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Encl: ✓(1) Command Chronology, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines for period
 1 February to 28 February 1967

1. In accordance with references (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e), enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.
2. This cover letter is declassified upon being detached from enclosure (1).

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3D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

FEBRUARY 1967

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATAPERIOD COVERED

1 February - 28 February 1967

A. Unit Designation

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. 3d Battalion, 1st Marines | LtCol H. F. De ATLEY | |
| Company I | 1stLt G. R. ROBISON | (1-16 Feb) |
| Company I | 1stLt W. M. KAY | (16-28 Feb) |
| Company K | Capt R. B. ROTHWELL | |
| Company L | Capt J. W. GIBBS | |
| Company M | Capt G. C. KNOWLES | |
| H&S Company | Capt W. M. WOOD | (1-3 Feb) |
| H&S Company | Capt E. A. LYNCH | (3-28 Feb) |
| 2. <u>Attached Units</u> | | |
| Det, 7th Engineer Battalion | | |
| Det, 1st Engineer Battalion | | |
| Det, 11th Motor Transport Battalion | | |
| Det, 3d ITT | | |

B. Location. Village of Thanh Thuy, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam (BT 071656).

C. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	Major A. S. LOUGHRY	
S-1	2dLt V. B. BUNNELL	
S-2	Capt B. F. CATE	
S-3	Major M. J. KELLY	
S-4	1stLt H. I. CATES	(1-7 Feb)
S-4	2dLt P. PAQUETTE	(7-28 Feb)
S-5	CySgt W. A. MCLAIN	(1-18 Feb)
S-5	1stLt J. J. FILAK	(18-28 Feb)
Communications Officer	Capt E. A. LYNCH	
Air Liaison Officer	Capt W. W. FRAZIOR	
Supply Officer	2dLt J. M. HAYS	
Motor Transport Officer	SSgt D. J. CROSBY	(1-10 Feb)
Motor Transport Officer	2dLt K. M. HAGGERTY	(10-28 Feb)
Medical Officer	Lt (MC) R. D. WHEAT	
Chaplain	Lt (CHC) W. G. KIMBLE	

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARYA. Personnel and Administration

1. Strengths. The battalion transferred seven marine officers, ninety-eight marine enlisted, and three navy enlisted to other marine units in Vietnam or to the Continental United States.

2. Replacements. Concurrently, the battalion joined eight marine officers, three staff noncommissioned officers, and seventy-two marine enlisted. The personnel combat readiness category went from C-1 to C-2 during the month of February.

3. Discipline, Law and Order. A sound disciplinary posture was maintained in this organization throughout the reporting period.

4. Morale and Personnel Services. The morale of this organization continues to be excellent. Mail service was changed from 1st Marine Post Office to the MAG-16 Post Office, and provided for a shorter distance to pick up and deliver mail. With fair weather arriving, movies are now being shown outdoors. Club facilities have been improved with new Staff NCO and NCO club areas. Soft drinks and beer are becoming more available. The unit commanders, battalion staff sections, and noncommissioned officers continue to be aware and alert as to the needs and problems of the individual marine. The mess chief has continued to improve the mess hall facilities and the quality of the food. Rifle companies situated away from the command post in permanent defensive positions continue to use field messes supplemented by "C" rations. This unit received excellent out-of-country R&R quotas for February. A large number of Hawaii quotas were received and filled.

5. Religious Affairs

a. Eleven Catholic services were conducted with a total attendance of 251.

b. Twenty-one Protestant services were conducted with a total attendance of 593. The chaplain made thirty-nine hospital visits and counseled twenty-seven marines.

6. Casualties. The battalion had ten KIA, three DOW, and eighty-eight WIA during the month. There were also eleven non-battle casualties.

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B. Intelligence

1. Summary of Enemy Activity. Enemy contact for the month showed a slight decrease from January due to the Tet Cease Fire and operational commitment outside the TAOR. Operation SEARCY I and II, Operation STONE I and II, and Operation LAFAYETTE I accounted for the majority of the contacts this month. A total of fifty-seven VC initiated contacts were made, of which twelve were made during the Tet Cease Fire. Total enemy personnel and equipment losses were:

a. Personnel

VC KIA (Confirmed)	81
VC KIA (Probable)	35
Prisoners of War	44
Civil Defendants	14

b. Equipment

3	M-14 Rifles
7	K-44 Carbines
2	M-1 Carbines
1	9mm Pistol
1	Mat-49 SMG
17	M-26 Grenades
20	ChiCom Grenades
2	LAAW
5	Shape Charges
1	Claymore Mine
6	Assorted Mines (non-emplaced)
3	CS Grenades
	Assorted documents, equipment and personal gear

2. Surveillance and Reconnaissance. Use of available sources of surveillance and reconnaissance were considered limited due to technical and mechanical difficulties.

3. Weather and Terrain. Weather for the month was variable ranging from warm and clear to cool and overcast. Some early morning fog was experienced. The temperatures ranged from 65 to 85 degrees with a total precipitation for the month of .31 inches. The terrain throughout the TAOR offered no problem to foot movement.

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C. Operations

1. Organization. The battalion's organization for its combat mission remained unchanged during this period. The major concern for organization was defense of the Danang Airfield, the Marble Mountain Air Facility, and the approaches thereto. This was accomplished by placing a rifle company, with four major outposts, reinforced with 106mm recoilless rifles and additional armor as necessary, in the area of our TAOR from which Viet Cong forces could be in range to mortar the airfields. The remaining three companies have served as a mobile arm patrolling the southern approach routes ready to mass against any increased VC buildup, exploiting the mobility afforded by LVTP-5's, tanks, and Ontos units.

2. Training. Taking advantage of time where possible, the battalion increased its professional training responsibilities during the month.

a. Company L completed a detailed training schedule acquainting each member of the company with the Stoner Weapons System, drew the weapons on 24 February 1967, and is currently testing the system in combat.

b. The battalion continued its training program to indoctrinate all personnel with the U.S. Rifle, 5.56mm, M-16E1. On 11 February, an instructional contact team conducted a seven hour presentation on the M-16E1 to selected NCO's to further the instructional capability of the battalion. Currently, sixty percent of the personnel have been trained.

c. The battalion chaplain conducted one company size class on religions and religious based customs to acquaint all personnel with the Vietnamese heritage and customs. The program will continue in the following months to ensure all companies and newly assigned personnel are properly indoctrinated.

d. Realizing the increasing need for demolition work and need for well trained personnel to exploit its advantage, the battalion organized and began to implement a training program to familiarize and train all personnel in the companies in the use of demolitions. Additionally, the 1st Engineer Mine Warfare School is being utilized for infantry unit leaders to the fullest extent when quotas are available.

e. The battalion continued to participate in the various formal schools available.

f. Currently an NCO Leadership School is being initiated and will commence during March.

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3. Tactical Operations. During February the battalion conducted one battalion operation, participated in one regimental operation and at month's end was taking part in a second regimental operation which will be concluded sometime in March.

a. Operation SEARCY commenced 010730H February 1967 with three companies from this battalion and two ARVN companies conducting a sweep and clear operation of adjacent hamlets to Tra Khe (2) forcing Viet Cong forces into Tra Khe (2). After a secure cordon was formed around Tra Khe (2), all civilians were relocated by the Vietnamese government and a detailed search and destruction of the hamlet was accomplished. Phase II of Operation SEARCY was conducted in the Ngan Trung complex. This action was followed by the establishment of patrol bases from which security and ambush patrols interdicted enemy forces from returning to the objective area. The Tet truce period negated any further offensive actions until 12 February.

b. Regimental Operation STONE commenced 120700H February 1967. This battalion attacked Goa Noi Island from the south in a zone of action bounded by grid lines 00 and 03, set up blocking positions just north of the Song Chiem Son to cut off enemy escape routes from the island. On 140700H February 1967 the battalion attacked north and by 1615H were at their northern limit of advance. Company size search and destroy operations were conducted throughout the northern portion of the zone of action. On 181415H February 1967 the battalion was helilifted to the vicinity of Triem Trong (3) (095588), boarded AmTracs and proceeded into positions near Phong Ho (1) (065630) until 191200H. Company K conducted a sweep north through the Phong Ho area as Company L formed a blocking position on the right flank. Company I was at this time being phased into operations in the mortar belt.

c. Regimental Operation LAFAYETTE commenced 260700H February 1967. Company M was chopped to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines 271800H and Company K was chopped to 1st Battalion, 1st Marines 280600H February 1967. As yet the operation is not complete.

4. Artillery and Naval Gunfire

a. During Operations SEARCY and STONE approximately 1,378 artillery rounds were expended on eighty targets by three artillery batterys and the 81mm mortar platoon inflicting approximately twenty-four KIA (Probable).

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b. The U.S.S. CANBERRA was in general support of the regiment on Operation STONE. Naval gunfire was used by this battalion to engage targets of opportunity in support of Company I's movements. Additionally, it was used to reinforce artillery fires on TOT missions and to fire harassing and interdiction missions.

5. Air Support/Defense. Marine Air proved once again to be the most potent and diverse supporting arm the Marine Corps has.

a. Marine F4B Phantoms from MAG-13 and MAG-11 flew twelve air strikes totaling twenty-four sorties for a damage assessment of nineteen KIA (Confirmed), ten KIA (Probable), thirty-two structures destroyed and one secondary explosion.

b. Helicopters set new records this month. Ten MEDEVACS were flown with an average completion time of twenty-five minutes. This decreased the average completion time from last month by fifty percent. MAG-16 also accomplished a forty-two sortie helilift of this battalion which was completed in three hours and forty-five minutes. Ten resupply sorties were flown to accomplish the logistical support of the battalion.

c. AO coverage by one aircraft was responsible for discovering fixed wing, naval gunfire, and artillery targets. Almost constant aerial reconnaissance of the entire operating areas was provided by AO's.

d. Flare aircraft proved once again to be far superior to artillery as far as night illumination is concerned. Another advantage being their capability during night operations to pinpoint ground targets and take them under fire with fuselage mounted guns. Flare aircraft provided illumination every night this battalion was engaged in Operations SEARCY and STONE.

D. Logistics.

1. Supply

(Cia.) Continuing progress in the operational procedure and internal control of Battalion Supply has been made during this month. The open storage and bulk storage areas were inventoried and a detailed locator system and yard layout were made. Storage space was enlarged with the addition of a new shelter area. A definite tangible improvement has been made in the research and record keeping section. A complete inventory

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was initiated so as to minimize error in quantities on hand. In general, it is felt that this unit's supply network is in the best condition since arriving in the country. Problem areas still exist in reaching total supply support and timely resupply. These areas are being given special supervision within the regiment.

b. A total of twenty-five M-16 rifles were received during the reporting period. The Stoner System was delivered to Company L for further testing and evaluation.

c. A quarterly recomputation of the Average Monthly Recurring Demand is being completed. To date, approximately 160 line items will be dropped from this account. This will reduce the number of items needed to be ordered, handled, and stored.

d. Experience in direct support of operations using helilift resupply was gained this month.

e. A study of "Leadtime" within the Regiment was conducted. It was found to be extremely short of the actual "Leadtime" experienced. Recommendations have been submitted to Division Supply.

f. Battalion Supply has encountered difficulties in the following areas:

(1) The continual shortage of clothing, particularly jungle utilities, despite constant checking between this unit and FLSG.

(2) Shortage of items of individual equipment despite constant negotiations of higher echelon units.

(3) Frequent repair of ordnance equipment, especially the M-60 machine gun and the 3.5 inch rocket launcher.

2. Transportation

a. The number of M-274, Light Infantry Weapons Carrier (LIWC) deadlin has risen from three to six.

b. Three Mighty-Mite's are deadlined. Two are on 3d echelon maintenance; one with engine repairs and the other for differential repairs. One is on 2d echelon maintenance for clutch repairs.

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- c. Support from the 11th Motor Transport Battalion has been good.
- d. LVT's were used primarily for resupply during Operation SEARCY.
- e. Helicopter support was used to resupply mortar belt positions and was the primary means of resupply during Operation STONE.

3. Service. First and second echelon maintenance is being performed expeditiously with certain problems. Namely, lack of parts and school-trained personnel.

E. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

1. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

- a. The people from Tra Khe (2) were relocated to Nui Kim Son. A twenty day supply of food was given to these 350 refugees along with building materials to assist them in building their new homes.
- b. The repair of the MSR continued to show definite progress.
- c. Daily MEDCAPS continue to aid the people of Nui Kim Son, Hill 10, Tower East, the Khai Tay area, CAC units and the Battalion CP. Due to the Tet holiday the number of people treated decreased but not their enthusiasm for medical aid.

2. Psychological Warfare. The Vietnamese drama team and the 244th Psy/War Team continue to aid this battalion's psy/war effort. The people are becoming more enthusiastic toward county fair operations, because of the outstanding work of these teams. There was one helicopter leaflet drop in this TAOR. The type of leaflets dropped were Chieu Hoi and safe conduct passes. There were other leaflets telling the people to aid the Marines in finding the VC and to not be afraid of the Marines. The drop was conducted on the entire TAOR.

F. Combined Action Company (CAC Program)

1. Operations. The CAC units D-1 and D-2 conducted combined patrolling operations from their respective positions totaling 265 patrols and ambushes, eighty-five, or thirty percent, of which were during the hours of darkness. Pacification efforts continued with daily MEDCAPS for the villagers.

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2. Training. The optimum aim of the CAC Program is the thorough training of the Vietnamese Popular Forces in order that they may someday actively defend their own hamlets; thus training by classroom, practical experience, and example is continually stressed. The language continues to be a handicap and is eased somewhat by the in-country and Okinawa Vietnamese Language courses.

G. Communications-Electronics

1. Personnel. As of 28 February 1967 the Communications Platoon has one officer and seventy-nine enlisted personnel on its rolls. This figure includes communications personnel in the 81mm mortar platoon.

a. Of the personnel listed in paragraph 1 above, three 2511's and one 2531 are presently hospitalized and not expected to return. One 2511 is on emergency leave, with one 2531 and two 2543's on thirty days special leave. One 2531 and one 2511 are attending formal schools in their MOS on Okinawa.

b. Anticipated personnel losses for March include two 2543's, seven 2531/2533's and two 2511's.

c. The billet of radio chief, which rates a Staff Sergeant (2539), is presently filled by a Corporal (2533).

