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1. As directed by reference (a) enclosures (1) through (8) are hereby submitted.

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ORGANIZATION DATA SHEET

1. Designation and location. 2nd Bn, 7th Marines (Rein) CP  
located in Chu Lai at BT 504036
2. Period Covered: 1-28 Feb 1966
3. Commanding Officers: LtCol LEON N. UTTER USMC
4. Executive Staff:
 

Major G. H. GENTRY Jr	Executive Officer	
1stLt R. W. HALL	S-1	
1stLt G. V. HARTMAN	S-2	
Capt A. J. DOUBLET	S-3	1-7 Feb 66
1stLt J. N. JOLLEY	S-3	8-12 Feb 66
Capt A. LEE	S-3	13-28 Feb 66
Capt M. E. O'CONNOR	S-4	
5. Unit Commanders
  - a. Capt R. E. THEER Company "E"
  - b. Capt J. M. NOLAN Company "F" 1-11 Feb 66  
 Capt J. D. LINDAUER Company "F" 12-28 Feb 66
  - c. Capt W. D. SEYMOUR Company "G"
  - d. 1stLt J. LAU Company "H"
  - e. 1stLt N. H. GROSZ H&S Company
6. Average monthly strength during periods:
 

Marine Officers <u>33</u>	Navy Officers <u>3</u>
Marine Enlisted <u>930</u>	Navy Enlisted <u>53</u>

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF EVENTS1. Personnel

a. One enlisted Marine KIA, two enlisted Marines DOW's and 27 enlisted Marines were WIA. Twenty-five Marine enlisted non-battle casualties of which 11 have returned to duty during this reporting period.

b. As directed by CG 3rd MarDiv this battalion exchanged a rifle company and tactical elements of H&S Company with the 2nd Battalion 1st Marines on 11 February 1966. The total number of personnel involved per battalion was 4 officers and 176 enlisted.

c. Twelve personnel were transferred by SRB while hospitalized.

d. No promotions were effected during the month.

e. Two Marine officers, 63 Marine enlisted, and 5 Navy enlisted were joined during Feb 1966.

f. One Marine Officer, 47 enlisted Marines and 4 enlisted Navy were transferred while hospitalized and for normal rotation.

g. One Silver Star Medal, one Bronze Star Medal, three Navy Commendation Medals and 21 Purple Heart Medals were awarded personnel of this organization during the period.

2. Training. Extensive training was conducted on the 60mm mortar to include gun drill and live firing using the inert shell. On 6 Feb 1966 officers, staff NCO's and NCO's attended a lecture and demonstration on the employment of patrol dogs. One officer joined the battalion while TAD for 60 days in connection with the Vietnam OJT program.

3. Special Operations.

a. During the period 2nd Bn, 7th Marines (-) (Rein) participated in Operation Double Eagle Phase II. Enclosure (3).

b. The battalion furnished one company and three platoon size units for convoy security between Chu Lai and Quang Nai. None of these units made contact with the enemy.

4. Command and Control.

a. During the period 18-28 Feb 1966 the battalion was under operational control of CG Task Force Delta: engaged in combat operations against the enemy in Double Eagle Phase II.

b. The airfield defense, composed of rifle companies from 2/7 and 3/7, continued under operational control of CO, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines during the period.

c. The following general officers visited the command during the period.

MajGen WALT, CG III MAF - 10 Feb 66  
 BGen PLATT, CG Task Force Delta - Periodically during Operation  
 Double Eagle Phase II

5. Close Combat. Close combat during the period consisted of the battalion's participation in "Operation Double Eagle Phase II". See Enclosure (3).

6. Logistics.

a. During the period, the Battalion continued to improve it's defensive positions along the MLR. The engineer effort was directed toward improving the access road to the battalion sector and the installation of a Battalion Command Bunker (20'x30'x8').

b. Twelve (12) native huts were constructed within company sectors. These huts were contracted for by the 3rd Marine Division and construction supervised by the ADC at Chu Lai. They provide excellent storage areas for platoon equipment and personal effects. They also provide a briefing/de-briefing area for patrols.

c. The percentage of supply requisitions filled continued to improve; however, many necessary General Supply items are not available, i.e. ponchos, air-mattresses.

d. The battalion received a small portion of the Encampment/Garrison property, i.e. general purpose tents (8), fly tents (16), but is still short the majority of <sup>items</sup> ~~items~~ allotted by the T/A. Of major concern is refrigerators for storage of fresh meat and produce. A considerable amount of produce is ruined by spoilage due to lack of refrigeration.

e. Spare parts for M-422 and M-274 continues to be a problem and increases the amount of deadlined vehicles for first and second echelon maintenance. These vehicles have been running for 8 months in RVN and no replacements have yet been received.

f. The logistic support during Operation Double Eagle Phase II was excellent. Primary method of resupply was the helicopter. Of significance was the reliable communications provided by the AN/PRC 25 radio carried by the HST team attached to the battalion. In previous operations, HST was provided with an AN/PRC 10 and a AN/PRC 47, both of which proved unreliable thus adding to radio traffic on the Battalion Tactical and Command Nets.

7. Combat Air Support. See paragraph 6 Enclosure (3).

8. Medical. Twenty members of the battalion were effected by hookworm during the month of February. After an untimely delay (3 weeks) sufficient drugs were received to arrest this small epidemic.

9. Civil Affairs.

a. A small village shopping center was officially opened on 1 February

1966 with LtCol UTTER of 2/7 and Mr SO, Province Chief officiating. The shopping center, located within 2/7's TAOR, employes approximately 35 persons, in such tasks as barbers, laundry service, and sale of local merchandise.

b. During February several projects were completed with the assistance and cooperation of the local Vietnamese people. In Chu Lai New Life Hamlet (BT 500060) work on a cooperative pig farm was continued and a native market place was opened. Villagers from Tich Tay built a one shop market, laundry and car wash (BT 506045) and are beginning to show a small profit. The Civil Affairs Team and the people of Long Phu (1) built a bridge at (BT 508038). A dispensary was constructed at (BT 508034) for the treatment of the local people. Also, a hygiene program has been started by the battalion corpsman in which daily baths are given to the children of Long Phu (1) and extra soap is distributed.

c. Company G located near Long Phu (2) (BT 510025), has established a med-cap program that is held daily at (BT 511032). The Company Executive Officer, 1stLt H. BARNETT started a language class between Marines and local villagers.

d. Med-cap treatment totals for the month are as follows:

<u>Patients</u>	<u>Treatments</u>
1905	3241

e. Generally, all Civil Affairs projects have met with a great deal of success, and it is believed that vigorous civic action has led to greater support from the people and increased security for tactical units.

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 To: Commanding General, Task Force Delta

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Encl: ✓(1) Operation overlay showing operations conducted on D-Day  
 ✓(2) Operation overlay showing dispositions on night of D-day  
 and operations conducted on D+1  
 ✓(3) Operation overlay showing operations conducted on D+2  
 through D+4  
 ✓(4) Operation overlay showing operations conducted on D+5  
 ✓(5) Operation Overlay showing operations conducted on D+6  
 ✓(6) Operation overlay showing operations conducted on D+7  
 ✓(7) Operation overlay showing operations conducted on D+8

1. Code Name. "Operation Double Eagle, Phase II".
2. Dates of Operation. 190900H to 281700H February 1966.
3. Location. Quang Tin Province, Vietnam; AMS Map series 1701, 1:50,000, Sheets 6657 I, 6657 II, 6657 IV.
4. Command/Control Headquarters. CG, Task Force Delta.
5. Task Organization

2d Battalion, 7th Marines (-)(Rein)

LtCol UTTER

Headquarters and Service Company (-)

Lt GROSZ

Company E (Rein)

Capt THEER

Team, Engineer Plat  
 81mm FO Team  
 Arty FO Team

Company H (Rein)

Lt LAU

Team, Engineer Plat  
 81mm FO Team  
 Arty FO Team  
 FAC Team

2d Plat, Co C, 1st Engineer Bn (-)

Lt REILLY

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HST Det, Co C, 3d Shore Party Bn

Lt SHANAHAN

6. Supporting Forces.

a. Artillery. Prepositioned artillery of the Provisional Artillery Group firing from the vicinity of BT 278193 provided all required fire support during D-Day, D+1, and the morning hours of D+2. During that period the battalion had no need for fire support other than H&I fires during the nights. After the helo lift to hill 110 (BT 000230) fire support was provided by 107mm Howtars positioned on hill 348 (BT 055251). Only H&I fires were required during the period D+2 through D+6. During the afternoon of D+6 the battalion was once again within support range of the artillery of the Provisional Artillery Group. On D+7 one mission was fired in support of the battalion. This mission was controlled and adjusted by an aerial observer, and Fuse VT was used in FFE without the required approval of the battalion commander. The only other artillery fire mission called by the battalion was on D+8. During this mission only two rounds were fired because the forward observer could not adjust due to poor visibility caused by smoke and heavy vegetation.

b. Air

(1) CAS. Throughout the operation the battalion requested only one CAS mission. Request was forwarded via the TAD net due to lack of communications on the TAR net. Response was timely, with aircraft arriving on station within ten minutes. The strike was controlled by an aerial observer who reported excellent effect on target. Four aircraft were utilized employing both rockets and bombs. Bodies sighted by the aerial observer could not be found upon ground search, as the enemy had nearly an hour to police the battle field.

(2) Armed Helicopters. On only one occasion, on D+8, were the armed helicopters under the direct control of the battalion. On this occasion they were utilized to provide added flank security and reconnaissance against targets of opportunity. Results of this utilization were consistently good. On three other occasions, armed helicopters operating in the battalion zone of action made strikes without any communications or coordination with the battalion. Twice during these strikes, ordnance was delivered on friendly units. Luckily, no casualties resulted from these strikes.

(3) Helicopter Troop Lift. The battalion was lifted on two occasions, on D-Day from two LZ's (Ky Hoa and Tan Ky), and D+2 from one LZ. The D-Day lift, once underway, was completed without difficulty. The D+2 lift to Hill 110 was made from a rice paddy LZ that was subjected to light sniper fire during the battalion's extraction. Failure of the helicopters to land on the marked pick-up sites resulted in confusion and intermingling of units in the assault waves. Since the landing was unopposed, this did not become a critical factor, however in an opposed landing considerable difficulty might have been encountered.

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(4) Helicopter Med-Evac. In all cases, med-evac aircraft arrived in a timely manner and casualties were recovered expeditiously. On one occasion during extremely bad weather, the pilot had to make several attempts to penetrate to the pickup zone. By taking a round-about route he was able to finally get below the cloud cover to effect pick-up. Such efforts, and the timely extraction of casualties are extremely beneficial to troop morale.

(5) Psy-War Aircraft. Twice during this operation psy-war aircraft came on station to assist the ground forces. Through the coordinated use of leaflets and the airborne loudspeaker the battalion was able to inform the people in the zone of action that operations were being conducted against the VC, and to request their aid in locating hidden VC units. The advantage of being able to issue orders and/or directives to the people in the battalion zone of operations is obvious.

## 7. Intelligence.

a. Estimate of VC strength, location, and disposition in the Objective area.

### (1) Forces anticipated in immediate objective area.

<u>(a) Main Force</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Tactical Disposition</u>
1st VC Regt Hq	BT 1525	350	Unknown
60th Bn	BT 1917	300	Unknown
80th Bn	BT 2220	200	Unknown
90th Bn	BT 2514	400	Unknown
70th Bn	BT 1528	400	Unknown
400th Hvy Wpns Bn	Unknown	200	Unknown
A-16th Co	BT 2516	120	Unknown
A-13th Co	BT 0917	150	Unknown
195th AA Bn (NVA)	BT 0023	300	Unknown

b. The source of intelligence was considered valid as of 17 Feb 1966 and initially obtained on 18 February from Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate) to Annex B (Intelligence) to TFD Frag Order 109-66. Additional background information was obtained from 2nd ARVN Division Intelligence Estimate Number 1-66 of 12 February 1966. Subsequently current enemy data was received daily from TFD Hq in the form of an OB and incident overlay.

c. It was initially anticipated that the VC units in the objective area were concentrating on recruiting, training, preparing extensive fortifications and regaining full control of those areas penetrated by ARVN and US forces during Operation Harvest Moon conducted in December 1965.

d. VC strength and situation actually found as operation was conducted.

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(1) Throughout the conduct of the operation, no actual organized resistance was encountered. Frequent and continuous contact with lone VC snipers and groups of snipers provided the only confirmed enemy contact. The terrain of the area traversed during the operation provided excellent cover and concealment for sniper employment and the VC made maximum use of this advantage.

