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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 010001H March to 312400H March 1968

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMF PAC O 5750.8
(c) Div O 5750.8
(d) Regt O 5750.2

Encl: (1) Command Chronology for March 1968

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

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PART I
ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. 1st Marine Regiment 1-31 Mar 1968 Colonel S. S. HUGHES
(Includes ADCON 2ndBn, 3rdMar from 111200H March 1968)

2. Location PHU BAY, RVN (1-31 Mar 68)

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer	1-9 Mar 68 LtCol A F BELEUSTI
	10-31 Mar 68 LtCol R L BARRETT, JR
S-1/Adjutant	1-31 Mar 68 Capt E W GREGORIUS
S-2	1-31 Mar 68 Maj J M GRATTO
S-3	1-31 Mar 68 Maj E T COOK
S-4	1-31 Mar 68 Maj J L KERSHNER
S-5	1-31 Mar 68 Capt W D NOVAK
Communications Officer	1-31 Mar 68 Maj A A BERGMAN
Air Liaison Officer	1-31 Mar 68 Maj W D BAUER
Regimental Chaplain	1-31 Mar 68 LCDR E H LUFFMAN
Regimental Surgeon	1-31 Mar 68 LT J B BACK
Commanding Officer Headquarters Company	1-31 Mar 68 2ndLt R G WILSON
Commanding Officer 1st Battalion, 1st Marines	1-31 Mar 68 LtCol M J GRAVEL
Commanding Officer 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines	1-31 Mar 68 LtCol B R DUNCAN
Commanding Officer 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines	1-31 Mar 68 LtCol J W DAVIS

4. Average Monthly Strength (Includes ADCON 2ndBn, 3rdMar from 111200H March 1968)

<u>Officer</u>	<u>USMC</u> <u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>USN</u> <u>Enlisted</u>
120	4305	10	136

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PART II
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PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Personnel (Includes AdCon 2d Bn, 3d Mar from 111200H March 1968)

- a. Average Monthly Strength

Unit	USMC		USN	
	Off	Enl	Off	Enl
Hq Co, 1st Mar	20	211	2	4
1st Bn, 1st Mar	32	1023	3	54
2d Bn, 1st Mar	33	1040	2	59
2d Bn, 3d Mar	35	1031	3	49

- b. Casualties

BATTLE				NON-BATTLE		
KIA	WIA	MIA	DQM	SERIOUS	NON-SERIOUS	DEATHS
25	189	0	3	0	54	0
						TOTAL
						271

- c. Replacements Received

USMC		USN		Total
Off	Enl	Off	Enl	
6	425	0	10	441

- d. Rotation During Month

USMC		USN		Total
Off	Enl	Off	Enl	
0	194	0	2	196

e. Personnel Summary. At the close of the reporting period the personnel strength was as follows: 118 Officers, 3363 Enlisted - U. S. Marine Corps and 10 Officers, 168 Enlisted - U. S. Navy. Normal replacement procedures were in effect.

2. Legal And Discipline

	Hq Co	1/1	2/1	2/3
NJP	1	11	12	20
SCM (Completed)	0	1	0	0
SCM (Pending)	1	0	1	0
Sp CM (Completed)	1	3	2	3
Sp CM (Pending)	0	7	3	0
GCM (Completed)	0	0	0	0
GCM (Pending)	0	1	0	0
Investigations (Completed)	0	4	7	10
Investigations (Pending)	0	3	8	4

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3. R&R Program. The following is a recapitulation of the R&R quotas for March 1968.

	Hq Co.	1/1	2/1	2/3
Hawaii	8	20	21	22
Bangkok	4	20	18	19
Hong Kong	2	11	11	11
Australia	4	10	10	11
Kuala Lumpur	1	2	3	3
Manila	1	3	3	3
Tokyo	1	7	6	6
Singapore	1	3	3	3
Taipei	3	12	11	12
Penang	1	2	1	2
Ckinawa	1	4	5	5
Total	27	94	92	97

4. Chaplain Support

a. Chaplains Attached

- (1) Regimental Chaplain: LCDR Eldon Hoffman, CHC, USN
- (2) 1st Battalion: LT Daniel Hickey, CHC, USNR
- (3) 2d Battalion: LTJG James Coer, CHC, USNR

b. Divine Services Conducted by the Regimental Chaplain

- (1) Sunday Services: No - 23 Attendance - 654
- (2) Weekday Services: No - 10 Attendance - 171
- (3) Special Memorial Services: Memorial service held for 1/1, 13 March 1968, approx 700 attended. Memorial service held for 1/11, 16 March 1968, approx 80 attended.

c. Related Activities

- (1) Distributed SP pack to wounded troops in "C" Med.
- (2) Sent six letters of appreciation for letters and packages sent by Scout Troops and School Classes.

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d. Pastoral Activities

- (1) Hospital patients visited: 125
- (2) Visits to CAP units: 12
- (3) Personal counseling cases: 25
- (4) American Red Cross messages handled: 10
- (5) Pastoral type letters sent: 2

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PART III

SECTION B

ENEMY WEATHER AND TERRAIN

1. Weather. The weather during the month of March was transitional, consisting generally of extended periods of warm, clear weather with occasional periods of Crachin conditions lasting several days. The average high temperature was 78.9 degrees. The average low temperature was 65.4. The mean humidity was 80.96%. The average visibility was 5.4 miles. The total rainfall for the month was 0.54 inches.
2. Terrain. All operations were conducted in the coastal plains around Phu Bai. Terrain proved no obstacle to the employment of infantry or tracked vehicles.
3. Enemy. Operation HUE CITY was completed during March with scattered light to moderate contact South and East of Hue. Operation FORD resulted in moderate to heavy enemy contact in Phu Tu district. Elsewhere in the AO, CAP's, bridge security and local forces had occasional light contact. Enemy forces appeared to be recruiting, retraining and resupplying for the most part, and generally avoided contact when possible. The enemy, however, appeared well-supplied with small arms, mortar and B.40 ammunition. Enemy morale, as evidenced by prisoner interrogation, was somewhat lowered, particularly among those engaged in Operation FORD where his forces were surprised and unable to break off contact. The opening days of March saw operations South and East of Hue in connection with Operation HUE CITY. On 1 March at 1700H, 1/5 elements ran airstrikes to neutralize

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enemy emplacements and bunkers in the vicinity of YD 764230. A search of the area revealed 15 structures destroyed along with a 75 meter trench line and 30 NVA KIA (C). On 2 March at 1530H, units from 2/5 received S/A-A/W and 4 rounds B.40 rocket fire from vicinity YD 803246. Units returned fire and called USMC gunships. A search of the area revealed 8 NVA KIA (C). On 18 March at 1450H, 1/1 units received S/A-A/W fire from vicinity YD 977138. As units advanced they received heavy 82mm and 60mm mortar fire from an estimated battalion size unit. Unit called in arty and gunships. A sweep of the area revealed 46 NVA KIA (C), and 3 individual weapons captured. Also on 18 March at 1430H 2/3 units made contact with an estimated 250 enemy at YD 947197. The enemy utilized small arms, 60mm mortars and RFG and B.40 rockets. After contact was broken a search of the area revealed 13 NVA KIA (C).

On 27 March at 0355H Phubai Combat Base was mortared and rocketed, receiving approximately 60x122mm rockets and 30x82mm mortar rounds.

At the close of the reporting period this regiment departed Phubai for CoLu.

4. See Tab A to Section B for an enumeration of incidents and enemy losses. All categories show decreases when compared to February since that month's total reflects the intense battle of Hue and the destruction of major enemy forces in the heaviest sustained action of the war. When compared to January, most categories show a decrease because of the enemy's efforts to avoid

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contact while regrouping his forces. Because of the highly successful Operation FORD, however, which resulted in the entrapment of a sizable enemy force, the number of enemy killed in March was much greater than January's total and brought the total enemy killed by First Marines in 1968 over 2000. Total incidents (169 in January, 637 in February, 246 in March); VC/NVA INITIATED incidents (74 in January, 447 in February, 61 in March); VC/NVA KIA (183 in January, 1693 in February, 234 in March).

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INCIDENT STATISTICS AND ENEMY LOSSES

S/A-A/W	24
Mortar	9
Rocket	5
Gren/M-79	4
Propaganda	0
Total Incidents	146
VC/NVA INITIATED	61
Mines/Booby-Traps	14
POW's	5
Returnees	2
Civil Defendants	2
Innocent Civilians	31
Captured Weapons	43
Indiv Wpns	39
Crew-served	4
VC/NVA KIA (G)	234

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PART II
SECTION C
OPERATIONS

1. Mission. During this reporting period, the missions of the 1st Marines (-) (Rein) were changing in nature due to several changes in situation and location of units. These missions are outlined below.

a. During the period 010001H to 01200H March 1968, the basic missions of the 1st Marines (-) (Rein) remained unchanged, as stated in CG, Task Force XRay Operation Order 301-68, as follows: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) maintains responsibility for the Phu Bai TAOR and area of operations as assigned by CG, Task Force XRay, conducts offensive operations within assigned AO as directed, remains prepared to conduct offensive operations exterior to the Task Force AO as directed, remains prepared to conduct offensive operations throughout ICTZ as directed, remains prepared to deploy anywhere in RVN the following, in indicated time frame: one reinforced rifle company within four hours; one reinforced battalion minus above company, within twelve hours; the remainder of 1st Marines (-) (Rein) within an additional twelve hours; supports the Revolutionary Development Program within AO as directed, prepares specific reaction plans for each District Headquarters within assigned AO and for Province Headquarters at Hue, supports the Combined Action Program within AO, occupies specific installations within and participates in the defense of the Phu Bai vital area, provides security for the Col Co/Tan My fuel storage area, MCB operations and ~~contradictory dredge~~ operations in the Col Co/Tan My area, provides security for the MCB rock crusher located at Nam Hoa, vicinity YD 743136, provides security for communication relay sites on Hill 180 (YD 855133) and Hill 230 (YD 848086), provides security for that portion of Highway One within AO and for the bridges located at YD 839176, YD 914117, YD 927103 and YD 950069, prepares plans for a one battalion operation in CUMBERLAND area in connection with engineer efforts to upgrade road and perform other engineer tasks, remains prepared to assume OpCon of 2d Battalion, 1st Marines on order. During this period, additional missions were assigned 1st Marines (-) (Rein) as follows:

(1) From 010001H to 022400H March 1968, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) conducts final stages of Operation HUE CITY, conducting search and destroy operations within assigned AO, north of the Song Van Duong to locate and destroy NVA forces, logistics and weapons caches and return control of the area to the GVN in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 9-68. Area of operations is that area bounded on the west and north by the Song Huong to YD 766250, northeast along the west bank of the stream to YD 774268, then east along the west bank of the stream to YD 798290, on the east by NS Grid Line 81 and on the south by EW Grid Line 22.

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(2) During the period 0300G1H to 101200H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) provides security for the Hue LCU Ramp, and National Route 551 from YD 775228 to YD 810195, provides security for the bridge located at YD 752209 and for MGB upgrade operations at YD 781209 and YD 734234, provides security for the Hue Railroad Bridge at YD 775228, provides security for the road, fuel pipe line and Song Haong boat traffic from Hue to Col Co/Tan My in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 11-68 (with change one).

(3) Commencing 081340H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) provides one platoon (Rein) as security for Sector C, Phu Bai Vital Area and maintains one Company (Rein) as a "BALD EAGLE" Reaction Force in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 14-68.

b. During the period 101200H to 281200H March 1968, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) were relieved of certain areas and certain responsibilities by the 101st Airborne Division and their missions revised as follows: 1st Marines (-) (Rein) maintains responsibility for the Phu Bai TAOR and area of operations as assigned by CG, Task Force XRay, conducts offensive operations within and exterior to the Task Force AO as directed, remains prepared to conduct offensive operations throughout ICTZ as directed, remains prepared to deploy anywhere in RVN the following, in indicated time frame: one reinforced rifle company within four hours; one reinforced battalion, minus above company, within twelve hours; the remainder of 1st Marines (-) (Rein) within an additional twelve hours; supports the Revolutionary Development Program within AO as directed, prepares specific reaction plans for each District Headquarters within assigned AO, supports the Combined Action Program within AO, occupies specific installations within and participates in the defense of the Phu Bai vital area by providing one reinforced platoon as security for Sector "B", provides security for communication relay sites on Hill 180 and Hill 230, provides security for that portion of National Route One within AO and for bridges at YD 839176, YD 914117 and YD 950069, maintains one reinforced rifle company as a "BALD EAGLE" Reaction Force.

c. During the period 281200H to 312400H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) plans and executes a deployment from the Phu Bai Vital Area to the Ca Lu Combat Base to participate in planned operations in northern ICTZ under OpCon, CG, Provisional Corps Vietnam, and prepares plans for the execution of missions as assigned by the CG, Provisional Corps Vietnam and CG, 1st Air Cav Division. (CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 19-68 refers).

