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Operation Order  
COMPHIBGRU ONE 2-54 (Revised)

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET  
CTF 90, Commander Amphibious  
Task Force and COMPHIBGRU 1  
U.S.S. ESTES (AGC 12), Flagship  
SAIGON, VIETNAM,  
9 November 1954; 1200H

ANNEX K

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. GENERAL.

This Annex provides instructions governing administrative responsibilities and functions not otherwise covered in the Operation Order.

2. SIGNAL WATCH

All ships including MSTTS vessels will maintain a constant visual signal watch with the SOPA.

3. ANCHORAGE BERTHS

Anchorage berths are indicated in Tab A, Appendix I, Annex I. Anchorage assignments will be made by Commander Embarkation Unit (CTU 90.8.1) in the HAIPHONG Area and Commander Debarkation Unit (CTU 90.8.2) in the SAIGON Area.

4. GUARD MAIL

As directed by SOPA.

5. U.S. MAIL

a. CTU 90.8.2 is responsible for U.S. Mail for ships and units engaged in this operation in the INDOCHINA Area.

b. Incoming mail will be routed to MSTSO SAIGON via MATS twice weekly, normally Mondays and Thursdays. CTU 90.8.2 will arrange further transfer by most expeditious means possible to recipients.

c. CTU 90.8.2 will receive outgoing U.S. Mail and arrange processing through MAAG SAIGON for despatching on MATS flights departing normally Tuesdays and Fridays.

d. Registered mail will not be flown to or from HAIPHONG over land since this would require passing over Communist territory.

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6. LIBERTY

Liberty may be granted in INDOCHINA ports south of the Seventeenth parallel at discretion of the SOPA, subject to the concurrence of local FRENCH and VIETNAMESE officials.

7. LEAVE

a. Annual leave will not be granted personnel engaged in this operation except as indicated in subparagraph c. below.

b. Emergency leave may be granted by CTF 90. The provisions of COMPHIBGRUWESTPAC INSTRUCTION 1050.3B apply.

c. Personnel of Filipino extraction, attached to ships and units operating under this order, may be granted annual leave to the Philippines upon approval of CTF 90. Personnel granted leave will be ordered to report to NAVSTA, SANGLEY PT. or NAVSTA, SUBIC, as appropriate, for issuance of leave papers.

8. RESTRICTIONS ON PERSONNEL IN HAIPHONG

Military personnel will not be allowed ashore in the HAIPHONG Area except that certain individuals may be designated to confer with the FRENCH authorities relative to embarkation and/or other pertinent problems, in which event the total will never exceed twenty.

9. RESTRICTIONS ON SMALL ARMS

No U.S. Personnel will be armed when ashore in INDOCHINA.

10. LOOTING

All hands will be cautioned against looting of supplies and equipment.

11. HARBOR POLLUTION, TRASH AND GARBAGE

a. All vessels shall comply strictly with the provisions of the Harbor Pollution Act of 1924. Ships shall not strip tanks nor pump oily bilge water while in port.

b. Insofar as practicable, trash will be disposed of by burning. Non-burnable trash, such as metal or glass containers, may be disposed of overboard at sea providing such objects are punctured or broken as necessary to insure sinking. Garbage which is processed through garbage disposal units may be disposed of overboard. No other trash or garbage will be thrown overboard.

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c. Pallets, oil drums and dunnage will not be thrown overboard. They shall be retained on board or landed ashore with specific permission from the local control authority ashore.

12. LIFE JACKETS

All boat crews and personnel embarked in boats will wear life jackets unless otherwise directed by competent authority.

13. BOAT COMPASSES

All boat compasses will be maintained in proper operating condition. Coxswains will be instructed to record courses to and from each landing point.

14. PUBLIC INFORMATION

In accordance with Appendix II of this Annex.

15. REPORTS

Reports will be submitted in accordance with Appendix I of this Annex, and CTF 90 Operation Order 20-54.

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APPENDIX

I - Reports

Tab A - Reports Summary

II - Public Information

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REPORTS

1. Operational report will be made in accordance with NWIP 10-1 and associated publications. Distribution will be made in accordance with existing instructions.
2. Submit War Diaries and Action Reports in accordance with NWIP 10-1, Chapter 2, and CINCPACFLT INSTRUCTION 3480.1B.
3. In addition, a summary of reports required is contained in Tab A to this Appendix for ready reference. Commanding Officers and their superiors in the chain of command must report matter of interest promptly to appropriate authorities, taking preventive or corrective action without further instruction, if the exigencies of the situation so demand.

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TAB A - Report Summary

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TAB A TO APPENDIX I TO ANNEX K

REPORT SUMMARY

ADMINISTRATIVE

REPORT	FROM	TO	TIME	REFERENCE
War Diary	:	:	:	:NWIP 10-1/ :CinCPacFlt :Inst; :3480.1B
Action Report	:	:	:	: do

INTELLIGENCE

Captured Material & Documents	: TF 90	: CTF 90	: As oc-	: Para. 5. b. : curr- : Annex C : ing :
Acts or Attempts at Sabotage, Espionage and Subversion	: TF 90	: CTF 90	: As oc-	: Para. 7.a.(1) : curr- : Annex C : ing :
FLASH Reports	: TF 90	: CinCPacFlt, : ComNavFe : CTF 90	: As oc-	: Para. 9. : curr- : Annex C : ing :

LOGISTICS

Casualties, Damage, Impairment of Combat Readiness	: TF 90	: Action CTG 90.8 : info CTF 90 plus : addrees listed : CINCPACFLT INST : 3040.1A	: Situ-	: Para. 621 : /Annex L
Casualties, Affecting Operational Readiness	: TF 90	: Action CTU 90.8.1 : or CTU 90.8.2, : info CTG 90.8 : and CTF 90	: Situ-	: Para. 622 : /Annex L

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LOGISTICS (Continued)

REPORT	FROM	TO	TIME	REFERENCE
Serious Damage or Derangement at sea	: TF 90	:Action CTG 90.8; info CTF 90, CTU 90.8.1 and OTU 90.8.2	:Situation plus every six hours	:Para. 623 Annex L
Investigations	: TF 90	:Chain of Command	:Situation	:Para. 63 Annex L
Logistics Arrival Report	: TF 90	:Certain ports ships only	:Situation	:Para. 64 Annex L
Fuel Report	: TF 90	:CTG 90.8 ships	:At 80, 60, 45, 30% fuel and when re-fueled	:Para. 61 Annex L