(2) Company "E" of 2/7 encountered a comparatively large group of VC (approximately 30) on 26 February in the vicinity of Ky Phu, coordinates BT 2122 and Hill 35, coordinates BT 210238. The VC engaged appeared to be an organized unit, were extremely well camouflaged from head to foot with rice stalks, and possessed a large quantity of automatic weapons.

(3) On 27 February companies "G" and "H" frequently received a heavy volume of fire from well concealed VC sniper teams during a battalion sweep of the heavily forested region East of Ky Phu. Again, groups of 20 to 30 VC were observed by 2/7 units.

(4) On the morning of 28 February an estimated squad of VC attempted to infiltrate the TFD CP at Tam Ky through the 2/7 bivouac area. Although the attack was repulsed, it is significant to point out that the VC were able to penetrate within 10-20 yards of the area without being detected.

e. VC Units Identified.

(1) On 24 February, a VC captive informed 2/7 S-2 personnel that a VC hospital was located opposite 2/7's LZ vicinity BT 000230 across the Song Chang River. The captive further stated that the hospital had a 250 bed capacity and was staffed by North Vietnamese personnel. This information was exploited by Company "F" of 2/7 under the OpCon of TFD and although success was limited, it was apparent that a VC medical facility did exist in the area.

f. Significant Intelligence Gained.

(1) During the conduct of the Operation, no significant intelligence was obtained from either captives or civilians which pinpointed large troop concentrations or supply caches. Such information as was obtained usually dealt with the recent movements of small and scattered groups of VC using evasive tactics to avoid contact with USMC units. As the operation progressed this tactic became more prevalent as interrogation reports, ground contacts, and AO sightings indicated.

(2) Many new and extensive fortifications have been constructed by VC on and parallel to the trail traversed by 2/7 on its sweep to National Route #1. The VC have also prepared numerous entrenchments at strategic ambush sites. In addition, this unit frequently encountered booby trapped trail gates and a myriad of freshly dug punji trap pits.

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(3) As 2/7 traversed much of the same territory that was covered on Operation Harvest Moon, it is appropriate to make some reflective comparison on the attitudes of civilians encountered and interrogated. It was observed during Harvest Moon that Vietnamese civilians in the Song Chang Region made every effort to avoid contact with this unit. However, on this occasion, civilians were encountered in large numbers in many instances. In addition, they were willing to reveal information about VC movement and activity although no significant intelligence was so obtained. Of some consequence is the fact that many civilians indicated a desire to emigrate to government controlled areas. A large number wanted to accompany this unit for protective reasons. It is felt that either the VC are losing their firm control of the region in question, or that the Psychological Warfare Programs, defoliation measures, and frequent bombings are forcing local residents to seek habitation and employment elsewhere.

g. Terrain.

(1) Critical Terrain Features.

Hill 110	(BT 232188)	
Hill 253	(BT 181205)	
Hill 406	(BT 162204)	
Hill 488	(BT 131203)	
Hill	(BT 000230)	
Ridge line	(AT 999237)	to (BT 009255)
Hill 102	(BT 017224)	
River crossing	(AT 996218)	(BT 010213)
Pass	(BT 134217)	
Hill 242	(BT 128245)	

(2) Observation and Fields of Fire.

(a) The dense rain forest foliage in the Song Chang Valley Region greatly reduced observation and fields of fire for Marines. Conversely, the VC were adept at using the advantages of this terrain for sniper harassment.

(b) The relatively flat terrain in the Ky Phu area (BT 2122) offered both excellent observation and fields of fire. However the VC had the advantage of concealed positions to exploit this condition whereas Marine units deployed in skirmish formations were at an initial disadvantage.

(3) Cover and Concealment.

(a) As in the past, in order to locate VC, it is almost necessary for Marines to make a profitable target of themselves in order to draw fire and pinpoint enemy locations. This means that the enemy is able to make maximum use of cover and concealment prior to the encounter while Marines must expose themselves and seek available cover only after being fired upon.

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(4) Obstacles.

(a) No major obstacles were encountered during this operation with the exception of the dense underbrush encountered by forward and flanking elements of the Battalion column during the sweep through the Song Chang Valley and the heavily forested region East of Ky Phu (BT 2122).

8. Mission. 2d Battalion, 7th Marines (-)(Rein) was ordered to execute a heliborne assault followed by a search and destroy operation in a portion of Quang Tin Province to the west of the city of Tam Ky. The battalion was also to be prepared to execute such other search and destroy operations as might be directed by higher authority and/or the enemy situation.

9. Concept of Operation.

a. Initially, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines (-)(Rein) was to lift the assault elements of two companies from Ky Hoa to LZ's SWAN and Duck. (See Enclosure 1) The remainder of the battalion was to move to Tam Ky by motorized convoy, where it would be picked up and lifted into the objective area. Company E was to lift in 24 MAG-36 aircraft into LZ SWAN, while Company H utilized 24 additional MAG-36 aircraft to lift into LZ Duck. All lifts from Tam Ky were provided by MAG-16 aircraft.

b. The battalion command group was to accompany Company E's assault elements into LZ SWAN.

c. The tactical elements of H&S Company were to lift into LZ SWAN while the remainder of H&S, the Engineer Platoon, the HST Detachment, and the rear CP group were to lift into LZ DUCK.

d. Subsequent to the securing of the LZ's, the battalion was to commence a search and destroy operation to the northeast toward Battalion Objectives A and B. (See Enclosure 1).

e. No reserve other than that provided by the tactical elements of H&S Company was constituted due to the detachment of Companies F and G from the battalion. Company F was detached to OpCon of the Provisional Artillery Group, while Company G was detached to OpCon of Task Force Delta as a ready reaction force.

10. Execution.

a. Planning. Task Force Delta Frag Order 109-66 for Operation Double Eagle, Phase II was received by the battalion at 0230 18 February. However, prior information as to the probable contents of the order permitted two days of preparation. 2nd Bn, 7th Marines Frag Order #1-66 was published at 1000 18 Feb 1966.

b. D-Day, 19 Feb. At 0938 the assault elements of Companies E and H commenced lifting from Ky Hoa and were flown to LZ's SWAN and DUCK. At 1005, the first elements were landed in the LZ's against very minor resistance

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by isolated snipers. Company E and the tactical elements of H&S Company secured LZ SWAN without incident, while Company H secured LZ DUCK. Company H killed one VC near the LZ, capturing one automatic rifle. Subsequent to the closing of the battalion, the rifle companies moved out, conducting search and destroy operations enroute to link-up. Once the companies were on line and in physical contact, the commanding officer issued Frag #1 for the operation, directing the search and destroy operations shown on Enclosure 1. During the afternoon Company G was returned to battalion OpCon and was helilifted into LZ DUCK to protect a downed helicopter. All moving elements of the battalion closed on their night defensive positions by 1910. At 2000 three VC tried to infiltrate the Company E lines on Objective A. One VC was killed and a Caliber .45 pistol recovered. One Marine was WIA in this action.

c. D+1, 20 Feb. After a quiet night, Companies E and H conducted search and destroy operations around battalion objectives A and B. Company G, as directed by Task Force Delta, moved by combat patrol to Hill 488. Elements of Companies E and H received light sniper fire during their operations (See Enclosure 2). Two Marines were WIA by snipers to the west of objective A. Enroute to Hill 488, Company G received moderate sniper fire from five to eight VC. Two of the VC were cornered in a cave and killed. Minutes later, another VC, presumably from the same unit was killed by Company G. Recon units spotting from the high ground provided information on the movements of small groups of VC in the operational area. At 2000, OpCon of Company G was returned to Task Force Delta.

d. D+2, 21 Feb. After another night without contact the battalion prepared for helilift to another operating area. After several delays, the battalion lifted from the vicinity of BT 191183 at 1435H and was flown to Hill 110 (BT 000230). Extraction was made under a moderate volume of long range sniper fire. The LZ on Hill 110 was secured without enemy resistance.

e. D+3, 22 Feb. Again the night passed without contact, and at 0815 the battalion commenced moving south off of Hill 110 to begin search and destroy operations to the east in the Song Khang Valley. The command elements were established in the vicinity of BT 015224 at 1410H and Companies E and H conducted search and destroy operations as shown on Enclosure 3. At 1735H an E Company squad operating to the west of the CP engaged four to six VC in a fire fight. The "overs" from this engagement fell into the CP area. Three 81mm mortar rounds were fired and fire was placed on suspected VC positions. VC casualties, if any, are unknown.

f. D+4, 23 Feb. After a third quiet night, the battalion in response to Task Force Delta orders, remained in position throughout the day. Company E conducted platoon size search and destroy operations along the Song Khang River. All operations were opposed by long range sniper fire and one Marine was WIA, (later DOW). Company H conducted an all day company size search and destroy operation centered in Grid Square 0423. VC harbor sites, caves and emplacements were destroyed. Sniper fire was encountered enroute, but

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no casualties were sustained. The battalion set in position for the night defense.

g. D+5, 24 Feb. Again the night passed without contact, and in the morning the battalion commenced movement eastward in the Song Khang Valley. Company E was sent ahead of the battalion in security-on-the-march formation to a position in the vicinity of BT 063209 where a blocking position was established. With Company H leading, the remainder of the battalion conducted a search and destroy operation against the block held by Company E. Enroute to the march objective, sniper fire caused one Marine WIA. Upon closing at 1800, the battalion assumed the night defense in the area used by Company E as a blocking position. (See Enclosure 4).

h. D+6, 25 Feb. After no contact during the night, the battalion continued the movement out of the Song Khang Valley with Tu Cam (2), BT169221 as the days march objective. Company H led the column, searching and destroying as well as the terrain and the distance to be traversed would permit. Company H had two Marine WIA and Company E had one WIA. These casualties were caused by long range sniper fire which was frequently encountered by the battalion during the day's operation. As the battalion closed on the pass at B<sup>T</sup> 134216, Company L of 3d Battalion, 1st Marines assisted by serving as a blocking force until Company H was within the pass. The battalion closed on its march objective at 1910 and established a defensive perimeter. (See Enclosure 5).

i. D+7, 26 Feb. For the sixth night the battalion had no contact during the hours of darkness. At 0945 the battalion commenced movement eastward with the village of Ky Phu as its march objective. Company E led the column and upon reaching a point just to the west of Ky Phu, the company came under moderate to heavy sniper fire from the north. Several automatic weapons were being employed as well as rifles and carbines. Company E returned fire and was ordered to sweep north of Ky Phu to a distance of 2500 meters. Artillery fire and an Air Strike were called on groups of VC reported by Company E and an aerial observer who was overhead during the engagement. Several VC bodies were reported by the AO, but by the time ground troops could traverse the difficult terrain the VC had policed the battle field. Company E suffered one Marine WIA. During this engagement the remainder of the battalion closed on Ky Phu. Company H was directed to sweep 1000 meters to the south, where it encountered scattered sniper fire. At 1800, Company G which was released to battalion OpCon at 0730, closed on the battalion position. This company rejoined the battalion from Hill 488, moving uncontested along the same route used by the battalion. Company G was resupplied and was directed to outpost Tran Vinh (1) BT 211213 for the night. (See Enclosure 6).

j. D+8, 27 Feb. At 0203 the battalion position in Ky Phu received five rounds of incoming mortar fire. These were estimated to be 60mm fired from somewhere to the north east. Company H had one Marine WIA as a result of this fire. At 0815 the battalion commenced moving to the line of departure for a sweep of the "Pineapple Patch" ordered by Task Force Delta. (See Enclosure 7). Moving with Companies G and H abreast

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and armed helicopters providing flank security, the battalion began the sweep at 1030H. Movement through this area was very difficult, and the lead companies had a hard time maintaining physical contact. The distance to be covered precluded deliberate search and destruction, and numerous snipers operating at long range were encountered. Company G had one WIA and Company H had seven WIA from this fire. Back in the column, Company E sustained one WIA from snipers who had come in behind the sweeping companies. Upon reaching the ARVN outposts on the high ground west of the railroad tracks the battalion shifted to column formation to reduce the danger from the uncharted ARVN minefields. Upon reaching National Route 1, the battalion formed up on the highway and marched south to the LSA area near Tam Ky to bivouac for the night.

k. D+9, 28 Feb. At approximately 0330, a force of VC estimated to be eight to ten in number, attempted to infiltrate the LSA between Company E and a MAG 36 element. A firefight ensued and at least three VC were killed. Two bodies were recovered and inspection of large pools of blood near the position indicated the death of a third VC. Two submachineguns were recovered with the bodies. Company E sustained one KIA and One WIA in this engagement. No further incidents occurred, and the battalion entrucked at 1700, returning to the Chu Lai enclave. Closing time for the last elements was 1900.

