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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 August to 31 August 1968

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PART I

Organizational Data

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDERS

1st Battalion, 3d Marines LtCol C. V. JARMAN (1-9 Aug68)
 LtCol R. B. TWOHEY (10-31 Aug68)

Subordinate Units

H&S Co 1stLt R. A. DUNN JR. (1-6 Aug68)
 1stLt W. L. FLY (7-31 Aug68)
 Co A 1stLt R. A. ANDREWS (1-31 Aug68)
 Co B Capt F. W. TUCKWILLER (1-31 Aug68)
 Co C Capt G. D. DOCKENDORFF (1-4 Aug68)
 Capt G. A. KIESEL (5-31 Aug68)
 Co D 1stLt D.E. MACINTYRE JR. (1-15 Aug68)
 Capt G.D. DOCKENDORFF (16-28 Aug68)
 1stLt D.E. MACINTYRE JR. (29-31 Aug68)

2. LOCATION

1-16 August: LANCASTER II AO
 17-24 August: LANCASTER II/JUPITER AO
 25-28 August: KENTUCKY (Opns in LEATHERNECK SQUARE)
 29-31 August: LANCASTER II/JUPITER AO

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer Maj E. J. ROCHFORD JR. (1-31 Aug68)
 S-1 1stLt R. J. BARNES (1-31 Aug68)
 S-2 1stLt S. W. BELL (1-31 Aug68)
 S-3 Maj A. S. REYNOLDS (1-31 Aug68)
 S-4 Capt J. L. SHAW (1-31 Aug68)
 S-5 1stLt S. W. BELL (1-31 Aug68)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
<u>OFF/ENL</u>	<u>OFF/ENL</u>
34/1049	2/49

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the period 1-13 August 1968 1st Battalion, 3d Marines provided security for THON SON LAM, KHE GIO Bridge, Route #9 and conducted company size combat patrols in AO. The Battalion (-) also maintained night defensive positions, conducted night activities and participated in daily road sweep operations in conjunction with its attached direct support engineer detachment. The following events during this period are offered in chronological order:

At 011420H 1/3 (-) commenced a helilift to THON SON LAM. The landing was aborted due to incoming rocket and mortar fire and was diverted to Camp J.J. CARROLL. The Battalion (-) then moved in convoy to THON SON LAM. The move was completed and units were in position at 012230H Aug68.

At 011700H OPCON of D/1/3 was passed to 3/3.

At 021600H OPCON of A/1/3 was passed to the 1st Marines and OPCON of D/1/3 was passed from 3/3 to 1/3.

At 021655H Co C reported a vehicle overturned in the vicinity of (XD 986554). A squad was sent to investigate and discovered that the vehicle, a 6 X 6 truck with trailer, could not be retrieved. 3d Marines instructed 1/3 to leave the vehicle overnight without security.

At 040335H Co D received 5-10 rounds of unknown caliber artillery fire near their lines in vicinity of (XD 975545) azimuth 3800 mils. All information reported to 3d Marines.

At 041755H 1/3 received 16 rounds of unknown caliber rocket fire in 4 round volleys from the vicinity of (XD 915560). Rocket watches reported direction and grid of flashes. 90mm tank fire was directed at enemy positions with unknown results.

At 051330H Co C located a trail extending east and west and fresh barefoot prints in the vicinity of (YD 023564). The trail was about 1 foot wide. The area was checked with negative results.

At 081155H Co D while patrolling assigned area in the vicinity of (XD 003542) located 5 one man bunkers approximately 1 year old but appeared to have been used within the last 30 days. A tree platform was also located facing to the southeast. The platform and bunkers were destroyed.

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At 081330H A platoon size patrol from Co C in the vicinity of (XD 003564) located 15 natural individual caves on the hill-sides. The cave entrances were approximately 2 feet wide and the inside dimensions varied from 2-6 feet allowing standing room in some of the caves. The area in and around the caves was checked with negative results or evidence of enemy activities.

At 081400H A platoon size patrol from Co C was fired on by 3-5 Marines traveling in a convoy moving west on route #9 in the vicinity of (YD 003564). Incident was reported to higher Headquarters.

At 082020H A platoon from Co D checked report of enemy positions and storage area in the vicinity of (XD 978524). Area was searched with negative results or indications of enemy activities.

At 082115H Co B observed an unidentified light in the vicinity of (AD967573). Artillery and twin 40mm missiles were fired. Target coverage was excellent; results unknown.

At 091400H LtCol TWOHLY relieved LtCol JARMAN as the CO of 1/3. An informal Change of Command was conducted.

At 091530H MajGen DAVIS visited 1/3 in position at THON SON LAM.

At 101230H Co C found in the vicinity of (YD 028548) a large enemy base camp estimated to be company size. Area contained 70-80 fighting holes and bunkers with connecting trench lines. Position had not been occupied recently. There were numerous trails in the area.

At 111230H LtGen STILLWELL, USA and MajGen TRUONG, ARVN visited 1/3 in position at THON SON LAM. Both were briefed on the tactical situation and planned operations.

At 111500H Co C found 8 enemy bunkers in a draw in the vicinity of (YD 022544). Bunkers had not been used in approximately 6 months. A well defined trail was located in the area leading to a ridge line. Trail had not been used recently. The area was checked with negative results.

At 122215H a squad ambush from Co D located in the vicinity of (XD 983551) heard movement along east edge of river bank in the vicinity of (AD 982550). At 2330 the friendly activity was withdrawn and artillery and twin 40mm missiles were fired with excellent coverage of the target. The ambush was reestablished in vicinity of the original position. The area was checked at first light with negative results.

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At 122330H Co D located in the vicinity of (XD 973538) heard movement on tactical wire. 60mm and 81mm mortar missions were fired and grenades thrown. Target coverage was excellent. Area checked at first light with negative results.

At 130230H Co D located in the vicinity of (XD 973538) heard movement around position. Twin 40mm and 81mm mortar missions were fired with excellent coverage of the target. Area checked at first light with negative results.

At 131400H 1/3 (-) commenced helilift assault to LZ MAC and AMY. The lift was completed at 1615 with negative enemy contact.

At 131640H Co B on sweep in the vicinity of (XD 971621) found 28 bunkers and 8 82mm mortar rounds. Bunkers had not been used in approximately 1 year and were in poor condition. The bunkers had overhead cover and located in a defensive perimeter on a hilltop. A pit measuring 12'x7'x14' was also located in the same area. Bunkers were not destroyed due to age and condition.

At 132211H The CO of 1/3 dispatched a congratulatory message to CG 3d MarDiv on performance of duty of 2d Plt, Co B, 3d EngBn for the period 17 July-1 August 1968. Message attached as supporting document.

At 140930H Co B found in the vicinity of (XD 967623), (XD 966623) and (XD 966624) carvings on trees. The carvings were about 5 feet from the ground and 1 inch square. Some carvings contained a dot in the center, one had an arrow that pointed down the trail and one the letter Z. A sketch was forwarded to S-2 3d Marines.

At 141030H a platoon from Co D found approximately 28 bunkers about 8 feet off the trail in the vicinity of (XD 959617). The bunkers although covered seemed to be transient type and not defensive and were partially destroyed. Destruction was completed by hand.

At 141515H Co B reported that LZ EVIE in the vicinity of (XD 965627) was 80% completed; construction continued.

