

SECRET

HEADQUARTERS  
3d Battalion, 4th Marines  
3d Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

670468

1/10/68  
5750  
Seri  
10 100

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (ACBD)  
Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, FMF  
Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force  
Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology (U)

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2B  
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8  
(c) DivO 5750.1B

Encl: (1) Command Chronology for Nov 1968

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

*William A. Donald*  
WILLIAM A. DONALD

S&C FILES  
HEADQUARTERS  
3d Battalion, 4th Marines  
680502

19 DEC 1968

Copy 1 of 15 Copies

Downgraded at three year  
intervals; declassified  
after 12 years

3RD BN/4TH MAR

CMD CHRON

Nov 1968

SECRETTABLE OF CONTENTS

- I ORGANIZATIONAL DATA
- II S-1 AND PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION
- III INTELLIGENCE
- IV OPERATIONS AND TRAINING
- V LOGISTICS
- VI COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS
- VII FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION
- VIII AIR SUPPORT
- IX MEDICAL AFFAIRS
- X CIVIL AFFAIRS
- XI PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND LESSONS LEARNED

SECRETSECTION IORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. Designation/Location

a. 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines

b. 1-5 Nov the 3rd Battalion (-) (rein) continued the defense and development of Fire Base Gurkha. During this period, the Battalion conducted extensive patrolling throughout its assigned AO with no sightings of enemy activity. On 5 Nov the Battalion (-) and Alfa Cmd Gp displaced by helo to Vandegrift Combat Base. The remainder of the Battalion and Bravo Cmd Gp remained at Fire Base Gurkha until 7 Nov, where the Battalion linked up and assumed the responsibility for the defense of Vandegrift Combat Base under Operational Control of the 9th Marines until 11 Nov at which time the Battalion reverted OPCON to 4th Marines. On 21 Nov the Battalion (-) and Alfa Cmd Gp displaced by helo to vicinity coordinates XD 906589 to defend and develop Fire Base Winchester. The Battalion (-) and Bravo Cmd Gp remained at Vandegrift Combat Base with the responsibility for the defense and development of that position.

2. Period covered in report 1-30 November.

3. Billet assignment.

a. Commanding Officer	1-23 Nov 68 LtCol J. L. FOWLER
	24-30 Nov 68 LtCol W. A. DONALD
b. Executive Officer	1-30 Nov 68 Maj R. L. BAKER
c. S-1	1-30 Nov 68 1stLt E. N. FIERTZ
d. S-2	1-22 Nov 68 1stLt C. F. DICKINSON
	22-30 Nov 68 2ndLt K. T. SOUKKALA
e. S-3	1-30 Nov 68 Maj O. W. MACFARLAN
f. S-4	1-30 Nov 68 Capt S. W. AUSTIN
g. CommO	1-30 Nov 68 2ndLt K. L. POYSON
h. CO H&S Co	1- 5 Nov 68 Capt C. R. HUDDLESTON
	6-30 Nov 68 1stLt A. R. CONDROSKI
i. CO Co "I"	1-30 Nov 68 Capt H. L. CURRIE
j. CO Co "K"	1- 5 Nov 68 Capt S. E. THOMAS
	6-30 Nov 68 Capt C. R. HUDDLESTON
k. CO Co "L"	1-30 Nov 68 1stLt D. T. STEVENS
l. CO Co "M"	1- 4 Nov 68 Capt W. J. MACARDLE
	5-30 Nov 68 1stLt G. E. COLPAS

SECRETSECTION IIS-1 AND PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION1. Replacements Received

- a. USMC Enlisted - 113
- b. USMC Officers - 6
- c. USN Enlisted -- 9
- d. USN Officers - 1

2. Personnel Rotated

- a. USMC Enlisted - 98
- b. USMC Officers - 3
- c. USN Enlisted - 3
- d. USN Officers - 0

3. Other Personnel Lossesa. Transfer by Service Records

- (1) USMC Enlisted - 16
- (2) USMC Officers - 1
- (3) USN Enlisted - 1
- (4) USN Officers - 0

b. Wounded in Action

- (1) USMC Enlisted - 5
- (2) USMC Officers - 1
- (3) USN Enlisted - 0
- (4) USN Officers - 0

c. Killed in Action

- (1) USMC Enlisted - 3
- (2) USMC Officers - 0
- (3) USN Enlisted - 0
- (4) USN Officers - 0

d. Humanitarian Transfer

- (1) USMC Enlisted - 0
- (2) USMC Officers - 0
- (3) USN Enlisted - 0
- (4) USN Officers - 0

e. Non-battle Casualties

- (1) USMC Enlisted - 51
- (2) USMC Officers - 0
- (3) USN Enlisted - 3
- (4) USN Officers - 0

f. Intra-Division/Regimental Transfers

- (1) USMC Enlisted - 36
- (2) USMC Officers - 2
- (3) USN Enlisted - 4
- (4) USN Officers - 1

SECRET4. Number of R&R Trips

- a. In-Country 08
- b. Out of Country 03

5. Average Monthly Strength

- a. USMC Enlisted - 1140
- b. USMC Officers - 35
- c. USN Enlisted - 50
- d. USN Officers - 2

6. Personnel Shortages

- |                           |            |                                |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| a. Officers - <u>Rank</u> | <u>MOS</u> | <u>Number</u><br><u>Needed</u> |
| b. Enlisted - <u>Rank</u> | <u>MOS</u> | <u>Number</u><br><u>Needed</u> |

SECRETSECTION IIIINTELLIGENCE

1. Introduction. During the month of Nov. the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines operated in three geographical areas. They were: (1) Khe Sanh-North or the Khe Xa Bai Valley, (2) Vandegrift Combat Base, and (3) Son Phan Cong Hoang Quoc Gia (National Forest Reserve). The Khe Xa Bai Valley is a relatively flat river valley surrounded on the north, south, and west by the highest mountains in South Vietnam. This valley junctures with the Rao Quan River Valley and both then give entrance to the Khe Sanh Plain. Vandegrift Combat Base straddles Route #9 controlling it and the valley that it follows. Vandegrift Combat Base is surrounded on the east and west by high mountains with the valley opening at the north and south. This valley junctures with the Quang Tri River at Ca Lu. The Son Phan Cong Hoang Quoc Gia (National Forest Reserve) is a mountainous region with steep slopes and long narrow fingers. It is an area of dense forests and jungle consisting of a single but thick canopy. The Cam Lo River comes from the north-west through the Son Phan Cong Hoang Quoc Gia and junctures with Route #9 at the Rockpile.

a. 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 48 terrain is especially adaptable to enemy infiltration to Khe Sanh, Ca Lu, and Vandegrift Combat Base.

(2) Obstacles. The high mountains to the north of Khe Xa Bai Valley, commanded by the highest piece of terrain in South Vietnam, Hill 1739, are obstacles to the infantry only when blanketed by clouds, during most of the monsoon season making it impossible for helicopter support.

(3) Cover and Concealment. Excellent cover and concealment exists throughout the valley and surrounding hills. Elephant grass ranging from 3 feet to 9 feet high covers the smaller hills and a large part of the valleys. Trees with intermingled vines cover the larger hills consisting of double and triple canopy. 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 monsoon rains this mountain remains covered by cloud mass almost every day. All other sub-hills in the Khe Xa Bai Valley offer excellent observation of the surrounding terrain since they are naked, except for 5 to 7 feet tall elephant grass.

(5) Avenues of Approach. An infiltration route is reportedly used by the enemy coming down to the Rao Quan River to XD 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 and Vandegrift Combat Base areas.

b. Ca Lu and Vandegrift Combat Base

(1) Key Terrain. Ca Lu is located at XD 01 45 joining with the

SECRET

Ba Long Valley and Riviere De Quang Tri. Control of this junction can be had by the hill at XD 006 461. Hill 461, XD 976 489, affords observational control of the valley north of Ca Lu where Vandegrift Combat Base is located.

(2) Obstacles. The Riviere De Quang Tri is unfordable at most places during both the winter monsoon season and the summer months.

(3) Cover and Concealment. The valley consists of elephant grass 5 feet to 10 feet high offering good cover and concealment. The surrounding hills offer good cover and concealment due to the thick trees and double canopy.

(4) Observation. By commanding Hill 304, XD 976 489, and the hill at XD 006 461, good observation of the Ba Long Valley and the valley in which Vandegrift Combat Base is located is had.

(5) Avenues of Approach. Route #4 affords a good avenue of approach to the Vandegrift and Ca Lu areas. The French road running down the Ba Long Valley affords a good avenue of approach. The Quang Tri River is also a good avenue of approach.

c. Son Phan Cong Hoang Quao Gia (National Forest Reserve)

(1) Key Terrain. The hill at XD 901 610 commands the Cam Lo River at this point. Hill 658, XD 910 564, commands both the Tien Hien River and the Khe Duyen River. Hill 463, XD 887 507, overlooks the terrain to the west. Hill 510, XD 933 585, overlooks the Cam Lo River to the northeast and the valley to the southeast leading to the Rockpile.

(2) Obstacles. The Khe Duyen River is fordable both during the summer and monsoon months. The Cam Lo River would be the large obstacle during the heavy monsoon type rains, but would normally be fordable otherwise.

(3) Cover and Concealment. The small hills consist primarily of elephant grass. All of the larger hills are covered with trees and intermingled vines. The trees are thick but consist only of a single canopy. This area is easy to travel in without being seen.

(4) Observation. With a fire support base or an observation post on the hill at XD 911 591, you have a commanding view over the surrounding hills and valleys. Vandegrift Combat Base, Rockpile, and Quang Tri can also be seen from this hill.

(5) Avenues of Approach. Down the Cam Lo River would be a good avenue of approach to the Rockpile. Also following the Khe Duyen River would be a good infiltration route to the Rockpile and Vandegrift Combat Base. The Tien Hien River offers an infiltration route to either the Rockpile or to Vandegrift Combat Base.

