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(2) Operation Order 202-66 (LONG KNIFE).

(3) After Action Report; operation LONG KNIFE.

(4) Operation Order 203-66 (EAGLE FLIGHT 49).

(5) After Action Report; Operation EAGLE FLIGHT 49

1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), enclosures
(1) through (5) are submitted.

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COMBAND CHRONOLOGY

1 January through 31 January 1966

Part I	Organizational Data Sheet
Part II	Significant Events

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PART I

1. Reporting Unit. 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines (Rein)
2. Command Post. HUE - PHU BAI, RVN (885136).
3. Period Covered. 1 January - 31 January 1966.
4. Date of Submission. 3 February 1966.
5. Average Monthly Strength.

	USMC	USN
Officers	44	3
Enlisted	1100	55

6. Commanding Officer. Lieutenant Colonel R. T. HANIFIN, JR.
7. Principal Staff

S-1	1st Lt. C.C. KRULAK
S-2	Capt R. E. LAVAN
S-3	Capt A. J. SIBLEY
S-4	Capt G. L. HAMMOND
CommO	Capt H. D. READ

8. Subordinate Units

H&S Co	Capt J. J. CARTY
Co "E"	Capt R. A. LARSEN
Co "F"	Capt D. E. MARKS
Co "G"	1st Lt. W. T. HEHNEN
Co "H"	Capt J. D. LINDAUER
2nd Plat, Co "A", 3rd Recon Bn	1st Lt. R. D. DONOHO
2nd Plat, Co "A", 3rd TK Bn	1st Lt H. STEIGELMAN
2nd Plat, Co "A", 3rd AT Bn	1st Lt. D. J. NOONAN
2nd Plat, Co "A", 3rd Engr Bn	1st Lt. E. R. GOEDDE

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Lt. (JG) J. A. VOLK

4th Bn, 12th Mar

Lt Col. E. M. RUDZIS

9. MISSION. 2ndBn (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) defends PHU BAI Airfield and 8th RRU; controls assigned TAOR; conducts combat/reconnaissance patrols throughout assigned TAOR; conducts unilateral search and destroy operations in assigned TAOR and combined operations with RVNAF within and beyond boundaries of assigned TAOR. Prepares defense and counterattack plans to restore integrity of defensive perimeter to include PHU BAI Airfield and 8th RRU facilities.

10. BACKGROUND. To accomplish the assigned mission the Battalion TAOR has been divided into company sectors with each rifle company conducting aggressive patrolling, sweeps, and numerous ambushes in their assigned sector. The companies defend their portion of the MIR by employing observation posts, listening posts, road blocks, checkpoints and thorough occupation of prepared positions in critical areas.

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PART II

Personnel

a. Number of replacements received.

- (1) Marine Officers - 0
- (2) Marine Enlisted - 27
- (3) Navy Officers - 0
- (4) Navy Enlisted - 7

b. Number of personnel rotated.

- (1) Officers - 0
- (2) Enlisted - 1

c. Number of personnel lost through attrition other than rotation.

- (1) WIA - 11
- (2) KIA - 3
- (3) Humanitarian/Emergency transfer - 2
- (4) Non-battle injuries - 3
- (5) Intra-Division/Regiment transfer - 6 Officers,
191 Enlisted.

d. R&R Trips - None.

e. Special Services activity.

(1) During the reported period, this Headquarters received many special service items such as chess games, dart boards, playing cards and books.

(2) Although there were no USO shows during the reporting period, a total of 93 movies were shown to the officers and men of this command, along with 3 performances by musical groups from the city of HUE.

Administration

a. Personnel Accounting. No difficulties have been encountered.

b. Awards

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(1) The following awards were processed and recommended to higher headquarters for action:

- (a) Silver Star - 6
- (b) Bronze Star - 19
- (c) Legion of Merit - 1
- (d) Navy Commendation Medal - 12
- (e) Purple Hearts - 26

(2) Ten Purple Hearts were received by the command and presented to personnel concerned.

c. Promotions.

