rds | 3-TNT sticks | 1-E tool |
| 6-RFG | 3-Anti-per mines | 3-Gas Mask(filter) | 8-M-79 rds |
| 6-RFG fuses | 2-KIA (NVA) | 23-AK-47 Mag's | 1-M-16 (partial) |

Patrol #2 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 793401, XD 793397 and XD 796406. Reported no enemy sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company K

1. Continued in the defense of Fire Base Nanking.
2. At 060730H conducted a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to provide local security sweeps of Fire Base Nanking. The patrol covered the following route reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

CF 99 XD 830421, CF 75 XD 827423, CF 4 XD 818417, CF 16 XD 810418, CF 37 XD 815413, CF 8 XD 823416

3. Three LP's were conducted to provide local security at XD 831421, XD 830410 and XD 827413. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company L

1. At 060730H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate water points. The patrols covered the following route:

Patrol #1

CF 1 XD 798390, CF 11 XD 796397, CF 17 XD 802398, CF 55 XD 802385, CF 43 XD 796390

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Patrol #2

CP 82 XD 783385, CP 69 XD 779388, CP 24 XD 784497, CP 37 XD 788396

Patrol #1 reported finding the remains of one NVA soldier with a grave marker indicating: Name, rank, religion, district, province, school and date of birth at vicinity coordinates XL 792389.

Patrol #2 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. Three LF's were conducted at XD 790388, XD 792388 and XD 795389. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Two OF's were conducted at XD 795385 and XD 788388. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 060700H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate local water points. The patrols covered the following route:

Patrol #1

CP 15 XD 795379, CP 16 XD 797375, CP 22 XD 794373, CP 28 XD 786376, CP 40 XD 786382

Patrol #2

CP 1 XD 783385, CP 3 XD 778386, CP 7 XD 776379, CP 9 XD 781379

Patrol #1 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

Patrol #2 reported sighting one NVA at XD 784386. NVA threw an unknown object at the patrol. Patrol pursued by fire with unknown results.

3. At 062000H conducted squad size ambush at XD 830410. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

7 Oct: Company Locations:

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| H&S Co | XD 811391 |
| India Co | XD 811400 |
| Kilo Co | XD 830914 |
| Lima Co | XD 814395 |
| Mike Co | XD 822402 |

Company "I"

1. At 070700H commenced attack of Battalion Objective G. The objective was secured without incident at 071015H.

2. At 072045H reported sighting a dim light that occasionally flared up in the vicinity of XD 788414. Object was taken under arty fire with unknown results.

3. At 071100H conducted squad size recon patrol to determine the extent

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of enemy activity. The patrol covered the following routes with no indications of enemy sightings.

CF 11 XD 809401, CF 21 XD 814404, CF 31 XD 814401, CF 41 XD 813397

4. Five LF's were conducted at XD 811401, XD 781419, XD 781421, XD 810399 and XD 812398. Reported no enemy sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 072000H conducted a squad size ambush vicinity XD 813402. No enemy contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Continued security of Fire Base Nanking.

2. At 070630H established an OP at XD 823423. No enemy contact or indications of enemy movement.

3. At 070700H and 070745H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine future OP sights and extent of enemy activity covering the following routes with no indications of enemy activity.

Patrol #1

CF 13 XD 813421, CF 14 XD 834424, CF 15 XD 835427

Patrol #2

CF 1 XD 831421, CF 4 XD 834419, CF 8 XD 834420, CF 14 XD 838415, CF 21 XD 844411

4. Three LF's were conducted at XD 830410, XD 832423 and XD 827423. Reported no sightings or enemy movement.

5. At 072000H established a squad size ambush at XD 837416. No enemy contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. At 070700H commenced attack of Battalion Objective F. The objective was secured at 071300H. At 071155H reported finding the following enemy equipment at XD 810392:

3-RFG rds 2-81mm mortar rds 1-bottle med tablets

2. At 071330H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine future OP's, water points and indications of enemy activity. The patrols covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

Patrol #1

CF 1 XD 813394, CF 4 XD 815390, CF 5 XD 816391, CF 7 XD 815394

Patrol #2

CF 3 XD 815395

3. Four LF's were conducted at XD 806390, XD 809389, XD 813397 and XD 812394. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

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Company "M"

1. Continued the defense of Battalion Objective H.
2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 808407 and XD 801409. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 070900H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and locate future OF sights. The patrols covered the following routes:

Patrol #1

CF 23 XD 802412, CF 27 XD 801416, CF 30 XD 798416, CF 33 XD 792416, CF 36 XD 798411

Patrol #2

CF 62 XD 809406, CF 63 XD 801405, CF 50 XD 796408, CF 81 XD 799410

At 071230H, patrol #2 reported finding the following items at vicinity XD 801408:

1-AK47 1-AK47 Mag 2-KIA (Identification unknown) 2-ID Tags

4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 805408, XD 803403 and XD 801409. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
5. At 072000H conducted squad size ambush at vicinity XD 798411. Reported no enemy contact or indications of enemy movement.

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H&S Co XD 811391
 India Co XD 811401
 Kilo Co XD 830914
 Lima Co XD 814395
 Mike Co XD 822402

Company "I"

1. Continued the defense of their present position.
2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 813401 and XD 811399. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 080800H, 081300H and 082030H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity, supply caches and to locate enemy installations. The patrols covered the following routes with no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

Patrol #1

CF 9 XD 808400, CF 8 XD 801405, CF 3 XD 811403, CF 66 XD 797403

Patrol #2

CF 21 XD 811377, CF 20 XD 807398, CF 27 XD 804399, CF 25 XD 802403, CF 29 XD 808403

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Patrol #3

CF 3 XD 817395, CI 6 XD 822393, CF 2 XD 820398, CF 4 XD 818399

4. Three LI's were conducted at XD 814401, XD 814399 and XD 812401. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 082000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 810401. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Nanking.

2. Three OF's were conducted at XD 831421, XD 830410 and XD 827413. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 830410, XD 821417 and XD 831421. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 082000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 838415. Reported no enemy contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Continued the defense of their present position.

2. Two OF's were conducted at XD 810389 and XD 816394. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. At 080800H conducted a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrol covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

CF 12 XD 814389, CF 14 XD 814385, CF 13 XD 812386, CF 15 XD 813392

4. Four LI's were conducted at XD 808393, XD 808390, XD 815395 and XD 812395. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 082000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 816386. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Continued the defense of their present position.

2. Two OF's were conducted at XD 824402 and XD 818402. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. At 080930H and 081000H conducted two squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrol covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

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Patrol #1

CF1 XD 815404, CF3 XD 810408, CF5 XD 811409, CF7 XD 818406

Patrol #2

CF2 XD 824404, CF4 XD 822406, CF6 XD 820410, CF8 XD 820403

4. Four LP's were conducted at XD 824404, XD 820402, XD 822400 and XD 825401. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 082000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 821405. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

9 Oct: Company Locations:

H&S Co XD 811391
 India Co XD 811401
 Kilo Co XD 830914
 Lima Co XD 814395
 Mike Co XD 822402

3rd Battalion, 4th Marines (-) (rein) preparing to conduct operations in accordance with Frag Order for 10 Oct 68.

Company "I"

1. Continued the defense of their present position.
2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 815401 and XD 810400. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 090800H, 091300H and 092030H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activities and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrol covered the following routes reporting no signs of recent enemy activity.

Patrol #1

CF9 XD 808400, CF8 XD 801405, CF3 XD 811403, CF66 XD 797403

Patrol #2

CF21 XD 811397, CF 20 XD 807398, CF27 XD 804398, CF25 XD 802403, CF29 XD 808403

Patrol #3

CF15 XD 817395, CF17 XD 822393, CF19 XD 820398, CF23 XD 818399

4. Four LP's were conducted at XD 813401, XD 812401, XD 810400 and XD 812397. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 092000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 811399. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Continued the defense of their present position.
2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 830410 and XD 828416.