2. Weather

a. During the month of Nov. the weather was relatively the same for

SECRET

the month. From 1-10 Nov. the weather consisted of rain showers and clear days. The wind averaged 6 knots and visibility averaged 6 miles. The temperatures averaged a high of 80° and a low of 70°. The humidity averaged 86%. The ceiling averaged 1700 scattered and 2100 broken. From 11-20 Nov. rain showers were still predominate along with the appearance of early morning fog. The wind averaged 7 knots and visibility averaged 5 miles. The temperatures averaged a high of 81° and a low of 70°. The humidity averaged 84%. The ceiling averaged 2000 scattered and 2500 broken. From 21-30 Nov. rain showers and early morning fog were much the same. The wind increased to an average of 8 knots and visibility averaged 5 miles. The temperatures averaged a high of 80° and a low of 71°. The humidity averaged 77%. The ceiling was on an average of 2000 broken and 1600 scattered. Rain showers were prevalent throughout the month of November.

### 3. Enemy Situation

a. Khe Xa Bai Valley 1-5 Nov. the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines continued the defense and development of Fire Base Gurkha. During this period the Battalion conducted extensive patrolling throughout its assigned AO, finding trails and known infiltration routes.

b. Vandegrift Combat Base. On 5 Nov. the Third Battalion (-) and Alpha Command Group displaced by helo to Vandegrift Combat Base. The remainder of the Battalion and the Bravo Command Group remained at Fire Base Gurkha until 7 Nov. at which time the Battalion (-) and the Bravo Command Group displaced to Vandegrift Combat Base. The Battalion was under the operational control of Ninth Marines until 11 Nov. at which time the Battalion reverted OPCON to Fourth Marines.

c. LZ Winchester. On 21 Nov. the Battalion (-) and the Alpha Command Group displaced by helo to vicinity XD 906 509 to defend and develop Fire Base Winchester. The Battalion (-) and Bravo Command Group remained at Vandegrift Combat Base with the responsibility for the defense and development of that position. During the helo assault Co "I" made contact with 2 to 3 NVA equipped with small arms and RPG's. Co "I" pursued by fire resulting in one (1) NVA KIA, captured equipment consisted of: one (1) AK-47, NVA cartridge belt, two (2) grenades, four (4) AK-47 magazines fully loaded. On 28 Nov. Co "I" while searching out a large bunker complex came under small arms, RPG fire, and claymore mines from 3 to 4 enemy personnel. Co "I" pursued by fire resulting in one (1) NVA KIA. The captured equipment consisted of: one (1) AK-47, one (1) NVA sub-machine gun, utility belt, magazine for sub-machine gun, and three (3) magazines for AK-47.

d. Remarks. Due to the newly constructed enemy positions and equipment found, it is the opinion that enemy forces are utilizing this area as infiltration routes, staging areas, and possibly for future offensive operations.

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

#### a. Enemy KIA's:

(1) 21 Nov 1968 Co "I"

1 NVA KIA

396 587

III-3

ENCLOSURE (1)  
SECRET

SECRET

(2) 20 Nov 1968 Co "I" 1 NVA KIA 883 585

b. Enemy Sightings:

(1) 11 Nov 1968 Co "K"	1 personnel	991 450
(2) 23 Nov 1968 Co "A" 1/9	2 personnel	993 496
(3) 26 Nov 1968 Co "I"	2 personnel	879 558
(4) 29 Nov 1968 Co "L"	1 personnel	937 614

c. Captured Equipment Totals:

Bunkers	170	Bamboo hooches	17
Messhall	1	Fighting holes	75
Mortar pits	1	Assorted cooking utensils	
AK-47	3	Sub-machine gun	1
AK-47 magazines	12	ChiCom grenades	23
RPG rounds	20	82mm rounds, mortar	10
NVA anti-tank mine	1	NVA canteens	4
7.62 rounds	830	NVA helmets	4
NVA ponchos	4	Medical kits	1
NVA "E" tools	9	Rice, lbs.	30
82mm recoilless gun rds.	6	NVA belts	4
NVA packs	5	NVA picks	1
Magazine pouches	8	Gas mask	1
Rifle cleaning gear		Hammocks	1
Milk, Chinese, can	1	Utilities, sets	2
Tennis shoes, pairs	9	Assorted medical supplies	10
NVA blanket	1	12" claymore mines	120
Russian helmet	1	Det Cord, feet	50
Liming stakes	2	Surgical gloves, pairs	20
Womens black bikini panties, pair	1		

SECRETSECTION IVOPERATIONS AND TRAINING

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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>NUMBER OF HOURS</u>
H&S Co	Mapping	10
	First Aid	75
	Weapons Safety	30
	Compass	6
	Med-Evac Procedures	8
	Scouting and Patrolling	20
Co "I"	Employment of Supporting Arms	8
	Assault of Fortified Positions	10
	Patrolling Techniques	20
	First Aid	2
	Weapons Safety	2
	Map and Compass	3
	Squad Tactics	10
Co "K"	Radio Procedures	4
	Elements of Reconnaissance	3
	Map and Compass	6
	Call for Fire	4
	Patrolling	20
	Weapons Safety	2
Co "L"	Field First Aid	2
	Camouflage	2
	Map and Compass	20
	Recon Patrols	30
	First Aid	10
	Combat Patrols	20
Co "M"	Radio Procedures	10
	Supporting Arms in Patrolling	20
	Tactical Bivouac	15
	Weapons Safety	10
	Radio Procedures	4
	Scouting and Patrolling	30

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.

SECRET4. Command and Control

a. On 4 Nov 1968: Co "I" 3/4 Chopped to Task Force Hotel  
 b. On 5 Nov 1968: 3rd Bn, 4th Mar (-) OPCON to 9th Marines  
 c. On 5 Nov 1968: Co "A" 1/4 Chopped to 1/4  
 d. On 6 Nov 1968: Co "M" 3/4 Chopped to 3rd Marines  
 e. On 11 Nov 1968: 3rd Bn, 4thMar (-) (Rein) OPCON to 4th Marines  
 f. On 11 Nov 1968: Co "M" 3/4 OPCON to 3/4  
 g. On 12 Nov 1968: Co "I" 3/4 Chopped to 3rd Marines  
 h. On 12 Nov 1968: Co "M" 3/4 Chopped to Task Force Hotel  
 i. On 13 Nov 1968: Co "G" 2/4 OPCON to 3/4  
 j. On 14 Nov 1968: Co "H" 2/4 OPCON to 3/4  
 k. On 19 Nov 1968: Co "I" 3/4 OPCON to 3/4  
 l. On 19 Nov 1968: Co "H" 2/4 Chopped to 2/4  
 m. On 20 Nov 1968: Co "M" 3/4 OPCON to 3/4  
 n. On 21 Nov 1968: Co "A" 1/9 OPCON to 3/4  
 o. On 21 Nov 1968: Co "D" 1/3 OPCON to 3/4  
 p. On 21 Nov 1968: Co "H" (-) 2/4 OPCON to 3/4  
 q. On 21 Nov 1968: Co "K" 3/4 Chopped to 1/4  
 r. On 22 Nov 1968: Co "K" (-) 3/4 OPCON to 3/4  
 s. On 22 Nov 1968: Co "E" 2/4 OPCON to 3/4  
 t. On 27 Nov 1968: Co "D" 1/3 Chopped to 1/3  
 u. On 27 Nov 1968: Co "H" (-) 2/4 Chopped to 1/9  
 v. On 27 Nov 1968: Co "A" 2/4 Chopped to 4th Marines  
 w. On 28 Nov 1968: Co "M" 3/4 Chopped to 1/9

(1) The Battalion was task organized as follows:

## (a) Fire Base Gurkha (1-4 Nov 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 "A" (-) (rein) 1/4  
 Det, Btry "I" 3/12 (Arty Liaison)  
 Det, Co "A", 3rdEngBn  
 Det, 3rdPlt Co "B", 3rdSPBn (HST)  
 Det, 17th ITT

## (b) Fire Base Gurkha (5-7 Nov 68)

H&S Co (-) 3/4 (Bravo Cnd Grp)  
 Co "L" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Det, Btry "I" 3/12  
 Det, Co "A", 3rdEngBn  
 Det, 3rdPlt Co "B", 3rdSPBn (HST)  
 Det, 17th ITT

## (c) Vandegrift Combat Base (5-7 Nov 68)

H&S Co (-) 3/4 (Alfa Cnd Grp)  
 Co "I" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "K" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "M" (-) (rein) 3/4

SECRET

## (d) Vandegrift Combat Base (7-12 Nov 60)

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

## (e) Vandegrift Combat Base (13 Nov 60)

H&S Co (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "K" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "L" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "M" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "G" (-) (rein) 2/4

## (f) Vandegrift Combat Base (14-18 Nov 60)

H&S Co (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "K" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "L" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "F" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "G" (-) (rein) 2/4  
 Co "H" (-) (rein) 2/4

## (g) Vandegrift Combat Base (19-20 Nov 60)

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 "G" (-) (rein) 2/4

## (h) Fire Base Winchester (21 Nov 60)

H&S Co (-) 3/4 (Alfa Cnd Grp)  
 Co "I" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "L" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "M" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "D" (-) (rein) 1/3  
 Det, Btry "H" 3/12 (Arty Liaison)  
 Det, Co "C", 3dEngBn  
 Det, 3rdPlt, Co "B", 3dSI Bn (HST)  
 Det, 17 ITT

## (i) Vandegrift Combat Base (21 Nov 60)

H&S Co (-) 3/4 (Bravo Cnd Grp)  
 Co "H" (-) (rein) 2/4  
 Co "A" (-) (rein) 1/9  
 Co "G" (-) (rein) 2/4

## (j) Fire Base Winchester (22 Nov 60)

H&S Co (-) 3/4 (Alfa Cnd Grp)  
 Co "I" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "K" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "L" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "M" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "D" (-) (rein) 1/3  
 Det, Btry "H" 3/12 (Arty Liaison)  
 Det, Co "C", 3dEngBn  
 Det, 3dPlt, Co "B", 3dSI Bn (HST)  
 Det, 17 ITT