MEDICAL

Death Report of Foreign Military or Civilian personnel	:CO of Unit in which death occurs	:CTF 90, CTG 90.8 CHMAAG IndoChina, SECNAV	:Situation	:Para. 333 & Para. 334.2 Annex M
Report of birth	:CO of Unit in which birth occurs	:CTF 90, CTG 90.8	:Situation	:Para 334.3 Annex M
Contagious Disease	:CO of Unit in which disease occurs	:CTG 90.8, CTF 90	:Situation	:Para. 354.6 Annex M
Parient Admissions by Categories	:USNH in Hospital: Ship	:CTF 90, CTG 90.8	:0800 local time daily	:Para. 54 Annex M
Ship's Personnel Mortality Morbidity Report	:Task Groups & Task Units	:CTF 90	:0800 local time daily when directed	:Para 542 Annex M
Casualty Report	:All Subordinate Commanders of TF90	:SECNAV & Indicated Info Addres of TF90	:Situation	:Para. 543 Annex M

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MEDICAL (Continued)

REPORT	FROM	TO	TIME	REFERENCE
Report of Death	:All Subor- :dinate Comm: :anders of :TF 90	:SECNAV & :Indicated :Info Addees: :	:Situation: :	:Para. 544 :Annex M :
Serious, Critical & Injured Report	:All Subor- :dinate Comm: :anders of :TF-90	:SECNAV & :Indicated :Info Addees: :	:Situation: :	:Para 545 :Annex M :

PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Upon Securing Load- ing Operations for: Heavy Weather	:CTG 90.8 :	:CTF 90 :	:When Oc- :curring :	:Annex J :
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SHORE TO SHIP

REPORT	FROM	TO	INFO	TIME	REFERENCE
Loaded and Shipped	:Ship :	:CTG 90.8 :	:CTU 90.8.2 :	:Upon :Sailing :	:Annex L :Appendix II :para. 6a
Daily Sit- uation Report	:CTU 90.8.2 :	:CTG 90.8 :	:CTU 90.8.1 :	:As of :1800 :	:Annex I :Appendix IV :Para. 3a
Daily Sit- uation Report	:CTG 90.8 :	:ONE :	:CTF 90, CND :CHINLAG SAIGON: :COMFACFLT :	:Daily :PERIODIC :	:Annex I :Appendix II :Para 6b
:	:	:	:COMPHIBPAC :	:	:
:	:	:	:COMNAVFE :	:	:
:	:	:	:COMNAVPIL :	:	:
:	:	:	:COMPHIBGRU 3 :	:	:
:	:	:	:CTF 92 :	:	:
:	:	:	:COMSTS :	:	:
:	:	:	:COMSTSWESTPAC :	:	:
:	:	:	:COMSTSPACAREA :	:	:
:	:	:	:CTG 92.3 :	:	:
:	:	:	:CTU 90.8.2 :	:	:

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. It is desired that maximum publicity be given the Navy's part in the evacuation of refugees.
2. All units are encouraged to originate Navy releases of newsworthy events in which they play a primary or unique role, such releases to be relayed to CTF 90 or CTG 90.8 for review and final release. All such Navy originated press releases will then be transmitted to CINCPACFLT and CHINFO.
3. News media representatives will be given all possible consideration and assistance. News media representatives who are American citizens and accredited to the Department of Defense may make trips with evacuees in U. S. Navy ships. They should be briefed on the friendly and humanitarian efforts being made. If it appears particularly advantageous to have foreign correspondents ride certain evacuating ships, advise CTF 90, CINCPACFLT and CHINFO immediately. All media representatives are required to sign waiver in accordance with USN PIO Man. Art. 0516. Keep CTF 90, CHMAAG SAIGON, CINCPACFLT and the Chief of Information, Navy Department, advised regarding correspondents receiving transportation. Only CTF 90 is authorized to hold press conferences.
4. Accredited American correspondents undoubtedly will ride from time to time in U. S. Navy ships engaged in the operation. All correspondents are to be treated, in the matter of messing and berthing, as equivalent to the rank of Lieutenant Commander, if practicable.
5. All ships at sea are authorized to transmit civilian press traffic to shore naval radio stations by class A message, info to CINCPACFLT and CHINFO, and action to the naval command in the Pacific as designated by the correspondent, with instructions in the text for the PIO of that action-command to refile with appropriate wire service. If the correspondent prefers to send his press by commercial message, do so, and then relay the contents by separate message, info to CINCPACFLT and CHINFO. No censorship is to be imposed on civilian originated releases. However, the Commanding Officer will be responsible for reviewing such releases for security purposes

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only. Commercial press traffic will not be transmitted via Navy circuits in any port where adequate commercial facilities exist.

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ANNEX L

LOGISTICS

1. GENERAL SITUATION AND TASK ORGANIZATION

As in Basic Plan.

2. GENERAL LOGISTICS PLAN

21. No U. S. Navy supply sources will be available in the INDOCHINA area after 15 November. Therefore ships will be sailed periodically to SUBIC as requirements dictate to obtain complete logistics from the Mobile Logistic Support Group (CTG 92.2) stationed at that port. However, interim emergency logistics requirements may be obtained from other ships of the Evacuation Group, the French Navy or commercial sources as available.

3. SUPPLY NOTES

31. Prior to initially reporting to CTG 90.8, ships will replenish to capacity through normal supply channels to ensure readiness for extended operations in accordance with Annex L, CINCPACFLT OpOrder 201-54. Ships will subsequently avail themselves of every opportunity to replenish to capacity from U. S. Navy sources.

32. All large ships will be prepared to replenish small ships. OTC or Senior TF 90 Commander present coordinate the replenishment of, and services for, small ships of this command from the larger types as requested or as required.

33. Periodic trips to SUBIC will be scheduled by CTG 90.8 as necessary to obtain logistics from the Mobile Logistic Support Group (CTG 92.2) stationed at that port. Interim emergency requirements may be obtained in INDOCHINA from French Navy or commercial sources if available and as authorized by CTG 90.8. However, primary reliance will be placed on U. S. Navy sources at SUBIC for all logistics requirements.

34. Supply Sources in INDOCHINA.

341. POL. Both NSFO and diesel fuels are available in SAIGON through commercial sources. However, the

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high cost of fuels at SAIGON precludes bunkering at this port except where other factors may result in lower overall cost as compared with sailing to SUBIC for fuel. Lubricants are also commercially available in strictly limited quantity and types. Address requests for POL at SAIGON at least two days in advance to CTU 90.8.2 info CTG 90.8. CTU 90.8.2 will make all arrangements if the circumstances warrant. Small ships requiring NSFO fuel from TAP as opportunity permits.

342. Water. Available in SAIGON by barge and at certain piers. Address requests for water at SAIGON to CTU 90.8.2 two days in advance. At HAIPHONG water is available by barge in very limited quantities through the French Navy for ships actually in the port. Address requests for water at HAIPHONG to CTU 90.8.1 one day in advance. Ships make full use of own evaporators. Ships evaporating water in harbors or other contaminated areas of the Far East will comply with Section 58-42 of BUSHIPS Manual and will ensure that water distilled in harbors is chlorinated.

343. Provisions. Not available in satisfactory quality in INDOCHINA ports.

35. Supply Sources - SUBIC.

351. A wide range of supplies is available in ships of the Mobile Logistic Support Group (CTG 92.2) stationed at SUBIC backed up by limited stocks of NAVSTA, SUBIC.

