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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2

Encl: (1) 1st Marine Division (Rein) Command Chronology for 1-30 November 1966 (S)

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded in compliance with reference (a).
2. The Command Chronologies of subordinate units are appended as supporting documents to enclosure (1). For details of their activities during this period, see the appropriate unit Command Chronology.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1-30 November 1966

Division Commander: Major General H. NICKERSON JR.
Location: DaNang, Republic of Vietnam
Strength on 30 November 1966: USMC: 1150 Officers 21820 Enlisted
USN: 146 Officers 1247 Enlisted
TOTAL: 1296 Officers 23067 Enlisted

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. The division organization during the month of November was as set forth below. Units detached from, or joining the division are so indicated.

1st Marine Division (-) (Rein)
Hq Bn (-) (Rein)
6th Plat, 29th C. A. Co USA
3d CTF
3d ITT
1st IT
2d SSC Tm (-)

Task Force Xray

1st Marines (Rein)
2d Plat, 29th C. A. Co USA
1st Bn
2d Bn
3d Bn

9th Marines

3d Plat, 29th C. A. Co USA
5th Plat, 29th C. A. Co USA
2d Bn (To Opcon 3d MarDiv 18 Nov 66)
3d Bn
1st Bn, 26th Marines
2d Bn, 5th Marines (From Opcon 3d MarDiv 23 Nov 66)
3d Bn, 7th Marines (From Opcon 3d MarDiv 18 Nov 66)

4th Bn (Rein), 503d Abn Inf, 173d Bde, USA
Btry B, 3d Bn, 319th FA, USA

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11th Marines (-) (Rein)
 Hq Btry (-)
 Det Hq Btry, 12th Marines
 1st Bn
 2D Bn (-) (Rein), 12th Marines
 Hq Btry
 Btry F
 Btry A, 1st Bn, 13th Marines
 Btry L, 4th Bn, 12th Marines
 1st 8" How Btry
 1st Armd Amphib Co (Assumed Opcon 23 Nov 66)

1st Recon Bn (-) (Rein)
 H&S Co (-)
 Co B
 Co C
 1st Force Recon Co (-), FMF (Assumed Opcon 17 Nov 66)

1st AT Bn (-)
 H&S Co
 Co A
 Co B (-)

3d AT Bn (-)
 H&S Co (-)
 Co C

Det 3d Engr Bn
 Det H&S Co
 Engr Spt Co
 Co C
 Co A (Rein), 1st Engr Bn

1st Amtrac Bn (-) (Rein)
 Co A (-) (Rein)
 Co A (-), 3d AmTrac Bn

Det 3d SP Bn
 Det H&S Co
 Co A, 1st SP Bn

1st TK Bn (-)
 H&S Co (-)
 Co B
 Co C

3d TK Bn (-)
 H&S Co (-)
 Co B

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3d MT Bn (-) (Rein)
 H&S Co
 Co B (-)
 Co C
 Co A, 1st MT Bn

7th MT Bn (-) (Rein)
 H&S Co (-)
 Co A
 Co C
 Co A, 9th MT Bn
 Trans Co, 9th MT Bn

3d Med Bn
 H&S Co (-)
 CO B (-)
 Co C
 Co A, 1st Med Bn

1st Dental Co (-)

3d Dental Co (-)

Det Hq Bn, 3d Mar Div

Det 3d Mar

2. Listed below are the names and ranks of the Division Commander, Division General and Special Staff Officers, and subordinate unit commanders. For a listing of subordinate unit staffs, see appropriate Command Chronology.

DIVISION COMMANDER
 MAJGEN H. NICKERSON JR.

ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER
 BGEN W. A. STILES

COMMANDING GENERAL TASK FORCE XRAY
 BGEN W. A. STILES

SERGEANT MAJOR
 CHIEF OF STAFF
 DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF
 STAFF SECRETARY

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF G-1
 ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF G-2
 ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF G-3
 ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF G-4
 ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF G-5
 ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF COMPTROLLER

SGTMAJ B. F. DUTTON
 COL S. J. ALTMAN
 COL F. E. HAYNES JR.
 CAPT H. J. HAUPT
 COL C. C. CROSSFIELD II
 COL J. J. O'DONNELL
 COL H. POGGEMEYER JR.
 COL E. L. BALE JR.
 COL W. MOORE
 LTCOL J. E. DAUSMAN

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ADJUTANT
AIR OFFICER
ARTILLERY OFFICER
BAND OFFICER
CHAPLAIN
COMM-EL OFFICERS OFFICER
DENTAL OFFICER
DIVISION CLUBS OFFICER
DIVISION EXCHANGE OFFICER
EMBARRASSMENT OFFICER

ENGINEER OFFICER
FIELD HISTORIAN
FOOD SERVICES OFFICER
INFORMATIONAL SERVICES OFFICER
INSPECTOR
LEGAL OFFICER
MOTOR TRANSPORT OFFICER
NAVAL GUNFIRE OFFICER
ORDNANCE OFFICER
PHOTOGRAPHIC OFFICER
POSTAL OFFICER
SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER
SUPPLY OFFICER
SURGEON
TANK OFFICER

LTCOL E. R. SCHIFFMAN
COL F. C. LANG
COL G. E. NORRIS
CWO F. E. BARTHOLD
CAPT D. J. CASAZZA, USN
COL E. P. CLAUDE
CAPT P. C. CONGLIS, USN
MAJ J. H. GEMSKE
MAJ A. T. FISHER
MAJ J. E. FELKER (To 1 Nov 66)
MAJ R. L. ETTER (From 2 Nov 66)
LTCOL G. A. MERRILL
LTCOL R. H. USKURAIT
CAPT V. E. COX
CAPT W. L. FASELER JR.
COL S. DAVIS
LTCOL T. P. CASEY
LTCOL K. M. BUSS
LTCMDR W. S. RILEY, USNR
LTCOL W. J. DINSE
W. O. R. L. HUNTLEY
2D LT W. NEW
MAJ J. E. FORDE
COL P. J. DUPRE
CMDR J. J. MCGREAVY, USN
LTCOL J. W. CLAYBORNE

UNIT COMMANDERS

HEADQUARTERS BN
3RD DENTAL CO
1ST MARINES
1ST BN, 1ST MARINES
2D BN, 1ST MARINES
3D BN, 1ST MARINES
2D BN, FIFTH MARINES
3D BN, SEVENTH MARINES
4TH BN, 503D ABN INF, 173D BDE, USA
11TH MARINES
1ST BN, 11TH MARINES
1ST ARMD AMTBIB CO
1ST RECON BN
1ST AT BN

1ST TANK BN
7TH MT BN
3D AMTRAC BN
7TH ENGR BN
1ST MT BN

COL W. A. LEITNER
CAPT P. C. CONGLIS, USN
COL D. L. MALLORY
LTCOL V. D. BELL JR.
LTCOL H. DONABEDIAN
LTCOL H. F. DEATLEY
LTCOL W. C. AIRHEART
LTCOL R. J. OLEARY
LTCOL M. D. HEALY, USA
COL G. E. NORRIS
LTCOL L. C. REECE
MAJ D. L. HOWARTH
LTCOL D. N. MCKEON
MAJ R. E. HARRIS (To 9 Nov 66)
MAJ M. F. MANNING (10 Nov 66)
MAJ J. J. KEEFE (11-30 Nov 66)
LTCOL J. W. CLAYBORNE
MAJ S. H. BATCHELDER
MAJ J. D. ROWLEY
LTCOL F. W. HARRIS III
LTCOL R. E. JOHNSON

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3. Unit Commanders for the following units are listed in the 3rd Marine Division Command Chronology for November 1966 in accordance with O3 III MAF msg 240518Z Oct 66:

9TH MARINES

1ST BN, 26TH MARINES

3RD BN, 9TH MARINES

2ND BN, 12TH MARINES

3RD AT BN

3RD ENGR BN

1ST AMTRAC BN

3RD SP BN

3RD TK BN

3RD PT BN

3RD MED BN

3RD DENTAL CO

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Personnel and Administration

1. Personnel Strengths. Beginning and end of the month strengths were:

	USMC		USN		TOTAL
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
1 Nov	1,018	18,728	142	925	20,813
30 Nov	1,150	21,820	146	1247	24,363

2. Replacement and Rotation of Personnel

a. Total of Marine replacements received and Marines rotated during November were:

Replacements:

Officer 61
Enlisted 1,927

Rotation:

Officers 12
Enlisted 1,020

b. There were 12 officers and 425 enlisted personnel medically evacuated. Forty-two enlisted personnel who were previously evacuated were returned to duty. Thirteen enlisted personnel departed on emergency leave/permanent change of station orders.

c. A total of 1 officer and 212 enlisted personnel voluntarily extended their overseas tour during November 1966.

3. Casualty and Graves Registration. The below casualties were sustained by units ADCON to the 1st Marine Division during November.

USMC	KIA	WIA	**DOW	MIA	OTHER	*NON-BATTLE		**TOTAL
						DEATH	INJURED	
Officer	6	15	0	0	0	0	0	21
Enlisted	42	337	3	0	5	11	23	418
<u>USN</u>								
Officer	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Enlisted	1	14	0	0	0	0	5	20
TOTAL	49	367	3	0	5	11	28	460

*Injuries which result in absence from duty for more than 24 hours
**DOW figures included in WIA totals and not in vertical total

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4. Discipline, Law and Order. The following criminal investigations were reported.

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Number</u>
Larceny of government property	4
Larceny of Private property	5
Unlawful discharge of explosives	1
Homocide	1
Narcotics	2

One motor vehicle accident was reported with \$20.00 damage.

5. Morale and Personal Services

a. Chaplain Section

(1) At the end of November the on board count of chaplains for the First Marine Division was as follows:

Those under First Marine Division Administrative Control - 16 Protestant and 8 Catholic making a total of 24.

Those under First Marine Division Operation Control - 20 Protestant and 11 Catholic making a total of 31.

No chaplains reported aboard or departed during November.

(2) Chaplains BURCH and KANE remain hospitalized.

(3) The following is a summary of activities for First Marine Division Chaplains during November:

Divine Services

Sunday

Catholic - 120 Services with
5,017 attending

Protestant - 177 Services with
3,455 attending

Weekday

125 Services with
2,624 attending

79 Services with
1,691 attending

Memorial Services

Catholic - 3 Services with 130 attending
Protestant - 18 Services with 1,935 attending

Bible Studies

50 with 186 attending

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Lay Leader Services

Catholic - 7 Services with 93 attending
 Protestant - 8 Services with 55 attending

Indoctrination Lectures By Chaplains

19 Lectures with 869 attending

Operations

Teton - Chaplain Ray Roy
 Shasta - Chaplain Meschke and Kenny
 County Fair - Bich Bac (Cam Son) - Chaplain Kenny

(4) On 28 November 1966 the chaplains of First Marine Division celebrated the 191st Birthday of the Chaplain Corps with a banquet at FLSG-B in Chu Lai. 25 Chaplains attended this celebration.

b. Division Clubs. The gross income during November was \$279,391.08. Three officers, eight staff NCO's and 9 enlisted personnel operated the 36 clubs and 17 battalion accounts. Eight more clubs are planned.

c. Exchange System. Gross sales during November were \$401,588.67. Three officers and sixty-four enlisted personnel operated thirteen stores. On 22 November 1966 the Headquarters Bn. Store located at Chu Lai was closed. On 28 November 1966 a Butler type main store was opened at Chu Lai.

d. Division Band.

(1) The below musical commitments were performed by the 1st Marine Division Band and Field Musics during the month of November 1966:

Marine military formations	2
Other military formations	0
Military concerts	2
Civic action occurrences	0

(2) The Band returned from a concert tour on Okinawa on 17 November 1966.

e. Informational Services.

(1) During November the Informational Services Section produced 118 news releases and 1,956 fleet home town news center releases. Included in the total are 48 releases and 1,061 fleet home town forms produced by the 1st Marine Division personnel attached to Task Force X-Ray.

(2) Writer-photographer teams covered the following major operations: Arcadia, Shasta, Rio Blanco, and Golden Fleece 7-2 and several company sized search and destroy operations.

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(3) Ninety-four civilian newsmen visited 1st Marine Division units during the month, the largest number since the Division arrived in country. The 1st Marine Regiment and Combined Action Companies throughout the DaNang TAOR received the majority of news interest during the month. Of the 94, 26 visited Chu Lai for the dedication of the Dickey Chappelle Dispensary, November 3rd.

(4) Writer-photographer teams were assigned to 1st and 9th Marines; a writer to 3/7 and 2/5. While no teams were assigned to the 5th and 7th Marines, writer-photo^{teams} did visit these units every week during the month.

(5) Writer-photo teams covered routine promotions and awards, USO shows, Marine Corps Birthday ceremonies.

f. Postal. The following figures represent pounds of U. S. mail received and dispatched during November 1966:

<u>Total Received</u>	<u>Total Dispatched</u>	<u>Total Handled</u>
746,406 lbs	247,061 lbs	993,467 lbs

g. Career Advisory.

(1) Personnel assigned:

1 officer
4 enlisted personnel

(2) The Career Advisory officer and the Career Advisory NCO attended an FMFPac Career Advisory Symposium on Okinawa during the period 21-22 November 1966.

(3) The Career Advisory section serviced units in the DaNang and Chu Lai TAOR's during the month of November.

(4) Career Advisory Statistics for November 1966:

(a) Reenlistment Percentages

(1) 1st Term	11.3%
(2) Career	82.2%
(3) Total	35.0%

(b) Extensions of enlistment executed:

(1) Career	13
(2) Short Term	11
(3) Total	24

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Special Services.

(1) Personnel of the 1st Marine Division (Rein) were entertained during the month of November by the appearance of the following shows and/or well known personalities:

Miss Jennifer Jones
 Miss Martha Raye
 Mr. Stan Musial & Mr. Brooks Robinson
 Miss Frances Langford
 The Sig Sakowicz Show

(2) 619 members of the Division participated in the In-country China Beach R&R Program.

i. Rest and Recreation. All quotas were utilized with the following number of personnel visiting the cities indicated.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Number</u>
Okinawa	95
Hong Kong	297
Bangkok	237
Tokyo	373
Taipei	257
Manila	77
Singapore	118
Kuala Lumpur	119
Hawaii	<u>84</u>
TOTAL	1,657

j. Distinguished Visitors. The following distinguished persons visited during November.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>PLUS PARTY OF</u>	<u>REASON</u>
1 Nov	LtGen V. H. KRULAK, USMC	CG FMFPac	8	Visited 1stMarDiv Units
2 Nov	Mr. F. BARTINQ	DOD		Visited 1st MarDiv Detainee/Captive Camp
4 Nov	BGen J. M. BLUMBURG, (MC), USA	Dir, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology		Visited 3d Med Bn.

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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO 1ST MARINE DIVISION DURING NOVEMBER 1966

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILLET</u>	<u>PLUS</u> <u>PARTY OF</u>	<u>REASON</u>
6 Nov	Gen W. C. WESTMORELAND, USA	COMUSMACV		Visited 4/503 AbnBrig
10 Nov	LtGen L. W. WALT, USMC	CG, III MAF		Visited members of 1stMarDiv Staff
14 Nov	VAdm W. E. GENTNER, USN	Commander, U. S. Taiwan Defense Command	2	Lunch at 1stMarDiv Visited CAC unit at Nam O
16 Nov	LtGen Lek NAFOMALI, RTA	Dir of Operations Supreme Cmd, Thai Armed Forces		Lunch & visited 1stMarDiv units
22 Nov	BGen R. R. VAN STOCKUM, USMC	CG, FMFPac (Fwd)	2	Lunch & visit- ed at 1stMar- Div CP
22 Nov	LtGen V. H. KRULAK, USMC	CG, FMFPac	8	Visited 1st MarDiv units
23 Nov	MajGen P. F. SMITH, USA	CG, 173d AbnBrig		Visited 4/503 AbnBrig
30 Nov	Adm U. S. GRANT SHARP, USN	CINCPAC		Visited 1stMarDiv units

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
G-2, 1st Marine Division

1. General. During the period, the G-2 Section continued its assigned functions of collecting, processing, and disseminating intelligence to the Commanding General, his Staff, and the subordinate units.
2. Acquisition and Production Unit. Refinement of the new organization put into effect on a provisional basis in October continued simultaneously with the normal function of producing intelligence. Work commenced on revising the existing collection plan in light of the Division's move to the Danang area. The Production sub-unit was expanded and revised to include the Current, Basic, and Estimative branches. The Current Intelligence/Indications sub-unit initiated the Co-ordinate Register, devised and indexed to provide an immediate "read-out" on any 10,000 meter grid square in Quang Nam Province. The register will reflect reported enemy movement, installations, and significant incidents. This sub-unit also assumed responsibility for targeting. A new sub-unit, Intelligence Operations Liaison, was formed to co-ordinate all phases of this type of operation. The Estimative Intelligence sub-unit produced Intelligence Studies on the Hai Van Pass, An Hoa/Nong Son Mine and Industrial Complex, DucDuc/Que Son area, and the "Gordon" area. The Technical Intelligence sub-unit established the reporting procedures for mine/boobytrap incidents and compiled data on Viet Cong small-arms employment and tactics.
3. Photo/Imagery Unit. The monsoon season has had an adverse effect on the responsiveness of aerial photography as evidenced by the receipt of only four (4) of the twenty-seven (27) missions requested. A total of thirty-two (32) missions are presently pending.
4. Air Observation Unit. During the month of November 133 sorties for a total of 297.2 hours were flown. Fifteen (15) photo, seventeen (17) artillery and forty-seven (47) CAS/TAC(A) missions were conducted in addition to normal VR flights.
5. 3d IIT. A total of 197 detainees were interrogated at the III MAF Collection Point during the month. Of these, ninety-one (91) were determined to be VCC. Direct support, in the form of a sub-team located at the various command posts, was provided the infantry battalions.
6. Counterintelligence. The Staff Counterintelligence office was provided support during the month by the 3d CIT. A total of seventeen (17) investigations of various categories were completed; twelve (12) are still pending.

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COMMAND AND CONTROL

- 2 November - CG 3d MarDiv submitted recommended reallocation of reconnaissance forces between the First and Third Marine Divisions to CG III MAF. (Ref: CG 3d MarDiv 020801Z Nov66).
- 2 November - CG TF XRAY submitted an alternate firing position for Battery A 2d Bn 94th FA to CG 1st MarDiv. The alternate position was selected to enable the guns to provide support for the MINH LONG CIDG Camp and reconnaissance teams. (Ref: CG TF XRAY 020710Z Nov66). This information was forwarded to CG III MAF on 5Nov66. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 050251Z Nov66).
- 2 November - CG 3d MarDiv informed CG 1st MarDiv of a change in the Rough Rider schedule for the period 3-5 Nov66. (Ref: CG 3d MarDiv 021315Z Nov66).
- 3 November - CG III MAF directed CG 1st MarDiv to take action on CG 1st MAW request to eliminate the threat to helicopters existing from anti-aircraft fire being received in the KY HA area. (Ref: CG III MAF 030658Z Nov66).
- 3 November - CG III MAF directed CG 1st MarDiv to prepare reception, billeting and employment plans in anticipation of the arrival of the 1st FAG in the CHU LAI area. (Ref: CG III MAF 031016Z Nov66).
- 3 November - CG 1st MAW informed CG 1st MarDiv of the rules of engagement which apply to the employment of A6A aircraft. (Ref: CG 1st MAW 031526Z Nov66).
- 4 November - CG 1st MarDiv recommended to CG III MAF that a special allowance be established to provide MABS-36 with two 81mm mortars for defense of the CHU LAI airfield. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 040949Z Nov66).
- 5 November - CG 1st MarDiv informed CG III MAF that fourteen night observation devices (NOD) would be required for the CHU LAI air base defense. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 050233Z Nov66).
- 5 November - CG 1st MarDiv submitted to CG III MAF a recommended distribution of Division and Force engineer units for optimum engineer support within III MAF units. (Ref: CG 1st Mar Div 050659Z Nov66).
- 5 November - Operation SHASTA commenced at 051000H Nov66. (Ref: 1st MarDiv COC 041630Z Nov66).

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- 5 November - CG FMFPac directed CG 1st MarDiv to review current T/Os and to submit any recommended modifications to CG FMFPac no later than 1Jan67. (Ref: CG FMFPac 052222Z Nov66).
- 5 November - CG III MAF published instructions for the correct procedures for processing Arc Light targets. (Ref: CG III MAF 052349Z Nov66).
- 6 November - CG III MAF directed CG 1st MarDiv to reevaluate the security requirements for project Sea Anchor and to initiate appropriate action to assure that the requisite security measures for protection of civilian employees are maintained. (Ref: CG III MAF 061538Z Nov66).
- 7 November - CG III MAF published guidance for the requests and allocation of helicopter assets to CG 1st MarDiv and CG 3d MarDiv. (Ref: CG III MAF 070240Z Nov66).
- 7 November - CG 3d MarDiv informed CG 1st MarDiv of his intention to deploy elements of the 12th Marines (Rear) to DONG HA combat base on or about 9Nov66. (Ref: CG 3d MarDiv 070445Z Nov66).
- 8 November - CG III MAF passed OPCON of two sub teams of the 15th CIT to CG 1st MarDiv effective 110000H Nov66. (Ref: CG III MAF 080408Z Nov66).
- 8 November - CG 1st MarDiv advised CG III MAF that general support artillery assets in the DA NANG TAOR were not adequate to meet all demands. It was requested that the decision not to request out-of-country general support artillery be reviewed. It was further recommended that an additional general support artillery battery be provided. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 080945Z Nov66).
- 8 November - CG 1st MarDiv informed CG TF XRAY that on receiving OPCON of Hq Btry 1st FAG, OPCON would further be passed to TF XRAY for employing Btry to exercise tactical control over all U. S. artillery in the CHU LAI area. It was further directed that the Detachment Headquarters Battery 11th Marines be moved to DA NANG upon relief by the Hq Btry 1st FAG. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 080947Z Nov66).
- 8 November - CG 1st MarDiv advised CG III MAF of his intended employment of the Hq Btry 1st FAG. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 080949Z Nov66).
- 8 November - CG 1st MarDiv notified CG III MAF of the measures taken to improve the security for the Sea Anchor project. In addition, plans for additional security measures for the working area were proposed. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 081013Z Nov66).

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- 8 November - CG 1st MarDiv published FRAG O 33-66 which directed a Rough Rider convoy to be conducted from DA NANG to DONG HA at 110630H Nov66. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 081409Z Nov66).
- 8 November - CG 1st MarDiv submitted to CG III MAF the concept of operations for Operation ARCADIA scheduled to commence 9 November 1966. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 081421Z Nov66).
- 9 November - Operation ARCADIA commenced at 090400H Nov66. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 081421Z Nov66).
- 10 November - CG 1st MarDiv requested CG III MAF to assign one Swift Boat in direct support of 1st Bn 7th Marines from 120600H Nov to 121830H Nov66. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 100245Z Nov66).
- 10 November - CG III MAF published instructions for the use of riot control agents in caves and tunnels. (Ref: CG III MAF 100838Z Nov66).
- 11 November - CG 1st MAF informed CG 1st MarDiv of the deployment and capabilities of the ASRT within I Corps Tactical Zone: (Ref: CG 1st MAF 110525Z Nov66).
- 11 November - CG III MAF directed CG 1st MarDiv to chop all remaining 3d Recon Bn units to CG 3d MarDiv. In turn the CG 3d MarDiv was directed to chop the 1st Force Recon Co and one platoon of the 3d Force Recon Co to CG 1st MarDiv. All moves were to be completed no later than 21Nov66. (Ref: CG III MAF 110556Z Nov66).
- 12 November - CG 1st MarDiv published guidance to commanders of all echelons for the defense of friendly positions against attacks by enemy sapper units. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 121003Z Nov66).
- 12 November - 9th Marines submitted plans for conducting County Fairs 32 and 33 during the week 14Nov to 20Nov66 to CG 1st MarDiv. (Ref: 9th Marines 121125Z Nov66).
- 13 November - CG III MAF published planning guidance for the month of December 1966. (Ref: CG III MAF 130204Z Nov66).
- 13 November - CG 1st MarDiv submitted to CG III MAF the concept of operations for Operation RIO BLANCO scheduled to commence 17 November. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 131415Z Nov66).
- 13 November - CG 1st MarDiv published FRAG O 34-66 which directed the relocation of reconnaissance assets within the 1st MarDiv. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 132347Z Nov66).

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- 13 November - CG 1st MarDiv informed the 1st Marines that planned unit rotations and other military considerations within 1st MarDiv precluded relieving 1st Marines of the responsibility for providing a rifle company to the 1st MP Bn for employment in DA NANG air base security. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 132349Z Nov66).
- 14 November - CG 3d MarDiv submitted to CG III MAF a schedule for the relocation of units assigned to both the 1st MarDiv and 3d MarDiv. This move was proposed in order to facilitate the out of country BILT rotation and to restore unit integrity within the two divisions. The relocation involved interchanges of the 2nd Bn, 3d Marines for 3d Bn, 7th Marines, A Btry 1st Bn, 12th Marines for C Btry, 1st Bn, 11th Marines, and the relocation of reconnaissance units (Ref: CG 3d MarDiv 140331Z Nov66).
- 14 November - Operation ARCADIA terminated at 141200H Nov66. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 140405Z Nov66).
- 14 November - CG 1st MarDiv published the operational intentions of the Division for the month of December. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 140941Z Nov66).
- 14 November - CG 1st MarDiv notified CG 3d MarDiv that he concurred with the schedule of planned unit moves proposed in CG 3d MarDiv msg 140331Z Nov66. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 141431Z Nov66).
- 14 November - CG 1st MarDiv published FRAG O 35-66 dealing with the relocation of units within the DA NANG and CHU LAI TAORs and 3d Marine Division. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 141033Z Nov66).
- 15 November - CG III MAF notified CG 1st MarDiv and CG 3d MarDiv of approval of the interchange of 2d Bn 5th Marines with 3d Bn 9th Marines. The interchange to commence on or about 21Nov66. (Ref: CG III MAF 150148Z Nov66).
- 15 November - Operation SHASTA was extended for an undetermined period. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 150531Z Nov66).
- 15 November - CG 3d MarDiv chopped 3d Platoon 3d Force Recon Company to CG 1st MarDiv effective 142035Z Nov66. (Ref: CG 3d MarDiv 150645Z Nov66).
- 15 November - CG 1st MarDiv published FRAG O 36-66 directing the establishment of a provisional platoon to be used for the defense of Ammunition Supply Point #1. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 150753Z Nov66).