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sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. At 090630H conducted a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or installations. The patrol covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

CF7 XD 834420, CF15 XD 838415, CF25 XD 843419, CF99 XD 846418

4. Three LI's were conducted at XD 833423, XD 828418 and XD 836417. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 092000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 830410. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Continued the defense of their present position.

2. Two CI's were conducted at XD 816394 and XD 809393. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. At 090700H, 091400H and 092100H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols covered the following routes:

Patrol #1

CF99 XD 814386, CF 22 XD 814384, CF25 XD 806383, CF15 XD 802385, CF19 XD 808388

Patrol #2

CF12 XD 814389, CF14 XD 814385, CF13 XD 812386, CF15 XD 813392

Patrol #3

CF10 XD 813395, CF15 XD 815390, CF14 XD 816384, CF13 XD 814384, CF12 XD 813390

At 090900H patrol #1 reported finding the following enemy equipment at vicinity XD 812391:

3-AK-47 1-RFG rd 10-ChiCom Grenades 5-Satchel Charges

4. Three LI's were conducted at XD 809389, XD 807394 and XD 812395. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 092000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 820394. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Continued the defense of their present positions.

2. At 091300H and 092100H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols covered the following routes and reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

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Patrol #1

CF2 XD 815404, CF4 XD 810406, CF6 XD 814409, CF8 XD 820405

Patrol #2

CF3 XD 825400, CF6 XD 818400, CF9 XD 819404

3. Four LI's were conducted at XD 823404, XD 822400, XD 821400 and XD 820403. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

10 Oct: Company Locations:

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 824464 |
| Kilo Co | Fire Base Nanking |
| Lima Co | XD 813484 |
| Mike Co | XD 815473 |
| Echo Co 2/9 | Fire Base Gurkha |

See Frag Order for 10 Oct 68.

At 100500H received OI CON of Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines.

Company "I"

1. At 101020H commenced heliborne operations to seize Battalion Objective "B". The objective was secured at 101230H with no incidents.

2. At 101430H and 102000H conducted four squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activities. The patrols covered the following routes:

Patrol #1

CF16 XD 828467, CF21 XD 832467, CF44 XD 833465, CF33 XD 831463, CF23 XD 827463

Patrol #2

CF55 XD 817462, CF13 XD 816464, CF6 XD 817466, CF23 XD 820467, CF9 XD 814467

Patrol #3

CF14 XD 824458, CF41 XD 823456, CF17 XD 821458, CF64 XD 818460

Patrol #4

CF7 XD 819467, CF17 XD 815402, CF19 XD 818459, CF27 XD 823459

3. Three LI's were conducted at XD 821467, XD 819464 and XD 822473. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

4. At 102000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 826468. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Nanking.

2. Three LI's were conducted at XD 830410, XD 828418 and XD 836417. Reported no sightings or indications enemy activity.

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3. At 102000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 833423. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "J"

1. At 101020H conducted a heliborne operation to seize Battalion Objective "D". The objective was secured with no incidents at 101230H.

2. At 102000H conducted a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity. The patrol covered the following routes and reported sighting one NVA at XD 811489. Patrol initiated arty mission and searched the general vicinity with unknown results.

CI42 XD 811483, CI67 XD 814484, CI14 XD 812484, CI2 XD 809484

3. Three LF's were conducted at XD 809479, XD 810482 and XD 807482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 102000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 807484. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. At 101020H conducted heliborne operations to seize Battalion Objective "C". The objective was secured at 101230H with no incidents.

2. At 102000H conducted a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to provide local security. The patrol covered the following route and reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

CI99 XD 810475, CI33 XD 806474, CI25 XD 808470, CI69 XD 814476

3. Three LF's were conducted at XD 818477, XD 816475 and XD 818475. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 102000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 813474. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "E"

1. At 101020H commenced attack to seize Battalion Objective "A". Secured Objective "A" at 101230H with no incidents.

2. Commenced extensive improvements of the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.

3. Three LF's were conducted at XD 832481, XD 830483 and XD 82481. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 102000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 832484. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 824464 |
| Kilo Co | Fire Base Nanking |
| Lima Co | XD 813484 |
| Mike Co | XD 815473 |
| Echo Co 2/9 | XD 827483 |

Company "J"

1. At 110700H, 111200H, 111500H and 112030H conducted four squad size recon patrols to determine extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches, installations or equipment. The patrols covered the following routes:

Patrol #1

CF1 XD 824456, CF12 XD 827452, CF17 XD 830400

Patrol #2

CF5 XD 832469, CF18 XD 840460, CF45 XD 834463

Patrol #3

CF14 XD 825465, CF97 XD 815462, CF36 XD 820460

Patrol #4

CF49 XD 828457, CF59 XD 833457, CF69 XD 836460

Patrol #1 reported finding one circular trench emplacement and an enemy bunker at XD 822464. Bunker was destroyed by patrol.

Patrol #3 reported sighting one NVA crawling at XD 819467. Patrol pursued by fire with unknown results.

Patrols #2 and #4 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 819461 and XD 822467. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LI's were conducted at XD 820460, XD 820466 and XD 823462. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 112000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 826468. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Nanking.

2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 832419 and XD 835415. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LI's were conducted at XD 830410, XD 820418 and XD 835417. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 112000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 833428. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

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Company "L"

1. At 110700H, 111200H, 111500H and 112000H conducted four squad size recon patrols to determine extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or installations. The patrol covered the following routes:

Patrol #1

CP9 XD 813485, CP16 XD 807483, CP35 XD 800490, CP75 XD 808489

Patrol #2

CP11 XD 815481, CP39 XD 818484, CP47 XD 831484, CP53 XD 826487

Patrol #3

CP72 XD 807480, CP14 XD 805475, CP17 XD 807425

Patrol #4

CP88 XD 812486, CP90 XD 809479

Patrol #1 reported finding 10 bunkers, 15 fighting holes, 2 grass huts, medical bandages and some used battle dressings at XD 809486. Emplacements were destroyed and equipment returned.

Patrol #4 reported finding 10 enemy bunkers at XD 810488. Bunkers were destroyed by patrol.

Patrols #2 and #3 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. Three OP's were conducted at XD 801479, XD 811482 and XD 807482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Two LP's were conducted at XD 813485 and XD 810482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

3. At 112000H conducted two squad size ambushes at XD 810487 and XD 814487. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. At 110700H, 111200H, 111500H and 112100H conducted four squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or installations. The patrol covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Patrol #1

CP3 XD 816467, CP17 XD 813401, CP5 XD 816409

Patrol #2

CP18 XD 818467, CP25 XD 826474, CP33 XD 823474, CP44 XD 818475

Patrol #3

CP5 XD 815480, CP6 XD 825476, CP7 XD 816476

Patrol #4

CP9 XD 812476, CP10 XD 804474, CP11 XD 804470, CP12 XD 807474

2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 816474, XD 815479 and XD 818475. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

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3. Two OP's were conducted at XD 812474 and XD 815477. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 112000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 819468. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "E"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.

2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 826482 and XD 831481. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. At 110700H and 112100H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to provide local security sweeps of Fire Base Gurkha. The patrol covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

Patrol #1

CP1 XD 831483, CP2 XD 827477

Patrol #2

CP7 XD 822486, CP8 XD 826490, CP9 XD 828484

4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 821483, XD 829480 and XD 830483. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 111050H a squad size patrol on a daily water run at XD 832481 reported an explosion of unknown origin inflicting friendly casualties as follows: 1 Frd KIA, 1 Frd WIA, and 2 Frd Non-battle.

6. At 112000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 833480. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

12 Oct: Company Locations:

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 835468 |
| Kilo Co | Fire Base Manking |
| Lima Co | XD 834494 |
| Mike Co | XD 835473 |
| Echo Co 2/9 | Fire Base Gurkha |

Company "I"

1. Displaced to vicinity coordinates XD 835468 to conduct extensive patrolling and to establish new patrol base. Reported no enemy contact or indications of enemy activity.