SECRET

- (k) Vandegrift Combat Base (22 Nov 68)  
 H&S Co (-) 3/4 (Bravo Cnd Grp)  
 Co "E" (-) (rein) 2/4  
 Co "H" (-) 2/4  
 Co "A" (-) (rein) 1/9  
 Co "G" (-) (rein) 2/4
- (l) Fire Base Winchester (23-25 Nov 68)  
 H&S Co (-) 3/4 (Alfa Cnd Grp)  
 Co "I" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "K" (-) 3/4  
 Co "L" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "M" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "E" (-) (rein) 2/4  
 Co "D" (-) (rein) 1/3  
 Det, Btry "H" 3/12 (Arty Liaison)  
 Det, Co "C", 3dEngrBn  
 Det, 3dFlt, Co "B", 3dSFbn (HST)  
 Det, 17 ITT
- (m) Vandegrift Combat Base (23-25 Nov 68)  
 H&S Co (-) 3/4 (Bravo Cnd Grp)  
 Co "A" (-) (rein) 1/9  
 Co "H" (-) 2/4  
 Co "G" (-) (rein) 2/4
- (n) Fire Base Winchester (26 Nov 68)  
 H&S Co (-) 3/4 (Alfa Cnd Grp)  
 Co "I" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "K" (-) 3/4  
 Co "L" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "M" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "E" (-) (rein) 2/4  
 Co "D" (-) (rein) 1/3  
 Co "G" (-) (rein) 2/4  
 Det, Btry "H" 3/12 (Arty Liaison)  
 Det, Co "C", 3dEngrBn  
 Det, 3dFlt, Co "B", 3dSFbn (HST)  
 Det, 17 ITT
- (o) Vandegrift Combat Base (26-30 Nov 68)  
 H&S Co (-) 3/4 (Bravo Cnd Grp)
- (p) Fire Base Winchester (27 Nov 68)  
 H&S Co (-) 3/4 (Alfa Cnd Grp)  
 Co "I" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "K" (-) 3/4  
 Co "L" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "M" (-) (rein) 3/4  
 Co "E" (-) (rein) 2/4  
 Co "G" (-) (rein) 2/4  
 Det, Btry "H" 3/12 (Arty Liaison)  
 Det, Co "C", 3dEngrBn  
 Det, 3dFlt, Co "B", 3dSFbn (HST)  
 Det, 17 ITT

SECRET

## (g) Fire Base Winchester (20-30 Nov 60)

H&S Co (-) 3/4 (Alfa Cnd Grp)  
Co "I" (-) (rein) 3/4  
Co "K" (-) 3/4  
Co "L" (-) (rein) 3/4  
Co "E" (-) (rein) 2/4  
Co "G" (-) (rein) 2/4  
Det, Btry "H" 3/12 (Arty Liaison)  
Det, Co "C", 3dEngrBn  
Det, 3dPlt, Co "B", 3dSPBn (HST)  
Det, 17 ITT

SECRETINTRODUCTION

1. During the period 1-5 Nov the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines (-) (rein) continued to defend and further develop Fire Base Gurkha. On 5 Nov the Battalion (-) and the Alfa Cnd Gp displaced by helo to assume the responsibility for the defense of Vandegrift Combat Base, while the Bravo Cnd Gp and one company continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha. During the period 5-11 Nov the Battalion (-) (rein) was under operational control of the 9th Marines. On 7 Nov the Bravo Cnd Gp and one company displaced by helo and linked up with the remainder of the Battalion at Vandegrift Combat Base. On 21 Nov the Battalion (-) and the Alfa Cnd Gp displaced by helo to Fire Base 'Anchester with the mission to defend and develop that position. The remainder of the Battalion (-) under control of the Bravo Cnd Gp continued the defense of Vandegrift Combat Base until 27 Nov at which time the 9th Marines assumed the responsibility for the defense of Vandegrift Combat Base.

~~SECRET~~  
1 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co Fire Base Gurkha  
 India Co XD 813517  
 Kilo Co XD 816534  
 Lima Co XD 852511  
 Mike Co XD 855507  
 Alfa Co 1/4 Fire Base Gurkha

UNCLASSIFIED

Company "I"

1. Two OP's were Conducted at XD 813515 and XD 814518. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 010900H conducted a squad size recon patrol to determine enemy activity, locate, fix and destroy enemy supply caches, installations, and equipment. The patrol operated in the XD 8152 grid. Patrol reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 811516, XD 813518, and XD 813515. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

4. At 012000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 814517. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 815545, and XD 817547. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

2. At 010700H and 010730H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine enemy activity, locate, fix and destroy enemy supply caches, installations and equipment. The patrol operated within the following grids: Patrol#1 XD 8254 Patrol#2 XD 8253

Patrol#1 reported finding the following equipment at XD 826544. Remains of a CH-46 helicopter, 3 skeletons, 1 ID card and 1 ID tag. Returned ID card and tag to position. Patrol returned with no enemy sightings or indication of enemy activity.

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

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 817535, XD 817532, and XD 816533. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

4. At 012000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 815535. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Three OP's were conducted at XD 848522, XD 847521, and XD 846522. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 010800H and 010930H conducted a platoon size combat patrol and a squad size recon patrol. The patrols operated within the following grids: Patrol#1 XD 8352 Patrol#2 XD 8353  
 the patrols reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

UNCLASSIFIED

3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 848521, XD 846521 and XD 847524. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
4. At 012000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 847524. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Two OP's were conducted at XD 877527 and XD 875528. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. At 010830H and 010930H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine enemy activity, locate, fix and destroy enemy supply caches, installations, and equipment. The patrol operated within the following grids. Patrol#1 XD 8550 Patrol#2 XD 8650  
The patrols reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Three LP's were conducted at XD 858506, XD 857506 and XD 856507. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
4. At 012000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 859506. 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 828483. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. At 010700H and 011700H conducted two squad size recon patrols to provide local security for F. B. Gurkha. Patrols operated within the following grids: Patrol#1 XD 8248 Patrol#2 XD 8348
4. Three LP's were conducted at XD 823482 XD 827483, and XD 826480. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
5. At 012000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 832482. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.
6. At 012245H reported movement near lines. Checked lines of suspected movement. Fired M-79 rounds with negative results.

## 2 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co	Fire Base Gurkha
India Co	XD 813517
Kilo Co	XD 816534
Lima Co	XD 847522
Mike Co	XD 855507
Alfa Co	1/4 Fire Base Gurkha

Company "I"

1. Conducted two OP's at XD 811518 and XD 814517. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

UNCLASSIFIED

~~SECRET~~

2. At 020800H and 021300H 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 XD 8151 and XD 8051. Patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. Conducted four LP's at XD 811516, XD 813516, XD 816517 and XD 815518. Reported no sightings or indication or enemy movement.
4. At 022000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 812518. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Conducted two OP's at XD 813533 and XD 819534. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 020700H and 020800H 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 8153 - XD 8053 Patrol#2 XD 8254 - XD 8253.  
Patrol#1 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.  
Patrol#2 reported finding the remains of a UH-34 in vicinity coordinates XD 824538. Number of helo (11-IN).

3. Conducted three LP's at XD 815534, XD 816536 and XD 816533. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 022000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 813538. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Conducted two OP's at XD 846521 and XD 846523. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 020700H and 020730H conducted two squad size patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrol operated within the following grids, XD 8352, XD 8353 and XD 8417. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. Conducted three LP's at XD 845521, XD 847523 and XD 847525. Reported no sightings or indications or enemy movement.
4. At 022000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 845520. Reported no contact or indications or enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Conducted two OP's at XD 855508 and XD 854505. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 020700H and 020730H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrol reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity. The patrols operated within the following grids:  
XD 8550 and XD 8551

UNCLASSIFIED

3. Conducted two LP's at XD 855506 and XD 856507. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 022000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 853509. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "A"

1. Conducted two OP's at XD 824481 and XD 829481. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 020700H and 020730H 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: XD 8248 and XD 8348. Patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Conducted three LP's at XD 824484, XD 823482 and XD 827484. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 022000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 819485. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

3 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co	Fire Base Gurkha
India Co	XD 813517
Kilo Co	XD 816534
Lima Co	XD 847522
Mike Co	XD 847522
Alfa Co 1/4	Fire Base Gurkha

Company "I"

1. Conducted two OP's at XD 813518 and XD 814517. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 030700H and 030730H 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: XD 8151 and XD 8150. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

3. At 031135H conducted a company size combat patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate, fix and destroy enemy installations. The patrols operated within the following grids: XD 8151 and XD 8150. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

4. Conducted six LP's in vicinity grid XD 8151. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 032000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 813517. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

1. Conducted two OP's at XD 816533 and XD 816535. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

SECRET

2. At 030730H conducted a platoon size combat patrol and a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to fix and destroy enemy installations. The patrols operated in the following grids: Patrol#1 XD 8353, XD 8253, XD 8254 Patrol#2 XD 8252, XD 8352, XD 8453

Patrol#1 reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity. Patrol#2 reported at XD 851545 that a friendly stepped on a mine resulting in the loss of his right foot.

3. Conducted three LP's at XD 816533 and XD 815535. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 032000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 815532. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Conducted three OP's at XD 847521, XD 847523 and XD 847525. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 030700H and 030730H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations in the XD 8451 and XD 8353 grids. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. Conducted three LP's at XD 847525, XD 846522 and XD 848522. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

4. At 032000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 846522. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Conducted two OP's at XD 857506 and XD 855507. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 031245H displaced to vicinity coordinates XD 847522 and linked up with Company L.

Company "A"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.

2. Conducted two OP's at XD 825480 and XD 825483. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. At 030700H and 030800H conducted two squad size patrols to provide local security sweeps of Fire Base Gurkha. Patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

4. Conducted three LP's at XD 823481, XD 822484 and XD 827483. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

5. At 032000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 831484. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

SECRET

## 4 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co Fire Base Gurkha  
 India Co ~~Vandagriff~~ Combat Base  
 Kilo Co XD 816534  
 Lima Co XT 847522  
 Mike Co XD 855507  
 Alfa Co 1/4 Fire Base Gurkha

Company "H"

1. Conducted two OP's at XD 813516 and XD 813518. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 041515H displaced by helo to ~~Vandagriff~~ Combat Base. Company I was changed to Task Force Hotel.