- (1) To Master Sergeant - 1
- (2) To Gunnery Sergeant - 1
- (3) To Staff Sergeant - 5
- (4) To Sergeant - 2
- (5) To Corporal - 34
- (6) To Lance Corporal - 56
- (7) To Private First Class - 4

d. Postal. Parcel post continues to arrive regularly. Letter mail arrives sporadically at an average of four times a week.

e. Pay. There have been no problems encountered during the reported period.

f. Post Exchange. Basic items (i.e. toilet articles) are adequate in number. In the case of luxury items, the inherent transportation difficulties caused by the distance between PHU BAI and DA NANG and the insecurity of National Route #1 have caused a shortage of such items as cameras, film, watches, radios, tape-recorders, cigarettes, candy, chewing gum, and magazines.

g. Legal and Discipline.

- (1) Special Courts Martial - 2
- (2) Summary Courts Martial - 0
- (3) Battalion Commander's Office Hours - 13

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INTELLIGENCE

a. The enemy situation on 1 January 1966 was as follows:

There is one Local Force Unit, the C-115 Armed Unit operating in the TAOR. Enemy activity within TAOR consisted of perimeter harassment during the hours of darkness, laying of mines and intelligence gathering with infiltration of VC through the TAOR in order to gather food, spread political information and propaganda and to reach other areas of operation.

Enemy units that operate near our TAOR are:

(1) 810th Main Force Battalion, estimated strength 360 men. Equipped with 3 81mm Mortars; 3 57mm RR; 3 CHICOM machine guns; B-40 (RPG) anti-tank weapons, located vic YC 888998.

(2) K-41/C-106 Company, a Main Force Company; estimated strength 100 men, located vic YC 950985.

(3) C-117, A Local Force Company estimated strength, 80 men, located vic YD 785065.

(4) C-119, a Local Force Company (AKA NAM HOA); estimated strength 100 men, located vic YD 749071.

b. The enemy initiated the following incidents during the period.

(1) 011700H. Estimated 3-4 VC ambushed a recon patrol vic YD 790114. VC broke contact when patrol returned fire. No estimated VC KIA or WIA.

(2) 021005H. Co E patrol surprised 3 VC walking along trail vic YD 825084. Patrol opened fire on VC; results 2 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA.

(3) 072025H. Unknown number of VC set off a trip flare vic YD 849086. Negative results.

(4) 081130H. Aerial observation flight fired at by an unknown number of VC from vic YD 815035. Negative damage to aircraft.

(5) 092018H. Approximately 4 VC moving in front of friendly positions vic 897134. Illumination was requested, VC left area. Negative results.

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(6) 092030H. Approximately 2 rounds of incoming small arms fire received from vic YD 899133. Negative damage.

(7) 092200H. Approximately 5 VC fired 30-40 rounds from semi-automatic weapons at CP position vic YD 911147. When marines returned fire, VC broke contact. Patrol was sent to pursue the VC and search area. Patrol returned with negative results.

(8) 111110H. Patrol spotted 15-20 VC running toward friendly ambush position vic YD 808168. Patrol opened fire with small arms fire. Results: 5 VC KIA (estimated).

(9) 122005H. Patrol spotted 5 VC eating vic YD 836174. Marines opened fire with small arms. Results - 1 VC WIA.

(10) 130200H. Patrol made contact with 2 VC, moving north along railroad vic YD 899131. Marines fired at VC. Negative results from search of area.

(11) 131800H. Approximately 2-3 VC fired small arms at patrol from vic YD 809155. Patrol returned fire. Negative results.

(12) 131340H. OP 225 reported receiving several incoming rounds of small arms from the northwest. No friendly casualties.

(13) 141616H. Patrol sighted approximately 9 VC with weapons vic YD 803165, moving northwest toward the high ground. Patrol opened fire resulting in 1 VC KIA. No further contact.

(14) 181508H. Three to four VC fired 10-12 rounds of small arms from vic YD 828166 at friendly positions; fire was returned with negative results.

(15) 191300H. A VC anti-tank mine vic YD 882081 was detonated by a 6x6; resulting in damage to the left front. No friendly casualties.

(16) 231205H. Patrol fired on by an estimated 2-3 VC from vic YD 790108 using small arms; patrol returned fire with negative results.

(17) 240900H. A 6x6 on a resupply run became disabled by an anti-tank mine vic YD 823155 which had been electrically detonated. One VC was observed running from the vicinity of the explosion. Results: Major damage to the truck and 9 USMC WIA.

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(18) 251145H. 2 VC were spotted via YD 901145, the VC opened fire on friendly positions with small arms fire, fire was returned with negative results.

(19) 272010H. One VC was seen running from roadblock via YD 912118 after trip flare went off. Sentry fired several M-14 rounds with negative results.

