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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
FPO San Francisco, California 96602

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- 1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. 3d Battalion, 3d Marines LtCol R C SCHULZE 1-31 Mar 69
 - H&S Company Capt B J WILLIAMSON 1-31 Mar 69
 - I Company Capt J O TROTT 1-31 Mar 69
 - K Company Capt J J RAPAANO 1-3 Mar 69
Capt B B GOODWIN 4-31 Mar 69
 - L Company 1stLt A J PARUZYNSKI 1-8 Mar 69
Capt C C KHULAK 9-31 Mar 69
 - M Company Capt M B RILEY 1-31 Mar 69
2. LOCATION
 - a. 1-22 Mar 69 - YD128589, CAM LO, Map Sheet #6342 I
 - b. 23-31 Mar 69 - YD927437, THON DOC KINH, Map Sheet #6342 II
3. STAFF OFFICERS
 - Executive Officer Maj K J SKIPPER 1-31 Mar 69
 - S-3 Maj C E DAVIS 1-31 Mar 69
 - S-3A 2ndLt J P RIGOULOT 1-31 Mar 69
 - Adjutant 1stLt R K COUPER 1-2 Mar 69
2ndLt R L WINDHAM 3-31 Mar 69
 - S-2 2ndLt J P RIGOULOT 1-31 Mar 69
 - S-4 1stLt B B HOLDRIDGE 1-31 Mar 69
 - Supply Officer Capt W J WHITE 1-31 Mar 69
 - Personnel Officer 1stLt P P SAUGER 1-31 Mar 69
 - Communications Officer 1stLt S B YATES 1-31 Mar 69
 - Artillery Liaison Officer 1stLt S M LUCAS 1-31 Mar 69
 - Forward Air Control Officer 1stLt G W KRALOVEC 1-31 Mar 69
 - Air Liaison Officer 1stLt W M HATCH 1-31 Mar 69
 - Chaplain LtCmdr R W BEDINGFIELD 1-31 Mar 69
 - Battalion Surgeon Lt V B ASHFORD 1-13 Mar 69
Lt M R McMILLAN 14-31 Mar 69

Battalion Sargeant Major

SgtMaj E F DESJARDINS 1-31 Mar 69

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC		USN	
Officer	Enlisted	Officer	Enlisted
36	1156	3	50

PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of March, the Battalion was split because of numerous OPCON changes. The Battalion assisted in the pacification program in the HUONG HOA and CAM LO Districts for 23 days. Actual combat was limited to small unit contacts and the enemy mining of Route #9. Company K executed a daylight ambush and killed 21 NVA and captured 1 NVA WIA. On 24 March, the Battalion passed to OPCON of Task Force Hotel and moved to Vandegrift Combat Base. The CP and one company helilifted to FSB Cates. One company participated in Operation Purple Martin and 2 companies participated in Operation Maine Crag.

PART III

1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

- a. Continue Search and Destroy operations in Battalion AO and Pacification of Cam Lo and Huong Hoa Districts.
- b. Regimental Operation Order 5-69
 - (1) Conduct Search and Destroy operations in AO.
 - (2) Provide security for FSB Cates, Hill 691, and Hill 950

2. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

- a. 1-23 March continue Search and Destroy operations in AO and Pacification of Cam Lo and Huong Hoa Districts.
- b. 23-31 March provide security for FSB Cates, Hill 691, and Hill 950.
- c. Search and Destroy operations in AO.

3. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

KIA	KIA by Artillery/Air	POW	KIA by Popular Forces
28	4		4

4. CASUALTIES SUSTAINED

	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA	NBC	NBC Killed	DOC	DAI
USMC	4	52	1	0	85	0	0	0
USN	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0

5. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED None during the month of March.

6. COMMAND RELATIONS

- a. 01-31 March ADCOM 3d Marine Division
 - 01-10 March OPCON 3d Marines
 - 11-22 March OPCON 1st Bde, 5th Infantry Division (Mech)
 - 23-24 March OPCON 9th Marines
 - 25-31 March OPCON 3d Marines
- b. Subordinate Units
 - (1) 1 March CHOP Co's H and F to 2d Bn, 3d Marines
 - (2) 1-19 March Co M OPCON to 1st Bde, 5th Infantry Division (Mech)
 - (3) 19-20 March Co L CHOP from 1st Bde, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) to 2d Bn, 3d Marines
 - (4) 20-31 March Co M CHOP from 1st Bde, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) to 1st Bn, 4th Marines
 - (5) 23-27 March Co I CHOP from 1st Bde, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) to 1st Bn, 3d Marines
 - (6) 28-31 March Co I CHOP from 1st Bde, 5th Infantry Division (Mech) to 3d Bn, 3d Marines

7. EQUIPMENT

Combat Essential Equipment at 83.1% on 31 March 1969.