Company "K"

1. Conducted two OP's at XD 815535 and XD 816534. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 040700H conducted a squad size recon patrol to determine the extent of enemy activity and to locate supply caches or enemy installations. The patrol operated in the XD 8154 grid reporting no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted three LP's in vicinity grid XD 8153. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 042000H conducted a squad ambush at XD 816536. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Conducted three OP's at XD 848521, XD 846521, and XD 846523. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 040700H and 040730H conducted two squad size recon patrols to determine the extent of enemy activity in the XD 8351 and XD 8452 grids. The patrols reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. Conducted three LP's at XD 847523, XD 846522 and XD 845524. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. At 042000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 848519.. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Conducted overland movement and established new patrol base vicinity coordinates XD 855507. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. Conducted three LP's at XD 855506, XD 854506 and XD 856508. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. At 042000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 859501. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

SECRETCompany "A"

1. Continued the defense of Fire Base Gurkha.
2. Conducted three OP's in grid XD 8248. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 040700H conducted a squad size patrol to provide local security sweep of Fire Base Gurkha. The patrol reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
4. Conducted three LP's in grid XD 8248. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
5. At 042000H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 819486. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

## 5 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Alfa Cmd Grp)
H&S Co (-)	Fire Base Gurkha (Bravo Cmd Grp)
India Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Kilo Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Lima Co	XD 847 522
Mike Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Alfa Co 1/4	Fire Base Gurkha

Company "H&S" (-) (Alfa Cmd Grp)

1. At 051300H displaced by helo to Vandegrift Combat Base and chopped OPCON to 9th Marines at 051615H.

Company "H&S" (-) (Bravo Cmd Grp)

1. Continued operations at Fire Base Gurkha.
2. At 051615H chopped OPCON to 9th Marines.

Company "I"

1. At 051615H chopped OPCON to 9th Marines.

Company "K"

1. Continued the defence of their present position.
2. At 051000H displaced by helo to Vandegrift Combat Base.
3. At 051615H chopped OPCON to 9th Marines.

Company "L"

1. Continued the defense and development of their present position.

SECRET

2. Conducted three OP's at XD 848521, XD 846521 and XD 846523. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

3. At 051615H chopped OPCON to 9th Marines.

Company "M"

1. Continued the defense and development of their present position.

2. At 051300H displaced by helo to Vandegrift Combat Base.

3. At 051615H chopped OPCON to 9th Marines.

Company "A"

1. Conducted three OP's in grid XD 8248. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. At 051700H chopped OPCON to 1/4.

6 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Alfa Cnd Grp)
H&S Co (-)	Fire Base Gurkha (Bravo Cnd Grp)
India Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Kilo Co (-)	Calu
Kilo Co (-)	Signal Hill
Lima Co	Fire Base Gurkha
Mike Co	Thon Son Lan

3d Bn, 4th Mar (-) OPCON to 9th Marines.

Company "M"

1. At 061300H chopped OPCON to 3d Marines.

7 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base
India Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Kilo Co (-)	Calu
Kilo Co (-)	Signal Hill
Lima Co	Fire Base Gurkha
Mike Co	Thon Son Lan

3rd Bn, 4th Mar (-) OPCON to 9th Marines.

Company "M"

1. OPCON to 3d Marines.

Company "H&S" (-) (Bravo Cnd Grp)

1. At 071710H displaced by Helo to Vandegrift Combat Base.

SECRET

## 8 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
India Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Kilo Co (-)	Calu
Kilo Co (-)	Signal Hill
Lima Co	Fire Base Gurkha
Mike Co	Thon Son Lam

3rd Bn, 4th Mar (-) OPCON to 9th Marines.

Company "M"

1. OPCON to 3d Marines.

## 9 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
India Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Kilo Co (-)	Calu
Kilo Co (-)	Signal Hill
Lima Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Mike Co	Thon Son Lam

3rd Bn, 4th Mar (-) OPCON to 9th Marines.

Company "L"

1. At 091230H displaced by helo to Vandegrift Combat Base.

Company "N"

1. OPCON to 3d Marines.

## 10 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
India Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Kilo Co (-)	Calu
Kilo Co (-)	Signal Hill
Lima Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Mike Co	Thon Son Lam

3rd Bn, 4th Mar (-) OPCON to 9th Marines.

Company "M"

1. OPCON to 3d Marines.

## 11 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
India Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Kilo Co (-)	Calu
Kilo Co (-)	Signal Hill
Lima Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Mike Co	Thon Son Lam

3rd Bn, 4th Mar (-) (Rein) chopped from 9th Mar, OPCON 4th Marines at 111000H.

SECRETCompany "I"

1. Assured the mission of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.
2. Conducted a platoon (-) Road sweep from Vandegrift Combat Base to Calu. Reported no indications of enemy activity.

Company "K"

1. Three OP's were conducted in grids YD 0145, YD 0146 and XD 9847. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. Two squad size recon patrols were conducted in grids YD 0145, XD 9945, XD 9747, XD 9647 and XD 9748. The patrols reported the following:
  - a. Spotted one NVA running in tree line at XD 994445. Pursued by fire with unknown results.
  - b. Discovered ten enemy bunkers that appeared two-three months old. Destroyed bunkers.
3. Conducted four LP's in grids YD 0046, YD 0147 and XD 9748. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Assured the defense of Vandegrift Combat Base.
2. Four LP's were conducted in grids XD 9947, XD 9949 and YD 0048. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Conducted three LP's in grids XD 9653 and XD 9854. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

## 12 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
India Co	Camp Carroll
Kilo Co (-)	Calu
Kilo Co (-)	Signal Hill
Lima Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Mike Co	Thon Son Lam

Company "I"

1. Chopped Q/CQN to 3rd Marines at 121515H.

Company "K"

1. Three OP's were conducted within the following grids XD 0046, XD 0145 and XD 0149. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

SECRET

2. At 120700H conducted one squad size security patrol road sweep from Calu to Vandegrift Combat Base. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
3. At 120800H conducted three squad size recon patrols to provide local security. Patrols operated within the following grids. XD 9654, XD 9553, XD 9653, XD 9854, XD 9754, XD 9654, XD 0145, XD 0045, XD 9945 and XD 9944. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
4. Four LP's were conducted within the following grids. XD 0046, XD 0145, XD 9747 and XD 9848. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. At 120700H conducted three squad size recon patrols to provide local security. The patrols operated within the following grids: XD 9849, XD 9949, XD 0049, XD 0048, XD 9948, XD 9947 and XD 9847. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Two LP's were conducted within following grids: XD 9949 and XD 9847. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. At 120700H conducted two squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 9654, XD 9553, XD 9653, XD 9854 and XD 9754. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. At 121600H chopped OPCON to Task Force Hotel.

## 13 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
India Co	Camp Carroll
Kilo Co (-)	Calu
Kilo Co (-)	Signal Hill
Lima Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Mike Co	Thon Son Lam
Golf Co	Vandegrift Combat Base

Company "I"

1. OPCON to 3rd Marines.

Company "K"

1. Three OP's were conducted within grids XD 0146, XD 0145 and XD 9748. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. At 130700H conducted a squad size security patrol for Engineer road sweep from Calu to Camp Carroll. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. At 131300H conducted two squad size recon patrols within following grids: XD 9747, XD 9848, XD 0146, XD 0046, XD 0045, XD 9945 and XD 9946. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

SECRET

4. Four LP's were conducted within following grids: XD 0046, XD 0145, XD 9747 and XD 9848. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Four LP's were conducted within the following grids: XD 0049, XD 9849, XD 9847 and XD 0048. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. OPCON to 3rd Marines.

Company "G"

1. At 131800H chopped OPCON to 3/4.
2. Assumed mission of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.

14 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
India Co	XD 166520
Kilo Co (-)	Calu
Kilo Co (-)	Signal Hill
Lima Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Mike Co	Thon Son Lam
Golf Co 2/4	Vandegrift Combat Base
Hotel Co 2/4	Calu

Company "I"

1. OPCON to 3rd Marines.

Company "K"

1. Three OP's were conducted within the following grids: XD 0046, XD 0145 and XD 9747. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. At 140700H conducted a squad size security patrol to provide security for road sweep. Patrol operated within the following grids: XD 0145, XD 9947, XD 9948, XD 9850, XD 9853 and XD 9955. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. At 140740H conducted a platoon helo-lift to establish patrol base at XD 053457. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
4. At 140700H conducted two squad size recon patrols to provide local security. Patrols operated within following grids: XD 9847, XD 9747, XD 0545, XD 0446, XD 0445 and XD 0545. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

SECRET

5. At 141500H sent a 20 man reactionary force to assist 4th Marines Scout Snipers within the following grids: XD 9945 and XD 9845. Extracted Scout Snipers and patrol remained at XD 994445. Conducted night time activities from that position.

6. Four LP's were conducted within the following grids: XD 0046, XD 0145, XD 9747 and XD 9748. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. At 140630H conducted a squad size security patrol to provide security for Seabee's. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

2. Four LP's were conducted within following grids: XD 0049, XD 9849, XD 9847 and XD 0048. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. OPCON to 3rd Marines.

Company "G"

1. Continued mission of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.

2. At 140700H conducted a squad security patrol within the following grids: XD 0145 and XD 0245. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

Company "H"

1. At 141230H chopped OPCON to 3/4.

2. Moved by motor convoy to Calu in preparation for operations on 15 Nov.

15 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
India Co	XD 166520
Kilo Co (-)	Calu
Kilo Co (-)	Signal Hill
Lima Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Mike Co	Thon Son Lam
Golf Co 2/4	Vandegrift Combat Base
Hotel Co 2/4	XD 989443

Company "I"

1. OPCON to 3rd Marines.

Company "K"

1. At 150700H conducted three OP's within following grids: XD 0046, XD 0145 and XD 9747. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

SECRET

2. At 150700H conducted one squad size security patrol to provide security for Roadsweep from Calu to Ton Son Lam. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. At 150830H conducted four squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 0546, XD 0446, XD 0445, XD 9748, XD 0545, XD 9749, XD 9845 and XD 9944. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
4. Four LP's were conducted within grids XD 0046, XD 0145, XD 9748 and XD 9747. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
5. At 151930H conducted two squad size ambushes within grids XD 0445 and XD 0545. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Two OP's were conducted within grids XD 9847 and XD 0049. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. At 150630H conducted one squad size security patrol for Seabee's. Patrol operated within the following grids: XD 9851, XD 9853 and XD 9854. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. At 150700H conducted two squad size recon patrols within following grids: XD 9950, XD 0048, XD 0147, XD 0247 and XD 9947. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
4. Four LP's were conducted within following grids: XD 9949, XD 9847, XD 9849 and XD 0048. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. QPCON to 3rd Marines.