2. Equipment

a. As of 28 February the Battalion has all the communications equipment rated on hand.

b. Accessory items such as tape antennas, whip antennas, and handsets for the PRC-25 are critically short. These items have been on order for some time. During the two operations conducted by the Battalion during the month, the requisitions for the above items were upgraded to priority 2 and placed on Red Ball.

c. The Battalion electronics shop handled and repaired the following equipment:

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2d Echelon Repair</u>	<u>3d Echelon Repair</u>
TA-1	13	12	1
AN/GCC-3	1	0	1
H-138	11	6	5
RT-505	7	6	1

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<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>2d Echelon Repair</u>	<u>3d Echelon Repair</u>
TH-5	2	2	0
ME-25	1	0	1
PIQ-5	1	0	1
USM-105	1	0	1
EE-8	5	5	0
MRC-83	1	0	1
TT-297	3	0	3
TA-222	13	10	3
H-33	1	1	0
TA-221	1	1	0
TS-10	4	4	0
TA-312	4	4	0
TPS-21	2	0	2
USM-50	1	0	1
PRC-47	1	0	1

3. Message Traffic. The following is a list of messages, by mode of transmission, handled during the month:

	<u>Transmitted</u>	<u>Received</u>
a. <u>Radio (Uncovered)</u>	146	332
b. <u>Radio (Covered)</u>	30	13
c. <u>Electrically</u>	5	130
d. <u>Messenger</u>	25	795

4. Operations/Training

a. Operations

(1) The communications platoon participated in Operation SEARCHY, a battalion search and destroy operation, and Operation STONE, a regimental size search and destroy operation. On both operations, radio was the primary means of communication, with a limited amount of sound power telephones distributed in the Command Post. No major problems were encountered during the operations.

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(2) A regimental admin net was activated to pass supply and casualty traffic from the battalion CP in the field to the CP (Rear). This net worked satisfactorily during Operation STONE, Phase II. All MEDLVACS were processed through Regiment rather than directly to Division. The availability of helicopters made this procedure successful.

(3) Rewiring of the Hill 10/Mortar Belt positions was completed during the month.

I. Training

(1) A five day field radio operators' course was conducted during the month for twenty-five students drawn from the rifle companies and supporting arms units.

(2) A radio-teletype drill net was successfully established with Division on 3 February 1967.

(3) Cross training for personnel within OF 2500 has commenced for six personnel within the communications platoon.

5. Electrical Power. Power requirements were increased with the arrival in the command post of Company C, 1st Tank Battalion, and Battery C, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines. A seventy-five KW generator has been provided to satisfy this requirement. A trailer mounted twenty KW generator provides emergency back-up power.

H. Medical/Dental Affairs

1. Personnel. On February 1 there was one Medical Officer and fifty-eight corpsmen on board for duty. During the month eight corpsmen were transferred to other commands, and one KIA during the month. Seven corpsmen were WIA during the month. Total strength the last day of February was one Medical Officer and forty-eight corpsmen of which three are on the sick list, forty-five fit for duty.

2. Patient Load

a. During February a total of 322 patients were seen for sick call for an average of eleven patients per day. 322 patients were seen at the dental unit and 1,050 procedures were done during February.

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b. Nineteen cases of V.D. were treated at the Battalion Aid Station during the month.

3. MEDCAP/DENTCAP. Company corpsmen held sick call in villages in their area of responsibility as field operations permitted. MEDCAP is being held daily at the main gate of the Battalion CP. A total of 3,018 Vietnamese civilians were treated during February.

4. Sanitation

a. Even with a trash dump located outside the command post constant attention must be paid to the problem of trash removal and sanitation of the various heads.

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PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

(There are no significant events to report during February)

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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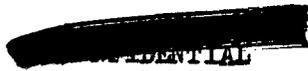
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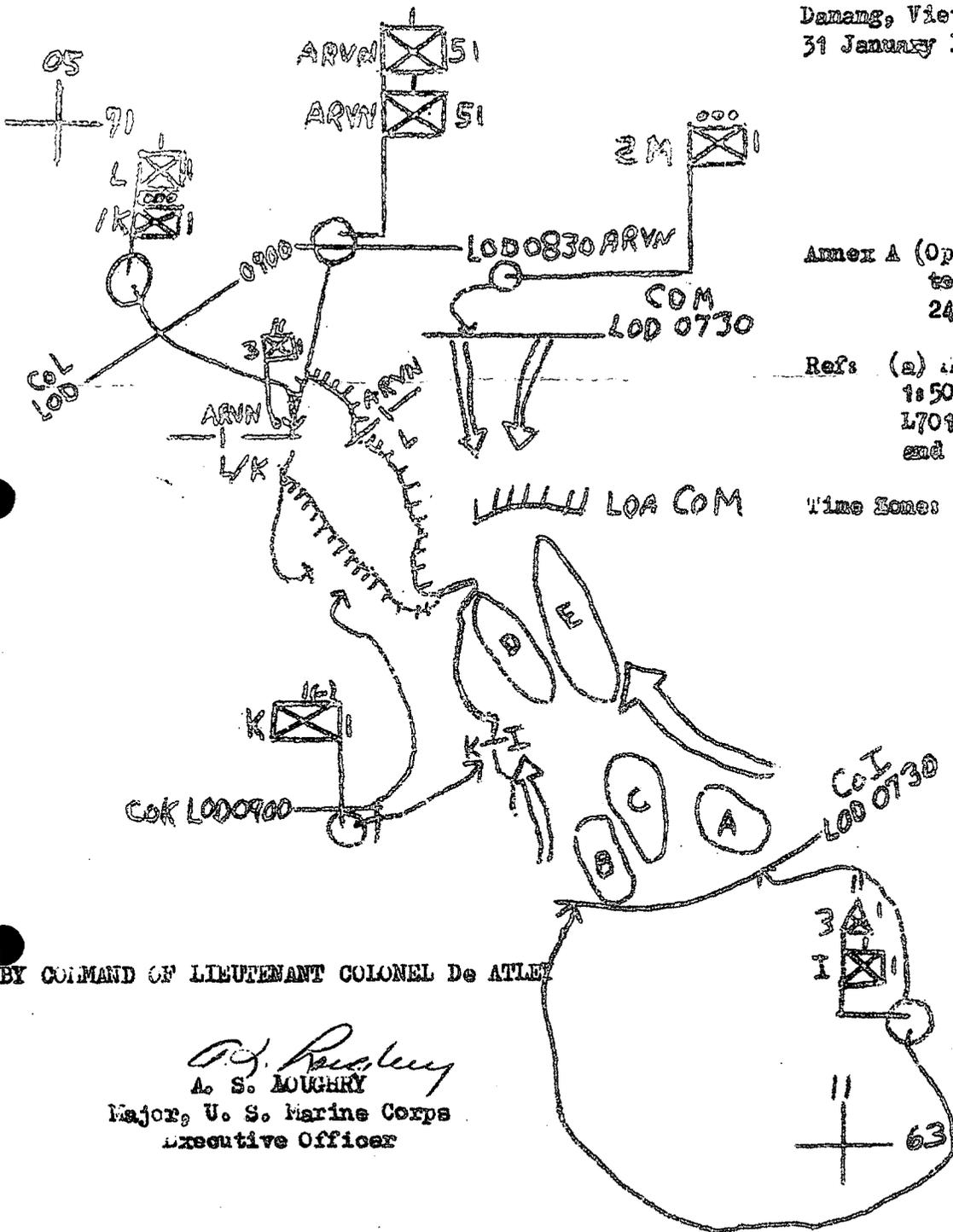


TAB: A Frag Order 24-67 (Operation SEARCY)

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Annex A (Operations Overlay)
to FRAG ORDER
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and 6658 IV

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 and 6658 IV

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy. See current IntSams.

b. Friendly Forces. No change.

c. Attachments and Detachments

(1) Two LVT-1's from H&S Company, 1st AmphTrac Bn

(2) Two flame tanks from Hdqts Section, Company C, 1st Tank Bn

(3) 1st Plat, Co A, 1st Engr Bn: heavy equipment section

2. MISSION. Conduct search and destroy operations in the Tra Khe (1),
 (2), and (3), Vien Dong, and Cau Ha (2) hamlets.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Commencing at H-Hour, D-Day, the 3d
 Battalion, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) will conduct a combined search
 and destroy operation with GVN forces in the objective area.
 Four companies (two GVN forces) will simultaneously conduct a
 sweeping maneuver to channelize VC forces into the objective
 area. Following the commencement of the sweep, selected units
 will maneuver into position to prevent further enemy egress and
 a cordon around the objective will then be formed by all units.
 Following completion of the permanent cordon, combined forces
 will commence a detailed search and destroy of the objective
 area. See Annex A (Operations Overlay).

b. Company I

(1) Cross LOD at H-Hour and sweep and clear objectives A, B,
 and C. On order, move to objectives D and E and conduct
 sweep and clear operations.

(2) Upon completion of sweep and clear of objectives A through
 E, form cordon positions as indicated by Annex A.

- (3) Be prepared to conduct search and destroy operations in objective area on order.

c. Company K

- (1) Depart assembly area vicinity BT 0765 at H + 1½ and form cordon responsibility. (See Annex A.)
- (2) Provide one platoon as battalion reaction force located vicinity BT 064678.
- (3) One platoon will be OPCOM Company L initially.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct search and destroy operations in objective area on order.

d. Company L

- (1) Depart assembly area vicinity BT 0569 at H + 1½ and form cordon responsibility. (See Annex A.)
- (2) Be prepared to chop one platoon OPCOM Company K on order.
- (3) One platoon attached from Company K should be positioned on left flank of cordon to facilitate chopping back to Company K on order.

e. Company M

- (1) Provide one platoon to cross LOD at H-Hour and sweep and clear south to blocking position (See Annex A).
- (2) Depart cordon area on order.

f. GVN Forces

- (1) Cross LOD's at H + 1 and sweep and clear area south to cordon position.
- (2) Be prepared to furnish one company in search and destroy of objective area.

g. Company C, 1st Tank Battalion

- (1) Two tanks OPCOM Company I.
- (2) Three tanks OPCOM Company K reaction force.
- (3) Two flame tanks OPCOM S-3.

- h. 1st Platoon, Company A, 1st Anti-Tank Battalion. Provide direct support as specified by battalion Commanding Officer - tentatively establish blocking positions along graveyard southwest side of cordon.
- i. 4th Platoon, Company A, 1st Amphibac Battalion
- (1) Provide four LVT's O'CON Company I.
 - (2) Provide two LVT's O'CON H&S Company for Command Group.
 - (3) Be prepared to furnish vehicles for re-supply as requested.
- j. Detachment, H&S Company, 1st Amphibac Battalion. Provide two LVT-M1's O'CON S-3. Conduct clearing operations along MSR and within objective area.
- k. 1st Platoon, Company A, 7th Engineers. Provide one team O'CON Company I. On order, revert to O'CON S-3.
- l. FAC Team. O'CON Company I.
- m. H&S Company
- (1) Defend Battalion CP Rear and Forward.
 - (2) Establish BAS at Battalion CP Forward.
 - (3) Maintain security for MSR mine sweep to CAC-D7 position.
 - (4) Be prepared to establish intelligence collection point near or within objective area. Two hundred person capacity.
- n. 81mm Mortar Platoon. Maintain direct support of battalion from CP Rear.
- o. Coordinating Instructions
- (1) D-Day: 1 February 1967; H-Hour: 0730H.
 - (2) Report crossing of LOD's.
 - (3) Report completion of sweeps of all objectives.
 - (4) Report physical link up of adjacent units at coordinating points on cordon.
 - (5) Rules of Engagement apply.

(6) Duration of Operation: 4 days

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See Battalion SOP's.
- b. As prescribed by Company Commanders.
- c. Submit resupply requests by 2400 each night.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

a. Command

- (1) Battalion CP located initially with Company I, then CP at 065684.
- (2) Companies report CP's as established.
- (3) 2dLt PASLEKI, Liaison Officer to RVN Forces.
- (4) 2dLt CUNG, Liaison Officer to 3d Battalion, 1st Marines.

b. Communications. See current COI.

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ANNEX:

- A - Operations Overlay
- B - Distribution

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Annex B (Distribution) to 3d Battalion, 1st Marines FRAG ORDER 24-67

CO, 1st Marines	11
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CO, Co I, 3d Bn, 1st Marines	1
CO, Co K, 3d Bn, 1st Marines	1
CO, Co L, 3d Bn, 1st Marines	1
CO, Co H, 3d Bn, 1st Marines	1
CO, H&S Co 3d Bn, 1st Marines	5
CO, "C" Btry, 1st Bn, 11th Marines	1
CO, Co C, 1st Tank Bn	1
Plat Cndr, 4th Plat, Co A, 1st Amphtrac Bn	1
Plat Cndr, 1st Plat, Co A, 1st AT Bn	1
Det, 1st Amphtrac Bn	1
Det, 1st Engr Bn	1
Sgt Maj, 3d Bn, 1st Marines	1
S-1	1
S-2	1
S-3	9
S-4	1
S-5	1
Commo	1
Supply Co	1
BAS	1
Chaplain	1
Command Chronology	1
File	4
CAC Unit Cndr	1
USMC Liaison Officer to ARVN	1
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OPERATION ORDER 1-67 (Operation STONE)

Ref: (a) Map: Dai Loc, 1:50,000, Sheet 6640 IV
 (b) Map, Hoi An, 1:50,000, Sheet 6640 I.

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: See Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See Annex B (Intelligence Summary)

b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1/1 (-) (Rein) attacks GOA NOI from the east.

(2) 2/4 (-) (Rein) attacks GOA NOI from the west

(3) 1/11 (Rein) direct support to 1st Marines (-) (Rein).
 See Annex D (Artillery).

(4) USS Providence (CA-) direct support 1st Marines (-)
 (Rein) .

(5) Co A (-) 1st AT Bn direct support 3/1.

(6) Truck Company (as designated) direct support 3/1.

(7) 1st MAW general support 1st Marines (-) (Rein)

c. Attachments and Detachments. See Annex A (Task Organization).

2. MISSION. 3/1 attacks the island of GOA NOI from the south and establishes blocking positions in its zone of action to cut off the escape of enemy units from the island. Is prepared to carry out search and destroy operations in its zone of action on order.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. At 111600H Feb 3/1 (-) (Rein) moves from 3/1 CP to staging area vicinity 1/1 CP (BT 1058) by motor conveyance and at 120400H Feb departs staging area by motor convoy and

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moves through objective 1 to LOD. See Annex A to Admin Order 1-67 (Movement Plan). At H-Hour crosses LOD and attacks west in column of companies on Highway 537 through objectives 2 and 3 and then north to sieze objectives 4, 5, and 6. Establishes blocking positions and is prepared to attack north on order. See Annex C (Operations Overlay).

b. Co I (Rein)

- (1) At H-Hour cross LOD and attack west on Highway 537. Upon reaching zone of action cross phase line red and attack north to sieze objective 4. See Annex C (Operations Overlay).
- (2) Establish blocking position on objective and secure western flank on railroad at BT 003528.
- (3) Prepare to attack north on order.

c. Co K (Rein)

- (1) Attack west on Highway 537 behind Co I. Upon reaching zone of action cross phase line red and attack north to sieze objective 5. See Annex C (Operations Overlay).
- (2) Establish blocking position on objective covering the trail at BT 017530.
- (3) Prepare to attack north on order.
- (4) Be prepared to provide one platoon as battalion reserve.

d. Co L (Rein)

- (1) Attack west on Highway 537 behind Co K. Upon reaching zone of action cross phase line red and attack north to sieze objective 6. See Annex C (Operations Overlay).
- (2) Establish blocking position on objective and cover trail junction at BT 029534.
- (3) Prepare to attack north on order.