2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 834466, XD 835468 and XD 835406. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

3. At 122000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 834466. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

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Company "K"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Nanking.
2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 828418, XD 835418 and XD 830410. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. Two OP's were conducted at XD 827418 and XD 835417. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
4. At 122000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 833423. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Displaced to vicinity coordinates XD 834494 to establish new patrol base and to conduct extensive patrolling. Reported no enemy contact or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 121300H conducted a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrol covered the following routes:

CF7 XD 827492, CF8 XD 828499, CF11 XD 831495

The patrol reported sighting one NVA, point man pursued by fire killing the NVA at XD 826492. Captured equipment included 1-AK47, 1-Foncho and 1-AK47 magazine.

3. Three LF's were conducted at XD 833495, XD 834493 and XD 835986. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 122000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 830493. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Displaced to vicinity coordinates XD 835473 to establish new patrol base and to conduct extensive patrolling.
2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 833475, XD 833474 and XD 836475. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 122000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 837474. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "N"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.
2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 828480 and XD 829481. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

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3. At 121700H conducted a squad size recon patrol to provide local security of Fire Base Gurkha. The patrol covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

CP7 XD 822486, CP8 XD 826490, CP9 XD 828484

4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 829480, XD 830480 and XD 828484. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

13 Oct: Company Locations:

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 835468 |
| Kilo Co | Fire Base Nanking |
| Lima Co | XD 834494 |
| Mike Co | XD 835473 |
| Echo Co 2/9 | Fire Base Gurkha |

Company "I"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 835469 and XD 837467. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

2. At 130700H, 131200H and 132000H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

Patrol #1

CP7 XD 838468, CP9 XD 850480, CP13 XD 844474, CP23 XD 841469

Patrol #2

CP16 XD 838468, CP19 XD 844465, CP33 XD 850469, CP41 XD 846468

Patrol #3

CP17 XD 830465, CP21 XD 831469

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 834467, XD 837467 and XD 835466. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 132000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 835463. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Nanking.

2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 827418 and XD 835417. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. At 130700 and 131200H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to provide local security sweeps of that position. The patrols covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

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Patrol #1

CF8 XD 859499, CF3 XD 862494, CF2 XD 859489, CF5 XD 854488

Patrol #2

CF11 XD 854490, CF29 XD 847489, CF34 XD 844489, CF72 XD 848500, CF65 XD 855495

4. Three LF's were conducted at XD 828418, XD 835418 and XD 831410. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 132000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 833423. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. At 130700H, 131200H and 132000H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

Patrol #1

CF17 XD 839491, CF37 XD 841489, CF47 XD 844497, CF 57 XD 841499, CF67 XD 836497

Patrol #2

CF1 XD 829491, CF5 XD 829495, CF9 XD 827503, CF16 XD 832502, CF18 XD 834561

Patrol #3

CF73 XD 834495, CF94 XD 835500, CF81 XD 841500, CF83 XD 842494

2. Three LF's were conducted at XD 834492, XD 834496 and XD 836494. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

3. At 132000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 828494. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. At 130700H, 131200H and 132000H conducted three squad size patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrol covered the following routes:

Patrol #1

CF19 XD 837476, CF29 XD 841476, CF39 XD 840480, CF59 XD 835478

Patrol #2

CF1 XD 829476, CF3 XD 824470, CF4 XD 830467, CF5 XD 831469, CF6 XD 837476

Patrol #3

CF2 XD 834474, CF7 XD 832480, CF9 XD 831484, CF11 XD 834480, CF13 XD 837476

Patrol #1 reported finding 24 gravel mines at vicinity coordinates XD 835478 and XD 840480. Mines were destroyed in place.

Patrols #2 and #3 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. Three LF's were conducted at XD 834474, XD 832472 and XD 833475. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

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3. At 132000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 835476. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "E"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.
2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 830480 and XD 821482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 130700H and 132000H conducted two squad size recon patrols to provide local security sweeps of Fire Base Gurkha. The patrol covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

Patrol #1

CF1 XD 818485, CF2 XD 816484, CF3 XD 822478

Patrol #2

CF7 XD 826479

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 831481, XD 829483 and XD 822482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 132000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 827487. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

14 Oct: Company Locations:

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 835468 |
| Kilo Co | Fire Base Nanking |
| Lima Co | XD 834494 |
| Mike Co | XD 835473 |
| Echo Co 2/9 | Fire Base Gurkha |

Company "I"

1. At 140700H, 141100H and 141400H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

Patrol #1

CF54 XD 842463, CF64 XD 835463, CF67 XD 833462, CF39 XD 832469

Patrol #2

CF1 XD 847461, CF17 XD 850472, CF32 XD 845469

Patrol #3

CF16 XD 841469, CF34 XD 849474, CF11 XD 846474, CF39 XD 839473

2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 834467, XD 833465 and XD 835465. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

3. At 142000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 832467. Reported no

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contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Nanking.
2. At 140700H, 141000H and 141400H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

Patrol #1

CF56 XD 860493, CF89 XD 859489, CF43 XD 850482

Patrol #2

CF71 XD 850490, CF49 XD 840487, CF84 XD 841485, CF22 XD 846486, CF13 XD 850489

Patrol #3

CF9 XD 852494, CF42 XD 849493, CF33 XD 849500, CF25 XD 855495

3. Three LF's were conducted at XD 828418, XD 825418 and XD 830410. Reporting no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 142000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 833423. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. At 140700H, 141100H and 141400H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

Patrol #1

CF16 XD 835486, CF44 XD 842490, CF55 XD 844490, CF27 XD 842496

Patrol #2

CF31 XD 835500, CF28 XD 840503, CF19 XD 844503, CF13 XD 843497, CF11 XD 840496

Patrol #3

CF95 XD 828494, CF10 XD 828491, CF9 XD 829486, CF8 XD 833490

2. Three LF's were conducted at XD 836495, XD 834495 and XD 834493. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 142000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 834490. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. At 140700H, 141100H and 141400H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or installations. The patrol covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

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Patrol #1

CF21 XD 837476, CF17 XD 844476, CF22 XD 848477, CF40 XD 849479, CF56 XD 840476

Patrol #2

CF1 XD 831479, CF2 XD 833484, CF5 XD 840480

Patrol #3

CF9 XD 830472, CF12 XD 824470, CF13 XD 828478

2. Three LI's were conducted at XD 833475, XD 832472 and XD 833474. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 142000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 832471. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "E"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.
2. Two OI's were conducted at XD 820481 and XD 820480. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 140700H and 141600H conducted two squad size recon patrols to provide local security of Fire Base Gurkha. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
4. At 140800H conducted a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrol covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

CF17 XD 824479, CF22 XD 820477, CF46 XD 816490

5. Three LI's were conducted at XD 821480, XD 829480 and XD 830483. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
6. At 142000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 822483. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

15 Oct: Company Locations:

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 835468 |
| File Co | Fire Base Nanking |
| Lima Co | XD 834494 |
| Mike Co | XD 835473 |
| Echo Co 2/9 | Fire Base Gurkha |

Company "I"

1. Two OI's were conducted at XD 834464 and XD 833467. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 150900H, 151100H and 151900H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches

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or enemy installations within the following grids reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

XD 8246, XD 8346, XD 8446

3. Three LF's were conducted at XD 833467, XD 833465 and XD 835465. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

4. At 152000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 835464. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Baseanking.