11. Results.

a. <u>Friendly Casualties.</u>	KIA	WIA	DOW	MIA
(1) <u>Units under 2/7 OpCon.</u>	1	19	1	0
(2) <u>2/7 Units under TFD OpCon.</u>	0	8	1	0
(3) <u>Total for Battalion Units.</u>	1	27	2	0

b. Enemy Casualties and Captives.

(1) <u>Personnel</u>	<u>Total</u>
VC KIA	20
VC Captured	9
VCS	56
ARVN Deserters	5

c. Captured Equipment.

	<u>Quantity</u>
MAS-36 rifle	2
US cal. .45 pistol	1
M-60 machine gun	1
US pump shotgun	1
US M-1 rifle	1
US Thompson SMG	1
US M3A1 cal .45 SMG	1
ChiCom 7.62mm carbine	1

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12. Administrative Matters. Overall, the entire operation was relatively free from administrative problems. With only minor exception, the attention of the unit commanders could be directed solely upon the tactical aspects of the effort. Obvious prior planning for support of the engaged units resulted in adequate supply and equipment exchange as required by the changing situation.

a. Supply. Except for those days when weather or darkness precluded resupply, the battalion suffered from no supply deficiencies. Some thought should be given to the prescribing of four MCI per individual as an initial load. Most Marines moved into the objective area with such a heavy load that the addition of that many meals constituted an undue burden and resulted in reduced foot mobility.

b. Maintenance. The exchange system of replacement of equipment in need of maintenance works very well. This relieves the engaged unit from the necessity of trying to repair equipment under the difficult conditions found in this area of operation.

c. Treatment of casualties and evacuation and hospitalization. The most important aspect of the casualty evacuation is the timely extraction of these casualties from the operational area. The timely response of helicopter med-evac on this operation was outstanding. As noted in para 6 above, this timely response serves to strongly boost troop morale.

d. Transportation. Discussion of one aspect of transportation is covered under Helicopter Troop Lift in paragraph 6 above. Vehicular transport to and from the Tam Ky LSA was entirely satisfactory in all respects.

e. Communications

(1) Voice Radio Procedure. In many instances such things as unit designators, individuals names, and casualty figures would be passed in the clear over one net after having been coupled or coded in an operational report. Of particular note is the passing of names, rank and serial number of wounded after the number of WIA on a given day had been coupled in earlier reports.

(2) Authentication and Coupling Systems. Many serious errors were found in the locally produced sheets, a factor that could have grave consequences in a fast moving situation. Failure of couples to decode with the same numbers used to encode, results in reports widely at variance with actual unit locations. Additionally, the possession by units in the field of two distinctly separate systems presents the question of just which one the sender is using at any particular time. This is wasteful of time the unit can ill afford.

(3) Task Force Intelligence Net. When the battalion deployed out of range of TF Headquarters, no relay was established for this net. This resulted in adding the intelligence burden to the TF Tac Net which was on occasion already overloaded.

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f. Medical Evaluation. At no time did the battalion encounter anything new or unprecedented of a medical nature. With only a few instances of rain and generally lower water conditions than were encountered in the area in December, there was not the problem of immersion foot that was encountered on the last operation. Troop health remained good, and non-battle evacuations for illness were almost nonexistent. Those non-battle evacuations that were necessary were primarily for strains and sprains incurred in the difficult terrain.

13. Special Equipment and Techniques. No special equipment or techniques were employed on this operation. With the exception of the addition of the PRC-25 radios, the battalion utilized standard T/E equipment. Techniques utilized were those standard infantry tactics necessary in the prosecution of the missions assigned.

14. Commander's Analysis.

a. It appears obvious that the VC units in the operational area do not desire a direct confrontation with USMC ground units at this time. At no time did any VC element attempt to defend from previously prepared positions. Instead they utilized numerous snipers and the tactics of "evaporation" in front of advancing troops. An additional indicator is the fact that the VC range of engagement was normally at the limit of visibility from their position, and as soon as an effort was made by the Marine units to close the range, the VC would break off and leave the area.

b. Employment of battalions with only two of their maneuver elements is disastrous to both flexibility and staying power in combat. This becomes more apparent as the combat power of the rifle companies is reduced by normal attrition and the lack of replacements. With only two companies, a battalion is hard pressed to put 250 troops in the cutting edge of its combat power. In addition, the difficulty of the terrain in which the combat occurs coupled with the lack of a reserve with which to influence the action could place a battalion in a very serious position in a matter of a few minutes. Should this occur during the hours of darkness or under conditions of bad weather it might be very difficult for the battalion to avoid severe losses.

15. Recommendations.

a. Helicopter Support. It is again recommended that two helicopters be placed in direct support of each infantry battalion. These helicopters could be used for resupply, medical evacuation and reconnaissance. Close coordination and careful briefing of the pilots would permit a considerable improvement in helicopter support in that with a better understanding of the situation as it is developing the pilots could often anticipate problem areas and make appropriate recommendations.

b. Radio Set, AV/PRC-25. Since the PRC-10 is marginal and the PRC-6 is unsatisfactory in this environment, it is strongly recommended that all possible pressure be brought to bear to ensure a rapid increase in the number of PRC-25 radios allotted to each battalion.

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c. Task Force Intelligence Net. It is recommended that when operating units of the task force outside normal radio range a relay be established for this very important net. This relay would serve to reduce traffic on the TAC Net, and would also provide the commander with an additional communications means if an emergency situation develops.

d. Authentication and Coupling Systems. It is recommended that a simple system be developed for use by operating elements during fast moving situation. It means be accurate as well as simple if its use will find ready acceptance by lower echelon units.

e. Casualty Reporting. A decision should be reached on the coupling or clear transmission of casualty data. The present system results in an actual compromise of the coupling system each day when the Statistical Casualty Report is submitted. It is recommended that casualties not be identified by number, type, name, or unit in the clear.

f. Personnel Daily Summary Report. The transmission of unit identification in the clear compromises call signs. It is recommended that all such reports utilize unit code names.

g. Artillery COF Net. With the increasing utilization of the PRC-25, it is recommended that both the primary and secondary COF frequencies be within the frequency spread obtainable on that radio.

h. Aerial Observers. It is recommended that when an aerial observer is working in an area assigned to a particular unit he check in with the FSC officer on the Artillery COF Net. By doing so, incidents such as the unauthorized firing of Fuze VT in the battalion area could be avoided. In addition, the artillery FO's could aid the observer in acquisition of targets.

i. Psy-War Aircraft. It is recommended that loudspeaker and leaflet aircraft check in with the units on the ground more frequently. On the one occasion when this occurred on this operation, a coordinated effort was obtained. On all other occasion the loudspeakers were frequently working behind the battalion and the leaflets were falling after the lead elements had passed.

j. Armed Helicopters. It is recommended that at no time should armed helicopters be allowed to operate in a battalion zone without their checking in with the battalion in question. Under control this weapons system can be very helpful, but without coordination of effort, friendly troops frequently come under unnecessary fire.

k. Sundries Packs. It is recommended that these packs be packaged in modules designed for 25 or 50 men rather than the 100 man size. This would greatly facilitate the rapid and equitable distribution of these packs which often arrive at dark and must be distributed prior to an early morning departure.

l. Captured Weapons. The vast majority of captured enemy weapons are of no intelligence value whatsoever. The requirement from higher headquarters to evacuate these weapons with all haste for intelligence screening purposes is unrealistic. The retention of certain approved weapons as war trophies is a definite incentive to the Marine rifleman, and every effort

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~~should be made to exploit this situation.~~ <sup>NO</sup> In the past, procedures have been instituted by Commanding Officers to safeguard and insure the return of these weapons to the deserving individual who apprehended it. Pilferage of these items during transit to field command post, Division Headquarters, etc., is apparent and must be curtailed. It is increasingly discouraging to see rear echelon personnel carrying captured weapons and equipment they have filched or bargained for, whereas the Marine who made the physical contact with the enemy in combat goes empty handed. It is recommended that:

- (1) that the onus of screening captured weapons be left up to battalion level S-2 personnel.
- (2) That weapons unable to be retained by capturing individuals for souvenir war trophies continue to be evacuated through normal channels.
- (3) That weapons approved for retention be evacuated to the LSA and turned over to a responsible unit representative appointed by the Commanding Officer.

m. Isun Reporting of Cumulative Totals. It should be unnecessary for battalion level S-2's to submit cumulative totals on enemy casualties, captives, weapons, and equipment for more than the period covered in any one Isun. Assuming that rear command groups record such information as daily totals, they should be more than capable of maintaining cumulative figures. During a profitable operation, the requirement of submitting daily and cumulative totals represents additional unessential message traffic over already crowded radio nets. It is recommended that Isun reports include only the totals for the period covered (24 hours).

n. Spot Reports. Spot reports are essential for the overall commander's analysis of the enemy situation, for intelligence purposes, and for record keeping. However, conditions prevail in the tactics of the Republic of Vietnam war which prevent the answering of such unrealistic items as the number of incoming small arms rounds, the number returned, the action taken when sniper fire was received, and the locations sniper fire was received from. Quite frequently this information is unobtainable. Moreover, when such facts are known by the small unit leaders involved, it detracts severely from their combat efficiency to be badgered by staff personnel who are required to include such petty items in spot reports. Such requirements are merely fostering hastily conceived erroneous reports. It is recommended that only essential facts be required by higher headquarters in spot reports.

o. ARVN - Vietnamese Attachments. Command Post groups composed of the Commander, his staff, radio operators, etc., are already notoriously large and cumbersome during combat operations. The addition of more personnel, particularly without the request of the Commanding Officer, represents an even greater burden, especially where non-English speaking ARVN or Vietnamese personnel are concerned. Vietnamese Area Pacification teams, Political Action Teams, and the like may be employed successfully in static situations where control is facilitated and additional interpreters can be obtained.

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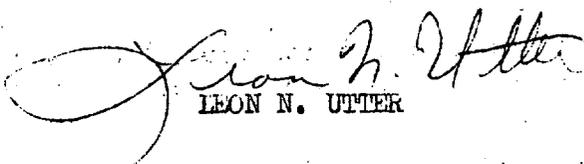
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However, during the conduct of a fast-moving offensive operation designed to seek out and destroy the enemy, such attachments represent an undesirable burden on the Commander and his staff. It is recommended that ARVN and Vietnamese para-military attachments to Marine units operating in a fluid offensive role be kept to a minimum.

p. Capture Tags. The infantry battalion does not possess the facilities or equipment required to produce capture tags in quantity and of adequate quality. The present tags being utilized are of local origin and are inadequate for the accurate tagging of captives, weapons, documents and equipment. The responsibility for the manufacture of these items should rest with higher headquarters where ample equipment exists to mass produce a satisfactory facsimile of a capture tag. It is recommended that capture tags be produced and distributed by Division agencies.