Company "G"

1. Continued mission of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.

Company "H"

1. At 150700H conducted one company combat patrol within following grids: XD 9945, XD 9845 and XD 9846. Reported finding fresh blood and trail leading to the west at XD 985457. Checked out area and continued mission. Reported no further sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Two LP's were conducted in the following grid: XD 9844. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
3. At 151930H conducted two squad size ambushes within following grids: XD 9844. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

IV-420

ENCLOSURE (1)  
SECRET

SECRET

## 16 Nov Company Locations:

IAS Co Vandegrift Combat Base  
 India Co Camp Carroll  
 Kilo Co (-) Calu  
 Kilo Co (-) Signal Hill  
 Lima Co Vandegrift Combat Base  
 Mike Co Thon Son Lam  
 Golf Co 2/4 Vandegrift Combat Base  
 Hotel Co 2/4 KD 001452

Company "I"

1. CICO to 3rd Marines.

Company "K"

1. Two Q's were conducted within grids XD 0546 and XD 0145. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. At 160630H conducted a Plt. (-) Road sweep for Engineer security within the following grids: XD 0145, XD 9947, XD 9948, XD 9850, XD 9853 and XD 9955. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Four squad size recon patrols operated within the following grids: XD 0545, XD 0645, XD 0546, XD 0646, XD 9748, XD 9746 and XD 9747. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
4. At 161710H Kilo-1 was Helo-lifted to Signal Hill and Kilo-3 displaced from Signal Hill to XD 053455.
5. Five L's were conducted within the following grids: XD 0046, XD 0145, XD 9748 and XD 0545. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
6. At 162000H conducted one squad size ambush at XD 058453. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Two Q's were conducted within the following grids: XD 9949 and XD 9847. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. At 160700H conducted one squad size security patrol for Seabee security within the following grids: XD 9851, XD 9853, XD 9854. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. At 160800H conducted one squad recon patrol within the following grids: XD 9847, XD 9846, XD 9945 and XD 9947. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
4. Four L's were conducted within the following grids: XD 9849, XD 9847, XD 0048 and XD 0049. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

SECRETCompany "H"

1. Q'CON to 3rd Marines.

Company "G"

1. Continued mission of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.

Company "H"

1. At 160700H conducted one platoon combat patrol and one squad recon patrol within the following grids: XD 9844, XD 9843, XD 9744, XD 9743 and XD 9844. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. At 161900H conducted one LP within grid XD 0545. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
3. At 161930H conducted two squad size ambushes within following grids: XD 9944 and XD 0045. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

## 17 Nov. Company Locations:

H&S Co Vandegrift Combat Base  
 India Co Camp Carroll  
 Kilo Co (-) Calu  
 Kilo Co (-) XD 059470  
 Lima Co Vandegrift Combat Base  
 Mike Co Thon Son Lan  
 Golf Co 2/4 Vandegrift Combat Base  
 Hotel Co (-) 2/4 XD 996472.  
 Hotel Co (-) 2/4 Signal Hill

Company "I"

1. Q'CON to 3rd Marines.

Company "K" (-)

1. At 170700H conducted a platoon (-) security patrol for Engineer road-sweep. Patrol operated within following grids: XD 0145, XD 9947, XD 9948, XD 9850, XD 9853 and XD 9955. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Two LP's were conducted within the following grids. XD 0145 and XD 0046. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "K" (-)

1. Kilo-3 chopped Q'CON to 3/4 at 171400H.
2. Conducted a platoon search and clear patrol to establish a new platoon patrol base within grid XD 0547. Patrol operated within the following grids: XD 0647, XD 0546 and XD 0646. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity. New patrol base was established at XD 059470 at 171049H.

SECRET

3. Two squad recon patrols were conducted within following grids: XD 0574, XD 0548, XD 0647 and XD 0648. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
4. One IP was conducted in grid XD 0547. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
5. At 171900H one squad size ambush was conducted at XD 062472. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Two QI's were conducted within the following grids: XD 9848 and XD 0049. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. At 170700H conducted a squad size security patrol for Seabee security within the following grids: XD 9851, XD 9853 and XD 9854. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. At 170730H conducted one squad size recon patrol within the following grids: XD 0047, XD 0147 and XD 0247. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
4. Four LI's were conducted within the following grids: XD 9849, XD 9847, XD 0048 and XD 0049. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. GFCOM to 3rd Marines.

Company "G"

1. Continued mission of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.

Company "H"

1. At 170700H conducted a search and clear company patrol within the following grids: XD 0045, XD 9944, XD 0043 and XD 9942. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. At 170730H conducted two fire team size recon patrols within the following grids. XD 9942 and XD 9842. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Four LI's were conducted within the following grids: XD 9943, XD 0042 and XD 9942. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
4. At 171900H conducted one squad size ambush within grid XD 0043. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.
5. One platoon displaced to Signal Hill and relieved Company K (-).

IV-25

ENCLOSURE (1)  
SECRET

SECRET

## 18 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
India Co	Camp Carroll
Kilo Co (-)	Calu
Kilo Co (-)	XD 059470
Lima Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Mike Co	Thon Son Lan
Golf Co 2/4	Vandegrift
Hotel Co 2/4	{ } XD 997426
Hotel Co 2/4	(-) Signal Hill

Company "I"

1. OPCON to 3rd Marines.

Company "K" (-)

1. At 180700H conducted a platoon (-) security patrol for Engineer road sweep from Calu to Vandegrift Combat Base. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

Company "K" (-)

1. At 180700H conducted two squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 0747, XD 0646 and XD 0746. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Three L's were conducted within the following grids: XD 0646, XD 0145 and XD 0046. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
3. At 181900H conducted one squad size ambush at XD 059473. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Two Q's were conducted within following grids: XD 9847 and XD 9949. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. At 180700H conducted one platoon (-) roadsweep security for Engineer roadsweep. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. At 180730H conducted one squad size security patrol to provide security for Seabees. Reported receiving six rounds Artillery. Grids of impact were XD 986534, XD 985535, XD 984534 and XD 983535. Believed to be friendly fire. No further incidents.
4. Four L's were conducted within following grids: XD 9847, XD 9949, XD 0048 and XD 9849. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. OPCON to 3rd Marines.

Company "G"

1. Continued mission of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.

SECRETCompany "H"

1. At 180700H conducted two squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 9943, XD 9942, XD 9843 and XD 9842. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Four LI's were conducted at following grids: XD 9942, XD 9943 and XD 9842. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
3. At 181900H one ambush was conducted at XD 003423. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

## 19 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
India Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Kilo Co (-)	Calu
Kilo Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base
Mike Co	Thon Son Lan
Golf Co 2/4	Vandegrift Combat Base

Company "I"

1. At 191615H arrived at Vandegrift Combat Base and was chopped OTCON to 3/4.

Company "K" (-)

1. At 190740H displaced from Calu to Vandegrift Combat Base.

Company "K" (-)

1. At 190945H a platoon conducted Helo-lift to Calu.

Company "L"

1. Conducted two OP's within following grids: XD 9847 and XD 9949. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted one squad security patrol for Engineer roadsweep. Patrol operated within following grids: XD 9948, XD 9850, XD 9853 and XD 9955. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted one squad security patrol for Seabee Security. Patrol operated within grids XD 9851, XD 9853 and XD 9854. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
4. Conducted four LI's within the following grids: XD 9949, XD 9847 and XD 0048. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. OTCON to 3rd Marines.

Company "G"

1. Continued mission of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.

SECRETCompany "H" (-)

1. At 191815H chopped OPCON to 2/4.

20 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
India Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Kilo Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base
Kilo Co (-)	Calu
Lima Co	Vandegrift Combat Base
Mide Co	Thon Son Lan -
Golf Co 2/4	Vandegrift Combat Base

Company "I"

1. Prepared for Helo-lift to Fire Base Winchester.

Company "K"

1. At 200630H Conducted a platoon (-) Roadsweep. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

2. Conducted two LP's in grids XD 005460 and XD 004452. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L"

1. Two squad size QP's were conducted within grids XD 988475 and XD 990496. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

2. At 200700H conducted one squad size patrol for Seabee Security. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

3. Two squad size recon patrols were conducted in grids XD 9847 and XD 9846. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

4. Four LP's were conducted at grids XD 998495, XD 987492, XD 988475 and XD 004483. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. At 201200H chopped OPCON to 3/4.

2. Four LP's were conducted at grids XD 988546, XD 986546, XD 983546 and XD 971539. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "G"

1. Continued the mission of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.

IV-26

ENCLOSURE (1)  
SECRET

SECRET

## 21 Nov. Company Locations:

H&S Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester (Alfa Cmd Grp)
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Cmd Grp)
India Co	Fire Base Winchester
Kilo Co	Fire Base Alpine
Lima Co (-)	LZ Mack
Lima Co (-)	LZ Sierra
Mike Co	Thon Son Lan
Alfa Co 1/9	Vandegrift Combat Base
Hotel Co (-) 2/4	Signal Hill
Delta Co 1/3	Dong Ha Mt./Khe Gia Bridge

At 211515H 3rd Bn, 4th Mar (-) and the Alfa Cmd Grp displaced by helo to Fire Base Winchester.

Company "I"

- At 211515H displaced by helo to Fire Base Winchester. At 211700H Fire Base Winchester was secured.
- At 211630H while securing Fire Base Winchester encountered 3-4 snipers (NVA) resulting in one (1) friendly WIA. Returned fire and swept area accounting for one (1) NVA KIA with the following equipment: 1-AK-47, 1-Cartridge belt, 3-Mag's, 2-Grenades, 1-Pack.
- Conducted six LP's at XD 897508, XD 897506, XD 905509, XD 903590, XD 899590 and XD 892507. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "K"

- OPCON to 1/4.