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2. Operations. During this reporting period, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) accomplished its assigned missions as follows:

a. During the period 010001H to 022400H March 1968, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) maintained security of the Nam Hoa rock crushing operations with Company C/1/1 maintaining a Company Combat Base vicinity YD 743136; maintained security of communication relay sites and bridges along National Route One with Company D/1/1 providing reinforced squads at the relay sites on Hill 180 and Hill 230 and reinforced squads at the bridges along National Route One at YD 839176, YD 914117, YD 927103 and YD 950069; maintained security in the Col Co/Tan My area with elements of Company B/1/1 providing security for the fuel storage area, MGB operations, and contractual dredge operations. Additionally 1st Marines (-) (Rein) conducted the final phase of Operation HUE CITY with 1/1 (-), 2/5 (-) and 1/5 (-) conducting search and destroy operations in assigned AO North of the Song Van Duong to locate and destroy enemy forces, logistic and weapons caches, and return control of the area to the GVN. (CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 9-68 and 1st Marines Operation Order 3-68, with change one, refer). Operation HUE CITY which commenced 011230H February 68 was officially terminated at 022400H March 68 in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 11-68. Cumulative results were as follows:

(1)	USMC KIA	137
(2)	USMC WIA Major	859
(3)	USMC WIA Minor	220
(4)	NVA KIA (Confirmed)	1889
(5)	PW	9
(6)	Detainees	42
(7)	Individual Weapons Captured	536
(8)	Crew Served Weapons Captured	54

Throughout this period 1st Marines (-) (Rein) provided security to the Phu Bai Vital Area with a composite platoon from Headquarters, 1st Marines, 1/1 (-) and 2/1 (Rear) maintaining defensive positions in Sector "C" of the Base Perimeter.

b. Commencing 030001H to 101200H March 1968, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued security for the Nam Hoa rock crushing operations with C/1/1 continuing to maintain a company combat base vicinity YD 743136; continued security for communication relay sites and bridges along National Route One, with Company D/1/1 providing reinforced squads at the relay sites on Hills 180 and 230 and the bridges along Route One at YD 839176, YD 914117, YD 937103 and YD 950069, continued security in the Col Co/Tan My area with elements of Company B/1/1 (-) securing the fuel storage area, MGB operations, and contractual dredge operations.

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At 030700H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) chopped Command Group and Companies A and B (-), 1/1 (-) to 101st Airborne Division for participation in Operation MINGO, in accordance with CG, Task Force X-Ray Frag Order 11-68 with change one. 2/5 (-) commenced providing security for the Hue LCU Ramp, National Route 551 from YD 775228 to YD 840293, the bridge located at YD 752209, for MCB upgrade operations at YD 784209 and YD 734134, the Hue Railroad bridge at YD 775228 and for the road, fuel pipe line and Song Huong boat traffic from Hue City to Con Co/Tan My.

(1) At 041315H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) chopped 1/5 (-) to 5th Marines. Company L/3/5 remains in the Hue City area in support of 2/5 (-) operations. At 051030H, 1st Marines Forward Command Post returned from Hue City to Phu Bai. Commencing at 060900H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) participated in a 1st ARVN Division search and destroy operation east of Hue City with Company H/2/5 occupying blocking positions along the south bank of the Song Loi Nong from YD 843197 to YD 858193. At 070700H, Company H/2/5 in support of 1st ARVN Division search and destroy operation, shifted its block positions to the north, vicinity YD 783230 to YD 783338. At 072400H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) assumed OpCon Command Group and Companies A and B (-), 1/1 (-) from 101st Airborne Division in accordance with CG, Task Force X-Ray message 071424Z March 68.

(2) Commencing 0730H, 1/1 (-) with companies A and B (-), conducted a search and destroy operation from the Nam Hoa area to Hue City in accordance with 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Frag Order 45-68. The operation terminated at 081800H with 1/1 (-) establishing a defensive perimeter vicinity YD 776250. The operation succeeded in verifying the absence of enemy forces between Nam Hoa and Hue City.

(3) At 081030H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) chopped Company F/2/5 to 5th Marines and moved the unit to Phu Bai via motor vehicle convoy. At 081200H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) chopped Company L/3/5 to 5th Marines and arranged transportation for the Company to proceed to 5th Marines Forward Command Post in the Cau Dai area. At 081200H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) assumed OpCon of Company E/2/3 and at 081340H assigned the company the missions of providing one platoon (Rein) as security for Sector "C", of the Phu Bai Vital Area perimeter, and maintaining the Company (-) as a "BALD EAGLE" Reaction Force. CG, Task Force X-Ray Frag Order 14-68 and 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Frag Order 45-68 refer.

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(4) Commencing 090700H, Company B/1/1 (-) replaced Company H/2/5 as block force for 1st ARVN Division search and destroy operation east of Hue City, maintaining blocking positions from YD 783230 to YD 783338. At 091345H, B/1/1 (-) was secured by the 1st ARVN Division and returned to the 1/1 (-) CP in Hue City. At 091345H, Company C/1/1 was relieved of security responsibility of the Nam Hoa rock crushing operations by elements of the 101st Airborne Division (USA) and returned by motor vehicle to Phu Bai Vital Area in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 16-68. At 091700H, elements of Company B/1/1 (-) were relieved of security responsibilities in the Col Co/Tan My area by elements of the 101st Airborne Division and joined the 1/1 (-) CP in Hue City, in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 16-68. 1/1 (-) and 2/5 (-) remained in Hue City, awaiting relief in place by elements of the 101st Airborne Division.

(5) At 100900H, 1/1 (-) and 2/5 (-) were relieved in place in Hue City and relinquished security responsibilities to elements of the 101st Airborne Division. 1/1 (-) returned to Phu Bai Vital Area at 1200H via motor vehicle convoy. At 1400H, 2/5 (-) departed Hue City via motor vehicle convoy, enroute to the 5th Marines Forward CP at Cau Doi. 2/5 (-) was chopped to the 5th Marines at 101530H. CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 17-68 refers.

c. Commencing 101200H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued security of communication relay sites on Hills 180 and 230 and bridges along National Route One at YD 839176, YD 914117 and YD 950069 with Company D/1/1 providing reinforced squads at each of the locations, and maintained security of Sector G, Phu Bai Vital Area and maintained a "B/LD E/GLE" reaction force with E/2/3 fulfilling these responsibilities. At 111200H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) assumed OpCon and AdCon of 2/3 (-) and chopped E/2/3 to 2/3 (-) at the same time. At 111810H, the displacement of 2/3 (-) from the Phu Loc area was completed. Command Group and Companies E, F and G located at Phu Bai. E/2/3 continued missions as assigned. 1/1 and 2/3 (-) commenced preparations to conduct offensive operations within and exterior to the Phu Bai T/OA, as directed; specifically, both battalions commenced plans and preparations for participation in Operation FORD, in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 18-68 and 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Operation Order 308-68.

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(1) At 140700H, Company A/1/1 assumed the mission as "BALD EAGLE" Reaction Force relieving B/2/3, in accordance with 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Operation Order 308-68. At 140730H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) commenced Operation FORD in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 18-68 and 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Operation Order 308-68. From 0730H to 0836H, 2/3 (-) helilifted from the Phu Bai Vital Area to LZ Penguin, secured the LZ and prepared to commence the attack on order. From 0730H to 1128H, AT Company (-), 1st Tank Battalion and Platoon (-), Company A, 3d Amtrac Battalion moved by armored convoy from Gia Le to a ferry crossing site at YD 898184, completed a river crossing, and linked up with 2/3 (-). Between 1046H and 1136H, 1/1 (-) conducted a helilift into LZ Hawk and moved into blocking positions. 2/3 (-) commenced the attack at 1440H. At 161503H, 1/1 (-) conducted a helilift, moving to new blocking positions in area from ZD 011111 to ZD 021120. Lift was completed at 1605H and block established by 1800H. 2/3 (-) continued the attack. At 171700H, the initial phase of the search and destroy operation was completed by 1/1 (-) and 2/3 (-) and both battalions commenced a coordinated attack back through the assigned area of operations. The attack continued until 201530H, at which time 2/3 (-), followed by 1/1 (-) conducted a river crossing at the ferry site at YD 898184. Operation FORD officially terminated at 201800H in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay message 200557Z March 68. Cumulative results as follows:

(a)	USMC KIA	14
(b)	USMC WIA MedEvac	63
(c)	USMC WIA Minor	50
(d)	USMC MIA	0
(e)	NVA KIA (Confirmed)	136
(f)	VC KIA (Confirmed)	9
(g)	PW	5 (NVA)
(h)	Returnees	2 (NVA)
(i)	Civilian Defendants	2
(j)	Innocent Civilians	12
(k)	Detainees	58
(l)	Individual Weapons Captured	16
(m)	Crew Served Weapons Captured	4

At 161300H, a platoon (Rein) from A/1/1 ("BALD EAGLE" Reaction Force) departed the Phu Bai Vital Area via motor convoy in connection with 1st Marine Division Rough Rider Convoy security in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay message 141140Z March 68. At 201200H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) assumed OpCon of Company E/2/3, and chopped to 2/3 at 1201H. CG, Task Force XRay message 220250Z March 68 refers.

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(2) Commencing 201800H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued security missions within the Phu Bai Vital Area with Company B/1/1 maintaining reinforced squads as security elements for the communication relay sites on Hills 180 and 230, and for the bridges at YD 839176, YD 914117 and YD 950069. A/1/1 (-) continued mission as "BOLD EAGLE" Reaction Force, and 2/3 continued to provide a platoon (Rein) as security for the Phu Bai Vital Area perimeter, assuming responsibility for Sector B vice Sector C. 1/1 and 2/3 commenced rehabilitation type operations in preparation for operations in northern ICFZ. At 212152H, at the direction of Task Force XRay G-3, a platoon (Rein) "SPARROW HAWK" from A/1/1 departed the 1/1 CP for helicopter movement to vicinity AU 835053 to provide security for a downed helicopter. The "SPARROW HAWK" force returned to the 1/1 CP at 221330H. At 231600H, platoon (Rein) from A/1/1 returned from 1st Marine Division convoy security duty to the 1/1 CP. At 270800H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) assumed OpCon of Company A (-), 1st Engineer Battalion and Company A (-), 1st Shore Party Battalion in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay message 261501Z March 68. At 271600H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) assumed OpCon of 1st Battalion (-), 11th Marines in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay message 260600Z March 68. At 280000H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) assumed OpCon of Company A (-), 1st Motor Transport Battalion in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay message 261501Z March 68. At 280945H, 1/5 commenced relief of elements B/1/1 providing security for communications relay sites on Hills 180 and 230, and for bridges on National Route One at YD 839176, YD 914117 and YD 950069. Relief completed at 1200H and 1st Marines (-) (Rein) was relieved of responsibilities in the Phu Bai TAOR in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 19-68.

d. Commencing 281200H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) planned and executed a deployment from the Phu Bai Vital Area to the Ca Lu Combat Base to participate in planned operations in Northern ICFZ under OpCon CG, Provisional Corps Vietnam, in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 19-68. At 281200H, 2/3 and the advance party from Headquarters, 1st Marines departed the Phu Bai Vital Area via motor vehicle convoy enroute to Ca Lu. The convoy halted at Dong Hq Combat Base at 281930H, RON, and continued to Ca Lu at 291230H, arriving at the combat base at 1500H. At 291300H, 1/1 departed Phu Bai Vital Area enroute to Ca Lu. At 291400H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) closed its CP at Phu Bai and OpCon of the Regiment (-) was passed to CG, Provisional Corps, Vietnam in accordance with CG, III M.F message 251502Z Mar 68. At 291500H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) opened new CP at the Ca Lu Combat Base and reported OpCon to the 1st Air Cav Division. At 301500H, 1/1, Company A (-), 1st SF Battalion, Company A (-), 1st Engr Battalion and Company A (-), 1st MT Battalion arrived at Ca Lu Combat Base. At 301700H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) assumed OpCon of 2d Battalion, 1st Marines from CG, 1st Air Cav Division.

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2/1 currently providing security for LZ Stud (YD 001484) and signal relay site (XD 978480). At 311400H, 1/1 relieved 2/1 in place and assumed responsibility for the security of LZ Stud and the signal relay site. 2/1 and 2/3 continued preparations for the commencement of the attack in accordance with 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Operation Order 309-68 (Operation PEGASUS).

3. Air Support And Defense

a. Fixed Wing. Fleaships flew 44 sorties in support of 18 missions. CAS was generally received as requested with 56 sorties dropping 136,250 lbs and firing 790 rounds 2.75" rockets and 124 rounds 5" rockets. Three TPQ missions dropped 6,000 lbs. AO's flew 58VR sorties for 114 1/2 hours.

b. Helicopters. Rotary wing missions carried 2,129 passengers and 397,813 lbs of supplies in March. Medical evacuation missions carried 198 casualties.

c. Statistics

(1) Helicopter:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Trips</u>
Troop	23	446	232
Logistic	31	376	212
MedEvac	48	214	109
Admin	31	167	100
Recon	8	30	15
PsyOps	0	0	0
POW	13	37	21
C&C	2	8	4
Gunships	<u>14</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>30</u>
Sub-Total	170	1338	723

(2) Fixed Wing:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Trips</u>
Flare	18	44	0
CAS	10	56	0
TPQ	3	3	0
A/O	21	58	0
Spooky	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Sub-Total	52	161	0
Total	222	1499	723

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4. Fire Support Coordination (Artillery and Naval Gunfire)

a. General. The primary efforts during the month were devoted to preparation and conduct of Operations FORD and PEGASUS.

(1) In preparation for Operation FORD, liaison visits were made with the PBR unit at CALCO Beach and 1st Inf Division (ARVN), to coordinate fire support with elements of those units participating in the operation.

(2) In preparation for Operation PEGASUS, liaison was made with 1st Air Cavalry Division Artillery and the Division FSCC to ensure preparedness to meet 1st Air Cavalry Division requirements in fire support coordination.

b. Operation HUE CITY. On 10 March, concurrent with the displacement of final elements of 1st Marines from Hue, Btry "A" return to its position in Phu Bai at YD 884127. The detachment of Mortar Btry (2-4.2" mortars) also returned to Phu Bai and were then displaced to Phu Loc under operational control of 2d Bn, 11th Marines. Mortar Btry (155 How) displaced to its primary position in Phu Bai (YD 888127) on 10 March. Btry "B" displaced from Nam Hoa to a position at YD 889128 on 9 March.

c. Operation FORD. 1st Bn (-), 11th Marines supported the operation from primary positions in Phu Bai. 1st Bn (-), 11th Marines received operational control of Btry "B", 1st Bn, 12th Marines which was emplaced at YD 891152. General support was provided by 1st Field Artillery Group with a platoon of 8" howitzers at 2D 012024 and the 1st 155 Gun Btry in Phu Bai. Detachment, Mortar Btry (2-4.2" Mortars) were attached to 2d Bn (-), 3d Marines for the operation.

d. Operation PEGASUS. In preparation for the operation 1st Bn (-) (Rein), 11th Marines, displaced by motor march to the vicinity of Ca Lu on 28 March, arriving there on 29 March and occupying firing positions as follows:

Btry "A", 1/11	YD 007455
Btry "B", 1/12	YD 017456
Mortar Btry, 1/11 (4.2" Mortar)	YD 014454
Mortar Btry, 1/11 (155 How)	XD 998493

Additional artillery support is being provided by the general support and reinforcing fires of 1st Air Cavalry Division Artillery.