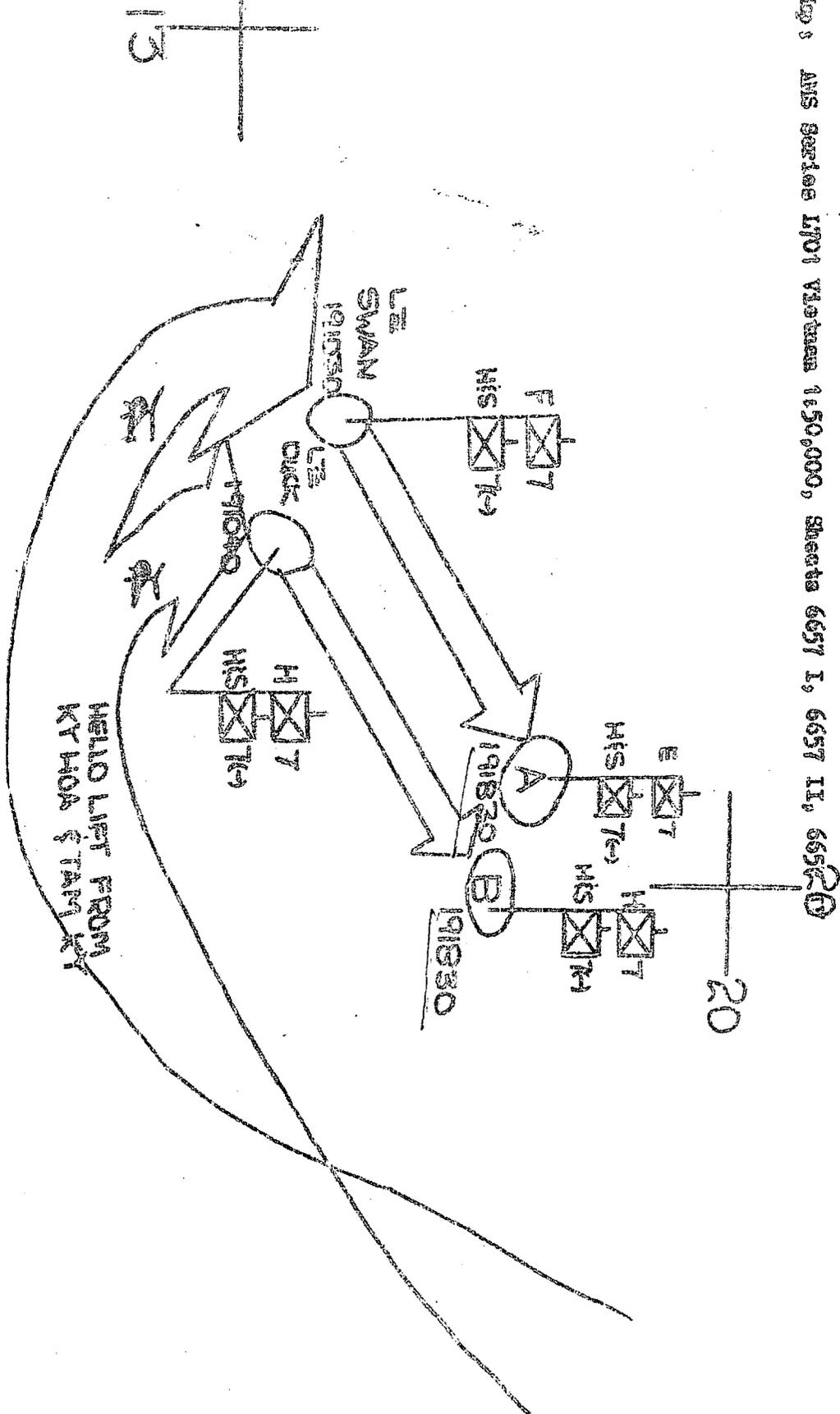
  
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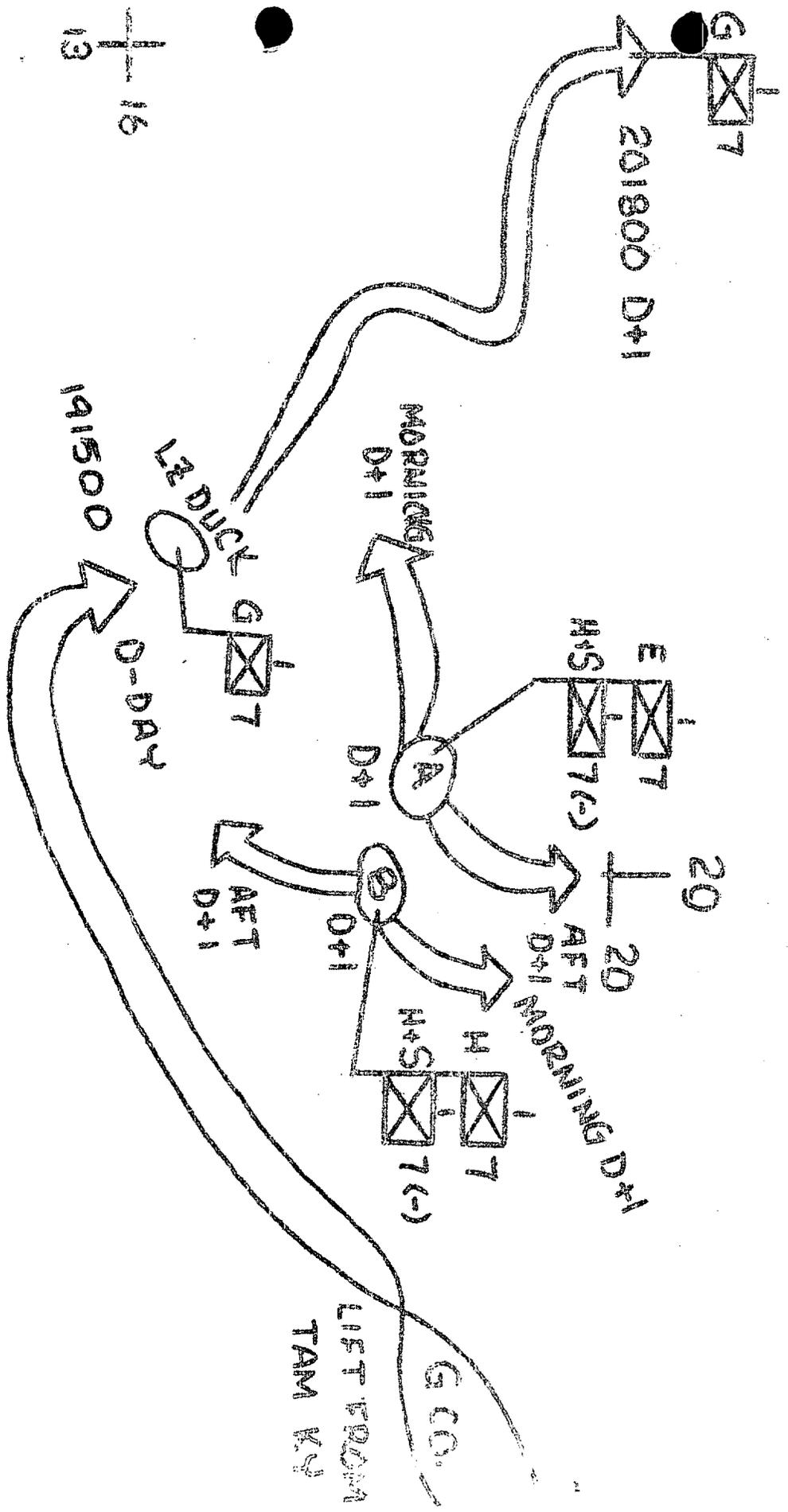


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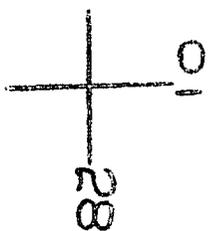
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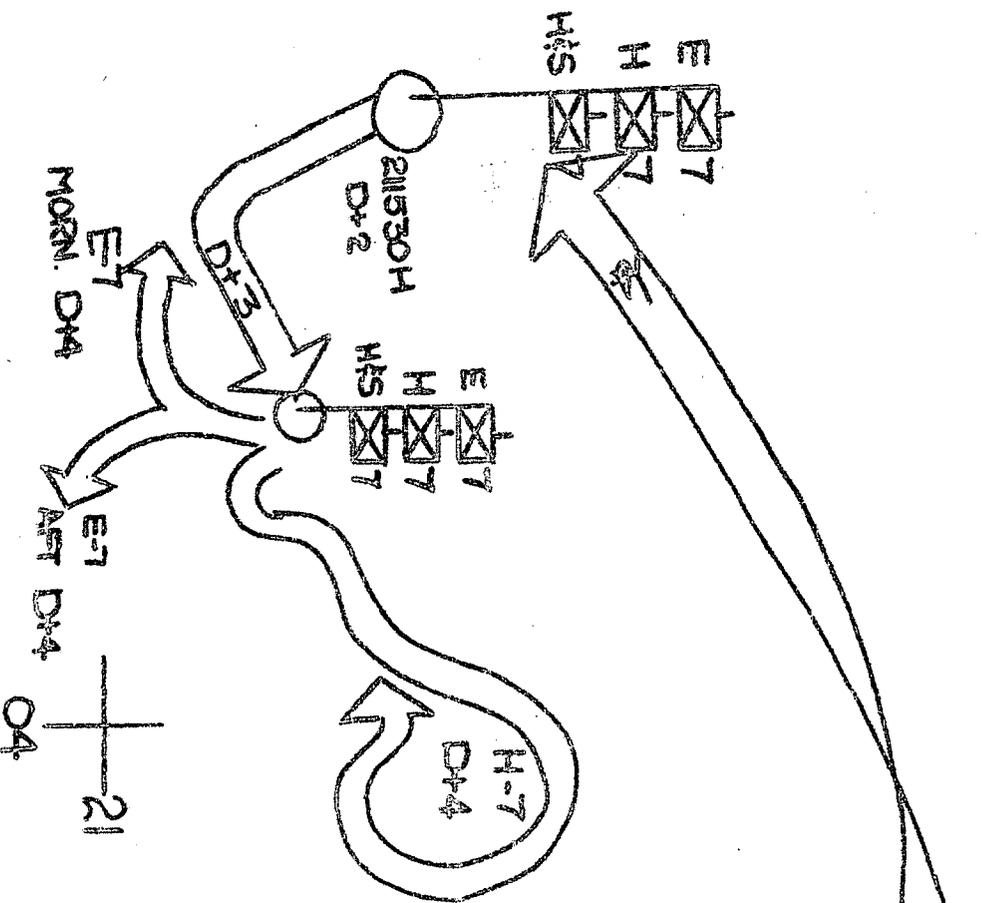
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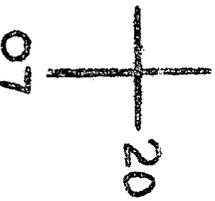
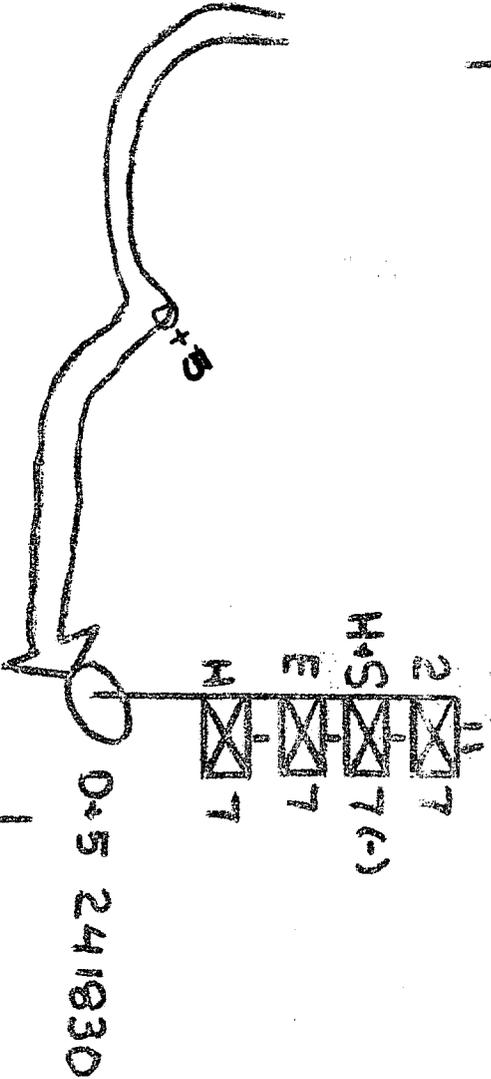
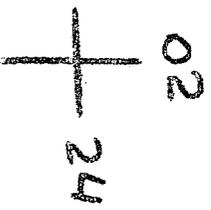


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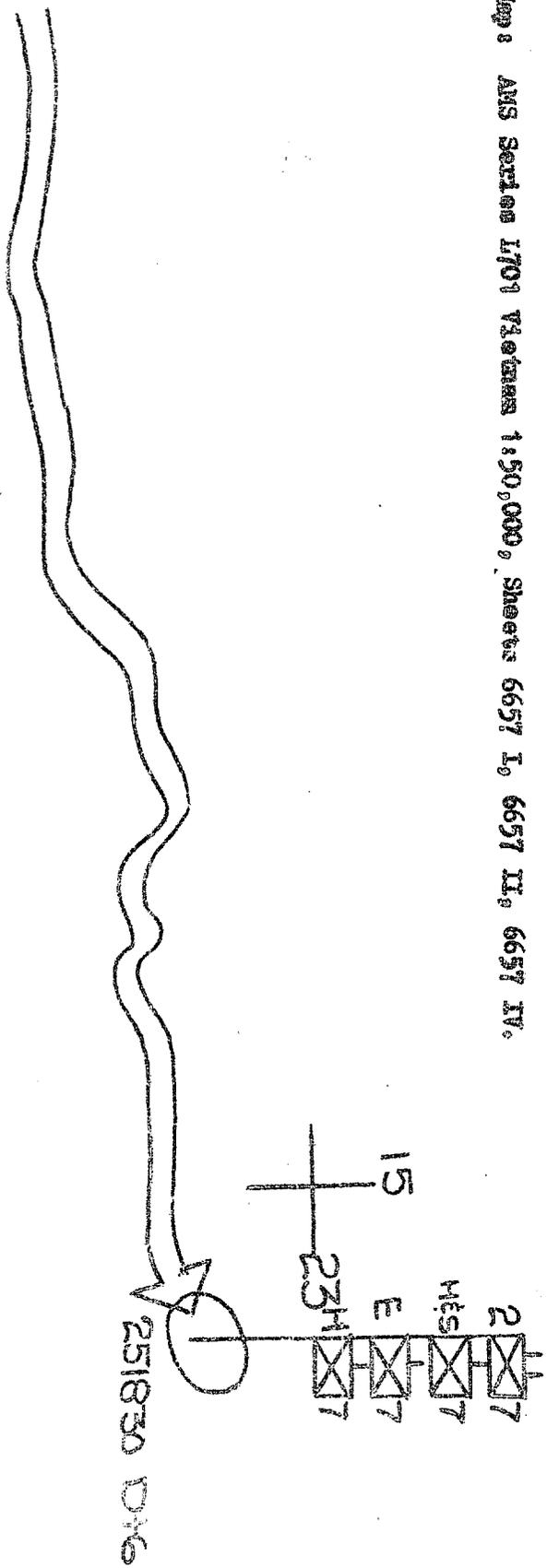