8. LOGISTICSa. Supply

- (1) Combat Essential Supplies on hand was 84.4% on 31 March 1969. Critical shortages existed in the following items:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Shortage</u>
Flare projector	3
Antenna, AS2236	2
Telephone, TA1PT	53
Gas Mask, M17	200
Antenna, RC292	2

- (2) During the month of March, the first 21 days Class V was drawn from the ASP at Quang Tri with no problems encountered. After the 21st, Class V was drawn from the ISA at Vandegrift Combat Base.

b. Resupply

During the first 21 days of March, resupply was by ground transportation. There were no problems concerning resupply during this period. From the 21st on, resupply was by helicopters. An inadequate number of helicopters for resupply was encountered during this period.

c. Evacuation & Hospitalization

- (1) Area of operation during this period was flat with little to no cover.
- (2) All medevacs were by helicopters and no problems were encountered.

d. Transportation

- (1) Total mileage on organic vehicles during March was 8,985.
- (2) Truck support was adequate.

e. Service

- (1) One platoon of Co B, 3d Engineer Battalion rendered assistance in all engineering tasks. Heavy equipment was unobtainable.
- (2) During the reporting period, the same platoon conducted road sweeps in the Battalion AO.

During March, the Battalion was supported by 4 HST's from 3d Shore Party Battalion.

9. CIVIC ACTION

The Battalion S-5 assisted in the pacification program in the Cam Lo and Huong Hoa Districts. In Cam Lo, construction was begun on three schools by distributing materials, lumber, screening material, and blackboards. In Huong Hoa, the Bru hospital was stocked with medical supplies, blankets, air mattresses, cots, and a generator. Also two corpsmen were assigned on a permanent MedCap Program. All projects were turned over to 1st Bn, 9th Marines for completion.

10. ADMINISTRATION

- a. During the month of March, 3 SPCM were held and 7 Court Martials are pending. The Battalion Commander held 3 Office Hours. There were 12 Company Commander Office Hours held and 4 are pending.
- b. R&R continued to be a major morale factor. The Battalion received and used 87 Out Of Country R&R quotas. There were no In Country R&R quotas received.
- c. The morale was considered excellent.
- d. Postal service was good.
- e. No liberty was authorized during the month.
- f. Marine Exchange facilities were not available to the Battalion as a whole. Limited Exchange was available for the Rear area personnel.
- g. During the month, the Battalion gave out the following awards:
 - Navy Commendation Medal 6
 - Purple Heart 30
 - Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry 20

11. PERSONNEL

Gains:	5 USMC Officer	138 USMC Enlisted	0 USN Officer	3 USN Enlisted
Losses:	7 USMC Officer	120 USMC Enlisted	1 USN Officer	6 USN Enlisted

12. INTELLIGENCE

- a. Up until the 22nd of the month, the Battalion CP was at Cam Lo District Headquarters.

Co I set up a patrol base on Hill 37. They ran 3 two day operations. The only significant incidents took place on 20 and 21 March, when they took approximately 45 82mm mortar rounds in 5 different incidents.

Also, they found 15 bunkers and observed enemy regularly. There were several mining incidents on Route #9 near India's CP. On the 22nd, India was convoyed to Vandegrift Combat Base and then helilifted to FSB Saigon for 4 days. On the 26th, they were lifted to FSB Cates and joined the Alpha Command and Kilo Company.

Company Lima was at Khe Gio Bridge on Route #9. They had a few sniper incidents. On the 21st, Lima was helilifted to FSB Snapper. On the 26th, they were lifted to Vandegrift Combat Base and OPCON 3d Marines.

Company Mike was OPCON to the army and operated from Con Thien until the 21st when they were lifted to FSB Alpine and OPCON to 1stBn, 4th Marines.

Company Kilo was working out of Mai Loc and had 1 major contact on 9 March, when they sprung an ambush which resulted in 21 KIA and 1 POW and various gear captured. On the 22nd, Kilo was lifted to FSB Cates where the Alpha Command later joined them.