At 151300H 1/3 commenced heliborne assault to seize LZ DICK in the vicinity of (YD 032628). Assault completed with negative enemy contact.

At 151700H OPCON of A/1/3 was passed from 2/3 to 1/3.

At 160131H Co D heard movement in the vicinity of (YD 035625) believed to be indigenous personnel. An artillery mission was fired and movement stopped. Results unknown.

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At 161035H Co C air assaulted to vicinity (YD 070635). Enemy fired approximately 50 rounds 60mm mortar and recoilless rifle fire on landing zone during the assault from vicinity of (YD 060835). Results 18 USMC WIA (MedEvac). Called in arty mission with unknown results.

At 161100H 1/3 (-) air assaulted to vicinity (YD 047636). Enemy fired approximately 100 rounds of 60mm mortar fire on landing zone from vicinity of (YD 052631). Fire was returned by arty and 60mm mortar missions with unknown results. Results 4 USMC KIA, 62 USMC WIA (MedEvac) and 10 USMC WIA (Minor).

At 161730H Co D found one freshly dug bunker in vicinity of (YD 047635). Bunker contained comm wire, one pith helmet, one rice bowl and AK-47 magazines.

At 170100H Listening post in front of Co D's lines vicinity (YD 046635) heard noises and observed movement. Called arty mission with unknown results.

At 170930H Co B vicinity of (YD 047636) received 2 rounds of 60mm mortar fire from vicinity of (YD 052625). 60mm mortar and arty missions were fired with unknown results.

At 171115H Co B vicinity of (YD 047637) found 2 122mm rockets and extensive bunker complex. The bunkers and rockets were destroyed.

At 171115H Co C received 25 rounds of recoilless rifle fire from vicinity of (YD 066655). 81mm mortar and arty missions were fired with unknown results.

At 171245H Co C found one enemy mortar position, NVA helmet and first aid pouch in the vicinity of (YD 064636). Equipment sent to S-2 3d Marines.

At 171300H Co B found 21 NVA packs camouflaged by side of trail vicinity of (YD 044635). Packs contained 450 lbs of rice, battle dressing, helmets, AK magazines and three documents. Co B also located 7 enemy fighting holes vicinity of (YD 067629). All enemy equipment and positions were destroyed. Documents sent to S-2 3d Marines.

At 171300H Co A spotted 2 NVA in vicinity of (YD 067642). Fired 60mm mortar mission with negative results.

At 180940H Co D made contact with estimated platoon of NVA vicinity of (YD 052632). They returned S/A fire, 81mm and arty missions resulting in 3 USMC KIA, 9 USMC WIA (MedEvac) and 3 NVA KIA.

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At 181330H Co A spotted 10-15 NVA in open moving west vicinity of (YD 044624) and (YD 049618). Called in arty and 81mm mortar fire with unknown results.

At 181830H Co A found 1 NVA anti-aircraft position with adjoining bunker vicinity of (YD 066623). Destroyed both positions.

At 190715H Co B found 11 NVA packs abandoned along trail vicinity (YD 047633). Packs contained 55 82mm mortar rounds with fuses and increments, medical supplies and ChiCom grenades. Destroyed ordnance and sent medical equipment to S-2 3d Marines.

At 191100H Co B found 12 fresh graves containing NVA bodies vicinity (YD 047267).

At 191100H Co C found 12 bunkers approximately 3 months old in vicinity (YD 058638). Fresh foot prints and various NVA personal gear were found in the same area. Bunkers were destroyed and gear sent to S-2 3d Marines.

At 191400H Co B found and destroyed 18 NVA bunkers in vicinity of (YD 047637).

At 191400H Co B found an ammunition storage area for an enemy Supply Battalion in vicinity of (YD 051626). Cache included 10 rifle grenades, 21 ChiCom grenades, 119 RPG's, 254 60mm mortar rounds, 1,586 82mm mortar rounds with 1,026 boosters, 39 120mm recoilless rifle rounds, 15,000 rounds of AK-47 ammunition and 16 boxes of 12.7mm rounds. The ammunition was found in 2 company positions made of numerous well constructed and recently used bunkers. Messhalls, 2 82mm mortar pits, 4 60mm mortar pits, one 60mm mortar bi-pod and documents were also found. Ammo and bunkers were destroyed and documents were sent to S-2 3d Marines.

At 191430H Co A found 80 NVA fighting holes in vicinity of (YD 052632). Five M-16 rifles, 8 82mm mortar rounds, 6 RPG's, 300 AK-47 rounds, 11 ChiCom grenades, 400 lbs of TNT, documents, sketches and miscellaneous items of equipment and clothing were found in vicinity of same grid. Bunkers and ammo were destroyed and rifles, sketches and documents were sent to S-2 3d Marines.

At 201100H Co A found 3 fighting holes vicinity (YD 047624). Holes contained 12 RPG rounds and a grenade launcher for a 7.62mm M1944 carbine. Bunkers and ammo were destroyed.

At 201230H Co C found 30 well constructed bunkers with .50 cal ammo, AK-47 magazines, cooking equipment and personal equipment vicinity of (YD 034631). All bunkers and ammo were destroyed.

At 201600H Co B found 2 NVA uniforms and one 82mm base plate vicinity of (YD 051627). Forwarded to S-2 3d Marines.

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At 201700H Co B found a possible regimental command post with large freshly built bunkers vicinity (YD 051628). Complex contained a messhall, ammunition storage bunkers, a chinese field phone and several documents. Destroyed bunkers and sent equipment and documents to S-2 3d Marines.

At 201745H Co B found and destroyed 62 well constructed bunkers vicinity of (YD 051627).

At 201900H Co A found 100 82mm mortar fuses and about 300 rectangular holes 18"x10"x18" in the vicinity of (YD 041625). Also one unknown caliber rocket round. Fuses and rocket were destroyed.

At 211100H Co C found and destroyed 3 rocket firing sites, 1 anti-aircraft position, 2 ammunition bunkers and 3 living bunkers each with room for 5-7 people in vicinity of (YD 026629).

At 211330H Co B found one AK-47 rifle and an NVA medical kit vicinity of (YD 052663). Equipment sent to S-2 3d Marines.

At 211515H Co D found 2 rocket firing sites and one bunker vicinity of (YD 039628).

At 211530H Co D found graves, each containing NVA bodies in uniform vicinity of (YD 037634). Graves were about one month old with rustic markers. Sketches sent to S-2 3d Marines.

At 212045H Co D found and destroyed 50 rounds of .50 cal ammunition found in a bunker complex vicinity of (YD 033634).

At 221830H Co D received 2 rounds of unknown caliber incoming high velocity light artillery from vicinity (YD 0568). Fired artillery mission with unknown results.

At 231130H Co A found 9 bunkers, a green box with braces to carry some type of precision equipment, an anti-personnel mine and miscellaneous personal gear vicinity of (YD 074627). Destroyed bunkers and mine in place.

At 231800H Co C received 4 rounds incoming believed to be 75mm howitzer from vicinity of (YD 033647). Fired artillery mission with unknown results.

At 241130H Co B swept through area hit by concentrated artillery fire on the night of 17 August in the vicinity of (YD 046631). This action resulted in 23 bunkers collapsed and destroyed. There was no evidence of dead NVA but the area smelled heavily of decaying bodies.