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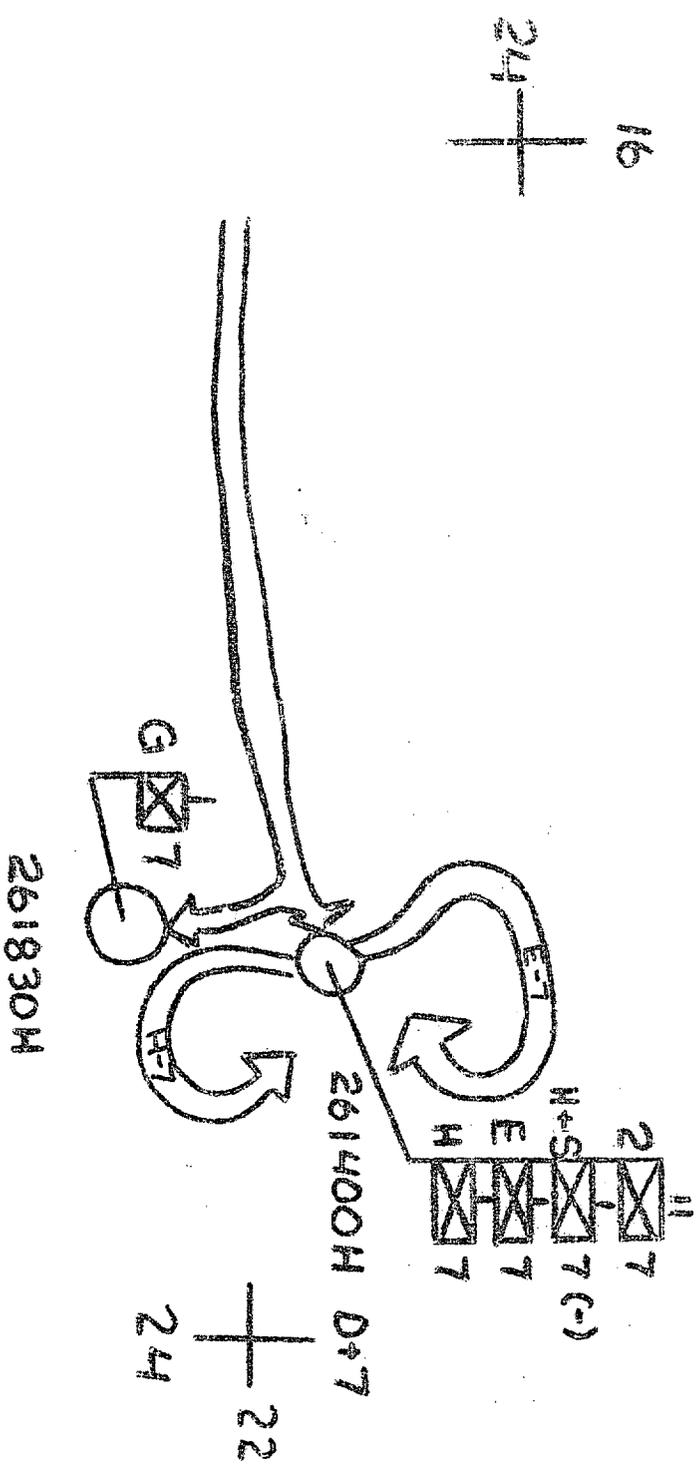


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- (1) Provide one rifle company (-)(Rein) to furnish security as described in the Concept of Operations.
- (2) The Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines is designated Convoy Coordinator.
- (3) Be prepared to provide one platoon (Rein) to reinforce convoy if necessary.

c. Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion. Provide one platoon with equipment and materials necessary to accomplish repairs of minor road cuts or destroyed bridges on route.d. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) IP: junction Highway 1 and MSR.
- (2) Date of Departure: 19 February 1966.
- (3) Time of Departure:
  - (a) Serial A: 0600 (must arrive TAM KY NLT 0830).
  - (b) Serial B: 0620 (must arrive TAM KY NLT 0930).
  - (c) Serial C: 0635.
  - (d) Serial D&E: 1300.
- (4) Checkpoints:
 

(a) CKPT 33	BT 497067	(AN TAN bridge)
(b) CKPT 24	BT 430109	(bridge over SONG TRAU)
(c) CKPT 32	BT 379175	(bridge over SONG VINH AN)
(d) CKPT 25	BT 330209	(bridge over SONG TAM KY)
(e) CKPT 22	BT 314224	(TAM KY)
- (5) Report to this Headquarters upon crossing the IP and all checkpoints via Convoy Movement Coordination Control Net.
- (6) Convoy commanders are responsible for organization and control of assigned serials.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Convoy Composition. See Serial Assignment tables published separately by FLSU #1.
- b. Transportation for 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines security elements will be provided by FLSU #1.

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a. According to 3rd Marine Division Order 02000.20 as modified herein.

b. Radio Communications.

## (1) Convoy Movement Coordination Control Net

(a) Frequencies: Primary 8720, Secondary 3432.

(b) Stations on net:

Control - Starboard  
 Serial A - Dixie Diner Foxtrot  
 Serial B - Sudden Death Golf  
 Serial C - Court House 6  
 Serial D - Sudden Death Golf  
 Serial E - Sudden Death Golf

(c) Activate: 0530

## (2) Air-Ground Control Net

(a) Frequency: 40.0.

(b) Stations on net:

Air Control - Rosemont (Sudden Death 6).

(c) Serials activate on departure from IP.

## (3) Artillery Conduct of Fire Net

(a) Frequency: 29.3

(b) Activate as required

(c) ARTY CALL SIGN - TANNIC ACID

## (4) TAD Net

(a) Frequency: 312.0

(b) Activate as required.

## (5) TAR Net

(a) Frequency 4631

(b) DASC call-sign - Land Shark-Alfa

(c) Activate as required.

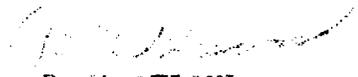
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- c. Wire Communications. Telephone at IP is call sign "Compound", reached through Fatstuff Smith switch board.

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Annex A (Intelligence) to Frag Order 5-66

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam; 1:50,000; AMS Series L701 sheets 6657 (All)  
 6658 II.

(b) 3d MarDiv OpnO 361-66

(c) Advisory team #2 Intelligence Estimate #1-66.

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION.

- a. Enemy Dispositions. Present dispositions of VC forces operating in proximity or easy moving distance from national route 1 between TAM KY and CHU LAI, are as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
Main Force		
80th Bn/1st Regt.	BT 170228-195255	400
90th Bn/1st Regt.	BT 225065-235075	450
Regional Force		
94th Bn	BT 305075	200
Local Force		
A-14 Co.	BT 256145	100
A-16 Co. (73)	BT 246213	130
A-19 Co. (D23)	BT 388125	120
A-21 Co. (75)	BT 345165	100
Unconfirmed		
300th Bn (Probable)	BT 185185-205155	250

- b. Armament. The exact inventory of weapons possessed by the above units is unknown, however the armament of company sized units is probably limited to one or two 60mm Morts, possibly one or two 57mm Recoilless Rifles, and small arms to include automatic weapons. In addition the VC are known to have a widespread mining and demolitions capability.

- c. Enemy Capabilities. The enemy capability to conduct road interdictions through mining and demolitions operations is acknowledged. The VC capability to ambush/attack a convey exists and the

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significant psychological victory ~~derived~~ from the decisive destruction of a USMC convoy may motivate the VC to attempt this once convoy procedure is known.

d. Probable Courses of Action.

- (1) Initially the VC may be expected to provide minimal overt resistance other than harassments by sniper fire, random mortar fire, physical road interdiction, and mining to test convoy reactions. Bridge destruction is likely.
- (2) Upon assessment of strength, composition, fire support, and actions of USMC convoys, the VC may mount an ambush at a selected site with combined use of extensive road mining and limited road sabotage with the concentrated combat power, to include recoilless rifles and rocket launchers, required to accomplish the mission.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION.

- a. Determine if the enemy will attack or ambush the convoy. If so, in what strength? Where? When? With what force?
- b. Determine evidence of recent route mining ~~or~~ establishment of roadblocks or other obstacles.
- c. Determine the condition of bridges on route. If damaged, what is the extent of damage?
- d. Determine the most likely areas of washout or flooding in the event of heavy rains.

3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSION.

a. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Extended reconnaissance and observation will be provided convoy commanders through prior arrangements with supporting units by this headquarters.
- (2) Expedite forwarding of information, as obtained, to this headquarters.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING CAPTURED PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS MATERIALS.

- a. All captives will be forwarded by most expeditious means to the CHU LAI Collection Point for screening and further evacuation.

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5. MAPS, CHARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

- (a) Ref. (a) is the tactical map covering the area of interest between CHU LAI and TAM KY.
- (b) Requests for maps will be made to this headquarters.

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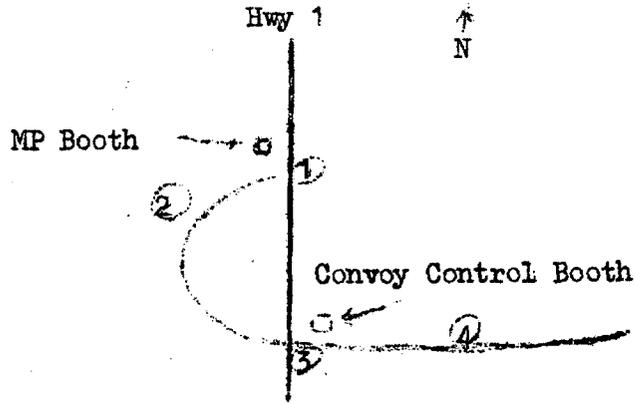
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ANNEX B (Marshalling Instructions) to  
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1. Serial A will form between points 1 and 3.  
Serial B will form between points 1 and 2.  
Serial C will form between points 3 and 4.  
Serial D&E will form between points 1 and 3.
2. Vehicles will arrive at staging area 30 minutes prior to scheduled departure.
3. Unit commanders will report to convoy commander upon arrival at staging area for assignment within the convoy.
4. Convoy commander will advise the convoy control officer at the intersection of the MSR and Highway 1 when the convoy is formed.
5. All convoys will be dispatched by the convoy control officer.

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Ref: (a) Maps: AMS L701, Vietnam 1:50,000 Sheets 6657 I, II, III & IV  
(b) Task Force Delta Frag Order 109-66  
(c) 2d Battalion, 7th Marines (Rein) Op Order 206-65

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces. Annex B to reference (a) and current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly forces.

- (1) 1st MAW - CAS 2nd Bn. 7th Marines  
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- (2) MAW-36 - Helicopter support Copy No. 23 of 25
- (3) 3d Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein) Ser. No. 006-66
- (4) 2d Battalion, 9th Marines (-)
- (5) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines (-)(Rein) - Special Landing Force
- (6) Provisional Artillery Group elements support from vicinity BT 278194.

c. Attachments and detachments.

- (1) 2d Plat, Co C, 1st Eng Battalion - attached
- (2) HST Detachment, Co C, 1st Shore Party Battalion - attached
- (3) Company F, 2/7, detached on order - chop to CG Provisional Artillery Group for duty as security for firing batteries.
- (4) Company G, 2/7, detached upon arrival at Tam Ky - chop to CG, TFD for duty as rapid reaction force.

2. MISSION

a. Concept of operation. At L-Hour on D-day, 2d Battalion, 7th Marines (-)(Rein) lands Companies E and H simultaneously in Landing Zones SWAN and DUCK. The forward command group and H&S Company (-) follow Company E into Landing Zone SWAN. The rear command group, the Engineer Plat (-), and the 81mm Mortar Plat follow Company H into Landing Zone DUCK. Company F and Company G have been previously detached. Once the LZ's are secured and the battalion has closed, and upon order, search and destroy operations are commenced toward the East. When Company H reaches Phase Line Orange and links up abreast of Company E, the two

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companies search and destroy abreast toward Phase Line Yellow and Battalion Objectives A and B. Subsequent operations will be conducted as orders and the enemy situation direct.

b. Company E (Rein).