In general, the month of March contained only light and scattered action for the Battalion, mostly mining and sniper incidents.

- (1) Kit Carson Scouts got along well and most showed initiative and an eagerness to help their respective units.
- (2) All companies had Sniper Teams but were unable to put them to good use.
- (3) Two Interpreters were transferred because they were unsatisfactory. The other two were extremely helpful, especially since we were operating in a populated area for most of the month.
- (4) The Battalion received two Dog Teams during the month but both were medevaced before they could be put to use.

UNITS IDENTIFIED BY BATTALION

K7 Bn, NVA in the area of YD127483.

CAPTURED BY BATTALION

Weapons

MK47 Assault Rifles 15	B40 Rocket Launcher 1
SKS Rifles 8	RPG7 Launcher 1
K44 Rifles 4	RPG2 Launcher 1

Ordnance

Chicom Grenades 48	B40 Rounds 2
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RPG2 Rounds 1
 AT Mines 3
 Booby Traps 1

RPG7 Rounds 3
 7.62 Rounds 3000
 Chicom Claymore 1

Miscellaneous

M47 Magazines 46
 NVA Packs 37
 NVA Machettes 3
 NVA E-tools 5
 Bunkers 25
 Huts 1

Various 782 Gear
 Various NVA Clothing
 Various NVA Documents
 Various Cooking Utensils
 Various Medical Supplies

13. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. During the first part of March, the Communications Platoon maintained its wire and radio systems at Cam Lo and Quang Tri. Regiment arranged to have direct trunk lines wired to 2d Bn, 3d Marines switchboard in Quang Tri facilitating land line communications.

As the Battalion moved into its new AO west of Vandegrift Combat Base, the Platoon established a minimum wire network at the Battalion Forward Rear at Vandegrift Combat Base.

- b. Radio communication remained satisfactory with Vandegrift Combat Base and Quang Tri using the AS2236. Because of the high hills surrounding Vandegrift Combat Base two antennas, AS2236, were required at that position.

14. WEATHER

During the month of March, the weather was unseasonably dry, hot, and humid.

Average High 85°
 Average Low 65°
 Average Humidity 85%

15. FIRE SUPPORT

- a. Units providing direct and general support:

- (1) Btry A, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (2) Btry B, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (3) Btry C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines
- (4) Btry L, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
- (5) Btry M, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
- (6) 1st Provisional, 12th Marines
- (7) Btry C, 1st Bn, 40th Artillery USA
- (8) Btry C, 6th Bn, 33rd Artillery USA

b. Missions ~~TABLE~~

(1) Artillery

- (a) Preparatory Fires 37
- (b) Night Defensive Fires 61
- (c) Live Missions 39
- (d) Suspected Enemy Positions 53
- (e) Ammunition Expended:

Type	HE	WP	ILL
105mm	3226	293	21
155mm	1759	102	00

(2) 81mm Mortars

- (a) Preparatory Fires
- (b) Targets of Opportunity
- (c) Counter Mortar Fires
- (d) Suspected Enemy Positions
- (e) Night Defensive Fires
- (f) Illumination
- (g) Ammunition Expended:

HE	WP	ILL
8358	430	177

16. AIR SUPPORT

- a. During March, 4 company size helicopter lifts were completed.
- b. Seven flights of fixed wing were requested and received.
- c. Two flights of UH1E gunships were requested but not received.
- d. Eighteen JO's were requested and received.
- e. Two flareships were requested but not received.
- f. Twenty-three medevacs were requested and received.
- g. Fourteen C&C flights were requested and 6 were received.
- h. Two CAC47's were requested and 1 was received.
- i. 327,310 pounds of cargo was lifted.

17. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REACTIVATIONS N/A

- d. 13 AOs were requested and 19 were received.
 - e. 1 flareship was requested and received.
 - f. 34 medevacs were requested and 22 received.
 - g. 3 C&C flights were requested and received.
 - h. 327,310 pounds of cargo was lifted.
17. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REACTIVATIONS N/A

PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- 01 Mar 69 No significant events.
- 02 Mar 69 1030H In the area of YD045567, a patrol of Co I received small arms fire from YD054575. An 81mm mortar mission was directed on the suspected enemy position and the firing ceased.
- 1030H In the area of XD990555, a jeep driver of 1st Bn, 3d Marines reported that a frag grenade was thrown at his vehicle and landed 35m away.
- 03 Mar 69 1930H In the area of YD103539, elements of Co K discovered one indigenous person hiding in a culvert along the road. Interrogation resulted in that he was a CIDG personnel that was U1.
- 2000H In the area of YD104524, Popular Forces executed an ambush. The VC broke contact and 81mm HE and illumination was called in. Another platoon of PF's were sent to reinforce the unit. A search of the area resulted in 2 VC KIA, 1 B40 rocket launcher, 2 B40 rounds, 1 AK47, and several Chicom grenades captured.
- 04 Mar 69 No significant events.
- 05 Mar 69 No significant events.
- 06 Mar 69 0210H In the area of YD099531, a Popular Forces platoon executed an ambush resulting in 1 VC KIA and 2 Chicom grenades captured.
- 1930H In the area of YD064529, a Popular Forces platoon made contact with approximately 15 VC carrying an M79 and B40 rockets. A mission of 81mm mortar HE and illumination and reaction force was employed, resulting in 1 VC KIA.
- 07 Mar 69 0745H Cam Lo District Headquarters received 3 sniper rounds from the village to the north. A sniper team was unable to observe the sniper.
- 1600H In the area of YD089592, a truck from MCB 58 while returning from the rock quarry hit a mine and observed 2 indigenous persons wearing black trousers and blue shirts with red armbands and running toward a village at YD065570. The area was checked by Co I with negative results.
- 1630H In the area of YD136515, a patrol of Co K discovered a hut that could house 2-3 personnel and 12 bunkers. The area was in poor condition, but looked to have been used recently. Also found was 1 RPG round and 2 AK47 magazines.
- 1730H In the area of YD123514, elements of Co K observed five personnel moving north, one was armed. They were taken under

fire and the enemy fled southwest. An artillery mission was called on the escape route and the area was searched with negative results.

08 Mar 69 1830H In the area of YD125553, elements of Co K received sniper fire. An artillery mission was called on the suspected enemy position. Will check out the area at first light.

09 Mar 69 0800H In the area of YD125553, a patrol of Co K searched out the area from which they received sniper fire. Blood trails were found at YD125552.

0830H In the area of YD129516, a patrol of Co K executed a daylight ambush after observing 15 NVA. The ambush opened fire and then observed another 15 NVA. Artillery and 81mm mortar missions were called. A platoon of Co K and 2 tanks went to reinforce the ambush. They linked up and then exploited the contact. The enemy broke contact and fled southwest. A search of the area resulted in 21 NVA KIA, 13 AK47's, 37 NVA packs, 40 Chicom grenades, 5 E-tools, cooking utensils, and 3 machettes.

10 Mar 69 No significant events.

11 Mar 69 1520H In the area of YD137520, a patrol of Co K detonated a booby trapped 82mm mortar round. Searched the area for more booby traps with negative results.

1525H In the area of YD136519, a patrol of Co K observed one NVA and opened fire resulting in 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK47 with 3 magazines, and 2 Chicom grenades.

12 Mar 69 0715H In the area of YD04'568, elements of Co L while on a road sweep made point contact with an unknown sized NVA/VC force. The patrol received 2 RPG rounds and a command detonated mine. Fire was returned and an 81mm mortar mission called with unknown results.

0840H In the area of YD133532, a patrol of Co K found 3 booby traps. Destroyed them in place.

1100H In the area of YD052565, the road sweep missed a mine and the security vehicle detonated the mine. The shrapnel struck 4 civilians walking along the road, killing 1.

1120H In the area of YD135514, a patrol of Co K discovered 2 bunkers. The first bunker had cooking utensils, the second had 3 RPG rounds. Several trails were found, two were used in the last 3-4 days. The bunkers were destroyed.

1430H In the area of YD052565, a tank hit a mine in the same

area where the road sweep security vehicle struck a mine. The road had been swept and the road was open to traffic at about the time the tank struck the mine.

1445H In the area of YD133578, a patrol of Co K found 1 RPG2 and 2 RPG7 rounds. Further search of the area resulted in 1 bloody NVA helmet.

13 Mar 69 0200H In the area of YD037561, elements of Co L observed 3-5 VC on the road. They appeared to be laying wire from the road. Swept the area with negative results.

1030H In the area of YD136534, a patrol of Co K found a daisy chain consisting of 20m of detonation cord and 4 blasting caps set along side of a fresh trail.

1330H In the area of YD063594, a patrol of Co I discovered 9 bunkers 3-5 months old containing 21 82mm mortar rounds, 3 cans of increments, and boosters. The bunker had not been used recently. The bunkers were destroyed.