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- 17 November - CG 1st MarDiv requested CG III MAF for one SWIFT BOAT to be placed in direct support of the 1st Bn, 7th Marines for one day beginning 180600H Nov66. (Ref: CG 1st Mar Div 170813Z Nov66).
- 18 November - CG 1st MarDiv directed commanders of all units that when helicopters are requested every effort will be made to ensure security of landing zones. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 180825Z Nov66).
- 18 November - CG 1st MarDiv notified CG III MAF of intentions to increase the artillery support at AN HOA by one composite platoon composed of one 155mm Gun (SP) and one eight inch howitzer (SP). (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 180923Z Nov66).
- 18 November - CG 1st MarDiv emphasized the importance of the Combined Action program and directed that units submit detailed plans by which the program can be expanded and improved. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 180929Z Nov66).
- 18 November - CG 1st MarDiv submitted to CG III MAF a schedule of planned operations for the month of December. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 181213Z Nov66).
- 18 November - CG 3d MarDiv passed OPCON of the 1st Force Recon Co to CG 1st MarDiv. (Ref: CG 3d MarDiv 181311Z Nov66).
- 18 November - CG 1st MarDiv passed OPCON of the 2d Bn 3d Marines to CG 3d MarDiv effective 181600Z Nov66. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 181505Z Nov66).
- 18 November - CG 3d MarDiv passed OPCON of 3d Bn 7th Marines to CG 1st MarDiv effective 181600H Nov66. (Ref: CG 3d MarDiv 181429Z Nov66).
- 18 November - CG 1st MarDiv submitted changes made in the concept of operations for Operation RIO BLANCO to CG III MAF. These changes were necessitated by participation ROKMC units. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 181443Z Nov66).
- 18 November - CG III MAF informed CG 1st MarDiv of new criteria to be used for planning and requesting of ARC LIGHT targets. (Ref: CG III MAF 181510Z Nov66).
- 19 November - Operation SHASTA terminated at 191800H Nov66. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 190833Z Nov66).

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- 19 November - CG 1st MarDiv published FRAG O 37-66 dealing with interchange of 2d Bn, 5th Marines and 3d Bn, 9th Marines. D-Day was established as 21Nov66. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 191140Z Nov66). The date of D-Day was later changed to a date to be announced. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 200749Z Nov66).
- 20 November - Operation RIO BLANCO commenced at 201240H Nov66. (Ref: CG TF XRAY 181420Z Nov66).
- 20 November - CG III MAF directed CG 1st MarDiv that the 4th Bn 503d Inf, 173d Bde (AB) be returned to its parent organization not later than 1Dec66. (Ref: CG III MAF 200038Z Nov66).
- 20 November - CG III MAF directed CG 1st MarDiv to pass OPCON of the Detachment 15th CTF (two sub-teams) to CG 3d MarDiv effective 220800H Nov66. (Ref: CG III MAF 201348Z Nov66).
- 21 November - CG 3d MarDiv passed OPCON of C Battery 1st Bn, 11th Marines to CG 1st MarDiv effective 201730H Nov66. (Ref: CG 3d Mar Div 210311Z Nov66).
- 22 November - CG 1st MarDiv published WARNING O 1-66 which directed the 4th Bn 503d Inf, 173 Bde (AB) to be prepared to move by air and rejoin its parent organization on or about 29Nov66. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 220733Z Nov66).
- 22 November - CG 1st MarDiv published the initiating directive for Operation MISSISSIPPI to 9th Marines. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 221351Z Nov66).
- 23 November - CG III MAF passed OPCON of 1st Armd Amphib Co to CG 1st Mar Div. (Ref: CG III MAF 230156Z Nov66).
- 23 November - CG 3d MarDiv passed OPCON of 2d Bn 5th Marines to CG 1st MarDiv effective 230900H Nov66. (Ref: CG 3d MarDiv 230750Z Nov66).
- 23 November - CG 1st MarDiv recommended to CG III MAF that the entire 1st Armd Amphib Co remain in the DA NANG TAOR. This recommendation was based on the loss of 3d Bn 319th Artillery (USA), due to leave with the 4th Bn 503 Inf on or about 29Nov66, and a general shortage of artillery in the DA NANG TAOR. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 230921Z Nov66).
- 23 November - CG 1st MarDiv directed CG TF XRAY to provide one 105mm battery of four howitzers for support of Operation MISSISSIPPI. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 231345Z Nov66).
- 23 November - CG 1st MarDiv submitted the concept of operations for Operation MISSISSIPPI to CG III MAF. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 231411Z Nov66).

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- 24 November - CG 1st MarDiv requested CG III MAF to waive the requirement for two Rough Riders for November. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 240839Z Nov66).
- 24 November - CG III MAF directed CG 1st MarDiv to deploy one platoon of the 1st Armored Amphib Co to DONG HA not later than 1Dec66. Upon arrival, OPCON of the unit to pass to CG 3d MarDiv. (Ref: CG III MAF 240840Z Nov66).
- 24 November - CG 1st MarDiv passed OPCON of A Battery 1st Bn 12th Marines to CG 3d MarDiv effective 171600H Nov66. (Ref: CG 1st Mar Div 241349Z Nov66).
- 24 November - CG 1st MarDiv attached 1st Armored Amphib Co to 11th Marines effective 230800H Nov66. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 241423Z Nov66).
- 25 November - COMUSMACV advised all commands that recent evidence indicated that the VC have the capability of employing riot control agents in a tactical situation and have done so on at least one occasion. Commanders were requested to review their procedures for defense against enemy use of riot control agents. (Ref: COMUSMACV 250620Z Nov66).
- 25 November - COMUSMACV informed CG III MAF that the 4th Bn 503d Inf movement date was extended to 4Dec66. This extension was a result of a request by CG III MAF that the unit remain in place until completion of Operation MISSISSIPPI. (Ref: COMUSMACV 250745Z Nov66).
- 26 November - CG 1st MarDiv authorized the 1st AT Bn to displace their CP from their present location to the cantonment formerly occupied by the 1st Bn 12th Marines. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 260847Z Nov66).
- 26 November - CG 1st MarDiv directed CG TF XRAY to increase the number of howitzers directly supporting Operation MISSISSIPPI from four to six. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 260841Z Nov66).
- 26 November - CG 1st MarDiv recommended to CG III MAF that the responsibility for the DA NANG River Patrol be reassigned to GVN forces because the SONG HAN and SONG CAU DO are again navigable to larger patrol craft. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 260947Z Nov66).
- 26 November - CG 1st MarDiv published FRAG O 39-66 which directed the deployment of Co M, 3d Bn, 7th Marines and Co E, 2d Bn, 5th Marines from the CHU LAI TAOR to their parent organizations within the DA NANG TAOR. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 260839Z Nov66).

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- 26 November - CG III MAF directed CG 1st MarDiv to report the number of long range patrols conducted during the period 1Sep66 to 26Nov66. (Ref: CG III MAF 261432Z Nov66).
- 26 November - CG 3d MarDiv published a schedule for Rough Riders for 29Nov66 and 2Dec66. CG 1st MarDiv was requested to coordinate and support within the First Marine Division area of responsibility. (Ref: CG 3d MarDiv 261435Z Nov66).
- 27 November - CG 1st MarDiv informed CG III MAF of the minimal resources of artillery support for both the DA NANG and CHU LAI TAORs accentuated by the loss of one direct support battery and six LVTH-6, and again requested that a general support battery from external sources be provided for employment within the DA NANG TAOR. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 270217Z Nov66).
- 27 November - Operation RIO BLANCO terminated at 271800H Nov66. (Ref: III MAF COG 260917Z Nov66).
- 28 November - CG 1st MarDiv published the Rough Rider schedule for the period 29Nov66 to 2Dec66. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 280347Z Nov66).
- 29 November - CG 1st MarDiv directed CG TF XRAY to pass OPCON of Btry E 2d Bn 11th Marines to 11th Marines for further chop to 2d Bn 12th Marines for Operation MISSISSIPPI. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 291155Z Nov66). It was further directed on 30Dec66 that the battery would remain OPCON of 2d Bn 12th Marines and would be deployed to the DA NANG TAOR. (Ref: CG 1st Mar Div 300611Z Nov66).
- 29 November - Operation MISSISSIPPI commenced at 291030H Nov66. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 231411Z Nov66).
- 30 November - CG 1st MarDiv directed CG TF XRAY to withdraw the security and reconnaissance elements from the BA TO CIDG Camp as authorized by CG III MAF. (Ref: CG 1st MarDiv 300935Z Nov66).
- 30 November - CG 1st MarDiv assumed OPCON of Hq Btry, 1st FAG and immediately passed OPCON to CG TF XRAY effective 300836Z Nov66. (Ref: CG III MAF 301502Z Nov66).

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MAJOR OPERATIONS

1. NAME: ARCADIA

TYPE: SEARCH AND DESTROY

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION: ON 8 NOVEMBER 1966 COMPANIES C AND D, 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES ESTABLISHED AMBUSHES ALONG THE LD LOCATED FROM (BT 113652) TO (BT 124634). ON 9 NOVEMBER 1966 COMPANIES K AND M, 3RD BN, 1ST MARINES ESTABLISHED A CORDON FROM POINTS (BT 114651), (BT 105647), (BT 099637), (BT 097627), (BT 100624), (BT 110624), (BT 120629) AND (BT 125636). UPON ESTABLISHMENT OF CORDON COMPANIES B AND C WITHDREW FROM THEIR AMBUSH POSITIONS AND COMMENCED SWEEPS IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION TO (BT 105647 - BT 120629). ON ORDER, THE SWEEP WAS CONTINUED TO (BT 099638 - BT 110625). BASED ON INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION RECEIVED LATE ON THE EVENING OF 11 NOVEMBER 1966 COMPANIES C AND D, 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES INITIATED PHASE I ALPHA BY ESTABLISHING A CORDON FROM POINTS (BT 121629 - 137617 - 140613 - 133602 - 137600 - 121602 - 121629). THE AREA WAS SWEEPED BY COMPANIES K AND M, 3RD BN, 1ST MARINES. AT 1800 ON 12 NOVEMBER 1966 OPCON COMPANIES K AND M, 3RD BN, 1ST MARINES WERE REVERTED TO THEIR PARENT ORGANIZATION AND THEY WITHDREW FROM THE OPERATION. PHASE II COMMENCED ON 12 NOVEMBER 1966 WHEN COMPANY D, 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES ESTABLISHED A CORDON AROUND HAMLET OF VIEM DONG IN THE VICINITY OF (BT 094657). AT 0630 ON 13 NOVEMBER 1966 COMPANY C, 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES COMMENCED SWEEP FROM THE LD (COORDINATES: BT 093655 TO BT 105644) MOVING IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. AT 0200 ON 14 NOVEMBER 1966 CO D ESTABLISHED CORDON IN VICINITY OF (BT 0760) IN PREPARATION FOR PHASE III OF OPERATION ARCADIA. OPERATION ARCADIA SECURED AT 0600 ON 14 NOVEMBER 1966 BEFORE PHASE III COULD DEVELOP.

TASK ORGANIZATION:

1ST BN, 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN)

COMMAND GROUP

COMPANY C (-) (REIN)

FIRST PLAT (-), COMPANY C, 1ST TANK BN

COMPANY D (-) (REIN)

FIRST PLAT (-), COMPANY C, 1ST TANK BN

COMPANY K (-) (REIN) 3RD BN, 1ST MARINES

COMPANY M (-) (REIN) 3RD BN, 1ST MARINES

CONTROLLING HEADQUARTERS: 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES

DATE INITIATED: 090400 NOVEMBER 66

DATE TERMINATED: 140600 NOVEMBER 66

CUMULATIVE RESULTS: USMC: 1 KIA, 4 WIA.

VC: 4 KIA, 12 KIA (PROB), 15 VCC, 8 VCS.

EQUIPMENT CAPTURED: ONE M-1 CARBINE, TWO CARTRIDGE BELTS, FIVE DIARIES, MISCELLANEOUS MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND 100 POUNDS OF RICE.

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NAME: SHASTA

TYPE: SEARCH AND DESTROY

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION: OPERATION SHASTA WAS A TWO PHASE OPERATION CONDUCTED WITHIN THE 1st BN. 26th MARINES SECTOR TO SEEK OUT AND DESTROY THE VC OPERATING WITHIN THE AREA. IT WAS PROMPTED BY THE INCREASED ACTIVITY OF THE VC DURING THE THREE WEEKS PRECEDING THE OPERATION. PHASE I WAS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE NORTH-SOUTH GRID LINE AT 97, ON THE NORTH BY THE SONG AI NGHIA/ SONG LA THO, ON THE WEST BY THE NORTH-SOUTH GRID LINE AT 92 AND ON THE SOUTH BY THE SONG THU BON. DURING PHASE I UNITS SWEEP FROM THE WEST BOUNDARY EAST TOWARDS NORTH-SOUTH GRID LINE AT 97. PHASE II WAS CONDUCTED EAST OF PHASE I BOUNDED ON THE NORTH AGAIN BY THE SONG LA THO, ON THE WEST BY THE RAILROAD IN THE VICINITY OF NORTH-SOUTH GRID LINE AT 99 AND ON THE SOUTH BY EAST-WEST GRID LINE AT 56. THE SECOND PHASE WAS A SWEEP NORTH TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY AND THEN SOUTH ALONG THE RAILROAD BED TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY. DURING THE SWEEP UNITS ADJACENT TO THE OPERATIONAL AREA PROVIDED COMPANY SIZED BLOCKING POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN COORDINATION WITH OPERATION SHASTA. THERE WERE NO MAJOR CONTACTS. THE OPERATION CONSISTED OF LIGHT CONTACTS AND MINE AND BOOBY TRAP INCIDENTS.

TASK ORGANIZATION:

NINTH MARINES(-) (REIN)

1st BN 26th MARINES

CO A

CO B

CO C

3d BN, NINTH MARINES

CO L

2d BN, FIRST MARINES

CO E

CO G

2d BN, THIRD MARINES

CO G

CO H

2D BN, 12th MARINES

CONTROLLING HEADQUARTERS: 1st BN, 26th MARINES

DATE INITIATED: 051200H NOV 66

DATE TERMINATED: 191800H NOV 66

CUMULATIVE RESULTS: USMC: 14 KIA, 57 WIA.

VC: 25 KIA, 53 KIA (PROB), THREE VCC, 11 VCS.

CAPTURED EQUIPMENT: ONE M-1 CARBINE, ONE CHICOM GRENADE, 120 RDS 30 CAL AMMO. MISC DOCUMENTS AND MEDICINE.

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NAME: RIO BLANCO

TYPE: SEARCH AND DESTROY

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION: OPERATION RIO BLANCO WAS A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION INVOLVING ELEMENTS OF THE 7TH MARINES, 2D ARVN DIVISION, THE 2D BRIGADE ROKMC, AND CIDG FORCES FROM THE HA THANH CIDG CAMP. IT WAS CONDUCTED IN AN AREA BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY A LINE FROM (BS 400838) TO (BS 507857) TO (BS 580847), ON THE EAST BY A LINE FROM (BS 580847) TO (BS 578769) TO (BS 598738) TO (BS 596658), ON THE SOUTH FROM (BS 596658) TO (BS 398659) AND ON THE WEST FROM (BS 398659) TO (BS 400838). COMMENCING 20 NOVEMBER 7TH MARINE UNITS CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS NORTH OF THE SONG TRO KHUC WHILE 2D ARVN DIV UNITS OPERATED SOUTH OF THE RIVER. ROKMC UNITS CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN AN AREA CONTIGUOUS TO THE OPERATIONAL AREA. CIDG FORCES PROVIDED A BLOCKING POSITION AT (BS 4273) AND AN OBSERVATION POST ON HILL 263 (BS 4271). UNIQUE IN THE OPERATION WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRILATERAL CP TO CONTROL THE OPERATION.

TASK ORGANIZATION:

SEVENTH MARINES (-) (REIN)

HQ CO (-), 7TH MAR

DET, HQ BN, 1ST MARDIV

DET, COMB CO, HQ BN, 1ST MARDIV

DET, ITT

DET, CIT

DET, MP CO

CO C (-), 1ST ENGR BN

DET, CO C, 1st SP BN

DET, 7TH COMM BN

DET, ARVN INTELLIGENCE, 2D ARVN DIV

DET, PSY WAR TM

1ST BN (-) (REIN), 7TH MAR

CO B

CO C

CO D

CO M, 3/7

PLAT, CO C, 1ST ENGR BN

DET, (HST), CO C, 1ST SP BN

FO TMS, BTRY G, 3/11

DET, PSY WAR TM

3D BN, 11TH MARINES (-) (REIN)

BTRY I (-) (REIN), 3/11

PLAT, BTRY H, 3/11

PROV BTRY, 4/11

PLAT, CO C, 1ST AT BN

CO D (-), 1ST RECON BN

LOGISTIC SUPPORT UNIT

DET, PLSG "B"

DET, 1ST SP BN

REGIMENTAL RESERVE

CO G (REIN), 2/7

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NGF: USS MANLEY (DD 940)
CONTROLLING HEADQUARTERS: 7TH MARINES
DTG INITIATED: 201240H NOVEMBER 66
DTG TERMINATED: 271800H NOVEMBER 66

CASUALTIES: FRDLY:	<u>USMC</u> THREE KIA TWO KIA (NBC) 46 WIA (1 DOW)	<u>ROKMC (DRAGON EYE)</u> 17 KIA 32 WIA 1 US WIA	<u>ARVN(LIEN KET 70)</u> THREE KIA *33 WIA 19 NBC
CASUALTIES: VC:	<u>BY USMC</u> 51 KIA 48 KIA(PROB) 41 WIA 5 WIA(PROB) 8 VCC 22 VCS	<u>BY ROKMC</u> 114 KIA THREE VCC 16 VCS ONE RALLIER	<u>BY ARVN</u> *181 KIA *151 KBA * 13 KBARTY 23 VCC *110 VCS * NOT US CONFIRMED
WEAPONS CAPTURED:	<u>BY USMC</u> 0	<u>BY ROKMC</u> 20	<u>BY ARVN</u> 21

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS

1. NAME: COUNTY FAIR 1-24
 AREA: HAMLET OF TAY CAU NMI (BT 023584), (BT 033593), (BT 030594)
 UNIT: 2D BN, 1ST MARINES
 OTHER PARTICIPANTS: DIEN BAN DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND PFS
 DATES: 27 OCT - 1 NOV 66
 CENSUS RESULTS: 299 PEOPLE
 VCC/VCS: 11 VCC/18 VCS. FWD TO DIEN BAN DIST HQS.
 CUMULATIVE CAS: USMC: FIVE WIA
 VC: EIGHT KIA, 20 KIA (PROB)
 SERVICES: MED CAP/DENT CAP: 653 PERSONS
 GIFTS TO HAMLET CHIEF: 960 LBS OF RICE, FIVE CASES SARDINES, 59 GAL SOUP, FOUR CASES SOUP MIX. 50 LBS HAMBURGER, TWO CASES SAIMON, 50 LBS POTATOES, FIVE LBS CANDY, SURPLUS STEAK AND ROAST BEEF FROM MESSHALL.
 PSYWAR: BROADCASTS EXPLAINED PURPOSE OF OPN. MOVIES WERE SHOWN FOR TWO HOURS ON TWO NIGHTS. 250 MAGAZINES AND 250 NEWSPAPERS WERE DISTRIBUTED.
 SUMMARY: THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE WAS SERIOUSLY WEAKENED BY THE CAPTURE OF A LOCAL GUERRILLA CHIEF, FINANCE OFFICAL, MEDIC, AND PART OF THE SECURITY CADRE.
2. NAME: COUNTY FAIR 1-22
 AREA: HAMLETS OF TRAN QUE AND TRAN SUOI (2), VILLAGE OF CAM MA, DIST OF HIEU HON, (BT 1358,- 1458, 1359, 1459, 1559).
 UNIT: 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN)
 CO A
 CO A (-), 1ST ANTRAC BN
 CO A (-), 1ST ENGR BN
 JUSPAO CONTINGENT
 DET, SCOUT DOG PLAT
 OTHER PARTICIPANTS:
 51ST REGT
 1ST CO, 3D BN
 COMMANDO PLAT
 HIEU HON DIST CADRE
 DATES: 01-03 NOV 66
 CENSUS RPT: 3000 PEOPLE
 VCC/VCS: FOUR VC/FOUR VCS
 SERVICES: MEDCAP/DENTCAP: 559 PEOPLE
 PSY WAR: MOVIES, DRAMATIC SHOWS, LECTURES, NEWSPAPERS, SUPPLIES AND DISTRIBUTED BY JUSPAO.
 GIFTS TO HAMLET CHIEF: 2000 LBS RICE, 20 CANS BOILED CHICKEN, ORANGES, AND OTHER FOOD SUPPLIES.
 MISC: TWO K-44 RIFLES, SIX GRENS, AND ASSORTED DOCUMENTS FOUND. SEVEN CAVES DESTROYED.
 SUMMARY: LACK OF VC STRUCTURES SUCH AS TRENCHES AND BUNKERS AND SIGNS OF VC INFRASTRUCTURE INDICATES THIS AREA IS NO MORE THAN A TEMPORARY WAYSIDE ALONG AN INFILTRATION ROUTE.

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3. NAME: COUNTY FAIR 1-23
 AREA: HAMLETS OF SON PRO (1) AND THANH TAY, VILLAGE OF CAM CHAU,
 DIST OF HIEU NHON, (BT 1658, 1758, 1659), PROVINCE OF QUANG NAM.
 UNIT: 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES (-) (REIN)

CO A
 CO A (-), 1ST AMTRAC BN
 CO A (-), 1ST ENGR BN
 CMD PLAT, 51ST JUSPAO CONTINGENT

OTHER PARTICIPANTS:
 3D BN, 51ST REGT
 1ST CO
 HIEU NHON DIST CADRE

DATES: 04-05 NOV 66

CENSUS/RESULTS: 2000 PEOPLE

CUMULATIVE RESULTS: USA: ONE KIA

ARVN: ONE PF WIA

VC (BY USMC/ARVN): 11 KIA, FIVE VCC

CAPTURED MAIL: ONE SPRINGFIELD '03 RIFLE, ONE K-44 CARBINE, ONE 38
 CAL REVOLVER, TWO CHICOM CARBINES, FOUR CHICOM GRENS, ONE MINE, TWO 105
 RDS, ONE M-1 CARBINE.

SERVICES: MED CAP: 315 PEOPLE

DENT CAP: 14 PEOPLE

PSYWAR: CHIEU NOI BROADCASTS AND LECTURES ON PURPOSE AND BENEFITS
 OF COUNTY FAIR, POLITICS, AND CURRENT EVENTS WERE MADE.

GIFTS TO HAMLET CHIEF: 1500 LBS OF RICE, FIVE CANS CHOPPED CHICKEN,
 OTHER FOOD SUPPLEMENTS.

SUMMARY: VC INFRASTRUCTURE BELIEVED WEAKENED AND INEFFECTIVE DUE TO
 CASUALTIES SUFFERED VC. VILLAGE CHIEF ALLEGEDLY KNEW OF OPERATION
 TWO DAYS PRIOR TO ITS START.

4. NAME: COUNTY FAIR 9-33
 AREA: BICH BAC HAMLET (AT 986635)
 UNITS: NINTH MARINES (-) (REIN)
 1ST BN, 26TH MARINES
 CO D (-) (REIN)
 CO A (-)
 CO C (-)
 DET, PSYWAR TM
 244TH PSY OPS TM
 AUDIO VISUAL TM

OTHER PARTICIPANTS:

ARVN

1ST CO, 4TH BN, 51ST REGT

DIEM BAN DIST

DET, DIST POLICE

CULTURE DRAMA TM

VILLAGE CADRE

DATES: 16 - 19 NOV 66

CENSUS RESULTS: 136 PEOPLE

VCC/VCS: TWO VCS

SERVICES: MEDCAP: 136 PEOPLE

PSYWAR: FIVE HOURS OF POLITICAL TAPES AND SPEECHES PLUS ONE HOUR

TAPES ON THE CHIEU NOI PROGRAM AND REWARDS FOR WEAPONS WERE PRESENT

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MOVIES WERE SHOWN AND LEAFLETS DISTRIBUTED. CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN HELD MASS FOR 40 PEOPLE. GIFTS TO HAMLET CHIEF: 350 MEALS, SOUP, RICE, EIGHT BOXES SOAP, GUM, CANDY, BALLOONS, AND FAVORS. MISC: ONE PLAT STAYED IN HAMLET AS SECURITY 17-19 NOV AT REQUEST OF THE VILLAGE CHIEF. CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER AND ELDERS DISCUSSED PLANS FOR SCHOOLS, WELLS, AND OTHER CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS.

5. NAME: **GOLDEN FLEECE 5-3**
 OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 5-3 WAS CONDUCTED FROM 9 OCTOBER TO 4 NOVEMBER 1966 WITH THE 3D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES ASSISTING THE LY TIN DISTRICT CHIEF BY PROVIDING SECURITY FOR CIVILIAN RICE HARVESTERS IN THE TIEN XUAN, THANH NIY TRUNG AND LONG PHU VILLAGE AREAS. THIS MISSION WAS ACCOMPLISHED AS FOLLOWS:
- A. AT 091500H OCTOBER 1966, CO L MOVED ONE REINFORCED PLATOON TO HILL 22 (BT 409099) WITH THE MISSION TO PROVIDE SECURITY IN AREA 1 (TIEN XUAM (2)) DURING THE PERIOD 10-17 OCTOBER 1966.
 - B. CO K ESTABLISHED A COMPANY COMBAT BASE IN THANH MY TRUNG (1) AND VIGOROUSLY PATROLLED AREA 2 DURING THE PERIOD 10-24 OCTOBER 1966.
 - C. CO L CONDUCTED VISUAL AND GROUND RECONNAISSANCE OF THE WESTERN PORTIONS OF AREA 3 (LONG PHU) WITH THE MISSION TO PROVIDE SECURITY AS NECESSARY DURING THE PERIOD 7 OCTOBER - 4 NOVEMBER 1966.

COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED FOR THE OPERATION WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. MAXIMUM USE OF LVT(P) IN MOVEMENT TO AND RESUPPLY OF PERSONNEL ON HILL 22 (BT 409099) AND IN THE KY LONG/ THANH MY TRUNG AREAS.
- B. DIRECT LIAISON WITH LOCAL PF COMMANDERS TO COORDINATE SUPPORT WAS AUTHORIZED. MAXIMUM INTEGRATION OF PF UNITS INTO COMBINED ACTION SQUADS AND/OR PLATOONS WAS DIRECTED.
- C. CONSTANT COMMUNICATIONS WITH SUBORDINATE UNITS IN THE HARVEST AREA.

SIZE OF HARVEST AREA PROTECTED: THROUGHTOUT THE COURSE OF THE HARVEST 18 SQUARE KILOMETERS OF RICE LAND WERE PROTECTED.

AMOUNT OF RICE HARVESTED: THE CUMULATIVE DAILY REPORTS TOTALED 438.6 TONS OF RICE, HOWEVER THIS FIGURE IS A RESULT OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CIVILIAN PERSONNEL HARVESTING THE RICE. THE FINAL TOTAL BELIEVED TO MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBE THE AMOUNT OF RICE HARVESTED IS 163 TONS. THE SOURCE OF THE LATTER FIGURE IS THE VILLAGE CHIEF.

NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE WORKERS PROTECTED: THE CUMULATIVE DAILY REPORTS TOTALED 7477 WORKERS PROTECTED, HOWEVER THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL WORKERS PROTECTED TOTALS 800 AS FOLLOWS:

- A. AREA 1 - 200 HARVESTERS
- B. AREA 2 - 300 HARVESTERS
- C. AREA 3 - 300 HARVESTERS

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UNITS PARTICIPATING:

3D BN, 5TH MARINESCO I
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SUMMARY: THE OPERATION WAS TERMED A SUCCESS IN ALL RESPECTS. ALL OF THE RICE IN THE THREE AREAS PROTECTED WAS HARVESTED BY THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO WHOM IT BELONGED WHILE THE 3D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES PROHIBITED THE VC FROM CONFISCATING ANY OF THE RICE.