352. Submit all requisitions for supplies and requests for services at SUBIC direct to CTG 92.2.

36. Japanese Crew Rations - MSTS. Indigenous food for Japanese crew members of MSTS ships is available only in Japan and is supplied through COMSTSWESTPAC. HERKIMER (TAK 200) arrives HAIPHONG about 17 November to replenish TAK now on station in INDOCHINA. Resupply will be necessary approximately every 60 days thereafter and can best be accomplished by loading the refrigerated cargo space (9,800 cubic feet) of a relieving TAK in JAPAN for replenishment of TAK remaining on station.

4. MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, SALVAGE AND READINESS

41. Ships will self-repair to maximum capability.

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42. Due to the limited capacity and remoteness of repair facilities, only emergency repairs of operational or military significance beyond the capacity of ship's force will be considered for accomplishment.
43. Repair Facilities - INDOCHINA. No U. S. Navy facilities available. In emergency, French Navy facilities at SAIGON and HAIPHONG may undertake limited voyage repairs. Submit requests for such assistance to CTU 90.8.1 or CTU 90.8.2 as applicable, info CTG 90.8.
44. Repair Facilities - SUBIC. The Ship Repair Facility, SUBIC can undertake extensive repairs to all types of ships and is capable of drydocking ships to 18,000 tons displacement. However, labor force and berth space is insufficient to handle more than a few ships simultaneously.
45. Ships in need of lengthy repairs will be ordered to JAPAN for availability.
46. Assignment to Repair Activity. Submit request for repairs to CTG 90.8 by message as far in advance as possible, with info to CTF 90, CTU 90.8.1 and CTU 90.8.2. Such requests will list briefly the nature of the work required. If repairs cannot be effected locally, CTG 90.8 will make recommendations to CTF 90 with info to the requesting ship. If the circumstances warrant, CTF 90 will then grant the ship availability at SUBIC or elsewhere as appropriate.
47. Upkeep. CTG 90.8 assign upkeep periods as necessary or desirable. USS ships will be assigned a minimum of 18 days combined upkeep and availability each quarter unless operational schedules prohibit in which case a report shall be submitted to CTF 90. No period of less than five consecutive days will be counted as upkeep.
48. Operational Readiness. Ships not in availability or upkeep will be on two hours notice for unrestricted operations unless otherwise directed by CTG 90.8. Any condition preventing this degree of readiness will be reported by message to CTG 90.8, info CTF 90, CTU 90.8.1 and CTU 90.8.2 without delay.
49. Salvage.
  491. Extraordinary navigational hazards including enemy mines may exist in waters in which this operation

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may be executed. All ships prepare to tow or be towed and to assist in salvage. Commander Logistic Support Group at SUBIC (CTG 92.2) will be responsible for all salvage operations in the INDOCHINA area.

492. Ships requiring salvage assistance will take such immediate action as the situation and available facilities permit. An estimate of the salvage situation and requirements shall be submitted at once to CTG 90.8 with info to CTF 90, CTG 92.2, CTU 90.8.1 and CTU 90.8.2. Commander Mobile Logistic Support Group (CTG 92.2) if called on to assist will keep CTF 90 and CTG 90.8 advised of the status of salvage operations.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

51. Transportation. Twice weekly scheduled MATS flights CLARK AFB, P.I.-SAIGON. Frequent unscheduled MAAG and STEM flights SAIGON-HAIPHONG. Make requests for air space to CTU 90.8.1 or CTU 90.8.2 as appropriate. No scheduled water transportation to INDOCHINA.

52. Accounting.

521. USS Ships. Detailed accounting instructions for material issued and used in direct support of this operation by USS ships are prescribed by CTF 90 message 120735Z of October quoted as follows:

"NAVCOMPT 171901Z SEP X CINCPACFLT 250446Z SEP X NAVCOMPT 282011Z SEP X NAVCOMPT 052047Z X CINCPACFLT 092047Z X ALL MSG NOTAL X ADMIN CTF 90 210507Z AUG CANCELED AFTER CLOSE OF BUSINESS 30 SEP X REVISED INSTR FOL X ABLE X EFF 1 OCT INDIV VES WILL NEITHER CREDIT SHIPS ALOT NOR TAKE AUTOMATIC AUGM TO EQUAL VALUE OF ISSUES OR TRF MADE IN SUPP FIC OPERATION X INSTEAD INDIV VES REQ QAL AUGM AS RQR FROM TYCOM X BAKER X ISSUES OF SSS AND CSS BY VES SUBMITTING NSA RTN EXP AS CHG SFN 55 SUBHEAD 28 AND SHIPS ALOT X CREDIT 51400 AND 51300 RESPECTIVELY X INSCRIBE ON INV "ISSUED FOR FRENCH INDOCHINA EVACUATION OPERATION" AND OBTAIN SIGNATURE OF RESP OFF EVIDENCING USAGE OF MAT X CHARLIE X PROV ISSUED OR TRF FROM STORES OF TF 90 SHIPS X PREP ITEMIZED INV SHOWING CREDIT MPN 55 SUBHEAD 17 AND CHG MPN 55 SUBHEAD 95 EXACCT 98017 X FWD ORIG WITH SIGNATURE AS IN BAKER ABOVE AND THREE COPIES TO PPTY ACCT DIV BUSANDA MONTHLY X DOG X MEALS FURN FROM GENERAL MESS OF TF 90 SHIPS X REPT ON RTN ACD BUSANDA MAN 4110 AND 82110 CAPTION

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"CIVILIAN EVACUEES" X TAKE CREDIT FOR RAT ON SANDA 27 INSCRIBED "CIVILIAN EVACUEES FRENCH INDOCHINA EVACUATION" X EASY X GSM, PLUS SSS AND CSS EXPENDED AS IN BAKER ABOVE, FOR SUPP FIC OPR X PREP ITEMIZED INV CREDIT SFN 55 SUBHEAD 28 AND CHG SFN 55 SUBHEAD 95 ALOT 10001 EXP ACCT 98017 X FWD ORIG WITH SIGNATURE AS IN BAKER ABOVE AND FOUR COPIES ATTACHED TO TYCOM ALOT REPT FOR OCT AND SUBQ MONTHS X FOX X PUR OF MAT AND SVC RQR FIC OPR X PAY ON PUB VOU CHG SFN 55 SUBHEAD 95 ALOT 10001 EXP ACCT 98017 X FWD COPY OF PUB VOU TO TYCOM FOR ACCUMULATION X GEORGE X NO CHANGES RQR IN DOCU PREP ACD MY 210507Z AUG FOR MONTHS AUG AND SEP X IF NO CHARGES IN SUPP FIC OPERATION SUBQ TO SEP SUBMIT NEGATIVE REPT TO TYCOM"