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e. Naval Gunfire. For the final days of Operation HUE City in early March, USS JOHNSTON (DD 821) continued to provide naval gunfire support to the 1st Marines. For Operation FORD, Shore Fire Control Parties were provided for each participating battalion. Naval gunfire was primarily employed for preparations and harrassing and interdiction fires. A total of 792 rounds of 5"/38 were fired by USS James C OWENS (DD-776) in support of the 1st Marines during the Operation. From 20 March to 26 March, the OWENS continued support of the 1st Marines firing harrassing and interdiction fires along the coastal portions of the area of operations. USS HULL (DD 945) provided the same type of support on 26 and 27 March, at which time it was released to 5th Marines when 1st Marines commenced displacement for Operation PEGASUS.

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TRAINING

1. During this reporting period, training was conducted in two distinct categories as outlined below.

a. Indoctrination Training. Due to the participation of elements of 1st Marines (-)(Rein) in major operations throughout the month, and plans formulated for participation in another major operation, input of newly arriving personnel increased greatly over previous months. Training of these newly arrived personnel was conducted in accordance with current CG, 1st Marine Division directives and consisted primarily of:

- (1) Participation of Free World Forces in the War
- (2) Culture and Religions of the Vietnamese People
- (3) Conduct and Behavior of the Individual Marine
- (4) Alcoholic Beverages, Marijuana and Other Narcotics
- (5) Respect for Local Customs
- (6) Accidental Discharges
- (7) Serious Incidents
- (8) Current and Planned Operations
- (9) Mine Warfare
- (10) Wearing of Helmets, Body Armor
- (11) Revolutionary Development
- (12) Use of Gas Masks
- (13) Rules of Engagement
- (14) Treatment of Detainees and POW's
- (15) Handling of Captured Personnel/Material

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- (16) War Trophies/War Trophy Fire Arms
- (17) Care and Cleaning of Individual Equipment
- (18) Care and Cleaning of the M-16A1
- (19) Familiarization Firing and Zeroing of the M-16A1
- (20) Morale and Personal matters to include:
 - (a) R and R
 - (b) Pay
 - (c) Chaplain Services
 - (d) Request Mast
 - (e) Personal Property, Customs, Currency Control.

b. Retraining. During the short periods between the conduct of major operations 1st Marines (-)(Rein) conducted retraining and rehabilitation of weapons, equipment and Marines. All organic weapons underwent technical inspections for correction, repair and/or replacement. Individual equipment was surveyed and replaced as available and 3000 M-16A1's were made available to the 1st Marines (-)(Rein) to replace those currently on hand within the 1st Marines (-)(Rein). Training conducted centered around:

- (1) Care, cleaning and maintenance of individual equipment
- (2) Care and cleaning of the M-16A1
- (3) Familiarization firing of the M-16A1 (All Hands)
- (4) Zeroing of the M-16A1 (All Hands)
- (5) Offensive Combat
- (6) Use of supporting arms in offensive/defensive combat
- (7) Use of and employment of all organic weapons

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- (8) Familiarization and test firing of all organic weapons
- (9) Repeated gun drills for crew served weapons
- (10) Field fortifications
- (11) Scouting and patrolling
- (12) Lessons learned
- (13) Field Sanitation and Personal Hygiene
- (14) Radio procedures, RRG-25
- (15) Ambushes and Ambush Techniques
- (16) NCO Leadership
- (17) Madeco Procedures
- (18) Booby Traps, Mines and Explosive Devices

2. Quotas for formal schools were filled from 1st Marines (-)(Rain)
as follows:

- a. Nine NCO Leadership School
- b. Four Officers Leadership School
- c. Three SNCO Leadership School
- d. Two Viet Lang School, III MAF
- e. Three Viet Lang School, Okinawa
- f. Three Combat/Target Security School
- g. Two Basic Inf Wpn Repair Course
- h. Four Embark Course
- i. Two Registered Publication Course
- j. Four Career Advisory School
- k. One Basic Organic Supply Accounting School
- l. Three Motor Transport Maintenance School
- m. Twelve Scout Sniper School

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SECTION F
CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTION

1. During the month of March, Civil Affairs activities were limited due to the reluctance of the Vietnamese to cooperate fully with our Civic Action Program. This lack of cooperation was a direct result of the TET Offensive and the fact that the Vietnamese were afraid of reprisals from the NVL/VC if they cooperated with friendly forces. However, towards the end of the month the situation was starting to improve.
2. A Medoap program was started in two different locations, coordinates YD 914117 and YD 933085. Towards the end of the month both Medoaps were experiencing an increase in the number of people attending the Medoaps. Soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste were also handed out at the Medoaps. A Dentoap was held at coordinates YD 933085 with moderate success.
3. Eleven houses were moved away from three bridges (coordinates YD 838176, YD 914117 and YD 933085), for security reasons, during the month. A large amount of scrap lumber was given to the families to assist them in building new homes. One hundred bags of cement and one hundred sheets of tin have been requested and will be distributed to the families involved as soon as the commodities arrive from Da Nang.
4. Several children's toys were received from a club in Vandergrift, Pennsylvania which is sponsoring a drive to collect toys for Vietnamese orphans. The toys were given to the S-5 of 5th Marines for distribution since the S-5 section of 1st Marines will not be in the Phu Bai area during April.

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SECTION E
LOGISTICS

1. Logistic Situation. During Operation FORD an LSA was established at ASP-1 for class I and V supplies by personnel of "A" Co. 1st Shore Party Bn. Resupply was largely by aerial means, with some utilization made of otters, which were made available by Task Force XRay.

2. Supply. All classes of supply remained adequate. Shortages in replacement parts for Comm and Motor Transport are noticeable.

3. Maintenance. Great effort was made by ELSG-A toward repair of Motor Transport equipment.

4. Services.

a. Messing. There has been no improvement in the quantity of "A" rations available. Chicken a la King remains the standard meal. The serious dust problem created in the contonement #2 messhall has been solved by moving to contonement #5.

b. Sanitation and Hygiene. The lack of sufficient water supply is still evident.

c. Laundry. Facilities are adequate.

d. Exchange. Facilities are adequate.

e. Medical and Dental. Facilities are adequate.

f. Transportation. Assets remain limited. Resupply efforts are hampered by the limited availability of trucks and air support.

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Psychological Warfare Operations

1. During the month of March, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) logged 13 hrs and 25 minutes of aerial broadcasts and dropped 8,100,000 leaflets stressing rewards, Chieu Hoi, and enemy losses during the previous months.

2. Ground distribution of leaflets was negligible because transportation backlog prevented the delivery of leaflets to 1st Marines (-) (Rein). Over 200,000 leaflets on order were left for 5th Marines who relieved 1st Marines (-) (Rein) in the Phu Bai Combat Base area on 28 March 1968.

3. Psychological Warfare Operations were used extensively to support Operation FORD, a 1st Marines (-) (Rein) operation in the Phu Tu District area. Rewards were stressed to motivate an indifferent civilian populace. Other themes were Chieu Hoi, directed towards the NVA, good treatment of prisoners, and enemy losses. Leaflet drops in support of the Operation numbered 2,550,000. Aerial broadcasts of 5 hours 40 minutes, and ground broadcasts of one hour were conducted. One special leaflet was developed and utilized against the K-4B Battalion which was the main unit in contact with 1st Marines (-) (Rein) during the operation. Armed Propaganda teams were used successfully during Operation FORD resulting in the recovery of numerous weapons and two NVA returnees.

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SECTION II
COMMUNICATIONS

1. During the first five days in March, the Regimental Communications Platoon remained split with personnel and equipment manning the Regimental and Regimental near CP's at Hue and Phu Bai. On 5 March the Hue CP was displaced back to Phu Bai and preparation commenced for Operation FORD.
2. The Second Battalion of the Third Marines chopped to 1st Marine Regiment and displaced to the Phu Bai Combat Base. An AN/MRC-62 radio relay link was established between the Regimental Headquarters and the 2/3 CP to provide telephone communications.
3. The Communication Operating Instructions (COI) had become outdated with the move of the Regiment to Phu Bai. A new COI, Regimental Order FO2000.14, was published on 10 March to provide technical direction for Communications within the Regiment while in the Phu Bai area of operations.
4. A generator maintenance class was held at the Task Force X-Ray Headquarters on 11 March, and personnel who maintain generators within the communications platoon attended.
5. Operation FORD commenced on 14 March, and radio was the sole means of communications with the operating elements of the Regiment. Due to the decision not to displace the Regimental CP from the Phu Bai area, a manual retransmission team was dispatched to Hill 180 in order to provide positive radio contact with the distant units. Radio contact was generally good, except for occasional frequency interference from enemy organizations operating to the north of the 1st Marines AO. The operation secured on 20 March.
6. Planning commenced for Operation PEGASUS immediately upon the termination of Operation FORD. Verbal requests for equipment augmentation were placed with the 1st Division CEO. The AN/TRC-97 requested to provide communications for administrative, logistics, and air request channels was denied. The AN/PRC-1 multichannel systems (6 each) were provided, together with automatic radio retransmission modules for the AN/PRC-25.
7. The advance party, including almost half of the Regimental communication platoon, departed by truck convoy for Ca Lu on 28 March. The main body with the remainder of the communication platoon departed by truck convoy on 29 March.
8. The advance party arrived at Ca Lu on 29 March, and the main body with the Regimental Headquarters CP group arrived on 30 March. Wire

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and radio communication was established immediately, and further wire augmented by radio relay was operational on 31 March to all three battalions and supporting organizations.

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PART III
SECTION A
OPERATIONS

01 Mar Commencing 0001H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continued Operation HUE CITY, conducting search and destroy operations within assigned AO north of the Song Vea Duong to locate and destroy NVA forces, logistic and weapons caches and return control of the area to the GVN, in accordance with CG Task Force XRay Frag Order 9-68. Area of operations is that area bounded on the west and north by the Song Luong to YD 766250, northeast along the west bank of the stream to YD 774268, then east along the west bank of the stream to YD 798290, on the east by NS grid line 81 and on the south by EW grid line 22.

02 Mar At 2400H, Operation HUE CITY officially terminated in accordance with CG Task Force XRay Frag Order 11-68.

Cumulative Results of Operation HUE CITY are as listed below:

a. USMC KIA	137
b. USMC WIA MEDEVAC	659
c. USMC WIA MINOR	220
d. NVA KIA (C)	1889
e. PW	9
f. DETAINEES	42
g. INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS CAPTURED	536
h. CREW SERVED WEAPONS CAPTURED	54

03 Mar Commencing 0001H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) executed CG Task Force XRay Frag Order 11-68, providing security for the communications relay sites on Hills 180 and 230; providing security for bridges along National Route One at YD 839176, YD 914117, YD 950069 and YD 927103; maintaining a company (Rein) combat patrol base at YD 735134 as security for the Nam Hoa rock crushing operations; providing security for the Hue LCU ramp and National Route 551 from YD 775228 to YD 810295; providing security for the bridge located at YD 752209 and for MCB upgrade operations at YD 781209 and YD 734234; providing security for the Col Co/Tan My fuel storage area;

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and contractual bridge operations in the Col Co/Tan My area;
and providing security for the road, fuel pipe line and Song
Huong boat traffic from Col Co/Tan My to Huu.

- 03 Mar At 0700H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) chopped Command Group and
companies A and B/1/1 (-) to 101st Airborne Division (USA)
in accordance with CG Task Force XRay Frag Order 11-68 with
change one. 1/1(-) commenced move to 101st Airborne Division
AO for participation in Operation MINGO.
- 04 Mar At 1315H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) chopped 1st Battalion, 5th
Marines (-) to 5th Marines in accordance with CG Task Force
XRay Frag Order 12-68. 1/5(-) crossed the An Cu bridge and
proceeded to 5th Marines area, Phu Bai.
- 05 Mar At 1030H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Forward Command Group arrived
at Phu Bai from Hue City.
- 06 Mar Commencing at 0900H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) participated in a
1st ARVN Division search and destroy operation east of Hue
City, with Company H/2/5 occupying blocking positions along the
south bank of the Song Loi Nung from YD 813197 to YD 853193.
- 07 Mar At 2400H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) assumed OpCon of 1/1(-) from
101st Airborne Division in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay
message 071431Z March 68.
- 08 Mar Commencing 0730H, 1/1(-) conducted search and destroy operation
from the Ngx Hoa area to Hue City in accordance with 1st Marines
(-) (Rein) Frag Order 45-68.
- 08 Mar At 1030H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) chopped Company F/2/5 to
5th Marines and moved the company by motor vehicle to Phu
Bai in accordance with CG Task Force XRay Frag Order 14-68
and 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Frag Order 45-68.
- 08 Mar At 1200H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) chopped Company L/3/5 to
5th Marines and moved the company to Phu Bai for further
transportation to 5th Marines (Forward) Command Post in accordance
with CG Task Force XRay Frag Order 14-68 and 1st Marines (-)
(Rein) Frag Order 45-68.
- 08 Mar At 1200H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) assumed OpCon of Company E/2/3.
- 08 Mar At 1340H, Company E/2/3 was assigned the missions of providing
one platoon (Rein) as security for Sector "C" of the Phu Bai
area perimeter and of maintaining two platoons and the

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Command Group as a BALD EAGLE Rapid Reaction Force. CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 14-68 and 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Frag Order 45-68 refer.

