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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
1 November to 30 November 1968

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

3d Battalion, 26th Marines

MajCol J.W.P. ROBERTSON
(1-30 Nov 68)SUBORDINATE UNITS

H&S Company

1st Lt C. NITZSCHE
(1-30 Nov 68)

Company I

1st Lt R.E. HOOVER
(1-30 Nov 68)

Company K

Capt F.L. FOX
(1-30 Nov 68)

Company L

1st Lt G.B. MEEGAN
(1-30 Nov 68)

Company M

Capt J. TURRIETTA
(1-30 Nov 68)

Company A, 1st Bn, 26th Marines (Opcon)

1st Lt P. ARNOLD
(1-30 Nov 68)ATTACHED UNITS

Sec, 1st Plt, Co B, 1st MP Bn	(1-14 Nov 68)
Det, 1st Plt, Co A, 3d Engr Bn	(1-30 Nov 68)
Det, 3d Plt, Co A, 3d Tank Bn	(1-14 Nov 68)
Det, 1st Plt, Co B, 3d Amphtrac Bn	(1-14 Nov 68)
Det, Scout/ Sniper Plt, HQ Co, 26th Mar	(1-30 Nov 68)
Det, W Btry, Co C, 1st Bn, 13th Mar	(1-30 Nov 68)
Det, 1st Plt, Co A, 3d SP Bn (HST)	(1-14 Nov 68)
Det, 2d Plt, Co A, 1st SP Bn (HST)	(1-30 Nov 68)
Tm, 1st Recon Bn	(1-14 Nov 68)
Tm, Scout Dog Plt, 3d MP Bn	(1-30 Nov 68)
Det, 7th PsyOps, Bn #65, Det #1	(19-30 Nov 68)

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2. LOCATION.

1-30 Nov 68: Dai La, Quang Nam Province, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS.

Executive Officer

S-1/Adjutant

Personnel Officer

S-2

S-3

S-3A

S-4

S-5

Comm Officer

Supply Officer

Motor Transport Officer

Medical Officer

Chaplain

Maj H.W. JENKINS JR.
(1-30 Nov 68)
1st Lt F.D. TYSON
(1-30 Nov 68)
1st Lt F.D. TYSON
(1-30 Nov 68)
1st Lt B.M. EVERETT
(1-30 Nov 68)
Maj J.D. BENNETT JR.
(1-30 Nov 68)
1st Lt J.N. SAULSBURY
(1-30 Nov 68)
1st Lt W.A. MILLER
(1-30 Nov 68)
1st Lt B.M. EVERETT
(1-30 Nov 68)
1st Lt G. DURAN
(1-30 Nov 68)
1st Lt J.S. CONDRY
(1-30 Nov 68)
2d Lt W.C. WEINMANN
(1-30 Nov 68)
Lt J.A. MARTINEZ
(1-30 Nov 68)
Lt R.L. HENSLEY
(1-30 Nov 68)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH.

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
34	1076	3	56	0	0

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. Operations. During the first fourteen days of November, the battalion was engaged in Operation "Nicollet Bay". The primary mission of the battalion was to establish a combat base in forward operating area vic AT929887 in assigned AO and conduct reconnaissance in force operations to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, materials and caches. This mission was accomplished by conducting mutually supporting, company size, reconnaissance in force sweeps throughout the assigned AO. From the fifteenth of November until the nineteenth of November, the battalion rested and rehabilitated in their rear area at Dai La Pass and prepared for Operation "Meade River", scheduled to begin 20 Nov 1968. The mission of the battalion was to move by helicopter to prescribed positions along Route 4 in the southwest sector of the Regimental cordon to capture and/or destroy enemy forces in vicinity of cordon in assigned sector; be prepared on order to conduct screening operations in AO south of the cordon; conduct mobile reserve mission within the area of operations; establish blocking positions during search and destroy operations along the eastern sector of the Dodge City AO. This mission is being accomplished at the present time by maintaining a cordon from the junction of Route 10 and Route 4 and terminating at the junction of Route 4 and the railroad berm in the Dodge City AO, and also by conducting battalion size search and destroy operations in the assigned areas.

On 01 Nov 68, Alpha Company, at 2345H in vic AT902956, received 02 sniper rounds from vic AT902955. No casualties occurred and the fire ceased after the initial rounds.

On 02 Nov 68, Lima Company, while on a sweep in vic AT895903, discovered 2 hooches with bunkers. One hooch was 10'x15' and the other was 5'x6'. Bunkers surrounded the hooches and were constructed of bamboo, grass, and logs.

On 02 Nov 68, Alpha Company spotted 6 VC/NVA at vic AT939907. They took them under fire with M-79's, M-14's, and an 81mm mortar illumination mission. Results were negative.

On 04 Nov 68 at 0900H while on a patrol, Lima 1-A received AK-47 fire from a person appearing to be NVA. He had on green utilities, a green painted hard hat, cartridge belt, and had a new AK-47. L 1-A returned fire with negative results.

On 04 Nov 68 at 0900H, Lima Company, while searching area vic AT859900, discovered a bunker complex containing 9 bunkers set up in a defensive position. Approximate dimensions of 1 bunker were 15x15x1 1/2 meters. The bunkers were well built and could hold possibly 4 to 5 persons. Two of the bunkers were caved in and all were constructed of wooden logs. Earthen

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type bunkers appeared not to have been used recently. While checking out the bunkers, the point men spotted 6 VC/NVA moving south. They were taken under fire with M-79's and machinegun fire. Results were 2 enemy KIA(C). One body had an AK-47, the other a 'willy peter' bag and was dressed in Marine Corps type uniform.

On 04 Nov 68 at 1800H in vic of AP861899, two elements of Mike Company were conducting a check of area and spotted an unknown size enemy force. Enemy was taken under fire, resulting in 1 NVA KIA(C). While pursuing enemy, what appeared to be NVA hooches were discovered. Mike was fired on by a light machinegun from a group of hooches from south to west. They continued pursuit with negative results.

On 05 Nov 68 at 0800H in vic of AP875095, M-2 tried to assault the position but were channeled and did not feel they had a sizable force. M-2 fell back and joined the rest of Mike Company. Note: It appeared that the enemy was conducting a delaying tactic in order to enable a larger unit to move out.

On 05 Nov 68 at 0900H in vic of AP862885, Mike Company, while approaching assigned objectives, received small arms fire from ridge line. Mike returned fire on the enemy and then proceeded to the top of the ridge line to secure it. Upon securing the ridge, the enemy withdrew in a south-southwest direction. Mike searched the immediate area and found 2 large living quarters which could hold possibly 25 people along with 1 smaller hooch which could hold 10 people. Also found were: 1 messhall, 1 classroom, 2 Chi-Coms, 1 AK-47 magazine, all type of clothing, 3 NVA packs, 1 large cross-cut saw and 3 smaller cross-cut saws which had recently been used.

On 05 Nov 68 at 0900H in vic of AP874893, M-1, while approaching highground, received small arms fire of 20 to 30 rounds from the top of a ridge line 100 meters up a very steep slope. M-1 deployed immediately and assaulted the object on the highground. Found were 15 fighting holes, 3 to 5 feet deep and uncovered; they appeared to have been constructed approximately a week before. The fighting holes looked like a highly sophisticated complex set up as a barracks designed to hold 100 men. The most prominent hooch was 65 meters long and 35 meters wide and included a sleeping area, messhall and a classroom w/benches and a blackboard. Inside, a tunnel complex was discovered which contained clothing, 3 full NVA packs, documents of all types, money, propoganda leaflets, and medical supplies. A further search of the area revealed a CP type hooch which contained a set of field glasses with multi-colored lenses, possibly infra-red. Toward the northwest, 5 more hooches were found which had been recently lived in because panties, bras, and cloth Kotex items were discovered in small quantities. The search went without incident; medevacs were called and as they were approaching, took heavy volumes of fire from an unknown position. The barracks complex and all gear, excluding the documents,

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were destroyed by burning. Results were 2 Chi-Com grenades and 1 AK-47 magazine captured and 1 USMC KIA.

On 05 Nov 68 at 1945H, Alpha-1 in vic of AT908943, received sniper fire from vic of AT910948. Illumination and a fire mission were called with unknown results.

On 06 Nov 68 at 0800H, Mike Company deployed from night position with two elements up and one element back. Unit came under automatic weapons fire from a well constructed position 75 meters away, vic of AT873896. Artillery was adjusted on suspected mortar position and enemy locations. Mortar rounds ceased after initial arty mission. Found were log hooches 20 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 12 feet high. They appeared to be sleeping quarters. Four graves were uncovered which contained the bodies of 4 males who had been dead for approximately one month. The results of this action were 6 USMC KIA, 2 USMC MBO, 5 NVA KIA(C). A tally of gear found was: 1 AK-47, 4 AK-47 magazines, 1 cylindrical magazine, and 2 AK-47 magazine pouches. Also found were: 2 100lb bags of rice, 5 bottles of penicillin (made by the Liliplex Corp. Line USA), 1 kerosene lantern and assorted can goods.

On 06 Nov 68 at 1145H, Lima Company in vic of AT892873, found two graves with one body in each. Bodies appeared to be 3 weeks old.

On 06 Nov 68 at 1845H, Mike's defensive perimeter received 20-25 rounds of 60mm or 82mm mortar fire which resulted in 4 minor WIA's. There was no counter battery and defensive fire brought to bear on the suspected enemy location.