6. COUNTY FAIR 7-4

NAME: COUNTY FAIR 7-4

AREA: PHU LE (1), QUANG NGAI PROVINCE

UNIT: CO G (-) (REIN) 2/7, CO M (-) 3/7, CO H 2/7

OWNER PARTICIPANTS: DET, MED PLAT
DET, S-2 SECT
DET, COMM PLAT
DET, S-5 SECT
DET, SERVICE PLAT
FO TM, 81MM MORT PLAT
DET, BTRY H 3/11
DET, 9TH ITT
DET, PSY WAR SECT
DET, 1ST CI TM
DET, 1ST ENGR BN

DATES: 28 OCTOBER 1966 - 1 NOVEMBER 1966

PEOPLE SCREENED: 879

VCC: 1

VCS: NONE

MATERIALS DISBURSED: 900 LBS RICE, 30 LBS CANDY, 100 LBS SALT, 100 PR SHOWER SHOES, SIX CARPENTER KITS, FIVE LARGE SEWING KITS, 10 SMALL SEWING KITS, 800 BARS SOAP, 100 SMALL SCHOOL KITS, AND 20 GAL KEROSENE.

SERVICES: MEDCAP 796 PEOPLE
DENTCAP 15 PEOPLE

SUMMARY: INTELLIGENCE, BASED ON INTERROGATION OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE HAMLET, INDICATES THAT THE CITIZENS WERE READY FOR A RETURN TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL AND THAT VC INFLUENCE HAD BEGUN TO DETERIORATE CONSIDERABLY. THE PEOPLE SEEMED HAPPY, INTERESTED AND AMENABLE TO PSY WAR EFFORTS. THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE WAS EXCELLENT AND NECESSARY. AFTER INITIAL UNCERTAINTY, THE PEOPLE CAME WILLINGLY AND IN LARGE NUMBERS. THE CENSUS OF 879 EXCEEDED BY ALMOST 300 THE ESTIMATED POPULATION. CIVIL AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY THE S-5 CONSISTED OF TWO CHILDREN'S PARTIES, PROVISION FOR FOOD AND SHELTER DURING THE OPERATION, PAINTING OUT VIETNAMESE SLOGAN ON THE SCHOOL HOUSE, A LUNCHEON FOR ELDERS AND DIGNITARIES AND THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO THE WIDOWS AND FATHERS OF VIETNAMESE VETERANS. THE OPERATION WAS TERMED A SUCCESS.

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7. GOLDEN FLEECE 7-2

OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-2 WAS CONDUCTED FROM 8 NOVEMBER 1966 TO 14 NOVEMBER 1966 WITH THE 2D BATTALION, 7TH MARINES PROVIDING SECURITY FOR REFUGEE RICE HARVESTERS IN THE BINH TUY VILLAGE, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, THIS MISSION WAS ACCOMPLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

A. ON D-1, COMPANY M (-) (REIN) CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE COMPANY M SECTOR OF RESPONSIBILITY.

B. ON D-DAY COMPANY M (-) (REIN) ESTABLISHED A SERIES OF STRONG POINTS ALONG THE ROUTE OF MARCH. COMPANY E (-) (REIN) PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE VIETNAMESE WORKERS DURING THE MARCH TO THE OBJECTIVE AREA. COMPANY H (-) (REIN) CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION OF MY LOC (1) HAMLET (BS 503892).

C. FROM D-DAY TO D PLUS 5 THE THREE COMPANIES AND THE ALPHA COMMAND GROUP ESTABLISHED A PERIMETER IN THE VICINITY OF MY LOC (1) (BS 503892) AND CONDUCTED DAYLIGHT PATROLLING, NIGHT AMBUSHES AND PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE REFUGEES WHILE THEY HARVESTED THE RICE.

D. ON D PLUS 6 CO E (-) (REIN) AND CO M (-) (REIN) SECURED THE LANDING ZONE FOR HELICOPTER RICE EVACUATION WHILE COMPANY H (-) (REIN) AND ELEMENTS OF COMPANY M (-) (REIN) ESTABLISHED STRONG POINTS ALONG THE ROUTE OF HARVESTER COLUMN MARCH TO BINH SON.

TASK ORGANIZATION:

2D BN, 7TH MARINES

ALPHA COMMAND GROUP (-)
 COMPANY E (-) (REIN)
 COMPANY H (-) (REIN)
 COMPANY M (-) (REIN)

SIZE OF HARVEST AREA PROTECTED: FOUR SQUARE KILOMETERS

AMOUNT OF RICE HARVESTED: 50 TONS

NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE WORKERS PROTECTED: 400 DAILY FOR A TOTAL OF 2800

REFUGEES EVACUATED: 478 ALONG WITH 301 CATTLE, NUMEROUS PIGS, CHICKENS AND DUCKS.

RESULTS:

A. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES: 13 WIA (TWO DOW)

B. ENEMY CASUALTIES: THREE VC KIA, TWO KIA (PROB), ONE VC WIA (PROB), TWO VCC, AND 14 VCS.

C. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES: THREE CARBINES, TWO CARTRIDGE BELTS, ONE LAAW, ONE SNIPER SCOPE, AND DEMOLITION KIT AND ONE BOTTLE OF GUN POWDER.

SUMMARY: OPERATION GOLDEN FLEECE 7-2 IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN A SUCCESS. THE LOSS OF 50 TONS OF RICE DEALT A HEAVY BLOW TO THE VC IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS, BUT THE PERMANENT LOSS OF THE SUPPORT OF THE SUB-HAMLETS OF MY LOC (1) AND MY LOC (2) DEALT A MUCH HEAVIER ONE. SINCE THE OPERATION ENDED, PATROLS IN THE VIC OF (BS 505896) HAVE REPORTS THAT THESE SUB-HAMLETS ARE COMPLETELY DESERTED. THE OVERALL EFFECT OF THE OPERATION WAS CONSIDERED DESTRUCTIVE TO THE MORALE OF THE VC IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA. THE COOPERATION RECEIVED FROM THE VILLAGE CHIEF AND FROM BINH SON DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS WAS

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 ALL TIMES AND IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO REQUESTS SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTED
 TO THE SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE MISSION.

8. COUNTY FAIR 5-8

NAME: COUNTY FAIR 5-8

AREA: HAMLET KNOWN AS "NO NAME VILLAGE" LOCATED AT (BT 445053)

UNIT: CO M (-), 3D BN, 5TH MARINES

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: DET, H&S CO, 3/5
 DENTAL FM, 5TH MARINES
 2D PLAT, CO B, 3D AMTRAC BN
 LY TIN DISTRICT OFFICIALS
 DISTRICT PROPAGANDA TM
 CHIEU HOI TM
 TAM KY CULTURAL DRAMA TM
 NATIONAL POLICE DETACHMENT

DATES: 1 DAY - 14 NOVEMBER 1966

PEOPLE SCREENED: 88

VCC: NONE

VCS: 11, FIVE OF WHOM WERE DETERMINED TO BE VC AFTER INTERROGATION BY
 CIT & ITT.SERVICES: MEDCAP 170 PEOPLE
 DENTCAP 40 PEOPLE

SUMMARY: MEALS WERE SERVED TO 250 PEOPLE. THE EFFECT ON THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE
 WAS CONSIDERABLE IN THIS LOCALITY BECAUSE OF STRONGER GVN INFLUENCE BROUGHT
 INTO THE AREA.

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TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

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1. During November 1966, the 1st MarDiv sent 154 personnel to schools located at Okinawa, Japan, Phillipines and RVN. There were twenty eight classes convened in thirteen different schools. Attendees were twenty seven Officers, seven Navy enlisted and 120 Marine enlisted.
2. Contact Instruction Teams for Wrecker Operation and Maintenance, and Water Proofing for Communication Equipment, Wheeled and Tracked Vehicles, provided instructions for 1st MarDiv units at CHU LAI and DA NANG.
3. The Division received twenty five Manpack Personnel Detectors-Chemical (MPD) and established a program for evaluation. A contact team will visit each of six battalions who will then employ the MPD for evaluation.
4. A scout sniper program was established that has initially trained personnel to properly employ and care for the MLD sniper rifle with M84 telescopic sight. When the new equipment, (the Remington Model 700 bolt action rifle with a 3 to 9 power variable telescopic sight) becomes available more detailed instruction will be accomplished. All of the MLD rifles have been renovated to insure greater accuracy.
5. Phase II of the transition training for the XM16E1 Rifle was commenced. This phase is the familiarization training of personnel in infantry and reconnaissance units.
6. A program of Tank Gunnery Training was established, requiring each tank battalion to conduct a fifty-four hour gunnery course including sixteen hours of practice firing.
7. G-3 technical inspections of all units were begun. The inspections cover the areas of operations, plans, reports, training, records, NBC, and tactical employment. During November, the following units were inspected: 1st Marines: 1st Bn, 1st Mar; 2d Bn, 1st Mar; 3d Bn, 1st Mar; Hq Bn; 1st Recon Bn and 11th Marines.
8. The Counter Land Mine, Booby Trap and Demolition schools run by the 1st and 3d Engineer Bns were shifted to a 3 day course to meet current force training standards and criteria.

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POPULAR FORCES COMBINED ACTION COMPANIES (CAC)

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During the month, two new CAC platoons, CAC 1-4 and 1-5, OPCON 1st Bn 7th Marines, were activated in the CHU LAI TACR. Consolidation of platoons, necessitated by shortage of PF's, and the disestablishment of one platoon for the same reason, resulted in an over all decrease of one platoon from the previous month. There are currently 237 Marine, fifteen Navy personnel and approximately 780 Popular Forces personnel participating in the program.

Shift of units within the DA NANG TACR and departure of the 4th Bn 503d ABN Inf, 173d Brigade caused extensive changes in the OPCON of the CAC platoons within the DA NANG TACR.

In the DA NANG area emphasis was placed on reorganization and consolidation, although planning for expansion has been undertaken on a priority basis.

3rd Marine Division personnel who are members of CAC units in the DA NANG area were transferred by FMFPac to the 1st Marine Division. This action is expected to greatly improve administration and control of Marine and Navy CAC personnel in the DA NANG area.

Combined Action patrols and ambushes were conducted on a regular basis by all units. Most noteworthy contacts with the enemy during the month again took place in the 1st Bn 7th Marine area.

Enemy casualties in CAC contacts for the month were 14 KIA, 3 KIA (P), 1 WIA, 11 WIA (P) and 31 VCS captured. Friendly casualties in these actions were two USMC KIA, eight USMC WIA, one USN WIA, one PF KIA and two PF WIA.

Plans continue for the establishment of sub-units of Headquarters, 2d Bn CHU LAI and DA NANG for the administrative support of USMC and USN personnel assigned to the CAC program. Activation of the sub-units is expected no later than mid-December.

Progress with the Combined Action program in the DA NANG area for the month was largely confined to improving defensive positions of the platoon areas and carrying out basic missions. Training was conducted on a regular basis, but once again the redistribution of units and adjustments of sector boundaries, which caused changes in OPCON of many CAC platoons, adversely affected the continuity of the program.

PF capabilities and proficiency continues to improve.

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1. Significant events.

a. The move of elements of the Division from Chu Lai to Danang was consolidated during November.

b. The 1st Hospital Company became operational in Chu Lai on 21 Nov. Initially, there were 60 beds available and this was shortly increased to 100. Battle casualties continue to use the facilities of the 1st Medical Battalion which is now free of servicing non-battle casualties.

c. Embarkation coordinated the movement of several units.

(1) Between 15 and 22 Nov 2/3 was moved by C-130's to Dong Ha. The Third Marine Division coordinated the movement of 3/7 to replace 2/3.

(2) In the last days of Nov arrangements were made for the relief of the 4/503rd airborne infantry by 3/9.

(3) The phasing in of 2/5 in 3/9's old sector at An Hoa was completed although some equipment remained to be moved at the end of the month.

(4) Between 14 and 22 Nov movements of the 1st and 3rd Recon Bn's were coordinated between Chu Lai, Danang, and Phu Bai. Portions of the 1st Recon were moved to Danang to replace the 3rd Recon units moving north.

d. During this month the Division assumed ADCON of 1st Military Police Bn, 7th Engineers, and 1st Armored Amphibian Co.

e. Elements of 1st MT Bn, 7th MT Bn, and 3rd MT Bn conducted a total of 23 rough rider convoys outside the Chu Lai and Danang TAORs. A total of 3 enemy contacts were made; no friendly casualties or equipment damage was sustained.

f. Elements of 3rd MT Bn and 7th MT Bn traveled a total of 201,396 miles while transporting 72,437 tons of cargo, and 37,163 personnel.

g. An Army contact team visited 4/11 to assist on problems with the M109 SP 155mm Howitzer. Due to the efforts of this team 2 vehicles were removed from deadline and 2 vehicles were kept from going on deadline.

h. Special Staff Sections commenced technical inspections of all units.

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1. Briefings and a demonstration were conducted on 11 Nov to introduce the Beehive Cartridges, 90mm XM580 and 106mm XM581 to interested personnel.

j. The M-76 (Otter) vehicles provided support for units isolated from wheeled vehicles by road and bridge washouts.

2. New Developments.

a. None.

3. Problem Areas.

a. Cannon assemblies and tubes for the M-53, 155mm SP Gun, are in short supply and are expected to remain so.

b. The units moving from Chu Lai to Danang in Oct have experienced a sharp drop in the rate of spare parts received. This is expected to be of a temporary nature since some RUC locations changed in Oct and shipments had to be redirected in Nov.

c. Generators within the Division continue to be a problem. 7th MF Bn reports that lack of power at night has prevented the use of a 24 hour maintenance capability. The generators shipped out of country for repair have not been returned yet.

d. Spare parts shortages for the M-274 (Mechanical mule) are increasing the deadline rate. Individual unit displacements have contributed to the problem.

e. Ordnance reports that stocks of 60mm Cartridges M49A2 have been depleted. However, they should be available in the near future due to the arrival of the USS Anniston Victory which is currently unloading.

f. The LVT deadline rate remains high due to a lack of spare parts, in particular, suspension and track components.

g. Spare parts for the TD-15 Tractors are in short supply and the deadline rate is high.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
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I. Narrative Summary for the period 1-30 November 1966.

On 1 November the 1st Marine Division supported ceremonies in observance of Vietnam National Day. A static display of vehicles and equipment was provided in the Quang Nam capital city, Hoi An. Gift packages of toilet articles were donated to hospitalized ARVN soldiers in the area.

During the period 1-30 November, the Division provided material and transportation support to the relocation of 58 families from Hoa Loc Village who had fled South across the Ca De River to escape the Viet Cong.

On 4 November, a 1st Marine Division project the Dickie Chapelle Memorial Dispensary, was dedicated at the Chu Lai New Life Hamlet. The project had been constructed by the 9th Engineer Battalion. Participants in the dedication included the Commanding Generals, FMEPAC, III MAF, 1st Marine Division, and Task Force X-Ray. The principal speaker at the dedication was Jim Lucas, the Pulitzer Prize winning war correspondent, who had been a close friend and colleague of the late Dickie Chapelle.

On 5 November, representatives of the 1st Marine Division and MCB-10 attended the cornerstone laying ceremony for a joint civic action project, a new classroom building for the Hoa Phat Buddhist School. Also participating were Buddhist dignitaries and Vietnamese government officials.

On 5 November Marine helicopters assisted Quang Nam Province by airlifting eighteen tons of USAID emergency food and medical supplies from An Hoa to flood stranded refugees at Thuong Duc.

On 11 November, the Division Civic Action Officer attended dedication ceremonies for a newly completed 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion project, the Cam Bac School. Also attending were the G-5, III MAF, the Assistant Hoa Vang District Chief and the Executive Officer of the 1st ANTRAC Battalion.

On 11 November, the 1st Division had representation at the first meeting of the Quang Nam Province Joint Coordinating Council. The council was established to coordinate U.S. and Vietnamese military and civilian efforts in civil affairs, and now meets regularly on a weekly basis.

During the period 19-30 November, the offloading of 1341 tons of USAID fertilizer destined for Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces was coordinated through the Ky Ha port facility of Chu Lai.

On 26 November, the Division G-5 Section conducted its monthly Civic Action Seminar. Conferees included civic action officers from all Division and attached units in the Danang TAOR, a representative from Task Force X-Ray, the Executive Officer of the 29th Civil Affairs Company, MACV Sub-Sector Advisors, Regional and Provincial USAID representatives, and U. S. Provincial Advisors for Revolutionary Development.

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The program included a keynote address by the Commanding General, and presentations on coordination with GVN officials, reporting, orientation on the 29th Civil Affairs Company, Division policy on elders' festivals, civic action in Division rear areas, the Revolutionary Development Program, the proposed Division Civil Affairs SOP, and intelligence aspects of civil affairs.


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SERVICES:

Medical treatment (cases)	36,674	Volleyball & net	1
Medical evacuations (cases)	66	Vitamins (bottles)	278
Dental treatments (cases)	719	Sewing Kits	15
Vocational training (students)	28	School kits	261
English language training (student hrs)	1,493	Shower Shoes	100
Culverts	2	Animals (pigs)	8
Dispensaries completed	1		
Bridge completed	1		
School completed	1		
Village offices completed	2		
Dirt fill (truckloads)	3		
Shower units	2		

COMMODITIES:

Food (lbs)	36,634
Animal feed, garbage (lbs)	16,292
Toothbrushes	633
Toothpaste (tubes)	301
Soap (bars)	9,950
Clothing (lbs)	974
Cement (bags)	240
Lumber (truck loads) (dunnage)	11
Books	200
Tin (sheets)	490
Carpenter kits	9
Paint (gal.)	14

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PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS
COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1. Narrative Summary

a. 1-30 November 1966, Danang TAOR

Psychological Exploitation Team - (FOET) This team was kept on the go during the month of November, taking pictures and making tapes of VC terrorist incidents against the Vietnamese people. Leaflets and posters were made and distributed to the people in the areas surrounding the place where the incidents occurred.

Kit Carson Scout Program (KCS) The newest and most exciting Psyops program launched this month is the Kit Carson Scouts. This program emerged from our Chieu Hoi Psyops effort. The KCS are Ex-VC who have rallied and are now working for us as scouts. Their ability to identify with the Vietnamese people is reaping very satisfying results even though the program is only a month old. These scouts make loudspeaker broadcasts to groups in the market places and personal appeals to families in the Hamlets. They explain the Chieu Hoi program and urge the families with relatives in the VC ranks to tell them to come home and live in peace. Additionally, they have shown themselves of immense value in tactical situations. There are many possible advantageous uses for this KCS but only time will prove if they are to realized.

Leaflets, Posters, Newspaper: are being distributed by hand and are more favorably received by the Vietnamese within the TAOR. This method of delivery is a supplement to air drops, which of course are being continued at an increasing rate especially in the 1st Marine Divisions' ROAR.

VC Terrorist Acts: against Vietnamese people are being reported as soon as they become known and the incident is publicized to all the people in the surrounding areas to point out the fallacy of harboring or aiding the VC in any way. Appeals are made by leaflets and broadcasts to report VC activities so they can be weeded out.

Audio/Visual and Loudspeaker teams: from the 244th Psyops Co. were extensively used by the Battalions during the month.

Command interest and emphasis on Psychological operations has increased considerably and planned coordinated tactical Psyops efforts are becoming more routine than extraordinary. Exploitation of VC terrorism and other exploitable incidents, such as Chieu-Hoi ralliers, are being recognized by commanders as good techniques to win this complex war.

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COMPTROLLER FUNCTIONS

1. Comptroller functions for the period 1 November - 30 November 1966, continued without any items of importance considered appropriate.

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COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS COMBINED CHRONOLOGY NOVEMBER 1966

1. Conference. A communication-electronics conference was held in the Division briefing room on 24 November 1966. Agenda items included a review of FMFPAC CEO conference, message backlog, trouble shooting, new FM series radios, communication-electronics training, supply and maintenance and activation of KY-8 circuits.
2. Rehabilitation of Division Cable System. Work commenced to rehabilitate the Division cable system. The rehabilitation of the Division Headquarters is approximately 60 percent complete. The cable to the 1st Marines, 9th Marines, and units in the Southern Sector is about 15% complete. The rehabilitation should be finished by the end of December if telephone poles are obtained.
3. Fixed Plant Teletype Equipment. CG FMFPAC was requested in CG 1st MarDiv ltr 10/FD/wha Ser 0269-66 of 17Nov66 to provide the Division with additional fixed plant teletype equipment to improve message handling and to allow for circuit expansion. CG III MAF favorably endorsed the letter.
4. Communications Center Re-organization. The internal arrangements of the communications center are re-organized to facilitate message handling. The adjutant section provided reproduction assistance, the NHA TRANG DCA circuit was reterminated from Chu Lai to the Division Headquarters, and lateral and subordinate teletype circuits were rearranged to enable smoother handling of tapes and high precedence traffic.
5. Division Staff Message Preparation Instruction. In conjunction with the adjutant and the G-3, the Communication-Electronics Section presented instructions on message drafting to the division staff. Main topics included: Organization of the 1st MarDiv (Rein), drafter and releasing officer responsibilities, collective address, and communications center problems in RVN.
6. Systems Control. Division Order 2030.1 was published which established Division Communications Systems Control responsibilities and procedures. The Division Communication Company in response to the order constructed and is operating the Division Communication-Electronics Systems Control Center.
7. KY-8 Secure Voice Communications. Division Bulletin 02220 was published providing instructions on the activation of division KY-8 secure voice radio communications circuits. Currently, the Division operates KY-8 circuits with CG TF X-RAY, Chu Lai and CG III MAF. Circuits are planned to subordinate units. The 1st Marines operate a KY-8 to Regimental Tactical net. Some difficulties have been encountered in overheating of the KY-8 equipment and the absence of the wide band filter in AN/MRC-109/110 radio sets.

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8. Airborne Radio Retransmission. Planning for OPH MISSISSIPPI revealed that the terrain in which the participating units would be operating could possibly seriously hinder FM communications using relatively low-powered equipment. Action was therefore initiated to procure airborne radio retransmission service from the 1st MAW. This service was provided with C-117 aircraft equipped with 1st MAW radio equipment operated by a combination of 1st MAW and 1st MarDiv (CommCo HqBn) personnel. On station aircraft were successfully utilized commencing at L-HOUR (291030H) and continuing through the end of the month.

9. Vip Communications. On 1 November and 30 November respectively communication elements of the Division joined in providing CG FMFPAC, Lt Gen V. H. KRULAK and CINCPAC, Adm U. S. GRANT SHARP with special communication facilities during their tours of the Division.

10. Technical Inspections. Technical inspections of Communication-Electronics equipment were conducted throughout the Division (Adcon units), two teams were utilized, one in Chu Lai Area and one in Danang Area. Results were generally satisfactory.

11. Equipment Evaluation

a. Squad radios AN/PRT-4 and AN/PRR-9 were received at the end of the month for field evaluation within the Division. Tests commenced on 1 December.

b. Final report of field evaluation of Public Address Set AN/UIH-5 was submitted to CG III MAF.

12. Logistic Matters of Operational Concern

a. Shortage of BA-30 batteries, long lead time required for re-ordering. The new family of FM radios require nine each fresh batteries in the remote unit AN/GRA-39A. Shortage of BA-30 batteries therefore effects radio operation as severely as it effects telephone communications.

b. Shortage of motor vehicle part support for new radio jeep M-151A1 is serious. Example - a MRC-109 has been D/L for about one month for lack of a propeller shaft, FSN-2520-678-1282.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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- 1. Photographs: See photographic data sheet, tab(1) ✓
- 2. Situation Reports: See tab(2) ✓ #218-247 [229 + SHASTA *52; RIO BLANCO *9 and 13MIE]
- 3. Operational Messages: See tab(3) ✓
- 4. Other Documents:

SUBJECT

✓ Logsum report
1-30 Nov 66

DOCUMENTS

Co, Hq Bn, 1st MarDiv ltr 4/DIV/eb over
4000
Ser: 039-66 of 1 Dec 66

5. Subordinate Units Command Chronologies:

- a. ✓ Task Force Xray (4)
- b. ✓ Headquarters Bn. (5)
- c. ✓ 1st Marines (6)
- d. ✓ 5th Marines (7)
- e. ✓ 7th Marines (8)
- f. ✓ 11th Marines (9)
- g. ✓ 1st Recon Bn (10)
- h. ✓ 1st LP Bn (11)
- i. ✓ 1st Tank Bn (12)
- j. ✓ 1st Anti Tank Bn (13)
- k. ✓ 1st Engr Bn (14)
- l. ✓ 1st SP Bn (15)
- m. ✓ 1st LIF Bn (16)
- n. ✓ 1st Med Bn (17)
- o. ✓ 1st Dent Co (18)
- p. ✓ 1st Hosp Co (19)
- q. ✓ 3d Antrac Bn (20)
- r. ✓ 7th MM Bn (21)
- s. ✓ 7th Comm Bn (22)
- t. ✓ CLDC (23)

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OPERATIONAL DOCUMENTSSUBJECTORIGINATOR & DTG

1 - CHANGE NO 1 TO OPLAN 315-66	CG FIRST MARDIV 010737Z NOV 66
2 - REQUEST ONE SWIFT BOAT	CG FIRST MARDIV 011059Z NOV 66
3 - RECON PLAT	CG THIRD MARDIV 020131Z NOV 66
4 - CONTINGENCY MISSION A BTRY 2/94 FA	CG TASK FORCE XRAY 020710Z NOV 66
5 - M-16 RIFLES AND 5.56MM AMMO	CG III MAF 020922Z NOV 66
6 - REPORT OF CP LOCATIONS	FIRST TK EN 030031Z NOV 66
7 - TASK ORGANIZATION AS OF 31 OCT 66	CG FIRST AMTRAC EN 030510Z NOV 66
8 - CO'S DAILY SUMMARY NRO1	FIRST BN FIFTH MARINES 031500Z NOV 66
9 - ROUGH RIDER OPNS REPORT (U)	CG FIRST MARDIV 040125Z NOV 66
10 - CODE NAME FOR SKED OPN "SHASTA"	CG FIRST MARDIV 040945Z NOV 66
11 - SFCL ALLOWANCE 81MM MTR FOR MABS-36	CG FIRST MARDIV 040949Z NOV 66
12 - SUPPORT FOR ARVN OP 6-8 NOV 66	FIRST MARDIV COC 051827Z NOV 66
13 - REDISPOSITION OF RECON FORCES	CG FIRST MARDIV 060941Z NOV 66
14 - TASK ORGANIZATION	CG FIRST MARDIV 061251Z NOV 66
15 - FRAG O 28-66 CHANGE TWO	CG FIRST MARDIV 070435Z NOV 66
16 - MOVEMENT OF TWELFTH MAR (REAR)	CG THIRD MARDIV 070445Z NOV 66
17 - M-16 RIFLE TRAINING (PHASE TWO)	CG III MAF 070710Z NOV 66
18 - OPCON OF CLDC RIFLE CO	CG TASK FORCE XRAY 071110Z NOV 66
19 - 105MM HE AMMO	CG FIRST MARDIV 072343Z NOV 66
20 - OPCON 15TH COUNTER INTELLIGENCE TEAM	CG III MAF 080408Z NOV 66
21 - FIRST MARDIV SCOUT/SNIPE PROGRAM	CG FIRST MARDIV 080531Z NOV 66
22 - FAG (U)	CG FIRST MARDIV 080949Z NOV 66
23 - SUBJ: OPN ADAMS	CG SECOND ROK MARBRIG 081530Z NOV 66
24 - REDISPOSITION OF RECON FORCES	CG III MAF 110556Z NOV 66
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A. FIRST MARDIV 301405ZOC766

1. MAKE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO REF A:

A. CHANGE DESIG OF OPLAN FROM 315-06, TO 315-66.

B. INSERT NEW REFS B AND C. REF B III MAF 221428ZSEP66. REF C III
MAF 120220ZOC766.

C. RELETTER SUBSEQUENT REFS.

D. PARA 3.C. CHANGE FIRST BN ELEVENTH MAR MINUS REIN TO SECOND IN
TWELFTH MAR MINUS REIN.

E. PARA 3.E. (2) CHANGE REF B TO REF D.

F. PARA 4. CHANGE REF C TO REF E.

G. PARA 5.A. CHANGE REF D TO REF F.

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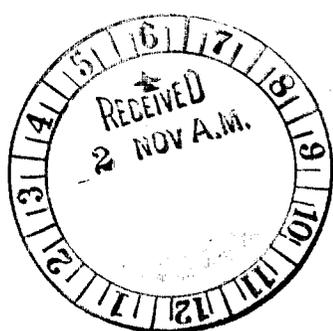
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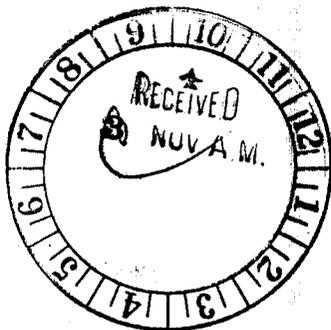
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 REQUEST ONE SWIFT BOAT BE PLACED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1/5 FOR ONE DAY BEGINNING 020600H. OPERATION VICINITY BT 375257. DESIRE SERVICES IDENTICAL TO THOSE PROVIDED ON OPERATION FRANKLIN, TO INCLUDE SCREENING/BLOCKING, BEACH RECON AND ATTACK OF SUCH SHORE TARGETS ON OP AREA AS CO 1/5 MAY DIRECT. COASTAL PATROL AND INTERDICTION WILL EXTEND ABOUT 1500 METERS IN EACH DIRECTION ALONG BEACH FROM ABOVE COORDINATES.
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- A. YOUR 311243Z OCT 66 (NOTAL)
- 1. PERSONNEL OF SECOND PLAT, C
- C, THIRD RECON BN WHICH WERE WITH BLT
- 3/3 SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE DANANG APPROX 011200H NOV 66 TO REPLACE FIRST PLAT, CO A, THIRD RECON BN.
- 2. UPON CHOP OPCOM TO THIRD MARDIV, FIRST PLAT, CO A, THIRD RECON BN WILL REMAIN DANANG TO LOAD WITH ELEMENTS BLT 2/4 ABOARD AENRICO 0/A 5 NOV.