Company "L" (-)

- Conducted helo-lift to LZ Mack to defend and develop that position. Reported no contact.
- Conducted three LP's at YD 017593, YD 017592 and YD 018590. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L" (-)

- Conducted helo-lift to LZ Sierra to defend and develop that position. Reported no contact.
- Conducted three LP's at XD 945624, XD 944626 and XD 946628. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "M"

- Continued the defense and development of their present position.
- At 210630H conducted a platoon (-) roadsweep from Thon Son Lan to the entrance of Camp Carroll. Reported no enemy activity.

SECRET

3. Conducted three LP's at XD 995553, XD 994554 and XD 990558. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "A"

1. OPCON to 3/4.
2. Assumed the defense of Vandegrift Combat Base.
3. Conducted three LP's. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "D"

1. OPCON to 3/4.
2. Continued the defense of Dong Ha Mt. and Khe Gia Bridge.

Company "H" (-)

1. Assumed the defense of Signal Hill.
2. Conducted three LP's. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.

## 22 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester (Alfa Cnd Grp)
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Cnd Grp)
India Co	Fire Base Winchester
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Alpine
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester
Lima Co (-)	LZ Mack
Lima Co (-)	LZ Sierra
Mike Co	Thon Son Lan
Alfa Co 1/9	Vandegrift Combat Base
Hotel Co (-) 2/4	Signal Hill
Delta Co 1/3	Dong Ha Mtn. and Khe Gia Bridge
Echo Co 2/4	Vandegrift Combat Base
Golf Co 2/4	Vandegrift Combat Base

Company "I"

1. Conducted two OP's in the following grids: XD 9050 and XD 8958. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within the following grids: XD 9058, XD 8959. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "K" (-)

1. OPCON to 1/4.

Company "K" (-)

1. Kilo-1 helo-lifted to Fire Base Winchester to assist in the defense of that position.

SECRETCompany "L" (-)

1. Conducted two OP's within the following grids: XD 9761 and XD 9661. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted two squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 9761, XD 9760, XD 9762, XD 9662 and XD 9661. Patrols reported finding 6 spider holes. Reported destroying holes. Continued mission with no contact or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted three LP's within the following grids: XD 9761 and XD 9661. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L" (-)

1. Conducted one OP within the following grid: XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted two squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 9462 and XD 9362. Patrols reported finding the following: 6 living type bunkers, 1 Machine gun bunker. All bunkers were destroyed. Continued on mission with no further sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted one LP within grid XD 9762. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Conducted three OP's within following grids: XD 9854 and XD 9754. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. Conducted two squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 9855, XD 9755, XD 9754 and XD 9654. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted three LP's within the following grids: XD 9854 and XD 9754. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

Company "A"

1. Continued defence and development of Vandegrift Combat Base .
2. Conducted three LP's. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "H" (-)

1. Continued defence and development of Signal Hill.
2. Conducted three LP's. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "D"

1. Continued defense of Dong Ha Mountain and Khe Gea bridge.

SECRET

2. At 222000H conducted a squad size ambush within the following grids: XD 030559. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "H"

1. OTCOM to 3/4.

Company "G"

1. Continued the mission of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.

23 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester (Alfa Cmd Gp)
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Cmd Gp)
India Co	Fire Base Winchester
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Alpine
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester
Line Co (-)	LZ Mack
Line Co (-)	LZ Sierra
Mike Co	Thon Son Lan
Alfa Co 1/9	Vandegrift Combat Base
Hotel Co (-) 2/4	Signal Hill
Golf Co 2/4	Vandegrift Combat Base
Echo Co 2/4	Fire Base Russell
Delta Co 1/3	Dong Ha Mtn. and Khe Gia Bridge

Company "I"

1. Conducted two OP's within the following grids: XD 0950 and XD 9050. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

2. Conducted a platoon (rein) combat patrol within the following grids: XD 0950, XD 0050 and XD 0059. Patrol reported finding the following at coordinates XD 003506 and XD 004500. Enemy base camp/fighting complex. 10 squad size living bunkers 20'X20'X14'. The complex was 200 by 300 meters. Had at least 75 fighting bunkers. The fighting bunkers were 5'X0'X4' deep. Two metal mines were found. The following ordnance was found. 6-82mm mortar rounds, one chicon grenade and two 75mm recoilless rifle rounds. Two concrete mines were found in a fighting bunker. Found several foottracks on a trail heading in a westerly direction at grid XD 005506. No signs of recent enemy activity. All ordnance was destroyed in place. Bunker complex partially destroyed.

3. Conducted four LI's within the following grids: XD 9059 and XD 9050. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "K" (-)

1. OTCOM to 1/4.

Company "K" (-)

1. Conducted one squad recon patrol within the following grids: XD 9050, XD 0957 and XD 9057. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

SECRET

2. At 231735H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 893507. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L" (-)

1. Two QP's were conducted within following grids: XD 9761 and XD 9661. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

2. Conducted one squad recon patrol within the following grids: XD 9761, XD 9661 and XD 9660. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

Company "L" (-)

1. Conducted QP's within the following grid: XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

2. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within the following grids: XD 9462, XD 9463, XD 9565 and XD 9562. Reported finding 52 fighting holes, partially destroyed by friendly forces at grid XD 946630. Reported no sightings or indication of recent enemy activity.

3. Conducted two LP's within the following grid: XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Conducted two QP's within the following grids: XD 9754 and XD 9954. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

2. Conducted two squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 9856, XD 9855, XD 9755, XD 9754 and XD 9654. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

3. Conducted three LP's within the following grids: XD 9854 and XD 9653. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "A"

1. Continued defense and development of Vandegrift Combat Base.

2. Conducted three LP's at grids: YD 006471, YD 005485 and XD 989502. Reported no sightings or indications or enemy movement.

Company "H" (-)

1. Continued defense and development of Signal Hill.

2. Conducted three LP's at grids XD 977479, XD 979481 and XD 979480. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "G"

1. Continued mission of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.

IV-31

ENCLOSURE (1)  
SECRET

SECRETCompany "E"

1. Conducted a Company helo-lift to Fire Base Winchester. Commenced an overland march to secure Fire Base Russell. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted four LP's within the following grids: XD 9159 and XD 9059. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

Company "D"

1. Conducted a squad recon patrol within the following grids: XD 0257, XD 0158, XD 0258, XD 0357. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. At 231930H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 025574. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

## 24 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester (Alfa Cmd Grp)
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Cmd Grp)
India Co	Fire Base Winchester
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Alpine
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester
Lima Co (-)	Fire Base Mack
Lima Co (-)	LZ Sierra
Mike Co	Thon Son Lam
Alfa Co (-) 1/9	Vandegrift Combat Base
Golf Co 2/4	Vandegrift Combat Base
Hotel Co (-) 2/4	Signal Hill
Delta Co 1/3	Dong Ha Mtn. and Khe Gia Bridge
Echo Co 2/4	Fire Base Russell

Company "I"

1. Conducted two OP's within grids: XD 9058 and XD 9059. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a platoon size ambush at XD 090593. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.
3. Conducted three LP's within the following grids: XD 9058 and XD 9059. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "K" (-)

1. OPCON to 1/4.

Company "K" (-)

1. Conducted one LP within grid XD 9059. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

SECRETCompany "L" (-)

1. Conducted two OP's within the following grids: XD 9761 and XD 9661. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted one squad size recon patrol within the following grids: XD 9661 and XD 9561. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted two LP's within the following grid: XD 9661. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

Company "L" (-)

1. Conducted two OP's within the following grid: XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
2. Conducted one squad size recon patrol within the following grids: XD 9461 and XD 9462. Round the following at grid XD 940610. 13 fighting positions. Bunkers appeared to be 1 to 2 months old. 50-75 50 cal. rounds. destroyed bunkers and buried ammo.
3. Conducted two LP's within grid XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Conducted two OP's within grids XD 9954 and XD 9754. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted two squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 9955, XD 9954, XD 9855, XD 0056 and XD 9956. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted three LP's within the following grids: XD 9753 and XD 9054. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
4. Conducted a platoon (-) ambush at XD 995550. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "A"

1. Continued defense and development of Vandegrift Combat Base.
2. Conducted three LP's. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "C"

1. Continued mission of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.

Company "H" (-)

1. Continued defense of Signal Hill .
2. Conducted three LP's. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

SECRETCompany "D"

1. Conducted one squad recon patrol within the following grids: XD 8958, XD 8959. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. At 241900H conducted a squad size ambush at XD 030575. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "E"

1. Conducted two squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 9059, XD 9060, XD 9160, XD 9159, XD 9058 and XD 9158. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted four LP's within the following grids: XD 9159, XD 9059 and XD 9158. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

## 25 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester (Alfa Cmd Grp)
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Cmd Grp)
India Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester
India Co (-)	XD 883585
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Alpine
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester
Lima Co (-)	Fire Base Mack
Lima Co (-)	LZ Sierra
Mike Co	Thon Son Lan
Alfa Co 1/9	Vandegrift Combat Base
Golf Co 2/4	Vandegrift Combat Base
Echo Co 2/4	Fire Base Russell
Hotel Co (-) 2/4	Signal Hill
Delta Co 1/3	Dong Ha Mtn. and Khe Gia Bridge

Company "F"

1. Conducted two LP's within the following grids: XD 8958 and XD 9058. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a platoon (rein) size combat patrol within the following grids: XD 8958 and XD 8858. Patrol made contact with estimated 3 to 4 NVA at XD 833585. Sustained 3 friendly KIA's and one MIA. Found the following: Large enemy complex 500' x 500'. Found following enemy equipment: 1 SK-50 machine gun, 100 60mm mortar rounds, 80 Chi Con claymores, 2 shaped charges, miscellaneous 762 gear, clothing, and cooking utensils. Also a limited amount of medical supplies. Set in defensive position at XD 833585. No further contact was reported.
3. Conducted two LP's within the following grids: XD 9058 and XD 9059. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "K" (-)

1. GPSON to 1/4.

SECRETCompany "K" (-)

1. Conducted one LP within grid XD 8958. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L" (-)

1. Conducted two CP's within the following grids: XD 9761 and XD 9661. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

2. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within the following grids: XD 9661, XD 9561 and XD 9772. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

3. Conducted two LP's within the following grid: XD 9661. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L" (-)

1. Conducted two CP's within the XD 9462 grid. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

2. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within the following grids: XD 9462 and XD 9362. Found 8 bunkers at XD 93627. Destroyed bunkers.