On 07 Nov 68 at 1145H, Mike Company, while running a routine search of the area vic AT873897, discovered the following gear: 5 pounds of TNT in half-pound blocks, 3 Chi-Com grenades (pineapple type), 173 M-16 rounds, 53 SKS rounds, 300 AK-47 rounds which were new and 276 that were old but still usable and 3 30.06 rounds. Later in the day at 1800H in vic of AT874897, Mike Company found a well-built hooch measuring 25x50x12 feet. A search of the area uncovered 42 100lb bags of white rice. A closer investigation of the hooch revealed 500lbs of white rice under a false floor.

At 1300H, 08 Nov 68, Lima-1, moving in the assault in vic of AT869905, received heavy enemy fire. Lima-1 and Lima-2 continued the assault and swept over the ridge. Results were 1 USMC KIA.

At 1530H, 08 Nov 68, Lima-1, while on a sweep in vic of AT873899, found 08 well-constructed hooches which contained the following VC/NVA gear: 7 RPG's with boosters, 7 Chi-Com grenades, 10 AK magazines, 2100 AK rounds, 100 feet of detonating cord, 160 electrical blasting caps with wire, 75 non-electrical blasting caps, 25lbs of TNT, 45lbs of rice, 8 packs, 150lbs of clothing, 15 VC/NVA uniforms, 1 foxhole cover (U.S. type), various medical equipment, 1 messhall 40x15 feet, 5 fighting holes, 7 hooches, 3 bunkers separate away from hooches and many documents.

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At 0830H on 10 Nov 68, Mike Company spotted 01 VC/NVA coming up the trail yelling "Chieu Hoi." The Marines held fire and waited for the Chieu Hoi to approach them when 02 VC/NVA jumped up and sprayed the area with M-16 and AK-47 fire. The Marines returned fire and enveloped the position from the right. Results were 01 VC/NVA KIA(C); 01 USMC KIA and 03 USMC WIA.

At 1500H, 09 Nov 68, Mike Company, while conducting a routine search during patrolling activities at vic of AT874899, discovered 01 homemade claymore mine 1x1 feet by 4 inches with rock and concrete explosive inside, 01 blasting cap non-electric pressure type, 1cc bottle of Atrophene, 01 bottle of Red Chinese medicine, 85lbs of rock salt, 500lbs of white rice and various documents. The rice was found under floors covered with 5 to 6 inches of dirt. 300lbs was found in one nooch, 100lbs in another, and 100lbs in still another. The rice and rock salt were destroyed by spreading it through a stream bed; the documents and medicine were turned over to the S-2.

At 1230H, 10 Nov 68 in vic of AT863894, Mike Company discovered a complex of hooches which contained the following items: 03 R-G HE rounds, 01 Chi-Com grenade, 285 AK rounds, 10 non-electric blasting caps, 10 electric blasting caps, 03 AK magazines, 01 canteen, 01 cartridge belt, 02 first aid pouches with accessories, assorted NVA clothing, 50 pounds of brown rice and assorted cooking utensils.

On 20 Nov 68 at 1125H in vic of AT994577, Kilo discovered a boobytrap. Engineers were called to the scene and in an attempt to disarm the boobytrap, it was accidentally detonated, wounding one Marine.

On 20 Nov 68 at 2030H in vic of AT986584, Kilo-3 received incoming sniper fire and grenades from an unknown origin. Suppressive fire was fired into the area and contact was broken.

On 20 Nov 68 at 2305H in the vic of AT986584, one of Kilo's machine-gunners spotted several enemy personnel and took them under fire. One of the enemy was seen to fall and a sweep of the area revealed large pools of blood, a magazine for an AK-47 and two Chi-Com grenades.

On 21 Nov 68 at 0000H in the vic of AT987584, Kilo received 03 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. A counter mortar fire mission was fired and the incoming ceased.

On 21 Nov 68, India Company received 03 rounds from vic of AT987584. Artillery was called in on the enemy position and the mortar fire ceased. No casualties were taken by India.

On 22 Nov 68 at 0800H, India Company spotted 02 VC/NVA at vic AT989584. The enemy was brought under M-79 fire with unknown results.

On 22 Nov 68 at 1910H, Kilo Company heard movement at vic of AT982583 and fired a pop-up illumination. Two VC were spotted running into a tree line. M-79 fire was brought on the enemy with unknown results.

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On 22 Nov 68 at 2110H, India received heavy automatic weapons fire. India returned suppressive fire and the enemy broke contact. Results: 01 USMC KIA.

On 22 Nov 68 at 2330H, India Company spotted movement in vic of AT988583 and fired small arms into the area. One enemy was seen to fall as a result of the fire.

On 23 Nov 68 at 1200H in the vic of AT989589, Lima Company, while moving into a blocking position took fire from an estimated 08 to 12 enemy personnel dug-in near a small building. The enemy was taken under fire and Lima attempted to maneuver into position to take the fortification. Unable to obtain a favorable attack posture, Lima decided to pull back and evacuate casualties before attempting to assault the position again. Results of the action: 04 USMC KIA; 03 USMC WIA; 04 VC/NVA KIA(C).

On 23 Nov 68 at 1800H in the vic of AT989585, Lima Company, while moving to tie-in with Hotel Company, came under intensive machinegun and small arms fire. The size of the enemy force was estimated to be 08 to 10 men with AK-47's, a machinegun and possibly a mortar. Fire was returned with 60mm mortars, M-60 machineguns, M-79's and 81mm mortars. Results: 04 USMC WIA.

On 23 Nov 68 at 2220H in vic of AT989578, India Company received several rounds of small arms fire. Fire was returned with M-79 and 01 VC/NVA was seen to fall.

On 24 Nov 68 at 1200H in the vic of AT984590, Kilo's lead element came upon an open area and observed several hooches and bunkers. After preping the area with M-79's, LAAM's and 60mm mortar fire, Kilo moved on through the area to establish contact with Hotel Company. The hooches were checked out and found to contain M-79 ammunition, AK-47 ammunition, LAAM's, 782 gear, 200 lbs of rice, Chi-Com grenades and civilian clothing. Two USMC personnel received minor wounds from a boobytrap in one of the hooches.

On 24 Nov 68 at 1305H, an aerial observer spotted 06 VC in a tree line, vic of AT986564. An artillery mission was fired into the tree line and the AO confirmed 06 VC KIA.

On 24 Nov 68 at 1600H, Kilo Company jumped off in a coordinated attack with Hotel Company. Hotel moved to their front approximately 200 meters when their right flank came under heavy sniper fire. Kilo moved their left element forward in an attempt to tie-in with Hotel and relieve the pressure on Hotel's right flank. Kilo's left element was unable to tie-in with Hotel because of dense jungle foliage and enemy fire to their direct front and left rear. Kilo-2 was then moved up on the left units right flank in an attempt to move into position to envelope the enemy position. Heavy fire from Kilo's direct front made an envelopment impossible. Kilo-3 was taken out of reserve and moved to the left flank of Kilo-1 in order to clear out the sniper fire from the left rear and tie-in with Hotel Company. Once contact was established with Hotel, Kilo held that position. Results: 02 USMC KIA; 16 USMC WIA.

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On 26 Nov 68 at 0900H in vic of AT989585, Kilo Company, while sweeping the area, found 01 grave with body. Cause of death was undetermined and was believe to have occurred one to two days before. A search of the immediate area revealed 01 Chi-Com grenade, 02 S-tools, 02 AK-47 magazines with ammunition, 01 cartridge belt with magazine, 01 poncho with blood stains, 01 rainsuit and 01 small bag of rice.

On 26 Nov 68 at 2120H in vic of AT986584, Kilo received 02 RrG rounds, 02 Chi-Com grenades and small arms. Small arms were returned and the incoming ceased. Results: 03 USMC KIA.

On 26 Nov 68 at 0330H in vic of AT992557, the battalion CP, India, and Kilo Companies received incoming rockets or artillery for approximately 45 minutes. Results: 01 USMC KIA, 04 USMC KIA.

On 27 Nov 68 at 1015H in vic of AT988556, Kilo Company, while on a sweep north with India Company, had one of their scout dogs alert on their left flank. An element was sent into the treeline to investigate and spotted 02 VC running toward a bunker complex in the treeline. Kilo opened fire on the two enemy, killing one of them. The other VC escaped to the west. A check of the bunker system revealed signs of recent use, chow was still on the ground.

On 27 Nov 68 at 1200H in vic of AT987558, Kilo, while sweeping through the area, came under heavy fire from their left flank. Kilo-2 assaulted the position causing the enemy to break contact and flee to the west. Results: 09 USMC KIA; 05 VC/NVA KIA(C); 03 AK-47's captured and 01 plastic bag of miscellaneous documents.

On 27 Nov 68 at 1700H in vic of AT984568, Kilo-2, moving to the west to clear the bunker complex they had assaulted earlier, made contact with the enemy again. Four of the enemy were observed running in a westerly direction and were brought under fire. Three of the enemy were hit and a search of the bunker complex was conducted. Results: 03 VC/NVA KIA(C); 01 SWS captured; 01 55 gallon drum of rice captured, miscellaneous 782 gear and documents captured.

On 27 Nov 68 at 1545H in vic of AT993568, India Company tripped a boobytrap, wounding three Marines.