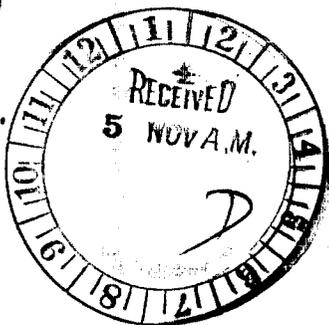
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 CONTINGENCY MISSION A BTRY 2/94 FA
 A. CG TASK FORCE X-RAY 221040Z OCT
 B. CG III MAF 090242Z OCT

1. HIS MSG SUPPLEMENTS REF A.
2. ALTERNATE POSITION REQUIRED BY REF B FOR A BTRY 2/94 FA (175MM SP GUNS) TO SUPPORT CIDG CAMP MINH LONG HAS BEEN SELECTED IN VIC OF BS 638758. ESTIMATED TIME TO TRAVERSE ROUTE, OCCUPY ALTERNATE POSITION AND COMMENCE FIRING IS TWO HOURS.
3. CURRENTLY PLAN THAT ONE PLT (2 GUNS) ON ORDER WILL OCCUPY THE ALTERNATE POSITION IN SUPPORT OF THIS CONTINGENCY MISSION. ONE FIRING PLT WILL REMAIN IN THE PRIMARY POSITION. IN ADDITION TO MOVEMENT TO ALTERNATE POSITION TO SUPPORT CONTINGENCY MISSION, INTEND TO PERIODICALLY DEPLOY ONE PLT (2 GUNS) TO ALTERNATE POSI-

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 TION TO SUPPORT RECONNAISSANCE TEAMS.
 4. NECESSARY ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIRS TO ENABLE DEPLOYMENT AND OCCUPATION OF ALTERNATE POSITION BY ELEMENTS FROM PRIMARY POSITION WILL BE COMPLETED BY 5 NOV 1966.

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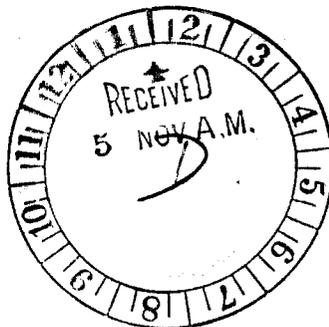
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 TO T87L/CG THIRD MARDIV
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TASK ORGANIZATION AS OF 31 OCT 66

- A. CG THIRD MARDIV LTR DTD 40CT66 SER:003A27666
- B. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 020313Z NOV 66
- 1. SUBMITTED IAW REFERENCE B REFERENCE A NOT RECEIVED
- 2. TASK ORGANIZATION
 - A. DANANG
 - FIRST AMTRAC BN(-)(REIN)
 - COMPANY A(-)(REIN)
 - COMPANY A(-) THIRD AMTRAC BN
 - PLT COMPANY B
 - B.
 - 3D PLT COMPANY A(REIN)
 - C. BUNG HA
 - COMPANY B (-)(REIN)

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CRAG SLAND OPN COMMENCED AT 030650H WITH FIRST HELO LIFT FROM
1ST BN 5TH MAR COMBAT BASE TO LZEAGLE L-HOUR AT 030700HS
SECOND HELO LIFT FROM 1ST BN 5TH MAR TO LZ FALCON COMMENCED
AT 030710H WITH TOUCHDOWN AT 030720H. BOTH HELO

WERE WITHOUT INCIDENT OR RESISTANCE. HELO LIFT CONDUCTED WITH EIGHT
CH-46 AIRCRAFT. BLOCKING FORCE WAS IN POSITION AT 030730H. AT
030730 MANEUVERING ELEMENT WAS SWEEPING IN A VN/WESTERLY DIRECTION
AS PLANNED. AT 030800H SUSTAINED ONE MINOR WIA AS A RESULT OF
PUNJI PIT VIC COORD (BT366264). MED EVAC NOT REQUIRED. AT 030845H
MANEUVERING ELEMENT REPORTED HAVING PASSED THRU VILL
DISPLAYING RVN FLGS WITH CIVIL VERY FRIENDLY. AT 030950H
MANUVERING ELEMENT LOCATED ONE BOOBY TRAPPED NORTH VIETNAMESE
GRENADE AT COORD (BT 376155). GRENADE DISMANTLED AS A KOTURED

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TO FIRST BN FIFTH MAR S-2. AT SAME AREA TWO WELLS CONSTRUCTED
BUNKERS WERE DISCOVERED. BELIEVED TO BE FRIENDLY ENPLACEMENTS
THEREFORE WERE NOT DESTROYED. AT 071000H SUSTA

RESULT OF DETONATION OF ONE BOOBY TRAPPED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE VIC
COORD (BT 37258). DEVICE YIELDED A LARGE EXPLOSION, BELIEVD TO
BE A 155RD. ONE WIA LATER DIED OF WOUNDS, AS REPORTED 031742H
AT 031015H SUSTAINED ONE WIA AS A RESULT OF DETONATED
BOOBY TRAPPED XRAY GRENADE.

VIC COORD (BT 373258) MED EVAC TO FIRST MED BN.
2. AT 031115H MANUVERING ELEMENT INTERROGATED CIVIL IN VILL
VIC COORD (BT373259). INTERROGATION REVEILED THAT LAST NIGHT
15 VC WERE IN THEIR VILLAGE, SPREADING PROPAGANDA. TWO VC
HAD TWO AUTO/WEAPONS. THE VC MADE THE VILLAGERS DIG TRENCHES
TOLD CIVILIANS TO WORK ONLY ON MAIN TRAIL. VILLAGERS
SAY THEY DO NOT KNOW WHERE VC WENT NOR LOCATION OF BOOBY TRAPS.
VILLAGERS STATE 15 VC MOVE IN N/WESTERLY DIRECTION WHEN
HELO'S ARRIVED. AT 031125H REPORTED LOCATION OF TWO BOOBY
TRAPS, OF NV GRENADES VIC COORD (BT 3731259). DISMANTLED AND RETURNED
TO FIRST BN FIFTH MAR S-2. AT 031200H LOCATED A PUNJI PIT
WITH WIRE LEAD

NG FROM PUNJI STAKES TO A BOOBY TRAPPED 155RD

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PUNJI PITS AND BOOBY TRAPPED RDDESTROYED, AT 031215H REPORTED OF 3 PUNJI PITS WITHIN 25 METERS OF EACH OTHER COORD (BT 373160). PUNJI PITS HAD STEEL RODS. ALL WERE DESTROYED AT 031218H. CO B, REPORTED THAT SWIFT BOAT MOVED FIVE THOUSAND METERS NORTH WEST VIC COORD (BS 366270) AND OBSERVED NO MOVEMENT ON BEACH.

AT 031247H MANUVERING ELEMETS LINKED UP WITH BLOCKING FORCE.

AT 031430H UNIT EAS MOVING IN NORTH/W DIRECTION TOWARD LZ BLUEJAY. AT 031435H CO B, REPORTED THAT A PF GAVE A

PARTIALLY BURNED KAKI UNIFORM TO CO B VIC COORD (B 365264) UNIFORM TURNED OVER TO FIRST BN FIFTH MARS-2.

AT 031407H CO B, CAPTURED 2 VCS VIC COORD (BT363266). INTERPRITER STATED THAT VCS WERE VC. VCS SENT TO ITT.

AT 031400H CO B, COMPLETED SWEEP.

3. AT 031545H EXTRATIONS COMMENCED LZ BLUEJAY. AT 031610H ALL ELEMENTS F CO B AT FIRST BN FIFTH MAR COMEAY BASE. OPN TERMINATED AT 031510H. CDE-BRIEFING CO B CO REVIELED THAT PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE LEAFLETS WERE DROPED VIC COORD (BT370265) AND THAT IN AIRBORNE BROADCASTS WAS CONDUCTED, BUT WAS SLIGHTLY GARBLED.

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 IN NORTHERN AREA OF SWEEP VIC OF VILL OF PHU NGOC TWO PEOPLE WERE HOSTILE. CIVIL SAT AROUND, AND WOULD NOT LOOD AT MANUVERING PERSONNEL AND AREA WAS LITTERED WITH BOOBY TRAPS AND PUNJI TRAPS. VC DEPARTED AREA SHORTLY BEFORE ARRIVAL OF OPN FORCE.

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KNIGHT RIDER OPNS REPORT (3)
1. CG III MAF 011204ZD66
2. IAW REF A FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED FOR OCT.

NO OPNS	CONTACTS	DIST ROAD TRAVERSED	COORD FROM BT 505060 TO
1-173	0	48	B8628886
1-174	0	48	B8628886
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1-176	0	48	B8628886
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2. TOTAL OF THREE CONTACTS. NO ENEMY KIA, ENEMY CAPTURED, VCS DETAINED, OR WEAPONS SEIZED. NO OBSTACLES REMOVED/REPAIRED.

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3. ~~NOT INCLUDED~~ THIS REPORT ARE EIGHT ADDITIONAL ROUGH RIDER OPERATIONS WHICH ~~WERE~~
 ORIGINATED IN DANANG AND WERE OPCON FIRST MARDIV FROM POINT OF ORIGIN TO CK
 PT FORTY NINE. FROM CK PT FORTY NINE ONWARD, AND UNTIL RETURNING CONVOY AGAIN
 REACHED CHECK POINT FORTY NINE, CONVOYS WERE OPCON THIRD MARDIV. ~~FIRST MARDIV~~
 AND THIRD MARDIV MUTUALLY AGREED THAT THESE ROUGH RIDER OPERATIONS WOULD BE
 REPORTED IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY THIRD MARDIV.

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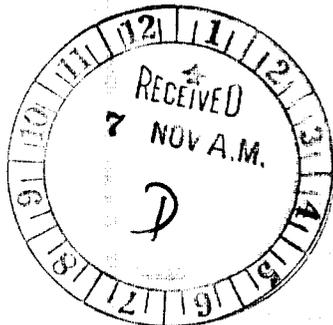
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CODE NAME FOR SEED OPN

1. CODE NAME SEASTA ASSIGNED TO OPERATION SEED TO BE CONDUCTED YOUR SECTOR.
2. ~~REPLY~~ SUBMIT THIS HQS CONCEPT, AREA OF OPERATION, SCHEME OF MANEUVER, **ADDNL** FORCES REQUIRED EARLIEST.

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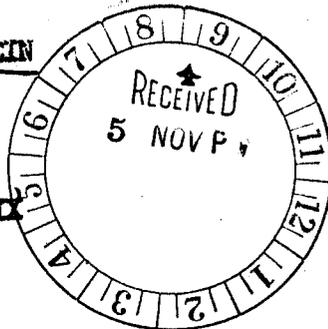
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SPECIAL ALLOWANCE 81MM MORTARS FOR MABS-36

A. CG III MAF 311034Z OCT 66

1. AS REQUESTED REF A, POL COMMENTS SUBMITTED CONCERNING 81MM MORTARS FOR MABS-36.

A. 81MM MORTARS WITHIN TASK FORCE XRAY ARE EMPLOYED BY INF BNS WITH EXCEPTION TWO SECTIONS EMPLOYED BY CHU LAI DEF COMD IN SUPPORT CHU LAI AIRFIELD AND AMMO HUMP PERIMETERS. RANGE LIMITATIONS PRECLUDE SUPPORT OF NSF, MAG-36, FLSG-B VITAL AREA.

B. USE OF ARTY TO PROVIDE SUPPORT NOT DESIRABLE BECAUSE OF HIGH POPULATION DENSITY WITHIN IMPACT AREA OF CANNISTER.

2. IN VIEW FOREGOING, RECOMMEND SPECIAL ALLOWANCE OF TWO 81MM MORTARS FOR MABS-36 BE ESTABLISHED.

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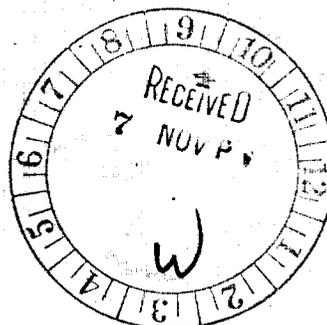
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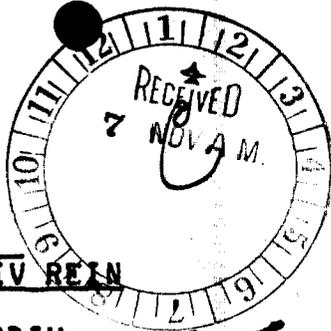
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 SUPPORT FOR ARVN OP 6-8 NOV 66

A. MY 051335Z NOV 66
 CHANGE REF (A) AS FOLS: CHANGE ONE BTRY 155 HOW TO READ
 ONE BTRY 105 HOW. CHANGE TAM KY DISTRICT COMPOUND TO
 READ VIC (BT 282228).

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- A. CG III MAF 292336Z OCT 66
- B. III MAF COC 030909Z NOV 66
- C. CG THIRD MARDIV 020801Z NOV 66

1. REF A INDICATES CURRENT LEVEL OF RECON ASSETS WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR PRESENT IN ALL TAORS AND INDICATES CONTINUING REVIEW OF RECON ASSETS WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH VIEW TO REDISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS AS TACTICAL SITUATION DICTATES.
2. IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUING REVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED YOUR HQS, EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM EXTENSIVE RECON IN DEPTH IN QUANG TIN AND QUANG NGAI PROVINCES, COUPLES WITH EXPERIENCE IN INCREASED AREA OF INTEREST SINCE ARRIVAL IN DANANG INDICATES DESIRABILITY OF ASSIGNING FORCE RECON ELEMENTS TO THIS DIVISION.
3. WIDE DIFFERENCE IN MISSION, ORGANIZATION, SKILLS AND CAPABILITIES

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OF FORCE RECON CO IN COMPARISON TO DIV RECON BN CONSIDERED TO PROVIDE GREATLY ENHANCED CAPABILITY FOR CLANDESTINE ENTRY IN DEPTH WITH RESULTANT GAIN IN KNOWLEDGE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY AND GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN SUPPORTING REQUIRED RECON FROM ONE OR MORE OF EIGHT CIDG CAMPS I FIRST MARDIV AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. SIMILARLY, BROADER FLEXIBILITY IN STING RAY EMPLOYMENT ACCRUES, PARTICULARLY IN VICINITY CHU LAI WITH RECENT ARRIVAL F 175MM GUN BTRY.

4. ALTHOUGH NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH COMPARATIVE RATIONALE AND REDISTRIBUTION OF RECON ASSETS CONTAINED REF C, DO CONCUR IN APPARENT NEED FOR ADDITIONAL CONVENTIONAL RECON ASSETS IN NORTHERN ICTZ, AND PROVISION OF FORCE RECON CAPABILITIES TO FIRST MARDIV. BELIEVE RETURN OF ALL THIRD RECON BN ASSETS TO THIRD MARDIV AND ASSIGNMENT FIRST AND THIRD FORCE RECON ASSETS TO FIRST MARDIV, WILL ALLOW CONTINUATION OF EXTENSIVE RECON BY THIS DIVISION IN AREA OF INTEREST WITH INCREASED FLEXIBILITY.

5. ACCORDINGLY, RECOMMEND THAT:
- A. ALL THIRD RECON BN ASSETS INCLUDING FIFTH RECON BN PLATS BE RETURNED TO OPCON THIRD MARDIV.
 - B. FIRST FORCE RECON CO AND THIRD FORCE RECON CO ASSETS BE ASSIGNED TO FIRST MARDIV.
 - C. INTERCHANGE OF RECON ASSETS BE EXECUTED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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FROM: CG FIRST MARDIV REIN
TO: CG III MAF

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TASK ORGANIZATION

A. FORCE O 3121.1G

1. REF A APPLIES. ORGANIZATION AS OF 3100266 FOLLOWS:

UNIT

MAJOR EQUIP ASSIGNED

1ST MARDIV (REIN)
HQ BN (-) (REIN)
HQ BN (-)
MP CO (-), HQ BN, 3D MARDIV
6TH PLAT, 29TH CA CO, USA
3D CIT
3D ITT
DET HQ BN, 3D MARDIV
1ST MAR (REIN)
1ST MAR
2D PLAT, 29TH CA CO, USA
DET 3D MAR
9TH MAR (-) (REIN)
HQ CO
3D BN
2D BN, 3RD MAR
1ST BN, 26TH MAR
3D PLAT, 29TH CA CO, USA
5TH PLAT, 29TH CA CO, USA
4TH BN, 505D ABN INF, 173 BSB
CO F (REIN), 2ND BN, 26TH MAR
11TH MAR (-) (REIN)
HQ BTRY (-)
DET HQ BTRY, 12TH MAR
DET HQ BTRY, 1ST BN, 12TH MAR
1ST BN (-) (REIN)
HQ BTRY
BTRY A
BTRY B
107MM MORT BTRY
PLAT LVTB-6
2D BN (-) (REIN), 12TH MAR
HQ BTRY
BTRY F
BTRY A, 1ST BN, 12TH MAR
BTRY A, 1ST BN, 13TH MAR
BTRY L, 4TH BN, 12TH MAR
1ST 8" HOW BTRY (-) (REIN)

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MAJOR EQUIP ASSIGNED
6-105MM MB ND

BTRY B, 3D BN, 319TH FA, USA
1ST RECON BN (-) (REIN)

DET HAS CO
DET HAS CO, 3RD RECON BN
CO A, (-) (REIN), 3RD RECON BN
CO C (-) (REIN), 3RD RECON BN
CO D (-) (REIN), 3RD RECON BN

1ST AT BN (-)
HAS CO (-)

CO A
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3D AT BN (-)
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CO C

DET 3RD ENGR BN
DET HAS CO (-)
ENG SPT CO (-)
CO C
CO A (REIN), 1ST ENGR BN

DET 3RD SP BN
DET HAS CO
CO A, 1ST SP BN
3D MT BN (-) (REIN)
HAS CO
CO C

CO A, 1ST MT BN
3D MED BN (-) (REIN)
HAS CO (-)
CO B (-)
CO C
CO A, 1ST MED BN

1ST TK BN (-)
HAS CO (-)
CO B
CO C

3D TK BN
HAS CO (-)
CO B

1ST AMTRAC BN (-) (REIN)
HAS CO (-)
CO A (-) (REIN)
CO A (-) (REIN), 3D AMTRAC BN
7TH MT BN (-) (REIN)
HAS CO (-)

DET HAS CO, 9TH MT BN
CO A
CO C
CO A, 9TH MT BN
TRANS CO, 9TH MT BN
THIRD DENTAL CO (-)

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HQ & HQ CO (REIN)
 DET HQ BN
 1ST DENTAL CO, FMP
 7TH CTF, FMP
 9TH IFT, FMP
 4TH PLAT, 29TH CA CO, USA
 DET HQ CO, 5TH MAR

5TH MAR (-)
 HQ CO (-)
 7TH MAR (-) (REIN)

HQ CO
 DET H&S CO, 3D BN
 1ST BN
 2D BN (-) (REIN)

H&S CO
 CO F
 CO G
 CO H
 CO M, 3D BN

1ST BN (-), 5TH MAR
 H&S CO (-)

CO A
 CO B
 CO C

3D BN (-) (REIN), 5TH MAR
 H&S CO (-)

CO I
 CO M
 CO L

DET H&S CO (-), 2D BN
 CO E, 2D BN

DET 11TH MAR

DET HQ BTRY
 2D BN
 3D BN

4TH BN (REIN)
 4TH BN

3D 155 GUN BTRY, FMP
 3D 8" HOW BTRY, FMP
 PROV BTRY

CHU LAI DEF COBD

DET H&S CO, 3RD BN, 5TH MAR
 DET H&S CO, 1ST BN, 5TH MAR
 CO D, 1ST BN, 5TH MAR
 CO E, 2D BN, 7TH MAR
 CO K, 3D BN, 5TH MAR

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CO B

CO C (-)

CO D

CO C (REIN), 1ST AT BN

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1ST ENGR BN (-)

H&S CO

ENG SPT CO

CO B (-)

CO C

1ST SP BN (-)

H&S CO

CO B

CO C

1ST MT BN (-)

H&S CO

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1ST MED BN (-)

H&S CO

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CO A (REIN) 1ST TK BN, FMF

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3D AMTRAC BN (-), FMF

5-LVTR-5 CMD

H&S CO

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CO B (REIN)

DET 7TH MT BN, FMF

DET H&S CO

CO B

TRANS CO

7TH COMM BN (-), FMF

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COMM CO

RR AND CONST CO (-)

1ST HOSP CO, FMF

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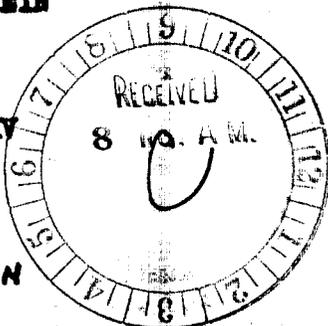
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TO: FIRST MARDIV REIN

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CG FIRST MAR
CG FLC
FLSG ALPHA
FLSG BRAVO
FIRST MP BN



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DATE: 5 NOV 66

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A. CG FIRST MARDIV 100610ZCT66

1. DELETE TASK ORGANIZATION AND SUBSTITUTE NEW TASK ORGN AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST MARDIV REIN

HQ BN REIN

HQ CO MINUS

SERV CO MINUS

MP CO MINUS

COMM CO MINUS

MP CO MINUS, HQ BN, THIRD MARDIV

6TH PLAT, 29TH CA CO, USA

3D CIT

3D IFF

DET HQ BN, THIRD MARDIV

TF XRAY

FIRST MAR REIN

FIRST MAR

2D PLAT, 29TH CA CO, USA

DET THIRD MAR

NINTH MAR MINUS REIN

HQ CO

THIRD BN

SECOND BN, THIRD MAR

FIRST BN, TWENTY-SIXTH MAR

3D PLAT, 29TH CA CO, USA

5TH PLAT, 29TH CA CO, USA

FOURTH BN REIN, 503D ABN INF, 175 KDE

ELEVENTH MAR MINUS REIN

HQ BTRY MINUS

DET HQ BTRY, TWELFTH MAR

FIRST BN MINUS REIN

HQ BTRY

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107MM MORT BTRY

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SECOND BN MINUS REIN, TWELFTH MAR
 HQ BTRY
 BTRY F
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 BTRY A, FIRST BN, THIRTEENTH MAR
 BTRY L, FOURTH BN
 FIRST NIGHT IN HOW BTRY MINUS REIN
 BTRY B, THIRD BN, 319TH ARTY, USA
 FIRST RECON BN (-) (REIN)
 DET HAS CO
 DET HAS CO, THIRD RECON BN
 CO A MINUS REIN THIRD RECON BN
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 1ST PLAT, CO C, FIRST RECON BN
 CO C MINUS REIN, THIRD RECON BN
 CO C MINUS
 1ST PLAT, CO A, FIFTH RECON BN
 CO D MINUS REIN, THIRD RECON BN
 CO D MINUS
 2D PLAT, CO A, FIFTH RECON BN
 FIRST AT BN MINUS
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 DET THIRD ENGR BN
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 CO A REIN, FIRST ENGR BN
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 SECOND PLAT, CO B
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 THIRD DENTAL CO MINUS

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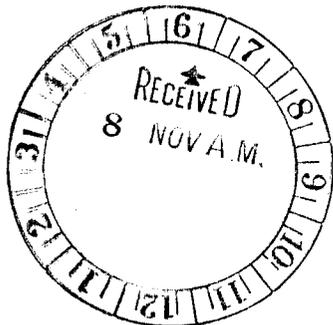
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P 070445Z NOV 66
 FM CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO CG FIRST MARDIV
 INFO TWELFTH MARINES
 TWELFTH MARINES (REAR)

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 MOVEMENT OF TWELFTH MAR (REAR)

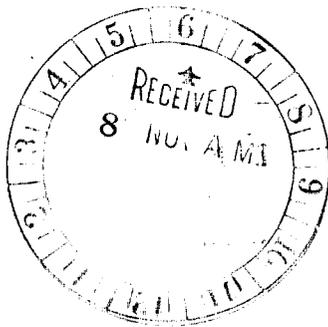
1. INTEND TO DISPLACE ELEMENTS OF TWELFTH MARINES (REAR) TO DONG HA COMBAT BASE O/A 9 NOV.
2. ELEMENTS TO BE DISPLACED INCLUDE OP PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT NOW OCCUPYING HILL 327 AND METRO PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT NOW OCCUPYING HILL.
3. REQUEST OPCON ABOVE ELEMENTS REVERT TO CG THIRD MARDIV.