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- e. Co M (Rein). See Annex F (3d Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR Security).
- f. Co G, 2d Bn, 1st Marines. See Annex F (3d Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR Security).
- g. 81mm Mortar Plat (-)
- (1) Move with Battalion Command Group.
 - (2) Be prepared to provide fire support to attacking companies as required.
 - (3) Be prepared to provide fire support from trucks during motor movement.
- h. Co A (-), 1st Anti-Tank Bn
- (1) Provide two Ontos for direct support Company I at 111800H Feb 67.
 - (2) Remaining Ontos provide general support of attacking units.
- i. Coordinating Instructions
- (1) See Annex C (Operations Overlay).
 - (2) See Admin Order 1-67, Annex A (Movement Plan).
 - (3) Trust Points
 - (a) Cadillac 0052
 - (b) Buick 0254
 - (c) Ford 0355
 - (4) Reference Time: 0700H.
 - (5) Report locations of all river crossing points.
 - (6) All supporting arms will be used to maximum extent to prep areas to be attacked.

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- (7) Use recon by fire to locate enemy positions.
 - (8) During attack west on Highway 537 priority of fires will be to Company I.
 - (9) D-Day: 12 February 1967.
 - (10) H-Hour: 0700H.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Admin Order 1-67.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS
- a. Command group will move with Company K.
 - b. Report command post locations when established.
 - c. See Annex E (Communications/Electronics Annex).

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ANNEX:

- A - Task Organization
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- D - Supporting Arms
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H&S Company (-) (Rein)

Lt SWANNEY

FAC Team (ALO)
 NGF Spot Team
 —Det, 1st Engr Bn (3 men) Sgt NEWBY, LCPL BARBEE, HANNIGAN
 Det, Scout Dog Plat (available on call)
 Helicopter Support Team

Company I (Rein)

Lt ROBISON

Company I
 81 FO Team
 Arty FO Team
 FAC Team
 NGF Spot Team
 —Det, 1st Engr Bn (2 men) TWEEDI, WARD
 Det, Co A, 1st AT Bn (2 Ontos)

Company K (Rein)

Capt ROTHWELL

Company K
 81 FO Team
 Arty FO Team
 —Det, 1st Engr Bn (2 men) BUNDIS, CEPHUS

Company L (Rein)

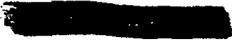
Capt GIBBS

Company L
 81 FO Team
 Arty FO Team
 FAC Team (if available)
 —Det, 1st Engr Bn (2 men) MILLER, FRANK

Company M (Rein)

Capt KNOWLES

Company M
 Arty FO
 81 FO Team
 106mm RR Plat


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Company G, 2d Bn, 1st Marines

To be named

Company G

8mm Mortar Platoon (-)

Lt PASLIKA

Sections 3 and 4

Company A (-), 1st AT Bn

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order L-67

- Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014, Sheets
 6640 I and 6640 IV
 Vietnam 1:25,000 Pictomap Supplement AMS Series
 L8020 Sheet 6640 IV S
- (b) 1st Marines Operation Order for Operation Stone
- (c) 3d Battalion, 1st Marines Intelligence Estimate
 102000H February 1967
- (d) EnO P3800.1A (Intelligence SOP)

Time Zone: H

Summary of Enemy Situation. See reference (c), PIR's and
 INTSUM's as issued.

2. Essential Elements of Information

- a. Determine if the enemy has the capability to reinforce from Dai Loc. If so, how and in what strength?
- b. Determine the exact enemy units and strengths in our Zone of Action.
- c. Determine the enemies possible routes of egress.
- d. Determine if enemy will move to the north into 2/1 and 3/1 TAOR.
- e. Determine number and location of enemy Guerrillas in Zone of Action.
- f. Determine number and location of enemy concentrations and fortifications in Zone of Action.
- g. Determine and report any enemy locations of training areas.
- h. Determine best suitable area to cross Song Chien Sen river with Ontos.
- i. Determine location of enemy mortar positions.
- j. Determine if enemy will fight a delaying action.

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3. Reconnaissance and Surveillance Missions

- a. Report conditions and location of splash points for LVT's.
- b. Report conditions, size and location of Landing Zones.
- c. Report conditions of road nets within Zone of Action.

4. Measures for Handling Captives, Captured Documents and Material

- a. See reference (d)
- b. All persons captured will be considered PW's until their status is determined by the S-2.
- c. All PW's will be tagged and forwarded to Bn Collection Point.
- d. All documents and material will be tagged and forwarded to Bn S-2.
- e. PW's will not be routed through any CP areas.
- f. H&S Company Commander will provide security for PW's.

5. Maps and Photographs

- a. Reference (a) is designated as the standard reference map for this operation.

Counterintelligence

- a. Passwords and countersigns will be distributed by separate directive.

7. Reports and Distribution

- a. Standard intelligence reports will be submitted and distributed as required in reference (d).
- b. This headquarters will issue intelligence information as received and required based on the tactical situation.

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 6640 I and 6640 IV
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1. Mission

- a. Basic Mission. See Battalion Operation Order 1-67, Annex C (Operations).
- b. Purpose of this estimate. To develop the intelligence necessary to conduct search and destroy operations within zone of action.

2. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.

- a. Weather. Weather and Astronomical Data will be distributed by separate directives.
- b. Terrain. Within our Zone of Action the terrain consists of deep rice paddies, heavy foliage, hedgerows, wire and river area with banks up to 15 feet. All areas canalize movement into good fields of fire.

3. Enemy Situation

- a. Composition. Enemy forces consists of R-20 Bn, V-25 Bn, and two Companies of the 70th Bn.
- b. Strength and Combat efficiency. R-20 Bn consists of four Companies and a headquarters for a total of 500 personnel. V-25 Bn consists of four companies and a headquarters for a total of 500 personnel. Two companies of the 70th Bn consists of 120 personnel per company. Total expected forces will be approximately 1200 to 1500 men. Their combat efficiency is considered excellent.
- c. Disposition. The V-25 Bn is believed to be located to our western flank. The R-20 Bn within our Zone of Action.

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The 70th Bn located on our eastern flank.

- d. Arms and Armament. The V-25 Bn and R-20 Bn weapons include five 81mm mortars, seven 60mm mortars, four 57mm recoilless rifles, and 11 light machine guns each. The 70th Bn has three 81mm mortars, four 60mm mortars, four 57mm recoilless rifles, two heavy machine guns, five light machine guns, four B-40 rocket launchers and individual weapons. Local guerrillas are armed with AK-47 Assault rifles.
- e. Recent and Present Activities. The enemy has been recruiting and training new personnel. This area is used for a staging area for attack operations within the Danang area. Defensive positions have been constructed throughout the zone of action.

4. Enemy Capabilities

- a. The enemy can attack with any of the available ten companies if fast victory can be assured over considerably smaller forces.
- b. The enemy can defend in place. If trapped, they will offer stiff resistance while scouting for avenues of escape.
- c. The enemy can reinforce with the remaining two companies of the 70th Bn if avenues of escape are not available.
- d. The enemy can withdraw, fighting a delaying type action to obtain sufficient time to scatter forces.

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4. Administration and Logistics. None.
5. Command and Communications. All requests for air support will be sent through TAB MET.

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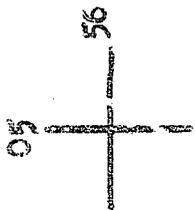
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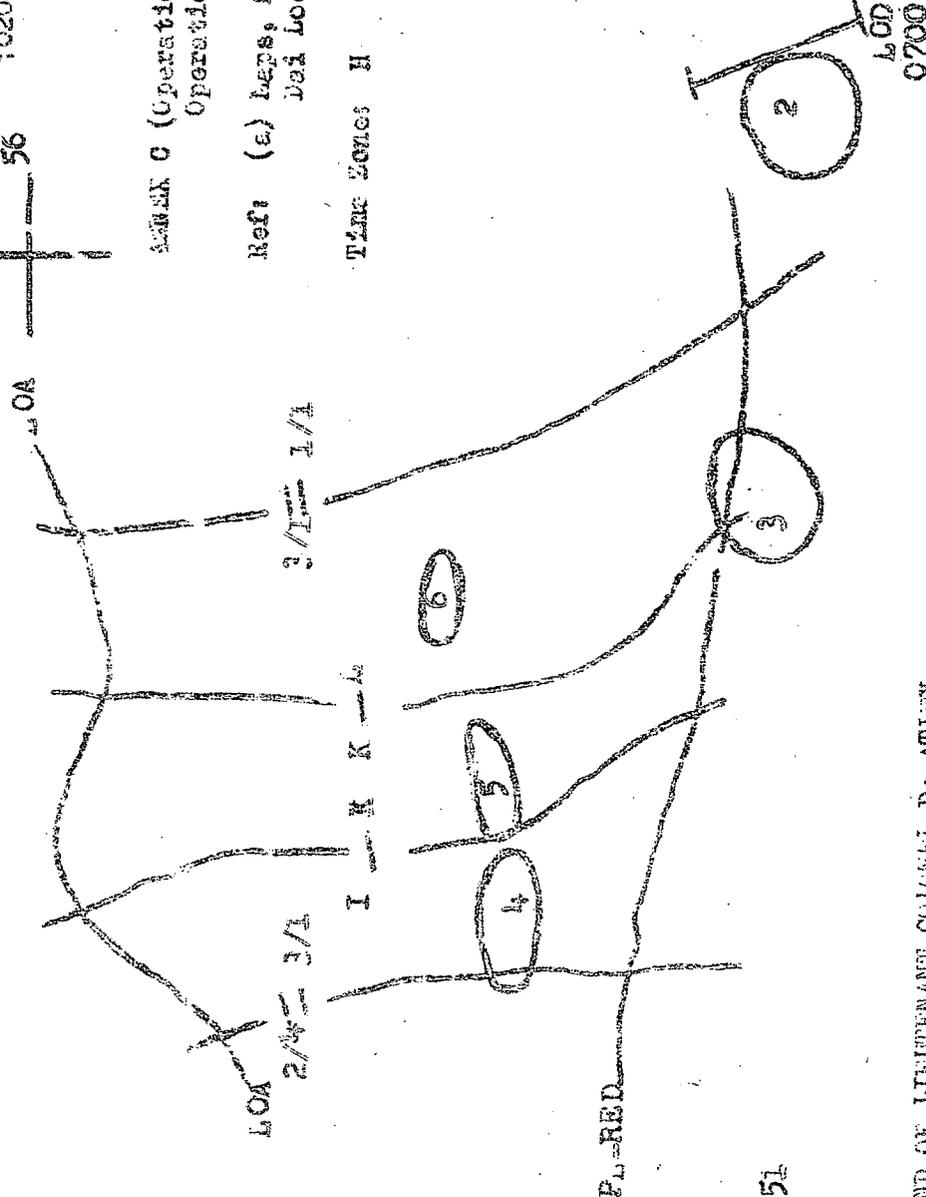
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MARK C (Operations Overlay) to
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Ref: (a) Maps, Hci An, Sheet 6640 I
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ANNEX D (Artillery) to Operation Order 1-67

Ref: (a) Maps: Hoi An, Sheet 6640 I; Dai Loc, Sheet 6640 IV
 (b) 1st Bn, 11th Marines BnO P3000.1

Time Zone: H

1. Situation

- a. Enemy Forces. See Annex B (Intelligence).
- b. Friendly Forces
 - (1) 11th Marines general support.
 - (2) USS Providence (CA-) general support.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None.
- d. Direct Support. Battery B, 1st Bn, 11th Marines.

2. Mission. 11th Marines will support the attack of 1st Marines with Battery B providing direct support to 3d Battalion.

3. Execution

- a. Concept of Artillery Employment

B/1/11 will provide direct fire support and will be located at Dien Ban vicinity grid square 0658.
- b. On call fires will be planned on routes of advance and objective areas to provide support upon crossing LOD. See Target List: Appendix 1 (Target List) to Annex D (Artillery) to Operation Order 1-67.
- c. Targets of opportunity will be fired upon as encountered.
- d. Prep fires and reconnaissance by fire are to be employed to the maximum.
- e. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) Battalion fire coordination lines and no fire lines will be established by higher authority.

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Appendix 1 (Target List) to
ANNEX D (Artillery Fire Plan) to Operation Order 1-67

Ref: Maps: Hoi An, Sheet 6640 I, Dal Loc, Sheet 6640 IV

Time Zone: H



TARGET REF NO	TARGET COORDS
RC 600	060506
RC 601	055517
RC 602	042523
RC 603	030521
RC 604	033510
RC 605	023507
RC 606	014518
RC 607	001518
RC 608	003523
RC 609	000527
RC 610	000532
RC 611	007532
RC 612	005529
RC 613	012529
RC 614	016529
RC 615	022531
RC 616	027533
RC 617	017536
RC 618	027540
RC 619	025552
RC 620	019547
RC 621	015547
RC 622	010545
RC 623	009540
RC 624	998543
RC 625	

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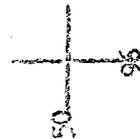
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- (2) Fire coordination lines between company sized units will be established by this headquarters if required.
 - (3) Restrictions of fires: Unrestricted except as delineated in reference (b) to insure safety of friendly troops and aircraft.
 - (4) Priority of fires: Initially to Company I.
- 4. Administration and Logistics. See Admin Plan 1-67.
 - 5. Command and Communications
 - a. Requests for fire will be addressed to CHINSTRAP BRAVO on the Battery B Conduct of Fire Net.
 - b. 1st Bn, 11th Marines fire direction net will be utilized to effect fire coordination.

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ANNEX F (3d Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR Security) to Operation Order
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Ref: Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000, AMS Series L701, Sheets 6658 I, 6658 IV.

Time Zone: H

Task Organization

3d Battalion, 1st Marines (-) (Rein)

H&S Company (-)

Company M (Rein)

Company G, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines

1st Plat (-), Company G, 1st Tank Battalion

2d Plat (-), Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion

CAC-D Platoons

1. Situation

a. Enemy. See current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces. No change.

2. Mission. Maintain security of 3d Battalion, 1st Marines TAOR to prevent enemy movement and buildup of forces.

3. Execution

a. Concept of Operations. To maintain continuous surveillance of strategic areas within this TAOR by assigning one company (Rein) with defense of the mortar belt, one company (-) (Rein) to continuously patrol from the battalion Command Post (Rear), and to ensure security of the MSR with available units.

b. Company M. No change in mission.

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c. Company G

- (1) Provide one platoon (Rein) for security of old CP (BT 070712).
- (2) Establish a CPB at 3d Battalion, 1st Marines CP (Rear) (BT 074655) and conduct reconnaissance, security and ambush patrols therefrom to include area east and west and north to the 665 grid line and south 1000 meters from the CP.
- (3) Maintain the capability to launch a Sparrow Hawk to rapidly exploit enemy contact.

d. H&S Company (-). No change in mission.

e. 1st Platoon, Company C, 1st Tank Battalion. Provide one light section OPCON Rear Echelon Commander.

f. 2d Platoon, Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion. No change in mission.

g. CAC-D Platoons. No change in mission.

h. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) CAC bunker will remain as the Circumference (Rear).
- (2) Patrol routes will be submitted as directed.