On 28 Nov 68 at 1155H in vic of AT980566, Kilo, while sweeping through the area, found 02 graves which contained 02 bodies approximately 1 to 2 days old. They were wearing NVA type uniforms and appeared to be killed by an air strike. Results: 02 NVA KIA(C).

On 28 Nov at 1230H, Kilo, while sweeping area in vic of AT978570, encountered a bunker complex which appeared to have been used as hospital facilities. A thorough search of the area revealed: bandages, medical supplies, 40lbs of rice, NVA 782 gear and 06 2.75 rockets. All of the gear was destroyed.

On 28 Nov at 1705H, Kilo, sweeping area in vic of AT973570, found a bunker complex at vic of AT975575. Also found at vic of AT974575, was a rice cache which contained 500lbs of rice, a pilot survival radio, clothes, tools and eating utensils. The rice and bunkers were destroyed and the remaining gear was brought in to S-2.

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On 29 Nov 68 at 1530H, India Company Command Post, while sweeping area in vic of AT985575, tripped a boobytrap of an unknown type causing it to detonate. Results: 10 USMC KIA.

On 29 Nov 68 at 2029H in vic of BT002566, a KP from Kilo Company spotted 04 VC coming towards them. The KP sprung the ambush, the enemy broke contact and fled south. Results are unknown.

On 30 Nov at 1230H, Kilo Company, while sweeping area in vic of BT008565, found 08 bunkers, a tunnel and assorted 782 gear. Also found were 03 bodies missing from a Recon team. Results: various clothing, medical supplies, 02 blasting caps, VC documents, 261 AK-47 rounds, and 125lbs of corn were captured. The bunkers and the tunnel were destroyed and the ammo was blown.

On 30 Nov at 2045H, a LP from Kilo Company spotted 02 VC coming toward their position at vic of BT003568. The LP waited until the enemy were 15 meters from their position and opened up with small arms fire. One VC went down and the other one broke contact and ran toward the north. Results: 01 VC KIA(C).

B. Administration. During the period 1-30 November 1968, the S-1 administration was set up in the Danang area, established at Camp Purdue; this included the Battalion S-1, Sick-Bay Administration and the Company offices. Even though the Companies were geographically separated with the administration set up, (battalion functioned operationally at the Rock-Crusher), administration functioned smoothly and little or no difficulty existed in the operation of administrative procedures.

1. Personnel.

No. officers joined	=	9
No. enlisted joined	=	262
No. officers transferred	=	2
No. enlisted transferred	=	111

C. Intelligence.

1. From 1-14 November the enemy situation in the 3/26 AO Operation Nicolle Bay centers around two Sapper Battalions operating southwest of Hai Van Pass. One of these battalions, the Truong Son Sapper Bn, is a NVA force located vic AT9080 with an estimated strength of 250 men. The T87 Sapper Bn is a RF unit located vic AT9292 with an estimated strength of 350 men.

From 15-19 November - Order of Battle from the III MAF periodic Intelligence Report states that there has been no intelligence reports indicating any enemy units in the 3/26 Danang AO at this time.

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From 20-30 November the enemy situation in Operation Heade River was 150 to 350 NVA/NVC and 70 local VC. The strength figure is predicted on one battalion and local units operating in the AO. Enemy forces operating in the AO consist of elements of the 38th Regiment and local forces of the Quang Da Spec Sector. Elements of the 38th Regt operating in the AO are the R-20 Bn vic BTO34609 and support elements of the T89 Sapper Bn. The Q82 Company, VC local force and the X16 Company vic BTO00606 has also been reported in the AO.

2. From 1-14 November the mission of the Truong Son and T87 Sapper Bn in the AO, Operation Nicollet Bay is to harass Army engineers working along Route #1; also to destroy bridges and culverts along Route #1.

From 15-19 November the mission of the enemy in the 3/26 Danang AO seemed to be of a passive nature, on a whole the enemy has avoided contact using only minor harassing tactics. The local force in the AO has the capability of conducting minor attacks by fire, use of mines, booby traps and harassing fire, with a few isolated ground probes of night defensive positions. He also has the capability of conducting attacks by fire with mortar, 140mm or 122mm rockets in conjunction with or separately from ground attacks.

From 20-30 November the mission of the enemy in Operation Heade River was to attack U.S. and allied units in and around the area known as Dodge City. Also to support rocket attacks on Danang and Hoi Ann and support the village and hamlet infrastructure.

3. From 1-14 November the mission of 3/26 Operation Nicollet Bay was to find, fix and destroy the enemy operating within the Nicollet Bay AO.

From 19-30 November Operation Heade River commenced. The mission of the 3d Bn, 26th Marines was to capture and/or destroy enemy forces. Conduct screening operations in the AO; conduct mobile reserve missions within the area of operations; establish blocking positions during search and destroy operations along the sector of the Dodge City AO. In conjunction with ARVN, PFF, and FRU elements, search and clear villages and adjacent areas to destroy enemy forces, caches, materials and installations and to capture VC infrastructure.

4. On 100830H, Marines on "L" Company's perimeter spotted 1 VC/NVA coming up trail yelling "Chieu Hoi!" As Marines waited for enemy to approach, two other VC/NVA jumped up and fired on Marines. Chieu Hoi also returned fire on Marines. Marines returned fire killing 1 VC/NVA.

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On 211200H, "K" Company vic AT987558, while sweeping through area came under heavy fire. K-2 attacked enemy position causing enemy to break contact and flee to the west. Contact resulted in 5 VC/NVA KIA(C), 3 Chi-Com grenades, 3 AK-47's, 2 AK magazines w/ammo, 1 pair utilities, 1 set of civilian clothing and documents.

On 271700H, "K" Company vic AT984568 observed 4 VC running toward a bunker complex in tree line. Fired on enemy resulting in 3 VC KIA(C). Search of bunker complex revealed 782 gear, 55 gallon drum of rice, 5 Chi-Com grenades, medical supplies, documents and 1 SKS rifle.

On 281230H, "K" Company vic AT978570 discovered bunker complex which appeared to be used for hospital facilities. Search of complex revealed bandages, medical supplies, 40lbs of rice, NVA 782 gear, 6 2.75 rockets.

On 281705H, "I" Company found bunker complex vic AT975575. Discovered 500lbs of rice, 100lbs corn (husked).

5. Weather: For the month of November there was a mean temperature of 80°, a high of 88°, and a low of 72°. There were light intermittent showers during the day and night throughout the month. The total precipitation for the month was 13.72 inches. The relative humidity was 84%

6. Terrain: From 1-14 November on Operation Nicollet Bay in the 3/26 AO the terrain was composed of a mountainous area ranging as high as 1000 meters with double and triple canopy jungle.

From 15-19 November, the battalion was back in the Dai La Pass cantonment. The terrain in the Danang AO is very irregular with the elevation averaging around 800 meters. The vegetation consists of very thick brush and elephant grass. There are also many different types of trees ranging in height from 4 to 30 feet. Water is plentiful in the valleys but scarce on the high ground.

From 20-30 November, the battalion jumped off on Operation Heade River. The terrain encountered consists mainly of flat fertile lowlands covered by cultivated rice fields. These rice fields are generally double cropped causing them to be inundated the major part of the year. Soils consist of light to heavy clay and there are no critical terrain features. The old railroad berm on Route #10 is a dominant terrain feature.

7. Avenues of Approach: From 1-14 November in the 3/26 Nicollet Bay AO, there are two avenues of approach. In the southern portion of the AO the Little Elephant Valley (AT8485) forms the main avenue of approach. In the northern portion of the AO the ridgeline at vic AT9091, which runs west to east to the Hai Van Pass forms the other avenue of approach.

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From 15-19 November in the 3/26 Danang AO there are three good avenues of approach. One is known as Happy Valley vic ZC1366 running in an east to west direction. The little elephant Valley vic AT8585, running west to a east southeasterly direction, forms a good avenue of approach. The other is Kortar Valley vic AT8467.

From 20-30 November in the Operation Leade River AO, the valley at vic ZC1754 and the Song Vu Gia River running from a west to east direction provides a good avenue of approach. Another good avenue of approach is the song Thu Bon River vic AT9253, which runs in a north easterly direction to the operation AO.

9. Totals.

From 1 to 14 Nov - Operation Nicollet Bay:

VC/NVA	-	17
NVA POW	-	0
I/C	-	2
CSMC	-	0
Captured Rice	-	6,295lbs

From 15 to 19 Nov - In the 3/26 Danang AO:

VC/NVA	-	0
NVA POW	-	0
Detainees	-	1
I/C	-	0
CSMC	-	0

From 20 to 30 Nov - Operation Leade River 3/26 AO:

VC/NVA	-	23
NVA POW	-	0
Detainees	-	0
I/C	-	4
CSMC	-	0

D. Civil Affairs.

There were no civil affairs conducted by the battalion during the month.

E. Psychological Warfare.

From 1-14 November there were no PsyOps conducted on Operation Nicollet Bay.

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From 20-30 November in the Operation Leade River AO, there were several daily leaflet drops. There was an Army PsyOps team that conducted several broadcasts throughout the day. There was an ARVN PsyOps team, consisting of 4 ARVN Chieu Hoi's, that conducted several broadcasts during the day throughout the operation.

F. Fire Support. In the Hieu Duc AO, supporting arms were used offensively during the month. Extensive nighttime and daytime H&I fires were plotted daily. In addition, 22 preparation fires were fired in support of ground operations. Mortar suppression missions were coordinated with the 26th and 1st Marines through the AIO and NGF was used in the support and the supplementation of all supporting arms rolls. The battalion maintained fire plans and provided fire support for CAR units in the AO and ARVN engineering teams constructing rocket barriers.