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At 241500H Co A found 14 bunkers vicinity of (YD 092623) and 8 bunkers vicinity of (YD 085624). Bunkers contained 1 82mm mortar round with increments and boosters and a small canister with Chinese markings. Ordnance was destroyed and can was sent to S-2 3d Marines.

At 241800H Co C received 6 rounds of incoming believed to be 82mm artillery from vicinity (YD 036663). AO checked the area with negative results.

At 251050H Co D found and destroyed 3 122mm rockets, 43 rocket sites and 2 bunkers vicinity of (YD 075614).

At 251515H 1/3 helilifted to the vicinity of (YD 177713) and commenced operations in the vicinity of LEATHERNECK SQUARE. OPCON of 1/3 passed to the 1st Marines.

At 252220H Co A spotted movement in front of lines vicinity of (YD 170705). Fired 81mm mortar mission with unknown results.

At 260900H Co D found a foot trail used recently by approximately 5 NVA vicinity (YD 187704).

At 261400H OPCON of 1/3 passed from 1st Marines to 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech).

At 262125H Co B captured 1 NVA with S&S rifle, pack and personal gear in front of lines vicinity (YD 181698). Results 1 NVA POW.

At 270040H Co C heard movement in front of lines vicinity of (YD 194699). A Marine threw one grenade close to a friendly position wounding one Marine. Results 1 USMC WIA (MedEvac).

At 271000H Co A found 3 new bunkers, 80 60mm mortar rounds, 18 82mm mortar rounds, 1 RPG, 1600 .50 cal rounds, 10 claymore mines, 6 pints blood plasma, medical supplies and personal equipment in vicinity (YD 184692). All items destroyed.

At 271040H 1/3 received approximately 38 rounds of medium caliber artillery. AO spotted flashes at (YD 150742) and called in artillery with unknown results.

At 271200H Co A found 12 new bunkers, 17 82mm mortar rounds, several chicom claymores, AT and AP mines and chicom grenades in vicinity of (YD 186692). Bunkers and ammo were destroyed.

At 271400H Co A found 3 fighting holes, 1 living bunker, 70 .50 cal rounds and 2 RPG rounds in vicinity (YD 183688). Bunkers and ordnance were destroyed.

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At 271500H Co C found 22 NVA bodies buried in hasty graves vicinity (XD 189690). They also found 27 82mm mortar rounds, 6 60mm mortar rounds, 7 RPG rounds, 8 claymores, 1 Soviet anti-tank mine, and 10 pounds of rice in 10-15 bunkers at same location. Bunkers and ammunition were destroyed.

At 281600H OPCON of 1/3 was passed from 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) to 3d Marines.

At 281600H 1/3 assumed OPCON of E/2/3. OPCON of B/1/3 passed to 2/3. OPCON D/1/3 passed to Hdqt Bn, 3d MarDiv.

At 290830H Assumed OPCON of B/1/3 from 2/3.

At 290930H OPCON of E/2/3 passed to 2/3.

At 300800H 1/3 (-) conducted a supporting arms/PSYOPS operation. Artillery, air support, tanks, twin 40mm M42, ONTOS and all organic infantry weapons coordinated their fires on enemy forces in the vicinity of the RAZOR BACK. Attached Psyops teams broadcast Cheui Hoi propaganda throughout the day. The operation secured at 301900H. Aerial observers reported numerous secondary explosions from air and artillery.

At 301510H in vicinity of (XD 978585), one Marine in Co B tripped a pressure release activated surprise firing device resulting in 1 USMC WIA (MedEvac).

At 301515H 1/3 received 30-35 rounds of light artillery and rocket fire (XD 983545). Fire was received from vicinity (XD 938588) and (XD 935588) called in artillery mission with unknown results. Results 4 USMC WIA (MedEvac),

At 301620H Co B in vicinity of (XD 978585) received 25 rounds of light artillery from vicinity (XD 955687). Called artillery mission with unknown results.

At 301845H 1/3 vicinity of (XD 983545) received 10 rounds of light artillery and rockets from vicinity (XD 938588). Called in counter artillery fire with unknown results.

As the month of August ended 1st Bn, 3d Marines continued aggressive patrolling in its assigned AO.

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PART III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events1. Combat Missions Assigned

Basic Mission:

1-2 August 1968

Conduct search and destroy operations in assigned area to locate and destroy enemy forces, fortifications, supply caches and be prepared to support ARVN elements by fire and maneuver.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines OPN O 3-68 13 July 1968

3-25 August 1968

Provide security for THON SON LAM, KHE GIO Bridge and route #9 in AO. Conduct anti-infiltration operations in assigned AO.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines OPN O 4-68 030800H Aug68

25-27 August 1968

Conduct cordon operations in the LEATHERN CK SQUARE south of A-3

Ref: CO 1st Marines FRAG O 126-68 251830H Aug68

28-31 August 1968

One Company CHCP to 3d MarDiv for LZ PEDRO. Two Companies plus CP move to THON SON LAM for rehabilitation. One Company to Camp CARROLL for rehabilitation. Be prepared to relieve 2nd Battalion on order.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines FRAG O 36-68 280800H Aug68

2. Significant Operations Conducted

1-7 August 1968

Conduct helilift from LZ BECKY TO THON SON LAM commencing 011600H. Provide security for THON SON LAM and route #9 in AO. Helilift one company to FSB JOAN OPCON 3/3 effective 011700H.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines (-) (Rein) FRAG O 25-68 011700H Aug68

8-12 August 1968

Provide security for THON SON LAM, KHE GIO Bridge and route #9 in AO.

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Conduct road sweeps and security in AO.
Conduct search and destroy operations in 1/3 AO

Ref: CO, 3d Marines FRAG O 26-68 071900H Aug68

13-14 August 1968

Commencing H-hour, D-day, conduct heliborne assault to seize LZ's MAC & AMY.
Conduct search and destroy operations in AO.
Find, fix and destroy enemy forces, caches and installations.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines FRAG O 27-68 111200H Aug68

15-21 August 1968

151300H Aug68 commence heliborne assault to seize LZ DICK (YD 032628).

Conduct search and destroy operation along axis of advance BLUE to find, fix and destroy enemy forces and fortifications in AO.

Be prepared to continue offensive operations on order.
Be prepared to link-up with 2nd Bn on order.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines FRAG O 30-68 141300H Aug68
CO, 3d Marines FRAG O 33-68 180800H Aug68

22-24 August 1968

220800H commence search along axis of advance BLUE to locate and destroy enemy forces.

Seize Objective #1.

Continue search of Objective #2.

Establish company patrol base in vicinity of Objective #2.

Be prepared to establish a patrol base in vicinity of Objective #3 on order, upon extraction of 2nd Bn.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines FRAG O 34-68 211800H Aug68

25-28 August 1968

Conduct cordon operations in LEATHERNECK SQUARE area in conjunction with other units assigned to the 1st Marines. On 26 August 1968 at 1800 the 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) assumed responsibility for KENTUCKY AO and units operating therein.

Ref: CO, 1st Marines FRAG O 126-68 251830H Aug68

29-31 August 1968

One Company CHOP to 3d MarDiv for LZ PEDRO
Two Companies plus CP move to THON SON LAH RVN rehabilitation.

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One Company to Camp CARROLL for rehabilitation.
Be prepared to relieve 2ndBn of order.

Ref: CO, 3d Marines FRAG O 36-68 280800H Aug68.