4. Administrations and Logistics. Rear echelons submit roster of personnel available with status in CP by 0800 each day to the Rear Echelon Commander.

5. Command and Communications

- a. All communication and electronics will remain unchanged.
- b. H&S Company Commander is designated as Officer-in-Charge, CP (Rear).

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- c. Commanding Officer, 2d Battalion, 1st Marines control operations in 1st Marines TAOR and is the next senior commander.

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XD, 3d Bn, 1st Marines	1
S-1	1
S-2	1
S-3	9
S-4	1
S-5	1
CommO	1
CO, H&S Company	3
CO, Co I, 3d Bn, 1st Marines	2
CO, Co K, 3d Bn, 1st Marines	2
CO, Co L, 3d Bn, 1st Marines	2
CO, Co M, 3d Bn, 1st Marines	1
SupO	1
CO, Co A (-), 1st AT Bn	1
Sgt Maj, 3d Bn, 1st Marines	1
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(b) Regimental Operations Order 0-67

Line Areas II

1. Situation

- a. Main Forces. See Annex B (Intelligence)
- b. Friendly Forces. The First Marine Aircraft Wing will provide direct and on call support of any required nature.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

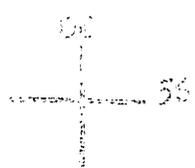
2. Mission. To provide air support in the form of OIB spotter aircraft, fixed wing aircraft for air to ground ordnance delivery, helicopters for medical evacuation and resupply and flare aircraft for night illumination.

3. Execution

- a. Sequence of Operations. At 0700, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines will meet the MOB. An OIB spotter aircraft will be on station to provide continuous control for any fixed wing support as required. At 0800 Indian Company and Kilo Company depart phase line road. One division of fixed aircraft, ordnance load to consist of (1) 500 lb. napalm bombs and (2) 500 lb. general purpose bombs, will be on station to strike target at coordinates 04321 (nightly). The OIB spotter aircraft on station will control the strikers. All further fixed wing support will be on call and control led by a JKA element. All medical evacuation will be by helicopter as required. Night illumination will be provided by flare aircraft on station by 1900 to be on station until no longer needed.

b. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Rendezvous point for the OIB at 0700 is (Mission 10-16) or reference 068511.
- (2) Rendezvous point for the OIB and fixed wing at 0800 is coordinate 04321.
- (3) All MFP and Army prep must be complete in this area by 0830H.
- (4) Rendezvous point for flare aircraft is 068511 with an approved area of operations extending northward to coordinate along a line whose terminal coordinates are 038533 and 04321.
- (5) The appropriate (air ops) (ground ops) log coordinator elements which will receive fixed wing support.

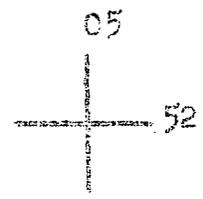
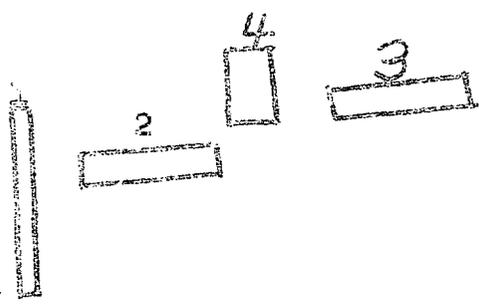


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 6640 I; Dai Loc, Sheet
 6640 IV

Time Zone: H



- Target 1- 003521
- Target 2- 001528
- Target 3- 027533
- Target 4- 017533

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 (b) 3rd Bn., 1st Marines BnO 4000.1F

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1. SUPPLY.

- a. General - Battalion Supply is the source for all classes of supply.
 b. Supplies and Equipment Available.

(1) Unit Prescribed Load.(a) Class I - MCI's - 4 meals per man.

1 Each company will pre-load their assigned trucks with two cases of Meals, Combat, Individual. These will be consumed prior to crossing the LOD.

2 Each man will carry two bottles of Halizone tablets and one bottle of insect repellent.

3 Two canteens of water will be carried by each man.

(b) Class II

1 Normal arms and equipment.

2 Each man will carry the following: Three pair of socks, one additional pair of trousers, necessary toilet articles to wash and shave, one pair boot laces, and one can of foot powder.

3 One full jungle first-aid kit to include the following items: Two battle dressings, one bottle of salt tablets, and one bottle of malaria tablets.

4 Identification tags will be worn.

5 Each radioman will carry one extra battery.

6 Wearing of body armor is optional.

(c) Class III - none(d) Class IV - none(e) Class V

1 Two units of the Basic Allowance will be carried by each man.

2 Four grenades, Fragmentation M-26, will be carried per man.

3 Twenty pounds of 81mm W.P., remaining rounds HE. All H&S

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personnel will carry two rounds of 81mm ammunition except radio operators. Draw from H&S Supply by 111200H.

- c. Control and Distribution - Unit distribution from Battalion Supply to company ISA.
 - d. Resupply - Submit requests to Circumference - 4, prior to 2000 for the following day. Emergency requests at anytime.
 - e. Captured Enemy Materials - All captured enemy material will be forwarded to Battalion S-2. All material and prisoners will be tagged and all information placed on tags.
2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION.
- a. Standard procedures for Med-evac will be followed.
 - b. All casualties will be properly tagged.
 - c. Battalion Aid Station will be located at the Battalion Command Post.
3. TRANSPORTATION - See Annex A to Administrative Order 1-67.
4. SERVICE - All equipment needing repair or to be salvaged, will be tagged and evacuated to the Battalion Command Post for further disposition.
5. PERSONNEL.
- a. Strength Reports - Submit initial strength report prior to 111500H.
 - b. Additional strength reports will be submitted on request from S-1.
 - c. Casualty Reports - Submit as per current instructions.
 - d. Mail will be forwarded with resupply. No packages, newspapers, or bulk mail will be handled. Letter mail only.
 - e. R&R is suspended from 12 through 20 February 1967. R&R returnees will remain at Battalion Rear.

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ANNEX: A - Movement Plan

DISTRIBUTION: See ANNEX G (Distribution) to Operation Order 1-67

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ANNEX "A" (Movement Plan) to Accompany Administrative Order 1-67

Ref: (a) Maps: See Operation Order 1-67

Time Zone: "H"

1. Mission - To transport the battalion by motor vehicle to the assembly area and to the LOD.

2. Execution:

a. Concept of Movement Plan. At 111600H, 3/1 (-)(Rein) departs Battalion Command Post and moves to assembly area, vicinity 1/1 C.P. At 120400H, 3/1 (-)(Rein) departs assembly area to cross LOD at 120700H.

b. Order of March. The order of march is Company I, followed with Company K and Battalion Command Group, followed by Company L. Company A (-), 1st AT Battalion will be disbursed throughout the convoy with one Ontos at the head of each company and one at the rear of Company L. Remaining Ontos will be disbursed by the Ontos Commander.

c. Staging of Vehicles:

(1) Trucks will arrive at 111200H if they are not sandbagged. Truck teams will sandbag assigned vehicles. Units will be notified if this requirement exists. Sandbags will be drawn from Battalion S-4. Trucks will arrive at 111530H if sandbagged.

(2) Upon arrival, trucks will be staged and marked by the Battalion S-4.

d. Truck Assignments:

(1) Company I - Trucks numbered I-1 through I-10

(2) Company K - Trucks numbered K-1 through K-10

(3) Company L - Trucks numbered L-1 through L-9

(4) H&S Company - Trucks numbered H-1 through H-8

e. Miscellaneous Instructions:

(1) Company Commanders will assign truck teams and truck team commanders.

(2) H&S Company trucks will be intermixed with Company K trucks. S-4 will coordinate.

(3) Truck teams will be mounted by 111545H.

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(4) Truck teams will be instructed on counter-ambush tactics, to include moving into the direction of fire.

(5) Convoy interval will be determined by convoy commander.

3. Command - Communications. See Annex E (Comm/Elect) to Accompany Operation Order 1-67.

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TAB: C - After Action Report (Operation SEARCY)

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Ltr
3/MJK/ebb dated 19 February 1967.

From: Commanding Officer, 1st Marines
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report (Operation SEARGY)

1. Forwent.

2. The area of operations for Phase I of Operation SEARGY; i.e. the TRA KHE (2) area, has long been considered a VC base of operations. This vicinity is characterized by a small and predominantly hostile population, and numerous deserted and partially destroyed structures. The Third Battalion's goal was to: (a) capture or destroy enemy forces and supplies in the TRA KHE (2) area, and (b) deny that area to the enemy for future use as an operating base. The most effective means of attaining this goal was by the relocation of the small population of the hamlet, and by the reduction of these structures, tunnels and caves which would afford shelter and sanctuary to the enemy.

3. The goal and the means of effecting it were both in consonance with and contributed directly to the HANG QUANG I Campaign Plan for Revolutionary Development. A phase of this plan directs the relocation of all civilians in TRA KHE (2), as well as those in many other hamlets, into resettlement or Peace Hamlets. The relocation of the inhabitants of TRA KHE (2) was accomplished in anticipation of the implementation of the HANG QUANG I Campaign and will contribute directly to its success.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY
 PERIOD 010001H TO 012400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Conducting Operation SEARCY.
- b. Company K. Conducting Operation SEARCY.
- c. Company L. Conducting Operation SEARCY; secured County Fair 1-30 at 0800H.
- d. Company M. Continue to defend mortar belt; one platoon participate in Operation SEARCY until approximately 1300H.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. Four OPCON Company I; remainder OPCON S-3.
- b. Tanks. Two OPCON Company I; remainder OPCON S-3.
- c. Ontos. OPCON S-3.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team OPCON S-3 and one squad OPCON H&S Company.
- e. LVTB1's. Participating in Operation SEARCY.
- f. Sparrow Hawk. Company I, LZ Buzzard.

3. County Fair

- a. 2 VC KIA; 7 detainees
- b. MEDCAP - 128; DENTCAP - 20 (Totals)
- c. Marine Band, Drama team, and Kit Carsons
- d. 600 pounds rice, 19 cans of franks, 134 cans of meat.
- e. 306 screened

f. Establishment of a CAC unit and an RDC unit will eliminate any VC influence that may be present in the area.

g. Overall accomplishment of mission was excellent. The 1st Marine Division Band, drama team, and adequate help by GVN forces greatly enhanced success of the operation. Infrastructure of VC was found to be negligible and the only influence is when the VC use area to pass through.

4. Kit Carsons

<u>No Indiv</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
2	1 - Co L 1 - S-2	Participating in Operation SEARCY

5. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. <u>Tanks.</u>	7 operational	1 deadlined
b. <u>LVT's.</u>	10 operational	1 deadlined
c. <u>Ontos.</u>	3 operational	1 deadlined
d. <u>Engineers.</u>	Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel.	

6. Weather. No adverse effects.

7. Planned Activity

a. <u>Company I.</u>	No change.
b. <u>Company K.</u>	No change.
c. <u>Company L.</u>	No change.
d. <u>Company M.</u>	No change.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY
PERIOD 020001H TO 022400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Conducting Operation SEARCY.
- b. Company K. Conducting Operation SEARCY.
- c. Company L. Conducting Operation SEARCY.
- d. Company M. Continue to defend mortar belt. ~~One platoon participating in Operation SEARCY until 1300H.~~ ^{See}

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. Four OPCON Company I, remainder OPCON S-3.
- b. Tanks. Two OPCON Company I; remainder OPCON S-3.
- c. Ontos. OPCON S-3.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team OPCON S-3 and one squad OPCON H&S Company.
- e. LVTE1's. Participating in Operation SEARCY.
- f. Sparrow Hawk. Company I; LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

<u>No Indiv</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
2	1 - S-5 1 - Co L	Participating in Operation SEARCY

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. <u>Tanks.</u>	7 operational	1 deadlined
b. <u>LVT's.</u>	9 operational	2 deadlined
c. <u>Ontos.</u>	2 operational	2 deadlined

- d. LVTEI's. 1 operational 1 deadlined
 - e. Engineers. Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel.
5. Weather. No adverse effects.
6. Planned Activity
- a. Company I. No change.
 - b. Company K. No change.
 - c. Company L. No change.
 - d. Company M. No change.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

PERIOD 030001H TO 032400H

1. Operations Summary

a. Company I. Continue detailed search of objective area until 1000H then enlarge cordon to prevent friendly and civilian casualties while detailed destruction of Tra Khe (2) is accomplished with aid of LVTE1's, engineers, and bulldozer.

b. Company K. Continue detailed search of objective area until 1000H then enlarge cordon to prevent friendly and civilian casualties while detailed destruction of Tra Khe (2) is accomplished with aid of LVTE1's, engineers, and bulldozer. At 1000H will assume blocking position from 068688 to 061695 to 070701 around Xuan Tra. ARVN forces will set in from 068688 to 070701 and commence sweep of the hamlet on order.

c. Company L. Continue detailed search of objective area until 1000H then enlarge cordon to prevent friendly and civilian casualties while detailed destruction of Tra Khe (2) is accomplished with aid of LVTE1's, engineers, and bulldozer.

d. Company M. Continue to defend Mortar Belt. Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

2. Significant Events

a. LVT's. OPCON S-3.

b. Tanks. OPCON S-3.

c. Ontos. OPCON S-3.

d. LVTE1's. OPCON S-3.

e. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team OPCON S-3, and one squad OPCON H&S Company.

f. Sparrowhawk. Company I, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

<u>No Indiv</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
2	2 with 3-5	assisted at collection point; helped relocate VN into Nui Kim Son

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. <u>Tanks.</u>	7 operational	1 deadlined
b. <u>LVF's.</u>	9 operational	2 deadlined
c. <u>Ontos.</u>	2 operational	2 deadlined
d. <u>LVTE's.</u>	3 operational	1 deadlined
e. <u>Engineers.</u>	Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel.	

5. Weather. No adverse effects.6. Planned Activity

a. Company I. Complete destruction of Tra Khe (2) hamlet; terminate operation and reposition for continuation of Operation SEARCY.

b. Company K. Complete destruction of Tra Khe (2) hamlet; terminate operation and reposition for continuation of Operation SEARCY.

c. Company L. Complete destruction of Tra Khe (2) hamlet; terminate operation and reposition for continuation of Operation SEARCY.

d. Company M. No change.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

PERIOD 040001H TO 042400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Detailed search of Tra Khe (2) for the destruction phase and repositioning of forces for Operation SEARCY (Part II).
- b. Company K. Detailed search of Tra Khe (2) for the destruction phase and repositioning of forces for Operation SEARCY (Part II).
- c. Company L. Detailed search of Tra Khe (2) for the destruction phase and repositioning of forces for Operation SEARCY (Part II).
- d. Company M. Continue to defend Mortar Belt. Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. OPCON S-3.
- b. Tanks. OPCON S-3.
- c. Ontos. OPCON S-3.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team OPCON S-3, and one squad OPCON HAS Company.
- e. LVTE1's. OPCON S-3.
- f. Sparrowhawk. Company I, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

No Indiv

2

No Employed

2 w/S-5

Results

Assisting at collection point; relocation of personnel in Mui Kim Son

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

- a. Tanks. 7 operational 1 deadlined
- b. LVT's. 9 operational 2 deadlined
- c. Ontos. 2 operational 2 deadlined
- d. Engineers. Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel.