(20) 272038H. Friendly positions via YD 812160 received 5 rounds of small arms fire and one high trajectory round, which did not detonate. Fire returned with negative results.

(21) 272225H. An estimated 5 VC fired approximately 100 rounds of automatic and semi-automatic small arms fire from via YD 902143. Returned fire with small arms fire and 60mm mortar illumination. Estimated 1 VC WIA. Area searched with negative results.

(22) 282158H. Ambush spotted 1 VC via YD 903138 moving toward friendly positions. Ambush challenged VC and called for illumination. Negative results.

(23) 302045H. Outpost via YD 854132 was probed by unknown number of VC. Out post was alerted by the activation of the Seismometers. Illumination was fired. Negative results.

(24) 312235H. An LP located via YD 905135 received 2 rounds of small arms fire. Illumination was fired. Observed one man running from area. Negative results.

c. Summary of Enemy Casualties, Captured and Equipment Captured.

(1) VC KIA - 22 Confirmed, 12 Estimated.

(2) VC WIA - 1 Confirmed, 6 Estimated.

(3) VCC - 1

(4) VCS - 4

(5) Equipment - 1 45 Cal. pistol, 1 K-50, 1 cartridge belt, 2 wrist watches, 1 pair binoculars, 1 camera, 1 transistor radio, 2 packs and documents.

d. Significant trends during period. The VC have increased use of mines within the HUE-PHU BAI area.

e. Enemy Situation at end of period. Same as e.

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Training.

a. Objective.

(1) To ensure knowledge in the use of mines, booby traps and explosives and familiarization of Viet Cong mines and booby traps.

(2) To ensure an adequate number of trained snipers are maintained within the battalion.

(3) To ensure thorough familiarization with all organic weapons.

(4) During this reporting period defensive position were continually improved; clearing fields of fire, repositioning of weapons, emplacement of wire and warning devices, continuous camouflage, scouting and patrolling.

b. Major Training Highlights.

(1) There were four 2 day schools conducted in U.S. landmine warfare, booby traps and military explosives; VC mines and booby traps by members of 3rd Engineers with 57 personnel attending.

(2) A Sniper School was conducted for a period of 4 days by 3rd MarDiv Sniper Team with 10 personnel attending. Upon completion of the course, each student was issued special sniper equipment.

(3) During this reporting period a Vietnamese linguist ability evaluation course was conducted and made available to all interested personnel to determine the feasibility of conducting an extended course in the Vietnamese language. There are 50 students presently attending this course.

(4) All units conducted live firing of all organic weapons during the reporting period.

Special Operations

a. Amphibious operations. None.

b. Combined Operations

(1) Operation EAGLE FLIGHT 48 - 5 January 1966.

(2) Operation LONG KNIFE - See Enclosures (2) & (3).

(3) Operation EAGLE FLIGHT 49 - See Enclosures (4) & (5).

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c. Psychological Operations. See Civil Affairs section of this report.

d. River Operations. None.

Nuclear, Biological, Chemical and other Special Types of Warfare.

a. During the reporting period there were no instances of use by this Battalion of NBC Warfare or equipment peculiar to NBC Warfare.

b. Training Accomplished. None.

c. Status of NBC Equipment on Hand. All items of NBC Equipment by TE is held by this command.

Command and Control.

a. Task Organization

2nd Bn, 1st Marines (Rein)

H&S Co (Rein)

H&S Co
1st Plat, Co A; 3rd Recon Bn
2nd Plat, Co A; 3rd Engr Bn
Det, Hq Co, 3rd Mar

Co "E"

Co "E"
Det, Med Plat, H&S Co

Co "F"

Co "F"
Det, Med Plat, H&S Co

Co "G"

Co "G"
Det, Med Plat, H&S Co

Co "H"

Co "H"
Det, Med Plat, H&S Co

81mm Mortar Platoon

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106mm RR Platoon2nd Plat, Co A, 3rd TK Bn2nd Plat, Co A, 3rd AT Bn4th Bn (-)(Rein), 12th Mar

Hq Btry, 4/12

Btry M, 4/12

Btry B, 1/11

107mm Mortar Btry, 1/11

CMR Tm, Hdqtrs, 11th Mar

SFEP, 11th Mar

AO, 12th Mar

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b. Command Posts

- (1) 2nd Bn, 1st Mar (885136)
- (2) H&S Company (885136)
- (3) Company E (885136)
- (4) Company F (885136)
- (5) Company G (896146)
- (6) Company H (885136)
- (7) Combined Action Company (885136)

c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

d. Control. Control of the Battalion exercised from the Battalion Command Post throughout the entire reporting period. Wire and radio communications continue to be used equally to exercise control over the subordinate units.

e. Problem Areas. No significant problem areas encountered.