3. Casualties Inflicted

40 VC/NVA KIA
1 POW

4. Casualties Sustained

	<u>USMC</u>	<u>USN</u>
KIA	7	0
WIA (MedEvac)	100	4
WIA (Minor)	10	0

5. Command Relations

ADCCN

1-31 August 1968 - Third Marine Division

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1-24 August	- Third Marine Regiment
25 August	- First Marine Regiment
26-28 August	- 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech)
29-31 August	- Third Marine Regiment

6. Supply. The supply system during the month of August operated with no significant problems. However, water cans continued to be a difficult item to obtain. WD-40 is desperately needed as well as green undershirts and wool cushion sole socks. Co D returned to QUANG TRI for rehabilitation under the SURE program. All companies were issued new or laundered utilities several times during the reporting period but due to laundry situation utilities are not available at all times when needed.

Class IV supplies have been no problem during the month.

7. Motor Transport. During the month truck support was not adequate to fulfill the Battalion's resupply, personnel movement and normal housekeeping requirements. A proposed solution would be that 3d Marines located at Camp J.J. CARROLL send two trucks to THON SON LAM for support of the Battalion there and one truck be dispatched from 3d Motor Transport Battalion to support the rear at QUANG TRI.

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8. Administration

a. The usual administrative problems were encountered during this time, however, overall administration was considered to be satisfactory.

(1) Awards Recommended

2 Silver Star Medals
1 Bronze Star Medal
5 Navy Commendation Medals
112 Purple Heart Medals

(2) Awards Presented

2 Silver Star Medals
14 Bronze Star Medals
14 Navy Commendation Medals
32 Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry Medals
265 Purple Heart Medals

(3) Promotions Effected

13 Corporals
27 Lance Corporals
14 Privates First Class

b. Postal. Mail service was considered to be satisfactory.

9. Personnel

a. Administrative Gains

	USMC	USN
Officers	14	0
Enlisted	180	17

b. Administrative Losses

	USMC	USN
Officers	4	1
Enlisted	180	17

10. Intelligence. During August the Battalion was highly successful in finding enemy ammunition caches. The NVA was willing to engage us in only one small fire fight.

During operation LANCASTER II 1st Battalion, Third Marines at THON SON LAM (XD 984544), received 10 rockets on 2 August and 16 rockets on 4 August. Patrols destroyed a company size base camp at (YD 028548) and two tree observation post nearby (from which Camp J.J. CARROLL could be observed).

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On 16 August on Operation LANCASTER II/JUPITER, the Battalion received 50 rounds of incoming 60mm mortars while at (YD 070625) and 75-100 rounds at (YD 045635). Near this later position we killed 3 NVA who were with a unit in a L-shaped ambush, found 450 lbs of rice and 55 82mm mortar rounds abandoned by parties in the night, and found 5 rocket launching sites and 2 122mm rockets.

On 19 August at (YD 051627), Company B found a recently constructed battalion-size base camp with fighting, supply and living bunkers as well as kitchens and mess halls with tunnels for dissipating smoke. Documents revealed that elements of the 9th Battalion, 64th Regiment, 320th Division had recently occupied the area. Found in this area was 1,586 82mm mortar rounds, 254 60mm mortar rounds and 122 82mm recoilless rifle rounds. All ammunition was destroyed. The same day at (YD 052632) 80 bunkers, some fighting holes and trenches about 2 weeks old were found, also 400 lbs of TNT were destroyed.

On 20 August a chinese field phone and an antenna were found. On 25 August, at (YD 025614) 3 122mm rockets and 43 rocket sites were found. On 23 August we received 4 rounds of estimated 85mm artillery at (YD 033647) and 6 rounds at (YD 036666) on the 24th.

On operation KENTUCKY, from 26-29 August, incoming was received from North Vietnam while at (YD 170714). One NVA wandered near our lines, was captured, and interrogated by one interpreter and two Kit Carson Scouts. In addition, some mines & mortar rounds were found.

From 29-31 August, Operation LANCASTER II/JUPITER. On 29 August a CH-46 attempting to extract a reconnaissance unit from the vicinity of the RAZORBACK was hit by 3 rounds of small arms fire. On 30 August, at (YD 978584), Company B received 20-25 rounds of artillery and recoilless rifle fire and at the same time THON SON IAN took 40-45 rocket and artillery rounds from about (XD 938588) and (XD 935588). On 30 and 31 August a 3 man psychological operations team was attached to S-2. In coordination with intensive artillery, air strikes, tanks, Ontos and 40mm fire on the RAZORBACK, we broadcast Chieu Hoi appeals to the NVA.

The following weapons and equipment were captured during the period 1-31 August 1968:

Individual Weapons

AK-47	1
SKS Carbine	1
M-16 Rifle	5

Documents

Maps	2
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Positions Destroyed

Bunkers & Fighting Holes	695
Mortar Pit.	1
Rocket Sites	53
AW Positions	3
Base Camps (Co Size)	2
OP Platforms	2
Caves	1

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Captured Equipment

120mm Mortar Rounds	39	Base Cap&Ball/82mm Mortar	1
82mm Mortar Rounds	1720	Base Plate 82mm Mortar	1
82mm Boosters&Fuzes-6 cans/2boxes		M-14 Magazines	1
82mm Increments	1028	M-16 Mines	2
122mm Rocket rounds	6	AP Mines	8
60mm Mortar Rounds	332	AT Mines	4
RPG Rounds	145	Claymore Mines	15
7.62mm Rounds	18000	Protective Masks	4
.50 Caliber Rounds	27	Packs	41
82mm Recoilless Rounds	122	Helmets	5
12.7mm Rounds	1600	Picks	10
RPG Boosters	4	Shovels	20
ChiCom Grenades	36	Rice	560
Rifle Grenades	10	Explosives	400
Rifle Grenade Launcher	1	Blood Plasma	6
AK-47 Magazine	1	Bolt for SKS	1
M-16 Magazines	35	EE-8 Field Phone	1
Medical Kit	1	Antenna	1
		Medicine and Bandages	

11. Fire Support. From 1-31 August the following units fired in support of the 1st Battalion, 3d Marines:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Marines	(YD 062548)
Btry B, 1st Bn, 12th Marines	(XD 983545)
Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines	(YD 062548)
Btry K, 4th Bn, 12th Marines	(YD 062548)
Btry M, 4th Bn, 12th Marines	(XD 983545)
Btry L, 4th Bn, 12th Marines	(YD 135645)
2nd Plt, Btry B, 1st 8" How Bn SP	(XD 983545)

Missions Fired

Navigation	12
Observation	185
Registration	37
Prop	64
H&I	229
Total	527

Ammunition Expended

<u>Type</u>	<u>No. Fired</u>
Smoke	123
HE	7046
WP	1117
Illum	179
Total	8465

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12. Air Support. During August the heaviest usage of helicopter support was for troop lifts with resupply missions being the next priority. There was a marked increase in AO support and a decrease in fixed wing sorties both CAS and TPQ because of a decrease of tactical requirements. There were no significant helicopter problems during this period except for a few times when helicopters were needed for resupply and none were available.

MedEvacs	27
PAX	14
Resupply	136
Troop Lifts	231
V.R.	15
Gunships	14
AO	34
Fixed Wing	38
Flaeship	1

13. Communications. No major difficulties were encountered during August with the exception of occasional typical interference and over-riding of stations on certain nets.