1. Total expenditure for November:

a. 105mm	9467
b. 155/8"	2553
c. 4.2"	723
d. 81mm	1740
e. NGF	859
f. TRG	30

G. Logistics.

1. General. Logistical support was satisfactory during the month of November. Transportation and food service were satisfactory. General supply was adequate, except for existing short supply of some items of monsoon gear.

a. Transportation was furnished by 1st Motor Transport Battalion with satisfactory results.

b. Resupply and troop movements have been accomplished by 1st Motor Transport Battalion and helicopters during the month of November.

c. Maintenance support was furnished by FIC and 1st FSR, Danang. Maintenance support has been adequate during this reporting period.

d. Ordnance support was furnished by ASP-1 and ASP-2 with satisfaction.

e. The battalion subsisted on "A" and "C" rations for the month of November. Food service was satisfactory.

H. Communication.

1. Radio. During the period 1-14 November on Operation Nicolle Bay, all radio nets terminated in command LWT's in the field. A guard radio was maintained at Hill 24 and reneted into the battalion rear at the Rock Crusher site. From 14-20 November, all radio nets were reneted

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into the Rock Crusher from Hill 244. From 20-30 November, the battalion maintained internal radio nets and external radio nets with Alpha Command Group, 1st Marines, during Operation Meade River. During this period a relay site was established at Hill 55 and a guard was maintained at the Rock Crusher on 1st Marines Regt TAC, Battalion TAC and Battalion Admin.

2. Message Center. Message traffic is picked up and delivered to the 26th Marines Communication Center. Message pick-ups were made twice a day unless a high priority message required instant pick-up and then a special run was made. The adjutant section is responsible for distribution.

3. Wire/Radio Relay. During the period 1-14 November, a radio relay link was established between Hill 244 and the battalion in the field, using TRC-27's. This enabled us to maintain a COC Hot Line to regiment as well as a FACC Hot Line. One common user line went to the regimental switchboard and one common user line went into the battalion rear switchboard. Normal phone service was maintained at the battalion rear.

4. General. There were no equipment losses due to enemy action.

I. Medical-Dental.

1. Personnel. This Battalion Aid Station has a total of 60 personnel, consisting of 57 Hospital Corpsmen and two Medical Officers.

2. Capabilities. This Battalion Aid Station was capable of treating all minor medical and surgical problems. Patients requiring more extensive care were evacuated to 1st Medical Battalion, NSA Danang, or the USS RRCOSE. At the present one hardback is being utilized for the BAS and one tent for medical supply, which are adequate. The BAS is responsible for evacuating seriously injured or ill patients from the operation site.

3. Training. Hospital Corpsmen receive classroom training and on the job training under supervision of the Battalion Surgeon and the Chief Hospital Corpsman on field medical technique and diagnostic procedures.

4. Dental. Dental facilities are now available and provided by the 1st Dental Company. On board are one Dental Corps Officer and one Dental Corpsman.

5. Malaria Prophylaxis. Chloroquine-Primaquine tablets were taken once a week, preferably with Sunday meal.

6. Sanitation. Sanitation reports were made weekly to the Battalion Commander and should be referred to.

7. Statistics. The following statistics for the month of November are:

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DIAGNOSIS	H&S	I	K	L	M	OTHER	TOTAL	TOTAL LAST MOUTH
CONCUSSION	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	02
STOMACH PROBLEMS	05	01	01	02	00	00	09	10
LACERATIONS	05	02	03	03	02	00	15	29
DIARRHEA	12	00	01	15	02	00	30	21
EAR PROBLEMS	02	01	00	01	00	00	04	16
EYE PROBLEMS	04	02	01	00	01	01	09	15
DENTAL	07	05	07	11	09	00	39	12
UPPER RESPIR INFECTION	10	03	03	05	02	00	23	29
FEVER UNKNOWN ORIGIN	00	03	01	01	00	00	05	09
LEG PROBLEMS	01	02	04	05	01	00	13	09
FOOT PROBLEMS	07	19	09	17	05	01	58	17
ARM PROBLEMS	04	06	02	06	04	00	22	17
BACK PROBLEMS	02	02	03	00	01	00	08	12
MALARIA	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
INFECTIOUS	07	12	13	05	09	01	47	81
IMMUNIZATIONS	221	97	94	89	93	00	594	1237
VENEREAL DISEASE	02	01	05	02	06	01	17	25
SHRAPNEL WOUNDS	00	00	01	02	01	00	04	01
BLISTERS	02	00	04	02	00	00	08	12
IMERSION FOOT	02	04	03	01	00	00	10	14
HEAT EXHAUSTION	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	01
HEAT STROKE	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	02
RETURN VISITS	14	10	12	12	11	00	59	61
OTHER	07	14	13	10	03	00	47	86

J. Training. The following training was conducted during November:

1. Replacement received by the battalion were thoroughly indoctrinated in accordance with existing directives and battalion SOP for troop indoctrination. In addition, they all fired their weapons for familiarization.

2. Formal and informal classes were conducted on general military subjects on a company level.

3. Hospital Corpsmen received classroom and on the job training under the supervision of the Battalion surgeon and the Chief Hospital Corpsman on field medical techniques and diagnostic procedures.

K. Casualties.

1. KIA - 10
2. WIA - 56
3. NBC - 18

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L. Battalion Chaplain. The following Chaplain services were provided during the month of November:

a. Twelve Protestant Church services with a total of three hundred and eighty (380) members of the battalion attending. A Special Service was also conducted on Thanksgiving Day with seventy (70) personnel in attendance.

b. Catholic Services were provided by Chaplain H.J. HORVAT and Chaplain P.J. O'ROURKE.

c. Memorial Services were conducted on 15 November with approximately six hundred of the battalion in attendance.

d. Special services were conducted for Company L, Company K and Company I with the serving of Communion prior to departing for Operation Meade River.

e. Special Projects:

(1) CAP Units 9 and 10 - Religious Services were conducted by both Catholic and Protestant Chaplains.

(2) Phu Thuong Thou Orphanage - English classes were presented to the Nuns of the orphanage, in addition, two trailer loads of canned goods were distributed to the orphanage. Cement was also provided to the orphanage to build a well.

f. Periodic visits were made to the battalion wounded/sick at NSA and the hospital ships. Visits to battalion personnel in the Division Brig were also made.

g. Attended weekly Division Chaplain's Meetings.

PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

02 November 1968

At 1415H, Lima Company discovered 2 hooches with bunkers at vic of AT895903. One hooch was 10'x15' and the other 5'x6'. Both hooches were constructed of bamboo, grass and logs.

04 November 1968

At 0900H, Mike Company discovered a bunker complex containing 9 bunkers set up in a defensive position in vic of AT858900. The bunkers were well built and could hold possibly 4 to 5 persons. Two bunkers were caved in and all were constructed of wooden logs. While checking bunkers, the point man spotted 6 VC/LVA moving south. They were taken under fire with M-79's and machinegun fire. Results: 2 VC/LVA KIA(C), 1 AK-47.

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At 1800H, two elements of Mike Company spotted an unknown size enemy force at vic of AT861899. The enemy was taken under fire. Results: 1 NVA KIA(C).

05 November 1968

At 0900H, Mike Company received small arms fire from a ridge line at vic of AT862885. Mike returned fire and proceeded to the top of the ridge line to secure it. The enemy withdrew as Mike approached the top of the ridge. While conducting a search of the area, Mike discovered 2 large living quarters which could hold possibly 25 persons and 1 smaller hooch which could hold possibly 10 persons. Found were: 1 messhall, 1 classroom, 2 Chi-Com's, 1 AK-47 magazine, all types of documents, propaganda leaflets, clothing and 4 saws.

At 0900H, Mike-1 found 15 fighting holes 3 to 5 feet deep and uncovered; they appeared to have been constructed one week before. The fighting holes appeared to be a highly sophisticated complex set up as a barracks for approximately 100 men. The most prominent hooch was 65 meters long and 35 meters wide; it included a sleeping area, messhall, a classroom w/benches and a blackboard. Inside, a tunnel complex was discovered which contained 3 NVA packs, documents, money, propaganda leaflets and medical supplies. Northwest of the bunker complex, 5 more hooches were found that appeared to have been lived in recently because panties, bras and cloth Kotex items were discovered in small quantities. Results: 1 USMC WIA, 2 Chi-Com's and 1 AK-47 magazine.

06 November 1968

At 0800H, Mike Company came under automatic weapons fire from a well constructed position at vic of AT873896. Artillery was adjusted on suspected enemy positions and enemy fire ceased. Found were log hooches 20 feet long, 10 feet wide and 12 feet high. Four graves were also discovered which contained the bodies of 4 males dead for approximately one month. Results: 6 USMC WIA, 2 USMC NBC, and 5 NVA KIA(C). 1 AK-47, 4 AK-47 magazines, 1 cylindrical magazine, 2 100lb bags of rice and 5 bottles of penicillin were also found.

At 1145H, Lima Company found two graves at vic of AT892873. The bodies appeared to be 3 weeks old. Results: 2 NVA KIA(C).

At 1845H, Mike Company's defensive perimeter received 20-25 rounds of 60mm or 82mm mortar fire. Results: 4 USMC WIA.