5. Weather. No adverse effects.6. Planned Activity

- a. Company I. Initial move and cordoning of objective for Operation SEARCY (Part II).
- b. Company K. Initial move and cordoning of objective for Operation SEARCY (Part II).
- c. Company L. Initial move and cordoning of objective for Operation SEARCY (Part II).
- d. Company M. No change.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY
PERIOD 050001H TO 052400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Conducting Operation SEARCY. Phase II at 051400H.
- b. Company K. Conducting Operation SEARCY. Phase II at 051400H.
- c. Company L. Conducting Operation SEARCY. Phase II at 051400H.
- d. Company M. Continue to defend mortar belt. Conduct normal patrolling operation in assigned TAOR.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. Three OPCON Company L, three OPCON Company K, one OPCON H&S, one OPCON S-3.
- b. Tanks. Two OPCON Company L, three OPCON Company K, two OPCON Company M for Hill 10 each night until Tet.
- c. Ontos. One OPCON CAC Unit Commander for MSR security; ~~remainder OPCON S-3~~; two OPCON Company M for M-3 each night until Tet.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team OPCON S-3, one squad H&S Company.
- e. LVTH-b's. OPCON S-3.
- f. Sparrow Hawk. Company I, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons.

No Incl v

2

No Employed

2 w/S-2 in A.M.
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Results

ADMIN time in A.M.

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

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|----------------------|--|--------------------|
| a. <u>Tanks.</u> | <u>8 operational</u> | <u>0 deadlined</u> |
| b. <u>LVT's.</u> | <u>9 operational</u> | <u>2 deadlined</u> |
| c. <u>Ontos.</u> | <u>3 operational</u> | <u>1 deadlined</u> |
| d. <u>LVTH-b's.</u> | <u>2 operational</u> | <u>0 deadlined</u> |
| e. <u>Engineers.</u> | Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel. | |

5. Weather. No adverse effects.6. Planned Activity

- a. Company I. No change.
- b. Company K. No change.
- c. Company L. No change.
- d. Company M. No change.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

PERIOD 060001H TO 062400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Conducting Operation SEARCY.
- b. Company K. Conducting Operation SEARCY.
- c. Company L. Conducting Operation SEARCY.
- d. Company M. Continue to defend Mortar Belt. Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. Three OPCON Company L, three OPCON Company K, one OPCON H&S Company, one OPCON S-3.
- b. Tanks. Two OPCON Company L three OPCON Company K, two OPCON Company M each night until Tet.
- c. Ontos. One OPCON CAC unit commander for MSR security. Two OPCON M-3 each night until Tet.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team OPCON S-3, and one squad OPCON Company M.
- e. LVTH-6's. OPCON S-3.
- f. Sparrow Hawk. Company I, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

<u>No Indiv</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
2	2 w/Ce L	Participating in Operation SEARCY

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

- a. Tanks. 8 operational 0 deadlined
- b. LVT's. 9 operational 2 deadlined

- c. Ontos. 3 operational 1 deadlined
- d. LVTH-6's. 2 operational 0 deadlined
- e. Engineers. Three teams and one squad totaling
nineteen personnel.

5. Weather. No adverse effects.

6. Planned Activity

- a. Company I. No change.
- b. Company K. No change.
- c. Company L. No change.
- d. Company M. No change.

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7 Feb 1967

NARRATIVE SUMMARY
PERIOD 070001H TO 072400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Conducting Operation SEARCY.
- b. Company K. Conducting Operation SEARCY.
- c. Company L. Conducting Operation SEARCY.
- d. Company M. Continue to defend Mortar Belt. Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. Three OPCON Company L, three OPCON Company K, one OPCON H&S Company, one OPCON S-3.
- b. Tanks. Two OPCON Company L, three OPCON Company K, two OPCON Company M each night until Tet.
- c. Ontos. One OPCON CAC unit commander for MSR security. Two OPCON M-3 each night until Tet.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team OPCON S-3, and one squad OPCON H&S Company.
- e. LVTM-6's. Two OPCON S-3.
- f. Sparrow Hawk. Company I, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

No Indiv

2

No Employed

2 with Co K

Results

Participating in Operation SEARCY; assisted Co K in finding an autonomous chief and one VC finance bookkeeper.

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. <u>Tanks.</u>	8 operational	0 deadlined
b. <u>LVT's.</u>	9 operational	2 deadlined
c. <u>Ontos.</u>	3 operational	1 deadlined
d. <u>LVTH-6's.</u>	2 operational	0 deadlined
e. <u>Engineers.</u>	Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel.	

5. Weather. No adverse effects.6. Planned Activity

a. <u>Company I.</u>	No change.
b. <u>Company K.</u>	No change.
c. <u>Company L.</u>	No change.
d. <u>Company M.</u>	No change.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY
PERIOD 080001H TO 082400H

1. Operations Summary

a. Company I. Conducting Operation SEARCY; one platoon will establish and operate from PPB in eastern portion of TAOR; remainder of Company I operate from battalion CP.

b. Company K. Conducting Operation SEARCY; one platoon establish and operate from PPB in western portion of TAOR; remainder of company operate from battalion CP.

c. Company L. Conducting Operation SEARCY; one platoon establish and operate from PPB in western portion of TAOR; remainder of company operate from battalion CP.

d. Company M. Continue to defend mortar belt. Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

2. Significant Events

a. LVT's. OPCON S-3.

b. Tanks. OPCON S-3.

c. Ontos. OPCON S-3.

d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team OPCON S-3, and one squad OPCON H&S Company.

e. Sparrow Hawk. Company I, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

<u>No Indiv</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
2	none	Leave for Tet

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. Tanks. 5 operational 0 deadlined

- b. LVT's. 10 operational 1 deadlined
- c. Ontos. 3 operational 1 deadlined
- d. Engineers. Three teams and one squad totaling
nineteen personnel.

5. Weather. No adverse effects.

6. Planned Activity

- a. Company I. No change.
- b. Company K. No change.
- c. Company L. No change.
- d. Company M. No change.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY
PERIOD 090001H TO 092400H

1. Operations Summary

a. Company I. Terminate Operation SEARCY at 1000H, establish a PFB vicinity BT 0964 and conduct security, reconnaissance and ambush patrols therefrom.

b. Company K. Terminate Operation SEARCY at 1000H, establish a PFB vicinity BT 0663 and conduct security, reconnaissance and ambush patrols therefrom. Providing one platoon (rein) OPCON Company M for security unoccupied CP (BT 068711).

c. Company L. Terminate Operation SEARCY at 1000H, establish a PFB vicinity BT 0565 and conduct security, reconnaissance and ambush patrols therefrom. Provide one squad OPCON CAC unit commander.

d. Company M. Continue to defend mortar belt. Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR -- maintain security of unoccupied CP (BT 068711).

2. Significant Events

a. LVT's. OPCON S-3.

b. Tanks. Two OPCON Company I, two OPCON Company L, one OPCON S-3.

c. Ontos. OPCON S-3.

d. Engineers. Two teams Company M, one team OPCON S-3, and one squad OPCON HAS Company.

e. Sparrow Hawk. Company I, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

No Indiv

No Employed

Results

2

On leave for Tet

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. <u>Tanks.</u>	5 operational	0 deadlined
b. <u>WT's.</u>	9 operational	0 deadlined
c. <u>Ontos.</u>	3 operational	1 deadlined
d. <u>Engineers.</u>	Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel.	

5. Weather. No adverse effects.6. Planned Activity

a. <u>Company I.</u>	No change.
b. <u>Company K.</u>	No change.
c. <u>Company L.</u>	No change.
d. <u>Company M.</u>	No change.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

PERIOD 100001H TO 102400H

1. Operations Summary

a. Company I. Establish a PPB vicinity BT 0964 and conduct security, reconnaissance, and ambush patrols therefrom. One platoon OPCON Company K.

b. Company K. Conducting reconnaissance in force in southeastern portion of battalion TAOR. One platoon OPCON Company M.

c. Company L. Establish a PPB vicinity BT 0565 and conduct security, reconnaissance, and ambush patrols therefrom. Provide one squad OPCON CAC unit commander.

d. Company M. Continue to defend mortar belt. Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

2. Significant Events

a. LVT's. Four OPCON Company K, remainder OPCON S-3.

b. Tanks. Three OPCON Company K, two OPCON Company L.

c. Ones. Two OPCON Company L.

d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team OPCON S-3 and one squad OPCON H&S Company.

e. Sparrow Hawk. Company I, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

No Indiv

No Employed

Results

2

none

On leave for Tet

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

- | | | |
|----------------------|---|-------------|
| a. <u>Tanks.</u> | 5 operational | 0 deadlined |
| b. <u>LVT's.</u> | 10 operational | 1 deadlined |
| c. <u>Ontos.</u> | 4 operational | 0 deadlined |
| d. <u>Engineers.</u> | Three teams and one squad totaling
nineteen personnel. | |

5. Weather. No adverse effects.6. Planned Activity

- a. Company I. No change.
- b. Company K. No change.
- c. Company L. No change.
- d. Company M. No change.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

PERIOD 110001H TO 112400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Preparation for Operation STONE.
- b. Company K. Preparation for Operation STONE.
- c. Company L. Preparation for Operation STONE.
- d. Company M. Continue to defend mortar belt.
- e. Company G 2nd Bn, 1st Marines. Maintain a continuous surveillance through patrolling of strategic areas throughout the Battalion TAOR.

2. Significant Events

- a. Tanks. One Light section available to commander rear echelon.
- b. Ontos. Preparation for Operation STONE.
- c. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team OPCON S-3 and one squad OPCON H&S Company.
- d. Sparrow Hawks. Company G.

3. Kit Carsons

<u>No Individ</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
2	None	One leave

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

- | | | |
|----------------------|--|-------------|
| a. <u>Tanks.</u> | 1 operational | 1 deadlined |
| b. <u>Ontos.</u> | 8 operational | 0 deadlined |
| c. <u>Engineers.</u> | Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel. | |

5. Weather. No adverse effects.

6. Planned Activity

- a. Company I. Conduct Operation STONE.
- b. Company K. Conduct Operation STONE.
- c. Company L. Conduct Operation STONE.
- d. Company M. Defend mortar belt through constant patrolling and surveillance.
- e. Company G. No change.

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11 Feb 1967

NARRATIVE SUMMARY
PERIOD 120001H TO 122400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Participating in Operation STONE.
- b. Company K. Participating in Operation STONE.
- c. Company L. Participating in Operation STONE.
- d. Company M. Continue to defend mortar belt. Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. None.
- b. Tanks. Four OPCON Battalion CP (Rear).
- c. Ontos. None.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team on Operation STONE, one squad OPCON H&S Company.
- e. Sparrow Hawk. Company G, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

<u>No Indiv</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
2	2 with S-2	On Operation STONE

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

- | | | |
|----------------------|--|-------------|
| a. <u>Tanks.</u> | 4 operational | 0 deadlined |
| b. <u>LVT's.</u> | 0 operational | 0 deadlined |
| c. <u>Ontos.</u> | 0 operational | 0 deadlined |
| d. <u>Engineers.</u> | Three teams totaling nineteen personnel. | |

5. Weather. No adverse effects.

6. Planned Activity

a. Company I. No change.

b. Company K. No change.

c. Company L. No change.

d. Company M. No change.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

PERIOD 130001H TO 132400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Participating in Operation STONE.
- b. Company K. Participating in Operation STONE.
- c. Company L. Participating in Operation STONE.
- d. Company M. Continue to defend mortar belt. Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. None.
- b. Tanks. Four OPCON Battalion CP (Rear).
- c. Ontos. None.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team on Operation STONE, one squad OPCON HAS Company.
- e. Sparrow Hawk. Company G, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

<u>No Indiv</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
2	2 with S-2	On Operation STONE

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. <u>Tanks.</u>	4 operational	0 deadlined
b. <u>LVT's.</u>	0 operational	0 deadlined
c. <u>Ontos.</u>	0 operational	0 deadlined
d. <u>Engineers.</u>	Three teams totaling nineteen personnel.	

5. Weather. No adverse effects.

6. Planned Activity

a. Company I. No change.

b. Company K. No change.

c. Company L. No change.

d. Company M. No change.

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13 Feb 1967

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

PERIOD 140001H TO 142400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Participating in Operation STONE.
- b. Company K. Participating in Operation STONE.
- c. Company L. Participating in Operation STONE.
- d. Company M. Continue to defend mortar belt, Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. None.
- b. Tanks. Four OPCON Battalion CP (Rear).
- c. Ontos. None.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team on Operation STONE, one squad OPCON HAS Company.
- e. Sparrow Hawk. Company G, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

<u>No Indiv</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
2	2 with S-2	On Operation STONE

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. <u>Tanks.</u>	4 operational	0 deadlined
b. <u>LVT's.</u>	0 operational	0 deadlined
c. <u>Ontos.</u>	0 operational	0 deadlined
d. <u>Engineers.</u>	Three teams totaling nineteen personnel.	

5. Weather. No adverse effects.

6. Planned Activity

a. Company I. No change.

b. Company K. No change.

c. Company L. No change.

d. Company M. No change.

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 14 Feb 1967

NARRATIVE SUMMARY
 PERIOD 150004H TO 152400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Participating in Operation STONE.
- b. Company K. Participating in Operation STONE.
- c. Company L. Participating in Operation STONE.
- d. Company M. Continue to defend mortar belt; conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. None.
- b. Tanks. Four OPCON Battalion CP (Rear).
- c. Ontos. None.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team on Operation STONE, and one squad OPCON H&S Company.
- e. Sparrow Hawk. Company G, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

<u>No Indiv</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
2	2 with S-2	On Operation STONE

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

- a. Tanks. 4 operational 0 deadlined
- b. LVT's. 0 operational 0 deadlined
- c. Ontos. 0 operational 0 deadlined
- d. Engineers. Three teams totaling nineteen personnel.

5. Weather. No adverse effects.

6. Planned Activity

a. Company I. No change.

b. Company K. No change.

c. Company L. No change.

d. Company M. No change.

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15 Feb 1967

NARRATIVE SUMMARY
PERIOD 160001H TO 162400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Participating in Operation STONE.
- b. Company K. Participating in Operation STONE.
- c. Company L. Participating in Operation STONE.
- d. Company M. Continue to defend mortar belt; conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. None.
- b. Tanks. Four OPCON Battalion CP (Rear).
- c. Ontos. None.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team on Operation STONE, one squad OPCON HAS Company.
- e. Sparrow Hawk. Company G, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

<u>No Indiv</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
2	2 with S-2	On Operation STONE

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. <u>Tanks.</u>	4 operational	0 deadlined
b. <u>LVT's.</u>	0 operational	0 deadlined
c. <u>Ontos.</u>	0 operational	0 deadlined
d. <u>Engineers.</u>	Three teams totaling nineteen personnel.	