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a. Objective. To maintain and improve the high state of combat efficiency of the Battalion.

b. Highlights

During the month of August six In-country Troop Indoc-trination and Familiarization Firing programs were conducted.

Ref: DivO 1510.3C

3 August - One enlisted member attended the 17th Division Personal Response Course held at 3d MarDiv CP (Admin) QUANG TRI, RVN.

Ref: CG, 3d MarDiv msg 230135Z Jul68

5 August - One enlisted member attended the Career Advisory School conducted at Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

Ref: CG, 3d MarDiv msg 050146Z Aug68

24 August - 5 enlisted members were nominated to attend the NCO Leadership School conducted at Camp Hansen, Okinawa.

Ref: CG, 3d MarDiv msg 170710Z Jun68

General training was conducted throughout the reporting period in the Battalion Rear area at QUANG TRI, THON SON LAM and in the field.

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PART IV

Supporting Documents

- ✓ 1. CO, 3d Marines OPERATION ORDER 3-68 13 July 1968
- ✓ 2. CO, 3d Marines OPERATION ORDER 4-68 030800H Aug68
- ✓ 3. CO, 3d Marines FRAG ORDER 25-68 011700H Aug68
- ✓ 4. CO, 3d Marines FRAG ORDER 26-68 071900H Aug68
- ✓ 5. CO, 3d Marines FRAG ORDER 27-68 111200H Aug68
- ✓ 6. CO, 1st Bn, 3d Marines msg 140611Z Aug68
- ✓ 7. CO, 3d Marines FRAG ORDER 30-68 141300H Aug68
- ✓ 8. CO, 3d Marines FRAG ORDER 33-68 180800H Aug68
- ✓ 9. CO, 3d Marines FRAG ORDER 34-68 211800H Aug68
10. CO, 1st Marines FRAG ORDER 126-68 251830H Aug68 (Verbal)
- ✓ 11. CO, 3d Marines FRAG ORDER 36-68 250800H Aug68

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OPERATION UNDER 1-68

- REF: (a) MAP: WISCONSIN, 1:50,000, Series 17 25, Sheet 6242,
- 6332 IV, 6442 IV, 6342 IV
- (b) CG 3d MARDIV msg 120142Z
- (c) TF NOBLE OpPlan 1-68
- (d) 3d MAF msg (Forward Point)
- (e) Dico P22000.2P (CIC)
- (f) Dico P22000.1E (Commander)
- (g) RegCo P22000.2 (COPI)
- (h) 3d MAF Priority Code

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: A

I. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces: (See Intel Sit Report)
- b. Friendly Forces:

(1) Task Force Noble conducts coordinated air and ground operations in Lancaster AO to seek out, identify, and destroy enemy forces, and destroy enemy communications and interdict infiltration routes in the area.

(2) 961 Marines lands by air in Lancaster AO in northern portion of area to destroy enemy positions and is prepared to reinforce 3d Marines.

(3) 2d ARVN Regiment conducts search and seizure operations in area.

(ii) Artillery

- (a) 3d BN, 12th Mar
 - (b) I Btry, 12th Mar
 - (c) 4th Bn, 12th Mar
 - (d) Mortar Btry, 12th Mar
- 3d Marine Div.

(5) Air Support

- (a) 1st MAF provides air support and resupply.
- (b) 1st MAF provides air support and resupply.
- (c) Co F, 3d Eng B provides support to Marines.

- (1) Plat 3d Engr Bn
- (2) Plat 3d Recon Bn

2. MISSION

a. 3d Marines (reinf) conducts search and destroy operations in assigned area to locate and destroy enemy forces, establish bases and supply caches and is prepared to support 2d MAB Regiment on fire or maneuver.

3. EXECUTION

(a) Concept of Operation

- (1) Scheme of Maneuver See Annex B (Concept of Operations Overlay).
- (2) Fire support See Annex C (Fire Support).

(b) 1st Bn (Main)

- (1) At 0600 on D+1 conduct search and destroy operations to secure LZ Gull (XD024612) and hold area.
- (2) Establish patrol bases and conduct search and destroy operations to locate and destroy enemy forces, establish bases and supply caches. Get LZ Falcon on High Ground.
- (3) Be prepared to seize and hold area and conduct search and destroy operations on Muttars Ridge area.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct search and destroy operations on order.

(c) 2d Bn (Reinf)

- (1) At 0600 on D-Day conduct search and destroy operations to secure LZ Falcon (XD024612) and hold area.
- (2) Establish patrol bases and conduct search and destroy operations to locate and destroy enemy forces, establish bases and supply caches in area. Get LZ Falcon on High Ground.
- (3) Be prepared to continue search and destroy operations on order.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct search and destroy operations on order.

(d) Reserve - 3d Bn (Reinf)

- (1) Initially Regimental Reserve. Be prepared to conduct search and destroy operations or assume the mission of either 1st Bn or 2d Bn.
- (2) On D+1 or D+2 be prepared to conduct search and destroy operations to secure LZ Burdett (XD030812) and hold area.
- (3) Be prepared to continue search and destroy operations on order.
- (4) Be prepared to furnish support to 1st Bn and 2d Bn. Small Cnd Gp to execute 2nd MAB Regiment search and destroy operations on Cardinal / ((XD030812) and conduct patrol in the area.

e. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) D-Day 16 July 1968
- (2) L-Hour 0700H
- (3) Hand held riot control agents authorized, bulk dissemination of CS must be approved by this headquarters.
- (4) Be prepared to reinforce 2d ARVN Regiment by fire or maneuver.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS-----ANNEX D (Administration and Logistics)5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICSa. Communication

- (1) Stage Pre 47 at LSA for employment on order.
- (2) Code Name. Unclassified code name of this operation is LANCASTER II.
- (3) Thrust Points, Reference (G)
- (4) Brevity Codes, Reference (E)

b. Command --3d Marines CP located Camp Carroll.
Report changes in CP's via SitRep.

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Annexes:

- ✓ A. Task Organization
- ✓ B. Concept of Operation Overlay *minutely*
- ✓ C. Fire Support
- ✓ D. Admin/Logistics
- ✓ X. Distribution

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3d Marines (Reinf) LTCOL STUART
Hdq Co (-), 3d Marines
Plat, 3d Recon Bn
1st Bn, 3d Marines LTCOL JARMAN
Det, Comm Plt, Hdq Co 3d Mar
Det, Scout/Sniper Plt, Hdq Co, 3d Mar
1st Plt, Co B, 3d Engr Bn D/Signal
Hst Tm, Co (-) SP Bn
2nd Bn, #d Marines LTCOL DAVIS
Det, Comm Plt, Hdq Co, 3d Mar
Det, Scout/Sniper Plt, Hdq Co, 3d Mar
2nd & 3rd Plt, Co B, 3d Engr Bn D/S
Hst Tm, Co (-) SP Bn
3d Bn, #d Marines LTCOL MARSH
Det, Comm Plt, Hdq Co, 3d Mar
Det, Scout/Sniper Plt, Hdq Co, 3d Mar
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Annex C (Fire Support Plan) to operation (1) 23-68.