14 Mar 69 0815H In the area of YD093518, elements of Co K observed 2 Popular Forces personnel step on a mine. The area was checked with negative results.

1025H In the area of YD074594, a tank moved into a day position and struck a mine. The area had not been swept.

15 Mar 69 1300H In the area of YD071612, elements of Co I observed 3 NVA hiding behind a rock. They were taken under small arms, artillery, and tank fire. The enemy was flushed out from behind the rocks with grenades. A search of the area uncovered 3 NVA killed by small arms, 1 by artillery, 4 bunkers about 3 weeks old, 1 messhall, 2 AK47's, 2 SKS's, 1 RPG7 launcher and 3 rounds, 10 Chicom grenades, 11 NVA packs, and documents.

16 Mar 69 0915H In the area of YD057610, elements of Co I on patrol with tanks received 2 RPG rounds. The rounds were short. Fire was returned and the area checked out with negative results.

1015H In the area of YD052627, elements of Co I received 10-12 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. The fire was returned by tanks and artillery. The tanks made a direct hit on one of the mortars.

1050H In the area of YD079571, a truck from 1st Bn, 9th Marines hit a mine. The road was reswept with negative results.

1430H In the area of YD096537, a truck driver from 3d MF Bn reported that while crossing a bridge traveling south he received 3 rounds of sniper fire, all missing the truck.

- 17 Mar 69 1650H In the area of YD062570, a truck driver reported that he received probable 60mm mortar rounds from the northwest. One hit his truck and one hit an Army truck.
- 18 Mar 69 0835H In the area of YD108577, the road sweep team found 1 AT mine and 2 fake mines made out of C-ration cans and sand bags. All were blown in place.
- 19 Mar 69 1300H In the area of YD054577, elements of Co I observed 82mm mortar rounds impacting on the road. Movement was observed and artillery, tanks, and fixed wing were called in with unknown results.
- 20 Mar 69 1325H In the area of YD094613, a patrol of Co I discovered 3 RPG rounds with boosters and unservicable 782 gear. All were destroyed.
- 1715H In the area of YD055614, elements of Co I observed 10 NVA moving east. Called in artillery with unknown results.
- 21 Mar 69 0630H In the area of YD093063, elements of Co I received 8-10 rounds of 82mm mortar. Fired artillery on the suspected position with unknown results.
- 0900H In the area of YD086615, a tank with Co I struck a mine and had to be retrieved.
- 1024H In the area of YD093618, a personnel carrier (USA) struck an AT mine and was destroyed.
- 1140H In the area of YD066602, Co I received 5 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Called in fixed wing and artillery with unknown results.
- 1530H In the area of YD061614, elements of Co I observed 7-10 NVA/VC. They were taken under fire with tanks and mortars, resulting in 3 NVA KIA.
- 1530H In the area of YD072615, a patrol of Co I discovered 25 bunkers overhauled with dirt and logs. They were about 3-4 weeks old and contained 1 RPG round, 22 60mm rounds, 1 poncho, 1 plastic sheet, 3 E-tools, 1 pick, 1 saw, 1 water can, 3 rice bowls, and 3 cooking pots. All gear was turned in to S-2 and the bunkers destroyed.
- 1530H In the area of YD062626, an AO reported a bunker complex to be searched out at a later date.
- 1540H In the area of YD066613, elements of Co I observed 7-10 NVA. Called in fixed wing, artillery, and mortars. Searched area and found 3 M16, 1 SKS, 1 AK47, 1 light

MG, 1 Chicom grenade, 110 AK47 rounds, 30 60mm mortar fuses, 1 RPG round, 3 helmets, pots and pans, and various documents that were turned in to the S-2.

1945H In the area of YD666606, Co I (-) received 8 rounds of 82mm mortar fire and a platoon of Co I at YD075622 received 18 rounds of 82mm mortar fire. Counter mortar fire was used on the suspected positions with unknown results.

- 22 Mar 69 No significant events.
- 23 Mar 69 1530H In the area of XD843454, elements of Co K received 1 82mm mortar round and at XD846455 received 8-10 rounds of small arms fire. Fire was returned with unknown results.
- 24 Mar 69 0500H In the area of XD845454, elements of Co K repulsed a ground probe while receiving small arms fire. Trip flares were set off. Fire was returned with unknown results.
- 25 Mar 69 No significant events.
- 26 Mar 69 No significant events.
- 27 Mar 69 No significant events.
- 28 Mar 69 0310H In the area of XD845454, elements of Co K received 2 rounds of 60mm mortar fire. Both landed outside the perimeter.
- 29 Mar 69 No significant events.
- 30 Mar 69 No significant events.
- 31 Mar 69 No significant events.