522. MSTS Ships. Detailed accounting instructions for material issued and used in direct support of this operation by MSTS ships are prescribed by separate letters from COMSTSWESTPAC to masters of the individual vessels and by CINCPACFLT 212214Z of August quoted as follows:

"CTF 90 181229Z AND CINCPACFLT ADMIN 191945Z APPLIES X FOL ACCT INSTRUCTIONS APPLY INDIVIDUAL MSTS SHIPS FOR MATERIAL ISSUED AND USED SUPP OF FIC OPERATION X EXPEND VALUE GSM, PROVISIONS, SHIPS STORE AND CLOTHING AND SMALL STORES USED ON MONTHLY ITEMIZED INVOICE CHARGING NAVAL INDUSTRIAL FUND 17 X 4912.02 EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 45 THOU X FORWARD MONTHLY ORIGINAL INVOICE AND THREE COPIES TO COMSTSWESTPACAREA FOR ACCUMULATION CHARGE X COMSTSWESTPACAREA ACCUMULATE INVOICES AND SUBMIT FINAL REPORT TO COMSTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION"

53. Currency Restrictions in INDOCHINA. CTF 90 251409Z August 1954, promulgating currency instructions for all ships making INDOCHINA ports is quoted below for compliance:

"INDOCHINA NOT A US DOLLAR OR MPC AREA X THEREFORE ONLY LOCAL CURRENCY (PIASTRES) WILL BE SPENT ASHORE X LEGAL RATE OF PIASTRES APPROXIMATELY 35 TO ONE DOLLAR X TO FACILITATE EXCH OF US DOLLARS FOR LOCAL CURRENCY MAAG DISBURSING OFFICER WILL BE CONTACTED WHEN SHIPS DOCK IN SAIGON X SHIPS DISBURSING OFFICER OBTAIN PIASTRES MAAG

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DISBURSING OFFICER, BANK OF INDOCHINA OR OTHER COMMERCIAL BANKS ASHORE X PERSONNEL WHEN ASHORE MAY BE APPROACHED BY VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS WANTING TO BUY US DOLLARS X THIS STRICTLY ILLEGAL AND NOT AUTHORIZED X US MILITARY PERSONNEL APPREHENDED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL BE REPORTED TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WHICH WILL NOTIFY THE SERVICE CONCERNED X PERSONNEL ARE REMINDED THAT FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCH FOR DOLLARS CANNOT BE REDEEMED BY DISBURSING OFFICERS X THEREFORE SVC PERSONNEL SHOULD EXCH ONLY UP TO THE AMOUNT THEY ANTICIPATE SPENDING"

54. Mail. As per paragraph 5, Annex K.

55. Personnel Movements. In and out of SAIGON via scheduled MATS flights. Secure space through MSTSO, SAIGON (CTU 90.8.2). HAIPHONG-SAIGON via MAAG and STEM flights or on ships moving north and south. Secure space through CTU 90.8.1 or CTU 90.8.2 as appropriate.

6. REPORTS

61. Fuel Reports. All ships report to CTG 90.8 by message when fuel on board drops to eighty, sixty, forty-five and thirty percent of capacity. In addition report percent capacity when refueled. All fuel reports will be made in terms of percent of burnable fuel aboard. 95% of total tank capacity will be considered as maximum, or 100% burnable fuel.

62. Casualties, Damage, Impairment of Combat Readiness

621. USS ships submit OPNAV Report 3040-1 as per CINCPACFLT INSTRUCTION 3040.1A. Significant damage requires two messages plus letter report plus message report on restoration to readiness for unrestricted operations. Lesser damage requires letter only.

622. All ships and units report by message material casualties affecting operational readiness to immediate operational commander (CTU 90.8.1 or CTU 90.8.2) info to CTG 90.8 and CTF 90. Include in message as appropriate the nature of the casualty, reason for casualty, effect of casualty, estimated time of completion of repair or duration of disablement, and any pertinent recommendations. Immediate operational commander will then make recommendations to CTG 90.8 as appropriate. Report by message when operational readiness is restored

623. Serious Damage or Derangement at Sea. All ships at sea when in a damaged condition or suffering a major machinery derangement which seriously reduces water-

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tight integrity or operational readiness will make the following message report to CTG 90.8 info to CTF 90, CTG 92.2, CTU 90.8.1 and CTU 90.8.2, at time of occurrence of damage and every six hours (or oftener as necessary) until ship makes port or returns to normal condition:

- A. Latitude and longitude
- B. Speed of advance
- C. Ships condition
- D. Method of advance (towed, or own power)
- E. State of weather
- F. Any pertinent information not listed above.

If radio silence is imposed, the report is not mandatory unless loss of ships appears probable. For USS ships this report does not obviate the reports required by paragraph 452, PACFLT REGULATIONS, 1952, and CINCPACFLT INSTRUCTION 3040.1A.

63. Investigations. Immediate superiors in the chain of command, operational or administrative, will order investigation into any incident in which serious damage is incurred, or culpability indicated. Compliance is directed with Article 0628, U. S. Navy Regulations, CINCPACFLT INSTRUCTION 3040.1A, and Chapter 6, Naval Supplement, Manual for Courts-Martial, United States, 1951, by all commanding officers and unit commanders, when SOPA. Incidents involving potential claims (including admiralty claims) against or in favor of the U. S. Government shall be reported to CTG 90.8, info COMNAVPHIL and CTF 90, without delay.
64. Logistics Arrival Report. When ships are scheduled to arrive in SUBIC BAY or SANGLEY POINT, the commanding officer or master of the ship or unit shall send a logistics requirements message not later than 48 hours before arrival requesting services as outlined in CINCPACFLT INSTRUCTION 4000.1 as revised to comply with provisions of NWIP 10-1, paragraphs 980, 981 and 982.
65. Out-loading and Off-loading Report. Subordinate commanders report required information to CTG 90.8 as detailed in Annex I, Appendices II and IV.

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CTF 90, Commander Amphibious  
Task Force and COMPHIBGRU 1  
U. S. S. ESTES (AGC 12), Flagship  
SAIGON, VIETNAM  
9 November 1954; 1200H

ANNEX M

MEDICAL

Ref: (a) Manual of the Medical Department, U.S. Navy 1952  
(b) PHIBPAC Casualty Doctrine (COMPHIBPAC INSTRUCTION 6000.1)

Task Organization

Medical Facilities

a. Medical Department

Embarked in AH, AGC, APA, AKA, ARL, LSD and TAP, and available in the area when these ship types are assigned and participating in the operation. When these ships are not present, medical care will be obtained as set forth in subparagraph 131.1 through 131.5.

b. Dental Department

Embarked in AH, AGC, and APA when these ship types are assigned to this operation and are in the operations area. When these ships are not present emergency dental care will be obtained as set forth in subparagraph 131.6.

c. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation Detachment

This detachment is established in the HAIPHONG area under administrative control of CTU 90.8.1.