3. At 251745H Line-3 received a total of 30 60mm Mortar incoming about 50 to 100 meters from perimeter. Fired 81mm Mortars and artillery, Mortars silenced with unknown results.

4. Conducted two LP's within grid XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Conducted two squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 9954, XD 9953, XD 9853, XD 9954 and XD 9855. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

2. Conducted three LP's within grid XD 9854. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "A"

1. Conducted two squad size recon patrols within grids XD 9060 and XD 9061. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

2. Conducted four LP's within following grids: XD 9158 and XD 9159. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "D"

1. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within the following grids: XD 0257, XD 0258, XD 0158 and XD 0157. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

2. Conducted a squad size ambush at XD 029575. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

SECRETCompany "A"

1. Continued defense and development of Vandegrift Combat Base.
2. Conducted three LP's. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "H" (-)

1. Continued defense and development of Signal Hill.
2. Conducted three LP's. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "G"

1. Continued the mission of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.

## 26 New Company Locations:

H&S Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester (Alfa Cmd Grp)
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Cmd Grp)
India Co (-)	XD 904589
India Co (-)	XD 879586
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Alpine
Kilo Co (-)	XD 904589
Mike Co	Thon Son Lan
Lima Co (-)	XD 967617
Lima Co (-)	XD 928629
Echo Co (-) 2/4	XD 911591
Alfa Co 1/9	Vandegrift Combat Base
Delta Co (-) 1/3	XD 038595
Delta Co (-) 1/3	XD 026562
Golf Co 2/4	XD 870592
Hotel Co (-) 2/4	Vandegrift Combat Base

Company "I" (-)

1. Conducted a Company (-) size combat patrol to establish a company patrol base to make a thorough search of the bunker complex in the XD 8953 grid.
2. Conducted a platoon size combat patrol to return to Fire Base Winchester to ensure defense of that posit.
3. Conducted five LP's within the following grids: XD 8758, XD 8858, XD 9058 and XD 8958. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "J" (-)

1. OPACV to 1/4. Kilo-3 remained at Fire Base Winchester to assist in the defense of that position.
2. Conducted two LP's within the following grids: XD 8958 and XD 9058. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

SECRETCompany "M"

1. Conducted two OP's within the following grids: XD 9655 and XD 9955. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted two squad size recon patrols within following grids: XD 9755, XD 9655, XD 9855 and XD 9854. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted three LP's within grids: XD 9755, XD 9855 and XD 9754. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
4. Conducted a squad size ambush within grid XD 971550. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L" (-)

1. Conducted two OP's within grids XD 9762 and XD 9662. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within grid XD 9762. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted two LP's within grid XD 9764. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L" (-)

1. Conducted two OP's within grid XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within grids XD 9462, XD 9362 and XD 9262. Found the following: 6 enemy bunkers in a U-shape. Open end of bunker complex facing south. 10 82mm rounds, 1 NVA cartridge belt, 1 NVA Pancho, 12 ChiCom grenades, 200 AK47 rounds and 5 NVA packs.
3. Conducted two LP's within grid XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "E"

1. Conducted two squad size recon patrols within grids XD 9159, XD 9160, XD 9060, XD 9059, XD 9158 and XD 9258. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted four LP's within grids XD 9158 and XD 9159. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
3. Conducted a squad size ambush at XD 917590. Reported no contact or indications of enemy movement.

Company "A"

1. Continued defense and development of Vandegrift Combat Base.

IV-37

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

SECRETCompany "D"

1. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within grids XD 0257, XD 0157 and XD 0256. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted one LP within grid XD 0257. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "G"

1. Conducted a Company size helo-lift from Vandegrift Combat Base to Fire Base Winchester.
2. Conducted a company size combat patrol to establish a company patrol base vicinity XD 870592.
3. Conducted two LP's within grid XD 8759. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "H" (-)

1. Assumed the mission of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle.

## 27 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester (Alfa Cnd Grp)
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Cnd Grp)
India Co (-)	XD 879506
India Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Alpine
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester
Lima Co (-)	Fire Base Mack
Lima Co (-)	LZ Sierra
Mike Co	Thon Son Lam
Golf Co 2/4	XD 870592
Echo Co 2/4	Fire Base Russell
Delta Co 1/3	Dong Ha Mtn and Khe Gia Bridge

Company "I" (-)

1. Conducted two LP's within the following grids: XD 8758 and XD 8858. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a squad size patrol to search out the bunker complex within grid XD 8858. While searching found the following: 4-32mm Rds, 1-60mm Rds, 2 ChiCom grenades, 2 NVA packs, 4-NVA shirts, 4 NVA canteens, 2 NVA belts, 1 AK Machinegun drum full of ammo. 2-10" mines, 1 messhall complex and numerous fighting holes and bunkers.
3. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within grids XD 8758 and XD 8757. Reported finding one old trail. Had not been used in two months.
4. Conducted three LP's within grids XD 8758 and XD 8858. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

SECRETCompany "I" (-)

1. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within grids XD 8950, XD 8959 and XD 9050. Reported finding a fresh blood trail outside perimeter of Fire Base Winchester. Checked out area with negative results.
2. Conducted two Li's within grids XD 9050 and XD 8950. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "K" (-)

1. QPCON to 1/4.

Company "K" (-)

1. Continued defense and development of Fire Base Winchester.
2. Conducted two Li's within the following grids: XD 8950 and XD 9059. Reported sighting movement with a Starlight scope. Threw frag grenades. Checked area at first light with negative results.

Company "L" (-)

1. Conducted two Q's within grids XD 9761 and XD 9661. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within grids XD 9761 and XD 9762. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted two Li's within grid XD 9661. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
4. Conducted a squad size ambush at XD 950616. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L" (-)

1. Conducted two Q's within grid XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within grids XD 9461, XD 9362, XD 9262 and XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted two Li's within grid XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Conducted two Q's within grids XD 9955, and XD 9755. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted two squad size recon patrols within grids XD 9955, XD 0055, XD 9756, XD 9055 and XD 9755. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

SECRET

3. Conducted five LP's within grids XD 9755, XD 9855 and XD 9955. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
4. Conducted a squad size ambush at XD 997554. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "G"

1. Conducted a plt size recon patrol in grid XD 8759. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a plt size recon patrol. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted two LP's within grids XD 8758 and XD 8759. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
4. Conducted a squad size ambush at XD 875590. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "E"

1. Conducted two CP's within grids XD 9159 and XD 9158. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted two squad size recon patrols within grids XD 9158, XD 9058, XD 9059, XD 9160 and XD 9159. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted four LP's within grids XD 9150 and XD 9159. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
4. Conducted a squad size ambush at XD 914592. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "D"

1. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within grids XD 0257, XD 0256 and XD 0156. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a squad size ambush at XD 027570. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

28 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester (Alfa Cnd Grp)
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Cnd Grp)
India Co (-)	XD 879506
India Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Alpine
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester
Lima Co (-)	LZ Mack
Lima Co (-)	LZ Sierra
Mike Co (-)	Dong Ha Mtn.
Mike Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base
Echo Co (-) 2/4	Fire Base Russell
Golf Co 2/4	XD 866509

SECRETCompany "I" (-)

1. Conducted two QP's within grids XD 8750 and XD 8850. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted two squad size recon patrols within the following grids: XD 8850 and XD 8859. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted a platoon size combat patrol. Patrol operated within following grid: XD 8850. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
4. Conducted three LP's within the following grids: XD 8750 and XD 8850. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "I" (-)

1. Conducted two LP's within the following grids: XD 9050 and XD 8958. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "K" (-)

1. Q-CON to 1/4.

Company "K" (-)

1. Conducted two LP's within grids XD 8958 and XD 9059. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.

Company "L" (-)

1. Conducted two QP's within grids XD 9761 and XD 9661. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within grids XD 9661, XD 9561 and XD 9562. Reported no sightings or indication of recent enemy activity.
3. Conducted two LP's within grids XD 9761 and XD 9661. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
4. Conducted a squad size ambush at XD 974623. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L" (-)

1. Conducted two QP's in grid XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a squad size recon within the following grids: XD 9661, XD 9561 and XD 9562. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted two LP's within grid XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

IV-41

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

SECRETCompany "M"

1. Chopped OPCON to 1/9.

Company "E"

1. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within grids XD 9159 and XD 9259. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted four Li's within grids XD 9158 and XD 9159. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "G"

1. Conducted a squad size recon and a platoon size search and destroy patrol within grids XD 8658, XD 8757, XD 8758 and XD 8660. Reported finding the following: 6 bunkers and 12 fighting holes, 8 U.S. 40mm rds, 1 81mm round, 18 82mm rds and 572 AK47 rds.
2. Conducted three LP's within grids XD 8658 and XD 8659. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

## 29 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester (Alfa Cnd Grp)
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Cnd Grp)
India Co (-)	XD 879586
India Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Alpine
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester
Lima Co (-)	Fire Base Mack
Lima Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester
Mike Co (-)	Khe Gia Bridge
Mike Co (-)	Dong Ha Mtn.
Echo Co 2/4	Fire Base Russell
Golf Co 2/4	XD 866589

Company "I" (-)

1. Conducted two CP's within grids XD 8757 and XD 8858. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a squad size recon patrol and a platoon size combat patrol within grids XD 8858, XD 8859 and XD 8860. Reported finding the following: 5 bunkers, two mortar pits, mortar pits looked 1 day old. Reported no other sightings.
3. Conducted three Li's within grids XD 8758 and XD 8858. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "H" (-)