Ref: (a) Map, Vietnam 1:50,000 Am Series 17000, sheet
6342 I, II 6343 IV
(b) FFEA 7-9

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See Current INTSUMS, Peninsular

b. Friendly Forces. Task Force Hotel conducted a multi-regt helo/ground attack in LANCASTER III AO, 30 April. conduct combat operations in area to seek out and destroy enemy bunkers, bivouac areas and logistics caches.

(1) Artillery

- (a) 3d Bn, 12th Marines 1st 3d Marines
- (b) 12th Marines GS 3d Marine
- (c) 4th Bn, 12th Mar Rein 3d Bn, 12th Mar

(2) Air Support

- (a) 1st MAW
- (b) 7th AF

c. Attachments and Detachments: F-4 Group.

2. MISSION

a. 3d Bn, 12th Marines and Reinforcing units will provide Fixed and rotary wing aircraft from 1st MAW and 7th AF close and continuous fire support to measure and provide general support to the Regiment.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. On D-Day one battalion will land into LZ Falcon, seize and secure objectives 5 (XD 9966) and 3 (XD 9966/8). LZ Gull and Buzzard occupied and will have one battalion each for operation along Highway 19 and the Mtn. Artillery will support with one 105mm battery in each. Support of each battalion. Mortar Battery is available for security on order.

b. Air Support. 1st MAW provide air support with allocation of CAS/DAS sorties and TPQ sorties to Task Force Hotel preplanned and immediate. (Appendix 6 air support plan).

c. Artillery Support.

(1) General.

a. 3dBn, 12th Mar will reinforce Hotel and provide Artillery units supporting 3d Marines. Preparation and execution conducted on order. No restriction on reinforcing units.

d. Fire Support Coordination. See Appendix 1.

(2) Organization for Combat.

(a) Organic Artillery

- 3d Battalion, 12th Marines
- Alpha Battery, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
- Bravo Battery, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
- Charlie Battery, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
- Mortar Battery, 3d Bn, 12th Mar

(b) Reinforcing Artillery

- 4th Battalion, 12th Marines
- PK Battery, 1st Bn, 12th Mar
- 1 Battery (-) 4th Bn, 12th Mar
- Battery 2nd Bn, 9th Army (1st)
- Battery 2nd Bn, 9th Army (2nd)
- 1st 8" Howitzer Battery (-)
- Battery A, 1st Bn, 12th Mar (1st)

(3) Miscellaneous. Fire planning will be conducted continuously at all levels. Direct support fire position areas to parent battalion are coordinated. Artillery location will be Camp Campbell. Mortar Battery 12th Marines will displace on order to support 12th Marines.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Position areas as selected. Batteries are prepared to conduct helicopterborne operations from fire bases in support of the initial objectives.
- (2) Air Observers in support of parent battalion assigned by 3d Marines FSCC.
- (3) Survey information on request.
- (4) Counter Battery policy in effect.
- (5) No restriction on fires.
- (6) Infantry battalion, in coordination with parent H&I requests and TPQ requests no later than 1500 hours.
- (7) Target List, see Appendix 3.

4. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS

a. See Annex D (Admin/Log)

b. Available Supply Rate (3d/12th Mar)

105mm.....	62
107mm.....	59

5. COMMAND and COMMUNICATIONS-INFO SERVICES

a. See Reference E, F, and G of Command.

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APPENDICIES

1. Fire Support Coordination
2. Air Fire Plan
3. Target List (Air and Artillery)

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Appendix 1 (Fire Support Coordination) to Annex C (Fire Support Plan) to Operation Order 3-68

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM, Series L7014, Sheets 6342 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

(b) CG, 3d MarDiv LOI 1-67

(c) FMFM 7-1 (Fire Support Coordination)

Time Zone: II

Task Organization.--See Annex C.

1. Operating Instructions

a. 3d Marine's FSCC exercises overall responsibility for planning and coordinating supporting fires for the entire Task Force. It will insure that fire planning is continuous and that the safety of all ground troop safety at all times.

b. Commanders of subordinate units will coordinate fires delivered within their AO's and will plan for fire support in accordance with their scheme of maneuver.

c. Target Acquisition:

- (1) Aerial Observers
- (2) 3d Marine B-2
- (3) 3d Marine FSCC

2. Aircraft Safety

a. Ensure posting of air centers at all times.

b. FO's and FAC's coordinate air and artillery support for all battalion IMO's.

c. Maximize use of helicopter as scout and recon.

d. Savanplane information will be passed to 3d Marine Task Force DASC. Task Force Hotel is prepared to pass information responsibility to regimental FSCC when necessary.

3. Safety of Ground Forces

a. All supporting fire crossing unit boundaries will be cleared within 500 meters of a unit boundary will be cleared by 3d Marine FSCC.

b. Clearance outside 3d Marine's boundary is the responsibility of the unit.

c. No Fire Lines, Fire Support Coordination Lines, Coordination Lines, Restrictive Fire Plans and other

measures will be in accordance with reference (a), and will be cleared by this headquarters.

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3. Helicopter Alert Status

a. Med Evac/Resupply.

(1) Med Evac helo's will be on 15 minute alert and consist of 2 H-34 A/C. Requests will be submitted via this command.

(2) Resupply will be handled through S-4 channels from the battalions. Emergency requests will be handled through diversion of committed helo's. During darkness resupply (Emergency) helo's will be held on 1 hour alert.

4. Fire Support Plan (Air)

a. Tab 1 indicated missions to be conducted in preparation for, and during the helicopter assault.

b. Information to determine targets was obtained from the following sources:

- (1) 3d Marine S-2.
- (2) Pre-planned LZ's for prop fires.
- (3) AO sightings.
- (4) Reconnaissance photography, and IR sightings.

c. The number of targets to be attacked utilizes the max air support allowable from TF Hotel resources and covers the period from D-3 to D-Day.

d. Post D-Day air support plans will be compiled from requests made by 3d Marine units, AO's, and will be provided on short notice where the need exists.

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TABS:

1. Target List (Air)

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Prep Day (not controlled)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Coords</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Ord</u>	<u>Friendlies</u>
1000	015593	OB; Prep	D4M	3000 S
1030	025602	OB; Prep	D4M	4000 S
1300	024634	LZ Prep	D1A, D9, D20	6000 SE
1800	024634	Esco Esc	D1A, D9, D7V, D20	6000 SE

D-1 Night

<u>Coords</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Ord</u>	<u>Friendlies</u>	<u>HDR</u>
XD999609	Cave/SuspArty	D4M	4000 NE	040
XD978587	AAPosit Bunker	D2M	3000 S	270
YD032678	Arty Posit	D2M		030
XD967579	AAA/AV Posit	D2M	2000 SE	240
XD935606	Harbor Site	D2M	5000 SE	290
XD995649	OB; Prep	D4M	3000 SE	060
XD995615	OB; Prep	D4M	3000 NE	270

D Day and Subsequent

a. D Day targets, in addition to LZ Preps will include targets as selected by Battalion Commanders following Visual Reconnaissance of target area on D-2.

b. Subsequent targets will be generated by reconnaissance

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Tab 1, (Target List (Air), To Appendix (Air Support),
To Annex C (Fire Support) To Operation Order 3-68

D-3

Prep Day (AO controlled)

Prep Fire of LZ's - Crow, Gull, BUZZARD

<u>Time</u>	<u>Coords</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Ord</u>	<u>Friendlies</u>
1500	XD965593	LZ Preps	D4(DC), D9	S 3000
1330	YD091603	LZ Preps	D4(DC), D9	E 3000 S 3000
1400	YD025610	LZ Preps	D4(DC), D9	E 4000
1430	YD005604	LZ Preps	D4(DC), D9	SE 4000