Assumptions

a. That French Union and Vietnamese troops and Vietnamese evacuee passengers embarked for transportation in ships of this force will be accompanied by inadequate medical personnel, medical supplies and medical equipment.

b. That the Vietnamese civilian evacuees will be both male and female and of all age groups, presenting special medical problems in obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics and geriatrics.

c. That French and Vietnamese authorities will arrange the necessary epidemiological screening and indicated immunization of evacuee personnel in the refugee camps in the HAIPHONG area.

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1. Information

11. Administration

Administration of Medical Departments will be in accordance with references (a) and (b).

12. Own Medical Services and Facilities, When Provided

121. Medical Care and Hospitalization

121.1 Hospital ship (AH), when assigned and operating with this force will be utilized to the limit of its capacity for the early surgical and medical care of major illnesses and injuries.

121.2 APA, when assigned and operating with this force, will perform primary medical and surgical care of cases of illness and injury.

121.3 AGC, AKA, ARL and LSD, when assigned and operating with this force will provide medical and surgical care of cases of illness and injury within the capabilities of their medical departments.

121.4 MSTs transports (TAP), when assigned and operating with this force will provide medical and surgical care of cases of illness and injury within the capabilities of their medical facilities. TAP type ships participating in this operation are designated for necessary hospital type medical and surgical care of military and civilian personnel of this force from units not having a medical officer on board. When hospital type care is required by ships or units not having a medical officer, arrange to transfer the patient to the nearest TAP in the area by the most feasible means. Notify CTF 90 by message of all such transfers, with info copy to CTG 90.8, giving the following information: NAME OF PATIENT X RANK OR RATE X SERIAL OR FILE NUMBER X DIAGNOSIS X SHIP TO WHICH TRANSFERRED. In emergency, medical assistance may be requested from the nearest U.S. unit having a medical officer.

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121.5 MSTs time charter vessels have no definitive medical facilities and will call on other units of the force having medical personnel and equipment when the need for medical assistance arises.

121.6 The Preventive Medicine and Sanitation Detachment will:

- (a) Coordinate preventive medicine and sanitation matters with the French and Vietnamese authorities in the HAIPHONG refugee camp and embarkation areas.
- (b) Provide preventive medicine and sanitation assistance and advice to the cognizant authorities in the HAIPHONG area refugee camps.
- (c) Do medical screening and DDT dusting of the evacuee passengers being loaded in U.S. ships at the HAIPHONG embarkation areas.
- (d) Operate the water purification units at CAMP LA PAGODE, HAIPHONG, to furnish purified water for the camp populations at that point.
- (e) Provide medical, preventive medicine and sanitation assistance to U.S. units and ships in the HAIPHONG area which do not have a medical officer on board.
- (f) Maintain custody and responsibility for U.S. Naval medical supplies and equipment assigned to the Preventive Medicine and Sanitation Detachment, HAIPHONG.

122. Consultation

Consultation with medical and surgical specialists will be available in AH on station when AH is assigned and operating with this force.

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123. Dental Facilities

Emergency dental care is available in AGC, APA and AH when these ship types are assigned and operating with this force.

13. Other Medical and Dental Facilities Available

131. When U.S. Navy professional medical and dental services and medical facilities covered in the preceding subparagraphs are not available in the area and are required for cases beyond the medical capabilities of the ship or unit concerned, one of the following alternatives may be followed:

131.1 For emergency medical or surgical treatment in the SAIGON area, request MSTSO, SAIGON, (CTU 90.8.2), info CTF 90 and CTG 90.8, to arrange for the necessary care by the MAAG Dispensary, SAIGON; the FRENCH MILITARY HOSPITAL, SAIGON, or the civilian HOSPITAL GRALL or CLINIQUE ST PAUL, SAIGON. (In the event civilian hospitalization is necessary, Chapter 20, and in particular articles 20-1 (2) (a), 20-4 and 20-7 of reference (a) apply.)

131.2 In the event that the type medical care required, and the patient's condition, make it feasible, request MSTSO, (CTU 90.8.2), SAIGON, info CTF 90 and CTG 90.8, to arrange air transportation for the patient to the U.S. NAVAL DISPENSARY, SANGLEY POINT; USAF HOSPITAL, CLARK AFB; or USNH, YOKOSUKA, whichever action best resolves the case under consideration.

131.3 For emergency medical or surgical treatment in the HAIPHONG area, request CTU 90.8.1, info CTF 90 and CTG 90.8, to arrange for the necessary care in the FRENCH NAVAL BASE INFIRMARY, HAIPHONG, or the FRENCH MILITARY (Army) HOSPITAL, HAIPHONG.

131.4 For emergency medical or surgical treatment in the TOURANE area, arrange with the FRENCH MILITARY COMMANDER, TOURANE, info CTF 90 and CTG 90.8, for the necessary care in the FRENCH MILITARY INFIRMARY, TOURANE.

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- 131.5 For emergency medical or surgical treatment in the NHA TRANG area, arrange with the FRENCH MILITARY COMMANDER, NHA TRANG, info CTF 90 and CTG 90.8, for the necessary care in the FRENCH MILITARY INFIRMARY, NHA TRANG.
- 131.6 Emergency dental treatment shall be arranged through civilian sources, in accordance with Chapter 20, Section II, reference (a).

2. Mission

This force will provide medical care to units of the force and to such passenger personnel as may be embarked in the ships of this force in order to support medically the sea redeployment movement of French Union military forces, and the sea evacuation movement of selected Vietnamese and French civilians from the HAIPHONG area to SAIGON or to other designated points south of the 17th parallel.

3. Accomplishment of Task

31. Medical Departments

Provide medical and surgical care for embarked personnel.

32. Dental Departments

Provide dental care for embarked personnel.

33. Evacuation and Care of Casualties and Disposition of the Dead

331. All ships of this force be prepared at all times to evacuate casualties of the numbers and types specified in reference (b).

332. Medical care will be provided for U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force personnel embarked, and in other circumstances as required.