08 Mar At 1800H, 1/1(-) arrived at Hue City and established defensive positions vicinity YD 776250.

Commencing 0700H Company B/1/1 replaced Company H/2/5 as block force for 1st ARVN Division search and destroy operation east of Hue City. The company maintained blocking positions from YD 783230 to YD 783338.

09 Mar At 1345H, Company B/1/1 providing blocking force for 1st ARVN Division search and destroy operation, was secured and returned to the 1/1(-) CP in Hue City.

09 Mar At 1345H, Company C/1/1 providing security for the Nam Hoa rock crushing operations, was relieved in place by elements of the 101st Airborne Division and returned by motor vehicle to the Phu Bai Combat Base in accordance with CG Task Force XRay Frag Order 16-68.

09 Mar At 1700H, elements of Company B/1/1(-) were relieved of security responsibilities in the Col Co/Tan My area by elements of the 101st Airborne Division and joined 1/1(-) command post in Hue City in accordance with CG Task Force XRay Frag Order 16-68.

10 Mar At 0900H, 1/1(-) and 2/5 (-) were relieved of security responsibilities in the Hue City area by elements of the 101st Airborne Division in accordance with CG Task Force XRay Frag Order 17-68.

10 Mar At 1200H, 1/1(-) arrived by motor vehicle at the Phu Bai Combat Base from Hue City in accordance with CG Task Force XRay Frag Order 17-68.

10 Mar Commencing 1200H, 1/1(-) continued to maintain security for the communication relay sites on Hills 180 and 230, maintained security for bridges along National Route one at YD 839176, YD 914117, and YD 950069, and prepared to conduct offensive operations within the Phu Bai AO as directed, in accordance with 1st Marines (-) (Rein) CI O 307-68.

10 Mar At 1400H, 2/5(-) departed Hue City by truck convoy to Tan Doi in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 17-68.

10 Mar At 1530H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) chopped 2/5(-) to 5th Marines in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 17-68.

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- 11 Mar At 1200H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) assumed OpCon and AdCon of 2d Battalion (-), 3d Marines in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 17-68.
- 11 Mar At 1200H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) chopped Company E/2/3 to 2/3 (-).
- 11 Mar At 1810H, the displacement of 2/3(-) from the Phu Loc area to the Phu Bai Combat Base was completed. Command Group and Companies E, F and G located at Phu Bai.
- 11 Mar Commencing 1810H, 2/3(-) assumed the missions of providing one platoon (Rein) as security for Sector "C", Phu Bai Vital Area perimeter; providing one company (Rein) as B/LD EAGLE Reaction Force, and prepared to conduct further offensive operations within the AO as directed in accordance with 1st Marines (-) (Rein) OP O 308-68.
- 12 Mar Commencing 0001H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continues operations in the Phu Bai AO with 1/1 and 2/3(-) carrying out missions assigned in 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Op O 307-68. Additionally, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) continues preparations to participate in Operation FORD (Search and Destroy) on or about 14 March 1968 in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag O 18-68.
- 14 Mar At 0700H, Company A/1/1 assumed mission of Regimental Reserve/ B/LD EAGLE Reaction Force in accordance with 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Op O 308-68.
- 14 Mar At 0730H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) commenced Operation FORD in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 18-68, and 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Op O 308-68.
- 14 Mar At 0730H, 1st wave of 2/3(-) helilift touched down in LZ PENGUIN in accordance with 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Op O 308-68. Lift completed at 0836H.
- 14 Mar Commencing 0730H, AT Company (-) 1st TK Battalion, with one platoon (-), Company A, 3d Amtrac Battalion departed Gia Lo Combat Base via armored convoy to river crossing site at YD 898184. Site was reached at 1033H and crossing completed at 1128H.
- 14 Mar At 1046H, 1/1(-) commenced helilift into LZ KIWI in accordance with 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Op O 308-68. Lift completed at 1136H.
- 14 Mar At 1440H, 1/1(-) established its block position, and 2/3(-) commenced the attack in accordance with 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Op O 308-68.

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- 14 Mar At 1448H, CG, Task Force XRay arrived 1st Marines CP. Departed at 1500H.
- 15 Mar At 1415H, CG, 1st Marine Division accompanied by CG, Task Force XRay arrived 1st Marines CP. Departed 1500H.
- 16 Mar At 1100H, 1/1(-) terminated block positions and consolidated at YD 955145 in preparation for helilift in accordance with 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Frag Order 51-68.
- 16 Mar At 1300H, platoon (Rein) from A/1/1 (BALD EAGLE Reaction Force) departed Phu Bai in connection with 1st Marine Division Rough Rider convoy security in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay message 141140Z March 68.
- 16 Mar At 1503H, 1/1(-) commenced helilift to new blocking positions in accordance with 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Frag O 51-68. Lift completed at 1605H.
- 16 Mar At 1800H, 1/1(-) established blocking positions from XD 011111 to XD 021120.
- 17 Mar At 1700H, 1/1(-) and 2/3(-) completed search and destroy operation in assigned AO and continued the attack to the north west in accordance with 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Frag O 56-68.
- 20 Mar At 1200H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) assumed OpCon of Company H/2/3. Chopped to 2/3(-) at 1201H. CG, Task Force XRay message 220250Z March 68 refers.
- 20 Mar At 1200H, 1/1(-) and 2/3(-) commenced attack to the ferry crossing site at YD 898185 in accordance with 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Frag O 60-68.
- 20 Mar At 1530H, 1/1(-) and 2/3(-) arrived at ferry crossing site at YD 898185 and 2/3(-) commenced river crossing.
- 20 Mar At 1625H, 1/1(-) commenced river crossing in trace of 2/3(-).
- 20 Mar At 1800H, Operation FORD terminated in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay message 200557Z Mar 68. 1/1(-) and 2/3(-) returned to respective CP's in the Phu Bai vital area in accordance with 1st Marines (-) (Rein) Frag Order 60-68.
- 20 Mar As of 1800H, cumulative results of Operation FORD are as follows:
- a. USMC KIA 14
 - b. USMC WIA Medevac 63

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c. USMC WIA Minor	50
d. USMC MIA	0
e. NVA KIA (C)	136
f. VC KIA (C)	9
g. PW	5 (NVA)
h. Returnees	2 (NVA)
i. Civilian Detainees	2
j. Innocent Civilians	12
k. Detainees	58
l. Individual Weapons Captured	16
m. Crew Served Weapons Captured	4

- 20 Mar Commencing 1800H, 1st Marines (-) (Rein) conducted operations within assigned AO as follows: 1/1 maintained security for the communications relay sites on Hills 100 and 230 and for bridges on National Route One at YD 859176, YD 914117 and YD 950069; A/1/1 (-) continued mission as Bald Eagle Reaction Force; 2/3 maintained security for Sector B, Phu Bai Vital Area. 1/1 and 2/3 commenced conducting rehabilitation and retraining operations within respective areas in preparation for further offensive operations as directed.
- 21 Mar At 2050H, Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, Task Force XRay directed that a reinforced platoon of A/1/1 be placed in immediate standby status as a Sparrow Hawk Reaction Force.
- 21 Mar At 2100H, G-3 Task Force XRay directed that platoon Commander Sparrow Hawk Platoon report to XRay COC for briefing and that platoon be displaced to MAG-36 LZ.
- 21 Mar At 2152H, Sparrow Hawk Platoon boarded trucks and departed from 1/1 CP to MAG-36 LZ. Mission is to provide security for downed helicopter vicinity AU 835053.
- 22 Mar At 1330H, Sparrow Hawk Platoon from Company A/1/1 returned to the 1/1 CP at Phu Bai.

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- 23 Mar At 1600H, Platoon (Rein) from Company A/1/1 returned from
convoy security duty to the 1/1 CP at Phu Bai.
- 26 Mar At 0000H, 1st Air Cav Division assumed OpCon of 2d Battalion,
1st Marines in preparation for Operation FEGASUS in accordance
with verbal orders from CG, Provisional Corps Vietnam. 2/1
assumes mission of security for LZ Stud (YD 001404) and signal
relay site (XD 970400).
- 27 Mar At 0000H, 1st Marines (-)(Rein) assumed OpCon of Company A (-)
1st Engineer Battalion and Company A (-), 1st Shore Party
Battalion in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay message 261501Z
March 68.
- 27 Mar At 1600H, 1st Marines (-)(Rein) assumed OpCon of 1st Battalion
(-), 11th Marines in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay message
260600Z March 68.
- 28 Mar At 0000H, 1st Marines (-)(Rein) assumed OpCon of Co A (-), 1st
Motor Transport Battalion in accordance with CG, Task Force XRay
message 261501Z March 68.
- 28 Mar At 0945H, 1/5 commenced relief of elements of 1/1 providing
security for communication relay sites on hills 100 and 230 and
for bridges on National Route One At YD 839176, YD 914117 and
YD 950069.
- 28 Mar At 1045H, 1/11 (-) departed Phu Bai via motor vehicle convoy
enroute to Ca Lu.
- 28 Mar At 1200H, elements of 1/5 completed relief of 1/1 units. In
accordance with CG, Task Force XRay Frag Order 19-68, 1st Marines
(-)(Rein) relieved of responsibilities of Phu Bai AO.
- 28 Mar At 1200H, 2/3 and 1st Marines (-)(Rein) advance party departed
Phu Bai via motor vehicle convoy enroute to Ca Lu.
- 28 Mar At 1930H, 2/3 and 1st Marines (-)(Rein) advance party halted at
Dong Ha Combat Base. Units will RON before proceeding to Ca Lu.
- 29 Mar At 1230H, 2/3 and 1st Marines (-)(Rein) advance party departed
Dong Ha enroute to Ca Lu.
- 29 Mar At 1300H, 1/1 departed Phu Bai via motor vehicle convoy enroute
to Ca Lu.

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- 29 Mar At 1400H, 1st Marines (-)(Rein) closed CI at the Phu Bai Combat Base. OpCon of 1st Marines (-)(Rein) passed to CG, PCV as of 1400H in accordance with CG, III MAF message 251520Z March 68.
- 29 Mar At 1500H, 1st Marines (-)(Rein) opened CP at Ca Lu Combat Base. 1st Marines (-)(Rein) reported OpCon to CG, 1st Air Cav Div at 1500H.
- 29 Mar At 1500H, 2/3 and 1st Marines (-)(Rein) arrived Ca Lu Combat Base from Dong Ha.
- 30 Mar At 1500H, following units arrived at the Ca Lu Combat Base from Phu Bai:
- a. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines
 - b. Co A (-), 1st SF Battalion
 - c. Co A (-), 1st Engr Battalion
 - d. Co A (-), 1st MT Battalion
- 30 Mar At 1700H, 1st Marines (-)(Rein) assumed OpCon of 2d Battalion, 1st Marines from 1st Air Cav Division.
- 31 Mar At 1400H, 1/1 relieved 2/1 in place and assumed responsibility for the security of LZ Stud (YD 001404) and signal relay site (XD 978480).
- 31 Mar At 1800H, 2/1 and 2/3 assumed positions from which attack to the west will commence on 01 April 68 in accordance with 1st Marines (-) Op Order 309-68 (Operation HEGASUS).
- 31 Mar As of 2400H, all units continue preparations for the commencement of the attack in accordance with 1st Marines (-)(Rein) Op O 309-68 (Operation HEGASUS).

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PART III
SECTION B
COMMUNICATIONS

- 1-5 Mar Communication personnel from the Regimental Rear at Phu Bai provided security for convoys to Hue.
- 1-5 Mar Continued communications in support of Operation HUE CITY.
- 5 Mar Command Group with all CP communication personnel returned from Operation HUE CITY.
- 8 Mar Established MRC-62 radio relay shot to 2/3 CP, located east of Phu Bai Airstrip.
- 10 Mar Published new COI for Phu Bai area (Regt Order PO2000.1A).
- 11 Mar Four men attended classes on generator maintenance sponsored by TFX.
- 14-20 Mar Provided communications for Operation FORD.
- 27 Mar Received six POC-1's for field test during Operation PEGASUS.
- 28 Mar Advance party departed Phu Bai to Ca Lu for installation of communications for Operation PEGASUS.
- 29 Mar Advance party arrived Ca Lu and commenced installation of Regimental CP communication system.
- 29 Mar Main body of Regimental Headquarters departed Phu Bai for Ca Lu.
- 30 Mar Main body of Regimental Headquarters arrived Ca Lu and CP communications installation to subordinate units and senior tactical headquarters completed.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
PART I
Organizational Data

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1. Designation

Hq Co, 1st Mar, 1st MarDiv (Rein), FMT

Commander

2d Lt R. G. WILSON

2. Location

Phu Bai, RVN

3. Staff And Officers

Plat Commander, Scout Sniper Plat
Supply Officer
Motor Transport Officer
Company First Sergeant

1st Lt R. L. BOWMAN
1st Lt W. W. CAYTON
1st Lt H. B. MURPHY
1st Sgt C. E. KELLY

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
19	207	2	4

PART II
Narrative Summary

1. Personnel. Thirteen enlisted members completed overseas tours and rotated to CONUS. Six officers and eighteen enlisted members made use of R&R quotas to Okinawa, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Hawaii, Taipei, Hong King, Tokyo, Singapore, Australia, Penang, and Manila. Twelve enlisted replacements were joined into this company during March. One officer and two enlisted extended their overseas tours during the month of March.

2. Combat Operations and Training. March 2, 1968, elements of Headquarters Company returned from Operation HUE CITY. For the remainder of the month, the company performed maintenance, care and cleaning of used equipment. During the latter portion of the month, Headquarters Company moved to Ca Lu, RVN, to participate in operations against North Vietnamese forces, as well as maintaining a rear CP.

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3. Logistics

a. Supply. During the month of March, this organization submitted 618 requisitions of which 268 were a priority 02, 23 were a priority 05, 280 were a priority 12, and 47 a priority 17. Quantities of material on hand were sufficient to satisfy 43 percent of the recurring demands received. Shortages are on valid priority requisitions.

b. Motor Transport

(1) Motor vehicles suffered no accidents, damage or pilferage during the month of March.