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 FM CG III MAF
 TO CG FIRST MARDIV
 CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO CG FLC

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 M-16 RIFLE TRAINING (PHASE TWO)
 A. MY 020922Z NOV 66

1. REF A REVISED TRAINING ALLOCATIONS OF M-16 RIFLES AND 5.56 AMM.
 THESE ALLOCATIONS CORRELATE TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF FORCES UNDER OPCON
 ACTION ADDEES. ACCORDINGLY, SUBJ TRNG WILL BE DIRECTED BY ACTION ADDEES
 FOR THOSE UNITS OVER WHICH OPCON IS EXERCISED.

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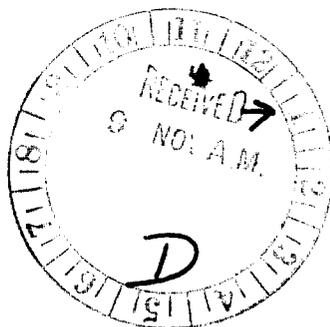
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 FM CG TASK FORCE X-RAY
 TO ZEN/SEVENTH MARINES
 ZEN/CLDC
 INFO ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV

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 OPCON OF CLDC RIFLE CO

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1. EFFECTIVE 090700H NOV AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ONE RIFLE CO ASSIGNED CLDC IS OPCON TO CO 7TH MARINES 0630-1830 DAILY.
2. COMPANY SO ASSIGNED WILL BE THE "CENTER" CLDC COMPANY OR ANY OTHER COMPANY MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY CO CLDC AND CO 7TH MAR.

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DRAFTER: W. J. DINSE
RELEASING OFFICER: *[Signature]*
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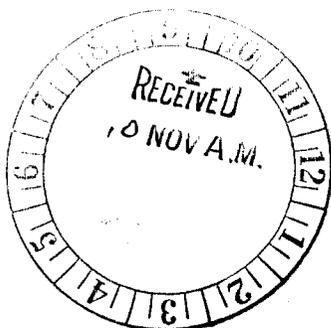
FM: CG FIRST MA DIV REIN
TO: CG TASK FORCE X-RAY

INFO: ELEVENTH MAR

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1. IN VIEW WEATHER AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS REQUEST RAISE LEVEL
SULJ AMMO TIER PHOUC TO 1500 RDS.
2. DESIRE MAINTAIN ABOVE 1200 RDS.
3. OTHER TYPES TO BE MAINTAINED COMPENSATE WITH FOREGOING.



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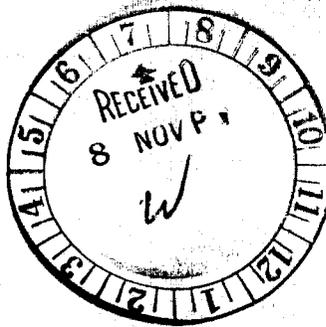
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 FM CG III MAF
 TO ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV
 EN/CG FIRST MARDIV
 INFO RUHLBP/CG FMPAC
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OPCON 15TH COUNTER INTELLIGENCE TEAM

- A. CG III MAF 111408Z OCT 66
- 1. REFERENCE A PROVIDED INITIAL III MAF INTENTIONS AS TO OPCON 15TH COUNTER INTELLIGENCE TEAM.
- 2. CG III MAF ASSUMES OPCON 15TH CIT EFFECTIVE. 0515304 NOV 66.
- 3. CG III MAF HAS RECOMMENDED ASSIGNMENT OF COMMAND LESS OPCON OF 15TH CIT BE ASSIGNED CG 3D MARDIV. WILL ADVISE ALCON ASAP CMD STATUS THIS TEAM.
- 4. FOR 3D MARDIV. OPCON 15TH CIT (-) FURTHER PASSED TO CG 3D MARDIV EFF 110800H NOV 66.
- 5. FOR 1ST MARDIV. OPCON DET 15TH CIT (2 SUB TEAMS) FURTHER PASSED TO CG 1ST MARDIV EFF 110800H NOV 66.

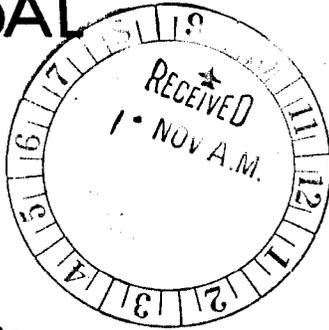
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 FROM: CG FIRST MARDIV REIN
 TO: CG III MAF

DATE: 7 NOV 66
 ORIGINATING SECTION:
 DRAFTER: DOMINICK
 RELEASING OFFICER:
 CONCURRENCE

INFO: CG FLC
 FIRST MARDIV REIN
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FIRST MARDIV SCOUT/SNIPER PROGRAM

1. IN PREP FOR ARR AND EFF EMPLOYMENT REMINGTON SNIPER RFLS, PLAN REVITALIZE FIRST MARDIV SCOUT/SNIPER PROG AS FOL:
 - A. ACTIVATE DIV SCOUT/SNIPER INSTR TM IMMED.
 - B. RECALL ALL DIV SNIPER WPNS AND IN COORDINATION W/FLSG-A REWORK TO IMPROVE ACCURACY.
 - C. CONCURRENTLY DEVELOP DETAILED TRNG PROG FOR SCOUT/SNIPER PLTS TO BE CONDUCTED AT UNIT LEVEL UPON RECEIPT NEW SNIPER RFLS.
2. TO ACCOMPLISH PAR 1B, REQUEST THIRD FSR BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ONE ARMORER MOS 2112 (W/TOOLS) TAD THIS COMD ASAP FOR APPROX TEN DAYS.
3. INTEND TO EMPLOY INSTR TM IN M-16 TRANSITION TRNG AND STONER EVALUATION AS WELL.

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TO: CG III MAF

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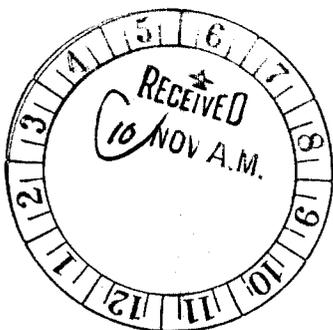
A. CG III MAF 031016Z NOV 66

1. IN PREP FOR ARRIVAL FIRST FAG CHU LAI, RECEPTION, BILLETING AND EMPLOYMENT PLANS BEING DEVELOPED.

2. UPON CHOP FIRST FAG TO THIS COMMAND, PLAN TO PASS OPCON OF GROUP TO TF XRAY TO EXERCISE TACTICAL CONTROL ALL U.S. ARTY CHU LAI, CONCURRENTLY WITH PHASE IN OF FIRST FAG, DET HQ BTRY 11TH MAR CHU LAI PHASES OUT TO REJOIN 11TH MAR HQ DANANG

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DRAFTER: DOMINICK
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CG III MAF

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SUBJ: OPN ADAMS

REF: COC TELECON 8 0V66
CONCEPT: H-HOUR 0800 D-DAY 9NOV66, THE
2 BN REIN WITH ONE ADDITIONAL
COMPANY WILL SEIZE AND SECURE
OBJECTIVE ALPHA (PHASE ONE)
AND OBJECTIVE BRAVO (PHASE TWO).
PHASE ONE BEGINS D-DAY
H-HOUR WITH ONE COMPANY (-) HELIASSAULT
TO LZ TO BLOCK ENEMY ESCAPE TO SONG
TRA KHUC RIVER LZ PREP WITH AIRSTRIKE
BEGINNING 0730 . (BS 505786). TWO
COMPANIES (-) MOVE TOWARD OBJECTIVE ALPHA

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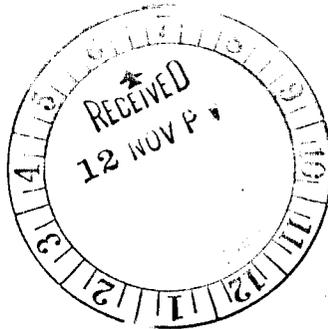
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FROM THE EAST, ONE COMPANY MOVES UP
FROM THE SOUTH STARTING AT THE LZ,
AND ONE COMPANY MOVES DOWN FROM THE NORTH.
THE FOUR COMPANIES PARTICIPATING ARE:
2 DBN 5 H CO, 6TH CO, 7 H CO, 10THCO FROM THE 3RD BN
WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE 2NDBN FOR THIS OPERATION.
DIRECTIONS OF ATTACK OF THE FOUR
COMPANIES IS:

1THCO WILL ATTACK MOVING SOUTH FROM
INITIAL POINT (BS520846). 5 HCO
WILL ATTACK MOVING WEST FROM (BS 590815),
7 HCO WILL ATTACK MOVING WEST FROM
(BS 590765), AND 6 HCO MOVING NORTH
FROM LZ (BS 505786).
ARTY GEN SUPT. TWO 4.2 IN DIRECT SUPT.
CLOSE AIR SUPT WILL BE REQUESTED AS NEEDED.
PHASE TWO WILL BEGIN ON ORDER. DURATION
TO 12 66. CONTROLLING HQ IS BDE CP.
TACTICAL CP LOCATED AT NUI TRON (BS518780).
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 TO FIRST MAR

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 BOUNDARY RELOCATION AND DISPLACEMENT OF THIRD BN CP

- A. YR 060720Z NOV66
- B. YR 091020Z NOV66
- 1. REF A RECOMMENDED 22NOV66 FOR DISPLACEMENT. THIRD BN CP BASED ON TEMPO OF OPERATIONS AND RELOCATION BOUNDARIES.
- 2. REF B STATED RELOCATION BOUNDARIES AND COMPANIES PRIOR 22NOV66 WOULD NECESSITATE DELAY PLANNED OPERATIONS BASED ON RELIABLE INTELLIGENCE.
- 3. CONDUCT SUCH OPERATIONS AS EXPLOIT CURRENT INTELLIGENCE WITH THE ADDED OBJECTIVE OF ASSUMING CAPABILITY TO RELOCATE COMPANIES AND BOUNDARIES IN ADVANCE 22NOV66 OPERATIONS PERMITTING.

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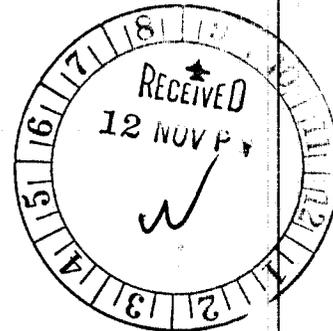
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DEFENSE AGAINST ENEMY ATTACKS ON FRIENDLY POSITIONS

1. THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED FOR THE GUIDANCE OF COMMANDERS AT ALL ECHELONS.
2. EARLY ON THE MORNING OF 12 NOVEMBER A REINFORCED MARINE PLATOON WAS ATTACKED BY AN ENEMY FORCE USING SAPPER TACTICS WITH HEAVY LOSSES TO FRIENDLY FORCES. OF THE 60 MARINES IN THE POSITION, 14 WERE KILLED AND 24 WOUNDED.
3. PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE ATTACK, A SMALL NUMBER OF

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SAPPERS WERE ABLE TO BREACH THE DEFENSIVE WIRE UNDETECTED SOME 15 METERS FROM THE COMMAND BUNKER. THEIR TASK WAS AIDED CONSIDERABLY BY AN INTERVENING HEDGEROW WHICH MASKED THE POINT OF INFILTRATION. TAKING MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION OCCASIONED BY RECOILESS FIRE, THE SAPPERS METHODICALLY BLEW, FIRST, THE COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS BUNKER AND THEN PROCEEDED QUICKLY TO BLOW ADDITIONAL POSITIONS AND TO SHOOT WHOEVER THEY ENCOUNTERED. IN RETROSPECT, IT IS APPARENT THAT THE ENEMY HAD DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF FRIENDLY POSITIONS; THAT HE SELECTED, AS HIS POINT OF INFILTRATION, THE WEAKEST POINT IN THE DEFENSE, AND ALSO THE CLOSEST TO HIS MAIN OBJECTIVE; AND THAT THE ENTIRE ATTACK WAS INTRICATELY PLANNEJ.

4. THIS ATTACK CONTINUES A PATTERN ESTABLISHED DURING THE SUMMER AND STAILL PROVIDES THE ENEMY WITH A FAORABLE RETURN FOR HIS EFFORTS. THE INCREASE IN THIS TYPE OF ATTACK AND THE RECENT LOCATION OF SAPPER BATTALIONS IN PROXIMITY TO BOTH THE CHU LAI AND DA NANG COMBAT BASES GIVE EVIDENCE THAT THE ENEMY INTENDS TO EMPHASIZE THE EMPLOYMENT OF THESE UNITS AND TACTICS AS A LOGICAL ECONOMIC MEANS OF UTILIZING HIGHLY TRAINED, DEDICATED AND PROFESSIONAL SAPPERS, THE ENEMY IS ABLE TO MINIMIZE THE CHANCES OF EARLY

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 DETECTION AND CONSEQUENT INORDINATE PERSONNEL LOSSES, WHILE
 MAXIMIZING DESTRUCTION OF FRIENDLY PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND
 FACILITIES.

5. THE FOLLOWING LESSONS SHOULD BE LEARNED FROM THE ACTION DESCRIBED ABOVE. APPLICATION OF THESE LESSONS WILL PREVENT RE-CURRENCE OF THIS TYPE OF SERIOUS INCIDENT.

A. FRIENDLY FORCES PARTICIPATED IN A PROLONGED OCCUPATION OF PREPARED POSITIONS WITHIN THE RESTRICTIVE CONFINES OF A VILLAGE WITHOUT INTERVENING EFFORTS TO EITHER RELOCATE, IMPROVE OR VARY THE PLAN FOR DEFENSE ON A PROGRESSIVE AND SCHEDULED BASIS.

B. A SERIOUS ERROR EXISTED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DEFENSIVE WIRE BARRIERS IN TERMS OF DISTANCE FROM VITAL INSTALLATIONS WHICH PERMITTED ENEMY ATTACK ALMOST AT WILL.

C. ESTABLISHED FIXED DEFENSES WERE NOT WHOLLY MUTUALLY SUPPORTING NOR DID THEY MAXIMIZE EFFECTIVE FIELDS OF FIRE. THE EXPRESSED DESIRES OF VILLAGERS TO PRESERVE VEGETATION THAT OTHERWISE INHIBITS FIELDS OF FIRE AND OBSERVATION MUST BE DISREGARDED IN THE INTEREST OF EFFECTIVE DEFENSE.

D. ALL OF THE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT WAS LOCATED IN ONE POSITION. THE ENEMY OBVIOUSLY KNEW THIS AND ATTACKED INITIALLY

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 THE COMMUNICATIONS POSITION.

E. ALTHOUGH FULL DETAILS ARE NOT AVAILABLE THERE IS AN INDICATION HARD INTELLIGENCE WAS AVAILABLE INDICATING AN ATTACK WAS IMMINENT. THE LESSON IS OBVIOUS REGARDLESS OF THE FREQUENCY OF REPORTS OF THIS NATURE.

F. AN ADDITIONAL ERROR INVOLVED LOCATION OF MORE THAN ONE OF THE UNITS KEY PERSONNEL IN THE SAME POSITION. OFFICERS AND KEY NCO'S IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND SHOULD HAVE SEPARATE POSITIONS TO PERMIT AND FACILITATE FLEXIBILITY IN THE CONDUCT OF THE DEFENSE.

G. AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING COMBINED WITH MAXIMUM USE OF LISTENING POSTS, SID'S AND TRIP FLARES AROUND THE PERIMETERS DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS IS MANDATORY. ATTENTION TO THESE STANDARD PROCEDURES MIGHT HAVE PREVENTED INFILTRATION AND ATTACK OF THIS POSITION.

6. ACTION:

A. COMMANDERS WILL INSURE WIDEST DISTRIBUTION OF THE FOREGOING.

B. DETAILED TACTICAL INSPECTIONS OF ALL DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WILL BE INITIATED AT ALL LEVELS OF COMMAND.

C. SUCH DEFENSE POSITIONS AS ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE RESTRICTIVE CONFINES OF HAMLETS WILL BE REMOVED FORTHWITH OR JUSTIFIED TO ME.

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D. NO BEER OR OTHER INTOXICATING BEVERAGES WILL BE LOCATED IN OR ADJACENT TO DEFENSIVE POSITIONS UNDER ANY SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

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- A. FIRST MARDIV COC 110835Z NOV 66
 1. REF A REQUESTED AREA CLEARANCE.
 2. REQUEST CONTAINED IN REFERENCE (A) APPROVED.
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BASE AREA DENIAL REPORT (U)

A. CG III MAF 270836Z SEP 66

1. IAW REF A FOLLOWING RPT IS SUBMITTED FOR PD 1-31 OCT 66

A. BASE AREA 20

(1) DATE: 7 OCT 66

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II: RECON PLAT

(3) INCONCLUSIVE

B. BASE AREA 20

(1) DATE: 8-9 OCT 66

(2) UNIT: CO G/2/7

(3) THREE VC KIA, TWO M-1 CARBINES CAPTURED

C. BASE AREA: 16

(1) DATE: 10 OCT 66

(2) UNIT: RECON PLAT

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(3) SIGHTED 68 VCS. NO FIRE MSN CALLED.

D. BASE AREA 18

(1) DATE: 10 OCT 66

(2) UNIT: RECON PLAT

(3) INCONCLUSIVE

E. BASE AREA 18

(1) DATE: 11-13 OCT 66

(2) UNIT: RECON PLAT

(3) INCONCLUSIVE

F. BASE AREA 16

(1) DATE: 15 OCT 66

(2) UNIT: RECON SQD

(3) THREE SIGHTINGS OF 13 VC. NO FIRE MSN CALLED.

G. BASE AREA 20

(1) DATE: 16-17 OCT 66

(2) UNIT: RECON PLAT

(3) INCONCLUSIVE

H. BASE AREA 22

(1) DATE: 18-19 OCT 66

(2) UNIT: RECON PLAT

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(3) SIX SIGHTINGS TOTALLING 1591VC. CALLED TWO AIRCRAFT STRIKES.

I. BASE AREA 18

- (1) DATE: 18-23 OCT 66
- (2) UNIT: RECON PLAT
- (3) INCONCLUSIVE

J. BASE AREA 20

- I (1) DATE: 20-23 OCT 66
- (2) UNIT: RECON PLAT
- (3) INCONCLUSIVE

K. BASE AREA 20

(1) DATE: 27-29 OCT 66
 (2) UNIT: TWO RECON PLAT AND COMPANY HEADQUARTERS
 (3) TEN SIGHTINGS TOTALING 67VC, ONE VC KIA. CALLED ONE AIRCRAFT STRIKE.

L. BASE AREA 22

- (1) DATE: 29 OCT 66
- (2) UNIT: RECON PLAT

(3) TWO SIGHTINGS TOTALING NINE VC. NO FIRE MSNS.

M. BASE AREA 16

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- (1) DATE: 30 OCT 66
- (2) UNIT: RECON PLAT
- (3) INVONCLUSIVE

N. BASE AREA 16

- (1) DATE: 31 OCT 66
- (2) UNIT: RECON PLAT
- (3) ONE USMC WIA (NON EVAC).

2. NO AREAS CONSIDERED NEUTRALIZED IAW REF A.

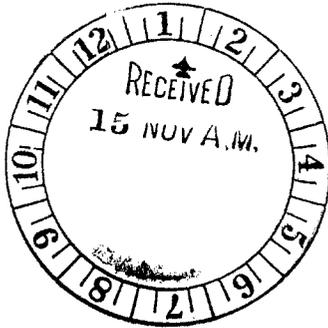
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 PYROTECHNIC LIGHT AND SMOKE SIGNAL CODE (U)

A. COMUSMCV 271153Z OCT 66 (PASEP)

B. COMUSMACV 101217Z NOV (NOTAL)

C. FORCE 0 P02000.1A (COMPLAN TWO)

1. REF A PROMULGATED REVISED PYRO AND SMOKECODE WITH EFFECTIVE DATE OF 15 NOV66. REF B CHANGED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED CODE TO 0001H 1 JAN 67.

2. PYRO AND SMOKE CODE CONTAINED ANNEX C REF C REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 0001H 1 JAN 67 AT WHICH TIME REVISED CODE CONTAINED REF A BECOMEE EFFECTIVE.

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PLANNED UNIT MOVEMENTS

- A. MY 070529Z NOV 66 (NOTAL)
- B. CG FIRST MARDIV 090751Z NOV 66 (NOTAL)
- C. CG III MAF 120118Z NOV 66 (NOTAL)

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D. CONF AT THIRD MARDIV HQ 13 NOV 66 SAME SUBJ

1. REF A PROPOSED RELOCATION OF CERTAIN UNITS TO FACILITATE OUT OF COUNTRY BTL ROTATION AND RESTORE UNIT INTEGRITY OF FIRST AND THIRD MARDIVS. REF B CONCURRED WITH PROPOSED INTERCHANGE OF THIRD BN SEVENTH MAR WITH SECOND BN THIRD MAR AND INTERCHANGE BTRY C FIRST BN ELEVENTH MAR WITH BTRY A FIRST BN TWELFTH MAR. REF C APPROVED ABOVE INTERCHANGES TO COMMENCE O/A 15 NOV.

2. DURING REF D THE SCHEDULE SET FORTH IN PARA 3 FOR THE MOVEMENT OF RECON ELMS AND FOR THE MOVEMENT OF 2/3 AND A/1/12 TO DONG HA AND THE MOVEMENT OF 3/7 AND 4/1/11 TO DANANG WAS PROPOSED. THIS SCHEDULE IS BASED ON THE EXCLUSIVE UTILIZATION OF TWO C-130 A/C FOR THREE DAYS COMMENCING ON 15 NOV.

3. PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MOVEMENT (EACH NUMBERED MOVE TO BE TWO (2) C-130 A/C, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED):

- A. 15 NOV
 - (1) RIFLE CO (-), 80 PERS AND CARGO/VEH OF 2/3 FROM DANANG TO DONG HA
 - (2) TWO PLTS, FIRST FOR RECON CO, 35 PERS CARGO/VEH FROM DONG HA TO DANANG (RETURN TRIP ON A/C USED FOR MOVE NR ONE).
 - (3) BALANCE OF RIFLE CO, CO PERS, CARGO/VEH OF 2/3 FROM DANANG

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TO DONG HA.

(4) RIFLE CO (-), 80 PERS, CARGO/VEH OF 3/7 DONG HA TO DANANG.

(5) CO "C"

3D RECON BN, 80 PERS, CARGO/VEH DANANG TO DONG HA.

(6) BALANCE OF RIFLE CO, 80 PERS AND CARGO/VEH OF 3/7 DONG HA TO DANANG.

(7) RIFLE CO (-), 80 PERS, VEH/CARGO OF 2/3 DANANG TO DONG HA.

(8) CARGO OF 3/7 DONG HA TO DANANG.

(9) BALANCE OF RIFLE CO, 80 PERS, VEH/CARGO OF 2/3 DANANG TO DONG HA.

(10) CARGO OF 3/7 DONG HA TO DANANG OR GENERAL CARGO IF ALL 3/7 CARGO MOVED.

B. 16 NOV

(1) RIFLE CO (-), 80 PERS, CARGO/VEH OF 2/3 DANANG TO DONG HA.

(2) RIFLE CO (-), 80 PERS, CARGO/VEH OF 3/7 DONG HA TO DANANG.

(3) BALANCE OF RIFLE CO, 80 PERS, CARGO/VEH OF 2/3 DANANG TO DONG HA.

(4) BALANCE OF RIFLE CO, 80 PERS, CARGO/VEH OF 3/7 DONG HA TO DANANG.

(5) BTRY "A" (-) 1/12, FOUR 105 HOW DANANG TO DONG HA.

(6) BTRY "C" (-), 1/11, FOUR 105 HOW DONG HA TO DANANG.

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(7) COMMAND GROUP 2/3 AND BN CARGO DANANG TO DONG HA.

(8) COMMAND GROUP 3/7 AND GENERAL CARGO DONG HA TODAY.

(9) H AND S CO (-) 2/3 AND CARGO DANANG TO DONG HA.

(10) BALANCE OF 3/7 CARGO AND GENERAL CARGO DONG HA TO DANANG.

C. 17 NOV

(1) RIFLE CO (-), 80 PERS, CARGO/VEH OF 2/3 DANANG TO DONG HA.

(2) RIFLE CO (-), 80 PERS, CARGO/VEH OF 3/7 AND GENERAL CARGO DONG HA TO DANANG.

(3) BALANCE OF RIFLE CO, 80 PERS, CARGO/VEH OF 2/3 DANANG TO DONG HA.

(4) BALANCE OF RIFLE CO, 80 PERS, CARGO/VEH OF 3/7 DONG HA TO DANANG.

(5) BTRY "A" 1/12, TWO 105 HOW, PERS, CARGO AND VEH, DANANG TO DONG HA. BALANCE OF 2/3 CMD GROUP.

(6) BTRY "C" 1/11, TWO 105 HOW, PERS, CARGO AND VEH, DONG HA TO DANANG. BALANCE OF 3/7 CMD GROUP.

(7) CO "D" (-), 3D RECON BN, 80 PERS, 2 1/2 T VEH AND CARGO, DANANG TO DONG HA.

(8) 1ST FORCE RECON CO, 50 PERS, ONE M36A1 W/THLR (M100)

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AND ONE M37 W/TRLR (M101) DONG HA TO DANANG.

(S) PERS AND TRK M35 2 1/2 T VEH AND CARGO, OF 3D RECON BN, DANANG TO DONG HA.

(10) 1ST FORCE RECON CO, CARGO AND TRK M35 2 1/2T, DONG HA TO DANANG (ONE A/C ONLY)

(11) 3 PLT'S 1ST FORCE RECON, 50 PERS DONG HA TO CHULAI (ONE A/C ONLY)

4. REQUEST CONCURRACNE OF COMMANDING GENERAL, FIRST MARINE DIVISION WITH ABOVE PROPOSED SCHEDULE. MOVE OF CO "C" 3D RECON WAS NOT FIRM AT CONCLUSION OF REF "D", INJECTED AS MOVE "A" (5) ON 15 NOV TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR MOVEMENT OF RIFLE CO'S INTO AND OUT OF 2/3 DANANG POSITIONS.

5. FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, 338 MAF AND COMMANDING GENERAL, FIRST MAW. REQUEST TWO (2) C-130 A/C BE MADE AVAILABLE DAILY FOR THESE DAYS TO ACCOMPLISH ABOVE MOVES.

6. FOR SECOND BN THIRD MAR. REQUEST YOU LEAVE FIXED ENCAMPMENT EQUIP (TENTAGE ON STRONGBACKS, ELECTRICAL WIRING AND COMM WIRE) IN PLACE FOR THIRD BN SEVENTH MARINES.

7. FOR CG FIRST MANDIV. REQUEST YOU HAVE THIRD BN SEVENTH MAR PROVIDE REPLACEMENT TENTAGE TO SECOND BN THIRD MARINES ON ONE FOR ONE BASIS FROM YOU ASSETS ASAP.

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8. FOR ALL MOVING UNITS. SUBMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL CARGO AND VEHICLE MOVEMENTS TO RESPECTIVE DIVISION EMBARKATION OFFICERS.