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07 November 1968

At 1145H, Mike Company, at vic of AT873897, discovered 5lbs of TNT in half-pound blocks, 3 Chi-Com's, 173 M-16 rounds, 53 SKS rounds, 576 AK-47 rounds and 3 30.06 rounds.

At 1800H, Mike Company found a well built hooch 25x50x12 feet at vic of AT874897. Results: 4700 lbs of white rice.

08 November 1968

At 1300H, Lima-1 received heavy enemy fire at vic AT869905. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

At 1530H, Lima-1 found 8 well constructed hooches at vic of AT873899 which contained: 7 R/G's w/boosters, 7 Chi-Com's, 10 AK magazines, 2100 AK rounds, 100 feet of detonating cord, 160 electrical blasting caps, 75 non-electrical blasting caps, 25lbs TNT, 45lbs of rice, 150lbs of clothing and 15 VC/NVA uniforms.

09 November 1968

At 1500H, Mike Company discovered 1 homemade claymore mine 1x1 feet by 4 inches with rock and concrete explosive inside, 85lbs of rock salt and 500lbs of white rice.

10 November 1968

At 0830H, Mike Company spotted 1 VC/NVA at vic of AT864895 coming up the trail yelling "Chieu Hoi." Marines held fire while waiting for the Chieu Hoi to approach, when 2 VC/NVA jumped up and sprayed the area with M-16 and AK-47 fire. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA, 1 VC/NVA KIA(C).

At 1230H, Mike Company discovered a complex of hooches at vic of AT863894 which contained 3 R/G M16 rounds, 1 Chi-Com, 285 AK-47 rounds, 20 blasting caps, 3 AK magazines and 50lbs of brown rice with assorted cooking utensils.

20 November 1968

At 1125H, Kilo discovered a boobytrap at vic of AT994577. While an engineer attempted to disarm it the boobytrap was detonated. Results: 1 USMC WIA.

At 2305H, Kilo Company spotted several enemy at vic of AT986584. Kilo opened fire and saw one enemy fall. Results: 1 VC/NVA KIA(C), 1 AK-47 magazine and 2 Chi-Com's.

22 November 1968

At 2110H, India Company received heavy automatic weapons fire at vic of AT986584. Results: 1 USMC KIA.

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At 2330H, India Company spotted movement at vic of AT988583. One of the enemy was seen to fall after India opened fire.

23 November 1968

At 1200H, Lima Company at vic of AT989589, took fire from 8 to 12 enemy who were dug-in near a small building. Results: 4 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA, 4 VC/NVA KIA(C).

At 1800, Lima Company at vic of AT989585, came under intensive machinegun fire and small arms fire. Enemy size was estimated at 8 to 10. Lima returned fire. Results: 4 USMC WIA.

At 2220H, India Company at vic of AT989578, received several rounds of small arms fire. India returned fire and 1 VC/NVA was seen to fall.

24 November 1968

At 1200H, Kilo Company in vic of AT984590, discovered several hooches and bunkers. Results: 2 USMC WIA from boobytrap in one hooch; 1-79 ammunition, AK-47 ammunition, MAAW's, 782 gear, 200lbs of rice and civilian clothing.

At 1305H, an aerial observer spotted 6 VC in a treeline vic of AT986564. An artillery mission was fired into the treeline and 6 VC were confirmed by the A.O.

At 1600H, Kilo Company received heavy sniper fire from enemy positions at vic of AT988586. Results: 2 USMC KIA, 16 USMC WIA.

26 November 1968

At 0900H, Kilo Company discovered one grave at vic of AT989585. The body appeared to have been dead two days. Kilo searched the immediate area and found: 1 Chi-Com, 2 M-tolls, 2 AK-47 magazines, 1 cartridge belt w/magazine, 1 poncho w/blood stains and 1 small bag of rice.

At 2120H, Kilo Company at vic of AT986584, received 2 RPG rounds, 2 Chi-Com's and small arms fire. Results: 3 USMC WIA.

27 November 1968

At 0330H, the battalion CP, India and Kilo Companies, at vic of AT992557, received incoming rockets or artillery for approximately 45 minutes. Results: 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA.

At 1015H, Kilo Company, at vic of AT988556, spotted 2 VC running toward a bunker complex in a treeline and opened fire on them. Results: 1 VC KIA(C).

At 1200H, Kilo Company, at vic of AT987558, came under heavy fire from their left flank and assaulted the enemy position. The enemy fled toward the west. Results: 9 USMC WIA, 5 VC/NVA KIA(C), 3 AK-47's captured and 1 bag of miscellaneous documents found.

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At 1200H, Kilo-2, at vic of AT984568, made contact with the enemy while clearing a bunker complex assaulted earlier. Results: 3 VC/NVA KIA(C), 1 SKS, 1 55 gallon drum of rice and miscellaneous 782 gear and documents.

At 1545H, India Company, at vic of AT993568, tripped a boobytrap which resulted in 3 USMC KIA.

28 November 1968

At 1155H, Kilo Company found 2 graves which contained 2 bodies at vic of AT980566. The bodies were wearing NVA type uniforms and appeared to have been killed by an air strike. Results: 2 NVA KIA(C).

At 1230H, Kilo Company discovered a bunker complex which appeared to have been used as a hospital facility at vic of AT975575. Kilo also found a rice cache at vic of AT974574. Results: 500lbs of rice, a pilot survival radio, clothes, tools and eating utensils.

29 November 1968

At 1530H, India Company CP tripped a boobytrap of unknown type at vic of AT985575, causing it to detonate. Results: 10 USMC KIA.

30 November 1968

At 1230H, Kilo Company found 8 bunkers, a tunnel and assorted 782 gear at vic of BT008565. Found were: various clothing, medical supplies, 2 blasting caps, VC documents, 261 AK-47 rounds and 125lbs of corn. Also found were 3 USMC bodies missing from a Recon patrol.

At 2045H, a Kilo LP spotted 2 VC at vic of BT003568. The LP opened fire with small arms. Results: 1 VC KIA(C).

PART IV
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS/REF

CG, 1st MarDivO 3480.1A

CG, 1st MarDivO 301-68

26th Mar FragO 35-68

26th Mar FragO 36-68

26th Mar FragO 37-68

26th Mar FragO 38-68

26th Mar FragO 38-68

26th Mar FragO 39-68

26th Mar FragO 40-68

1st Mar OpOrder 315-68 (Heade River)

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(g) 26th Marines FragO 40-68

1. Code Name.

Nicollet Bay

2. Dates of Operation.

250800H Oct68 - 140800H Nov68

3. Location.

Quang Nam District, Hoa Vang Province

4. Command Headquarters.

Command Post located at vic AT929887

5. Reporting Officer.

Commanding Officer, 3d Battalion, 26th Marines

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6. Task Organization.

3d Battalion, 26th Marines(-)(Rein)
 Sec, 1st Plt, Co B, 1st MP Bn
 Det, 1st Plt, Co A, 3d Ingr Bn
 Det, 3d Plt, Co A, 3d Tank Bn
 Det, 1st Plt, Co B, 3d Amphreg Bn
 Det, Scout/Sniper Plt, HQ Co, 26th Mar
 Det, W Btry, Co C, 1st Bn, 13th Mar
 Det, 1st Plt, Co A, 3d SP Bn (HSP)
 Det, 1st Plt, Co A, 1st SP Bn (HSP)
 Tm, 1st Recon Bn

Lt Col J.W.P. ROBERTSON
 (25Oct68-14Nov68)

Co "I" (Rein)
 Tm, Scout/Sniper Plt, HQ Co, 26th Mar
 Tm, 1st Plt, Co A, 1st SP Bn (HSP)
 FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plt
 FO Tm, C Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Mar
 FAC Tm
 Tm, Scout Dog Plt, 3d MP Bn

1st Lt R.E. HOOVER
 (25Oct68-14Nov68)

Co "K" (Rein)
 Tm, Scout/Sniper Plt, HQ Co, 26th Mar
 Tm, 1st Plt, Co A, 1st SP Bn (HSP)
 FO Tm, C Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Mar
 FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plt
 FAC Tm

Capt F.L. FOX
 (25Oct68-14Nov68)

Co "L" (Rein)
 Tm, Scout/Sniper Plt, HQ Co, 26th Mar
 Tm, 1st Plt, Co A, 1st SP Bn (HSP)
 FO Tm, C Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Mar
 FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plt
 FAC Tm

1st Lt G.B. MEEGAN
 (25Oct68-14Nov68)

Co "M" (Rein)
 Tm, Scout/Sniper Plt, HQ Co, 26th Mar
 Tm, 1st Plt, Co A, 1st SP Bn (HSP)
 FO Tm, C Btry, 1st Bn, 13th Mar
 FO Tm, 81mm Mortar Plt
 FAC Tm
 Tm, Scout Dog Plt, 3d MP Bn

Capt J. TURRIETTA
 (25Oct68-14Nov68)

Co "A", 1st Bn, 26th Mar

1st Lt P. ARNOID
 (25Oct68-14Nov68)

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(1) During Operation Nicollet Bay, the battalion was supported by M Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines; A Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines; W Battery, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines; the USS BRAINE and the USS RICHARD B. ANDERSON.

(2) H&I targets were selected on the basis of map reconnaissance, intelligence reports and positions of previous contacts. H&I targets were fired on an irregular time pattern during both the day and night.