(2) Motor vehicles traveled a total of 4,753 miles during March.

(3) Seven vehicles were deadlined for a total of 174 days due to lack of parts.

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-T- FIRST FAG
-T- THIRD CAG

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OPERATION ORDER 307-68

A. MAP: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, AMS L7014 SHEETS 644211, 6452111, 64411, 65411V, 65411, 6441 11, 6541111, 654111.

B. ANNEX A TO OP ORDER 307-68 (OPERATIONS OVERLAY) (PASEP)

C. ANNEX B TO ~~OP~~ OP ORDER 307-68 (FIRE SUPPORT PLAN) (PASEP)

1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY. INSUMS AND PERINIREPS.

B. FRIENDLY.

(1) 1ST MAW PROVIDES FIXED/ROTIARY WING AIR SUPPORT ON REQUEST.

(2) 1ST ARVN DIVISION CONDUCTS OPERATIONS WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO 1ST MARINES AREA OF OPERATIONS.

(3) TASK FORCE XRAY CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WITHIN ASSIGNED AREA OF OPERATIONS.

(4) 101ST ABN DIV (FWD) CONDUCTS OPERATIONS TO WEST OF 1ST MARINES AREA OF OPERATIONS AND IN VICINITY HUE CITY.

(5) 5TH MARINES CONDUCTS OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS EAST OF 1ST MARINES AREA OF OPERATIONS IN PHU LUC AREA.

(6) THUA THIEN PROVINCE PARA MILITARY FORCES CONDUCT LIMITED OPERATIONS WITHIN AND INAREAS ADJACENT TO 1ST MARINES AREA OF OPERATIONS.

(7) 1ST FAG. GENERAL SUPPORT.

(8) 1ST BN 11TH MARINES. DIRECT SUPPORT.

(9) 1ST FORCE RECON CO. GENERAL SUPPORT.

2. MISSION. FIRST MARINES CONDUCTS OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS WITHIN ASSIGNED AREA OF OPERATIONS, PROVIDES SECURITY FOR VICTIM BRIDGES ON NAT'L ROUTE ONE WITHIN AREA OF OPERATIONS, PROVIDES SECURITY FOR OPS ON HILLS 180 AND 230, PARTICIPATES IN DEFENSE OF COMBAT BASE. AND PROVIDES ONE COMPANY AS REACTION FORCE FOR BALD EAGLE AND SPARROW HAWK.

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3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. FIRST MARINES WITH TWO BATTALIONS OCCUPIES BASE CAMPS WITHIN PHU BAI COMBAT BASE, AND CONDUCTS OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS WITHIN AREA OF OPERATIONS WITH ONE BATTALION CONDUCTING OPERATIONS NORTH OF NAT'L ROUTE ONE AND PROVIDING ONE COMPANY AS REACTION FORCE AND ADDITIONAL FORCES TO PARTICIPATE IN PHU BAI COMBAT BASE DEFENSE. ONE BATTALION CONDUCTS OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS ALONG NAT'L ROUTE ONE AND SOUTH OF NAT'L ROUTE ONE AND PROVIDES SECURITY TO VITAL BRIDGES ON NAT'L ROUTE ONE WITHIN AREA OF OPERATIONS AND OPS ON HILLS 180 AND 230.

B. 1ST BN 1ST MARINES

- (1) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR BRIDGES ON NAT'L ROUTE ONE AT YD 913118, YD 927103, AND YD 949069.
- (2) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR OPS ON HILLS 180 AND 230.
- (3) ON ORDER, CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROL ACTIVITY FORWARD OF PHU BAI COMBAT BASE WITHIN ASSIGNED SECTOR (ANNEX A, OPERATIONS OVERLAY).
- (4) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION ON OR ABOUT 15 MAR 1968.

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C. 2D BN 3D MARINES
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- (1) ON CHOP TO FIRST MARINES, ASSUME OPCON CO E, 2D BN 3D MARINES.
 - (2) ESTABLISH BASE CAMP VICINITY GRID SQUARE YD 8815.
 - (3) PROVIDE ONE PLATOON (REIN) SIZE UNIT (65) TO PHU BAI COMBAT BASE PERIMETER SECURITY FOR SECTOR "C".
 - (4) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY (REIN) AS REACTION FORCE FOR "SPARROW HAWK" AND/OR "BALD EAGLE" MISSIONS.
 - (5) ON ORDER, CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROL ACTIVITY FORWARD OF PHU BAI COMBAT BASE WITHIN ASSIGNED SECTOR (ANNEX A OPERATIONS OVERLAY).
 - (6) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ON OR ABOUT 15 MAR 1968.
- D. CO E, 2D BN 3D MARINES. ON CHOP OF 2D BN 3D MARINES (-) TO 1ST MARINES CHOP TO PARENT BATTALION.
- E. COORD INSTRUCTIONS.
- (1) THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE ON ARRIVAL BN CMD GROUPS AT PHU BAI COMBAT BASE ON OR ABOUT 10 MAR 1968.
 - (2) AREA OF OPERATIONS. ANNEX A, OPERATIONS OVERLAY.
 - (3) SITREPS 14W 017 0 3400-1A

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- (4) SPOT REPORTS ASAP
- (5) FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION
- (A) CLOSE COORDINATION REQUIRE W/3D CAG UNITS VICINITY NAT'L ROUTE ONE, ARVN/GVN UNITS THROUGHOUT AREA OF OPERATIONS.
- (B) ANNEX (B) • FIRE SUPPORT OVERLAP
- (6) AIR SUPPORT
- (A) PRIORITY REQUESTS TO THIS HQ BY 1500 DAY PRIOR TO DATE REQUESTED.
- (B) ROUTINE REQUESTS TO THIS HQ BY 0800 DAY PRIOR TO DATE REQUESTED.
- (C) EMERGENCY OR CAS WHEN REQUIRED.
- 4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS
- A. SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS TO THIS HQ (ATTN S-4)
- B. MAINTAIN BASIC ALLOWANCE AMMUNITION AND TWO DAYS MCI ON HAND.
- C. REACTION COMPANY DEPLOYS W/BASIC ALLOWANCE AND 2 DAYS MCI.
- D. MAINTAIN 5 DAY SUPPLY SALT TABLETS AND HALAZONE ON HAND.
- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS:
- A. COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS
- (1) MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITH THIS HQ

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- ON REGT TAC NO ONE, (P) 66.75 MC, M220, (S) 55.7 MC M-233 AND REGT TAC NO TWO (ADMIN), (P) 55.75 MC M-247.
- (2) BE PREPARED AT ALL TIMES TO COMMUNICATE WITH KY-8 SECURE SPEECH RADIO ON REGT TAC NO TWO.
 - (3) TRAFFIC OVER REGT TAC NO ONE RESTRICTED TO OPERATION TRAFFIC ONLY, SPOT RPTS, SITREPS, ADMIN AND LOGISTICS MESSAGES TO BE TRANSMITTED VIA REGT TAC NO TWO.
 - B. COMMAND
 - (1) 1ST MARINES CP YD 887153
 - (2) REPORT CP LOCATIONS.
 - CP-4.
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-T- MAG THREE SIX
-T- FLSG ACPA
-T- FIRST FAG
-T- FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
-T- FIRST FORCE RECON CO
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TO ZEN/1 FIRST BN FIRST MARINES
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CO (A) (-) FIRST ENGR BN
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A. MAP: VIET NAM 1:50,000, 4 SHEETS 0442 111, 0452 111,
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B. TOG TASK FORCE X-RAY 081042Z MAR 68
C. ANNEX A TO OP ORD 308-68 (PASEP)
D. ANNEX B (OPERATION OVERLAY) TO OP ORD 308-68 (PASEP)
E. REGT 0 040001A (COI)
1. SITUATION:
A. ENEMY FORCES: REFERENCE C
B. FRIENDLY FORCES:
(1) TASK FORCE X-RAY CONDUCTS OPERATIONS AGAINST NVN/VC FORCES
WITHIN ASSIGNED AREA OF OPERATIONS
(2) 5TH MARINES CONDUCTS OPERATION HOUSTON WITHIN ASSIGNED
AREA OF OPERATION
(3) ARVN RANGER TASK FORCE CONDUCTS TWO BATTALION SEARCH AND DESTROY
OPERATION IN PHU VANG AND PHU CHU DISTRICTS IN TAY NINH
IN COORDINATION WITH OPERATION WITH ARVN MARINES
(4) THIRD THUPH PROVINCE
(5) 1ST BATTALION 1ST REGIMENT AREA OF OPERATIONS
(6) 1ST BATTALION 1ST REGIMENT AREA OF OPERATIONS
(7) 1ST BATTALION 1ST REGIMENT AREA OF OPERATIONS

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SUBSECTOR HEADQUARTERS (YD 898168)...

(B) PROVIDES ONE PF PLATOON FROM PHU TU IN DIRECT SUPPORT FOR USE BY 1ST MARINES AS GUIDES...

(C) PROVIDES ONE PFF COMPANY IN GENERAL SUPPORT TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND SCREENING OPERATIONS TO REAR OF 1ST MARINES MANEUVER UNITS...

(5) 1ST MAW PROVIDES FIXED WING/HELICOPTER SUPPORT AS REQUESTED.

(6") 1ST MAG: GENERAL SUPPORT...

(7) 1ST BN 1TH MARINES...

(A) DIRECT SUPPORT...

(B) ATTACHES, ON ORDER; ONE PLATOON (TRY W/ 642 MORATRS)

(8) CTU 70.6.9 (NGF): GENERAL SUPPORT...

(9) 1ST FORCE RECON CO: GENERAL SUPPORT...

2. MISSION: 1ST MARINES CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WITHIN ASSIGNED AREA OF OPERATIONS TO LOCATE AND DESTROY VC/NVA FORCES; LOGISTICS INSTALLATIONS; AND WEAPONS AND SUPPLY CACHES AND TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO INHABITANTS; PROVIDES SECURITY TO VITAL BRIDGES ON NAT'L ROUTE ONE WITHIN AREA OF OPERATIONS; PARTICIPATES IN DEFENSE OF PHU BAI COMBAT BASE; PROVIDES SECURITY TO VITAL OPS COMMUNICATIONS REAR POSITIONS; AND MAINTAINS REACTION FORCE FOR DEPLOYMENT AS REQUIRED.

3. EXECUTION...

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: ON D-DAY AT L-HOUR, 1ST MARINES COMMENCES A THREE-PHASE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WITHIN ASSIGNED AREA OF OPERATIONS WITH TWO BATTALIONS (-) (REIN) TO LOCATE AND DESTROY VC/NVA FORCES; LOGISTICS INSTALLATIONS; WEAPONS AND

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SUPPLY CACHES. PHASE 1 IS TO BE CONDUCTED IN PHU VANG DISTRICT OF THUA THIEN PROVINCE WITH ONE BATTALION CONDUCTING HELIBORNE ASSAULT INTO LZ AT NORTHWESTERN END OF AREA OF OPERATIONS

SEIZES LZ; EFFECTS LINK-UP WITH ARMORED VEHICLE CONVOY MOVING OVERLAND FROM NAT'L ROUTE ONE; AND CONTINUES ATTACK TO

SOUTHEAST TO CLOSE WITH BLOCKING FORCE ESTABLISHED BY A

SECOND BATTALION CONDUCTING HELIBORNE ASSAULT INTO LZ IN SOUTH-EAST OF AREA OF OPERATIONS; ON CLOSING WITH BLOCKING FORCE

ONE BATTALION CONTINUES ATTACK TO SOUTHEAST LOA; ONE BATTALION

ASSUMES MISSION AS REGT RESERVE. ON REACHING LOA ON OR ABOUT D PLUS 6; TWO BATTALIONS EXECUTE HELIBORNE ASSAULT FOR

PHU BAI COMBAT BASE AND ARMORED CONVOY PROCEEDS OVERLAND TO RETURN TO PHU BAI COMBAT BASE DURING ATTACK BY INITIAL BATTALION.

ONE COMPANY POLICE FIELD FORCES THUA THIEN PROVINCE; FOLLOWS

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IN TRACE AND CONDUCTS SCREENING/SEARCH OPERATIONS. PHASE II IS TO BE CONDUCTED FROM NAT'L ROUTE ONE SOUTH TO PHU LOC DISTRICT BOUNDARY BETWEEN SONG NONG AND SONG TRUOT WITH TWO BATTALIONS (-) (REIN) ATTACKING AT H-HOUR ACROSS LOA (NAT'L ROUTE ONE) AND CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WITHIN ASSIGNED SECTOR OF AREA OF OPERATIONS TO SEIZE... OBJECTIVES ONE THROUGH TEN. ON SEIZURE OF FINAL OBJECTIVES, ON OR ABOUT D PLUS 11, PHASE II TERMINATES. PHASE III IS TO BE CONDUCTED IN AREA FROM PHU LOC BOUNDARY NORTH... TO PHU BAI COMBAT BASE BETWEEN SONG NONG AND NS GL YD 05 WITH TWO BATTALIONS (-) (REIN) EXECUTING HELIBORNE ASSAULT INTO SOUTHERN PORTION OF AREA OF OPERATIONS. SEIZE LZ AND CONTINUE ATTACK TO NORTH TO SEIZE OBJECTIVES 12 THROUGH 19 AND CLOSE PHU BAI COMBAT BASE. PHASE III TERMINATES ON OR ABOUT D PLUS FIFTEEN.

H+120 ON 300 MARINES

- (1) CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE PLAT (REIN) FOR SECURITY FOR SECTOR "C" PHU BAI COMBAT BASE.
- (2) AT 131200H: ASSUME OPCON PLATO (-) BTRY W; 1ST BN 11TH MARINES; DET CO 1ST SP BN; DET CO A; 1ST ENGR BN.