D-3 Night

<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Ord</u>	<u>Friendlies</u>	<u>HDG</u>
031634	Fortified Area	DZM	SE 5000	270
004661	Bunker Complex	D4M	SE 7000	360
004626	3AA/AW Posits	D1Y	SE 5000	040
027642	Bunkers	D4M	SE 5000	040
030632	AW Posits	D1Y	SE 4000	300
023627	Prep	D2M	SE 4000	020
992613	Prep	D2M	SW 6000	360

D-2

Prep Day (AO Controlled)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Coords</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Ord</u>	<u>Friendlies</u>
1000	YD019638	OB; Prep	D4M (025)	7000 SE
1030	YD016646	OB; Prep	D4M (025)	7000 SE
1100	XD995649	OB; Prep	D4M (025)	8000 S
	YD025636	OB; Prep	D4M (025)	6000 SE

D-2 Night

<u>Coordinates</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Ord</u>	<u>Friendlies</u>	<u>HDG</u>
YD005613	AA Posit	DTM	S 6000	060
YD023627	OB; Prep	DTM	SE 5000	020
XD997613	OB; Prep	DTM	S 6000	300
YD025600	OB; Prep	DZM	W 5000	070
YD017592	OB; Prep	DZM	SW 4000	060

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Secondary & Tertiary Data to Annex C (Give Support) to Operation 3-60

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LINE NO	TARGET NO	GRID	DESCRIPTION	SOURCE	REMARKS (cleared by)
1		032595	Fortified Area	S-2	
2		037592	Arty Psn	"	
3		031591	75mm How Psn	"	
4		034593	Arty Psn	"	
5		037631	2 AA/AM Psn	"	
6		00526057	Poss 75mm Arty	12th Marines	
7		00566047	"	"	
8		001614	"	"	
9		01256698	Poss Arty Psn	"	
10		997661	RKT Psn	"	
11		01256698	"	"	
12		036656	"	"	

REMARKS (cleared by)

SOURCE

DESCRIPTION

GRID

TARGET NO

LINE NO

Ses2

2AA Pns

"

AAA/AV Pns

967579

2

"

AA Pns&Bunker

978587

3

"

AV Pns

005613

4

"

Cave&Susp Arty

999609

5

12th Marines

Susp 75mm How

03975810

6

"

"

033604

7

"

Arty

03726055

8

"

"

0380060925

9

"

75mm How Pns

03116145

10

"

Arty Pns

03676204

11

"

"

03706239

12

"

"

03986275

13

"

"

03156890

14

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03256885

15

"

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03966810

16

"

RKT Pns

997661

17

"

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01256698

18

"

"

036656

19

GRID BANGOR, MAINE
BUNKER COMPLEX
AA SITE
DOMINANT TERRAIN
POSS MORTAR SITE
8" FUZE DELAY
8" FUZE DELAY
TGT LIST
TGT LIST

0286042 BUNKER COMPLEX TGT LIST REC 4" FUZE DELAY

0306712 AA SITE " FLEK SUPPRESSION

0316341 BUNKER COMPLEX " 8" FUZE DELAY

0166635 DOMINANT TERRAIN MAP INSP

019637 " " "

021639 " " "

0256146 " " "

0206148 " " "

0116145 POSS MORTAR SITE " ZONE SHIFTING FIRE

025655 " " "

017652 " " "

0056144 " " "

011629 " " "

018629 " " "

033622 " " "

014595 OP TGT LIST SMOKE SCREEN

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LINE

LINE NO	TARGE NO	GRID	DESCRIPTION	SOURCE	REMARKS (OTHER ID)
1	030626		AA Site	Tot List	Flak Suppression
2	006613	"	"	"	"
3	030633	"	"	"	"
4	037637	"	"	"	"
5	030632	"	"	"	"
6	044640	"	"	"	"
7	992609		Bunker Complex	"	Req 8" Fuze Delay
8	025608		Dominant Terrain	Map Study	
9	037606	"	"	"	
10	045613	"	"	"	
11	011617	"	"	"	
12	020623	"	"	"	
13	022628		Poss Mortar Site	"	Zone&Shifting Fire
14	027627	"	"	"	"
15	007626	"	"	"	"
16	014596		OP	Tot List	Smoke Screen

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LINE NO	TARGET NO	GRID	DESCRIPTION	SOURCE	REMARKS (CLEARANCE BY)
1	031595		Smokers	Top List	Reg 0# Pipe Det
2	031591		75 HIGH FAN	"	"
3	033593		"	"	"
4	037592		"	"	"
5	039589		"	"	"
6	039586		"	"	"
7	039530		"	"	"
8	019595		OP	"	Smoke Sorgan
9	044588		OP	"	"
10	051589		OP	"	"
11	016606		Suspected Mbr Site	Map Insp	Zones/Shifting Fire
12	023607		"	"	"
13	035598		"	"	"
14	046608		"	"	"
15	057613		"	"	"

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Annex D (Administrative/Logistics) to Operation ORDER 3-68

Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, AMS L7014, Sheets 6342 I, II and
 6442 IV.

Time Zone: _____

1. Supply

a. General

(1) The source of supply for classes I, III, IV and V is LSU LZ STUD.

(2) Source of supply for class II is FLSG-E, Dong Ha.

b. Supplies and Equipment Available

(1) Class I, MCI - Days 10
 Trioxane - Days 10

Class III
 Mogas - 20,000 Gal
 Diesel - 20,000 Gal

c. Control and Distribution

(1) Supply Point Distribution in effect.

d. Prescribed Loads

(1) As directed by unit Commanders with maximum possible Load of Class I, V and water to minimize below resupply in initial LZ.

e. Resupply

(1) Helicopter resupply from LSU, LZ STUD to units in the field.

(2) Units establish rears at LZ STUD prior to landing. Ensure sufficient personnel available to draw, stage and transport supplies. Ensure availability of required water containers.

(3) Requests for emergency resupply will be submitted to this Headquarters for approval.

(4) Submit to Gans Headquarters (8-4 Wd, LZ STUD) at 1300 H daily, Helicopter requirements in pounds for following day and time delivery to commence. All helicopter requirements will be consolidated and all aircraft frags will be submitted by Force Hotel. Identify CH-53 lifts if required.

(5) Units will be responsible ^{for} receiving requests from committed Battalions, drawing, staging and loading supplies at LZ STUD.

(6) Committed Battalions stage at LZ STUD emergency packages of Class I, Class V and water for one rifle Company. If the emergency package is used reconstitute immediately.

(7) Units provide shoreparty HST personnel at LZ STUD to coordinate of drop area, call sign and frequency of receiving units.

f. Captured Material

(1) Captured material will be tagged, showing date, time, group of capture, coordinates, capturing unit and circumstances of capture. Annex B (Intelligence). Use ammunition boxes as containers for captured documents.

(2) Prisoners will not be separated from their individual weapons or 782 type equipment.

(3) Prisoners will be evacuated to the collection area at Camp Carroll as rapidly as possible. Annex B (Intelligence).

(4) Captured material will be evacuated to Camp Carroll.