1. Conducted two Li's within grids XD 9058 and XD 8958. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

IV-42

ENCLOSURE (1)  
SECRET

SECRETCompany "K" (-)

1. QPCON to 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

Company "K" (-)

1. Conducted two LP's within grids XD 9059 and X<sup>U</sup> 8958. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L" (-)

1. Conducted two QP's within grids XD 9761 and XD 9661. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within grids XD 9761 and XD 9660. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
3. Conducted two LP's within grids XD 9761 and XD 9461. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
4. Conducted a squad size ambush at XD 970617. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "L" (-)

1. Conducted two QP's within grid XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a squad size recon patrol within grids XD 9462, XD 9461, XD 9460 and XD 9361. Spotted one (1) NVA at grid XD 934610. Called artillery with unknown results.
3. Conducted two LP's within grid XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Conducted six LP's within grids XD 0159, XD 0259, XD 0256 and XD 0255. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "G"

1. Conducted a squad size combat patrol within grids XD 8659, XD 8559, XD 8558. Reported no significant sightings.
2. Conducted three LP's within grids XD 8658 and XD 8659. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "H"

1. Conducted two QP's within grid XD 9159. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted three LP's within grids XD 9159 and XD 9158. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
3. Conducted a squad size ambush at XD 910500. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

SECRET30 Nov: Company Locations:

H&S Co (-)	Fire Base Winchester (Alfa Cnd Grp)
H&S Co (-)	Vandegrift Combat Base (Bravo Cnd Grp)
India Co (-)	XD 879506
India Co (-)	XD 904589
Kilo Co (-)	Fire Base Alpine
Kilo Co (-)	XD 904589
Lima Co (-)	XD 967617
Lima Co (-)	XD 946625
Mike Co (-)	XD 018593
Mike Co (-)	XD 027561
Echo Co 2/4	XD 911591
Golf Co 2/4	XD 866589

Company "I" (-)

1. Conducted two OP's at grids XD 878507 and XD 882584. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a platoon (-) search and destroy patrol within grids XD 8858, XD 8758, XD 8859. Patrol found 26 bunkers at grid XD 870507. Destroyed bunkers.

Company "I" (-)

1. Conducted a platoon (rein) combat patrol within grids XD 8850, XD 8758 and XD 8759. Found 16 bunkers, 5 lbs of rice and cooking utensils at grid XD 875590. Found 10 bunkers at grid XD 874596.

Company "K" (-)

1. OPCON to 1st Bn, 4th Marines.

Company "K" (-)

1. Conducted one OE at grid XD 893507. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted a squad (rein) recon patrol within grids XD 9059, XD 9060 and XD 8960. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.

Company "L" (-)

1. Conducted two OP's at grids XD 974615 and XD 964616. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy activity.
2. Conducted four LP's within grids XD 9761 and XD 9661. Reported no sightings or indications of enemy movement.
3. Conducted one squad size ambush at grid XD 975612. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

SECRETCompany "L" (-)

1. Conducted two CP's at grids XD 940627 and XD 940625. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted three LP's within grid XD 9462. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "M"

1. Conducted two CP's at grids XD 021559 and XD 029563. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted five LP's within grids XD 0159, XD 0259, XD 0256 and XD 0255. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
3. Conducted one squad size ambush at grid XD 033557. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

Company "E"

1. Conducted two CP's at grids XD 910594 and XD 915594. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted four LP's within grids XD 9159 and XD 9150. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.

Company "G"

1. Conducted a platoon (rein) search and destroy patrol within grids XD 8650, XD 8657. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy activity.
2. Conducted two LP's at grids XD 867591 and XD 865591. Reported no sightings or indication of enemy movement.
3. Conducted one squad size ambush at grid XD 865507. Reported no contact or indication of enemy movement.

SECRET1. SUMMARY

a. During the period 1-30 November the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines participated in the following activities:

(1) Patrols:	
(a) Company	6
(b) Platoon	21
(c) Squad	131
(d) Ambush	45
(e) LP's	333
(f) CP's	151

SECRETSECTION VLOGISTICSI. GENERAL

a. The Battalion moved into LZ Vandegrift for a short period of time. Mike Company was at the Rock Pile. India Company moved out to LZ Winchester with one (1) platoon from Kilo Company.

b. Daily resupply of Class I, III, IV items have been conducted from LZ Vandegrift, by helicopters. Class II items have come by motor convoy to LZ Vandegrift 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 LZ Vandegrift.

(2) Our resupply base LZ Vandegrift 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 LZ Vandegrift. Hot meals are given to the companies whenever their positions make it possible. The overall operations at LZ Vandegrift 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 liaison with the Battalion Commander at each position.

II. SUPPLY

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

b. Some critical shortages at supplies existed and was reported in the Logistics Summary Reports:

Gas Mask - Small, Medium, Large  
 Rocket Launcher - 3,5  
 Motor Transport - Repair parts  
 Compressor - Reciprocation Flame Thrower

III. TRANSPORTATION

a. One(1) of the battalion's four(4) M-37B1 vehicles is running. Two(2) are at Okinawa for major assembly repair and one(1) is awaiting replacement through the repair and rebuild exchange program.

b. The battalion holds twenty-nine(29) M-274A2 (rule) vehicles with one(1) on order. Nine(9) of these vehicles are deadlined for parts that are on order through the Direct Exchange program at FLSG. Two(2) are awaiting acceptance by FLSG-B.

V-1

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRET

c. One(1) M-107 water trailer has been dropped from our account and a replacement put on order. One(1) M-107 water trailer is deadlined for parts which are on order.

<u>T/A</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>OH</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>NORS</u>	<u>NORM</u>
51600	M-151A1	20	100%	0%	0%
22040	MRC-83	2	100%	0%	0%
22050	MRC-87	1	100%	0%	0%
22052	MRC-109	2	100%	0%	0%
51060	M-170	1	100%	0%	0%
51090	M-37B1	4	25%	0%	75%
51410	M274A2	29	61%	31%	8%
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	4	100%	0%	0%
50913	M-416B1	18	100%	0%	0%

IV. MAINTENANCE

a. Minium 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 move from Fire Base Gurkha began in early November with the Alpha Cnd Grp moving out with 5 radio operators, radio chief and communications officer. Communications was maintained with the Companies during this move and good communications was established soon after arrival at Vandegrift Combat Base.

b. Radio communication was good throughout the month. Each Company maintaining 12 PRC-25's, and two Companies with PRC-93's. A class was given to platoon radio operators on care, and maintenance of PRC-25's, while we were at Vandegrift, also wet whether bags were issued for protection from the rain.

c. Wire communications was generally good all month with wire crews doing mostly maintenance work.

2. Message Center

a. No significant change here. Traffic is still picked up from both Division Communications Center and Task Force Hotel Communications Center.

SECRETSECTION VIIFIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

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

Fire Missions	217
Rounds Expended	1920
Acquire Targets Hit	775
Rounds Expended	3420
Total rounds expended	5340
TOT's hit	63
<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 November.

SECRETSECTION VIIIAIR SUPPORT

Summary of 3/4 air activities during the month of Nov

Day	AO	Time	TPQ Req	TPQ HIT	MED VAC	R/W	F/W	VR	TROOP LIFTS	RESUPPLY MISSIONS
1					4			1		3
2	1	OX15			3			2		4
3			2	2	7					4
4			5	3	1				1	
5			3	0					4	
6							3			
7										
8					2					1
9									1	1
10										
11										1
12					1			1		
13					1					
14								1	1	
15								1		1
16								1	1	
17								1	2	
18					2					1
19									1	
20										
21	1	OX50			1		1		3	
22	1	OX20			1		1	1	2	1
23	1	OX45	4	1	2				2	
24			4	2	1					1
25	1	1X30	3	0	7	3				
26	1	1X00	4	0	2				1	1
27			3	0	4					2
28			5	0	1					2
29			4	0	6					3
30			0	6	3					2

## Totals

Total number of AO's - 6  
 Total number of hours they worked with 3/4 - 4X40  
 TPQ requested - 45  
 TPQ hit - 14  
 No Evac - 49  
 Rotary Wing - 3  
 Fixed Wing - 5  
 VR - 6  
 Troop Lifts - 19  
 Resupply Missions - 28

VIII-1

ENCLOSURE (1)

SECRETSECTION IXMEDICAL AFFAIRS

1. Patients seen for the month at Vandegrift Combat Base (50)
2. Hostile Casualties Med Evaced (5)
  - FCO's of Possible Malaria Med Evac's (15)
- Non Hostile:
  - Emergencies (0)
  - Priority (10)
  - Routine (30)
  - Patient Transfers (5)
3. A total of 50 Med Evac's for the month of November.
4. Also during the month of November:
  - Four BAS's were maintained in the month of November (1) Quang Tri
  - (2) Vandegrift Combat Base (3) Fire Base Winchester (4) Fire Base Gunkha.
  - The forward BAS's were completely constructed and refinements made.
5. Forward BAS supplied Bravo Command Group with one Comman during their operations in the field.
6. The Fire Bases sanitary situation was satisfactory with the exception of Fire Base Russell. A rodent problem exists here which will be remedied by the placement of rodent control poisons.

SECRET

SECTION X

CIVIL AFFAIRS

1. No civil affairs were conducted by this Battalion for the month of November 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 the month of November 1968.

a. Item 1 (Attachments)

1. Problem: Detachments of supporting elements.

2. Discussion: Under the 3d Mar. Div. concept of mobile operations certain attachments, especially Shore Party HST and Engineers, directly influence the speed and efficiency of an infantry unit in accomplishing its assigned mission. When the unit relocates to a rehabilitation area, it assumes a reserve status and is expected to be available for immediate redeployment. The chopping of HST/Engineer attachments while in the rehabilitation area sometimes leads to the infantry units deployment minus these attachments, and significantly reducing the units efficiency.

3. Recommendation: That when a unit returns to a rehabilitation area, the normal BLT, HST, and Engineer attachments be maintained to ensure a high state of readiness.

2. (1)