(3) All calls for fire were cleared by the battalion FSCC.

b. Air Support

(1) Air support was requested by the battalion ALO through the 26th Marines ALO.

(2) During Operation Nicollet Bay:

- (a) 207 medevacs were called
- (b) 1121 troops were helilifted for tactical deployment
- (c) 101,600 pounds of equipment were transported
- (d) 27 TRQ's were run on enemy positions
- (e) 70 airstrikes were run on enemy positions
- (f) 10 overflights of the ALO were utilized

8. Intelligence.

a. The enemy situation in the Nicollet Bay ALO centers around two Sapper Battalions operating southwest of the Hai Van Pass. The Truong Son Sapper Bn is recorded as an NVA force with an estimated strength of 250 men, and according to latest intelligence reports is located at AT9080. The other is the T87 Sapper Bn, a main force battalion with an estimated strength of 350 men located at AT9292.

b. Enemy strength

The Truong Son Sapper Bn is recorded as an NVA force with an estimated strength of 250 men. The current probable location of the Truong Son Bn is AT9080. The T87 Sapper Bn is a Main Force Unit with an estimated strength of 350 men. Its current probable location is at AT9292. The armament of these two battalions is unknown; however, it is known, by contacts with the enemy throughout the operation, that they have 60mm and 82mm mortars, light machineguns, M-79's, RPG's, at least one .50 caliber machinegun, AK-47's, TNT w/blasting caps and detonation cord.

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c. Enemy Mission

The mission of the Truong Son and T87 Sapper Battalions is to harass Army Engineers and to destroy bridges and culverts along Route #1.

d. Significant Events

(1) On 040900H, "M" Company at vic AT859900 discovered a bunker complex which consisted of 9 bunkers. One was large enough for 15-20 persons. Eight bunkers were large enough for 4-5 persons each. While searching area, point man spotted 6 VC/NVA moving south. He fired on the enemy resulting in 2 VC/NVA KIA. Captured were 1 AK-47, 2 AK-47 magazines w/ammo and 2 Chi-Com grenades.

(2) On 060800H, "M" Company at vic AT873696, while sweeping VC/NVA living area, received AWF and 10 rds 60mm or 82mm mortar fire from estimated 10-12 enemy well armed. "M" Company called for arty on suspected enemy mortar position which ceased enemy fire. Search of area revealed four graves with four VC/NVA bodies. Later, "M" Company's ambush made contact with an unknown size enemy force which resulted in 1 VC/NVA KIA. Captured were 1 AK-47, 4 AK-47 magazines, 5 Chi-Com grenades and a total of 5 VC/NVA KIA.

(3) On 081530H, "L" Company, while sweeping area vic AT873899, found 8 well constructed hooches which contained 7 RPG rounds with boosters, 7 Chi-Com grenades, 10 AK magazines, 2100 AK-47 rounds, 100 feet of detonating cord, 150 electrical blasting caps, 25lbs TNT, 45lbs of rice, 150lbs of clothing including 15 VC/NVA uniforms and various items of medical equipment. In this area "L" Company also found 1 messhall 40'x15', 7 hooches with bunkers, three bunkers separated from the hooches and many documents.

(4) On 100830H, Marines on "M" Company's perimeter spotted 1 VC/NVA coming up the trail yelling "Chieu Hoi!" As Marines waited for enemy to approach, two other VC/NVA jumped up and fired on Marines with M-16 and AK-47. Chieu Hoi also returned fire on Marines. Enemy broke contact and fled. Search of area revealed 1 VC/NVA KIA.

(5) On 101230H, "M" Company, at vic AT863894, discovered a hooch complex which had been burned and reconstructed. Discovered were 285 AK rounds, 10 non-electrical blasting caps, 10 electrical blasting caps, 3 AK magazines, 50 lbs of rice and 3 RPG rounds.

e. Weather

There was a mean temperature of 78°, a high of 86° and a low of 70°. There were light intermittent showers during the day and night throughout the operation.

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f. Terrain
The 3/26 AO is composed of a mountainous area ranging as high as 1000 meters with double and triple canopy jungle.

g. Avenues of Approach
In the southern portion of the AO the Little Elephant Valley vic of AT8485 forms the main avenue of approach. In the northern portion of the AO the ridge line at vic of AT9091 runs west to east to the Hai Van Pass.

h. Totals

VC/LVA KIA	- 15
IWC	- 3
Captured Rice	- 6,295lbs
Captured AK Ammo	- 3,224rds

i. Civil Affairs
There were no civil affairs conducted during the operation.

j. Psychological Warfare
There were no PsyOps conducted during the operation.

9. Mission.

3d Battalion, 26th Marines establish a combat base in forward operating area vic AT929887 in assigned AO and conduct recon in force operations to find, fix, and destroy enemy forces, materials and caches.

10. Concept of Operation.

3d Battalion, 26th Marines establishes a combat base in vic of AT929887 in the northeast portion of the 26th Marines AO and conducts recon in force operations to locate and destroy enemy forces and installations.

11. Execution.

a. With the issuance of 26th Marines FragO 35-68 250800H Oct68, this Battalion commenced an operation which, at a later date, was given the code name Nicellet Bay (26th Mar FragO 39-68 081544H Nov68). This report includes a summary of the entire operation from the 25th of Oct68 to the 14th of Nov68. The following is a chronological listing of significant events.

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On 30 Oct 68 at 0955H, India Company in vic AT910908, found one radio sound modulator M-2100/AMP-4B w/att transmitter radio sound T-435 AMP-4B.

On 31 Oct 68 at 1200H India Company, while moving to an objective, came upon 4 VC/NVA in the process of slaughtering a Rock Ape vic AT901913. The VC/NVA escaped into the jungle leaving behind the following gear: 1 VC pack containing 1 bag of salt and peppers, 1 bag of rice, 1 surgical shirt, 3 fresh dried pieces of meat, 1 bottle of kerosene, 1 bag of cooked rice, 1 toothbrush and toothpaste, 2 blasting caps, 1 canteen cover, 1 belt, 1 plastic tarp, 3 feet of nylon cord, 1 utility shirt, 2 cloth bags, 1 NVA pair of khaki trousers, 1 pair of green trousers w/belt, 1 hammock, 1 mosquito net, 1 section of parachute cloth, 2 make shift packs, 1 cloth bag.

On 31 Oct 68 at 1830H, A-1, while on patrol in vic AT914934, tripped a booby trapped CS grenade. No injuries were incurred and the patrol continued after the CS was clear of the area.

On 01 Nov 68, Alpha Company, at 2345H in vic AT902956, received 02 sniper rounds from vic AT902955. No casualties occurred and the fire ceased after the initial rounds.

On 02 Nov 68, Lima Company, while on a sweep in vic AT895903, discovered 2 hooches with bunkers. One hooch was 10'x15' and the other was 5'x6'. Bunkers surrounded the hooches and were constructed of bamboo, grass, and logs.

On 02 Nov 68, Alpha Company spotted 6 VC/NVA at vic AT939907. They took them under fire with M-79's, M-14's and an 81mm mortar illumination mission. Results were negative.

On 04 Nov 68 at 0900H while on a patrol, Lima 1-A received AK-47 fire from a person appearing to be NVA. He had on green utilities, green painted hard hat, cartridge belt, and had a new AK-47. L 1-A returned fire with negative results.

On 04 Nov 68 at 0900H, Mike Company, while searching area vic AT858900, discovered a bunker complex containing 9 bunkers set up in defensive positions. Approximate dimensions of 1 bunker were 15x15x1 1/2 meters. The bunkers were well built and could hold possibly 4 to 5 persons. Two bunkers were caved in and all were constructed of wooden logs. Earthen type bunkers appeared not to have been used recently. While checking out the bunkers, the point man spotted 6 VC/NVA moving south. They were taken under fire with M-79's and machinegun fire. Results were 2 enemy KIA(C). One body had an AK-47, the other a 'willy peter' bag and was dressed in Marine Corps type uniform.

On 04 Nov 68 at 1800H in vic of AT861899, two elements of Mike Company were conducting a check of area and spotted an unknown size enemy force. Enemy was taken under fire, resulting in 1 NVA KIA(C). While pursuing enemy, what appeared to be NVA hooches were discovered. Mike was fired on by a light machinegun from a group of hooches from south to west. They continued pursuit with negative results.

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On 05 Nov 68 at 0800H in vic of AP875895, M-2, while moving easterly toward 5 or 6 hooches, received a heavy volume of fire from an unknown number of enemy that were set up to their direct front. It appeared that the enemy had 1 automatic weapon and some smaller weapons. M-2 tried to assault the position but were channeled and did not feel they had a sizable force. M-2 fell back and joined the rest of Mike Company. Note: It appeared that the enemy was conducting a delaying tactic in order for a larger unit to move out.

On 05 Nov 68 at 0900H in vic of AP862885, Mike Company, while approaching assigned objectives, received small arms fire from ridge line. Mike returned the fire on the enemy and then proceeded to the top of the ridge to secure it. Upon securing the ridge, the enemy withdrew in a south-southwest direction. Mike searched the immediate area and found 2 large living quarters which could hold possibly 25 people along with 1 smaller hooch which could house 10 people. Also found were: 1 messhall, 1 classroom, 2 Chi-Coms, 1 AK-47 magazine, all types of documents, diaries, and propaganda leaflets, 3 French campaign helmets, all types of clothing, 3 NVA packs, 1 large cross-cut saw and 3 small cross-cut saws which had recently been used.