Attached: 1st Team, 2d Plat, Co C, 1st Eng Bn  
 Artillery Forward Observer Team  
 81mm Mortar FO Team

- (1) At L-hour, land by heliborne assault in Landing Zone SWAN (BT 163168) and secure the LZ.
- (2) On order, commence search and destroy operations to the east, linking up with Company H at Phase Line Orange, and proceeding on to Phase Line Yellow and Battalion Objective A.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct other combat operations as directed.

c. Company H (Rein).

Attached: 4th Team, 2d Plat, Co C, 1st Eng Bn  
 Artillery Forward Observer Team  
 Forward Air Controller Team  
 81mm Mortar FO Team

- (1) At L-hour, land by heliborne assault in Landing Zone DUCK (BT 173163) and secure the LZ.
- (2) On order, commence search and destroy operations to the east, linking up with Company E at Phase Line Orange, and proceeding on to Phase Line Yellow and Battalion Objective B.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct other combat operations as directed.

d. 2d Plat, Co C, 1st Eng Bn (-).

- (1) On order proceed by vehicular convoy to Tam Ky to helicopter lift site.
- (2) On order, accompany Battalion rear command group by helicopter into Landing Zone DUCK.
- (3) Be prepared to perform such engineer support as is required to further combat operations.

e. 81mm Mortar Platoon.

- (1) On order, proceed by vehicular convoy to Tam Ky to helicopter lift site.
- (2) On order, proceed by helicopter to Landing Zone DUCK, establish firing positions within the LZ and be prepared to support operations of the battalion.

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H&S Detachment, Co C, 1st Shore Party Bn.

- (1) On order, proceed by vehicular convoy to Tam Ky to helicopter lift site.
- (2) On order, proceed with rear command group by helicopter into Landing Zone DUCK to perform such helicopter support operations as the situation may direct.

g. H&S Company (-): Battalion Reserve.

- (1) On order, proceed by vehicular convoy to Tam Ky to helicopter lift site.
- (2) On order, accompany Battalion command group into Landing Zone SWAN, assuming defensive responsibility for the western portion of the LZ.
- (3) Be prepared to fight as infantry and to perform such combat missions as may be assigned.

h. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) The unclassified name for this operation is: Operation ADAM.
- (2) D-day is 19 February 1966
- (3) L-Hour is 0930
- (4) Rules of engagement - 3d Mar Div OpOrder 343-66
- (5) Contact left to right
- (6) Be alert for possible mines or booby traps.
- (7) Reports - Annex M to TFD OpOrder 1-66.
- (8) All VCC and VCS and captured weapons to be tagged.

## 4. ADMIN-LOGISTICS

- a. Task Force Delta Admin Order 1-66.
- b. LSA to be established at Tam Ky.
- c. Annex D to reference (b).

## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

a. Communications-Electronics.

- (1) Annex K to TFD OpOrder 1-66.

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(2) TFD COI

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b. Command Post.

(1) Initial command post - vicinity of BT 163168.

(2) Subordinate units report command posts as established.

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ANNEX

A - Operation Overlay

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Administrative Order 1-66 to accompany Frag Order 1-66

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 (b) Maps: Vietnam, AMS 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheets 6657, IV, 6658, 11, 111, 6657 11, 111.

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a. Sources of Supply.

(1) A Logistic Support area (LSA) will be located at Tam Ky and will be the source of supply for all units.

(2) All supply requests to the Battalion's S-4 prior to 1200 for delivery that day.

b. Prescribed Loads.

Class I - 4 meals MCI w/fuel per individual

Class II - Combat essential as prescribed by Unit Commanders.

Class III - Rifle oil as prescribed by Unit Commanders

Class IV - None

Class V - Basic allowance plus additional pyrotechnics as available.

Water - 2 canteens per individual. All organic water cans filled.

Batteries - Minimum 2 days.

c. Transportation of Supplies. Two helicopters will be assigned on a continuing basis for resupply purposes.

d. Captured Material. All captured material will be evacuated to the Battalion S-2. The material will be clearly marked as to where found, under what circumstances, when, and by whom. After intelligence evaluation, the material will be turned over to the Battalion S-4 for evacuation to the LSA.

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- e. Salvage. All salvageable material will be evacuated to the Bn S-4 where practicable.

## 2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

### a. Preventive Medicine.

- (1) Troops will carry sufficient anti-malaria pills for a three week period.
- (2) Troops will carry sufficient water purification tablets for a four day period.
- (3) Troops will carry sufficient salt tablets for a four day period.

### b. Evacuation.

- (1) Casualties will be evacuated to "D" Medical in the LSA, then to "B" Medical at Chu Lai.
- (2) Civilian and ARVN will be evacuated to Quang Nai. Captives will be evacuated to "B" Medical at Chu Lai.
- (3) Casualties will be evacuated with all equipment including weapons.

## 3. TRANSPORTATION.

- a. No organic combat vehicles will be taken on the operation.
- b. Movement of the Bn. will be by helicopter and motorized/mechanized convoy. Detailed instructions and schedules will be published verbally.

## 4. SERVICES.

- a. Maintenance. Only 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance will be available. End item replacement will be used where possible. Critical items of equipment will be evacuated through the LSA for repair.
- b. Laundry. Laundry facilities will be available aboard the SLF Shipping and at FLSU #1 should the extent of the operation cause laundry to become necessary.

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5. PERSONNEL. See Annex A (Personnel)

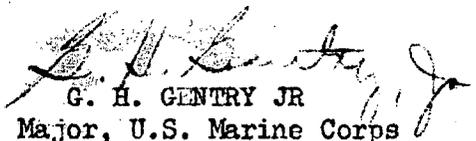
6. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Uniform. Utilities, marching pack, t/o weapon, helmet, green side out. Body armor (upper) will be worn at all times in the forward areas.

A card containing the individual's name, rank, serial number and date of birth will be placed in the pack of all personnel. Unit designation will not be included on the cards

b. Personnel are encouraged not to take valuables or large amounts of money.

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ANNEX

A - Personnel

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Annex A (Personnel) to Admin Order 1-66

- Ref: (a) MarCorPersMan  
 (b) FM 27-10 Geneva Convention  
 (c) DivO 3800.1 (SCP for Intelligence)  
 (d) FMFPacO 1650.1A (Awards)  
 (e) DivO 1650.1A (Awards)  
 (f) DivO 5800.9 (SCP Legal)  
 (g) DivO 5000.3 (SCP Administration)  
 (h) OPNAVINST 2700.14 (Postal Instruction)  
 (i) DivO 1080.3 (Personnel Reporting Procedures)

Time Zone: Hotel

1. GENERAL. Personnel procedures will be in accordance with references (a) through (i).

2. STRENGTHS

a. Casualty Reporting

- (1) Unit corpsmen will complete the medical tags and attach it to each casualty to be evacuated from the unit.
- (2) Units will prepare casualty cards on all personnel missing in action and all casualties not evacuated directly to this headquarters when the tactical situation permits, these cards will be delivered to this headquarters. Radio transmission of such information will be used only as a last resort.
- (3) Statistical reporting of casualties will be made by spot report as they occur. (Info: Battalion S-1)
- (4) Miscellaneous
  - (a) One ID tag will remain with deceased. One ID tag will be retained by the unit and delivered to Battalion S-1.
  - (b) Unit commanders will insure that the Record of Emergency Data is complete for all personnel.
  - (c) Prior to evacuation from the unit, all ammunition and other ordnance will be removed from the casualty.

b. PDS Reporting

- (1) Admin Rear Reporting Procedures. All units will establish a rear echelon.

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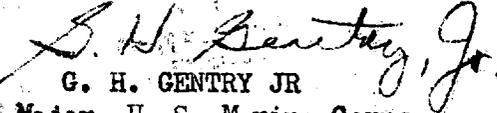
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- (2) Deployed Unit Reporting Procedures. Personnel Daily Summary (PDS) will be submitted in prescribed format when directed by this Headquarters.
3. REPLACEMENTS. No replacements are anticipated.
  4. DISCIPLINE LAW AND ORDER. In accordance with reference (f).
  5. CAPTIVES
    - a. All provisions of reference (b) will be observed.
    - b. Captives will be blindfolded, bound and escorted by armed guard to this headquarters as expeditiously as possible.
  6. GRAVES REGISTRATION
    - a. Evacuation of friendly deceased remains will be in accordance with reference (c).
    - b. Administrative reporting will be accomplished by unit rear echelons.
  7. MORALE AND PERSONNEL SERVICES
    - a. Leave. Leave will be granted in case of emergency only.
    - b. Decorations and Awards. In accordance with references (d) and (e).
    - c. Religious Services. Chaplains activities will be scheduled and coordinated by the TFD Chaplain.
    - d. Information Services. In accordance with reference (g).
    - e. Exchange Services. No Exchange Services will be available during this operation. Personnel should be advised to take sufficient Health and comfort items.
    - f. Postal Services. Delivery of first class mail will be made as the tactical situation permits.
  8. CIVIL AFFAIRS
    - a. Task Force Delta will conduct civil affairs in the objective area.
    - b. Displaced persons shall not be evacuated from the area of operation.
    - c. Within the requirements of the military situation, maximum respect for the customs, religious structures and property of the civilian population will be observed.

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9. PERSONNEL PROCEDURES. All personnel procedures will be in accordance with existing regulations.

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2nd Bn, 7th Marines	
ORGANIZATION	
Chu Lai, Vietnam	
OPENED (DTG, Month, year)	CLOSED (DTG, Month, year)
012145H Feb 66	122055H Feb 66

(Classification)

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps	T-Troops
			012145H	DDE REPORTED HEARING <sup>noise</sup> AT THE BASE OF THE HILL EAST OF THEIR POSITION (BT 497036). ONE FRAG GRENADE WAS THROWN. RESULTS UNKNOWN. CP UNITS NOTIFIED.		
			040045H	CP DEFENSIVE POSITION AT BT 505037 RECEIVED ONE FRAG GRENADE. ONE MARINE WAS WOUNDED. MARINE CLAIMS THAT GRENADE WAS INCOMING. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT GRENADE WAS THROWN BY FRIENDLY PERSON BY ACCIDENT. SPOT REPORT SUBMITTED, BUT NO VC CONTACT WAS CLAIMED.		
			061600H	FR BH3: RECEIVED VERBAL FRAG ORDER TO SEND ONE PLAT (REIN) FOR CONVOY SECURITY TO <del>NGHIA</del> HANH AT 080830H. DDE DESIGNATED AND NOTIFIED TO PROVIDE. <span style="float: right;">NCH</span>		
			070830H	FR DD2: VC SNIPER SQD REPORTED BS 612830 AND BS 645850. INTENTIONS TO AMBUSH AND MINE FROM BS 631825 TO BS 625850. MAY HAVE AA CAPABILITY. STRENGTH 40 MEN.		
			082110H	DDE R REPORTED LP HEARD NOISE, ILLUMINATED WITH HAND FLARE, TWO VC SIGHTED, LP FIRED 10 SMALL ARMS RDS, 81's FIRED 10 ILLUM RDS OVER AREA. FIRE TEAM SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS, VC WERE SIGHTED AT BT 497034. (SPOT REPORT NOT SUBMITTED TO REGT, NO CASULTIES).		
			101030H	INITIAL ELEMENTS FROM DDF DEPARTED FOR HUE PHU BAI, WHERE THEY WILL BECOME F-2-1.		
			111100H	BN ALERTED BY BH TO PROVIDE <sup>ONE</sup> CO (-) REIN TO ACT AS CONVOY SECURITY AS BATTERY RETURNS TO CHU LAI FROM <del>GLA</del> HANH. DDG ALERTED WILL DEPART IP AT 130730H.		
			121830H	DDH OP REPORTED OBSERVING 5 INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL AT BT 514999. PERSONS APPEARED TO BE OBSERVING POSITIONS. NO ACTION TAKEN. FALSE INFORMED.		
			122055H	DDG REPORTED REC AUTO WPN FIRE IN CO CP AREA. 1 WIA.		