Communication-Electronics.

- a. Wire. Normal Operations.
- b. Radio. Normal Operations.
- c. Radio Relay. Normal Operations.
- d. Message Center/Teletype. Normal Operations
- e. Problems Encountered. None noted.

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Close Combat

a. Operations conducted

(1) Patrols

(a) Squad sized. There were 744 squad size patrols conducted.

(b) Platoon sized. There were 6 platoon sized patrols conducted.

(c) Company sized. None.

(2) Operations

(a) EAGLE FLIGHT 48

(b) LONG KNIFE (See enlocusres (2) & (3)).

(c) EAGLE FLIGHT 49 (See enclosures (4) & (5)).

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b. Significant Events.

(1) Sequential listing of all contacts, general description of scheme of maneuver and results attained.

(a) 1 January - At 1700H Recon Platoon made contact with estimated 3 VC in ambush position at YD 790110 receiving 1 WIA who later died of wounds. Recon called in a fire mission on ambush site. Recon reported good effect on target, enemy casualties unknown. There were 1 Platoon size and 11 Squad size patrols conducted with 9 Squad size ambushes and 14 Listening Posts employed.

(b) 2 January - At 0945H the aerial observer spotted 3 VC attempting to hide under ponchos at YD 784097 and called in a fire mission. When the rounds hit the target area the AO spotted between 10-15 more VC moving around the area. Results: 3 VC killed by artillery fire and 1 VC killed by rocket fire from L-19. At 1005H patrol from Company "E" made contact with 3 VC at YD 825084. Results: 2 VC killed and 1 VC wounded captive, 3 weapons and equipment. At 1610H Popular Forces from the GIA LE area brought 2 VCS to G-2 CP. G-2 sent them to HUONG THUY District Headquarters. There were 11 Squad size patrols conducted with 4 squad ambushes and 16 Listening Posts employed.

(c) 3 January - At 1745H Aerial observer spotted 2 VC at YD 821025 on sand bar. Artillery mission fired. Results: 2 VC killed. There were 25 Squad size patrols conducted, 2 Squad size ambushes and 15 Listening Posts employed.

(d) 4 January - Company "H" made a sweep from YD 790112 to YD 793098, with negative results. There were 26 Squad size patrols conducted with 4 Squad size ambushes and 3 Squad size ambushes employed with negative contact.

(e) 5 January - Company "H" established blocking position at YD 782112 to YD 793098 in conjunction with ARVN forces. Company "H" had no contact during the operation. There were 21 Squad size patrols conducted and 4 Squad size ambushes and 22 Listening Posts employed.

(f) 6 January - Patrol from OP 225 spotted 8 VC at YD 882112 at 1109H. Fire mission called and area searched upon completion with negative results. At 1740H patrol from OP 225 spotted 10 VC at YD 838118, fire mission called and area searched on completion with negative results. There were 30 Squad size patrols conducted and 3 Squad size ambushes and 24 Listening Posts employed.

(g) 7 January - At 1445H a Squad of VC was reported as being dressed in civilian clothes with concealed weapons in the GIA LE area. The Ready Reserve and the platoon operating in the GIA LE area were employed in blocking positions while a PF platoon made a sweep of the village with negative results. There were 22 Squad size patrols conducted with 3 Squad size ambushes and 22 Listening Posts employed.

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(h) 8 January - At 1820H OP 225 sighted 3 men camouflaged with grass matting at YD 849085. 4-81mm Mortar Rounds and 2-106mm RR Rounds were fired from OP 225 with negative results. During the night at intermittent intervals the seismometers were believed to be tampered with by unknown number of VC at OP 225. There were 22 Squad size patrols conducted with 3 Squad size ambushes and 22 Listening Posts employed.