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- (3) AT L-HOUR ON D-DAY CONDUCT HELIBORNE ASSAULT INTO LZ PENGUIN; SEIZE LZ AND CONTINUE ATTACK TO SOUTH EAST THROUGH PHASE LINES BILL AND BOB TO PHASE LINE AL.
 - (4) IN VICINITY PHASE LINE BILL, EFFECT LINK UP (ANNEX B OPERATION OVERLAY) WITH AND ASSUME OPCON OF AT CO (-) 1ST TK BN, PLAT (-), 130 AMTRAC BN, AND ONE PF PLATOON, PHU TU DISTRICT.
 - (5) ON ORDER CONTINUE ATTACK ACROSS PHASE LINE AL THROUGH PHASE LINE ED TO LOA.
 - (6) BE PREPARED AT LOA TO CONDUCT HELIBAT TO PHU BAI COMBAT BASE.
 - (7) BE PREPARED ON OR ABOUT D PLUS 8 TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS SOUTH OF NAT'L ROUTE ONE.
- C: 1ST BN 1ST MARINES.
- (1) CONTINUE PRESENT SECURITY MISSIONS ON NAT'L TROUE ON AND OPNS ON HILLS 100 AND 200.
 - (2) PROVIDE ONE COMPANY (REIN) TO REMAIN PHU BAI COMBAT BASE AS REACTION FORCE/REGIMENTAL RESERVE TO CHOP TO 1ST MARINES 140700H.
 - (3) ASSUME OPCON DET CO A; 1ST SP BN; DET CO A; 1ST ENGR BN 131200H.

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(4) AT OR PLUS 90 MINUTES ON U-DAY CONDUCT HELIBORNE
ASSAULT INTO LZ KIWI, AND SEIZE LZ (YD 95147).
(5) CONTINUE ATTACK TO NORTH WEST TO ESTABLISH BLOCKING
POSITION IN AREA VICINITY YD 942160 TO YD 968136 TO SUPPORT
SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION BY 20 BN 3RD MARINES.
(6) BE PREPARED TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL BLOCKING POSITIONS TO
EXPLOIT INTELLIGENCE AS DIRECTED.
(7) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME MISSION OF MANEUVER BN AT PHASE LINE AL.
(8) BE PREPARED ON U PLUS 8 TO CONDUCT HELILIFT FROM LZ KIWI
OR OTHER LZ AS DIRECTED TO PHU BAI COMBAT BASE.
(9) BE PREPARED ON OR ABOUT U PLUS 8 TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND
DESTROY OPERATIONS SOUTH OF NATIONAL ROUTE ONE.
D. CO A (-) 1ST TANK BN
(1) DIRECT SUPPORT
(2) MAINTAIN POSITIONS VICINITY GIA LE PREPARED TO DISPLACE
ON ORDER.
E. CO (-) 1ST TANK BN
(1) DIRECT SUPPORT 20 BN 3RD MARINES ON ORDER.
(2) ORGANIZE ARMORED CONVOY AT GIA LE CONSISTING OF AT CO (-),
PLAT (-) 30 AMTRAC BN, AND PLAT 20 BN 3RD MARINES FOR

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MOVEMENT TO AREA OF OPERATIONS. CONVOY TO BE PREPARED TO
DISPLACE NLT 140700H.
(3) ON ORDER DISPLACE IN ARMORED CONVOY FROM GIA LE TO FERRY
CROSSING (YD 879182), EXECUTE CROSSING AND PROCEED TO
EFFECT LINK UP WITH 20 BN 3RD MARINES.
F. PLAT (-) 30 AMTRAC BN
(1) DIRECT SUPPORT 20 BN 30 MARINES; ON ORDER.
(2) ON ORDER DISPLACE IN ARMORED CONVOY FROM GIA LE TO FERRY
CROSSING (YD 879182), EXECUTE REVER CROSSING AND PROCEED
IN CONVOY TO EFFECT LINK UP WITH 20 BN 30 MARINES.
G. CO A (-) 1ST ENGR BN
(1) DIRECT SUPPORT
(2) PROVIDE HST TO EACH INFANTRY BN EFFECTIVE 1300H
1. REFINMENTAL RESERVE
(1) ASSUME MISSION REGT RESERVE 140700H.
(2) ASSUME MISSION REACTION FORCE FOR BALU BAGLE, PHU BAI
PER WATER DEFENSE, OR OTHER MISSION AS DIRECTED.

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J. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) OPERATION CODE NAME: FORU
- (2) DURATION OF OPERATION: APPROX 15 DAYS
- (3) U-DAY: 14 MAR
- (4) L-HOUR: 140700 H
- (5) FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION:
 - (A) PREPLANNED ARTY/NAVEL GUNFIRE PLANS TO 1ST MARINES FSCC THREE HOURS PRIOR TO TIME OF EXECUTION
 - (B) INFANTRY BNS ARE AUTHORIZED DIRECT LIAISON FOR CLEARANCE AND COORDINATION OF SUPPORTING FIRES
 - (C) REQUEST FOR CLEARANCE AND COORDINATION WITH ADJACENT UNITS AND THUA THIEN SECTOR WILL BE SUBMITTED TO 1ST MARINES FSCC
 - (D) SFCP CONSISTING OF ONE LIAISON TEAM AND ONE SPOT TEAM IN DIRECT SUPPORT EACH BATTALION
 - (E) FIRE COORDINATION LINE (ANNEX B) OPERATION OVERLAY
 - (6) AIR SUPPORT:
 - (A) FIXED WING, TACAS AND HELO GUNSHIPS ON STATION L-HOUR TO COMPLETION HELO LIFT ON U-DAY; AD ON STATION U-DAY TO U PLUS 14

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- (B) C AND C HELO AVAILABLE U-DAY ON REQUEST U PLUS 1 TO COMPLETION
- (C) SUBMITTED AIR REQUEST THROUGH 1ST MARINES AIR LIAISON OFFICER, ROUTINE REQUEST BY 1500H U-DAY PRIOR; PRIORITY REQUESTS BY 1500H U-DAY PRIOR; EMERGENCY REQUESTS AS REQUIRED
- (7) SIX HOUR SITREPS COMMENCING 141200H
- (8) SPOT REPORTS ASAP
4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS:
 - (1) ALL UNITS WILL EMBARK WITH:
 - (A) BASIC LOAD OF AMMO
 - (2) 2 DAYS MCI
 - (3) 5 DAYS HALIZONE AND SALT TABLETS
 - (B) RESUPPLY AND REPLACEMENT ITEMS WILL BE COORDINATED THROUGH THE REGIMENTAL S-4 CLASS I, III, AND V ARE AVAILABLE FROM "A" FOR STAGING AT ASP #1 (YD 802140) AND UNIT DISTR HELICOPTERS CLASS II AND IV ARE UNITS RESPONSIBILITY TO BE STAGED FOR HELO LIFT AT THE BAIL FIELD LZ (YD 879150) C-INST'S WILL COORDINATE AND HELO LIFT OF ALL CASSES OF SUPPLIES
 - (C) EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION EVACUATIONS OF CASUALTIES WILL BE BY HELICOPTER TO THE PHU BAI MEDICAL FACILITIES

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E. CAPTURED MATERIAL WILL BE EVACUATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FROM THE
AO AFTER INITIAL SCREENING.

S. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS

A. COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS

(1) LAW REF D, EXCEPT AS AMPLIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) TFX LZ COMMON: M-637; 49.2 MC TO BE USED FOR HELO
LIFT AND SUPPORT OPERATIONS IN NAMED LZ'S. UTILIZED
REGT TACP LOCAL: M-550; 42.0 MC FOR ALL OTHER AIR SUPPORT

(B) BN C/M GRU OPERATING LVTP5 OR LVTC INSTALL KY-8

SECURE SPEECH CAPABILITY AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

(C) EFFECTIVE EDITIONS KAC-PX AND KAC-17 TO BE UTILIZED
WHEN SECURE SPEECH CAPABILITY NOT AVAILABLE.

B. COMMAND

(1) 1ST MARINES CP: YD 877133.

(2) ARVN RANGER TASK FORCE CP: YD 877133.

(3) REPORT CP LOCATIONS.

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ANNEX C; OPERATION ORDER 308-68 (PSY OPS)
A. MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS L7014 SHEETS 6442 II, 6452
III, 6441 I, 6541 IV, 6541 I, 6441 III, 6541 III, 6541 II.

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B. OPERATION ORDER 308-68
1. SITUATION.

A. ENEMY FORCES

- (1) MILITARY, ANNEX A TO OP ORDER 308-68.
- (2) CIVILIAN, POPULACE PREDOMINATELY INDIFFERENT TO BOTH ENEMY AND GVN, SUSCEPTABLE TO PROPAGANDA OFFERING PERSONAL BENEFITS, REWARDS, SECURITY, ETC.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

- (1) HB TEAM 7TH PSY WAR BN, USA, DIRECT SUPPORT.
- (2) TWO ARMED PROPAGANDA TEAMS, THUA THIEN PROVINCE ARMED PROPAGANDA UNIT, DIRECT SUPPORT.
- (3) 9TH ACS, III MAF, GENERAL SUPPORT.
- (4) 7TH PSY WAR BN GENERAL SUPPORT.

2. MISSION: CONDUCT PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION FORU TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES.

- A. LOWER THE MORALE AND CAUSE THE DEFENSE FORCES AND INFRASTRUCTURE THROUGH THE CHANGING OF ATTITUDE.
- B. ENCOURAGE CIVILIANS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON ENEMY MOVEMENT, HIDDEN WEAPONS, MINE AND BOOBY TRAP LOCATIONS AND CAPTURED FRIENDLY FORCES THROUGH USE OF REWARDS PROGRAM.

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C. INDUCE CIVILIAN SUPPORT OF THE GVN AND INFLUENCE A FAVORABLE REACTION TO THE PRESENCE OF ALLIED FORCES IN THE AREA OF OPERATION.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS INCLUDE DISSEMINATION OF LEAFLETS BY AIR, AERIAL AND GROUND BROADCAST AND FACE TO FACE COMMUNICATION BY APT'S IN CONTINUATION OF THEMES DIRECTED TOWARDS THE ENEMY (ALLIED SUPERIORITY, ENEMY LOSSES, CHIEU HOI, AND RALLY INSTRUCTIONS) AND TOWARDS CIVILIANS (ENEMY CRUELTY DURING TET, GVN HELPS VICTIMS OF ENEMY, SVN UNITY, AND REWARDS) TO ACCOMPLISH PSYCHOLOGICAL OBJECTIVES IN THREE PHASES:

(1) PHASE I (PRE D DAY) ROUTINE AERIAL BROADCASTS AND LEAFLET DROPS TO CONTINUE A LEISURE BACK GROUND INDOCTRINATION.

(2) PHASE II (D DAY TO OPN END) CONTINUE PHASE I PSY OPS WITH CHANGE IN THEMES ACCORDING TO UP DATED INTELLIGENCE. EMPLOY TWO ARMED PROPAGANDA TEAMS AND ONE HB TEAM WITH FORWARD UNITS.

(3) PHASE III (POST OPN) STRONG APPEAL FOR SVN UNITY.

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MESSAGES FROM THIEU, AND LEAFLETS ENHANCING IMAGE OF ALLIED FORCES. CONTINUE ROUTINE FORWARD AND CHIEU HOI PSY OPS WHILE OPN SUCCESSES ARE VIVIDLY REPORTED BY LEAFLET AND AERIAL BROADCAST THE APPEALS OF RETURNED PW FROM THE OPERATION.

B. SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES

(1) ON ORDER, ASSUME OPCON ARMED PROPAGANDA TEAMS.

(2) ON ORDER, ASSUME OPCON HB TEAM.

(3) CONDUCT PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS TO EXPLOIT CHIEU HOI IN AREAS OF ENEMY RESISTANCE.

(4) CONDUCT PSY OPS UTILIZING REWARDS THEME WITH CIVILIAN POPULACE.

C. 1ST BN 1ST MARINES. BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON PSYOPS HB AND APT TEAMS TO EXPLOIT TACTICAL GAINS.

D. HB BROADCAST TEAM ON ORDER CHOP TO SECOND BN THIRD MARINES.

E. ARMED PROPAGANDA TEAMS THUA THIEN PROVINCE ARMED PROPAGANDA UNIT. ON ORDER CHOP TO SECOND BN THIRD MARINES.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL LEAFLET AND LOUSPEAKER

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(2) BE ALERT FOR SITUATIONS SUITABLE FOR IMMEDIATE PSYOPS
EXPLOITATION, (EG. ENEMY THREATS, ATROCITIES, CHIEU HOI, AND
INTELLIGENCE PROVIDED BY RANGERS, PW'S, AND LOCAL POPULACE.)
PRIORITY PRODUCTION OF TAPES AND LEAFLETS GIVEN TO REQUESTS.

(3) INSURE UNITS ARE INFORMED OF PSYOPS PROGRAMS
STRESSING CHIEU HOI AND OF FUNCTION OF ARMED PROPAGANDA TEAMS.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: REF B.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS: REF B.

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OPERATION ORDER 308-68, CHANGE ONE

OPERATION ORDER 308-68 (FIRST MARINES 120847Z MAR)

THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO REF A, ARE EFFECTIVE ON RECEIPT:

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A. UNDER PARA 1 B 4 (A) CHANGE LOCATION VINH HA TO YD.

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B. UNDER PARA 1 B 4 (C), DELETE ENTIRE SUB PARAGRAPH (PFF UNIT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION).

C. UNDER PARA 3A, DELETE LAST SENTENCE UNDER PHASE 1 DISCUSSION WHICH BEGINS "DURING ATTACK BY INITIAL BATTALION."

D. UNDER PARA 3 C (4) CHANGE TO READ "AT OR ABOUT 1 PLUS FOUR HOURS ON D-DAY CONDUCT HELIBORNE ASSAULT INTO LZ KIW1 AND SEIZE LZ (YD 977133)."