333. In the event of death of members of the armed forces or civilians of other nations on board United States Navy ships, Commanding Officers will immediately resolve the following:

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- (a) Determine the wishes of the next of kin on board or of the on board cognizant military command, group leader or priest, regarding the disposition of the body. (In this connection, it is obvious that the best practicable disposition of dead bodies at sea is burial at sea as soon as possible after death.) If the next of kin are Roman Catholic or other Christian denomination, priests and group leader offer great assistance in explaining the wisdom of burial at sea. Some oriental religious beliefs will, however, require burial ashore.
- (b) If next of kin or next responsible cognizant party agree to burial at sea, commit remains to the sea with appropriate religious/military committal services.
- (c) If next of kin or next responsible cognizant party insists on retention of remains for burial ashore, (especially if death occurs near time of debarkation), make all feasible effort to preserve remains by encasing in barrier type tape sealed paper. Prefabricated paper bags for encasement of the dead are available in USNS GENERAL R.L. HOWZE. (Formalin moistened guaze placed on the body before encasing in paper may aid preservation.) Place in wood box provided and stow in the coolest feasible secure area.
- (d) If no information can be developed relative to next of kin or identity of deceased or of next responsible cognizant party, commit body to the sea with appropriate religious/military committal service.
- (e) When the foregoing items have been resolved, advise CTF 90 by message, info CTG 90.8 and CINCPACFLT, using the following format:

DEATH ON BOARD X ABLE NAME OF DECEASED X BAKER  
AGE AND SEX OF DECEASED X CHARLIE DATE AND HOUR  
OF DEATH X DOG CAUSE OF DEATH X EASY TOWN PRO-  
VINCE AND NATION OF ORIGIN X FOX NAME NEXT KIN  
OR OTHER NEXT RESPONSIBLE COGNIZANT PARTY AND  
THEIR WISH AS TO DISPOSITION OF REMAINS X HOW  
ANY REQUEST FOR SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS IF ALL  
MATTERS CANNOT BE RESOLVED ON BOARD.

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- (f) On arrival at debarkation point make speed letter report to CHMAAG, INDOCHINA, including all information required by message format in preceding subparagraph (e).
- (g) When disposition of the remains has been determined, send separate message to SECNAV required by article 17-6 reference (a). See subparagraph 543 for info addressees.
- (h) All other applicable reports required by articles of Chapter 17, reference (a) shall be complied with.

334. Care of Civilians

- 334.1 First aid treatment and emergency medical care will be provided for civilians in accordance with article 21-28, reference (a).
- 334.2 In the event of death of an embarked civilian, reports will be submitted in accordance with subparagraph 333. above.
- 334.3 Births on board will be reported to CTF 90 by message with info copy to CTG 90.8. Start the message with the words "BIRTH ON BOARD X ...." (to include the following information) ABLE DATE AND TIME OF BIRTH X BAKER SEX OF INFANT X CHARLIE NAMES OF PARENTS X DOG TOWN PROVINCE AND NATION OF ORIGIN X EASY CONDITION OF MOTHER AND INFANT. Commanding Officers will also make a written report of each birth on board to be given to the parents of the infant. This record of birth shall be signed by the Medical Officer or other person assisting in the birth and by the Commanding Officer of the ship in which the birth occurs. The ship's seal shall be impressed into the lower right hand corner of this record. The following format shall be used for this report:

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(Heading to Read)

RECORD OF BIRTH ON BOARD - (NAME OF SHIP)

Sex of infant \_\_\_\_\_

Date and hour of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Names of parents \_\_\_\_\_

Town, Province and Nation of parent's origin \_\_\_\_\_

Latitude and longitude at which birth occurred \_\_\_\_\_

Ports between which ship is plying \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Medical Officer  
or other person assisting in  
birth.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Commanding Officer  
of ship in which birth occurred

(SHIP'S SEAL)

Original of this record of birth is to be given to parent or parents so that they may have the child properly registered at the port of destination in Vietnam. The question of citizenship of the infant should not be entered into at all and if it is raised at a later date by Vietnamese or French authorities, the matter will be taken up through the proper diplomatic channels. A copy of this report shall be mailed to COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS GROUP WESTERN PACIFIC, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California, marking the envelope "INTER-AREA".

34. Training

341. Training aids and actual drills will be used to instruct all personnel in first aid and in the handling of the sick and injured. Personnel hygiene will be stressed.

342. Intensive instruction in sanitation, ward techniques, nursing care of the sick and injured and preventive medicine will be conducted within ship's medical departments. Continuous training of all medical personnel in clerical and property and accounting procedures relative to the medical department will be conducted.

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35. Communicable Disease Control

351. Strict surveillance will be maintained to ensure adequate mess sanitation, purity of food and water, rodent and insect control and personal hygiene.

351.1 All embarked U.S. military personnel shall have had the following immunizations prior to arrival in the INDOCHINA area.

- Cowpox - vaccination within 4 months
- Cholera - completed course or booster within 6 months
- Typhus - completed course or booster within 6 months
- Typhoid - completed course or booster within 6 months
- Tetanus - completed course or booster within 4 years

351.2 All U.S. ships assigned to INDOCHINA evacuation operation will stock plague vaccine, diphtheria toxoid and Schick diphtheria toxin diagnostic in quantities sufficient to cover the on board complement. In addition to this, a conservative amount of diphtheria antitoxin shall be stocked and available for treatment of any cases of diphtheria which may occur. Plague and diphtheria immunizations are not to be given unless directed later or if local immediate epidemiological factors warrant. No diphtheria immunizations are to be given without prior Schick test unless emergency conditions exist. See articles 22-28, 22-29 and 22-30, Manual of the Medical Department.

352. Ships and other operational units assigned to the INDOCHINA evacuation operation will be guided in preventive medicine measures by Chapter 22, reference (a).

353. All water obtained from harbors in INDOCHINA or from sources ashore in this area shall be carefully controlled to prevent contaminated water from entering ship's potable water distribution systems. All INDOCHINA harbors are considered to be contaminated and all shore sources of

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potable water are considered to be questionable. Distillation of water from harbors shall be in accordance with section 58-42 BUSHIPS Manual; and examination and chlorination of such potable water supplies shall be in accordance with Chapter 6, Volume 1, MANUAL OF NAVAL HYGIENE AND SANITATION (NAVMED P-126 - Rev. 1949) and CTF 90 INSTRUCTIONS 6240.1 and 6200.3.

354. Embarked U.S. Military Personnel and other Embarked Personnel

354.1 Dysentery. Personnel embarking from points in INDOCHINA are likely to be seeded with bacillary dysentery of the para-Shigella group. Sensitivity tests indicate that the most effective antibiotic is chloromycetin, which should be used where possible (with concurrent blood count studies) in the treatment of any acute cases which might develop. The organisms are, however, also sensitive to sulfadiazene. To prevent ship-board epidemics, the following precautions will be taken:

- (a) Should an outbreak of diarrhea occur, all mess cooks will be required to take one gram of sulfadiazene twice daily as long as so assigned.
- (b) If foreign personnel or foreign troop cooks participate in the preparation or serving of food they shall be required to take 1 gram of sulfadiazene twice daily as long as so assigned.
- (c) All food handlers showing any signs or symptoms of dysentery will be relieved of food handling duties immediately.
- (d) All food handlers will be required to scrub their hands thoroughly with soap and water prior to handling food, and after each visit to the head. The importance of rigid adherence to this procedure cannot be over emphasized, and commanding officers are directed to insure its strict compliance.

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- (e) Personnel will not be assigned food handling duties without prior medical clearance.
- (f) Cases of dysentery will be isolated.

354.2 Typhus

Ships will assure that persons embarked are free from lice, flea and mite infestations. If evidence of infestation is found, the individual will be dusted with insecticide powder immediately.