5. Weather. No adverse effects.

6. Planned Activity

a. Company I. No change.

b. Company K. No change.

c. Company L. No change.

d. Company M. No change.

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16 Feb 1967

NARRATIVE SUMMARY
PERIOD 170001H TO 172400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Participating in Operation STONE.
- b. Company K. Participating in Operation STONE.
- c. Company L. Participating in Operation STONE.
- d. Company M. Continue to defend mortar belt; conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. OPCON Battalion CP Rear.
- b. Tanks. OPCON Battalion CP Rear.
- c. Ontos. OPCON Battalion CP Rear.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team on Operation STONE, one squad OPCON HAS Company.
- e. Sparrow Hawk. Company G, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

<u>No Indiv</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
2	1 X with S-2	On Operation STONE

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. <u>Tanks.</u>	4 operational	1 deadlined
b. <u>LVT's.</u>	6 operational	5 deadlined
c. <u>Ontos.</u>	3 operational	1 deadlined
d. <u>Engineers.</u>	Three teams totaling nineteen personnel.	

5. Weather. No adverse effects.

6. Planned Activity

a. Company I. No change.

b. Company K. No change.

c. Company L. No change.

d. Company M. No change.

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17 Feb 67

NARRATIVE SUMMARY
PERIOD 180001H TO 182400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Participating in Operation STONE.
- b. Company K. Participating in Operation STONE.
- c. Company L. Participating in Operation STONE.
- d. Company M. Continue to defend mortar belt; conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. OPCON Battalion CP Rear.
- b. Tanks. OPCON Battalion CP Rear.
- c. Ontos. OPCON Battalion CP Rear.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team on Operation STONE, one squad OPCON H&S Company.
- e. Sparrow Hawk. Company G, 1/4 Buzzard.

3. Kit Cars

<u>No Indiv</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
1	1 with S-2	On Operation STONE

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

- a. Tanks. 4 operational 1 deadlined
- b. LVT's. 9 operational 2 deadlined
- c. Ontos. 3 operational 1 deadlined
- d. Engineers. Three teams totaling nineteen personnel.

5. Weather. No adverse effects.

6. Planned Activity

a. Company I. No change.

b. Company K. No change.

c. Company L. No change.

d. Company M. No change.

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 19 Feb 67

NARRATIVE SUMMARY
 PERIOD 190001H TO 192400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. One platoon providing security for old CP. One squad OPCON CAC unit commander.
- b. Company K. Conducting Operation STONE.
- c. Company L. Conducting Operation STONE.
- d. Company M. Continue to defend mortar belt. Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. Five OPCON Company L, remainder deadlined.
- b. Tanks. Four OPCON CP(fwd), two OPCON Company M.
- c. Ontos. Two OPCON Company M.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company M, one team CP (fwd), one squad OPCON CP (Rear).
- e. Sparrow Hawk. Company I, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

<u>No Indiv</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
1	1 with S-2	On Operation STONE

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. <u>Tanks.</u>	5 operational	0 deadlined
b. <u>LVT's.</u>	5 operational	6 deadlined
c. <u>Ontos.</u>	2 operational	2 deadlined
d. <u>Engineers.</u>	Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel.	

5. Weather. No adverse effects.

6. Planned Activity

a. Company I. Assume responsibility for mortar belt at 1200H.
Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

b. Company K. Conducting Operation STONE.

c. Company L. Conducting Operation STONE.

d. Company M. Participating in relief at mortar belt CP.

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20 Feb 67

NARRATIVE SUMMARY
PERIOD 200001H TO 202400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Assuming responsibility for mortar belt. Conducting normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.
- b. Company K. Compensatory time.
- c. Company L. Compensatory time. One platoon chopped OPCON to Company I for old CP security.
- d. Company M. Being relieved of mortar belt responsibility.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. OPCON S-3.
- b. Tanks. OPCON S-3.
- c. Ontos. Two OPCON Company I.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company I, one team OPCON S-3, and one squad OPCON HAS Company.
- e. Sparrow Hawk. Company L, LZ Buszard.

3. Kit Contents

<u>No Indiv</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
1	0	Administration time.

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

- a. Tanks. 3 operational 2 deadlined
 - b. LVT's. 11 operational 5 deadlined
 - c. Ontos. 3 operational 1 deadlined
 - d. Engineers. Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel.
5. Weather. No adverse effects.

6. Planned Activity

a. Company I. Continue to defend mortar belt. Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

b. Company K. Conduct day and night security and ambush patrols from the Bn CP.

c. Company L. Conduct day and night security and ambush patrols from the Bn CP. One platoon chopped OPCON Company I for old CP security.

d. Company M. Conduct day and night security and ambush patrols from the Bn CP.

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 21 Feb 67

NARRATIVE SUMMARY
 PERIOD 210001H TO 212400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Continue to defend mortar belt. Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.
- b. Company K. Conduct reconnaissance in force in western portion of TAOR (Viem Dong).
- c. Company L. Conducting reconnaissance in force in southwestern portion of TAOR, vicinity Tu Cau (1), (2), and (3) area. One platoon OPCON Company I for security of old CP.
- d. Company M. Completing switch of mortar belt positions with Company I. Conducting weapons training.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. OPCON S-3.
- b. Tanks. OPCON S-3.
- c. Ontos. Three OPCON Company L.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company I, one two-man team OPCON Company L, one two-man team OPCON S-3, and one squad OPCON H&S Company.

3. Kit Carsons

<u>No Indiv</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Results</u>
1		Administrative time

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. <u>Tanks.</u>	3 operational	2 deadlined
b. <u>LVT's.</u>	8 operational	3 deadlined
c. <u>Ontos.</u>	3 operational	1 deadlined

d. Engineers. Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel.

5. Weather. No adverse effects.

6. Planned Activity

a. Company I. No change.

b. Company K. No change.

c. Company L. No change.

d. Company M. Training time, fam fire weapons.

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22 Feb 67

NARRATIVE SUMMARY
PERIOD 220001H TO 222400H

1. Operations Summary

a. Company I. Continue to defend mortar belt. Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

b. Company K. Conducting reconnaissance in force in western portion of TAOR (Viem Dong).

c. Company L. Conducting reconnaissance in force in southwestern portion of TAOR vicinity Tu Cau (1), (2), and (3) area. One platoon OPCON Company I for security of old CP.

d. Company M. Conducting M-16 training. Familiarization firing and zero of M-14 and Pistol, .45 cal.

2. Significant Events

a. LVT's. Two OPCON Company K; remainder OPCON S-3.

b. Fanks. Two OPCON Company K, remainder OPCON S-3.

c. Ontos. Three OPCON Company L, remainder deadlined.

d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company I, one two-man team OPCON Company L, one two-man team OPCON S-3, and one squad OPCON HAS Company.

e. Sparrow Hawk. Company L, LZ Buzzard.

f. Bald Eagle. Company K, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsens

No Indiv

1

No Employed

1 with Co I

Results

Employed with Company I patrol vicinity BT 0571 and 0671 to determine why some villagers are moving out of that area

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. <u>Tanks.</u>	3 operational	2 deadlined
b. <u>LVT's.</u>	7 operational	4 deadlined
c. <u>Ontos.</u>	3 operational	1 deadlined
d. <u>Engineers.</u>	Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel.	

5. Weather. No adverse effects.6. Planned Activity

a. Company I. No change.

b. Company K. No change.

c. Company L. No change.

d. Company M. Conducting search and clear operation vicinity
GS's BT 0570 and BT 0571.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY
PERIOD 240001H TO 242400H
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1. Operational Summary

a. Company I. Continue to defend mortar belt. Conduct normal patrol-
ing operations in assigned TAOR.

b. Company K. Conducting reconnaissance in force in ^{EASTERN} western portion
of TAOR (Viem Dong).

c. Company L. Conducting reconnaissance in force in southwestern por-
tion of TAOR vicinity Tu Cau (1), (2) and (3) area. One plat OPCON Co I
for security of old CP.

d. Company M. Conducting search and clear operation vicinity grid
squares BT 0570 and 0571.

2. Significant Events

a. LVT's. Two OPCON Co K, four OPCON Co M. Remainder OPCON S-3.

b. Tanks. Two OPCON Co K; remainder OPCON S-3.

c. Ontos. Three OPCON Co L; remainder OPCON S-3.

d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Co I, one team OPCON Co L, one squad
OPCON HAS Co.

e. Sparrow Hawk. Co L, LZ Buzzard.

f. Bald Eagle. Co K, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Persons

No Indiv
1

No Employed
1 w/S-5

Results
Will be indoctrinating
people recently moved from
Tra Khe (2) to Hai Kim Son
with the theme of Chieu
Hoi.

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

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|----------------------|--|-------------|
| a. <u>Tanks.</u> | 3 Operational | 2 Deadlined |
| b. <u>LVT's.</u> | 7 Operational | 4 Deadlined |
| c. <u>Ones.</u> | 3 Operational | 1 Deadlined |
| d. <u>Engineers.</u> | Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel. | |

5. Weather. No adverse effects.6. Planned Activity

- a. Company I. No change
- b. Company K. No change
- c. Company L. No change
- d. Company M. Conducting familiarisation firing and zero of weapons; *conducting* additional instruction with the M16E1, 5.56mm rifle.

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 24 Feb 67

NARRATIVE SUMMARY
 PERIOD 240001H TO 242400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Continue to defend mortar belt, sea anchor and provide security for old CP.
- b. Company K. Conducting search and destroy operations in the eastern portion of TAOR (Can Ha (2)).
- c. Company L. Draw Stoner weapons and conduct classes as required.
- d. Company M. Established cordon around Can Ha (2) in conjunction with Company K to commence search and destroy operation.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. OPCON S-3.
- b. Tanks. OPCON S-3.
- c. Ontos. OPCON S-3.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company I, one team OPCON S-3, and one squad OPCON HAS Company.
- e. Sparrow Hawk. Company M, LZ Buzzard.
- f. Bald Eagle. Company K, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

No Indiv

1

No Employed

1 with Co K

Results

being utilized as trail guide in search and destroy operation with Co K

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

- | | | |
|----------------------|--|--------------|
| a. <u>Tanks.</u> | 3 operational | 2 deadlined |
| b. <u>LVT's.</u> | 7 operational | 4 deadlined |
| c. <u>Ontos.</u> | 3 operational | 1 deadlined. |
| d. <u>Engineers.</u> | Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel. | |

5. Weather. No adverse effects.6. Planned Activity

- a. Company I. No change.
- b. Company K. No change.
- c. Company L. No change.
- d. Company M. No change.

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 25 Feb 67

NARRATIVE SUMMARY
 PERIOD 250001H TO 252400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Continue to defend mortar belt, Sea Anchor. Provide security for old CP.
- b. Company K. Conducting search and destroy operations in southeastern portion of TAOR (Viem Dong).
- c. Company L. Conducting training with Stoner Weapons System.
- d. Company M. Conducting search and destroy operation in southern portion of TAOR. (Phong Ho area).

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. Four OPCON Company M, remainder OPCON S-3.
- b. Tanks. Two OPCON Company K, remainder OPCON S-3.
- c. Ontos. Four OPCON S-3, remainder OPCON S-3.
- d. Engineers. Two teams OPCON Company I, one team OPCON S-3, one squad OPCON HAS Company.
- e. Sparrow Hawk. Company M, LZ Buzzard.
- f. Bald Eagle. Company K, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carson, Scouts

- a. One employed with Company K.
- b. Used to interrogate villagers.
- c. No specific results.
- d. No problems encountered.
- e. None.

4. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. <u>Tanks.</u>	3 operational	2 deadlined
b. <u>LVT's.</u>	7 operational	4 deadlined
c. <u>Ontos.</u>	4 operational	0 deadlined
d. <u>Engineers.</u>	Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel.	

5. Weather. No adverse effects.6. Planned Activity

a. <u>Company I.</u>	No change.
b. <u>Company K.</u>	No change.
c. <u>Company L.</u>	No change.
d. <u>Company M.</u>	No change.

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26 Feb 67

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

PERIOD 260001H TO 262400H

1. Operations Summary

a. Company I. Continue to defend mortar belt and Sea Anchor. Conducting counter punch drill. Assuming responsibility for the MSR mine sweep. Conducting normal patrolling in assigned TAOR.

b. Company K. Conducting operations in Vien Dong area and returning to CP by 1600H.

c. Company L. Continue training with Stoner System. Will conduct two night ambushes east of battalion CP.

d. Company M. Continuing search and destroy operations in southern portion of TAOR (Phong Ho area). One platoon OPCON Company I for old CP and MSR mine sweep security.

2. Significant Events

a. LVT's. Two OPCON Company K, two OPCON Company M, remainder OPCON S-3.

b. Tanks. Two OPCON Company K, remainder OPCON S-3.

c. Ontos. Four OPCON Company I.

d. Engineers. Two teams and one squad OPCON Company I, one team OPCON S-3.

e. Sparrow Hawk. Company L, LZ Buzzard.

f. Bald Eagle. Company L, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carsons

a. One with Company K.

b. Used for screening and interrogation of detainees

c. One detainee identified as VC by Kit Carson

d. No problems.

e. No comments.

4. Sniper Teams

<u>Cmd Grp</u>	<u>No of Teams</u>	<u>No Employed</u>	<u>Coords</u>	<u>Results</u>
I, K, M	6	6		neg

5. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. <u>Tanks.</u>	3 operational	2 deadlined
b. <u>LVT's.</u>	5 operational	4 deadlined
c. <u>Ontos.</u>	4 operational	0 deadlined
d. <u>Engineers.</u>	Three teams and one squad totaling nineteen personnel.	

6. Weather. No adverse effects.7. Planned Activity

a. Company I. No change.

b. Company K. Stage in Battalion CP for participation with 1/1 (Operation LAFAYETTE).

c. Company L. Conducting searchand destroy in southern portion of TAOR (Phong Ho area).

d. Company M. Chopped to 1/1 271800H.

<u>Supporting/Attached Units</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Troops</u>	<u>OIC/MCOIC</u>
4th Plat, Co A, 1st AmFrac Bn	10 AmFrac	44	GySgt MARKLAND
2d Plat, Co C, 1st Tank Bn	5 Tanks	25	GySgt JONES
1st Plat, Co A, 1st AF Bn	4 Ontos	20	Lt BAILEY
Det, 11th MF Bn	2 Otters	10	Cpl BRIAN
3d ITF	none	2	Sgt MURRAY
(6) Sniper Teams	Six Model 70 Remington Rifles	12	Lt HOMBERRIER
Det, 7th Engr	2 detectors	7	Cpl BRENNAN
Det, 1st Engr	4 detectors	12	Sgt NEWBY

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

PERIOD 270001H TO 272400H

1. Operations Summary

a. Company I. Continue to defend mortar belt, Sea Anchor, and old CP. Conduct mine sweep of MSR. Conducting normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR.

b. Company K. Staging in battalion CP preparing to be chopped to 1/1 for participation in Phase I Operation LAFAYETTE at 280600H.

c. Company L. Conducting Stoner weapons training.

d. Company M. Staging in battalion CP preparing to be chopped to 1/1 for participation in Phase I Operation LAFAYETTE at 271800H.