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Battalion Operation Order 1-69

Ref: (a) Map: VN, 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheets 6342 III, 6242 II, 6341 IV, and 6241 I.

(b) 3d Marines Operation Plan 2-69

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces A significant buildup of NVA vehicle traffic, artillery and rocket positions, and storage complexes has been detected along Route 926 near the Laotian border. Indications are that this road is being used to move men and material from Laos staging areas for support of attacks on Vandergrift Combat Base, Route 9, and friendly elements operating in the southwestern portion of I Corps. NVA infantry units can be expected to be providing security for this IOC. No specific units have been identified. Periodic INTSUMS will supplement current intelligence. See Annex B of reference (b).
- b. Friendly Forces
 - (1) 3d Marines (-), as an element of Task Force Hotel, conducts a heliborne assault and a search and destroy operation to interdict Route 926.
 - (2) Artillery 1/12 (-) provides D/S fires for 3d Marines from FSB's.
 - (3) Air Helicopter assault, gunships and medevac support, and fixed wing CAS and AO's will be provided by 1st MAW aircraft.
- c. Attachments and Detachments See Annex A (Task Organization.)

2. MISSION

At H-Hour on D-Day 3/3 (Rein) conducts a heliborne assault to establish a FSB and to conduct search and destroy operations to interdict Route 926 and to locate and destroy enemy forces, fortifications, and supply caches in the objective area.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation To be passed separately by frag order. See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) D-Day and H-Hour to be announced.
- (2) Units will have at least external LZ's.
- (3) Current thrust points and brevity codes must be used. See Annex B (Operation Overlay).
- (4) Expedite spot reports.
- (5) Objectives and additional missions may be assigned by frag order.
- (6) Fires are cleared into Laos.
- (7) Code name: Operation "Maine Crag".

4. ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICSa. Supply Units carry normal combat equipment.

- (1) Assault loads - Class I: 6 LFP's, 2 DOS MCI, halazone tablets
Class V: B/A plus 2 DOA
- (2) Resupply to be staged at VCB.
- (3) Current plans call for no routine resupply during first days of operation.

b. Evacuation Medevac helicopters using normal procedures will conduct evacuations.5. COMMAND & COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Current SOP's, COI, shackles sheets, and brevity codes will be used.
- b. Cipher capability will be maintained by the CP.
- c. Companies will not take KC 292 antennas.
- d. Radio operators will maintain 2 spare batteries.
- e. Report positions of moving elements each $\frac{1}{2}$ hour and make situation reports each $\frac{1}{2}$ hour during hours of darkness.
- f. CP's
 - (1) 3d Marines to be announced.

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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 1-69

(All attachments effective on order)

3d Bn, 3d Marines CP Group 'A'

LtCol SCHULZE

Interpreter, Hq Bn

Co I

Capt TROMP

KCS, 3d MAF
 Det, 3d Plt, Co B, 3d Eng
 Det, HST, 3d SP Bn
 Det, Scout/Sniper Plt, Hq Co, 3d Marines
 Sect, 81mm Mortar Plt

Co K

Capt GOOWIN

KCS, 3d MAF
 Det, 3d Plt, Co B, 3d Eng
 Det, HST, 3d SP Bn
 Det, Scout/Sniper Plt, Hq Co, 3d Marines

Co L

1stLt PARZYNSKI

KCS, 3d MAF
 Det, 3d Plt, Co B, 3d Eng
 Det, HST, 3d SP Bn
 Det, Scout/Sniper Plt, Hq Co, 3d Marines

Co M *

Capt RILEY

KCS, 3d MAF
 Det, 3d Plt, Co B, 3d Eng
 Det, HST, 3d SP Bn
 Det, Scout/Sniper Plt, Hq Co, 3d Marines


Co F, 2/3

Capt RILEY

Det, 3d Plt, Co B, 3d Eng
 Det, HST, 3d SP Bn
 Det, Scout/Sniper Plt, Hq Co, 3d Marines
 2 Sect, 81mm Mortar Plt

* - Tentative; may remain OPCON to 1st Brigade, 5th Mech Div, USA

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