9. DROP OPCON OF UNITS EFFECTIVE ON ARRIVAL AT DESTINATION IN EACH CASE.

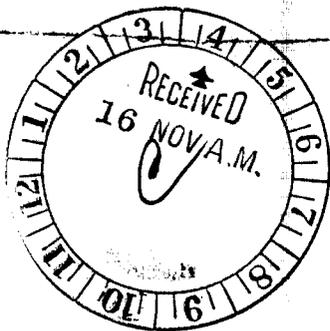
10. PARA 3 OF REF (C) REQUESTED COMMENTS ON PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES IN PARA 3 OF REF (B) FOR REPL OF 2DBN (-), 5TH MARINES AND RECOMMENDED MOVEMENT OF 3DBN, 5TH MARINES. THIS WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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 FIRST RECON BN MINUS
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 ADMIN AND LOGISTICAL INST FOR RELOCATION OF RECON FORCES

- A. CG FIRST MARDIV MSG 132347Z NOV 66
- B. FIRST MARDIV ADMINO 301-66
- C. CG FRST MARDIV MSG 050719Z OCT 66
- D. FORO P 4000.5

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A THE FOLLOWING ADMIN AND LOGISTICAL INST ARE PUBLISHED.
 2. ADMINISTRATION.

A. PERSONNEL. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANNEX D TO REF B AS MODIFIED BY REF C (1) CASUALTY REPORTING. INITIAL CASUALTY REPORTS ON 3RD MARDIV PERSONNEL OPCON TO 1ST RECON BN WILL BE SUBMITTED TO 1ST MARDIV CRCC. SUPPLEMENTAL CASUALTY REPORTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO 3RD MARDIV CRCC.

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 3. LOGISTICS.

- A. PRESCRIBED LOADS. FOR DEPLOYMENT AS DIR BY PARENT COMMAND.
- B. RESUPPLY. AS DIR BY PARENT COMMAND.
- C. FACILITIES. ALL CANTONMENTS LEFT IN PLACE. FIXED FACILITIES SUCH AS COMM AND ELEC WIRE, HARDWARE, PLUMBING, BUNKERS AND TACTICAL WIRE WILL BE LEFT UNDISTURBED.
- D. STORAGE. SUBMIT CUBE AND WEIGHT THIS HQS (ATTNG-4).
- 4. TRANSPORTATION. SUBMIT REQUIREMENTS THIS HQS (ATTN: MTO)
- 5. EMBARKATION. SUBMIT LIFT REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH DAY THIS HQS (ATTN: DIV EMBO) ASAP IAW REF D.

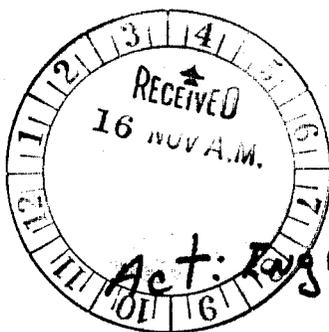
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 WELL REQUIREMENTS

A. CG III MAF MSG 090844Z NOV 66
 1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A THE FOLLOWING
 IS SUBMITTED.

UNIT	REQUIREMENTS	PRIORITY
TWO/THREE	WELL WITH STORAGE FACILITY, PUMPS AND PIPEING	1
TWO/TWELVE	WELL WITH STORAGE FACILITY, PUMPS AND PIPEING	2
FIFTH COMM BN	PUMPS AND PIPEING	3
THIRD TANK BN	PUMPS, STORAGE FACILITY AND PIPEING	4
HQ BN FIRST MARDIV	TWO WELLS, PUMPS AND PIPEING	5

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR TASK FORCE XRAY

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UNIT	REQUIREMENTS	PRIORITY
FIRST FORCE HOSPITAL	WELL W/STORAGE FACILITY. PUMPS AND PIPEING	1
HQ BN FIRST MARDIV	WELL WITH STORAGE FACILITY, PUMPS AND PIPEING	2
SEVENTH MARINES	WELL WITH STORAGE FACILITY, PUMPS AND PIPEING	3
ELEVENTH MARINES	WELL WITH STORAGE FACILITY, PUMPS AND PIPEING	4
FIRST ENGR BN	WELL WITH STORAGE FACILITY, PUMPS AND PIPEING	5
ROK MARINES	WELL WITH STORAGE FACILITY, PUMPS AND PIPEING	6

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FRAG O 35-66 (BN ROTATION) (U)

- A. 13NOV66 CONFERENCE OF 1ST AND 3D MARDIV REPS AT PHU BAI
- B. FIRST MARDIV ADMIN O 301-66
- C. FORCE O P4000.5

1. SITUATION. COMMENCING D DAY SECOND BN THIRD MAR AND BTRY A 1/12 DEPLOY DANANG TO PRAIRIE AREA AS RELIEF FOR THIRD BN MINUS SEVENTH MAR AND BTRY C1/111. COMMENCING D PLUS THREE ELMS THIRD

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BN SEVENTH MAR MOVE CHU LAI TO DANANG TO REJOIN PARENT ORGN.

A. CONCEPT

(1) INF.

(A) IAW AGREEMENTS REACHED AT REF A, INTERCHANGE INF UNITS COMMENCES D DAY WITH AIR MOVEMENT TWO CCS SECOND BN THIRD MAR FROM DANANG TO DONG HA AND ONE CO THIRD BN SEVENTH MAR DONG HA TO DANANG. AIR MOVEMENT CONTINUES ON D PLUS ONE WITH ONE CO AND DET H&S CO SECOND BN THIRD MAR DEPARTING DANANG FOR DONG HA AND ONE CO AND COMD GP THIRD BN SEVENTH MAR DONG HA TO DANANG. ON D PLUS TWO AIR MOVEMENT INITIATING AT DANANG COMPLETES INTERCHANGE OF SECOND BN THIRD MAR AND THIRD BN MINUS SEVENTH MAR.

(B) COMMENCING D PLUS THREE THIRD BN SEVENTH MAR ELMS CHU LIA MOVE TO DANANG

(2) ARTY. IAW AGREEMENTS REACHED AT REF A, INTERCHANGE BTRYS COMMENCES D DAY WITH MOVEMENT PRIME MOVERS C1/111 BY SEA FROM DONG HA FOR DANANG. ON D PLUS ONE BTRY A MINUS 1/12 MOVES BY AIR AND SEA FROM DANANG FOR DONG HA AND BTRY C MINUS 1/11 MOVES BY AIR FROM DONG HA TO DANANG. REMAINING ELMS OF BTRY A 1/12 MOVE BY SEA AND AIR TO DONG HA ON D PLUS TWO AND REMAINDER BTRY C1/111 MOVES BY AIR TO DANANG.

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B. TF XRAY: COMMENCING D PLUS THREE MOVE DET H&S CO AND CO M THIRD BN SEVENTH MAR TO DANANG AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

C. NINTH MAR

(1) DIRECT MOVEMENT SECOND BN THIRD MAR IAW AGREEMENTS REF A, AS OUTLINED IN CONCEPT HEREIN, COMMENCING D DAY.

(2) THIRD BN SEVENTH MAR ELMS CHOP NINTH MAR ON ARRIVAL DANANG.

(3) DIRLNAUTH WITH THIRD MARDIV AND TF XRAY.

D. ELEVENTH MAR

(1) DIRECT MOVEMENT BTRY A 1/12 IAW AGREEMENTS REF A, AS OUTLINED IN CONCEPT HEREIN, COMMENCING D DAY.

(2) BTRY C 1/11 ELMS CHOP ELEVENTH MAR ON ARRIVAL DANANG.

(3) DIRLNAUTH WITH THIRD MARDIV.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) ELEMENTS SECOND BN THIRD MAR AND BTRY A 1/12 CHOP THIRD MARDIV ON DEPARTURE DANANG.

(2) MOVREPS IAW SUPPLEMENT TO NWIP 12-1 (A)

(3) OPSTATS IAW FMFPAC O P23000.5

(A) D-DAY 15 NOV 66.

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS, REF B.

PAGE 4 RUMNLA 2861E S E C R E T

A. PERSONNEL. IAW CURRENT DIRECTIVES ISSUED BY PARENT ADMIN COMMAND.

B. LOGISTICS.

(1) PRESCRIBED LOADS. FOR DEPLOYMENT AS DIR BY 9TH MAR AND 11TH MAR RESPECTIVELY.

(2) RESUPPLY. AS DIR BY PARENT COMMAND

(3) FACILITIES. ALL CANTONMENT LEFT IN PLACE. GP TENTS REMAIN ON STRONG BACKS. FIXED FACILITIES SUCH AS COMM AND ELEC WIRE, HARDWARE, PLUMBING, BUNKERS AND TACTICAL WIRE LEFT UNDISTURBED.

(4) STORAGE. SUBMIT CUBE AND WEIGHT THIS HQS (ATTN G-4).

C. TRANSPORTATION. SUBMIT REQUIREMENTS THIS HQS (ATTN MTC).

D. EMBARKATION. SUBMIT LIFT REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH DAY THIS HQS (ATTN DIV EMBO) ASAP IAW REF C.

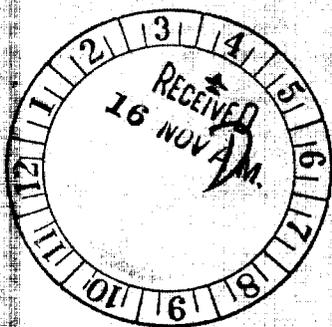
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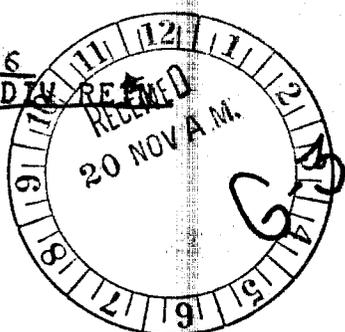
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FRAG O 36-66 SECRTIY PLAT ASP ONE (U)

A. CG III MAF 100840Z NOV 66 (NOTAL)

1. PROV PLAT, FORMED FROM USMC UNITS SOURHTERN SECTOR DIV REAR AREA, RELIEVES PLAT FIRST MAR NOW OPCON FLSG A FOR SECURITY AUGMENTATION ASP NUMBER ONE. REF A REFERS.

PAGE TWO RUMNLA 2153E **C O N F I D E N T I A L**

- 2. FIRST TK BN MINUS
- FIRST AT BN MINUS
- THIRD AT BN MINUS
- FIRST AMTRAC BN MINUS REIN
- THIRD MT BN MINUS REIN
- SEVENTH MAT BN MINUSREIN

PROVIDE PERS, OF RANKS AND SKILLS REQUESTED BY THIRD TK BN, FOR TEMPORARY DUTY MINIMUM THIRY DAYS WITH THIRD TK BN PROV PLAT.

3. THIRD TK BN MINUS

A. CONSTITUTE FROM MARINE UNITS YOUR SECTOR PROV PLAT OF ONE OFFICER, ONE SNCO AND TWENTY-FIVE ADDITIONAL ENLISTED. ENSURE PROPORTIONATE RANK SPREAD TO PERMIT NCO SUPERVISION. PERS WILL BE ASSIGNED TEMPORARY DUTY WITH PLAT FOR MINIMUM THIRY DAYS AND WILL HAVE RTD BEYOND PERIOD OF ASSIGNMENT TO PROV PLAT. STAGGER REFIEF OF PERS TO ENSURE CONTINUITY IN ASSIGNMENT.

B. CHOP PROV PLAT TO FLSG ALPHA FOR DUTY AS SECURITY AUGMENTATION ASP NUMBER ONE EFFECTIVE 25 NOV 66.

C. DIRLNAUTH WITH FLSG ALPHA

4. FLSG ALPHA: ON RELIEF BY PROV PLAT, REQUEST PASS OPCON RIFLE PLAT, THIRD BN. FIRST MAR TO FIRST MAR.

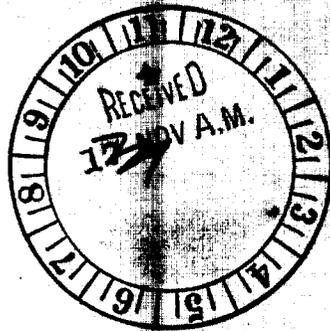
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 TO CG THIRD MARDIV REIN
 INFO CG III MAF

2/5 and 3/9 interchange

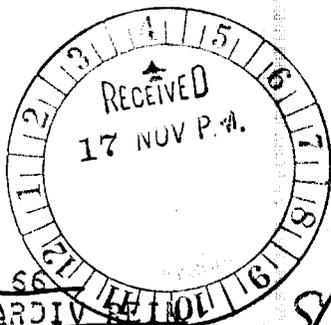
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A. YR 141627 ZZ NOV66
 B. CG III MAF 150148Z NOV66

1. CONCUR IN PROPOSED THIME FRAME, CONTAINED REF A FOR 2/5 AND 3/9 INTERCHANGE APPROVED REF B.
2. RECOMMEND CONFERENCE BE HELD THIS CP 181300 NOV TO COMPLETE DETAILS THESE UNIT MOVEMENTS.

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O 173029Z NOV 66

FM CG FIRST MARINE DIV

TO CG III MAF

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CONFIDENTIAL**SAPPER ATTACK AT AN TRACH 12 NOV 66**

1. FOL SUMMARIZES AND PROVIDES COMMENTS ON VC SAPPER ATTACK ON REIN PLAT OF 1/3/1. FULL INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT NOT COMPLETE. THEREFORE, INFO PROVIDED HEREIN SUBJ TO CHANGE. FINAL REP WILL BE FORWARDED ASAP.

2. CHRONOLOGY

A. PLAT POSITION WAS ESTABLISHED AT AN TRACH (AT966662) IN MID JUN 66. MISSION OF PLAT, WHICH CONSISTED OF APPROX 60 MAR COMMANDED BY A SECOND LT, WAS TO PROTECT VILLAGE AND PATROL SURROUNDING AREA. 21MM MORTS AND 106MM RR WERE INCLUDED IN PLAT TASK ORGANIZATION. POSITION CONSISTED OF A PERIMETER 350 TO 400 METERS IN DIAMETER WITH DEFENSIVE WIRE AND TRIP MINES AROUND POSITION. PART OF PERIMETER RAN THROUGH VILLAGE. WEAPONS POSITIONS WERE MUTUALLY SUPPORTING

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ALTHOUGH VISABILITY WAS LIMITED IN SOME SECTORS BY HEDGEROWS AND BAMBOO WHICH VIL CHIEF DID NOT WANT REMOVED. FOR POLITICAL REASONS, THEREFORE, DECISION HAD BEEN MADE NOT TO REMOVE THESE OBSTACLES. PRIOR TO 12 NOV ATTACK, PLAT HAD RECEIVED HARASSING FIRE ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS BUT HAD NOT BEEN ATTACKED IN FORCE.

B. AN ARVN UNIT OF 20 TO 25 MEN WAS NORMALLY IN THE VILLAGE BUT ONLY 6 OR 7 OF THESE WERE ACTUALLY IN AN TRACH DURING THE ATTACK. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ARVN COMMANDER WAS WARNED OF THE PRESENCE OF A SIZABLE NUMBER OF VC AND OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ATTACK 11 NOV. SO FAR AS CAN BE DETERMINED NEITHER THE MARINE PLAT CMDR NOR ANY SUBORDINATES HAD BEEN WARNED BY THE ARVN OR LOCAL VN.

C. BECAUSE OF PARTICULARLY HEAVY HARASSING FIRE 11 NOV TROOPS WERE ALERT NIGHT OF 11-12 NOV AND WERE IN FIGHTING HOLES FORWARD OF BUNKERS AS WELL AS IXN BUNKERS. AT 12003 A SMALL PATROL COMPLETED TOUR OF THE PERIMETER WITH NO SIGTINGS. AT 120103 THE PLAT MADE A RADIO CHECK WITH COMPANY.

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PAGE THREE RUMNLA 2330E C O N F I D E N T I A L
 D. AT 120130 DURING HEAVY DOWNPR, MORTARS/1/11
 RECEIVED APPROX 15 ROUNDS 82MM MORTAR FIRE. MORTARS/1/11
 PERIMETER IS APPROX 1,000 METERS NE OF AN TRACH.
 SIMULTANEOUSLY PLAT AT AN TRACH WAS ATTACKED BY 25 TO
 50 SAPPERS WHO HAD INFILTRATED THE POSITION. BELIEVE
 SAPPERS WERE LED THROUGH WIRE BY LOCAL VC. ATTACK WAS
 CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY PLANNED AND EXECUTED. VC USED
 SATCHEL CHARGES, GRENADES, B-40S, HOME MADE BOX MINES
 AND WHAT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN 81MM MORTAR ROUNDS USED
 AS MINES. NO FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE PERIMETER.
 VC ATTACKED CMD/COMM BUNKER, SUPPLY BUNKER, 81MM MORT
 POSITION AND 106MM RR POSITION SIMULTANEOUSLY. ALL
 PERSONNEL IN MORTAR POSITION WERE KILLED EXCEPT ONE.
 PLAT LEADER WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN COMMAND BUNKER AND
 CYSGT, COMM PERS AND CORPSMAN WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED IN
 CP BUNKER. THREE VC WERE CONFIRMED KILLED AND 13 VC
 VIA PROBABLE. ONE 81MM MORTAR WITH BIPOD BUT WITHOUT
 BASE PLATE WAS CAPTURED BY VC. ONLY 6 OR 7 ARVN WERE
 IN VILLAGE AT TIME OF ATTACK AND ONLY SMALL NUMBER OF
 POLITICAL ACTION TEAM WERE PRESENT. SURVIVORS STATE

PAGE FOUR RUMNLA 2330E C O N F I D E N T I A L
 THAT ARVN AND PAT PERSONNEL HID DURING ATTACK. FIRST
 INFO ON ATTACK WAS RECEIVED AT APPROX 120230 FROM FO
 WHO, WITH HIS RADIO, HAD SURVIVED ATTACK. FO CONTINUED
 REPORTING THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. BASED ON INFO FURNISHED
 BY FO FIRST MAR DISPATCHED RELIEFFORCE WHICH ARRIVED
 AN TRACH AT 120400. RELIEF FORCE MOVED WOUNDED TO FIRST
 MAR AID STATION BY TRUCK. WOUNDED WERE T
 EATED THERE
 UNTIL FIRST LIGHT WHEN THEY WERE LEFTED OUT BY MEDEVAC
 HELO. DEAD WERE BROUGHT OUT BY TRUCK AT FIRST LIGHT
 AND EVACUATED.

E. BULK OF ARVN UNIT AND PAT RETURNED TO AN TRACH
 SOMETIME AFTER REACTION FORCE ARRIVED.

F. TOTAL CASUALTIES WERE 13 USMC AND 1 USN KIA,
 27 USMC AND 1 USN WIA, 1 ARVN KIS (CO OF LOCAL ARV.
 UNIT) /AND 4 ARVN WIA.

3. THIS IS CLASSIC EXXAMPLE OF SAPPER ATTACK. IT WAS
 CAREFULLY PLANNED. WELL COORDINATED. ACHIEVED COMPLETE
 SURPRISE AND WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITH MINIMUM LOSS TO VC
 AND MAXIMUM DESTRUCTION OF OUR PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT
 I HAVE INSTRUCTED COMMANDERS AT ALL EXHELONS THAT

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PAGE FIVE RUMNLA 2330E C O N F I D E N T I A L

A. DEFENSIVE POSITIONS LOCATED WITHIN THE RESTRICTIVE CONFINES OF HAMLETS WILL BE REMOVED FORTHWITH OR JUSTIFIED TO ME PERSONALLY;

B. FORCES PARTICIPATING IN A PROLONGED OCCUPATION OF PREPARED POSITIONS WITHING VILLAGE CONFINES MUST CONTINUE TO RELOCATE, IMPROVE OR VARY PLAN FOR DEFENSE ON A PROGRESSIVE AND SCHEDULED BASIS;

C. EXPRESSED DESIRES OF VILLAGERS TO PRESERVE VEGETATION AND STRUCTURES THAT OTHERWISE INHIBIT FIELDS OF FIRE AND OBSERVATION MUST BE DISREGARDED IN THE INTEREST OF EFFECTIVE DEFENSE;

D. OFFICERS AND KEY NCOS IN SMALL UNIT LOCATIONS MUST BE IN SEPARATE POSITIONS;

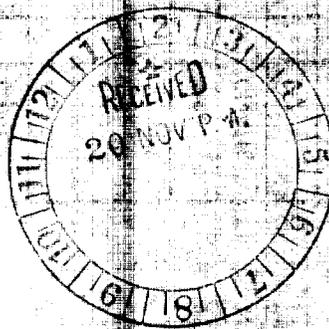
E. CONTINUOUS, AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING COMBINED WITH MAX USE OF LISTENING POSTS, SIDS, AND TRIP FLARES AROUND PERIMETER DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS, LOW VISIBILITY AND HEAVY RAINFALL ARE MANDATORY

4. CLOSING BARN DOOR AFTER HORSE IS STOLEN BRINGS LITTLE COMFORT. DISCIPLINARY ACTION MAY BE INDICATED BUT I DO NOT WISH TO PRE-JUDGE FINAL REPORT.

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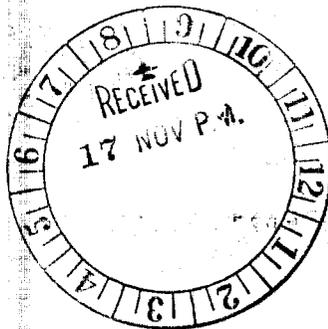
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 ORIENTATION FOR NEW COMMANDERS

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1. THE EXPERIENCE OF UNIT COMMANDERS WITH REGARD TO RELATIONS WITH THE VIETNAMESE POPULACE AND THE MATERIAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF LARGE NUMBERS OF AMERICAN PERSONNEL ON RURAL AND URBAN AREAS CAN PROVIDE VALUABLE GUIDANCE FOR FUTURE COMMANDERS AND ORGANIZATIONS.
 2. COMMANDING GENERAL TAXK FORCE XRAY, AND COMMANDING OFFICERS OF REGIMENTS AND SEPERATE BATTALIONS WILL REVIEW COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROBLEMS THEY HAVE FACED IN VIET NAM AND PROVIDE A DETAILED OUTLINE OF THE PROBLEMS AND A SUMMARY OF LESSONS LEARNED.
 3. RESPONSES WILL BE CONSOLIDATED AT THIS AND HIGHER HEAD-QUARTERS AND INCLUDED IN ORIENTATION KITS FOR THE USE OF NEW OR INCOMING COMMANDERS. YOUR EXPERIENCES WILL HELP INSURE A RAPID AND SMOOTH TRANSITION BETWEEN THE UNITS AND THE PEOPLE

PAGE TWO DXIUN2339E UNCLAS E F T O
 AMONG WHOM THEY WILL LIVE.

4. RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS NLT
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TO CG FIRST MARDIV

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 FIRST BN SEVENTH MARINES
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

REQUEST ONE SWIFT BOAT BE PLACED IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF 1/7 FOR ONE DAY BEGINNING 180600H, TO RENDER SERVICES SIMILAR TO THOSE PROVIDED ON OPERATION FRANKLIN, TO INCLUDE SCREENING/BLOCKING, BEACH RECON AND ATTACK OF SUCH SHORE TARGETS IN 1/7 TAOR AS CO 1/7 MAY DIRECT. OP AREA IS WESTERN NAM TRAM PENINSULA. PATROL AND INTERDICTION OF COASTAL TRAFFIC DESIRED VICINITY COORDINATES BT 6404.

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 FM ADMIN TASK FORCE X-RAY
 TO CG FIRST MARDIV

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L

CIRCUMSTANCES RELATIVE TO RICE CACHE AT [REDACTED]

A. CG FIRST MARDIV 301215Z 06

B. ELECON BTWN TF X-RAY G-3 AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

1. IAW REFS (A) AND (B), CIRCUMSTANCES RELATIVE TO RICE CACHE ON 16 NOV FOLLOW:

A. AN ESTIMATED SIX TONS OF RICE WAS DISCOVERED BY [REDACTED] AT 151400H BY L-3-5 WHILE ON A REARWARD COURSE OF [REDACTED] THE TAOR.

B. THE RICE WAS PILED LOOSE IN [REDACTED]

THERE WERE NO INHABITANTS IN THE [REDACTED]

IN FOR SOME TIME; A THICK JUNGLE [REDACTED]

AREA. THE NEAREST LANDING ZONE [REDACTED]

REACHED ONLY BY BREAKING THROUGH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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PAGE 2 9VWU 1136 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 OPERATION WAS DELAYED UNTIL DECISION COULD BE MADE RELATIVE TO
 DEPOSITION OF RICE CACHE. COMPANY REMAINED OVERNIGHT IN
 VICINITY OF CACHE.

D. A DETERMINED EFFORT TO EXTRACT THE RICE WAS MADE PRIOR TO
 DESTRUCTION. TH MARINES NOTIFIED BINH SON DISTRICT CHIEF OF
 LOCATION AND SIZE OF RICE CACHE AND REQUESTED HIM TO PROVIDE
 LABOR FORCE TO SACK AND MOVE RICE TO LZ. L-3-5 REMAINED IN AREA
 TO PROVIDE SECURITY PENDING ANSWER FROM DISTRICT CHIEF. THE
 DISTRICT CHIEF POSITI

N IN SUBSTANCE WAS: "WORKERS
 WERE FRIGHTENED, WOULD NOT ENTER AREA AND COULD NOT BE
 PROVIDED. THERE WERE NO CIVILIANS LIVING IN THE AREA. ANY RICE LEFT
 IN THE AREA WOULD BE USED TO SUPPORT VC UNITS. STRONGLY RECOMMEND
 THAT RICE BE DESTROYED."

2. RICE DESTRUCTION WAS COMPLETED AT APPROXIMATELY 161200H AND ONLY
 AFTER THE ACTIONS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 1 HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

3. RICE DESTROYED UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES COULD HAVE BEEN SACKED
 AND HELO LIFTED TO GVN AUTHORITIES IN APPROXIMATELY 20-30 DAYS.
 IN THE FUTURE IT WILL BE, WEDBECNE.

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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO, San Francisco, California, 96602

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MEMORANDUM 18 NOV

From: Commanding General 1st MAR DIV
To: Distribution List

Subj: CAC Platoons, visit schedule

Encl: (1) Visits Schedule

1. The Commanding General will visit Combined Action Platoons in accordance with schedule contained in enclosure (1). Attention is invited to coordination details set forth in the remarks column of the enclosure.


H. FOSTER JR.
By direction

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9th MarReg	5
4th Bn 503d Abn Inf, 173d Bde	2

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19 Nov

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TRANS</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1030	Lv Div GP	Helo	CO 1st Mar accompany CG.
1045	Arr CAC D3 (044562)	Helo	LZ 044562. Met CO 2/1.
1105	Lv CAC B3	Helo	
1120	Arr CAC D1 (071701)	Helo	LZ 071701. Met by CO 3/1.
1135	Dep CAC D1		
1145	Arr Div GP	Helo	

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1400	Dep Div GP	Helo	
1415	Arr CAC G1 (922563)	Helo	LZ 922563. Met by CO 9th Mar and CO 1/26.
1430	Dep CAC G1	Helo	CO 1/26 depart independently.
1440	Arr CAC B2-2 (901572)	Helo	LZ 901572. Met by CO 3/7.
1455	Dep CAC B2-2	Helo	CO 3/7 accompany CG.
1505	Arr CAC B2-1 (922601)	Helo	
1520	Dep CAC B2-1	Helo	
1530	Arr CAC B3-3 (943685)	Helo	LZ 943685. Vehicles and escorts prepositioned (3/7). Helo proceed to CAC B3-4 (946700).
1540	Dep CAC B3-3	Veh	
1545	Arr CAC B3-1 (942695)	Veh	
1555	Dep CAC B3-1	Veh	
1600	Arr CAC B3-4 (946700)	Veh	Helos prepositioned.
1610	Dep CAC B3-4	Helo	CO 9th Mar & CO 3/7 depart independently.
1620	Arr Div GP		

24 Nov

1430	Dep Div GP	Helo	CO 4th Bn 503d accompany CG.
1440	Arr CAC B3-2 (921720)	Helo	LZ 921720.
1500	Dep CAC B	Helo	
1515	Arr Co C, 4th Bn, 503d	Helo	LZ Swallow. Veh & escort prepositioned (4th Bn, 503d).
1520	Dep Co C	Veh	
1525	Arr CAC B1-5 (897822)	Veh	
1540	Dep CAC B1-5	Veh	
1545	Arr Co C	Veh	
1550	Dep Co C	Helo	
1605	Arr Div GP		

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Dep Div CP
Arr CAC HL-1
(907782)

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OO 4th Bn 503d accompany CG.
LZ 907782. Veh & escorts
(4th Bn, 503d) prepositioned.
Helo remain in place.