2. Three OF's were conducted at XD 832417, XD 830413 and XD 829415. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LF's were conducted at XD 828418, XD 835418 and XD 830410. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 152000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 833423. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Two OF's were conducted at XD 835495 and XD 837494. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 150800H, 151100H and 151600H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity within the following grids reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

XD 8349, XD 8449, XD 8350

3. Three LF's were conducted at XD 834493, XD 835495 and XD 835494. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 152000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 834496. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Three OF's were conducted at XD 833475, XD 837472 and XD 834474. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 150700H, 151100H and 151500H conducted three squad size patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity within the following grids reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

XD 8347, XD 8447, XD 8448

3. Three LF's were conducted at XD 832472, XD 835474 and XD 834472. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

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4. At 152000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 833476. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "J"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.
2. Two OF's were conducted at XD 816485 and XD 815481. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 050900H, 151100H and 151900H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity within the following grids reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

XD 8048, XD 8147, XD 8148

4. Three LF's were conducted at XD 822484, XD 829484 and XD 827479. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 152000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 817482. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

16 Oct: Company Locations:

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 835468 |
| Kilo Co | Fire Base Manking |
| Lima Co | XD 834494 |
| Mike Co | XD 835473 |
| Echo Co 2/9 | Fire Base Gurkha |

Company "I"

1. Two OF's were conducted at XD 832467 and XD 835464. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 160700H, 161100H and 161500H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations within the following grids reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

XD 8346, XD 8446, XD 8546

3. Three LF's were conducted at XD 835466, XD 834467 and XD 834465. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 162000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 833467. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Manking.

2. Three OF's were conducted at XD 832417, XD 830413 and XD 829415. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

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3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 828418, XD 835418 and XD 830418. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 162000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 833423. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 833485 and XD 835485. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 160800H two squad size recon patrols were heli-lifted to vicinity grids XD 8550 and XD 8549 to determine the extent of enemy activity in that sector and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrol reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 835495, XD 833495 and XD 834493. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
4. At 162000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 835498. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Three LP's were conducted at XD 833475, XD 832472 and XD 835474. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
2. At 160800H two squad size recon patrols were helilifted to vicinity grids XD 8448 and XD 8447 to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols located the following enemy equipment at vicinity coordinates XD 821469: 34-4.2mm rds partially crated. Patrol buried 30 rds and returned 4 rds for disposition.
3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 833475, XD 832472 and XD 835574. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. 162000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 829468. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "E"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.
2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 816485 and XD 815581. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 160800H, 161100H and 161500H conducted three squad size recon patrols within grids XD 8148, XD 8248 and XD 8348 to provide local security of Fire Base Gurkha. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

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4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 829460, XD 831481 and XD 830484. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 16200H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 825488. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

17 Oct: Company Locations:

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 835468 |
| Kilo Co | Fire Base Nanking |
| Lima Co | XD 834494 |
| Mike Co | XD 835473 |
| Echo Co 2/9 | Fire Base Gurkha |

Company "J"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 834464 and XD 836467. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 170700H, 171100H and 171400H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine extent of enemy activity and supply caches or enemy installations within the following grids XD 8346, XD 8246 and XD 8546. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 834467, XD 834465 and XD 834467. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 172000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 835467. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company K

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Nanking.

2. Three OP's were conducted at XD 832417, XD 830413 and XD 829415. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. At 170700H conducted a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to provide local security of Fire Base Nanking. The patrol operated within the following grid: XD 8341. The patrol reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 833413, XD 830410 and XD 828418. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 172000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 837406. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company L

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 833495 and XD 835496. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

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2. At 170800H two squad size recon patrols were heli-lifted to vicinity grids XD 8550 and XD 8549 to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LI's were conducted at XD 834495, XD 834493 and XD 835495. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 172000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 827492. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Three OF's were conducted at XD 833475, XD 832472 and XD 835474. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 170800H two squad size recon patrols were heli-lifted to vicinity grids XD 8448 and XD 8447 to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LI's were conducted at XD 833475, XD 832472 and XD 835474. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 172000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 833476. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "E"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.

2. Two OF's were conducted at XD 829481 and XD 823484. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. At 170700H and 171700H conducted two squad size recon patrols within grids XD 8248 and XD 8347 to provide local security of Fire Base Gurkha. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

4. Three LI's were conducted at XD 822484, XD 831481 and XD 828484. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 172000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 827481. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

18 Oct: Company Locations:

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| N&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 853468 |
| Kilo Co | XD 857493 |
| Lima Co | XD 844494 |
| Mike Co | XD 838462 |
| Echo Co 2/9 | Fire Base Gurkha |

Company "I"

1. Continued the defense of their present position.

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2. At 181100H displaced by overland movement to vicinity coordinates XD 853468 to establish new patrol base. Reported no enemy contact.
3. Three LI's were conducted at XD 852445, XD 852468 and XD 853467. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 182000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 854467. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Nanking.
2. At 181030H displaced by overland movement to vicinity coordinates XD 857493 to establish new patrol base. Reported no enemy contact.
3. Two OF's were conducted at XD 855492 and XD 858494. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
4. At 181045H one friendly non-battle casualty was reported at XD 857493. Reported that one Marine while exiting from helicopter fell and injured his jaw. Marine was evacuated.
5. At 181300H conducted three squad size patrols within the following grids: XD 8341, XD 8439 and XD 8548 to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
6. Three LI's were conducted at XD 859495, XD 855494 and XD 855491. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
7. At 182000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 858490. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Continued the defense of their present position.
2. At 181100H displaced to vicinity coordinates XD 844494 to establish new patrol base. Reported no enemy contact.
3. At 181600H conducted two squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 8449 and XD 8450 to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
4. Three LI's were conducted at XD 845495, XD 844493 and XD 843494. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
5. At 182000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 837484. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Continued the defense of their present position.

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2. At 181100H displaced to vicinity coordinates XD 838462 to establish new patrol base. Reported no enemy contact or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 181400H conducted two squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 8447 and XD 8348 to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
4. Three LF's were conducted at XD 838476, XD 839476 and XD 839479. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
5. At 182000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 836477. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "E"

1. Continued defense of Fire Base Gurkha.
2. Conducted two OF's at XD 820480 and XD 828476. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 180700H and 180600H conducted two squad size patrols to provide local security within the following grids: XD 8248 and XD 8348 of Fire Base Gurkha. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
4. Three LF's were conducted at XD 820480, XD 828481 and XD 827484. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
5. At 182000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 826475. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

19 Oct: Company Locations:

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 853468 |
| Kilo Co | XD 857493 |
| Lima Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| Mike Co | XD 838462 |
| Echo Co 2/9 | Fire Base Gurkha |

Echo Co 2/9 chopped to 9th Marines.

Company "I"

1. Two OF's were conducted at XD 855465 and XD 853468. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 190700H, 191100H and 191400H conducted three squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 8547, XD 8647 and XD 8548 to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. Three LF's were conducted at XD 856466, XD 854466 and XD 854468. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

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4. At 192000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 856468. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "k"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 854492 and XD 859489. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 190700H, 191100H and 191400H conducted three squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 8649, XD 8549 and XD 8648 to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 858492, XD 858495 and XD 854494. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 192000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 851494. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Continued the defense of their present position.

2. At 191730H displaced by heli-lift to assume the the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 823483, XD 830483 and XD 826484. Reported no sighting or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 192000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 830483. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 837477 and XD 838477. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 190700H, 191100H and 191700H conducted three squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 8448, XD 8548 and XD 8348 to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 839476, XD 838476 and XD 838477. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 192000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 840480. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "E"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 820480 and XD 828478. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

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H&S Co Fire Base Gurkha
 India XD 830492
 Kilo Co XD 816477
 Lima Co Fire Base Gurkha
 Mike Co XD 840490

Company "I"

1. Continued the defense of their present position.
2. At 201200H conducted heli-lift to vicinity coordinates XD 830492 to establish new patrol base. Reported no enemy contact.
3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 830494, XD 828491 and XD 831491. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 202000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 828493. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Continued the defense of their present position.
2. At 201200H conducted heli-lift to vicinity coordinates XD 816477 to establish new patrol base. Reported no enemy contact.
3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 816480, XD 816474 and XD 819477. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 202000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 811476. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.
2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 825484 and XD 823480. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 200700H and 201700H conducted two squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 8248 and XD 8348 to provide local security of Fire Base Gurkha. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 823480, XD 825484 and XD 831482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
5. At 202000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 831480. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. At 200700H displaced by overland movement to establish new patrol base

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at XD 840490. Reported no enemy contact or indications of enemy activity.