2. Significant Events

a. LVT's. Four OPCON Company M at 1600H, remainder OPCON S-3.

b. Tanks. OPCON S-3 until 1600H then chop to Company M.

c. Ontos. Three OPCON Company I.

d. Engineers. Two teams and one squad OPCON Company I, one two man team OPCON S-3, one team (two men) OPCON Company L.

e. Sparrow Hawk. Company L; LZ ~~to be designated~~ Buzzard.

f. Bald Eagle. Company L; LZ ~~to be designated~~ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carson

a. One; not employed.

b. Admin time.

c. None.

d. None.

e. None.

- | <u>4. Snipers</u> | <u>No Teams</u> | <u>No Employed</u> | <u>Coords</u> | <u>Results</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| I, K, M | 6 | 6 | | See Regt'l Jn #16 |
5. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report
- | | | | | |
|----------------------|--|--|--|-------------|
| a. <u>Tanks.</u> | | 4 operational | | 1 deadlined |
| b. <u>LVT's.</u> | | 8 operational | | 2 deadlined |
| c. <u>Ontos.</u> | | 3 operational | | 2 deadlined |
| d. <u>Engineers.</u> | | Three teams and one squad totaling twenty personnel. | | |
6. Weather. No adverse effects.
7. Planned Activity
- Company I. No change.
 - Company K. OPCON 1/1.
 - Company L. Establishing CPB in Man Quan (2) and commence search and destroy therefrom. Boundaries are Ba Tung (2) north, 05 grid line east, 66 grid line on south.
 - Company M. OPCON 1/1.

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY
 PERIOD 280001H TO 282400H

1. Operations Summary

- a. Company I. Continue to defend mortar belt and sea anchor. Conduct normal patrolling operations in assigned TAOR. Provide security for old CP and MSR mine sweep.
- b. Company K. OPCON 1/1 for Operation LAFAYETTE.
- c. Company L. Conducting search and destroy in western portion of TAOR, vicinity Man Quan (2). Boundaries: Ba Tung (2) north, 05 grid line east, and 66 grid line south.
- d. Company M (-). OPCON 1/1 for Operation LAFAYETTE. One platoon OPCON Company I.

2. Significant Events

- a. LVT's. Four OPCON Company M, remainder OPCON S-3.
- b. Tanks. Five OPCON Company M.
- c. Ontos. Two OPCON Company I, two OPCON Company L.
- d. Engineers. Two teams and one squad OPCON Company I, one two-man team OPCON Company L, one two-man team OPCON S-3.
- e. Sparrow Hawk. Company L, LZ Buzzard.

3. Kit Carson

- a. Utilized by Blade for two days.
- b. Assisting in screening potential Kit Carsons.
- c. N/A.
- d. N/A.
- e. N/A.

4. Snipers

<u>Cmd Group</u>	<u>Teams</u>	<u>Employed</u>	<u>Coords</u>	<u>Results</u>
Co K and M	2	2		neg

5. Attached/Supporting Unit Status Report

a. <u>Tanks.</u>	5 operational	0 deadlined
b. <u>LWT's.</u>	9 operational	0 deadlined
c. <u>Ontos.</u>	4 operational	0 deadlined
d. <u>Engineers.</u>	Three teams and one squad totaling twenty personnel.	

6. Weather. No adverse effects.7. Planned Activity

a. <u>Company I.</u>	No change.
b. <u>Company K.</u>	No change.
c. <u>Company L.</u>	No change.
d. <u>Company M.</u>	No change.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division
Via: Commanding Officer, 1st Marines

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report (Operation SEARGY)

Ref: (a) 3d Bn, 1st Mar Frag Order 24-67

1. Code Name. Operation SEARGY (Search and Destroy).
2. Dates of Operation. 010730H to 091000H February 1967.
3. Locations. Tra Khe (2) and Ngan Trung (1), Hoa Vang and Dien Ban Districts, Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam.

4. Command Headquarters

3d Battalion, 1st Marines	LtCol DeATLEY
Company I, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines	Lt ROBISON
Company K, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines	Capt ROTHWELL
Company L, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines	Capt GIBBS
Company M, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines	Capt KNOWLES
H&S Company, 3d Battalion, 1st Marines	Capt LYNCH
Company C, 1st Tank Battalion	Capt WEIGAND

5. Task Organization

<u>3d Battalion (Rein), 1st Marines</u>	LtCol DeATLEY
<u>Co I (Rein)</u>	Lt ROBISON

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Four LVT's
FAC team
Det, 1st Engr

Co K (-) (Rein)

Capt ROTHWELL

Co K (-)
Three tanks
FO, 1/11
FO, 81mm Mortar Plat

Co L (Rein)

Capt GIBBS

Co L
One Plat, Co K
FO, 1/11
FO, 81mm Mortar Plat

H&S Co (Rein)

Capt LYNCH

H&S Co
Two flame tanks
Plat, 1st AT Bn
Two LVT's
Two LVT-E1's
Det, 7th Engr
Det, 1st Engr
LVTH-6's
81mm Mortar Plat

Lt SWEENEY

6. Supporting Forces

a. Marine Fixed Wing. Marine fixed wing flew one mission in support of Operation SEARCY on 3 February 1967. AAC's dropped twenty 250-pound bombs on Tra Khe (2) to destroy caves in the objective area. Effect on target was good, however, the requested 1000 pounds bombs with delayed fuze would have been much more effective.

b. Marine Helicopters. MAG-16 provided excellent helicopter support with two emergency MEDEVAC missions and one routine. In addition, the helicopter troop lift on 5 February 1967 was conducted with outstanding teamwork and liaison effort by the ground/air team.

c. Artillery. Battery C, 1st Battalion, 11th Marines provided the bulk of the artillery support for Operation SEARCY. A total of eleven observed and three unobserved missions were fired during the operation with a total expenditure in ammunition of ninety-seven high explosive,

three white phosphorous, three HC smoke, and thirty-seven illumination rounds. Artillery support was excellent and time from initial request to delivery on target is excellent. On the night of 4 February 1967 two TOT's were arranged and fired on Tra Khe (2) utilizing Battery C, Battery L, 4th Battalion 12th Marines and 81mm mortars following the withdrawal of friendly forces. The local village chief received report from informants that over twenty VC were killed in the target area as they went in the retrieve weapons and supplies previously hidden.

d. Tanks. Company A, 1st Tank Battalion provided one platoon and two flame tanks in direct support. This armor remained on the periphery of the objective areas in order to quickly respond to tactical request. Flame tanks were utilized to destroy the thick vegetation providing concealment in the objective area for VC ambushes and sniper fire.

e. Armored Amphibian Tractors. The 1st Platoon, 3d Armored Amphibian Company, 11th Marines provided two LVT-H6's in direct support for the second phase of the operation. On 5 February 1967 these vehicles entered the Song Vinh Dien patrolling the western border of the objective. Responding to intelligence reports of VC caves in the river bank they fired approximately 50 rounds of 105mm with delayed fuze. Assessment of the target area showed destruction of many caves and a report from PW's that four VC were KIA from the 105mm fire.

f. Amphibian Tractors. 4th Platoon, Company A, 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion provided direct support for the operation transporting troops, supplies, and providing elements in the blocking force. In the second phase of the operation, a command tractor provided working space for the operations center in the field.

g. Engineer Support. 1st Platoon, Company A, 1st Engineer Battalion provided heavy equipment support and personnel to assist in the destruction of Tra Khe (2)'s fortifications, tunnels, and thick treelines.

7. Intelligence

a. Enemy Forces Anticipated in the Objective Area. The enemy forces consisted of village and hamlet guerrillas with various village cadre.

b. Enemy Forces Actually Encountered

(1) During the first phase of the operation no armed forces were encountered.

(2) During the second phase, approximately twenty armed Viet Cong were encountered, with an additional twenty-six cadre.

(3) Personnel and Equipment Losses

(a) Personnel Losses

VC KIA Confirmed	8
VC KIA Probable	10
POW's	17
Civil Defendants	9

(b) Weapons and Equipment Losses

1 AK-47 Assault Rifle
 1 ChiCom Carbine
 1 9mm Pistol
 5 Assorted Grenades
 Assorted Documents and Personal Gear
 1 M-60 Machine Gun Barrel Assembly

(4) Mines and Booby Traps. A total of six mines were encountered; three being detonated causing casualties.

(5) Caves and Tunnels. Twenty-one caves and tunnels were discovered, the majority being well concealed reinforced hiding places for two or three individuals.

c. Terrain

(1) Cover and Concealment. Low rolling dunes covered with low scrub pine were prevalent in the eastern portion of the area, rendering troop movement without detection difficult. Further inland, numerous built-up areas and hedgerows bordering rice paddies and cultivated areas, offered good concealment. Limited cover was afforded by rises and some civilian dwellings.

(2) Critical Terrain Features. None.

(3) Observation and Fields of Fire. During both phases observation and fields of fire were generally poor because of thick vegetation.

(4) Obstacles. Man made obstacles encountered consisted of minor trench lines and fences. Natural obstacles were the Song Vinh Dien and minor streams.

(5) Avenues of Approach. Two major roads running north and south on either side of the Song Cam Bien provided the main avenues of approach. There were also several small roads which proved passable to vehicles. Local paths, trails and dikes provided good avenues of approach for foot movement.

8. Mission. The mission was to conduct search and destroy operations in the hamlets of Tra Khe (1), (2), and (3) (BT 0867, 0767, and 0768), Vien Dong (BT 0965), Cam Ha (2) (BT 0866), and Ngan Trung (1) (BT 0564) to relocate all civilians in Tra Khe (2) and destroy that hamlet as a VC harbor site, and to capture or destroy all enemy personnel, equipment and supplies in the objective areas.

9. Concept of Operations. The operation was divided into three phases. The concept in the first phase was for three companies from this battalion and two ARVN companies to conduct a sweep and clear of adjacent hamlets to Tra Khe (2) forcing the VC forces into Tra Khe (2), form a secure cordon around the hamlet, relocate the civilians and then commence a detailed search and destruction of the hamlet. The second phase called for a relocation of forces (minus the ARVN companies) and a combined sweep from the east and west toward the north and south. Following the establishment of a secure cordon, a detailed search and destroy of enemy personnel and equipment was to be conducted in the objective area. In the third phase stayback units from each company were to establish patrol bases from which security and ambush patrols would interdict enemy forces from returning to the objective areas. The Tet truce period negated any offensive actions in this phase.

10. Execution

a. 31 January

(1) At 1200H all attachments and detachments were effective.

(2) At 1330H representatives of all participating units were briefed on Operation STARKY at the command post (BT 071656) by the Battalion Commander. Reg Order 24-67 was issued. (BT 0867, 0767, 0768, 0965, 0866, and 0564) to relocate all civilians in Tra Khe (2) and destroy that hamlet as a VC harbor site, and to capture or destroy all enemy personnel, equipment and supplies in the objective areas.

b. 1 February

9. Concept of Operations. The operation was divided into three phases.

(1) At 0730H, Company I crossed LOD and commenced search of objectives A, B, and C. The concept in the first phase was for three companies from this battalion and two ARVN companies to conduct a sweep and clear of adjacent hamlets to Tra Khe (2) forcing the VC forces into Tra Khe (2), form a secure cordon around the hamlet, relocate the civilians and then commence a detailed search and destruction of the hamlet.

(2) At 0823H, Company E crossed LOD and commenced forming cordon and destruction of the hamlet. The second phase called for a relocation of forces (minus the ARVN companies) and a combined sweep from the east and west toward the north and south.

(3) At 0925H, Company K crossed LOD and commenced forming cordon. Following the establishment of a secure cordon, a detailed search and destroy of enemy personnel and equipment was to be conducted in the objective area.

(4) At 1000H, the Battalion Command Group "B" departed the command post for CS BT 096687.

(5) At 1005H, vicinity BT 092653, Company I sweep force apprehended three detainees with improper identification.

(6) At 1020H, vicinity BT 094664, Company I sweep force member detonated a homemade anti-personnel mine resulting in one USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).

(7) At 1040H, Company I completed sweep of objectives A, B, and C, and continued on to objectives D and E.

(8) At 1230H, vicinity BT 065691, a VC detainee was taken under fire while trying to escape resulting in one VC KIA (Confirmed).

(9) At 1300H, vicinity BT 0767, Company I sweep force apprehended thirteen detainees for ID check and interrogation.

(10) At 1405H, vicinity BT 077675, Company I sweep force member detonated a ChiCom grenade rigged as a mine resulting in one USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).

(11) At 1600H, vicinity BT 075680, Company L squad ambush apprehended two detainees who were attempting to run from them.

c. 2 February

(1) At 0715H, the RVN Company commenced search inside cordon for caves.

(2) At 1700H, the move of approximately 200 Vietnamese civilians from Tra Khe (2) (BT 072683) to Nui Kim Son (BT 068707) was completed.

d. 3 February

(1) At 0630H, all companies commenced a detailed search 100 meters in front of the cordon.

(2) At 0920H, LVT-E1's fired line charges to assist in destruction of Tra Khe (2).

(3) At 1210H, vicinity BT 083674, Company I sweep force member detonated an unknown type anti-personnel mine resulting in four USMC WIA (3 MEDEVAC).

(4) At 1647H, an air strike was conducted on Tra Khe (2) utilizing twenty 250-pound bombs.

(5) At 1730H, vicinity BT 082673, Company I sweep force received SAF resulting in two USMC WIA (MEDEVAC). SAF and artillery mission were returned on the area with inconclusive results.

e. 4 February. At 1200H, completed destruction of Tra Khe (2), which included the destruction of 124 caves. Commenced repositioning of forces in the Ngan Trung area vicinity BT 0564 for continuation of the operation.

f. 5 February

(1) At 1200H, Company I crossed LOD and commenced sweep to blocking positions.

(2) At 1355H, one platoon from Companies K and L were helo-lifted north and south respectively to the objective area as blocking forces.

(3) At 1430H, vicinity BT 038647, Company I sweep force member stepped in a punji pit resulting in one USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).

(4) At 1500H, Companies K (-) and L (-) completed closing of the cordon.

(5) At 1500H, vicinity BT 055639, Company K blocking force apprehended one PW from a boat who had a 7.62mm weapon in his possession.

(6) At 1630H, vicinity BT 060644, Company K blocking force sustained one WIA (MEDEVAC) from a punji stake.

(7) At 1630H, vicinity BT 059648, Company L blocking force observed and took under fire one VC who was attempting to flee resulting in one VC KIA (Confirmed).

(8) At 1630H, vicinity BT 049664, a LVTH-6 received SAF resulting in one USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).