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ORGANIZATION	
Chu Lai, Vietnam	
OPENED (DTG, Month, year)	CLOSED (DTG, Month, year)
132228H Feb 66	180410H Feb 66

(Classification)

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps	T-Troops
			132228H	TWO SMALL ARMS ROUNDS FIRED. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT WHISKEY #2 LP HEARD NOISE TO FRONT OF POSITION. FIRED TWO BURSTS AND HAND HELD FLARE. NEGATIVE RESULTS.		
			132210H	FATSTUFF SMITH REPORTED RECEIVING 2-3 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE OVER THE NORTH FENCE OF THE AIRFIELD. MAG-12 EXPENDED 4-5 ROUNDS FIRE. FULL REPORT TO FOLLOW.		
			132300H	FROM FATSTUFF SMITH: RECEIVED 4-5 CARBINE ROUNDS FROM BT 525081. RETURNED FIRE WITH WITH 7.62 NEGATIVE RESULTS. FIRE CAME FROM 3 VCS WHO WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE PROCEEDED TOWARD THE MSR AFTER FIRING. BH NOTIFIED.		
			180410H	FROM FATSTUFF SMITH: RECEIVED 5-6 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS, FROM UNK NUMBER OF PEOPLE. NO ACTION TAKEN.		

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ORGANIZATION	
Op Double Eagle (Phase II)	
OPENED (DTG, Month, year)	CLOSED (DTG, Month, year)
190938H Feb 66	191930H Feb 66

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TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
			190938H	BN COMMENCED HELO LIFT AS PER FRAG ORDER 1-66	
			191005H	FIRST ELEMENTS OF 2/7 LANDED IN LZ'S SWAN AND DUCK	
			191038H	DDH REPORTS LZ SECURED	
			191044H	DDH REPORTS 1 VC KIA AT BT 174165 AND 1 AR CAPTURED	
			191210H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER	
			191230H	HELO DOWN IN LZ DUCK, REPORTED TO SUBSCRIBER	
			191245H	FR SUBSCRIBER: LEAVE ONE PLAT WITH DOWNED HELO AND CONTINUING OPERATION.	
			191300H	1ST PLAT CO H PROCEEDING TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR DOWNED HELO.	
			191300H	DDH, E, H&S MOVING FROM LZ'S TOWARDS OBJ A & B	
			<del>XXXXXX</del> 191520H	1ST PLAT DDH RELIEVED FROM LOCAL SECURITY OF DOWNED HELO	
			191527H	ISSUED FRAG ORDER #1	
			191630H	SUBSCRIBER 6 VISITED DD6	
			191830H	BN CMDR GROUP ARRIVED AT OBJ A & B	
			191900H	DDG CAPTURED 4 VCS WITH SEVERAL DOCUMENTS OF INTELLIGENCE VALUE, WILL EVACUATE TO SUBSCRIBER	
			191910H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.	
			191915H	SET IN NIGHT DEFENSES WITH SECURITY ELEMENTS POSTED.	
			191930H	DDG CHOPPED TO 2/7. PRESENTLY LOCATED LZ DUCK PROVIDING SECURITY FOR DOWNED HELO.	

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2nd Bn, 7th Marines	
ORGANIZATION	
Op Double Eagle (Phase II)	
OPENED (DTG, Month, year)	CLOSED (DTG, Month, year)
192000H Feb 66	201032H Feb 66

(Classification)

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps	T-Troops
			192000H	FR DDE: THREE VC TRIED TO INFILTRATE LINES AT BT 189184. 1 VC KIA, 1 CAL .45 PISTOL CAPTURED. SPOT REPORT SUBMITTED.		
			192048H	FR DDG: VCS CAPTURED AT 1845H. 1 MAN FROM DDG ACCOMPANIED VCS TO SUBSCRIBER CP. VC PACKS, HELMETS AND PAPERS WERE ALSO TAKEN.		
			192120H	FRAG ORDER #124-66 RECEIVED FROM SUBSCRIBER.		
			192300H	SUBMITTED SITREP TO SUBSCRIBER.		
			200500H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.		
			200805H	FR DDH: PATROL ACTIVITY FOR TODAY: #1 ETD 200800H ETR 211400H #2 ETD 200900H ETR 201500H #3 ETD 201000H ETR 201600H		
			200810H	DDH PATROL #1 HAS DEPARTED.		
			200845H	DDE #3 HAS DEPARTED		
			200845H	DDG PRESENT POSITION BT 168170.		
			200930H	DDG PRESENT POSITION BT 153179.		
			200942H	FR SEABROOK WHITE: ONE VC WITH RIFLE 300-400 METERS WEST OF PATROL IN GS 1617.		
			200943H	FR DDG: WE HAVE APPREHENDED 4 VCS VIC BT 153183.		
			201000H	DDY PATROL HAS DEPARTED CP.		
			201000H	DDG RECEIVED MODERATE SNIPER FIRE VIC BT 152184. ALSO WE HAVE ONE WIA FRIENDLY WHICH IS IN NEED OF MED EVAC. LZ AT BT 151182 WILL MARK LZ WITH YELLOW SMOKE.		
			201000H	DDE #3 IS NOW AT CHECKPOINT 1.		
			201032H	FR DDG: WE NOW HAVE A TOTAL OF TWO MED EVACS, ONE HEAD WOUND AND 1 PANJI TRAP. EVAC HELO ON WAY.		

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ORGANIZATION	
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OPENED (DTG, Month, year)	CLOSED (DTG, Month, year)
201040H Feb 66	201550H Feb 66

(Classification)

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps	T-Troops
			201040H	FR DDE: E3 HAS SPOTTED 1 VC WITH WEAPON. THEY FIRED AT HIM AS HE RAN AWAY. VC SPOTTED AT BT 175184.		
			201100H	FR SUBSCRIBER: 4 VC IN FULL KHAKI UNIFORM ARMED WITH RIFLES AT BT 167183 RUNNING WEST FROM DD PATROL.		
			201101H	FR DDE#3: WE ARE BLOWING A LARGE GROUP OF TUNNELS AT BT 175185.		
			201130H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.		
			201134H	DDG RECEIVED FIRE FROM APPROX 5 TO 8 VC AT COORD BT 151185. RETURN FIRE TWO WERE FORCED INTO A CAVE WHERE THEY WERE KILLED BY A GRENADE ESTIMATED TWO VC KIA.		
			201157H	FR DDG: PRESENT POSIT BT 151188. KILLED ONE VC WEARING BLACK PJ BOTTOMS, KHAKI CAP, CARTRIDGE BELT WITH M 26 GRENADE ALSO FOUND FRENCH MAS RIFLE.		
			201250H	DDE #3 HAS RETURNED.		
			201315H	DDG PRESENT POSTION BT 149192.		
			201330H	FR SUBSCRIBER: AO REPORTS CAVE LOCATED AT BT 153192 W/AA POSITION ON TOP.		
			201345H	DDE #1 NOW DEPARTING.		
			201400H	TO SUBSCRIBER: UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED DD INTENDS TO DETACH 26C ELEMENT BACK TO SUBSCRIBER OPCON AT 210830H.		
			201400H	FRAG ORDER #2 ISSUED.		
			201515H	DDE #1 HAS RETURNED.		
			201545H	AIR SUPPORT REQUEST CANCELLED.		
			201550H	FR SUBSCRIBER: NOW LIFTING REACTION PLAT TO REINFORCE SKAT 3. THIS PLAT OPCON DD UPON TOUCH DOWN.		

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201700H Feb 66	212300H Feb 66

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TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
			201700H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.	
			201700H	DDH AND DD REAR CP GROUP CLOSED ON CP.	
			201900H	RESUPPLY HELOS FOR DDE, CMDR GROUP UNABLE TO LAND DUE TO HEAVY SNIPER FIRE.	
			202025H	RECEIVED FRAG ORDER #129-66 FROM SUBSCRIBER.	
			202300H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.	
			210500H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.	
			210900H	FR SUBSCRIBER: MOVE DELAYED, BE PREPARED FOR 211015 PICK UP.	
			211045H	FR SUBSCRIBER: PICK UP NOW SCHEDULED 1215. L-HOUR 1300. RESUPPLY ON WAY.	
			211100H	SUBMITTED SITREP TO SUBSCRIBER.	
			211120H	FR SUBSCRIBER: REFERENCE MY LAST MSG. PICK UP AND L-HOUR DELAY APPROX 30 MINUTES.	
			211150H	TO SUBSCRIBER: DD PREPARED TO MOVE TO LZ. IAW YOUR LAST MSG. IS THERE ANY LATE CHANGES IN TIME.	
			211435H	FIRST ELEMENTS OF DDH COMMENCING LIFT.	
			211440H	RECEIVING LIGHT SNIPER FIRE IN ZONE.	
			211514H	DD CLOSED ON NEW POSITION.	
			211530H	DD CP ESTABLISHED AT 211427 AT BT 999232.	
			211700H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.	
			211800H	FRAG ORDER # 3 ISSUED.	
			212000H	FRAG ORDER #135-66 AND 136-66 RECEIVED FROM SUBSCRIBER.	
			212300H	SUBMITTED SITREP TO SUBSCRIBER.	

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220500H Feb 66	230900H Feb 66

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TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps	T-Troops
			220500H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.		
			220815H	FIRST ELEMENTS OF DD LEAVING CP AREA.		
			221040H	GRID SQUARES 9031- AND 0121 COVERED BY SURRENDER LEAFLETS.		
			221100H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.		
			221410H	DD CP ESTABLISHED.		
			221700H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.		
			221735H	CP RECEIVING LONG RANGE SNIPER FIRE.		
			221755H	DDE REQUESTED SQ FROM DDE#2 ENGAGED 5 OR 6 VC., FIRED <del>PERMITTED</del> NO USMC CASUALTIES, SEARCH BEING CONDUCTED. 3 ROUNDS OF 81 MORTAR FIRED AT BT 002225H. 3 VCS TAKEN WITHOUT WEAPONS IN SAME AREA.		
			221800H	FRAG ORDER #4 ISSUED.		
			221805H	RESUPPLY HELOS RECEIVING SNIPER FIRE.		
			222045H	RECEIVED FRAG ORDER #136-66 FROM SUBSCRIBER.		
			221250H	RECEIVED FRAG ORDER 137-66 FROM SUBSCRIBER.		
			222300H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.		
			230500H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.		
			230800H	DDH DEPARTED ON SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION.		
			230815H	DDH RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM ACROSS STREAM AT BT 020221.		
			230830H	DDE #1 DEPARTED ON SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION.		
			230830H	DDH PRESENT POSITION BT 025220.		
			230900H	DDH PRESENT POSITION BT 024224, RECEIVING LONG RANGE SNIPER FIRE.		

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230930H Feb 66	232300H Feb 66

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IN	OUT				M-Maps	T-Troops
			230930H	DDH PRESENT POSITION BT 029226.		
			231000H	DDH PRESENT POSIT BT 030226.		
			231025H	SUBSCRIBER PAPA VISITED CP.		
			231030H	DDH PRESENT POSITION BT 036228.		
			231100H	DDH PRESENT POSITION BT 039231.		
			231100H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.		
			231130H	DDH PRESENT POSITION BT 048234.		
			231200H	DDH PRESENT POSITION BT 046235.		
			231230H	DDH NO CHANGE.		
			231245H	DDE#2 PICKUP THREE VCS, CONTINUING PATROL.		
			231300H	DDH - NO CONTACT, STILL CLEARING HAMLET.		
			231304H	DDH - FOUND LARGE QUANTITY OF RICE, DESTROY SAME.		
			231307H	DDE#2 HAS TOTAL OF 4 VCS, CONTINUING ON PATROL.		
			231425H	DDE#2 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE, RESULTING WITH ONE WIA, NEEDS MED EVAC.		
			231530H	MED EVAC HELO DELAYED DUE TO LOW OVER CAST.		
			231545H	MED EVAC PICKED UP		
			231630H	DDH PRESENT POSITION BT 023220.		
			231700H	DDH NOW BACK IN CP AREA.		
			231700H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.		
			231800H	FRAG ORDER #5 ISSUED.		
			231907H	RECEIVED FRAG ORDER # 142-66 FROM SUBSCRIBER.		
			232300H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.		

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IN	OUT				
			240500H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER	
			240800H	CO E MOVING OUR FROM CP AREA.	
			<del>240812H</del>	RECEIVED FRAG ORDER #143-66 FROM SUBSCRIBER.	
			241055H	DDH, DDY AND CMDY GROUP LEAVING OLD CP.	
			241100H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.	
			241200H	TO SUBSCRIBER: POSITION REPORT  DDE - 042207 DDH - 021215 DDCP- 020221	
			241300H	TO SUBSCRIBER: POSITION REPORT  DDE - 053207 DDH - 029212 DDCP- 020214	
			241400H	TO SUBSCRIBER: POSITION REPORT  DDE - 062210 DDH - 038200 DDCP- 036214	
			241455H	TO SUBSCRIBER: POSITION REPORT  DDE - No Change DDH - 047208 DDCP- 040209	
			241555H	TO SUBSCRIBER: POSITION REPORT  DDE - No Change DDH - 055207 DDCP- 046207  RECEIVING LONGE RANGE SNIPER FIRE ALONG ROUTE.	
			241600H	FR DDH: HAVE ONE WIA FROM SNIPER FIRE, WOUND NOT SERIOUS.	