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FRAG ORDER 47-68 TO ACCOMPANY OP ORDER 308-68 (OPN FORUM)
A. MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000, AMS L7014 SHEETS 644211, 6452 111,
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1. SITUATION: REF B.
2. MISSION: FIRST MARINES CONDUCTS SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS
TO LOCATE AND DESTROY VC/PAVN FORCES, LOGISTICS INSTALLATIONS,
AND WEAPONS CACHES AND TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO INHABITANTS,
PROVIDES SECURITY TO VITAL BRIDGES ON NAT'L ROUTE ONE WITHIN
AREA OF OPERATIONS, PARTICIPATES IN DEFENSE OF PHU BAI COMBAT
BASE, PROVIDES SECURITY TO VITAL COMMUNICATIONS RELAY POSITIONS,
AND MAINTAINS REACTION FORCE FOR EMPLOYMENT AS REQUIRED.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: ON D-DAY, FIRST MARINES PREPARES TO
TO EXECUTE OVERLAND ENTRY INTO AREA OF OPERATIONS ESTABLISHED
IN OP ORD 308-68 IN LIEU OF HELICOPTER ASSAULT IN EVENT HELO
SUPPORT NOT AVAILABLE AT H-HOUR. ONE BATTALION CONDUCTS
MOTOR VEHICLE/ARMORED CONVOY FROM PHU BAI COMBAT BASE NORTH
ON NAT'L ROUTE ONE TO VICINITY HUONG THRY, PROCEEDS ON
SECONDARY ROAD TO FERRY SITE VICINITY TO 89718, FERRY
RIVER CROSSING. ESTABLISHES BRIDGE HEAD AND COMBINES
ON ORDER 1AW OP ORD 308-68. ONE BATTALION, PRIOR H-HOUR
ESTABLISHES SECURITY AND CONDUCTS MINE SWEEP OF MOTOR VEHICLE
CONVOY ROUTE FROM PHU BAI COMBAT BASE TO FERRY SITE.

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ON ARRIVAL CONVOY AT FERRY SITE, BATTALION ASSUMES MISSION
REGIMENTAL RESERVE.

B. 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES

(1) BE PREPARED TO ESTABLISH SECURITY AND CONDUCT MINE SWEEP
ALONG NAT'L ROUTE ONE AND SECONDARY ROAD AT YD 848171 TO
FERRY SITE AT YD 897183 COMMENCING H-2 HOURS

(2) ON ARRIVAL 2D BN, 3D MARINES AT FERRY SITE, BE PREPARED
TO SUPPORT RIVER CROSSING AS REQUIRED.

(3) ON ORDER, ASSUME MISSION AS REGIMENTAL RESERVE.

C. 2D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) BE PREPARED AT H-HOUR TO CONDUCT MOTOR VEHICLE CONVOY
FROM PHU BAI COMBAT BASE TO EFFECT LINK UP WITH AT CO

(-) 1ST TANK BN AND PLAT (-) 3D AMTRAC COAT YD 863157.

(2) ON COMPLETION LINK UP, ASSUME OPCON AT CO (-), 1ST TK
BN AND PLAT (-) 3D AMTRAC CO.

(3) PROCEED FROM LINK UP POINT NORTH ON NAT'L ROUTE ONE TO
HUONG THY, ON SECONDARY ROAD AT YD 848171 TO FERRY SITE
AT YD 897183.

(4) EXECUTE RIVER CROSSING AND ESTABLISH BRIDGE HEAD NORTH
OF SONG GAI GIANG.

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(5) ON ORDER, CONTINUE ATTACK UP URU 308-68.

D. AT CO (-), 1ST TANK BN

(1) BE PREPARED TO DISPLACE IN ARMED CONVOY TO YD 863157
AND EFFECT LINK UP WITH 2D BN, 3D MARINES.

E. PLAT (-) 3D AMTRAC BN

(1) BE PREPARED TO DISPLACE IN ARMED CONVOY TO YD 863157
AND EFFECT LINK UP WITH 2D BN, 3D MARINES.

(2) ON COMPLETION LINK UP STOP TO 2D BN, 3D MARINES.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) D-DAY: 14 MAR 68

(2) H-HOUR: 9800H.

(3) CONVOY CHECK POINTS:

ALPHA YD 875148

BRAVO YD 863157

CHARLIE YD 848171

DELTA YD 875176

ECHO YD 896183

(4) REPORT PASSING OF CHECK POINTS.

(5) ALL INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF B, NOT EFFECTED BY THIS
FRAG ORDER REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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(b) 1st Air Cav Div Op Plan 01-68
(c) Administrative Order 309-68

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence).
- (2) Current Intsuns.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 1st Air Cav Division attacks on D-Day to clear and open Route 9 from CA LU West to KOB BLANH Combat Base, links up with KOB BLANH Combat Base and destroys enemy forces within Area of Operations.
- (2) 3d Brigade, 1st ACD attacks on D-Day by air assault vicinity XU CHAI and conducts offensive operations adjacent and to the West of 1st Marines Area of Operations.
- (3) 2d Brigade, 1st ACD attacks on D plus 3 by air assault vicinity XU CHAI to conduct offensive operations within assigned Area of Operations.
- (4) 20th Marines attack on order to South and West within assigned Area of Operations.
- (5) 1st ACD Arty. General Support.
- (6) 7th USAF provides fixed and rotary wing air support as requested.

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- (7) 1st MAW provides fixed and rotary wing air support as requested.
- (8) 11th Engr Bn, conducts engineer up-grade operations along Nat'l Route 9 from CA LU to KUT SAMU.

c. Attachments and Detachments

- (1) 1st Bn, 11th Marines (-) (Rein), remains attached.
- (2) Co A (-), 1st SF Bn, remains attached.
- (3) Co A (-), 1st Engr Bn, remains attached.
- (4) Co A (-), 1st MT Bn, attached on arrival PHU BAI Combat Base, NIT 271800H.

2. MISSION

1st Marines (-) (Rein) displaces to and establishes CP in CA LU Base Camp not later than D-1, chops 1st ACD on D-1, provides security for LZ STUD (CA LU Airfield) and 1st ACD radio relay site, attacks, on D-Day to West of CA LU within assigned Area of Operation to locate and destroy enemy forces and open Nat'l Route 9 and provides security for engineer up-grade efforts on Route 9.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations. 1st Marines (-) (Rein) with three battalions enters assigned Area of Operation not later than D-1, secures LZ STUD, secures 1st ACD radio relay site, attacks to West from CA LU with two battalions to seize critical terrain dominating Nat'l Route 9, uncovers Route 9 and provides security to engineer up-grade efforts on Route 9 and continues attack to West out of Area of Operation on order.

b. 1st Bn, 1st Marines

- (1) On arrival in Area of Operation, establish CP vicinity LZ STUD.
- (2) On arrival Area of Operation of Combat Support and Combat Service Support Units assume OpCon EST, 1st SF Bn.

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Effect relief of 2d Bn, 1st Marines of responsibility for CL LU Vital area at time mutually agreeable but NMF darkness on D-1.

- (4) Provide security to LZ STUD/CL LU Combat Base through aggressive day and night patrolling and search and destroy operations within assigned Area of Operation.
- (5) Assume responsibility for security of 1st ACD radio relay site at XD 978480 NMF darkness D-1.
- (6) Be prepared to assume mission as Regimental Reserve to reinforce 2d Bn, 3d Marines and 2d Bn, 1st Marines or assume mission of either as directed.

c. 2d Bn, 1st Marines

- (1) On arrival combat support and combat service support units in Area of Operation assume OpCon 1 plat (-), 1st Engr Bn and HEP, 1st SP Bn.
- (2) On arrival of 1st Bn, 1st Marines in Area of Operations execute relief by that battalion of security responsibility for CL LU Vital Area NMF darkness on D-1.
- (3) NMF Darkness D-1 effect relief of responsibility for 1st ACD radio relay site by 1st Bn, 1st Marines.
- (4) At H-Hour on D-Day commence attack to West to seize Regimental Objectives 1, 2 and 3.
- (5) On order continue attack to seize Regimental Objectives 10, 11 and 12.
- (6) Be prepared, should enemy situation require, to seize Regimental Objectives 15 and 16.
- (7) Be prepared to conduct clearing operations on Route 9 within 10.
- (8) Be prepared to provide security for engineer up-grade efforts on Route 9 within 10.

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d. 1st Bn, 3d Marines

- (1) On arrival Combat support and Combat service support units in Area of Operations assume OpCon 1 Plat (-), 1st Engr Bn and EST, 1st SP Bn.
- (2) On arrival in Area of Operations and NITE darkness on D-1 execute River crossing vicinity YD 000450 and establish CP South of River.
- (3) At H-Hour on D-Day commence attack to West within assigned Area of Operation to seize regimental objectives 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.
- (4) On order continue attack to seize Regimental Objectives 9, 13 and 14.
- (5) Be prepared to provide flank security to support 2d Bn, 1st Marines clearing operations on Nat'l Route 9.
- (6) Be prepared to continue attack to West out of presently assigned Area of Operation.

e. 1st Bn, 11th Marines

- (1) Direct Support.
- (2) On arrival in Area of Operation establish Arty firing positions capable of providing fire support throughout assigned area.
- (3) Be prepared to displace to provide continuous fire support for maneuvering units.
- (4) On D-1, assume responsibility of close-in security IE SNUD utilizing all tenant units located within complex.

f. Co A (-) (Rein), 1st Engr Bn

- (1) Direct support.
- (2) On arrival Area of Operation chop 1 Plat (-) to 2d Bn, 1st Marines and 2d Bn, 3d Marines.

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g. Co A (-), 1st SF Bn

- (1) Direct support.
- (2) On arrival Area of Operation, chop MDT to each Infantry Battalion.
- (3) Provide sufficient forces to augment 1st ACD FSI (LML) for purpose processing and handling 1st Marines supplies.

h. Co A (-), 1st ME Bn

- (1) Direct support.
- (2) Execute motor march from FSV PAI Combat Base to CA LU as directed 1st Marines Admin Order 509-68.
- (3) On arrival Area of Operation establish C' vicinity LZ SFUD.

i. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) D-Day. 1 April 68
- (2) A-Roar. 0700H
- (3) Supporting arms. (Annex D Fire Support Coordination).
- (4) PsyOps. (Annex E PsyOps).
- (5) No liaison with ARVN Task Force without approval this Headquarters.
- (6) 24 hour sitreps commencing H-7.
- (7) Spot Reports. MAP.
- (8) Maneuver Bns attack independently, be prepared to support adjacent Bns by fire as directed.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Reference C.

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5. COMBAT AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

a. Annex F (Communication-Electronics).

b. Command Posts

(1) 1st ACD vicinity YD 008482.

(2) 1st Marines establishes CP vicinity CA LU Combat Base YD 008452 NIT D-1.

(3) Report CP locations.

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Annexes

- J.A. Task Organization
- J.B. Intelligence (Issued Separately)
- J.C. Operation Overlay
- J.D. Air Support
- J.E. Psychological Warfare Operations
- J.F. Communications
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Hq Co (-)

1st Bn, 1st Marines

LtCol GRAVEL

2d Bn, 1st Marines

LtCol DUNCAN

2d Bn, 3d Marines

LtCol DIVIS

1st Bn, 11th Marines (-) (Rein)

LtCol HUGHES ✓

Co A (-), 1st SP Bn ~~1st SP Bn~~

1st Lt HARTMAN ✓

Co A (-), 1st MT Bn ~~1st MT Bn~~

Co A (-), 1st Engr Bn

Capt HARRIS ✓

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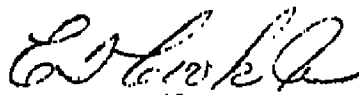
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1. Operation Overlay appended hereto.

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Annex D (Support) to Operation Order 309-68

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 1st Air Cav Division attacks on D-Day to link up with KHE SANH Combat Base, open Route 9 from CA IU to KHE SANH, and destroy enemy in zone.
- (2) 7th USAF and 1st MLW provides fixed and rotary wing air support as requested.
- (3) Artillery Support
 - (a) 175 gun batteries (16 tubes) at Camp Carroll and Rock Pile G3 PCV, Rien 1st Air Cav Div Arty.
 - (b) 1st Air Cav Div Arty.

2. MISSION

1st Bn (-) (Rein), 11th Marines and supporting fire elements support 1st Marines operations with artillery and air support.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. Annex C (Opn Overlay)

- (1) Maneuver. 1st Marines with 2d Bn, 1st Mar on north, 2d Bn, 3d Mar on south attacks to west to clear Route 9 from CA IU to KHE SANH Combat Base. 1st Bn, 1st Mar secures LZ LTUD and vital installations that vicinity.

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- (2) Fires. 1st Marines will employ supporting fires to maximum extent possible to destroy enemy in assigned AO.
- b. Air Support. Requests for air support (immediate and preplanned) will be submitted to this headquarters.
- c. Artillery Support
 - (1) FA
 - (a) General. Artillery will support the attack with conventional fires.
 - (b) Organization for Combat
 - 1st Bn (-) (Rein), 11th Marines
 - Btry "A", 1/11 (6-105 How)
 - Btry "B", 1/12 (6-105 How)
 - Mortar Btry, 1/11 (3-4.2" Mortars, 1-107mm Howtar)
 - Mortar Btry, 1/11 (4-155 How)
 - Direct Support 1st Marines
 - (2) ARA (Aerial Rocket Artillery)
 - (a) The ARA Bn, 1st Air Cav Div Arty will be available in general support. Although helicopter mounted, ARA is requested and controlled through artillery channels. Each ARA helo carries 2-24 rocket pods (2.75" rockets). They are normally employed in sections (2 ships).
 - (b) Employment
 1. Requests for ARA will be the normal artillery fire mission with the observer specifying ARA.
 2. Friendly positions in target area must be marked prior to firing by ARA. Smoke in daylight and illumination grenades or flashlights at night are preferred means of marking friendly positions.
 3. ARA will make on initial marking run firing HE or WP rockets. Observers will adjust using firing point - target line for orientation.