2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 839491, XD 838488 and XD 840489. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

3. At 202000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 841491. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

21 Oct: Company Locations:

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| NSS Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 830492 |
| Kilo Co | XD 812482 |
| Lima Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| Mike Co | XD 840490 |

Company "I"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 827495 and XD 831491. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 210730H and 211230H conducted two squad size recon patrols in vicinity grids XD 8249 and XD 8348 to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 831491, XD 829490 and XD 831494. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 212000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 828493. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "F"

1. At 210835H displaced by overland movement to vicinity coordinates XD 816477 to establish new patrol base. Reported no enemy contact or indications of enemy activity.

2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 809482 and XD 813484. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. At 211130H and 211400H conducted two squad size recon patrols within grids XD 8048 and XD 8148. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 814482, XD 811480 and XD 813484. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 212000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 807482. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 823482 and XD 831482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

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2. At 210700H and 211700H conducted two squad size recon patrols to provide local security of Fire Base Gurkha within grids XD 8248 and XD 8348. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 825484, XD 823480 and XD 831482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 212000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 825478. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 839491 and XD 840489. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 210800H and 211400H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols covered the following routes:

Patrol #1

CP11 XD 837488, CP39 XD 836494, CP47 XD 843494, CP64 XD 841491

Patrol #2

CP17 XD 848490, CP2 XD 847496, CP19 XD 844498, CP43 XD 844492

Patrol #1 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity. Patrol #2 reported sighting two NVA at XD 847495 wearing under-shirts and no sign of other equipment. Patrol pursued by fire with unknown results.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 838489, XD 840489 and XD 839488. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
4. At 212000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 838492. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

22 Oct: Company Locations:

H&S Co Fire Base Gurkha
 India Co XD 830492
 Kilo Co XD 812482
 Lima Co Fire Base Gurkha
 Mike Co XD 840490

Company "I"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 828493 and XD 832493. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 220730H and 221300H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrol covered the following routes:

Patrol #1

CP17 XD 829491, CP22 XD 825489, CP91 XD 819489, CP16 XD 824493

Patrol #2

CP15 XD 834490, CP35 XD 835485, CP64 XD 829486

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Patrol #1 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity. Patrol #2 reported finding 4 to 10 fighting positions at XD 833509. Fighting holes were destroyed by the patrol. The patrol reported no further signs of enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 829493, XD 832494 and XD 830499. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

4. At 222000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 833492. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company K

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 813484 and XD 812480. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 220730H conducted a company size combat patrol. The patrol operated within the XD 8148 and XD 8248 grids. The patrol reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 813484, XD 814482 and XD 811480. The patrol reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 222000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 819479. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company L

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.

2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 832482 and 831482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. At 220700H, 220730H and 221700H conducted three squad size patrols to provide the local security of Fire Base Gurkha and to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations within the XD 8348 and XD 8248. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 825484, XD 823480 and XD 831482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 222000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 819479. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company M

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 838491 and XD 838499. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. Conducted a platoon size combat patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrol covered the following route:

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CP98 XD 840495, CP79 XD 840509, CP64 XD 846506, CP52 XD 850504, CP48 XD 849497

The patrol reported finding a bunker complex at XD 847496. Complex consisted of 12 A-frame, 6 flat and 9 unfinished bunkers. All bunkers were 6 feet long, 3 feet wide, and 4 feet deep. Patrol returned with no enemy sightings. Demolitions were used in destroying bunkers.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 838491, XD 837489 and XD 839488. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

4. At 222000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 840488. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 830492 |
| Kilo Co | XD 812482 |
| Lima Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| Mike Co | XD 840490 |
| Golf Co 2/4 | Fire Base Alpine |

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Company "I"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 828493 and XD 832493. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 230730H and 231400H conducted a platoon (rein) size combat patrol and a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

Patrol #1

XD 826495, XD 820494, XD 824501, XD 825497, XD 831494

Patrol #2

XD 841502, XD 844503, XD 845495

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 830491, XD 832494 and XD 830493. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 232000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 827492. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 814484 and XD 815478. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 230700H and 231230H conducted a platoon size combat patrol and a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and

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locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols operated in the following grids reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

XD 8149, XD 8148, XD 8247

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 813484, XD 814482 and XD 811482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 232000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 807483. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.

2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 823482 and XD 829483. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. At 230700H and 231700H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to conduct local security sweeps of Fire Base Gurkha. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 825484, XD 823480 and XD 831482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 232000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 819479. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 838491 and XD 839488. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 230730H, 231300H and 231500H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols covered the following routes:

Patrol #1

CP18 XD 850491, CP32 XD 860491, CP44 XD 858493, CP67 XD 850492, CP88 XD 846494

Patrol #2

CP39 XD 846494, CP62 XD 846500, CP79 XD 850504, CP18 XD 850495

Patrol #3

CP1 XD 845490, CP5 XD 843488, CP10 XD 840488, CP15 XD 842495

Patrols #1 and #2 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity. Patrol #3 reported finding 20 A-frame bunkers at XD 843488. Bunkers were destroyed.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 838491, XD 837489 and XD 839488. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 232000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 840488. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

SECRETCompany "G"

1. Established the defense of Fire Base Alpine.
2. Four LP's were conducted at XD 758532, XD 756528, XD 755533 and XD 753529. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

24 Oct: Company Locations:

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 830492 |
| Kilo Co | XD 812482 |
| Lima Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| Mike Co | XD 840490 |
| Golf Co 2/4 | Fire Base Alpine |
| Alpha Co 1/4 | Fire Base Gurkha |

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Company "G" 2/4 chopped to 2/4

Company "I"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 830496 and XD 830494. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 240730H and 241300H conducted a platoon size combat patrol and a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols covered the following routes reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

Patrol #1

CP11 XD 826495, CP29 XD 823495, CP16 XD 820494, CP83 XD 820498, CP72 XD 824501, CP45 XD 825497

Patrol #2

CP17 XD 831502, CP18 XD 835503, CP19 XD 835495

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 830491, XD 832494 and XD 830493. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 242000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 827492. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 814484 and XD 815478. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 240730H and 241700H conducted a platoon size combat patrol and a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or installations. The patrols operated within the grids XD 8149, XD 8148 and XD 8147. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 814482, XD 812480 and XD 813484. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

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4. At 242000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 809480. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.
2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 823482 and XD 829483. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 240700H and 241700H conducted two squad size recon patrols to provide the local security of Fire Base Gurkha. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

Company "M"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 838493 and XD 840488. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 240730H and 241300H conducted a platoon size combat patrol and a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity. The patrols operated within grids XD 8449, XD 8549 and XD 8448. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 840489, XD 838489 and XD 839487. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 242000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 838492. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "G"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Alpine.
2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 756528, XD 755533 and XD 753529. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 242000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 758832. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "A"

1. Commenced the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.
2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 822482, XD 824480 and XD 831482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 242000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 828484. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

25 Oct: Company Locations:

H&S Co Fire Base Gurkha
 India Co XD 825513
 Kilo Co YD 817505

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Lima Co XD 845500
 Mike Co XD 857493
 Alpha Co 1/4 Fire Base Gurkha

Company "I"