354.3 Smallpox

All persons embarking from the staging area are supposed to have had a recent vaccination against smallpox. Any passengers who have not had a successful cowpox vaccination within the past four months shall be vaccinated.

354.4 Malaria

Begin chloroquine diphosphate malaria suppressive therapy on all U.S. Military and U.S. civilian personnel attached or accredited to TF 90 entering the INDOCHINA area. (Start this therapy three weeks before entry into the INDOCHINA area if possible), malaria suppressive therapy consists of one half-grain chloroquine diphosphate tablet per person once weekly, preferably at the Monday noon meal, under supervised administration. This suppressive therapy is to be continued weekly throughout stay in the INDOCHINA area and continued for three weeks after departure from the area. In the event that cases of clinical malaria occur among U.S. Nationals attached to units of TF 90 or among persons embarked in ships of TF 90, current accepted medical practice and current BUMED instructions will be followed in their treatment.

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354.5 Other Diseases of Epidemiological Nature

For immunization of personnel against other diseases of an epidemiological nature such as plague and diphtheria, medical officers shall be governed by Section 1, Chapter 22, Manual of the Medical Department.

354.6 Medical officers and their representatives shall use every means available and take every precaution possible to insure that no communicable or contagious disease of a dangerous nature is brought aboard ships of this force. In the event that such disease is discovered in any personnel prior to embarkation, those individuals so infected shall not be embarked. In the event that any case of contagious or communicable disease is discovered after embarkation, such cases shall be promptly isolated, indicated medical therapy instituted, and CTG 90.8 notified by message, info CTF 90.

355. Rodent Control

Articles 22-32 and 22-37, reference (a) will be complied with. Commanding Officers are directed to insure that all possible measures are taken to render ships rat free.

4. Medical Logistics

41. Personnel

Emergency requests for augmentation or replacement of medical personnel will be made to CTF 90, info CTG 90.8 and COMNAVFE. Emergency distribution or assignment of medical personnel within this force will be as directed by CTF 90.

42. Supplies and Equipment

421. Stock levels will be maintained at 180 days supply where storage facilities permit.

422. Limited quantities of medical supplies will be available in AH when hospital ship is assigned and operating with this force.

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- 423. Large ships will be prepared to supply smaller ships and craft in emergencies.
- 424. All ships maintain one metal pole litter per rated casualty carrying capacity, in accordance with reference (b).
- 425. AGC, APA and AH, when assigned and operating with this force, will be prepared to draw, type, cross match and administer whole blood.
- 426. All ships of this force will maintain on board at all times sufficient stock of vaccine to immunize maximum ship's complement against Typhoid, Typhus, Cholera, Smallpox, Tetanus, Plague and Diphtheria (including Schick diphtheria toxin diagnostic test material).
- 427. Medical supplies will be requisitioned from CTG 92.2 at SUBIC using standard procedures.

43. Security of Supplies

Medical Officers and Medical Department representatives will take necessary precautions to prevent medical department supplies from reaching black markets.

44. Care of Dead

- 441. In the event of death of a member of the armed forces or civilians of other nations while embarked in ships of this force, paragraph 333. will apply.
- 442. In the event of death of any personnel of the U.S. forces attached to this force, all applicable articles of Chapter 17, reference (a), will be complied with.

5. Command and Communications

51. Coordination Control

- 511. CTF 90 is responsible for coordination of all medical activities of this force.

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52. Force Medical Officer

521. Embarked in CTF 90 flagship ESTES (AGC 12).

53. Communications

531. Communications in accordance with Communications Plan, Annex N, this operation order.

54. Reports

541. Hospital ship, when assigned and operating with this force will report to CTG 90.8, info CTF 90, as of midnight daily, by 0800 the next morning, by the most appropriate means, the following:

The number of admissions in the previous 24 hours broken down by:

- (a) Service and Nationality
- (b) Officer, enlisted or civilian
- (c) Stretcher cases
- (d) Ambulatory cases
- (e) Number of deaths in previous 24 hours
- (f) Total cases remaining as of 2400 local time
- (g) Cases on board suitable for evacuation from the operating area.

542. When directed by CTF 90, all Groups and Units of this force will submit to CTF 90 daily as of 0800 local time, concerning U.S. military personnel only, the following report covering the previous 24 hours:

ABLE OFFICERS DEAD INJURED OR MISSING X BAKER  
ENLISTED DEAD INJURED OR MISSING X CHARLIE  
CIVILIAN DEAD INJURED OR MISSING

543. All subordinate commanders of this force will designate a Casualty Control Officer who will, in the event of personnel casualties, prepare reports in accordance with articles 17-1 through 17-6, reference (a), and part C, chapter 9, section 8, BUPERS Manual. Message report will be sent to the Secretary of the Navy with copies to:

- (a) Commander in Chief Far East
- (b) Bureau of Naval Personnel

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- (c) Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
- (d) Commandant Marine Corps (if appropriate)
- (e) Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet
- (f) Surgeon Far East Air Force (if Air Force personnel included)
- (g) Surgeon, Army Forces Far East (if Army personnel included)
- (h) Commander Service Force Pacific Fleet
- (i) Commander Task Force 90

544. Report of Death will be submitted to the Secretary of the Navy and the info addressees listed above in subparagraph 543 in accordance with articles 17-1 through 17-6, reference (a), and article C-9801 BUPERS Manual.

545. Report of seriously or critically ill or injured personnel will be made by the Casualty Control Officer by message in accordance with article C-9802(5), BUPERS Manual, to the Secretary of the Navy, with info copies as in subparagraph 543 above.

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ANNEX N

COMMUNICATIONS

Communications in accordance with NWP 16, and appropriate Joint Allied and Navy Department Publications. NWP 16 and NWIP 16-1 are effective throughout and applicable to the existing situation unless modified or amplified by this annex. The numbering of paragraphs herein follows the numbering of related matter in NWIP 16-1. The interpretation as to the applicability of a specific article is a function of the command concerned.

- 201 This Annex effective with Basic Plan, except when CTF 90 is not actually present in IC, the provisions contained herein may be modified as necessary by CTG 90.8. This plan is predicated on the assumption that a significant number of TF 90 ships are engaged in evacuation operations. When such is not the case, the naval commander may omit those guards and nets which he considers unessential for limited-scale operations.
- 310 Make reports of vital information in accordance with Chapter 9, ATP 1. French Naval Forces hold ATP 1.
- 411(a) French Naval Forces use standard phonetic alphabet. French Army and Air Force Units use international phonetic alphabet shown below:
- |           |          |          |           |
|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| A ALFA    | H HOTEL  | N NECTAR | U UNION   |
| B BRAVO   | I INDIAN | O OSCAR  | V VICTOR  |
| C COCA    | J JULIET | P PAPA   | W WHISKEY |
| D DELTA   | K KILO   | Q QUEBEC | X EXTRA   |
| E ECHO    | L LIMA   | R ROMEO  | Y YANKEE  |
| F FOXTROT | M METRO  | S SIERRA | Z ZULU    |
| G GOLF    |          | T TANGO  |           |
- 420 Employ visual communications to maximum extent.
- 434(a) Use AFSAL 5104 or 5357 for authentication on naval, joint or allied circuits.
- 434(e) Recognition procedures if ordered will be in accordance with ACP 150-158 series. French Naval Forces hold these publications.