(9) At 1635H, vicinity BT 059648, Company L observed and took under fire one VC crawling from a fighting hole resulting in one VC KIA (Confirmed).

(10) At 1950H, vicinity BT 058652, S-2 apprehended six detainees with the aid of an informer.

g. 6 February

(1) At 0015H, vicinity BT 045648, Company I platoon position received incoming grenades resulting in two USMC WIA (MEDEVAC).

(2) At 1105H, vicinity BT 058643, Company K sweep force searched a tunnel apprehending one PW who was forwarded to S-2 for interrogation.

(3) At 1230H, vicinity BT 048648, Company L platoon blocking position received M-79 and SAF from estimated four VC resulting in three USMC WIA (MEDEVAC). The platoon returned M-79, SAF and an artillery mission with good coverage; unable to check out area due to commitments.

(4) At 1630H, vicinity BT 055644, S-2 utilizing Kit Carsons and informants located eight caves containing thirteen PW's. Interrogation by CIT and ITT revealed the artillery mission fired the day before resulted in four VC KIA (Confirmed).

h. 7 February

At 1030H, vicinity BT 058642, S-2 utilizing informants and Kit Carsons discovered and destroyed six caves, apprehending two PW's.

(2) At 1115H, vicinity BT 048645, Company I searching elements discovered and destroyed five caves containing assorted ammunition and equipment.

(3) At 1725H, the command group returned to the command post (rear). Companies were repositioned establishing PPB's as follows: Company I east, Company K north, and Company L south of objective area. Security and ambush patrols were initiated from PPB's to interdict any VC from passing to or from objective area.

1. 9 February. At 1000H, Operation SEARCY terminated.

11. Results. Operation SEARCY accounted for eight VC KIA (Confirmed), ten VC KIA (Probable), and seventeen PW's. (See paragraph 7b(3) for a complete enemy loss breakdown.) Friendly casualties were light with sixteen WIA's and no KIA's, MIA's, or DOW's. There were no major items of equipment lost. The ARVN forces participating in the first phase of the operation suffered no casualties and lost no major items of equipment.

12. Administrative Matters

a. Basic Load and Resupply. The assault troops carried four MCI's and one-half gallon of water per man. In addition, normal arms and a basic load of ammunition were carried. Resupply requests were sent directly to the S-4 monitoring the battalion net in the rear CP. Requests were compiled then delivered to the requesting units in the field by LVT's.

b. Maintenance. First and second echelon maintenance was performed by battalion and attached units personnel in the battalion command post.

c. Treatment of Casualties, Evacuation and Hospitalization

(1) Casualties. There were sixteen battle casualties on Operation SEARCY, none of which were KIA or DOW. Thirteen WIA's were MEDEVAC and three were non-evac, treated by the aid station in the field and returned to duty.

(2) Evacuation. All evacuated personnel were taken to the Naval Support Activity, Danang, by helicopter or vehicle.

(3) Hospitalization. Personnel requiring further hospitalization following evacuation remained at NSA or were evacuated to other designated facilities.

d. Transportation. The utilization of organic vehicles, general support trucks, LVT's and helicopters provided the operation with an effective and efficient mobile striking power. Close and cooperative liaison with MAG-16 has proven to be a highly effective instrument to accomplish our mission.

e. Communications

(1) General. There were no major communications problems encountered on Operation SEARCY.

(2) Personnel. The communications platoon employed was the standard organization utilized by this battalion for a command group and three companies.

(3) Equipment. All equipment utilized for this operation performed in a satisfactory manner. No equipment failed during this operation.

(4) Radio. Radio was the primary means of communications and worked exceptionally well during the operation.

(a) During the first phase of the operation radios were remoted in the COC which was housed in a CP tent.

(b) During the second phase, this battalion's command group utilized an LVT-5 command tractor for the COC. The Regimental and Battalion tactical radios used the tractor's whip antennas and were remoted internally to the desired operator positions.

(5) Wire. There were no external wire lines installed or used. However, two hot lines were installed into the COC, using sound power telephones, to the Commanding Officer and the FSCC.

(6) Supply and Maintenance. There were no supply or maintenance problems encountered during the operation.

(7) Special Communications. The radio vehicle AN/MRC-109 was used with the KY-8 to provide a secure voice net to Regiment for passing up to secret traffic.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques

a. LVT-E1's. In the first phase of Operation SEARCY the destruction of Tra Khe (2) was greatly facilitated by these vehicles and their capabilities to effectively clear thick hedgerows and other obstructions. Three vehicles worked parallel moving up the long axis of the hamlet firing a total of eight line charges, clearing some of the heaviest growth in the hamlet and saving many man-hours of labor that would have been required otherwise.

b. LVT-H6's. Once again, the effective blocking of an objective area bordered by a large river was improved by these vehicles patrolling the waterway. Intelligence reports indicated the VC used the high banks along the river as their favorite sites for caves. Using 105mm H.E. delayed fuze, to fire point blank into the banks from the river, the LVT-H6's collapsed many caves and killed four VC who were hiding within.

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14. Commander's Analysis. Operation SEARCY was two separately conceived phases which were coordinated back to back to mislead enemy intelligence and place his forces off guard as to our operational intentions.

a. Tra Khe (2). Through accurate intelligence reports and a series of contacts in January it was determined that this hamlet was a Viet Cong sanctuary. After discussion with higher headquarters and the District Chief, approval was gained, and in accordance with the People Relocation Plan of 1967, Tra Khe (2) was systematically destroyed and rendered useless to the enemy. Villagers were relocated with all their personal belongings using direct liaison with the local Village Chief who established their location in the hamlet of Nui Kim Son. USAID and the U.S. Army's refugee teams supported relocation, housing, and feeding. Numerous tunnel and cave complexes were discovered and destroyed proving that the enemy was ~~again~~ reinforcing his position in this hamlet.

b. Ngan Trung (1). The immediate launching of the search and clear operation in this hamlet paid off. The local Viet Cong were caught completely off guard with the result that the VC infrastructure has probable been destroyed with the capture of seventeen PW's, including the autonomous chief, the finance cadre leader and other key personnel. Success of this phase of the operation can be directly contributed to highly accurate intelligence reports and maximum cooperation from higher headquarters on supporting arms, and in particular, continued effective liaison with MAG-16 which provided helicopter support.

15. Recommendations. None.

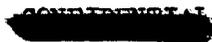
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TAB: D - Daily SITREPS

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TAB: E - Frag Orders

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PLAT ORDER 33-67 Period covered 240001H TO 242400H

1. Company I

- a. Continue to defend mortar belt, Sea Anchor and provide security for old CP.
- b. Chop platoon from Company L to parent organization at 1000H.
- c. Platoon of Company M chopped to Company I at 0900H.

2. Company K. Continue search and destroy operations in assigned TAOR.

3. Company L

- a. Complete search and destroy operations in present area. Return to this CP by 0600H.
- b. Draw Stoner System weapons and conduct classes as required.
- c. Platoon presently OPCOM Company chopped to Company L.

4. Company M

- a. Conduct one daylight security patrol, and establish two ambushes in areas adjacent to CP. S-3 will coordinate with other unit activities.
- b. Chop one platoon to Company I at 0900H. Platoon to provide security for old CP.

5. H&S Company. No change in mission.

6. CAC Units. No change in mission.

7. Direct Support Units

- a. 2d Platoon, Company C, 1st Tank Battalion. Two tanks OPCOM Company K, two OPCOM S-3.

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- b. 4th Platoon, Company A, 1st Amphibic Battalion. Two Amphibacs OPCON Company K, five Amphibacs OPCON S-3.
- c. 1st Platoon, Company A, 1st AT Battalion. Three Ontos OPCON Company L released for maintenance upon return of Company L to this CP.
- d. Engineers. Engineers presently OPCON Company L. OPCON S-3 upon return to this CP.
8. Kit Carsons. No change.
9. Bald Eagle. Company K, LZ Buzzard.
10. Sparrow Hawk. Company M, LZ Buzzard.
11. H&I Fires. All possible means of interdicting enemy movement at night must be utilized. H&I fire is one method that is not being employed to its maximum. Company Commanders should request H&I fires on selected areas on a daily basis to channelize enemy movement and interdict areas not covered by patrols and ambushes. H&I fire can also be placed on a time schedule so that ambushes and patrols can operate in an area during part of the night and H&I's can be fired into it during other times. The only restrictions on H&I fires are:
- Must be 1000 meters from friendly troops.
 - Must be 500 meters from populated areas.
12. Preplanned supporting fires for night patrols and ambushes are not being submitted as required. All plans for night activities other than LP's are to include planned fires by supporting arms. 60mm mortars should also be included in this planning.

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FRAG ORDER 34-67 Period covered 250001H to 252400H Feb 67

1. Company I. No change.
2. Company K. Continue search and destroy operations in present area.
3. Company L. Continue training in Stoner Weapons System.
4. Company M. Continue search and destroy operations in present area.
5. H&S Company. No change.
6. CAC Units. No change.
7. Direct Support Units
 - a. Tanks. Three OPCOM S-3.
 - b. LVT's. One OPCOM S-3.
 - c. Ontos. Three ONTOS OPCOM Company I.
8. Kit Cars. No change.
9. Bald Eagle. Company K, LZ Buzzard.
10. Sparrow Hawk. Company M, LZ Buzzard.
11. Use of CS. The necessity and value of taking prisoners cannot be overemphasized. The use of CS to force VC out of tunnels or other hiding places is to be made a standard procedure within all units. Each small unit leader must be trained to use CS as he would any other weapon. All patrols and units conducting search and destroy operations are to be equipped with CS grenades and instructed to use them on any suspected VC hiding place prior to its destruction. S-4 has CS in stock.

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	S-3	9

3 February 1968

FRAG ORDER 35-67 Period 260000Z - 262400Z

1. Company H. Continues operations in water tank. Conduct one night counter mine drill. At 261200Z assume responsibility for security and carrying out of minesweep on MSR from Mai Kim Son south to this reference CP. Use platoon assigned to old CP to provide reference security. Engineers assigned to mine sweep to be billeted in old CP.

2. Company K. Conclude operations in present area of operations and return to this CP by 261600Z.

3. Company L. Continue training in Stoway System. Conduct two night ambushes to east of CP. Prepare to depart CP on 27 February.

4. Company G. Continue operations as previously planned.

5. RAF Company. No change.

6. CAF Units. Upon completion of minesweep of MR, withdrawal of responsibility for minesweep security. Conduct identification team check of all Vietnamese entering Mai Kim Son on MSR.

7. Direct Support Units

a. Trucks. Two OPFOR Company B; three OPFOR B-1.

b. WPI's. Two OPFOR Company B; two OPFOR Company B; new 1400 1 Reg.

c. Catag. Four OPFOR Company I.

d. Engineers. Upon completion of morning minesweep of MR, minesweep team (7/7th Engineers) drop to Company I. Four leaders move to CO Company I at Hill 10 for further instructions. Remain on duty with continue present operations.

e. Snipers. Two teams Company I; two teams Company B; rest are on duty Company K.

8. M13 Carbons. One to Company K.

9. Ball Regt. Company I.

10. Sparker Regt. Company I.

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11. M-16 Training. M-16 weapons are scheduled for distribution this month. Training on this weapon is to be completed ASAP.

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FRAG ORDER 36-67 Period 270001H - 272400H

1. Company I. No change in mission. See Company L paragraph.
2. Company K. Stage in battalion CP and prepare to chop to 1/1 for participation in Phase I Operation LAFAYETTE. Chop to 1/1 at 280600H.
3. Company L. Depart Battalion CP by 1000H. Establish Company Patrol Base in area of Man Quan (2) and commence search and destroy operations in area bounded by Ba Tung (2) on north, 05 grid line on east and 66 grid line on south. Concentrate activities in northern portion of area.
4. Company M. Move to battalion CP ^{1. BY 0900H} for briefing on Operation LAFAYETTE. At 1630H move by Amtrac to area of three lakes and cordon off. On arrival chop to 1/1 for participation in Phase I Operation LAFAYETTE.
5. M&S Company. No change.
6. GAC Units. Cancel operations of D-7. D-7 commence dismantling of position. Continue other operations as scheduled.
7. Direct Support Units
 - a. Tanks. Four tanks OPCON S-3 until 1600H then chop to Company M.
 - b. Amtracs. Six OPCON to Company L for movement to Company Patrol Base. Upon completion of movement chop four to S-3. Retain two for resupply and support. Four OPCON Company M at 1600H for movement to three lakes area. Remain with Company M until 280800H then chop to S-3.
 - c. Ontos. Four OPCON Company I.
 - d. Engineers. One two-man demo team OPCON Company L. Teams attached Company I - no change.
 - e. Snipers. No change.
8. Kit Carson. Admin time.
9. Bald Eagle. Company L; LZ to be designated.
10. Sparrow Hawk. Company L; LZ to be designated.

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11. Use of Supporting Arms by Small Units. One of the biggest advantages Marine units have over the VC is the multitude of supporting arms available. Each squad leader and patrol leader must be taught to call and use supporting arms. In a number of recent incidents patrols taken under fire did not use them at all. Insure that patrols and squad size units are thoroughly briefed on calling supporting arms and use their use.

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1. Company I. No change in mission. See Company I paragraph.
2. Company A. Chopped to 1/1 for participation in Phase I Operation LAFAYETTE.
3. Company L. Depart Battalion CP by 1000H. Establish Company Patrol Base (CPB) in area of Mam Quan (2) and commence search and destroy operations in area bounded by Ha Tung (2) North, 05 grid line East, and 66 grid line South. Concentrate activities in northern portion of area.
4. Company M. Chopped to 1/1 for participation in Phase I Operation LAFAYETTE.
5. H&S Company. No change.
6. CAC Units. No change.
7. Direct Support Units
 - a. Tanks. Four tanks OPCOM Company M.
 - b. Amtracs. Six OPCOM Company L for movement to CPB. Upon completion of movement COM four to S-3. Retain two for resupply and support. Remainder OPCOM S-3.
 - c. Onco. Four OPCOM Company I.
 - d. Engineers. One two-man demo team OPCOM Company L. Teams attached Company I -- no change.
 - e. Snipers. Two teams OPCOM Company M. Two teams OPCOM Company L.
8. Kit Careon. Admin time.
9. Bald Eagle. Company L; LZ to be designated.
10. Sparrow Hawk. Company L; LZ to be designated.

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FRAG ORDER 38-67 Period 010001H ~ 012400H March 1967

1. Company I. No change.
2. Company K. OPCON 1/1.
3. Company L. Continue operations in assigned area.
4. Company M. OPCON 1/1.
5. H&S Company. No change.
6. CAC Units. No change.
7. Direct Support Units
 - a. Tanks. Five OPCON Company M.
 - b. A.S. Eight OPCON S-3.
 - c. Ontos. Four OPCON Company I.
 - d. Engineers. No change.
 - e. Snipers. One team OPCON each rifle company.
8. Kit Carson. Assisting Regiment in selecting potential Kit Carsons.
9. Bald Eagle. Not required.
10. Sparrow Hawk. Company L; LZ Buzzard.

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