2. Evacuation and Hospitalization

a. Evacuation

(1) Casualties requiring evacuation will be transported directly from the field to Co. "D", 3d Medical Bn., Dong Ha. Patients with head wounds may be taken directly to Hospital since there is no neurosurgeon at Dong Ha.

(2) Those casualties requiring stabilization may be transported to aid station located at LZ STUD or Camp Carroll, whichever is closer.

(3) Battalions maintain representatives at Delta 44, 45.

b. Hospitalization

(1) All personnel requiring hospitalization will be transported to Co. "D" 3d Medical Bn., Dong Ha.

3. Transportationa. Highway

- (1) MSR is Route #9 and is a controlled route for convoys.
- (2) Sufficient trucks, under Regimental Control, will be located at LZ STUD to transport supplies from LSA to LZ's.

b. Air (Helicopter)

(1) Landing Zones

- (a) Units mark landing zones with air panels.
- (b) Constant police of LZ's will be emphasized. LZ's will be kept clear of trash, loose equipment and any material that can be swept into helicopter rotors.
- (c) Helicopter Director in LZ's wear air panel or colored apparel as distinguishing device.

4. Service(a) Construction

- (1) Minimum essential to accomplish mission and prepare site.

(b) Maintenance

- (1) Maximum use of Contingent teams
- (2) 3d echelon maintenance facility located at ELSCAF, Camp 10

5. Miscellaneous

- (a) All units expedite return to LSA water cans water bladders, helicopter slings, and cargo nets.
- (b) Ensure that necessary hoist - lift requirements are included in daily requests to provide expeditious removal from forward positions of items listed subparagraph a, above.

6. Logistic Communications

- (a) Unit roars at LZ Stud will use normal Battalion Logistics Net to receive resupply requests directly from committed units.
- (b) A Regimental Logistics net (55.55 - M857) is established and available as a back-up net to relay resupply requests.
- (c) During those periods when the Regimental Logistics Net is unmanned logistics traffic can be passed on Regimental Logistics Net #2 (75.75 - M743)
- (d) Line Line communication will be established from Camp 10 to Regimental S-4 (forward) LZ Stud.

7. Reports

(a) Unit report to S-4 (fwd) LZ Stud, by 1700 daily, weapons density and HE Class V on position utilizing format shown below

Line 1. (Weapons Density)	=	(HE on position)
A. 60mm Mortar	=	rounds
B. 81mm Mortar	=	rounds
C. 90mm (M48A1 tank)	=	rounds
D. 106mm Recoiless Rifle	=	rounds

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Annex X (Distribution) to Operation Order 3-68

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Operation Order 4-68

- Ref: (a) map: Vietnam, 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheets 63421,
 63321V, 63421V, and 63421I.
 (b) CG, 3d mar Div Frag U 1-68
 (c) DivO P02000.2P (COI)
 (d) DivO P2000.4L (Comm SOP)
 (e) RegTU P02000.1 (COI) 207

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Current Entsums.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 3d mar Div assumes OPCON 3d marines effective
 031200n Aug.

(2) 1st marines conducts search and destroy operations
 in Leatherneck Square area.

(3) 9th marines conducts search and destroy operations
 in Ba Long with 1 Bn, defends the LZ Stud area, and COMPS 1
 Bn to 1st marines.

(4) 4th marines continues search and destroy operations
 Scotland II AO.

(5) 1st Bn, 12th marines D/S 3d marines.

(6) 1st MAW and 7th AF provides air support.

(7) Co B, 3d Engr Bn D/S 3d marines.

(8) Co B(-), 3d Tank Bn D/S 3d marines.

c. Attachments and Detachments. NO CHANGE.

2. MISSION

3d marines provides security for TSL, CG, and Gio Bridge,
 Dong da Mountain Or, Cam Lo resettlement area, and route 9,
 and conducts anti-infiltration operations in AO.

3. EXECUTION

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

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b. 1st Bn(-)

- (1) Provide security for TSM, the Gio Bridge and route 9 in AO.
- (2) Conduct anti-infiltration operations in assigned AO.

c. 2nd Bn

- (1) Provide security for CC, Dong Na Mountain Or and route 9 in assigned AO; conduct road sweep from CC to Cam Lo.
- (2) Conduct combat patrols in AO to find and fix enemy forces, and interdict enemy infiltration routes.

d. 3d Bn

- (1) Conduct helilift to CC commencing 031100Z.
- (2) Conduct motor march to vic Cam Lo resettlement area on order. (Upon arrival CC).
- (3) Establish base in vic Cam Lo AF/FF headquarters.
- (4) Provide security for Cam Lo resettlement village; block enemy infiltration routes in assigned area.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) All LZ's will be marked by smoke upon request of helicopter pilots.
- (2) Time brevity code will be U= 0500, S= 1100, M= 1700 and C= 2300.
- (3) Thrust Points effective 031200Z. (Annex A Operation Overlay).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.a. Supply. Normal supply channels will be utilized.b. Transportation.

- (1) 1st Plat, Co B, 3d AF Bn provides D/S 3d Marines.
- (2) Elements of truck platoon will be made available for Bn use through S-4.

UNCLASSIFIED

c. Miral Affairs

UNCLASSIFIED (1) Civilian personnel will not be allowed to the west beyond the 2nd and 3d Bn boundary.

(2) 3d Bn authorized direct liaison with Cam Lo District adviser. (File SEYAR LIMA - M 190)

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICSa. Comm-Elect.

(1) References (c), (d), and (e).

(2) Reports - Report night and day activities by 1500 daily.

b. Command

(1) 3d Marines CP loc Camp Carroll.

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ANNEX:

a. Operation Overlay

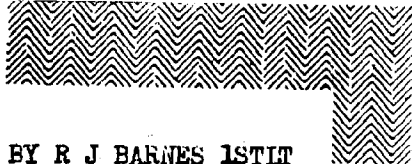
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PERFORMANCE OF DUTY, 2D PLT, CO "B", 3D ENGR BN

DURING THE PERIOD FR 17JUL - 1AUG 1968, THE FIRST BN, THIRD MAR CONDUCTED S&D OPNS IN THE MUTTERS RIDGE AREA. ONE OF THE MISSIONS ASSG THE BN WAS TO CONSTRUCT HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES AT VARIOUS STRATEGIC LOCATIONS ON THE HIGH GROUND OF MUTTERS RIDGE. THE MEN OF 2D PLT, CO "B" CONSTRUCTED MANY SUCH LANDING ZONES WITH MULTIPLE HELOPADS. ALL ZONES WERE CUT IN HEAVY JUNGLE TERRAIN AND A VAST AMOUNT OF MANUAL LABOR WITH HAND TOOLS, CHAIN SAWS AND 2185 LBS OF EXPLOSIVES. THE PHYSICAL EFFORT WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AS THE SITUATION DICTATED THAT THE LZ'S BE CUT RAPIDLY AND DURING THE EXTREME HEAT OF THE DAY. THIS HERCULEAN EFFORT WILL ACHIEVE PERMANENT RESULTS BY PERMITTING INCREASED TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY IN THE MUTTERS RIDGE AREA. THE STAMINA, DETERMINATION AND TECHNICAL SKILL DISPLAYED BY OUR ATTACHED ENGRS WON THE ADMIRATION OF, AND THE RESULTS ACHIEVED ARE A SOURCE OF GREAT PRIDE TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THIS BN.
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