On 05 Nov 68 at 0900H in vic of AP874893, M-1, while approaching highground, received small arms fire of 20 to 30 rounds from the top of a ridge line 100 meters up a very steep slope. M-1 deployed immediately and assaulted the object on the high ground. Found were 15 fighting holes 3 to 5 feet deep and uncovered; they appeared to have been constructed approximately a week before. The fighting holes looked like a highly sophisticated complex set up as a barracks designed to hold 100 men. The most prominent hooch was 65 meters long and 35 meters wide and included a sleeping area, messhall, and a classroom w/benches and a black board. Inside a tunnel complex was discovered which contained clothing, 3 full NVA packs, documents of all types, money, propaganda leaflets, and medical supplies. A further search of the area revealed a CP type hooch which contained a set of field glasses with multi-colored lenses, possibly infra-red. Toward the northwest, 5 more hooches were found which had been recently lived in because panties, bras, and cloth Kotex items were discovered in small quantities. The search went without incident; medevacs were called and as they were approaching took heavy volumes of fire from an unknown position. The barracks complex and all gear, excluding the documents, were destroyed by burning. Results were 2 Chi-Com grenades and 1 AK-47 magazine captured and 1 USMC WIA.

On 05 Nov 68 at 1945H, A-1 in vic of AP908943, received sniper fire from vic of AP910948. Illumination and a fire mission were called with unknown results.

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On 06 Nov 68 at 0000, Mike Company deployed from night position with two elements up and one element back. Unit came under automatic weapons fire from a well constructed position 75 meters away, vic of AT873896. Artillery was adjusted on suspected mortar position and enemy locations. Mortar rounds ceased after initial arty mission. Found were log hooches 20 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 12 feet high. They appeared to be sleeping quarters. Four graves were uncovered which contained the bodies of 4 males who had been dead for approximately one month. The results of this action were 6 USMC WIA, 2 USMC NBC, 5 NVA KIA(C). A tally of gear found was: 1 AK-47, 4 AK-47 magazines, 1 cylindrical magazine, and 2 AK-47 magazine pouches. Also found were: 2 100lb bags of rice, 5 bottles of penicillin (made by the Liliplax Corp. Line USA), 1 kerosene lantern, and assorted can goods.

On 06 Nov 68 at 1145H, Lima Company in vic of AT892873, found two graves with one body in each. Bodies appeared to be 3 weeks old.

On 06 Nov 68 at 1200H, Mike Company in vic of AT873896, spotted two enemy moving to the northwest along the highground. The enemy were seen carrying packs but no weapons were sighted. They were taken under fire with negative results.

On 06 Nov 68 at 1845H, Mike's defensive perimeter received 20-25 rounds of 60mm or 82mm mortar fire which resulted in 4 minor WIA's. There was no counter battery and defensive brought to bear on suspected enemy location.

On 07 Nov 68 at 1145H, Mike Company, while running a routine search of the area vic AT873897, discovered the following gear: 5 pounds of TNT in half pound blocks, 3 Chi-Com grenades (pineapple type), 173 M-16 rounds, 53 SKS rounds, 300 AK-47 rounds which were new and 276 that were old but still usable, and 3 30.06 rounds. Later in the day at 1800H in vic of AT874897, Mike Company found a well built hooch measuring 25x50x12 feet. A search of the area uncovered 42 100lb bags of white rice. A closer investigation of the hooch revealed 500lbs of white rice under a false floor.

At 1300H, 08 Nov 68, Lima 1, moving in the assault in vic of AT869905, received heavy enemy fire. Lima 1 and Lima 2 continued the assault and swept over the ridge. Results were 1 USMC KIA.

At 1530H, 08 Nov 68, Lima 1, while on a sweep in vic of AT873899, found 08 well built hooches which contained the following VC/NVA gear: 7 RPG's with boosters, 7 Chi-Com grenades, 10 AK magazines, 2100 AK rounds, 100 feet of detonating cord, 160 electrical blasting caps with wire, 75 non-electrical blasting caps, 25lbs TNT, 45lbs of rice, 8 packs, 150lbs of clothing, 15 VC/NVA uniforms, 1 foxhole cover (U.S. type), various medical equipment, 1 messhall 40x15 feet, 5 fighting holes, 7 hooches, 3 bunkers separate away from hooches, and many documents.

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At 0830H on 10 Nov 68, Mike Company spotted 01 VC/NVA coming up the trail yelling "Chieu Hoi". The Marines held fire and waited for the Chieu Hoi to approach them when 02 VC/NVA jumped up and sprayed the area with M-16 and AK-47 fire. The Marines returned fire and enveloped the position from the right. Results were 01 VC/NVA KIA(C); 01 USMC KIA and 03 USMC WIA.

At 1500H, 09 Nov 68, Mike Company, while conducting a routine search during patrolling activities at vic of TP874899, discovered 01 homemade claymore mine 1x1 feet by 4 inches with rock and concrete explosive inside, 01 blasting cap non-electric pressure type, 1cc bottle of Atrophene, 01 bottle of Red Chinese medicine, 85lbs of rock salt, 500lbs of white rice and various documents. The rice was found under floors covered with 5 to 6 inches of dirt. 300lbs was found in one hooch, 100lbs in another, and 100lbs was found in still another. The rice and rock salt were destroyed by spreading it through a stream bed, the documents and medicine were turned over to S-2.

At 1230H, 10 Nov 68 in vic of TP863894, Mike Company discovered a complex of hooches which contained the following items: 03 RPG HE rounds, 01 Chi-Com grenade, 285 AK rounds, 10 non-electric blasting caps, and 10 electric blasting caps, 03 AK magazines, 01 canteen, 01 cartridge belt, 02 first aid pouches with accessories, assorted NVA clothing, 50 pounds of brown rice and assorted cooking utensils.

12. Results.

a. Friendly Casualties:

KIA - 02

WIA - 25

b. Enemy Casualties:

VC/NVA(C) - 15

VC/NVA Det - 0

13. Administrative Matters.

a. Supply

(1) Resupply of companies in the field was accomplished by helicopter, while the Fire Base was resupplied by truck.

b. Maintenance

(1) First and second echelon maintenance was performed by organic battalion units.

(2) Third echelon maintenance was performed by 1st FSB Danang.

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(1) All casualties were treated by company corpsmen and either returned to duty or evacuated to the Forward BAS vic AT929887 or BAS Regt at Dai La Pass. If extensive care was needed they were evacuated to 1st Hospital Co, 1st Medical Battalion, NSA Danang or hospital ships.

d. Transportation

(1) Accomplished by organic motor transport assets and by direct support by 1st Motor Transport Battalion.

e. Communications

(1) Radio. All internal and external radio nets were established utilizing a command LPT. A covered circuit was installed utilizing a KY-8 and a RI-524.

(2) Message Center. No field message center was established and a courier system was utilized with very good results. Message center was maintained in the battalion rear.

(3) Wire/Radio Relay. A TRC-27 radio relay was established giving the Fire Base the ability to have access to the division wire system and to also maintain hot lines with the COC/FSCC at Regiment. No internal wire was utilized at the Fire Base.

(4) Maintenance. All maintenance was accomplished at the battalion rear.

f. Medical Evacuation.

(1) During Operation Nicollet Bay, the BAS operated out of facilities at the Fire Base vic AT929887 and Dai La Pass.

(2) Patients requiring major surgery were evacuated to either 1st Hospital Company, 1st Medical Battalion, Danang, or hospital ships.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques.

a. During Operation Nicollet Bay, scout dogs were used during sweeps of the AO and found very useful in the dense terrain. Several of the AMTracs attached were used to house the FSCC and the COC and found to be convenient and adequate for this purpose.

15. Commander's Analysis.

a. Operation Nicollet Bay proved to be extremely valuable for the individual companies as it gave them the necessary experience required to operate in triple canopy jungle, and exposed them to the problems associated with this kind of an operation.

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b. It is noted that the battalion's total enemy KIA count was 15 NVA; however, 12 of these occurred before the operation was assigned a name on 07 November 1968.

c. Establishing a fire base on the edge of the assigned AO created communication, resupply and medevac problems, because of the distance the companies operated away from the fire base and the adverse weather conditions.

16. Recommendations.

The fire base should be established farther inside the AO in order to facilitate better control over the operating companies and to cover them with the organic weapons located within the fire base.

That the heavy tracked vehicles (LVT's) not be utilized within the fire base in the type of terrain encountered on Nicollet Bay because they can not get out into the AO to area where the fire base should be located.

The battalion CP should not be tied down with the amount of equipment that was established within the fire base due to the fact that it is too cumbersome, it cuts down the capability of the CP to move and it requires extra units to provide security for it that should be utilized to operate within the AO.

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Operation Order 2-68 (Operation Meade River)

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Series 17014 Sheets 6640 I,
6640 IV, 6641 II and 6641 III
(b) 1st Marines OpOrder 315-68

Time Zone: Hotel

TASK ORGANIZATION: Annex A (Task Organization)

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces, Current Intsams and Perintreps

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 1st Marines (-)(Rein), commencing at H-hour on D-Day establishes a cordon around objective area, Annex B: (Operation Overlay), and in conjunction with ARVN and GVN Forces, MFM and MFC elements searches and clears villages and adjacent areas to destroy enemy forces, caches, material, installations, and captures WC infrastructure.