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IN	OUT				
			241630H	TO SUBSCRIBER: DD MOVING IN EXTREMELY THICK BRUSH. RECEIVING MINOR SNIPER FIRE. EXACT CP LOCATION 060211. NO LZ AVAILABLE. ETA TONIGHT'S POSITION IS 1830. RECOMMEND AGAINST VISIT <del>ING</del> AT THIS TIME.	
			241700H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.	
			241900H	FRAG ORDER #6 ISSUED.	
			241935H	RECEIVED FRAG ORDER #145-66 FROM SUBSCRIBER.	
			242300H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.	
			250500H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.	
			250800H	PREPARING TO MOVE OUT.	
			240900H	DD MOVING OUT. FORWARD ELEMENTS AT <sup>BT</sup> 068212.	
			241000H	TO SUBSCRIBER: POSITION REPORT  DDE - <sup>BT</sup> 068212 DDH - <sup>BT</sup> 082209 DDCP- <sup>BT</sup> 080212 RECEIVING SNIPER FIRE ALONG TRAIL	
			241200H	TO SUBSCRIBER: POSITION REPORT  DDE - <sup>BT</sup> 018210 DDH - <sup>BT</sup> 093212 DDCP- <sup>BT</sup> 082209	
			241400H	TO SUBSCRIBER: POSITION REPORT  DDE - <sup>BT</sup> 095212 DDH - <sup>BT</sup> 115218 DDCP- <sup>BT</sup> 105212	
			241500H	TO SUBSCRIBER: POSITION REPORT  DDE - <sup>BT</sup> 105213 DDH - <sup>BT</sup> 122211 DDCP- <sup>BT</sup> 110218	

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IN	OUT				
			241600H	TO SUBSCRIBER: POSITION REPORT  DDE - <sup>BT</sup> 115219 DDH - <sup>BT</sup> 134216 DDCP - <sup>BT</sup> 124220	
			241700H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.	
			241840H	TO SUBSCRIBER: DD CLOSED ON NEW CP.	
			242020H	DDE#1 AND E#3 AMBUSHES DEPARTED.	
			242035H	DDH AMBUSH DEPARTED.	
			242107H	FRAG ORDER #155-66 RECEIVED FROM SUBSCRIBER.	
			242300H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.	
			260500H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.	
			260730H	DDG OPCON DD.	
			261010H	TO SUBSCRIBER: POSITION REPORT  DD MOVING IAW FRAG ORDER #155-66 DDE - <sup>BT</sup> 174215 DDG - <sup>BT</sup> 134210 DDH - <sup>BT</sup> No Change DDCP - <sup>BT</sup> 172220	
			261100H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.	
			261145H	DDE REPORTED 6-10 <sup>Snipers</sup> <del>SNIPERS</del> <sup>BT</sup> AT 202227, PLAT DISPATCHED TO SWEEP AREA. FIRE FIRHT ENSURED.	
			261200H	TO SUBSCRIBER: POSITION REPORT  DDE - <sup>BT</sup> 204224 DDG - <sup>BT</sup> 134216 DDH - <sup>BT</sup> 180222 DDCP - <sup>BT</sup> 200223	
			261230H	HEAVY SNIPER FIRE AT <sup>BT</sup> 210231, PLAT CONTINUING TO SWEEP AREA, 1 USMC WIA - VC UNK.	

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IN	OUT				M-Maps	T-Troops
			261245H	HEAVY SNIPER FIRE AT <sup>BT</sup> 203240 AND <sup>BT</sup> 209238. ARTY AND AIR REQUESTED. DDE2 CONTINUED SWEEP OF AREA. AIR STRIKES UNDER CONTROL OF AO.		
			261306H	ROSEMOUNT AIRCRAFT REPORTS 40 MC AT <sup>BT</sup> 212240. REQUEST TO KNOW WHAT ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN.		
			261400H	TO SUBSCRIBER: POSITION REPORT  DD LESS DDG CLOSED ON POSITION AT 261320H. DDCP - <sup>BT</sup> 216226 DDE - <sup>BT</sup> 216227 DDH - <sup>BT</sup> 216225 DDG - <sup>BT</sup> 145217 MOVING		
			261500H	RESUPPLY HELOS RECEIVING SNIPER FIRE IN LZ.		
			261700H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.		
			261800H	FRAG ORDER #7 SUBMITTED.		
			261900H	DDG HAS REACHED ITS NEW POSITION.		
			261925H	DDG NEW CP LOCATION <sup>BT</sup> 210213.		
			261950H	DDE#3 AMBUSH DEPARTED.		
			262040H	RECEIVED #162-66 FROM SUBSCRIBER.		
			262300H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.		
			262400H	NEG SITREPS FROM ALL COMPANIES.		
			270215H	RECEIVED 5 ROUNDS OF INCOMING MORTARS. DDE HAS 1 WIA FROM MORTAR FIRE.		
			270222H	SUBMITTED SHELLREP TO SUBSCRIBER.		
			270500H	SITREP SUBMITTED TO SUBSCRIBER.		
			270830H	FR SUBSCRIBER: BE PREPARED FOR PICK UP AT 280930 to 281500H.		

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			270925H	TO SUBSCRIBER: POSITION REPORT  DDE - <sup>Dr</sup> 218225 DDG - <sup>Dr</sup> 221216 DDH - <sup>Dr</sup> 227208 DDCP <sup>Dr</sup> 220218	
			271100H	SITREP TO SUBSCRIBER:	
			271100H	FR SUBSCRIBER: REACTION FORCE NOW AVAILABLE	
			271120H	TO SUBSCRIBER - DD AT PHASE LINE GREEN.	
			271324H	TO SUBSCRIBER - DD ON PHASE LINE RED AT 271320H.	
			281905H	2/7 ARRIVED AT TAM KY UPON COMPLETION OF OPERATION DOUBLE EAGLE PHASE II.	
			01 0340H	AN ESTIMATED SQ OF VC ATTEMPTED TO INFILTRATE BASK FORCE DELTA HQ AT TAM KY THROUGH THE 2/7 DEFENSIVE PERIMETER. RESULTS - 3 VC KIA ONE THOMPSON SUB-MG, ONE M3A1 Cal 45 SUB-MG WITH TWO CARTRIDGE BELTS AND GRENADES <del>XXXXXXXX</del> MANUFACTURE RECENTLY IN CHINA WERE TAKEN FROM THE BODIES.	

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## PLACE

Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam

## DATE:

FROM: 010001H Feb TO: 172210H Feb 1966

TIME		J #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC.
IN	OUT			
			010235H	E Co patrol reported spotting 1-3 people in heavy brush approximately 50 meters away from them at BT 481031 while moving to their ambush. Patrol threw grenades which resulted in no casualties, friendly or enemy.
			012145H	E Co reported hearing a noise at the base of the hill east of their position (BT 497036). One frag grenade was thrown with negative results.
			050030H	CP defensive position at BT 505037 received one incoming frag grenade. One Marine WIA.
			071131H	PFC Baksheeff, Hq Co, 1st Marines, turned a Vietnamese civilian carrying what appeared to be a narcotic into Corporal Mead of H Co at the check point at the intersection of MSR and Highway 1, BT 523043. MP's picked up the Vietnamese and took him to the regimental collection point. A civilian doctor from RMK construction company took the narcotic to "B" Med. "B" Med could not determine what the medicine was. CIT picked the medicine up at about 1745H.
			082100H	E Co observed 2 VC with rifles moving toward their position at BT 497034. E Co fired 5 rounds and observed VC fall to ground. Fire team checked area with negative results. Second search at first light also revealed nothing.
			122145H	G Co received 10 rounds small arms fire from unknown number of VC at BT 505025. Fire was returned with negative results.
			122150H	G Co heard noises and sighted 3 VC within protective wire at BT 510027. 6 rounds 7.62mm were fired at VC who broke contact and were seen running toward Long Phu (2) BT 509030. No weapons could be observed due to darkness. Results of fire negative.
			172210H	Task Force Smith reported 2 to 3 VC fired 5 to 6 rounds small arms fire from BT 525081. Fire was

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				returned with negative results.
			180315H	Task Force Smith reported that an unknown number of VC fired 5 to 6 rounds small arms at BT 525081. Fire was returned with negative results.
				"OPERATION DOUBLE EAGLE"
			191000H	E Co and CP group landed at LZ Swan.
			191015H	H Co and rear CP group landed at LZ Duck.
			191030H	H Co killed 1 VC with MAS-36 rifle at BT 173163. Two packs found in same area.
			191400H	E Co captured 6 VC laborers enroute to objective area.
			191845H	G Co captured 4 VCS with packs, papers and documents. VCS hiding in cave.
			192000H	Estimated 3 VC tried to infiltrate CP. E Co killed 1 VC with weapon (US caliber .45 pistol) at BT 189185.
			200500H	Task Force Delta reported 1 heavy weapon position 8' to 9' in diameter with mount in middle located at BT 174155.
			200943H	G Co apprehended 5 VCS at BT 153183.
			201010H	AO spotted 4 VC in uniforms at BT 167183.
			201100H	E Co patrol reported blowing large group of tunnels at BT 175185.
			201115H	AO reported 10 VC in black uniforms vicinity BT 157183 armed with 4 weapons carrying 1 wounded VC.
			201115H	E Co patrol reported 1 ton of rice and two typewriters in cave. Destroyed rice and turned typewriters in.

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FROM: 201134H Feb TO: 250930H Feb 1966

TIME	IN	OUT	J #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC.
				201134H	G Co received fire from 5 to 8 VC at BT 151185. Fire returned. 2 VC KIA in cave.
				201157H	G Co killed 1 VC wearing black uniform with 1 MAS-36 rifle and 1 M-26 grenade at BT 151188.
				201200H	AO reported cave with AA position at BT 158192.
				201245H	Rear CP captured 1 VCS evacuated to Task Force Delta Hq at Tam Ky.
				201315H	H Co apprehended 1 VC at BT 198184.
				221800H	E Co had fire fight with 4 VC at BT 005224. Mortars called with negative results.
				230810H	H Co received moderate sniper fire from BT 020221.
				231040H	E Co patrol spotted 2 VC with grenades at AT 991227. VC pursued by fire and searched area. 4 VCS apprehended
				231200H	H Co interrogated 1 VCC at BT 0323 who admitted to having an appendectomy in VC hospital at Phuc Son. Phuc Son is a VC name, location unknown.
				231430H	E Co patrol had one USMC WIA from sniper fire at BT 024209. Apprehended 5 Vietnamese males, one admitting being a VC guerrilla.
				241045H	2 VC who surrendered under the government Choi Hoi program at BT 014213 said a squad of VC with carbines moved into hamlets at AT 980264 on 23 Feb. Stated VC in area would probably surrender because they are tired and hungry. VC stated there is a VC hospital which can handle up to 350 patients directly across the river from hill at BT 000230. Hospital is operated by North Vietnamese personnel.
				241145H	E Co killed 1 VC at BT 045206. No weapon.
				250930H	H Co received 8 rounds sniper fire from BT 079210. H Co suffered 1 WIA.

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FROM: 251100H Feb TO: 280340H Feb 1966

TIME		J #	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC.
IN	OUT			
			251100H	H Co killed one VC who had a pump shotgun at BT 090210.
			251145H	E Co received 5 rounds sniper fire. One USMC WIA.
			251315H	H Co and forward CP received 5 rounds sniper fire from BT 091211.
			252345H	H Co received 3 rounds sniper fire from BT 014215. One USMC WIA.
			251800H	H Co apprehended two VCS who admitted being VC cadresmen at BT 161222.
			261200H	From 261200H to 261500H, E Co received sporadic heavy sniper fire from BT 2022, 2122. Area swept by E Co with Negative results.
			261500H	E Co took approximately 30 VC under fire at BT 204232. E Co swept area, results: 6 VCS, 1 pack, 1 map case, 4 magazines, and 4 ChiCom grenades.
			261600H	H Co fired at one VC at BT 222221. VC fell but H Co unable to investigate.
			261625H	G Co apprehended two Vietnamese males at BT 204224 who admitted being VC clerks.
			271045H	G Co spotted 20 to 30 VC well camouflaged and armed vicinity of BT 232215.
			271045H	H Co killed 3 VC BT 242213 and captured 2 weapons: Thompson Submachine gun and ChiCom carbine 7.62mm.
			271100H	G Co killed one VC vicinity BT 233215.
			271230H	G Co captured one VC WIA vicinity BT 239215.
			271500H	E Co killed one VC at BT 253215 armed with M-1 rifle.
			280340H	An estimated squad of VC attempted to infiltrate Task Force Delta Hq at Tam Ky through the 2/7 defen-