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440 Enemy jamming or imitation deception is not expected; however if encountered make immediate message report to CTF 90.

460 Radio Frequencies

- C17 Task Force Common (CW) a. 2250\*  
Net Control CTF 90, guarded by all b. 5435\*  
ships. OTC may guard for ships in c. 9845  
company upon request. CTG 90.8 net  
control in absence of CTF 90. \*Most frequently  
used
- T12 Task Force Primary Tactical 310.6 mcs  
Maneuvering, Warning (V)  
Guarded by Task Force 90 Naval  
Ships while underway. OTC net  
control.
- C3.6K Task Force CI (Primary)/General 2096  
Warning (V)
- C3.3G Guarded by all TF 90 Naval Ships  
underway. OTC guard in port.
- T83 Task Force CI (Secondary) (V) 361.8 mcs  
Activate upon order of OTC.
- T30 Task Force Ratt Common (Tone 285.8 mcs  
Modulated)  
Guarded by all U.S. Navy ships  
adequately equipped, when in  
company. Use of administrative  
or operational traffic when visual  
means will not suffice.
- DL32 Embarkation Command Net (V) 2200  
Net control CTG 90.8. Guarded  
by units designated by CTG 90.8.
- Evacuation Group Common (V) 2280  
Net Control CTG 90.8. Guarded by  
all naval ships (and MSTs ships with  
the capability) in HAIPHONG area. Use  
for urgent operational traffic and  
local warning. LCUs guard. Refer to  
frequency by code name "JUPITER". Use  
phonetic international call signs vice  
voice call signs.

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D134	<u>Embarkation Control Unit Common</u> Net Control CTU 90.8.4. Guarded by all shore party and naval beach group elements, Control Unit Commander, and UDT as necessary.	30.8 mcs
D144	<u>Landing Ship Common (V)</u> Activate upon order of Senior Landing Ship Commander.	30.2 mcs
D132	<u>Debarkation Command Net (V)</u> Net Control Debarkation Commander. Guarded by units designated by NCS.	2200
	<u>Debarkation Group Common (V)</u> Net Control Debarkation Commander. Guarded by all naval ships (and MSTs ships with the capability) at debarkation ports. Use for urgent operational traffic and local warning. Refer to frequency by code name "JUPITER". Use phonetic international call signs vice voice call signs.	2280
D134	<u>Debarkation Control Unit Common (V)</u> Activated as necessary. Guarded by stations corresponding to units listed under D134 above.	30.8 mcs
D145	<u>Boat Common (Channel A) (V)</u> For communications between boats and parent ship, and control Harbor Security boats (See Annex J).	33.2 mcs
D137	<u>Boat Control (Channel B) (V)</u> Net Control Beach Group Commander. Guarded by Control Unit if present, and radio equipped boats. LCU guard as required.	38.5 mcs
T71	<u>Helicopter Control Net (V)</u> Guarded during helicopter operations for ship-helicopter communications.	233.8 mcs
Elu		140.58 mcs
- -	<u>SAIGON Ship/Shore Frequencies (CW)</u> Call sign FUZ. Reference Para. 419, ACP 177.	4195 6357 9100

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- French Naval CW Circuit:  
Call sign: FUY            0800H - 2000H            5770  
Use as necessary        2000H - 0800H            3105
- HAIPHONG Harbor Circuit: (V)            2670  
Voice call sign: HECTOR  
CTG 90.8 guard. Others as directed.

- 479(i) Shackle cipher will not be used unless otherwise directed.
- 501 Copy appropriate fleet broadcast or MERCAST. Guardship arrangements are authorized.
- 531 Transmit own ship-shore traffic unless otherwise directed.
- 600 Movement reports in accordance with Annex DOG.
- 700 OTC make required weather reports for ships in company.
- 800 OTC guard or assign guard on distress frequencies, fleet common, and general warning net. Report all distress signals to OTC.
- 1850 Communication Instructions for MSTs Vessels is contained in Appendix I to this Annex and will be made available to those vessels on arrival by CTG 90.8 or his representative.
- 2000 Be prepared to execute Chapter 20, NWIP 16-1.

Appendix:  
1 - MSTs communication

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CTF 90, Commander Amphibious  
Task Force and COMPHIBGRU 1  
U.S.S. ESTES (AGC 12), Flagship  
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APPENDIX I

MSTS COMMUNICATIONS

Ref: MSTS INST. 2110.2

1. USNS MSTS ships will guard 2250 or 5435 (CW) while under CTF 90 operational control.
2. USNS ships will guard 2280 kcs (V) while in embarkation or debarkation ports. Use phonetic international call signs for voice calls.
3. Time-chartered merchantmen and Japanese-manned MSTS LST will not be in direct radio communication on any TF 90 frequency.
4. Use visual communications with MSTS ships whenever possible. Transmit very slowly (about 5 WPM). Use HO 87 if any language difficulty is encountered.
5. Only TAP hold cryptographic allowance.
6. MSTS ship call signs are in ACP 113. Use plain language in lieu of Task Organization calls in messages to MSTS ships other than USNS.
7. If it becomes necessary to send a message to MSTS ships at sea, and direct communications are not established, use the following procedure:
  - (a) USNS and chartered U. S. Merchantmen: Deliver by usual ship-shore means for broadcast on MERCANT schedules.
  - (b) Japanese-manned ships: Deliver by usual ship-shore means, ACTION to COMSTSWESTPAC, with passing instruction in text. Use normal joint heading. COMSTSWESTPAC will pass the message to AMSHIPOPCO for ultimate transmission on a Japanese broadcast.
- A considerable time delay must be expected for either (a) or (b) above.
8. U. S. Navy ships are directed to render all possible assistance upon request from MSTS ships concerning repairs to inoperative communication equipment.

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CNO	8	COMSTS	1
CINCPACFLT	5	COMSTSPACAREA	2
CINCFE	2	COMSTSWESTPAC	2
COMNAVFE	2	COMSTSMIDPACSUBAREA	1
COMFIRSTFLT	2	CHMAAG INDOCHINA	4
COMNAVPHIL	2	COMPHIBGRU 3	2
COMNAVMARIANAS	1	COMSERVRON 3	2
COMPHIBPAC	2	COMSERVDIV 31	2
COMSERVPAC	2	CTG 92.2	2
CG FMF PAC	1	COMPHIBRON 1	15
COM7THFLT	1	CO BALDUCK	3
CG 3RD MARDIV	1	COMSTSO SAIGON	3
		CO ESTES	2

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