1. At 250700H conducted overland movement to establish new patrol base vicinity coordinates XD 825513. Reported no enemy contact or indications of enemy activity.
2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 826512, XD 827514 and XD 824513. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 252000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 824515. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. At 251013H conducted an overland movement to establish a new patrol base at vicinity coordinates XD 817505. Reported no contact or indications of enemy activity.
2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 818505, XD 817504 and XD 816505. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 252000H conducted a squad ambush at XD 818507. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. 251015H conducted overland movement to establish a new patrol base vicinity coordinates XD 845500. Reported no contact or indications of enemy activity.
2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 845503, XD 843502 and XD 847503. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 252000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 847498. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. At 250700H conducted overland movement to establish a new patrol base vicinity coordinates XD 857493. Reported no contact or indications of enemy activity.
2. Four LP's were conducted at XD 856492, XD 856494, XD 859495 and XD 858494. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 252000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 854493. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "A"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha

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2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 823482 and XD 830482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 250700H and 251700H conducted two squad size recon patrols to provide local security of Fire Base Gurkha. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 828484, XD 824480 and XD 831482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
5. At 252000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 822482. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

26 Oct: Company Locations:

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 825513 |
| Kilo Co | XD 817505 |
| Lima Co | XD 845500 |
| Mike Co | XD 857493 |
| Alpha Co 1/4 | Fire Base Gurkha |

Company "I"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 825515 and XD 826514. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 260700H, 261100H and 261400H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine enemy activity, locate supply caches or enemy installations. Patrols operated in grids XD 8251, XD 8351 and XD 8451. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 824515, XD 825515 and XD 826514. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 262000H conducted one squad size ambush at XD 826512. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 816506 and XD 818506. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
2. At 260700H, 261100H and 261400H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols operated within grids XD 8150, XD 8151, XD 8050 and XD 8149. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 816506, XD 818506 and XD 817504. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 262000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 813503. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

SECRETCompany "L"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 844499 and XD 844503. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 260700H, 261100H and 261400H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols operated within grids XD 8450, XD 8451 and XD 8449. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 844498, XD 845498 and XD 844503. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 262000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 841500. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "H"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 858494 and XD 854492. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 260700H, 261100H and 261400H conducted three squad size recon patrols to determine enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols covered the following routes:

Patrol #1

CP9 XD 858493, CP18 XD 860492, CP27 XD 865490, CP36 XD 865494, CP45 XD 858494

Patrol #2

CP2 XD 858495, CP11 XD 859500, CP20 XD 859503, CP29 XD 855505, CP38 XD 855500, CP47 XD 855495

Patrol #3

CP1 XD 860494, CP10 XD 865500, CP19 XD 862503, CP38 XD 861498

Patrol #1 reported finding 13 A frame bunkers at XD 865494. Bunkers were 6 feet long, 5 feet wide and 3 feet deep. Destroyed bunkers. Patrols #2 and #3 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 856492, XD 856494 and XD 859495. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 262000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 854493. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "A"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.
2. At 260700H and 261700H conducted two squad size recon patrols to provide local security of Fire Base Gurkha. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 262150H reported sighting a flashlight at XD 824477. Arty mission fired with unknown results.

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4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 826502, XD 826514 and XD 824512. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 262000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 824513. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

27 Oct: Company Locations:

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 825513 |
| Kilo Co | XD 817505 |
| Lima Co | XD 845500 |
| Mike Co | XD 857493 |
| Alpha Co 1/4 | Fire Base Gurkha |

Company "I"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 827512 and XD 825515. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

2. At 270730H and 270900H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols covered the following routes:

Patrol #1

CF81 XD824515, CF69 XD 824518, CF33 XD 824524, CP65 XD 823528

Patrol #2

CF39 XD 826516, CP16 XD 827520, CF57 XD 827529, CP89 XD 828528

Patrol #1 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity. Patrol #2 reported finding 3 gravel type mines at XD 825517. Destroyed mines and continued their assigned mission with no further sightings or enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 824515, XD 826514 and XD 825615. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 272000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 826512. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 517503 and XD 519508. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 270730H and 270900H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols operated within grids XD 8050, XD 8150, XD 8151 and XD 8152. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 816506, XD 818506 and XD 818505. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 272000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 817504. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

SECRETCompany "L"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 844499 and XD 844523. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 270730H and 270900H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols covered the following routes:

Patrol #1

CP87 XD 840507, CP31 XD 841512, CP15 XD 840516, CP62 XD 839520, CP43 XD 841519, CP16 XD 844514, CP82 XD 845505

Patrol #2

CP32 XD 844504, CP47 XD 846515, CP51 XD 847519, CP69 XD 848520, CP72 XD 847513, CP83 XD 844506

Patrol #1 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity. Patrol #2 reported finding the following enemy equipment at XD 847508:

2-E tools AK47 rds 1-Small explosive device 6-Fighting holes

Destroyed fighting holes and returned equipment to company position.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 844497, XD 845498 and XD 844502. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 272000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 843500. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 858494 and XD 854492. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 270730H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols operated within grids XD 8549, XD 8550, XD 8649, XD 8650 and XD 8551. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 854498, XD 857493 and XD 856492. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 272000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 859494. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "A"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.
2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 823482 and XD 830483. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 270700H and 271700H conducted two squad size recon patrols to provide local security of Fire Base Gurkha. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

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4. At 272300H reported that a friendly trip flare was ignited by unknown sources. 81mm mortar mission was fired with unknown results. At first-light on the 28th, recon of area showed signs of recent enemy activity.
5. Three LP's were conducted at XD 831482, XD 826482 and XD 826484. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
6. At 272000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 822486. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

28 Oct: Company Locations:

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 825513 |
| Kilo Co | XD 814517 |
| Lima Co | XD 845500 |
| Mike Co | XD 859504 |
| Alpha Co 1/4 | Fire Base Gurkha |

Company "I"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 827512 and XD 827515. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 280730H and 280900H conducted two squad recon patrols to determine infiltration routes, supply caches and enemy installations. The patrols operated within the following grids: XD 8251, XD 8151 and XD 8150. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 281145H a patrol on a local water run reported one (1) friendly casualty (non-evac) from a friendly arty round which impacted at XD 819516.
3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 825512, XD 827511 and XD 827513. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 282000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 824514. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. At 280730H conducted overland movement to establish a new patrol base at vicinity coordinates XD 814517. Reported no contact or indications of enemy activity.
2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 815517, XD 814515 and XD 813516. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 282000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 814518. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 844497 and XD 843502. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

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2. At 280730H and 280900H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols operated within the following grids:

Patrol #1

XD 8450, XD 8452

Patrol #2

X 8450, XD 8451, XD 8551

Patrol #1 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity. Patrol #2 reported hearing 4 to 5 NVA chopping wood and talking at vicinity coordinates XD 837524. The patrol set up a hasty ambush and an arty mission was fired. The patrol searched out the area with unknown results.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 843499, XD 845501 and XD 844499. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 282000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 846503. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. At 280730H conducted overland movement to establish a new patrol base at vicinity coordinates XD 859504. Reported no contact or indications of enemy activity.

2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 855506, XD 854507 and XD 854508. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

3. At 282000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 857507. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "A"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.

2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 824483 and XD 825484. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. At 280730H, 280900H and 281630H conducted three squad size recon patrols to provide local security of Fire Base Gurkha. The patrols operated within the following grids reporting no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

XD 8247, XD 8248, XD 8148, XD 8147

4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 824483, XD 825584 and XD 829481. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 282000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 821478. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 813517 |
| Kilo Co | XD 816534 |
| Lima Co | XD 845500 |
| Mike Co | XD 859504 |
| Alpha Co 1/4 | Fire Base Gurkha |

Company "I"

1. At 290800H conducted overland movement to establish new patrol base at vicinity coordinates XD 813517. Reported no contact or indications of enemy activity.
2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 814518, XD 825514 and XD 826512. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 292000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 813516. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. At 290800H conducted overland movement to establish new patrol base at vicinity coordinates XD 816534. Reported no contact or indications of enemy activity.
2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 817535, XD 816533 and XD 817534. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 292000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 815535. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 843499 and XD 844497. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 290800H and 291000H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols operated within the following grids:

Patrol #1

XD 8449, XD 8450, XD 8350

Patrol #2

XD 8450, XD 8350

Patrol #1 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity. Patrol #2 reported finding the following general military (NVA) equipment at XD 847520.