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(898793)

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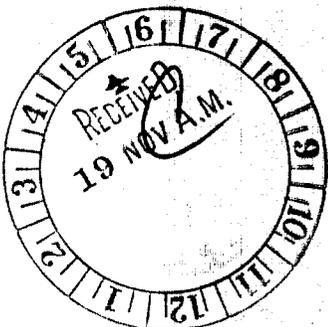
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 TO CG TF XRAY
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EMPLOYMENT OF HELICOPTERS

1. HELICOPTER ASSETS ARE DISPERSED FOR TACTICAL PURPOSES AT CHU LAI, DANANG, PHU BAI, AND DONG HA TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SUPPORT IN MINIMUM TIME TO III MAF FORCES. THE TASK OF PROVIDING OPTIMUM HELO SUPPORT FROM THESE BASES HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT WITH EVER INCREASING LOSSES OF HELOS TO GROUND FIRE AND ASSOCIATED FREQUENT LOSS OF HIGHLY SKILLED CREWS. IN MANY INSTANCES THESE LOSSES ARE DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE REQUESTING GROUND COMMANDER. FAILURE TO ENSURE MAXIMUM SUPPRESSION OF ENEMY FIRES WHEN REQUESTED HELOS ARRIVE AND FAILURE TO EMPLOY PROPERLY THE VARIED MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE ARE BOTH MAJOR CONTRIBUTING FACTORS TO LOSSES OF THIS MOST VITAL ASSET.

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2. I VIEW WITH ALARM THE NUMBER OF OCASIONS THAT HELOS HAVE BEEN HIT BY SMALL ARMS ENTERING OR DEPARTING LANDING ZONES THAT ARE IN SUPPOSEDLY SECURE AREAS. PROPERLY EMPLOYED SUPPORTING ARM TECHNIQUES MAY WELL HAVE PRECLUDED THE MAJORITY OF THESE INCIDENTS.

3. PILOTS AND CREWMEN ARE TRAINED AND READY TO RESPOND TO ANY SITUATION BUT I DO NOT WANT GROUND COMMANDERS TO JEOPARDIZE LIVES AND HELICOPTERS NEEDLESSLY BY EXPECTING THEM TO RESPOND TO SITUATIONS WHEREIN REASONABLE SECURITY CANNOT BE GIVEN THE BEST PROTECTIVE SHIELD THAT CAN BE PROVIDED. MAJOR GENERAL NICKERSON.

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 S E C R E T
 CHOP OF 3/7

1. 3D BN, 7TH MAR CHOPPED TO CG THIRD MARDIV AT 180900H NOV 1966.

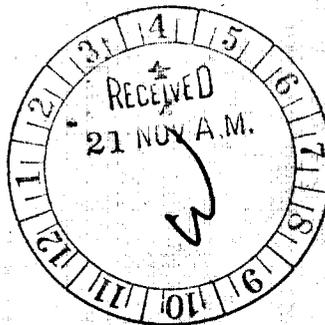
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 TO THIRD BN SEVENTH MARINES
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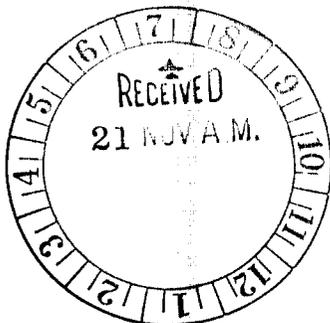
1. EFFECTIVE 181600H NOV 66 REPORT TO CG FIRST MARDIV FOR OPCON.

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 TO CG TF XRAY
 INFO FLGG BRAVO

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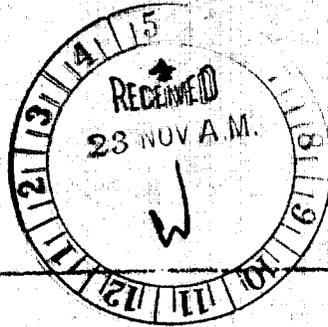
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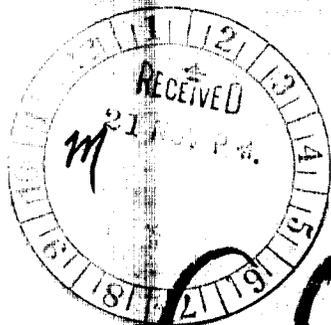
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- A. CG THIRD MARDIV 141627Z NOV66
- B. CG III MAF 150146Z NOV66
- C. 15NOV66 CONFERENCE 1ST AND 3D MARDIV REPS AT DANANG
- D. FORCE 0 P4060.5
- E. CG FIRST MARDIV 0 P02033.2C (CEO1)
- F. SITUATION, COMMENCING D DAY THIRD BN NINTH MAR DEPLOYS FROM DANANG TO PHU BAI AND CONCURRENTLY SECOND BN MINUS FIFTH MAR

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 DEPLOYS FROM PRAIRIE AREA TO DANANG AS OUTLINED REF A AND APPROVED REF 1, COMMENCING D PLUS FOUR H&S CO ELEMENTS SECOND BN FIFTH MAR MOVE FROM CHU LAI TO DANANG TO REJOIN PARENT ORGN.

2. EXECUTION
 A. CONCEPT
 (1) LAW REF B INTERCHANGE OF UNITS COMMENCES D DAY WITH AIR MOVEMENT ONE COMPANY THIRD BN NINTH MAR FROM AN HOA AIR STRIP TO PHU BAI AND ONE CO SECOND BN FIFTH MAR DONG HA TO AN HOA AIR STRIP. AIR MOVEMENT CONTINUES ON D PLUS ONE WITH ONE COMPANY THIRD BN NINTH MAR DEPARTING AN HOA FOR PHU BAI AND ONE CO SECOND BN FIFTH MAR FROM DONG HA TO AN HOA. ON D PLUS TWO AIR MOVEMENT CONTINUES WITH ONE COMPANY AND COMD GP THIRD BN NINTH MAR DEPARTING AN HOA FOR PHU BAI AND ONE COMPANY AND COMD GP SECOND BN FIFTH MAR FROM DONG HA TO AN HOA. ON D PLUS THREE AIR MOVEMENT INITIATING AT AN HOA COMPLETES INTERCHANGE OF FORCES BY LIFTING ONE COMPANY AND REMAINDER OF H&S CO THIRD BN NINTH MAR TO PHU BAI. IN EVENT UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES DELAY INTERCHANGE BEYOND D PLUS THREE, MOVEMENT CONTINUES UNTIL COMPLETED.
 (2) COMMENCING D PLUS FOUR DET H&S CO SECOND BN FIFTH MAR MOVES BY MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS FROM CHU LAI TO AN HOA.

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B. TF XRAY: COMMENCING D PLUS FOUR MOVE DET H&S CO SECOND BN FIFTH MAR TO DANANG BY MOST APPROPRIATE MEANS.

C. NINTH MAR: COMMENCING D DAY, DIRECT MOVEMENT THIRD BN NINTH MAR IAW AGREEMENTS REF C AS OUTLINED IN CONCEPT HEREIN.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) ELEMENTS THIRD BN NINTH MAR CHOP THIRD MARDIV ON DEPARTURE AN HOA.

(2) ELEMENTS SECOND BN FIFTH MAR CHOP NINTH MAR ON ARRIVAL AN HOA.

(3) MOVREPS IAW SUPPLEMENT TO NWIP 10-1 (A)

(4) OPSTAT RPTS IAW FMFPAC O P03000.5

(5) D DAY 21NOV66

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS

A. PERSONNEL. UPON ARRIVAL AN HOA SECOND BN MINUS FIFTH MAR UNDER DIRECT ADCOM 1ST MARDIV. INSTRUCTIONS TO BE PROMULGATED BY SEPARATE LETTER OF INSTRUCTION.

B. LOGISTICS

(1) PRESCRIBED LOADS. FOR DEPLOYMENT AS DIR BY NINTH MAR.

(2) RESUPPLY. AS DIRECTED BY PARENT COMMAND.

(3) FACILITIES. ALL CANTONMENT LEFT IN PLACE. THREE GP TENTS FOR

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DRY STORES REMAIN ON STRONG BAGS. SECOND BN MINUS FIFTH MARINES PROVIDE LIKE ITEMS AS REPLACEMENT. FIXED FACILITIES SUCH AS COMM AND ELEC WIRE, HARDWARE, PLUMBING, BUNKERS AND TACTICAL WIRE LEFT UNDISTURBED.

(4) STORAGE. SUBMIT CUBE AND WEIGHT THIS HQ (ATTN G-4).

C. TRANSPORTATION. SUBMIT REQUIREMENTS THIS HQS (ATTN MTO).

D. EMBARKATION.

(1) SUBMIT TOTAL LIFT REQUIREMENTS THIS HQS (ATTN DIV EMBO) ASAP IAW REF F.

(2) MAX PALLETIZATION OF AIRLIFT CARGO REQUIRED.

5. COMMAND AND COMM - ELECT.

A. COMMAND

(1) MOVEMENT WILL BE DIRECTED AND CONTROLLED BY THIS HQS.

(2) DIV EMBO WILL COORDINATE DETAIL MOVEMENT SCHEDULE.

B. COMM - ELECT

(1) SECOND BN FIFTH MAR COMMUNICATIONS UPON ARRIVAL DANANG COMBAT BASE IAW REF E.

(2) COMM CO, HQ BN PROVIDES RADIO NET BETWEEN DIV EMB OFFICE AND DIV EMB OFFICE REP AN HOA AIRFIELD PERIOD 20-24 NOV INCLUSIVE.

(A) NET NAME: DIV EMBARKATION

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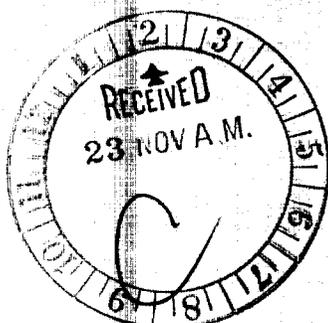
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 2. OPCON SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES FURTHER ASSIGNED TO CG THIRD MARDIV (FWD) EFFECTIVE 181600H NOV 66.
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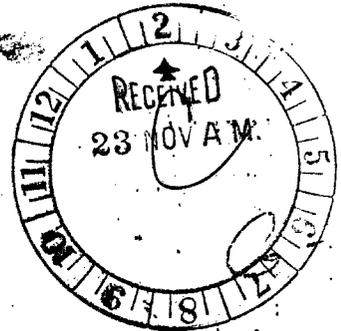
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- REF A APPROVED INTERCHANGE 2D BN, 5TH MAR AND 3D BN, 5TH MAR 1. COMMENCE O/A 21 NOV.
- REF B DIRECTED 4/503 TASK FORCE NOW IN DANANG TAOR BE RETURNED TO PARENT ORG IN III CTZ AS SOON AS FEASIBLE AND NLT 1 DEC 1966.
- DECISION REACHED THIS HQ TO MAINTAIN CURRENT FORCE LEVEL DANANG TAOR. ACCORDINGLY A DRAWDOWN OF ONE BN FROM THIRD MARDIV IS REQUIRED.
 - FOR CG, FIRST MAR DIV
 - CANCEL DEPLOYMENT 3/9 TO HUE/PHU BAI AS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY REF A. RETAIN OPCON 3/9.
 - ASSUME OPCON 2D BN, 5TH MAR ON ARRIVAL DANANG TAOR.
 - RELIEVE 4/503 TASK FORCE IN PRESENT TAOR. EMBARK 4/503 IN AIR TRANSPORT AND DEPLOY TO PARENT ORGANIZATION IN III CTZ COMMENCING 29 NOV, MOVEMENT TO BE COMPLETED NLT 1 DEC 66. SUBMIT AIR TRANSPORT REQUIREMENTS THIS HQ ASAP.
 - FOR CG, 3D MARDIV. DEPLOY 2D BN, 5TH MAR TO DANANG ASAP. CHOP OPCON 2/5 TO CG ISI MARDIV ON ARRIVAL DANANG. SUBMIT AIR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS THIS HQ ASAP.
 - FOR CG FIRST MAW. PROVIDE LIFT FOR PARA 5 ABOVE.
 - FOR CG II FFORCEV. REQUEST DESIRED DESTINATION 4/503 IN III CTZ. WILL ADVISE DETAILED MOVEMENT SCHEDULE WHEN AVAILABLE.

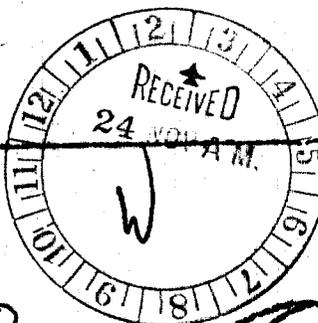
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 DEPLOYMENT AND OPCON 1ST ARMD AMPHIB CO.

REF (A) CG FMFPAC 200147Z OCT 66

1. REF A DIRECTED THAT COMMAND LESS OPCON 1ST ARMD AMPHIB CO TO INCLUDE IN COUNTRY ARMD AMPHIB PLAT ASSIGNED TO CG 1ST MARDIV EFFECTIVE UPON ARRIVAL RVN.
2. DEBARKATION 1ST ARMD AMPHIB CO COMPLETED 230400H NOV 66. EFFECTIVE 230800H NOV 66 CG III MAF ASSUMES OPCON 1ST ARMD AMPHIB CO. OPCON FURTHER ASSIGNED TO CG 1ST MARDIV.

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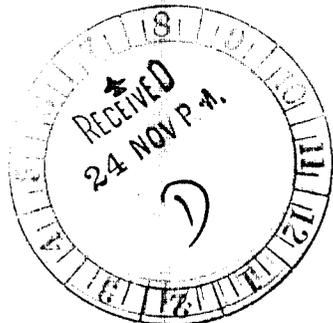


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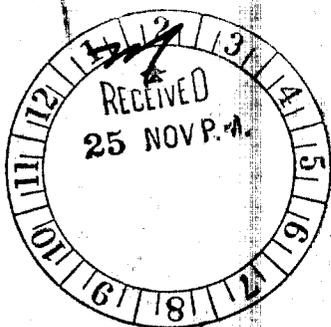
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 ROUGH RIDERS (U)

- A. YR 260510Z AUG 66
1. REF A REQUIRES CONDUCT TWO ROUGH RIDERS PER MONTH CHU LAI TO DANANG AND RETURN.
 2. OPNS RIO BLANCO AND MISSISSIPPI COUPLED WITH BN DEPLOYMENTS AND RESUP AN NOA INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX MAKE IT DESIREABLE TO SLIP NOVEMBER ROUGH RIDER REQUIREMENT TO EARLY DEC
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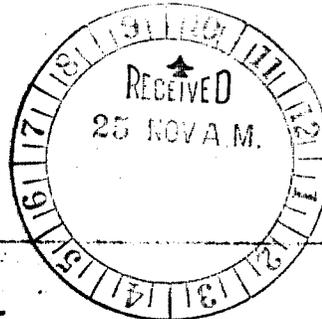
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CONDUCT OF PATROLS, AMBUSHES AND LISTENING POSTS (U)

A. MY 121003Z NOV 66

1. IN REF A I DESCRIBED RAID TACTICS USED BY ENEMY IN PENETRATING STATIC DEFENSES AND DIRECTED COMMAND ATTENTION TOWARDS IMPROVED PROCEDURES WHICH WOULD DETER OR PREVENT ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO FRIENDLY POSITIONS.

2. IN ADDITION I HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY EXAMINING PATROL ACTIVITIES DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS IN DA NONG TAOR. ALTHOUGH PART OF PROBLEM MAY BE FAULTY REPORTING, I AM CONCERNED IN APPARENT LACK OF SUFFICIENT LISTENING POSTS, AMBUSHES AND SECURITY PATROLS, FOR PROPER SECURITY.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING, I DESIRE THAT EACH COMMANDER EXAMINE HIS PATROL ACTIVITIES AND, COMMENSURATE WITH REQUIREMENTS, EFFECT AN IMMEDIATE INCREASE IN NUMBER OF NIGHTTIME LISTENING POSTS, AMBUSHES AND SECURITY PATROLS. MAJOR GENERAL NICKERSON.

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FIRST ARMD AMPHIB CO

A. CG FMFPAC 200147Z OCT66

B. CG III MAF 230156Z NOV66 (NOTAL)

1. REF A DIRECTED THAT ADCON FIRST ARMD AMPHIB CO, TO INCLUDE IN COUNTRY ARMD AMPHIB PLAT BE ASSIGNED TO CG FIRST MARDIV EFFECTIVE UPON ARRIVAL OF CO IN RVN. DEBARKATION 1ST ARMD AMPHIB CO COMPLETED 230400H NOV66.

2. REF B RUTHER ASSIGNED OPCON FIRST ARMD AMPHIB CO TO CG FIRST MARDIV EFFECTIVE 230800H NOV66.

3. EFFECTIVE 230800H FIRST ARMD AMPHIB CO ATTACHED ELEVENTH MAR AND FIRST PROV ARMD AMPHIB PLAT DISSOLVED. PERS AND EQUIP THIS PLAT ASSIGNED TO FIRST ARMD AMPHIB CO.

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- A. TF XRAY MSG 230952Z
- B. CG FIRST MARDIV 230309Z

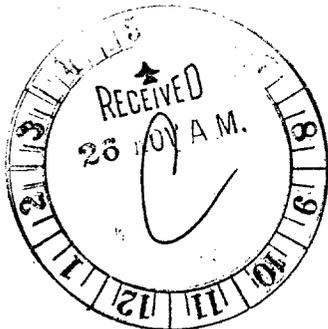
1. REFERENCES (A) AND (B) APPLY. DEPLOY DET H&S CO 2D BN FIFTH MARINES TO DANANG ASAP. DESTINATION IN DANANG AREA AN HOA AIR STRIP.
2. OPCON DET H&S CO SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES PASSES TO NINTH MAR ON ARRIVAL AN HOA AIR STRIP.

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ROUGH RIDERS (CHU LAI TO DANANG)

A. CG FIRST MARDIV 240839Z NOV 66

1. REF A REQUESTED A WAIVER IN NOVEMBER OF MONTHLY REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT TWO ROUGH RIDERS CHU LAI TO DANANG AND RETURN. ALSO RECOMMEND SLIP NOVEMBER ROUGH RIDER REQUIREMENT TO EARLY DECEMBER.
2. YOUR REQUEST CONTAINED IN REFERENCE & APPROVED.

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SUBJ: OPERATIONS SUMMARY

1. IN ORDER TO PROPERLY PORTRAY ACTIVITIES OF THE 1ST MARDIV ADDRESSEES WILL SUBMIT A DAILY REPORT OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED WITHIN THEIR SECTORS OF DIV REAR AREA. THIS REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED WITH THE DAILY SITREP AND WILL COVER THE PERIOD 0001H TO 2400H.

THE FOLLOWING FORMAT WILL BE UTILIZED:

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2. LISTENING/OBSERVATION POST (LP/OP)
3. AMBUSH (AMB)
4. RECON PATROL (RECON)
5. SECURITY PATROL (SEC)
6. SEARCH & DESTROY (S&D)
7. CLEARING (CLR)
8. COMBAT PATROLS (CMB)

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DANANG RIVER PATROL (U)

- 1. CG III MAF 280630Z JUL 66
- 2. CG III MAF 061812Z OCT 66

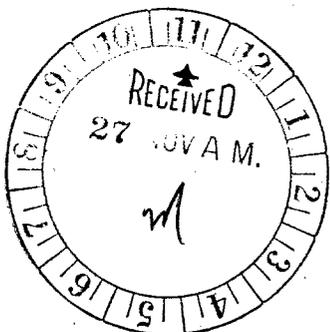
1. REF A DIRECTED THIRD MARDIV RELIEVE GVN FORCES ON DANANG RIVER PATROL BECAUSE CONSTRUCTION PONTOON BRIDGE ACROSS SONG KAN PRECLUDED PASSAGE VEDETTE BOAT UPSTREAM.
2. IAW REF B FIRST MARDIV ASSUMED DANANG RIVER PATROL MISSION.
3. AS SONG KAN IS ONCE AGAIN NAVIGABLE TO LARGER BOATS CONSIDER VEDETTE BOAT BETTER EQUIPPED CONDUCT RIVER PATROLS PLUS ADDED ADVANTAGE GVN FORCES AVAILABLE FOR SEARCHING LOCAL RIVER BOATS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLE.
4. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING REQUEST THIS COMMAND BE RELIEVED BOAT PATROL MISSION.

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DEPLOYMENT OF LVTH-6 TO PRAIRIE OPERATING AREA

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 181141Z NOV 66

B. CG III MAF 240840Z NOV 66 NOTAL

1. REQUEST CONTAINED IN REF A APPROVED BY REF B. PLATOON, FIRST ARMORED AMPHIB CO TO ARRIVE DONG HA AREA NLT 1 DEC. OPCON WILL

PASS TO CG THIRD MARDIV OFF TIME OF ARRIVAL AT DONG HA. OPCON FURTHER PASSED BY THIS HQ TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD) EFF TIME OF ARRIVAL LVTH PLT AT DONG HA. INFORM THIS HQ DTG WHEN OPNCON ASSUMED.

2. FOR TWELFTH MARINES, BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE FIRE DIRECTION CAPABILITY TO LVTH PLATOON WHEN EMPLOYED IN INDIRECT FIRE SUPPORT ROLE. GP-4

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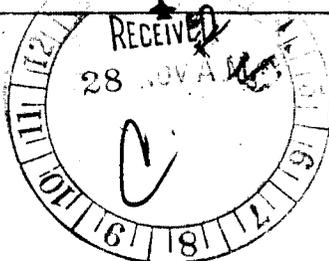
1. R F A APPLIES.
2. ON 27 NOVERBER DEPLOY CO E SECOND BN FIFTH MARINES BY AIR TRANSPORT TO DANANG FOR FINAL DESTINATION ACHNOA AIRSTRIP, DAN NG TAOR.
3. ON 28 NOVEMBER DEPLOY CO M THIRD BN SEVENTH MARINES BY AIRKTRA SPORT TO DANANG.
4. OPC N RIFLE COS PASSES TO FIRST MARDIV ONHDEPARTURE CHU LAI; FURTHER PASSES TO PARENT BN ARRIVAL DESTINATION.

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- A. CG FIRST MARDIV (REIN) 081422Z OCT 66
- B. CG FIRST MARDIV (REIN) 080945Z NOV 66
- 1. CONTINUING REVIEW OF ARTY RESOURCES REVEALS ANALYSIS SET FORTH IN REF A AND REINTERATED IN REF B IS VALID AND REMAINS UNCHANGED. SIMPLY STATED, ARTY RESOURCES CHU LAI AND DANANG TAORS ARE MINIMAL WITH SHORTAGE MEDIUM ARTILLERY ASSETS DANANG MORE APPARENT DAILY. PROBLEM IS FURTHER COMPOUNDED IN CASE OF DANANG BY FOLLOWING CHANGES THAT HAVE OR ARE SOON TO OCCUR:
 - A. ARRIVAL OF FIRST ARMD AMPHIB CO ADDED 12 LVTH-6 TO ASSETS. HOWEVER, ONE PLAT OF 6 LVTH-6 WILL PASS TO OPCON THIRD MARDIV NLT 1 DEC AND A SECOND PLAT MAY BE ASSIGNED TO SLF. IF THIS OCCURS, LVTH-6 ASSET CHANGES RESULT IN RETURN TO ORIGINAL NUMBER OF SIX LVTH-6. IN ANY EVENT SINGLE FDC IN ARMD AMPHIB CO COUPLED WITH

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 PRIME MOVER CHARACTERISTICS RESTRICT EMPLOYMENT IN ARTY ROLE.

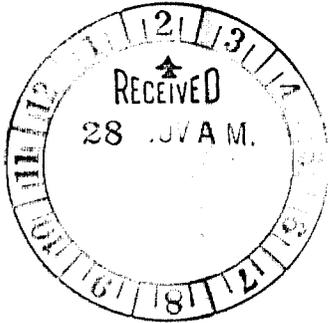
- B. IMMINENT DEPARTURE OF FOURTH BN/503D TASK FORCE RESULTS IN LOSS OF ONE DS BTRY OF SIX 105MM HOW.
- 2. TO MAINTAIN ONE FOR ONE DS BTRY/INF BN RATIO IN DANANG TAOR, INTEND TO MOVE BTRY TO BE DEPLOYED TO QUE SON FOR OPN MISSISSIPPI TO DANANG ON TERMINATION OF OPN. ON BALINCE CONSIDER REDUCTION FROM SIX TO FIVE DS BTRYS AT CHU LAI NOT AS CRITICAL AS NEED FOR SEVEN IN DANANG AREA.
- 3. SHORTAGE OF GENERAL SUPPORT ARTY IN DANANG AREA CONTINUES TO BE CRITICAL. CONSIDER MOVEMENT OF A GS BTRY FROM CHU LAI IN-ADVISABLE FOR FORSEEABLE FUTURE. ACCORDINGLY, AGAIN REQUEST THAT ONE GS BTRY BE PROVIDED THIS COMMAND FROM EXTERNAL RESOURCES FOR EMPLOYMENT DANANG AREA.

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REPORT OF COMBINED ACTION PLAT ACTIVITY PD 18-24 NOV

A. CG III MAF LTR 48066 03/CAW/DAS OF 4FEB66

1. SEVENTH MAR

A. 1ST BN AREA. NINETEEN DAYLIGHT PATROLS, FIVE NIGHT PATROLS AND THIRTY SEVEN NIGHT AMBUSHES CHARACTERIZED BY FREQUENT ENEMY CONTACTS. ENEMY CONTACTS RESULTED IN TEN VC KIA, SIX VC KIA (P), THREE VC WIA (P). FRIENDLY CASUALTIES TWO USMC KIA, EIGHT USMC WIA ONE USN WIA, ONE PF KIA, AND TWO PF WIA. TRAINING: TEN HRS CARE AND CLEANING OF WPNS, FIVE HRS ENGLISH LANGUAGE, FOUR HRS FIRST AID, THREE HRS MARKSMANSHIP, TWO HRS MAP AND COMPASS, TWO HRS PATROL

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TECHNIQUES, AND ONE HR CLOSE ORDER DRILL. AVERAGE PF ATTENDANCE EA PERIOD INSTRUCTION SIXTEEN. REMOTENESS FROM DISTRICT HQS CREATES LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS FOR PF PERSONNEL.