(2) BLP 2/7 commencing at H-hour on D-day moves by helicopter to prescribed positions, Annex B: (Operation Overlay), to cordon Northwest sector initially along Route 10 from Golden Gate Bridge (AT968606) to junction with Route 4 (AT969583), linking up with 3d Battalion, 26th Marines at that point and be prepared to close to railroad berm running north-south through Lodge City on order.

(3) 3d Battalion (Rein) 5th Marines commencing on H-hour on D-day moves by helicopter to prescribed positions, Annex B: (Operation Overlay), to cordon southwest sector along Route 4 commencing at B1027575 West to junction of Route 4 with railroad berm in Lodge City (AT992577), linking up with 3d Battalion, 26th Marines, Regimental Reaction Force.

(4) 1st Battalion (-), 7th Marines, Regimental Reaction Force.

(5) 1st Battalion, 11th Marines direct support 1st Marines.

(6) H Btry, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines reinforces 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.

(7) W Btry, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines reinforce 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.

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c. Attachment and Detachment. Annex A: (Task Organization).

2. MISSION. 3d Battalion(-), 26th Marines moves by helicopter to prescribed positions along Route 4 in Southwest sector of Regimental cordon to capture and/or destroy enemy forces in vicinity of cordon in sector; be prepared in order to conduct screening operations in AO south of the cordon; conduct mobile reserve mission within the area of operations; establish blocking positions during search and destroy operations along eastern sector of Dodge City AO.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. 3d Battalion(-), 26th Marines, with three companies and a command group, land at L-hour at prescribed positions, Annex B: (Operation Overlay) to cordon Southwest sector of cordon commencing at junction of Route 10 and Route 4 and terminating at the junction of Route 4 with the railroad berm in Dodge City AO.

b. Co I (Rein)

(1) Commencing at L-hour on D-day land by helicopter on Route 4, in the vicinity of 989580, to establish a cordon along Route 4 in assigned sector, Annex C: (Sector Overlay).

(2) Provide security for the Battalion Command Group.

(3) Maintain visual contact with elements of 3d Battalion, 5th Marines on the right southwest flank.

(4) Be prepared to conduct screening operations to the south on order.

c. Co K (Rein)

(1) Commencing at L-hour on D-day land by helicopter on Route 4, in the vicinity of 982583, to establish a cordon along Route 4 in assigned sector, Annex C: (Sector Overlay).

(2) Be prepared to conduct screening operations to the south on order.

d. Co L (Rein)

(1) Commencing at L-hour on D-day land by helicopter on Route 4, in the vicinity of 975583, to establish a cordon along Route 4 in assigned sector, Annex C: (Sector Overlay).

(2) Maintain visual contact with elements of 2d Battalion, 7th Marines on the left west flank.

(3) Be prepared to conduct screening operations to the south on order.

e. 8mm Mortar Platoon(-)

(1) General support

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- (1) D-day: 20 November 1968 (tentative).
- (2) L-hour: 0800 (tentative)
- (3) No fireline: Units mark front and rear positions with air panels.
- (4) Save-a-Planes will be provided on all missions fired within AO.
- (5) There will be no free fire zones in AO; all mission requests must be cleared.
- (6) Pay strict adherence to the rules of engagement.
- (7) Duration: 8 to 10 days.
- (8) Spot Reports and Casualty Reports will be timely and in the proper format.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.a. Supply.

- (1) Supply Source. The LSA located at Hill 55 will be source of supply for all classes of supply.
- (2) Prescribed loads.
 - (a) Class I - 3 day MCI w/fuel Trioxane
2 days LRP's w/fuel Trioxane
4 full canteens w/sufficient halazone
and salt tablets for 8 days.
 - (b) Class II - Normal arms and equipment to include the following:
M-16 cleaning equipment
Gas Mask
3 pair of socks
1 can foot powder
Poncho
 - (c) Class V - BA+3 DOA and 3 days of demo and smoke.
 - (d) Resupply. Company resupply requests will be submitted to the Battalion S-4 via the HST net by 1200 daily. All equipment and supplies to be returned to the LSA will be staged at the Battalion CP. Emergency requests will be handled expeditiously.
 - (e) Captured materials. Turn over to the Battalion S-2 ASAP.
 - (f) Destination of Equipment. Efforts to evacuate weapons and equipment will be exhausted prior to deliberate destruction.
- b. Evacuation and Hospitalization.
 - (1) The BAS will be established in the Battalion CP to provide emergency treatment, casualty evacuation. MEDDEVIC will be direct to 1st Medical Bn and NSA Hospital.
 - (2) POW casualties will be evacuated under guard via normal medical channels.

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(1) Maintenance. Companies are responsible for 1st echelon maintenance. Limited comm-elect. maintenance facilities will be available at the ISA.

(2) Salvage.

(a) Companies will return empty drums and metal ammunition containers to the ISA.

(b) Used batteries will be destroyed.

(3) EOD. Submit requests for EOD assistance via HST channels.

d. Strengths and Reports.

(1) Strength reports will be submitted to the Battalion CP prior to 1000. Report will include field strength only, broken down by Marine Officer/Enlisted and Navy Officer/Enlisted.

(2) Battalion S-1 representative will submit strength report to Hq, 1st Marines prior to 1200 daily.

(3) POW/Detainees. POW's and detainees will be evacuated by the fastest means to LZ 412.

(4) Casualty Reporting. Report of casualties will be submitted via HST channels.

(5) Postal Service. Mail will be delivered to troops in the field as the tactical situation permits.

(6) Medals and Awards. Recommendations will be submitted via the normal chain of command.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS.a. Communication-electronics

(1) Annex D (3d Battalion, 26th Marines COI)

(2) The enemy is expected to monitor radio nets and exploit information gained.

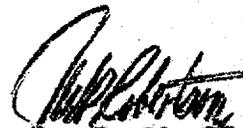
(3) Radio transmissions must be kept at minimums due to radio interference expected.

(4) Guard radio nets at L-3 hours.

b. Command Posts

(1) 3d Battalion(-), 26th Marines - 993577.

(2) CO's report CP locations when established.

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ANNEXES:

- A - Task Organization
- B - Operation Overlay
- C - Sector Overlay
- D - 3d Battalion, 26th Marines COI

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ANNEX A: (Task Organization) to Operation Order 2-68 (Operation Meade River)
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 (all attachments effective 191600 Nov1968)

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Lt Col ROBERTSON

H&S Co(-)

Det, Comm Plt, HQ Co, 1st Marines
 Det, Scout/Sniper Plt, HQ Co, 26th Marines
 Det, 1st SP Bn (HST)
 Det, 1st Engr Bn
 Det, 7th Psyops USA

Co I (Rein)

1st Lt HOOVER

Co I

Det, H&S Co
 FO Tm, 1st Sec, 81mm Mortar Plt
 FO Tm, 1st Bn, 13th Marines
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Intel Sec
 Det, Scout Dog Plt, 3d MP Bn
 Tm, 1st SP Bn (HST)
 Tm, 1st Engr Bn

Co K (Rein)

Capt FOX

Co K

Det, H&S Co
 FO Tm, 2d Sec, 81mm Mortar Plt
 FO Tm, 1st Bn, 13th Marines
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Intel Sec
 Det, Scout Dog Plt, 3d MP Bn
 Tm, 1st SP Bn (HST)
 Tm, 1st Engr Bn

Co L (Rein)

1st Lt MORGAN

Co L

Det, H&S Co
 FO Tm, 3d Sec, 81mm Mortar Plt
 FO Tm, 1st Bn, 13th Marines
 Det, Comm Plt
 Det, Intel Sec
 Det, Scout Dog Plt, 3d MP Bn
 Tm, 1st SP Bn (HST)
 Tm, 1st Engr Bn

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81mm Mortar Platoon(-)
81mm Mortar Plt(-)

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1. Enemy has capability to monitor and use information gained from his monitoring.
2. Use smallest antenna required to maintain reliable communications.
3. Keep transmissions to bear minimum.
4. Request batteries through normal resupply.
5. All communication equipment that has to be evacuated will go through Battalion Radio Chief.

UNIT

CALLSIGN

1st Marines
Command Group Alpha
Command Group Bravo
Collective

Panama Hat Alpha
Panama Hat Bravo
Rio Grande

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1st Mar (FSCC)
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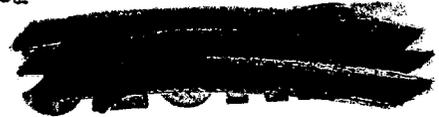
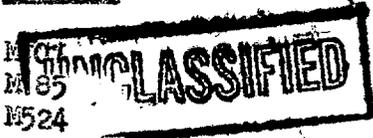
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Regt TAC #4
Regt TAC #5

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(P) 72.9
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TACP local	36.4	M698
(overload)	35.6	M1214
Medevac Common	35.5	M168
Div Air ABS #2	37.5	
Arty COF	61.5	M497
Arty Bn CMD	39.70	M955
81mm COF	73.05	M528
<u>3d Bn, 26th Mar</u>		
Bn TAC	(P) 59.40	M149
	(S) 73.20	M290
81 COF	73.05	M528
Co I TAC	67.95	M726
Co K TAC	75.05	M166
Co L TAC	48.20	M502
Co M TAC	43.60	M1070
TACP	30.90	M162
<u>Korean Marines</u>		
ROK (Liaison Officer)	37.3	
	34.4	
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2-----Common User		
3-----COC Hot		
4-----FSOC Hot		

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