Comm Wire, Packs, Shoes, Belts and Med Bottles

3. At 290730H conducted a platoon size combat patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate, fix and destroy enemy forces within the following grid: XD 8352. The patrol reported no contact or indications of enemy activity.

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4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 843499, XD 844497 and XD 845501. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 292000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 841502. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 826512 and XD 825514. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 290800H and 290800H conducted a platoon size combat patrol and a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrol operated within the following grids:

Patrol #1

XD 8551

Patrol #2

XD 8551

Patrols #1 and #2 reported findint the following enemy items at XD 853513 and XD 853511:

1-NVA KIA 14-A frame bunkers 7-Circular fighting holes

Bunkers were destroyed and body buried.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 857507, XD 857506 and XD 855506. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 292000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 855507. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "A"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.

2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 826482 and XD 831482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. At 290700H, 290800H and 291700H conducted three squad size recon patrols to provide local security of Fire Base Gurkha. The patrols operated within the following grids:

XD 8347, XD 8348, XD 8248

The patrol reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 826484, XD 831482 and XD 826482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 292000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 822486. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

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30 Oct: Company Locations:

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| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 825536 |
| Kilo Co | XD 816534 |
| Lima Co | XD 845500 |
| Mike Co | XD 859504 |
| Alpha Co 1/4 | Fire Base Gurkha |

Company "J"

1. At 300800H conducted overland movement to establish new patrol base at vicinity coordinates XD 825536. Reported no contact or indications of enemy activity.
2. Five LP's were conducted at XD 813516, XD 812516, XD 813518, XD 814517 and XD 825511. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 302000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 824513. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 815535 and XD 818533. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 300730H and 300900H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols operated withing the following grids:

Patrol #1

XD 8153, XD 8154

Patrol #2

XD 8253, XD 8354, XD 8254

Patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 817534, XD 816533 and XD 815535. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 302000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 817537. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. At 300800H conducted overland movement to establish new patrol base at vicinity coordinates XD 847520. Reported no contact or indications of enemy activity.
2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 853513, XD 851511 and XD 852512. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 302000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 852510. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

SECRETCompany "M"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 855509 and XD 857507. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 300800H and 300900H conducted a platoon size combat patrol and a squad size recon patrol to determine extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols operated within the following grids:

Patrol #1
XD 8649, XD 8650
Patrol #2
XD 8550, XD 8551

Patrols #1 and #2 reported finding the following enemy equipment and positions at XD 865494, XD 866501 and XD 868504.

1-AK47 1SKS 1-Light machine gun 1-NVA pack Assorted medical supplies

Bunkers were destroyed by patrol.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 856506, XD 855505 and XD 855506. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 302000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 857507. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "A"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.
2. Two OP's were conducted at XD 832482 and XD 830403. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 300730H, 301000H and 301500H conducted three squad size recon patrols to provide local security of Fire Base Gurkha. The patrols operated within the following grids:

Patrol #1
XD 8348, XD 8349
Patrol #2
XD 8147, XD 8046
Patrol #3
XD 8348, XD 8349

Patrols #1 and #3 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity. Patrol #2 reported finding one dead NVA at XD 824497. Buried body and returned with pack and clothing.

4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 827483, XD 826480 and XD 823482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
5. At 302000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 832482. Reported no

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contact or indications of enemy movement.

31 Oct: Company Locations:

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|--------------|------------------|
| H&S Co | Fire Base Gurkha |
| India Co | XD 813517 |
| Kilo Co | XD 816534 |
| Lima Co | XD 847522 |
| Mike Co | XD 859504 |
| Alpha Co 1/4 | Fire Base Gurkha |

Company "I"

1. At 310800H conducted overland movement to establish new patrol base at vicinity coordinates XD 813517. Reported no contact or indications of enemy activity.
2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 812516, XD 813518 and XD 814518. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 312000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 812515. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "F"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 815535 and XD 818533. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 310730H and 310900H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols operated in the following grids:

Patrol #1

XD 8253, XD 8354, XD 8254

Patrol #2

XD 8153, XD 8154

Patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 817534, XD 816533 and XD 815535. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 312000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 817537. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. At 310800H conducted overland movement to establish new patrol base at vicinity XD 847522. Reported no contact or indications of enemy activity.
2. Three LP's were conducted at XD 848521, XD 846522 and XD 847523. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

3. At 312000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 847524. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 858506 and XD 855507. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 310745H, 310815H and 310900H conducted two platoon size combat patrols and one squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrols operated within the following grids:

Patrol #1

XD 8650, XD 8649

Patrol #2

XD 8550, XD 8551

Patrol #3

XD 8551, XD 8552

Patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 858507, XD 855507 and XD 856506. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 312000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 855507. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "A"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 832482 and XD 830403. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 310730H, 310900H and 311700H conducted three squad size recon patrols to provide local security of Fire Base Gurkha.

Patrol #1

XD 8348, XD 8349

Patrol #2

XD 8147, XD 8046

Patrol #3

XD 8348, XD 8349

Patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 827483, XD 826480 and XD 823482. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 312000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 832482. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

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SECRET1. SUMMARY

a. During the period 1-31 October, the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines participated in the following activities:

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| (1) Operations (Regt/Bn) | 3 |
| (2) Patrols: | |
| (a) Company | 22 |
| (b) Platoon | 13 |
| (c) Squad | 208 |
| (d) Ambush | 120 |
| (e) LP's | 390 |
| (f) OP's | 172 |

SECRETSECTION VLOGISTICS1. GENERAL

a. The Battalion was a mobile force for the first part of the month. The Battalion CP is presently at Fire Base Gurkha.

b. Daily resupply of Class I, III, IV items have been conducted from Vandegrift Combat Base by helicopter. Class II items have come by motor convoy to Vandegrift Combat Base from Quang Tri and by helicopter to the companies at their various positions.

c. Scheme of Operation: The S-4 operation was divided into three (3) areas.

(1) S-4 rear maintained all paperwork and coordinated movement of men and material (primarily Class II) to Vandegrift Combat Base.

(2) Our resupply base at Vandegrift Combat Base is maintained with S-4 personnel, one (1) supply representative from each company, the Battalion mess section, Motor Transport personnel, and a mailman. During the month resupply was poor at times due to heavy rains. The messhall cooks for personnel and transients at Vandegrift Combat Base. Hot meals are given to eth companies whenever their positions make it possible. The overall operations at Vandegrift Combat Base went smoothly and efficiently.

(3) An S-4 capability was always maintained with the Battalion Command Post to handle incoming and outgoing goods and provide proper liason with the Battalion Commander. An HST capability was maintained at each position.

2. SUPPLY

a. The overall supply support during this period was satisfactory.

b. Some critical shortages of supplies existed and was reported in the Logistics Summary Report:

- (1) Gas mask - small, medium, large
- (2) Rocket launcher - 3.5
- (3) Motor transport - repair parts
- (4) Compressor - reciprocation flame thrower

3. TRANSPORTATION

a. The Battalion has one (1) M-151A1 vehicle deadlined for a broken driveshaft.

b. One (1) MRC-83 communication vehicle is at FLSG-B for engine repair. One (1) MRC-109 communication vehicle is deadlined for windshield assembly and voltage regulator.