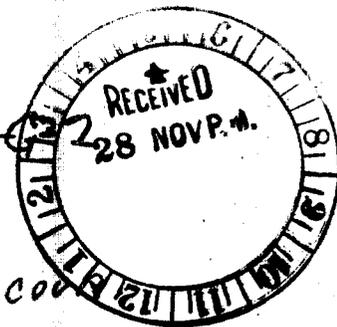
B. 1ST BN FIFTH MAR AREA: ONE DAYLIGHT PATROL, TWENTY NIGHT PATROLS, AND FOURTEEN AMBUSHES. NO ENEMY CONTACTS. TRAINING: SEVEN HRS CARE AND CLEANING OF WPNS AND TWO HRS ENGLISH LANGUAGE. AVERAGE PF ATTENDANCE EA PERIOD INSTRUCTION TWELVE.

C. 3D BN FIFTH MAR AREA. TWO DAYLIGHT PATROLS, SIX NIGHT PATROLS, AND FOURTEEN AMBUSHES. TWO LP'S MAINTAINED NIGHTLY. ONE SQD S&D OPN CONDUCTED. ONE ENEMY CONTACT RESULTING IN TWO VC KIA. TRAINING: FOUR HRS SMALL ARMS. DISTRICT CHIEF VISITED CAC UNITS ON TWO DIFFERENT OCCASIONS. SHORTAGE OF CARBINE AMMO EXISTS. TWENTY FIVE PJ'S CURRENTLY IN TAM KY, PROVIDING SCTY FOR PROV CHIEF.

2. CHU LAI DEFENSE COMD. TWELVE DAYLIGHT PATROLS AND TWENTY FOUR COMBINATION NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES. NO ENEMY CONTACT. TRAINING: THREE HRS PATROLLING; TWO HRS FIRE TEAM TACTICS, TWO HRS CARE AND CLEANING OF WPNS; ONE HR EA ARM AND HAND SIGNALS, INTELLIGENCE, TYPES AMBUSHES, AND AMBUSH TECHNIQUES. AVERAGE PF ATTENDANCE EA PERIOD INSTRUCTION TWENTY FIVE.

3. FOURTH BN, 503D INF. TWO DAYLIGHT PATROLS AND TWENTY ONE AM

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 BUSHES. NO ENEMY CONTACT. TRAINING: SIX HRS CARE AND CLEANING OF
 WPNS, SEVEN HRS SCOUTING AND PATROLLING, THREE HRS HAND AND ARM
 SIGNALS, AND THREE HRS FAM FIRING. THIRTY FOUR HRS DEVOTED TO
 CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD FORTIFICATIONS. LACK OF QUALIFIED INTER-
 PRETERS CONTINUES AS MAIN OBSTACLE TO TRAINING. FOURTH BN, 503D
 INF HAS BEEN PROVIDING EXCELLENT LOGISTIC SUPPORT DURING PERIOD
 WHICH HAS ENABLED CACS TO SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.
 4. NINTH MAR. NINETEEN DAYLIGHT PATROLS, FOUR NIGHT PATROLS AND
 NINE AMBUSHES. SIX ENEMY CONTACTS WITH INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS.
 INSTRUCTION: ONE HR ENGLISH LANGUAGE, ONE HR CLAYMORE MINES.
 PRACTICAL APPLICATION TRAINING CONDUCTED ON COMMUNICATION
 PROCEDURES.

5. FIRST MAR. TEN DAYLIGHT PATROLS, TWO NIGHT PATROLS AND ONE
 AMBUSH. CONTINUOUS SECURITY ON BRIDGE LOCATED AT 073701. ONE SQ
 SIZED CLEARING OPERATION. ONE ENEMY CONTACT WITH INCONCLUSIVE
 RESULTS. TRAINING: FIVE HRS TECHNIQUE OF PATROLLING AND ONE HR
 AMBUSHES. PRACTICAL APPLICATION IN CLEANING WPNS AND IMMEDIATE
 ACTION. FIFTEEN VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS TREATED BY CAC CORPSMEN.
 6. ELEVENTH MAR. TWENTY ONE NIGHT PATROLS CONDUCTED. NO ENEMY
 CONTACTS. TRAINING: TWO HRS PATROL TECHNIQUES AND TWO HRS CARE

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 AND CLEANING OF WPNS.
 7. PROGRESS WITH COMBINED ACTION PROGRAM SATISFACTORY.

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1. PATROL ACTIVITY DA NANG TAOR CONTINUES TO BE INADEQUATE. I DIRECTED AN IMMEDIATE INCREASE IN SUCH ACTIVITY IN REF A. NEED HIGHLIGHTED BY PLANNED EN ACTIVITY 1/26 AREA AND VIC POL FARM. INCREASE IN NIGHT PATROL ACTIVITY; LPS, AMBUSHES, SCTY PATROLS. WILL OCCUR. WE WILL CONTROL OUR AREAS AT NIGHT AS WELL AS DAY. MAJHEN NICERSON SENDS

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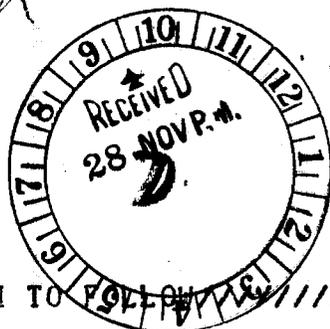
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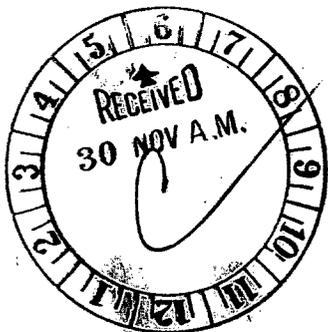
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A. MY 260841Z NOV66.

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 OPERATIONS RIO BLANCO, DRAGON EYE, AND LK 70
 A. YR 280551Z

1. REF (A) REQ EVAL, CMIS, CONCLUSIONS SUBJ OPNS.
2. THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1966 AGENT REPORTS INDICATED MOVEMENTS OF THE 1ST VC REGIMENT IN THE VICINITY FO THE JUNCTIONS OF SON HA, TRA BONG, SON TINH, TU NGHIA DISTRICTS, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE. ON 12 NOVEMBER A LIEUTENANT WHO CALAIMED TO COMMAND THE RECONNIASSANCE PLATOON FOR THE 2ND DIVISION (AKA -620TH) DEFECTED AT NUI LAC SON. DURING INTERROGATION HE STATED THAT THE 1ST VC REGIMENT WAS IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, NORTH OF THE SONG TRA KHUC.
3. UNITS BELIEVED TO BE IN THE AREA CONSISTED OF THE 60TH, 80TH AND 90TH BATTALIONS OF THE 1ST VC REGEMENT, THE 409TH ENGINEER / SAPPER / RAIDER BATTALION (-), THE 506TH COMPANY (BELIEVED TO BE APART OF THE 1506TH ENGINEER BATTALION) AND THE 20TH MONTAGNARD TRANSPORTATION BATTALION. ENEMY WITHING REINFORCING DISTANCE CONSISTED OF THE 49TH AND 38 PROVISIONAL MOBILE BATTALIONS, AND THE T-19 (AKA P-31), T-20TH, AND 8TH LOCAL FORCE COMPANIES. THE 70TH PROVINCIAL FORCE BN WAS NOT EXPECTED.
4. ALL UNITS CONFIRME IN CHU LAI AREA. HOWEVER, 70TH BN IS CONF PROV FORCE MOBILE BN IN QUE SON AND THANG BINH DISTRICTS. THE 70TH PREVIOUSLY REPORTED PART OF 1ST VC REGT PRIOR APRIL 1966. AN ORGANIZATION CHART CAPT ON OPN HOT SPRINGS BY 7TH MARIES SHOWS AN SUNG REGT (AKA 1ST VC REGT) COMPRISED OF 40, 60, 90TH BNS WITH 70TH BN DETACHED TO QUANG NAM. VARIOUS CONF LOC (MAF 003 1 APR, 1 CORPS NR 121, 12 DIA 003 10 MAY, 2 ND ARVN DIV NR 143 22 MAY) PLACE

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70TH BN IS VIC AT (AT 9449, AT 8254, AT 9630). SUBSEQUENT REPORTS PLACE THE 70TH GENERAL WEST OF TAM KY. BNS OF 1ST VC REGT OPERATE GENERALLY WEST OF QUANG NGAI PROV CAPITOL. A DEFECTOR ON A4 NOV REPORTED 1ST VC REGT WITH 4 BNS. DEFECTOR NGUYEN PHU CANH IN OCT 66 REPORTED 1ST VC REGT WITH 4 BNS. DEFECTOR BGUYEN PHU CANH IN OCT 66 REPORTED THAT IN

BGUYEN PHU CANH IN OCT 66 REPORTED THAT IN MAY 66 1ST VC REGT WITHDREW FROM 620TH DIV (AKA 2ND DIV) TO BECOME MORE MOBILE.

5. THE ABOVE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION UPON WHICH OPERATIN RIO BLANCO WAS PLANNED WAS PROVIDED FROM TASK FORCE X-RAY, 2 ND ARVN DIV AND THE 2ND ROK MAR BRIGADE, WHICH THROUGH ANALYSIS OF INTERROGATION REPORTS, AGENT REPORTS, AND "OTHER RELIABLE INTELLIGENCE" COMPILED THE FOLLOWIN ESTIMATE OF ENEMY FORCES NEAR THE OBJECTIVE AREA.

UNIT	LOCATION	STRENGTH
1 ST VC REGT CP & 90TH BN	BS 4182	1200
60TH BN, 1ST VC REGT	BS 4778	300
ONE U/I BN, 1ST VC REGT	BS 4674	400
ONE U/I BN	BS 5374	UNK (PROB 400)
ONE U/I BN	BS 4670	UNK
20TH MONTAGNARD TRANS BN	BS 4079	450

409ENGR BN AND 506 SAPPER CO BELIEVED TO BE DISPERSED THROUGHT OUT THE OPERATION AREA. STRENGHT EST LESS THAN 700 AND 100 RESPECTIVELY.

6. DURING OPERATION RIO BLANCO USMC FORCES ENCOUNTERED THE ENEMY INFORCE ON ONE OCCASION. A DEFECTOR HOANG HIEU (SECRET NAME NGUYEN XUAN) REAVEALDE THAT HE WAS A WARRANT OFFICER (SUPPLY) FROM THE 60TH BATTALION AND THAT THE UNIT LOCATION WAS IN THE VICINITY OF (BS 5432). HE ALSO STATED THAT THE 60TH BN AND THE 48TH PROVINCIAL MOBIL E

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BATTALION WERE SCREENING FORCES FOR THE REST OF THE 1ST VC REGT. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE 1ST VC REGT ATTACHED A 70TH QUANG NGAI FORCE BN FED 66 AND REPORTEDLY THE REGT WAS TO BE BUILT UP TO DIV STRENGTH, BUT LOGISTICS PROBLEMS PREVENTED THIS. ON SUBSEQUENT INTERROGATIONS HE WAS DAAMANT THAT 70TH WAS FORMED OF QUANG HNGAI FORCE UNITS AND IS PART OF 1ST VC REGT.

ON 190400H ELEMENTS OF THE ROK MARINE BRIGADE (BS 5677) WERE ATTACKED BY AN EST U/I BN, WHICH WITHDREW TO THE WEST. KMC'S CLAIMED CASUALTIES AND CAPTURE OF ONE AA MACHINE GUN. (ALL BNS OF 1ST VC REGT HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO HAVE AA MACHINE GUNS). A DEFECTOR FROM 40TH NM (AKA 80) STATED THAT ON 19 NOV NOW THE 70TH, 90TH AND 1ST VC REGIMENT HQ MOVED FROM VIC (BS 4575) TO THE WEST OF THE BEND IN THE SONG TRA KHUC. THIS PLACED THEM JUST OUTSIDE OF THE USMC PORTION OF RIO

OPERATIONS AREA AND NORTHWEST OF CIDG OPERATING AREA. COMUSMACV REPORTED THAT WOUNDED VC CONFIRMED THAT THE 48TH VC LF BN ATTACKED KMC'S 20 NOV VIC (BS 577 772) WITH 91 KIA, ONE OTHER REPORT OF 48TH RIO BLANCO AREA DURING OPERATIONS, BY COOLIE LABORER CAPTURED BY KMC 19 NOV SON TINH DISTRICT

VARIOUS AGENT REPORTS DURING THE PERIOD 16 -24 NOV PLACE 38TH AND 48TH BNS IN NORMAL OPNS AREAS IN NGHIAN HANH AND MO DUC DISTRICTS, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE. FROM ABOVE INFO IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE 48TH AND 60TH BNS POSSIBLY COMBINED AND ATTACKED THE ROK'S ON 190400H NOV. A REPORT FROM THE MONTAGNARD CHIEF AT BUI TRON AT APPROX 191700H AND WOULD TURN NORTH. USING THESE TWO REPORTS

A COMBINED MOVEMENT OF THE USMC, 2ND ROK MARINE BRIGADE, AND THE 2ND ARVN DIV WAS EXECUTED TO MANEUVER AND SURROUND THE REPORTED LOC OF THE 60TH BN OF THE 1ST VC REGT. CONTACTS WAS MADE. ENEMY UNITS ARE UNCONFIRMED AT THIS TIME.

7. WHEN USMC ENCOUNTERED THE 60TH BN ONE FAMILIAR TACTIC WAS

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USED DURING USMC SWEEPS OF THE AREA. THE VC LET USMC FORECS SWEEP AND BREAK THROUGH THEIR LINES AN THEN WOULD FLANK USMC FORCES AND OPEN FIRE. RECON REPORTS TEND TO SHOW THAT A POTIN OF THE 1ST REGT WENT INTO THE GENERAL AREA (BS 427 9, BS 3579, BS 4283) ,BS 3583).

(8. INTERROGATION S OF TEH SUPOLY OFFICER RALLIER OF THE 60TH BN INDICATED THAT THE 3RD NVA AND 21ST VNA REGT ARE STILL IN NORTHERN QUANG TIN AND SOUTHER N QUANG NAM PROVINCES. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE 60TH BN IS DOWN TO TWO MOARTARS, ONE 75RR, APPROX FIVE 30

CALIBER MG'S, 150 -200 SMALL ARMS, TWO PRC 10'S, AND VIE PHONES. 60TH BN AMMUNITION IS LOW , FOOD IS LOW, MORAL IS LOW, AND THE QUALITY OF THE OFFICERS AND NCO' S IS LOW, HE STATED THE 60TH BN IS CONMMANDED BY CAPT BGUYED XUAN PHUONG (PREV RPT - CO FO) 80TH BN) AND THE 60TH NOW HAS A TOTAL OF 200 MEN WITH 16 OFFICERS. THE RALLIER STATED THAT THE 1ST VC REGT IS MADE UP OF THE 60TH, 70TH, 80TH AND 90TH BNS AND IS OPERATING IN SON TINH DIST, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE.

9. ONE MAN OF THE 21ST NVA REGT WAS CAPTURED ON 20 NOV. HE WAASK WOUNDED IN MARCH OF 1966 IN THE BATTLE AT SON TROUNG (V), SON TIN (D), QUANG NGAI (P). CAPTIVE CLAIMED HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO B-20, A HOSPITAL UNIT IN SON TINH DIST, WHEN HE WAS CAPT. CAPTIVE CLAIMED THE OOMMANDING OFFICER OF 1ST BN, 21ST REGT IS ABOUT 45 YRS OLD AND HIS NAME IS TINH. THE CAPTIVE WAS EVASIVE AND DID NOT APPPEAR TO BE INTELLIGENT. THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE OF THE 21ST NVA REGT IN THE OPNS AREA.

10. CONCLUSIONS: THE COMBINE USMC, KMC, ARVN AND CIDG FORCES MET AND ROUTED THE 60TH VC MF BN AND PROBABLY THE 43TH VC LF BN PLUS INFLICTED APPRECIABLE DAMAGE TO POSSIBLY TWO OTHER VC BSN. BREAK DOWN OF COMBINED CASUALTIES INFLICTED APPRECIABLE DAMGAE TO POSSIBLY TWO OTHER VC BNS. BREAK DOWN OF COMBINED CASUALTIES

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INFlicted on the operation was reported in TFX INISUM NO 50 (280350H REFERS). THE MOVEMENTS ON 19 NOV THROUGH 24 NOV OF THE ENEMY UNITS, CHARAERIZES ERTIREMENT OF THE 70TH, 90TH AND 1ST VC REGIMENT HQ WITH POSSIBLY EITHER DELAYING OR DECEPTIVE ACTION CONDUCTED BY THE 40TH BN (AKA 80) TO TH N, AND THE 48TH LF BN AND 60TH MF BN TO THE NNE ANDE. AN ALTERNATE CONSLUSIVION TO THESE MOVEMENTS WOULD CHARACTERIZE A MOVE FROM ANTICIPATED CONTACT OR ENCIRCLEMENT ON 19 -20 NOV AND BREAKOUT FROM A THREATENED ENCIRCLEMENT ON 21 -25 NOV.

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ROTATION OF BLT 1/4-TASK ORGANIZATION

A. THIRD MARDIV 121225Z NOV 66

B. FMPAC O 001300.13 W/CH 1 NOTAL

C. CG III MAF 030320Z NOV 66 NOTAL

D. THIRD MARDIV 250617Z NOV 66 NOTAL

E. CTG SEVEN NINE 232251Z NOV 66 NOTAL

1. REF A MY WARNING ORDER ACTIVATES BLT 1/4 FOR OPERATIONS EFFECTIVE

2 DEC 66 FOR OUT-OF-COUNTRY ROTATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCES

B AND C.

2. BLT 1/4 TASK ORGANIZATION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: REF B,C, AND D REFER.
BLT 1/4

FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES

DET, HQ CO, FOURTH MARINES (RADIO RELAY)

DET, HQ BN, THIRD MARDIV

DET, POSTAL SECTION

DET, DISBURSING SECTION

DET, COMM CO, (RADIO RELAY)

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BTRY C (REIN) THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES

107MM MORTAR BTRY, THIRD BN, TWELFTH MARINES

FOURTH PLAT (REIN), CO B, FIRST AMTRAC BN

SECOND PLAT (REIN), CO B, THIRD AT BN

FIRST PLAT (REIN), CO A, THIRD TANK BN

FOURTH PLAT (REIN), CO B, THIRD ENGR BN

SECOND PLAT, CO A, THIRD RECON BN

DET, 15TH DENTAL CO (NOW ASG BLT 3/26; TO REASSG TO BLT 1/4 UPON
DEPARTURE RVN IN ACCORDANCE REF B)

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DET, THIRD SERVICE VN (FLSG BRAVO)

FIRST PLAT (REIN), CO A, THIRD SP BN

FIRST PLAT (REIN), CO C, THIRD MT BN

3. TWELFTH MARINES, SEPARATE BATTALIONS AND/OR COMPANIES PROVIDING
REINFORCING ELEMENTS TO BLT 1/4 CHOP OPCON/ADCON OF UNIT INVOLVED TO
CO BLT 1/4 EFFECTIVE 2 DEC 66.4. FOR CG FIRST MARDIV, REQUEST OPCON CLEARING PLAT, CO B, THIRD MED
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FOR THIS MESSAGE.

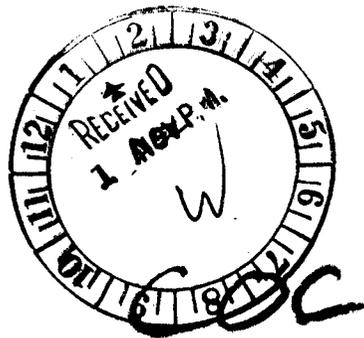
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5. FOR CG FLC, REQUEST DET FLSG BRAVO CHOP OPCON/ADCON TO CO BLT 1/4
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 OPCON FIRST FAG (U)

- A. CG FMFPAC 090433Z NOV 66 (NOTAL)
 1. REFERENCE (A) PROVIDED DEPLOYMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR 1ST FAG.
 2. FIRST FAG REPORTED FOR OPCON 300836Z NOV66. OPCON FURTHER ASSIGNED
 O3 1ST MARDIV EFF 300836Z NOV66.
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~~CG~~ CLOSE AIR SUPPORT OPN MISSISSIPPI

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1. SUPPORT RENDERED DURING THE INTIAL PHASE OF OPERATION MISSISSIPPI BY UNITS OF FIRST MAW WAS EXCEPTIONAL. THE LANDING OF 917 TROOPS AND 52 TONS OF CARGO BY HELO AND THE CAS/DAS/LZ PREP BY A4, F4, F8 AIRCRAFT IN SUPPORT OF 9TH MARINES ONCE AGAIN DEMONSTRATED THE AIR/GROUND TEAM ESPERIT NECESSARY FOR THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF OUR MISSION.
 2. THE READINESS AND EAGERNESS OF FLIGHT CREWS TO ASSUME HAZARDOUS OPERATIONAL TASKS IN THE FACE OF ENEMY OPPOSITION HAS GAINED RESPECT FOR YOU FROM OUR GROUND UNIT COMMANDERS AT ALL ECHELONS.
- MAJGEN NICKERSON SENDS.
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1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF
DA NANG, Republic of Vietnam
0800H November 1966
270800N November 1966

Operation Order 302-66 (GOLDEN FLEECE)

- Ref: (a) Maps, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014. DA NANG: 6641 II,III; 6640 I,IV. CHU LAI: 6739 I-IV, 6740 III.
- (b) 1st MarDiv Op Ord 301-66
- (c) 1st MarDiv AdminO 301-66
- (d) 1st MarDiv O P2000.1D
- (e) 1st MarDiv O P02000.2C

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces.

- (1) Current INTSUMS and SIRs.
- (2) Previous experience indicates VC will initiate terrorist mining against rice growing areas which they have been denied.
- (3) VC frequently move confiscated rice by boat to avoid land patrols and check points.

b. Friendly forces. Reference (b).

2. MISSION. 1st MarDiv conducts opns to protect Vietnamese Nationals in harvest of rice crop during main harvest seasons, to deny food to VC, stifle VC control over local populace, and aggravate VC logistics problems.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of opns. Most effective echelon to coordinate rice harvesting procedures is at Inf Regt/District Chief and Inf Bn/Village Chief levels, thereby emphasizing to populace that local Marine forces are there to protect them against VC encroachment. No set pattern is applicable to all rice growing areas, however, following methods, tactics and procedures will prevail:

- (1) Whenever possible, consider requests of Vietnamese authorities in establishing priorities, types of assistance, and extent of assistance.

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- (2) Patrols operating near periphery of TAOR coordinate patrol and ambush activities with local villagers to protect them while harvesting and transporting rice.
 - (3) Marine and ARVN/RF/PF forces coordinate in search and clear opns. Upon conclusion of search and clear opn, Marine units establish outposts and ambushes to safeguard rice harvesting area while ARVN/RF/PF forces escort local populace to and from rice fields to harvest crops.
 - (4) Aggressive Marine patrolling around periphery of rice fields provides a screen of protection for local villagers, while RF/PF forces guard rice storage areas.
 - (5) Marine and ARVN units coordinate activities to patrol and ambush as appropriate to protect local populace and rice storage areas.
 - (6) Extended search and destroy opns in vicinity of rice harvest areas outside of TAOR are planned to allow sufficient time for transport of harvesters to area of opns to harvest crop, and to transport rice and harvesters back to safe area.
 - (7) District and Village Chiefs are encouraged to arrange for transport of harvesting personnel and rice to safe areas by native bus, truck or sampen. When such local means of transport are not available or sufficient, use of Marine aircraft and/or vehicles is authorized.
- b. Task Force XRAY: Conduct opns for rice harvest protection within CHU LAI TAOR, in RZ, and outside RZ during period that regional rice harvest is in progress.
- c. 1st Mar.
9th Mar.
4th Bn, 503d Abn Inf.
- Conduct opns for rice harvest protection within assigned sectors, in RZ and outside RZ during period that regional rice harvest is in progress.
- d. 11th Mar: Be prepared to support opns for rice harvest protection as required.
- e. 1st Recon Bn (-) (Rain): Conduct recon opns along major avenues of approach to rice harvest areas in DA NANG TAOR in RZ and outside RZ to detect approach of VC forces and/or indications of VC attempts to seize or disrupt rice harvest.

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- f. 1st AT Bn (-)
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 1st AmTrac Bn (-) (Rein).
 3d MT Bn (-) (Rein).
 7th MT Bn (-) (Rein)

Be prepared to support opns for rice harvest protection as required to include, as applicable, combat support, mine sweeps and transportation of troops, harvesters and harvested rice.

g. Coordinating instructions.

(1) Principal harvest seasons are:

QUANG NAM Province - 22Feb-15Apr
 15Sep-15Oct
 QUANG TIN Province - 15Mar-15Apr
 15Sep- 1Nov
 QUANG NGAI Province- 22Feb-15Apr
 15Sep- 1Nov

Obtain exact dates of harvesting from local Vietnamese authorities. GOLDEN FLEECE opns can also be carried out during smaller harvests which fall outside these periods.

(2) Direct liaison between participating units authorized.

(3) Report commencement and termination of harvest protection opns in or adjacent to TAORs. Termination report will include estimated tons harvested, rice storage methods, and attitude of local populace.

(4) Include in daily SITREP brief summary of day's activities to include, but not limited to:

(a) Size of harvest area protected (sq. km.).

(b) Amount of rice harvested.

(c) Number of Vietnamese workers protected.

(d) USMC and FVMAF units participating in opn.

(e) Other forms of assistance such as transportation of workers, storage of rice, etc.

(f) ARVN/RF/FF participation in opn.

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- (5) Authority to employ Bn (-) or larger force on GOLDEN FLEECE Opns will be obtained from this Hq.
- (6) This order effective for planning on receipt, and execution at beginning of rice harvest seasons.
- (7) Opns conducted in support of this order will be code named GOLDEN FLEECE and sequentially numbered by regt or USA bn, e.g. 5th Mar opns will be numbered GOLDEN FLEECE 5-1, 5-2 etc. Regimental numbering system commenced 1Sep66.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Ref (c).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

a. Comm-Elect. Refs (d) and (e).

b. Request additional comm support from this Hq.

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SA 2d MERVN Div	2	G-4	1
SA QUANG NAM Sector	2	G-5	2
CG TF KRAY	20	Air Off	1
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1. Substitute attached change 1 to Operation Order 302-66 for Operation Order 302-66 in its entirety. Destroy superseded order without report to this Headquarters.

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From: Commanding Officer
 To: Commanding General 1st Marine Division (Attn: G-4)

Subj: Logistic Summary Report

Ref: (a) DivO 4000.19
 (b) Headquarters Battalion Logistic Summary Report of 31 Oct 66

1. The following report covering 010800 Nov 66 to 010800 Dec 66 is submitted in accordance with reference (a).
2. No logistical highlights or problems during this period.
3. Supply and Distribution

a. Critical Items. Problems have been encountered in obtaining some items of 782 gear but shortages are not considered critical at this time. Some personnel within the battalion whose T/O weapons are rifles are at present armed with pistols due to a shortage in rifles. Rifles are on requisition as shown below.

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4. MAINTENANCE

a. General Status. No change to paragraph 4a of reference (b) during this period.

b. During this reporting period the three AN/TRC-27's previously reported on deadline have been removed from deadline. There are no significant maintenance problem areas to report at this time.

5. No troop support problems during this period.

6. There are no logistical plans or concepts in the exploratory stages at this time.

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7. Other Items of Command Interest

a. The tentage problem previously reported has been resolved by the receipt of tentage from FLSC-B.

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