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c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Preplanned Artillery Fires

- (a) Night fire plans will be submitted to 1st Mar F300 NLT 1600H daily.
- (b) Night fire plans will include targets in following categories.
 - 1. Acquired Targets. Targets located by visual sightings, people sniffer, radio intercept (RJ), immediate photo read out or previous ground contact.
 - 2. Predicted Targets. Suspected enemy positions or installations located by terrain analysis, agent reports, or analysis of enemy methods of operation.
 - 3. Interdiction Targets. Targets fired primarily to deny enemy unrestricted use of terrain.

(2) Ground Clearance. Targets will be attacked by supporting arms only after positive ground clearance is obtained with the appropriate F300.

- (a) Bn F300's will coordinate directly with adjacent 1st Marines units for fires falling within 500 meters of common boundaries.
- (b) Bn F300's will coordinate with 1st Marines F300 for fires falling within 500 meters of adjacent regiments or brigades.
- (c) Supporting fires falling within 500 meters of a Fire Coordination Line (FCL) must be cleared with the adjacent unit F300.

(3) Aircraft Safety.

- (a) Bn F300's will coordinate supporting fires to insure safety of aircraft operating in support of their units.
- (b) 1st Marines F300 will coordinate supporting fires to ensure safety of aircraft transiting the 1st Marines AO.

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Sav-A-Plane information (point of origin, target coordinates, and maximum ordinate) will be broadcast on 1st Air Cav Div Air Warning Net (39.0) by 1st Marines FSCC.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Admin Order 309-66

b. ISR - subject to change.

- | | | |
|-----|-------|----|
| (1) | 155mm | 70 |
| (2) | 105mm | 90 |
| (3) | 4.2" | 90 |

5. COMMAND SIGNAL

a. Signal. See Annex F (Communications)

- (1) Each Bn FSCC will monitor 1/11 Cmd/FD for clearance and coordination.

Primary	65.05
Alternate	59.75

- (2) The following COF nets will be used for artillery support.

1/1	"A" COF	51.20
2/1	"B" 1/11 COF	53.60
2/3	"B" 1/12 COF	39.90

b. Command SOP

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Annex B (Psychological Operations) to Operation Order 309-68 (Operation PEGASUS)

Ref: None.

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence)
- (2) Current Intsums.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) HB Team 7th PsyWar Bn, USA. Direct support.
- (2) Armed Propaganda Teams, Quang Tri Armed Propaganda Unit. Direct support.
- (3) 9th AOS. General support.
- (4) 7th PsyWar Bn. General support.

2. MISSION

Conduct Psychological Warfare in support of Operation PEGASUS to accomplish the following objectives.

- a. Create dissatisfaction, defection, and reduction of combat effectiveness of NVA forces.
- b. Explain presence of US forces and benefits to be gained from GVN to Bru tribes of Montagnards and encourage reporting by them of NVA activities.

3. EXECUTION

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- a. Concept of Operation. Coordinated PsyOps campaign to include dissemination of leaflets by air, aerial and ground broadcasts and face to face communication by LPT's.
- b. Specific Target Audiences.
 - (1) 304 NVL Division
 - (2) 325C NVL Division
 - (3) Bru Tribe of Montagards
- c. Themes to Use.
 - (1) Chieu Hoi
 - (2) High NVL Casualties
 - (3) Superiority Allied Fire Power
 - (4) Never Returning Home to NV
 - (5) Proper Treatment of PW's
 - (6) Hopelessness of Resistance
 - (7) Reason for Presence of US Forces
 - (8) Inform Allied Forces of NVL Activities
- d. Themes to Avoid
 - (1) Chieu Hoi or Die
 - (2) Promises That Can Not be Met
 - (3) Enemy Activities That Would Tend to Support Enemy's purpose of these Activities.
 - (4) Untruths
 - (5) Degradation of NVL Soldiers
 - (6) Challenge to Battle
 - (7) Direct Counter to NVL Propaganda

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Coordinating Instructions

PsyOps aircraft missions, leaflet and poster production will be requested through PsyOps this Headquarters.

- (2) Be alert for situations suitable for immediate PsyOps exploitation. Requests for quick reaction leaflets and tapes to be submitted by fastest means available.
- (3) Exploit Hoi Chanh at every opportunity for PsyOps purposes. Ensure proper treatment of Hoi Chanh.
- (4) Do not exploit PW's for PsyOps purposes.
- (5) Make maximum use of armed propaganda teams to enhance face to face PsyOps effort. Teams available this Hq on request.
- (6) Make maximum use of IB Team for ground broadcasts. Teams available this Hq on request.
- (7) Ensure units are informed of PsyOps programs stressing Chieu Hoi and the importance of proper treatment of Chieu Hoi's.

4. ACTIVATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Missions for following day will be submitted NLT 1700H hours.
- b. Submit radio/telephone report daily NLT 1700H.

5. CONTROL AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS. Annex F.

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Annex F (Communication-Electronics) to Operation plan 309-68 (Operation Pegasus)

Ref: (a) 1st AirDiv SOI
(b) RegtO F02000.1A (COI)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) See Annex B (INTELLIGENCE)
- (2) The enemy has the capability to conduct all forms of Electronic Warfare, especially intercept or jamming of radio circuits.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Annex A (TASK ORGANIZATION)
- (2) Secure teletype into DCS is provided via circuits established with Task Force X-RAY and 1st Signal Div.

(3) Command Posts

(a) Locations.

1st Marines ID C08452
1st Battalion, 1st Marines To be announced
2nd Battalion, 1st Marines To be announced
3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines To be announced

(b) Movement. Report location of new CP installation when established.

(c) Location. Due to terrain restrictions within AO, CP SITE should be selected with special considerations for optimum communications with senior, supporting, and subordinate units.

2. MISSION. Communication-Electronics elements provide communication and electronics support for 1st Marines and attached and supporting units.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Communication Platoon, Headquarters Company.

- (1) Maintain and operate communications facilities to support the 1st Marine Command Post.

b. Detachment Radio-Relay and Construction Company, 7th Communication Battalion.

- (1) Maintain and operate radio relay circuits as designated.

c. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

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(1) Maintain and operate communications facilities necessary for command and control of operations assigned in AO and as directed.

(2) Be prepared to provide two AN/PRC-25 Radio Sets modified for operation with the AN/PGC-1 for the battalion end of the AN/PGC-1 link with regiment.

d. 1st Battalion, 1st Marines.

(1) Maintain and operate communications facilities necessary for command and control of operations in assigned AO and as directed.

(2) Be prepared to provide two AN/PRC-25 Radio Sets modified for operation with the AN/PGC-1 for the battalion end of the AN/PGC-1 link with regiment.

e. 2d Battalion, 3rd Marines.

(1) Maintain and operate communications facilities necessary for command and control of operations in assigned AO and as directed.

(2) Be prepared to provide two AN/PRC-25 Radio Sets modified for operation with the AN/PGC-1 for the battalion end of the AN/PGC-1 link with regiment.

f. 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.

(1) Maintain and operate communications facilities necessary to control all artillery fires in the regimental AO.

(2) Establish communications on artillery circuits of higher headquarters as necessary for overall coordination of artillery fires.

g. A Co (-), 1st Motor Transport Battalion.

(1) Maintain and operate communications facilities in support of motor transport operations.

h. A Co (-), 1st Engineer Battalion.

(1) Maintain and support communications facilities in support of engineer operations.

i. A Co (-), 1st Shore Party Battalion.

(1) Maintain and operate communications facilities in support of the Logistics Support Activity and Helicopter Support Teams.

j. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Messenger service. Helicopter messenger service is scheduled daily between the regimental CP and the regimental rear at Phu Bai. Service between regiment and battalions will be on an as required basis.

(2) Radio

(a) See Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) and reference (A).

(b) Maintain secure speech capability ready for immediate use.

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(3) Wire.

- (a) Wire will be utilized to the maximum extent possible consistent with the tactical situation.
- (b) Battalions are responsible for providing wirelines to the battalion terminal of the radio relay circuit with regiment.

(4) Radio Relay.

- (a) Radio relay links will be established to battalions at the earliest possible time.
- (b) Radio relay teams will be provided to battalions. The equipment will be either AN/PRC-1 or AN/TRC-27, depending on intervening terrain and the tactical situation.
- (c) See Appendix 2 for frequency assignments.

(5) Visual and Sound.

- (a) The visual and sound portion of reference (b) is effective for this Operation Plan.

(6) Communication Center.

- (a) Regiment will provide comm and crypto guard for all battalions and separate companies in the Ga Lu AO.
- (b) Cryptographic Instructions.
 - (1) KM-7 operation on circuits external to the First Marines shall employ the KAK-MP-2709 keylists (item 14-4(A) of Ref (a)).
 - (2) KM-7 operations on circuits within the First Marines shall employ the KAK-2641 keylists.

(7) Authentication, Numeral Codes, and Operation Codes.

- (a) Operation Codon. The current edition of KAC-PN () shall be employed as Operation Code.
- (b) Authentication and Numeral Codes. The current edition of KAC-QY () shall be employed for all authentication and numeral encryption.
- (8) KY-8 Secure Speech Operation. All KY-8 operation shall employ the KAK-MP-2873 (). (Item 17-4 of Ref (a)).

4. Administration and Logistics.

a. Admin Order 309-68.

- b. Radio Relay teams detached from the Regimental Headquarters will receive all classes of supply less Class II (non-consumable) from the supported organization.

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Appendices

- ✓(1) Radio Plan
- ✓(2) Radio Relay Frequency Assignments

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Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) to Annex 7 (Communications) to Operation Order 309-68
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1. Callsigns (Effective 0604H April 1st)

1st Marines	Lil Abner
1/1	Buckaroo
2/1	Scout
2/3	Andrew
1/11	Texaco
A Co, 1st SF Bn	Banana (11A)
A Co, 1st SF Bn	Lead Feet (11A)
A Co, 1st SF Bn	Icebound (11A)

2. Radio Nets and Frequency Assignments

1st Marine Regt		Freq	KZ	Designator
Regt Cmd.	(P)	2778	KZ	H 242
	(S)	11595	KZ	H 1104
Regt Tac #1	(P)	70.30		
	(S)	66.75		U 67
Regt Tac #2	(P)	2705		H 256
	(S)	55.70		Q 12
TACF Local		42.80		J 166
106 IN 1st Bn		55.15		P 104

1st Bn 1st Marines		Freq	KZ	Designator
Bn Tac #1		56.37	KZ	H 197
Bn Tac #2	(P)	60.00		V-2
	(S)	59.25		L-105
81 Mort Co		57.00		Q-40
Co A Tac		62.05		S-93
Co B Tac		46.05		L-135
Co C Tac		59.20		R-40
Co D Tac		65.35		T-181

2nd Bn 1st Marines		Freq	KZ	Designator
Bn Tac #1		5950	KZ	H 1038
Bn Tac #2	(P)	39.05		L-82
	(S)	37.20		F-163
81 Mort Co		55.35		P-80
Co E Tac		62.20		S-158
Co F Tac		36.55		L-152
Co G Tac		59.65		D-75
Co H Tac		62.25		S-117

2nd Bn 3rd Marines		Freq	KZ	Designator
Bn Tac #1		8531	KZ	H 473
Bn Tac #2	(P)	63.20		U-47
	(S)	34.50		F-73
81 Mort Co		67.70		U-180
Co I Tac		53.20		Q-117
Co J Tac		60.80		V-62

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Co G Tac	66.90	U-105
Co H Tac	61.1	S-2
"A" Company 1st Infantry Bn.		
Co A Cmd	56.05	P 111
"B" Company 1st Bn		
Local Cmd	37.15	E-151
1ST Log/Control	(P) 2082	E-977
	(S) 53.55	R-75
1st Motor Transport Bn		
Convoy Control	(S) 65.55	T-197
1st Bn, 11th Marines		
Bn Cmd/CO	(P) 66.75	Designator
	(S) 59.75	U-75
Btry A Cof	51.20	R-80
Btry B Cof	53.60	E-121
Host Btry Cof	45.05	Q-153
		L-135

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Appendix 2 (radio Relay Frequency Assignments) to Annex _____ (Communications)
to Operation Order 309-68 (Operation Pegasus)

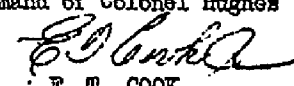
1. AN/RCO-4 Frequencies

REGT	LINK TO	BN
(T) 71.55 (R) 73.9	1/1	(T) 73.9 (R) 71.55
(T) 70.55 (R) 73.5	2/1	(T) 73.5 (R) 70.85
(T) 71.95 (R) 74.2	2/3	(T) 74.2 (R) 71.95
(T) 71.7 (R) 74.5	SPARE	(T) 74.5 (R) 71.7
(T) 73.7 (R) 74.6	SPARE	(T) 74.6 (R) 73.7

2. AN/TRC-27 Frequencies

REGT CHANNEL	LINK TO	BN CHANNEL
6A	1/1	6B
12A	2/1	12B
18A	2/3	18B

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1. GET CORRECT
2. BOARD
3. IS REQUIRED
4. WHEN DIRECTED

1ST SP BN
1ST. MT BN
1ST ENGR BN

MODEMS		PRIMARY				SECONDARY	
		TYPE	FM	DESIG	FREQ	DESIG	FREQ
1st EN, 2nd EN	O	RECT C-40	USP	M242	2.776KC	M 110	2.776
2nd EN, 3rd EN	O	RECT TACT 1	FM	M 10	70.3 KC	U 93	66.3
3rd EN, 4th EN	O	RECT TACT 2	USP (P) FM (S)	M 256	2.705KC	P 10	55.1
4th EN, 5th EN	O	TACP LOCAL	FM	J 136	12.8 MC		
5th EN, 6th EN	R	LOG MR	FM	J 106	55.2		
6th EN, 7th EN	R	PROVAC DATA	FM	J 100	15.7 KC		
7th EN, 8th EN	R	2nd EN, 3rd EN	FM	M-92	47.9 KC	O 40	25.2
8th EN, 9th EN	R	1st EN, 2nd EN	FM	J-97	39.5		25.2