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c. None of the Battalion's four (4) M-37B1 vehicles are running. Two (2) are at Okinawa for major assembly repair and two (2) are awaiting replacement through the repair and rebuild exchange program.

| 3. T/A | <u>ITEM</u> | <u>OH</u> | <u>OR</u> | <u>NORS</u> | <u>NORM</u> |
|--------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| 51600 | M-151A1 | 20 | 95% | 5% | 0% |
| 22040 | MRC-83 | 2 | 50% | 0% | 50% |
| 22050 | MRC-87 | 1 | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| 22052 | MRC-109 | 2 | 50% | 50% | 0% |
| 51050 | M-170 | 1 | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| 51090 | M-37B1 | 4 | 0% | 0% | 100% |
| 51410 | M-274A2 | 29 | 66% | 34% | 0% |
| 50240 | M-255-450 | 1 | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| 50140 | JO-M-1 | 1 | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| 51030 | M-107A1 | 4 | 75% | 25% | 0% |
| 50940 | M-101A1 | 2 | 100% | 0% | 0% |
| 50913 | M-416B1 | 18 | 94% | 6% | 0% |

4. MAINTENANCE

a. Minimum utilization of the M-151A1 vehicles has alleviated many maintenance problems. The present 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance program is highly effective and will continue on all vehicles.

b. Parts still have not arrived for the M-274A2 (mule). The Battalion has ten (10) such vehicles deadlined with no immediate prospect of removing them from this status.

SECRETSECTION VICOMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS1. Wire and Radio

a. The Battalion moved three times during this month: (1) Operation "Thon Bang Son" (2) Operation "Scotland Nanking" (3) Establishment of Fire Base Gurkha. A Battalion Tac Net, Regimental Tac Net, Battalion Admin Net and wire communications were established at each location.

b. Radio continued to be the primary means of communications for the battalion. Each line company operated in the field with 12 PRC-25's, 1 PRC 93 and 1 RC-292. The use of haversacks for the radios in the field worked out very well. The radios were kept considerably drier during the rain storms this month than what we had experienced in previous months.

c. In the field it was necessary to establish a relay station on Hill 950 to insure communication with Vandegrift Combat Base and Quang Tri. It was also used to maintain administrative contact with the companies while on the move in rough terrain.

d. Use of the PRC-77 and the KY-38 was good throughout the month. The operators are getting more experienced with this equipment and are now having shorter down times.

e. Supply was generally good throughout the month. We are having . . . some difficulty in getting wire, even though it has been on order for some time.

2. Message Center

a. No significant change here. We continue to pick up our traffic from Division Communications Center and Task Force Hotel Message Center.

SECRETSECTION VIIFIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

1. The following is a summary of artillery missions for the month of Oct.

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Fire Missions | 217 |
| Rounds Expended | 1920 |
| Acquired Targets Hit | 775 |
| Rounds Expended | 3420 |
| Total rounds expended | 5340 |
| TOT's submitted | 63 |
| TOT's hit | 54 |
| <u>Rounds Expended</u> | <u>780</u> |
| Total rounds expended for month | 6120 |

2. Artillery support for 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines was provided by Batteries "G", "H", "I" and Checkpool. There was outstanding artillery support throughout the month of October.

SECRETSECTION VIIIAIR SUPPORT

Summary of 3/4 air activities during the month of Oct:

| Day | AO | Time | TFQ Req | TPQ HIT | MED VAC | R/W | F/W | VR | TROOP LIFTS | RESUPPLY MISSIONS |
|-----|----|------|------------|------------|------------|-----|-----|----|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 1 | 0x15 | | | 1 | | | 1 | | |
| 3 | 1 | 0x15 | | | 1 | | | | | |
| 4 | | | 4 | 2 | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | 1 | 1x00 | 5 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 6 | | | 5 | 5 | 3 | | | | | |
| 7 | 2 | 1x30 | 5 | 0 | 2 | | 3 | | | |
| 8 | 1 | 0x30 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| 9 | 1 | 1x00 | | | 3 | | | 2 | | 3 |
| 10 | | | | | 3 | | | | 3 | |
| 11 | 1 | 0x30 | | | 9 | | 1 | | | 3 |
| 12 | 1 | 0x30 | 5 | 3 | 1 | | | | | 3 |
| 13 | | | 4 | 0 | 4 | | | | | |
| 14 | | | 4 | 0 | | | | | | |
| 15 | | | | | 18 | | | | | 1 |
| 16 | | | | | 7 | | | | | 3 |
| 17 | | | | | 9 | | | | | 1 |
| 18 | 1 | 0x30 | | | 7 | | | | 1 | |
| 19 | | | 4 | 0 | 8 | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 20 | | | 4 | 0 | 11 | | | | 3 | 1 |
| 21 | 1 | 0x50 | 6 | 2 | 6 | | | | | |
| 22 | 1 | 0x20 | 4 | 0 | 1 | | | | | |
| 23 | 1 | 0x45 | 6 | 0 | 6 | | | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 24 | 2 | 1x30 | 3 | 3 | 7 | | | 1 | | 3 |
| 25 | | | 4 | 0 | 1 | | | | | |
| 26 | 1 | 1x00 | 3 | 0 | 2 | | | 1 | | 3 |
| 27 | | | 3 | 0 | 3 | | | 1 | | 2 |
| 28 | 2 | 0x40 | 3 | 0 | 3 | | | 1 | | |
| 29 | | | 3 | 0 | 2 | | | | | |
| 30 | 3 | 2x00 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 3 |
| 31 | | | | | | | | | | 1 |

Totals

Total number of AO's - 21

Total number of hours they worked with 3/4 - 13x05

TFQ requested - 79

TFQ hit - 18

Med Evac - 124

Rotary Wing - 1

Fixed Wing - 6

VR - 11

Troop Lifts - 11

Resupply Missions - 32

SECRETSECTION IXMEDICAL AFFAIRS

1. Patients seen for the month at Fire Base Shepherd (10)

2. Hostile Casualties Med Evaced (0)

FUO's or Possible Malaria Med Evac's (6)

Non hostile: Emergencies (0)
Priority (3)
Routine (8)
Patient Transfers (3)

3. A total of 14 Med Evac's for the month of October.

4. Also during the month of October:

Four BAS's were maintained in the month of October: (1) Quang Tri
(2) Vandegrift Combat Base (3) Fire Base Shepherd (4) Fire Base Gurkha.
The forward BAS's were completely constructed and refinements made.

5. Forward BAS supplied Bravo Command Group with one corpeman during their operations in the field.

6. The Fire Bases' Sanitary situation was satisfactory with no extreme insect or rat problems.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. No civil affairs were conducted by this Battalion for the month of October due to the adverse location of the Battalion.

SECRETSECTION XIPROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND LESSONS LEARNED

1. In compliance with reference (a), the following Lessons Learned are submitted for October 1968.
2. During the month of October the Battalion operated in three separate environments:
 - 1-3 Cordon Operations Thon Bang Son
 - 5-10 Scotland Nanking west of Khe Sahn
 - 10- Operations in Xa Bai and Kao Quon River Valley Complexes

3. Item: Reducing the weight and contents of the 292 antennae kit.

Problem: The requirement to carry the 292 antennae kit in total places an inordinate requirement on the individual Marines in view of their already burdensome pack load.

Discussion: It has been determined that the only elements of the 292 kit necessary to effect good communications are the generator, antennae and one mast section. Additional height can be improved by use of trees or other field expedients thereby reducing the total weight of the 292 kit.

4. Item: Improvised heating elements:

Problem: On occasion when heat tablets are in short supply, field expedient heating tablets can be improvised.

Discussion: The combination of toilet paper and LSA can provide an adequate source of heat for preparation of ration or drying out of socks.

5. Item: Warming and drying tents.

Problem: To improvise a field warming or drying tent.

Discussion: A field warming or drying tent can satisfactorily be improvised as follows: Take a size #10 can and partially fill it with rocks inserted on top of several heating tablets. Heat the rocks and continue their heating by an occasional insert of an additional tablet. After the rocks have been heated they will emanate sufficient warmth to dry out clothes and provide a degree of comfort to individuals. The fumes generated by the heating tablets were not prohibitive once the initial burning of several tablets to heat the rocks was accomplished.