(i) 9 January - At 1330H a patrol from OP 225 spotted 2 VC lying behind ridge line observing patrols movement. The patrol moved by fire through enemy position with negative results. At 2030H there were 2 rounds small arms fired into Company "H" perimeter position from YD 902145. No friendly casualties. Company "H" illuminated the area with negative results. At 2035H CAC-2 received incoming grenade in their village CP from unknown direction. Area was illuminated with negative results. No friendly casualties. At 2200H CAC-2 was probed by estimated 5 VC at their village CP. VC fired approximately 10 rounds resulting in 1 marine KIA. Fire was returned and it was estimated that 2 VC were KIA and bodies removed. A search of the area was conducted with negative results. There were 29 Squad size patrols conducted with 4 Squad size ambushes and 21 Listening Posts employed.

(j) 10 January - There were 26 Squad size patrols conducted with 5 Squad size ambushes and 21 Listening Posts employed with negative contact.

(k) 11 January - At 1910H a patrol from 3rd Platoon, Company "G" in GIA LE area made contact with estimated 15-20 VC at YD 808168. Patrol fired at the VC, the VC immediately broke contact. No friendly casualties. It was estimated there were 5 VC killed, a search of the area produced no bodies. There were 30 Squad size patrols conducted with 3 Squad size ambushes and 22 Listening Posts employed.

(l) 12 January - At 0805H AO reported he was fired at from YD 715073. No damage to personnel or aircraft. AO requested fire mission but artillery was unable to comply due to range. There were 28 Squad size patrols conducted with 5 Squad size ambushes and 14 Listening Posts employed.

(m) 13 January - At 0230H patrol from CAC-3 made contact with 2 VC who were moving north on railroad tracks. VC were fired upon and they broke contact. Search conducted with negative results. At 1340H OP 225 received small arms fire from YD 882116. No casualties. There were 29 Squad size patrols conducted with 3 Squad size ambushes and 18 Listening Posts employed.

(n) 14 January - At 0820 a bridge at YD 802193 was found to have dynamite charges attached, but attempt to blow bridge was unsuccessful. EOD team dispatched to this position and dynamite was removed. At 1453H Company "E" located what appeared to be 3 mines at YD 898125. Engineers were dispatched to that position and determined they were booby mines possibly booby trapped, they were blown in place. At 1545H a patrol from

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3rd Platoon, Company "H" operating in the GIA LE area spotted from 12-15 VC at YD 805167. VC were taken under fire and 1 VC killed. There were no friendly casualties. There were 23 Squad size Patrols conducted with 2 Squad size ambushes and 19 Listening Posts employed.

(o) 15 January - At 1305H Patrol from company "E" spotted 4 VC at YD 796078. Fire mission called resulting in 2 killed by artillery and 1 by small arms. Patrol could not locate the 4th VC. There were 21 Squad size patrols conducted with 3 Squad size ambushes and 22 Listening Posts employed.

(p) 16 January - At 1910H one sniper round received in FL30-2 lines from unknown direction. No casualties. There were 26 Squad size patrols conducted with 2 Squad size ambushes and 24 Listening Posts employed.

(q) 17 January - Operation LONG KNIFE conducted. See enclosure (2) and (3). At 1250H a 6x6 truck detonated a mine at YD 882082 causing heavy damage to left front of the vehicle. Type of mine undetermined. There were 23 Squad size and 1 Platoon size patrols conducted with 5 Squad size ambushes and 22 Listening Posts employed.

(r) 18 January - There were 22 Squad size patrols conducted with 4 Squad size ambushes and 22 Listening posts employed with negative contact.

(s) 19 January - At 2150H the 3rd Platoon, Company "H" operating in the GIA LE area, spotted 4 VC at YD 828166. VC fired approximately 12 rounds small arms at Hotel-3's position. H-3 returned the fire and searched the area with negative results. There were 23 Squad size patrols conducted with 4 Squad size ambushes and 22 Listening Posts employed.

(t) 20 January - There were 23 Squad Size Patrols conducted with 5 Squad size ambushes and 23 Listening Posts employed with negative contact.

(u) 22 January - There were 24 Squad size patrols conducted with 5 Squad size ambushes and 24 Listening Posts employed. Negative contact.

(v) 23 January - At 1205H 3 VC fired at patrol from Company "H" wounding 1 man. Marines returned fire and searched the area YD 790108 with negative results. At 2115H patrol from CAC-2 spotted 1 VC at YD 909150. Patrol fired approximately 20 rounds at VC with negative results. There were 23 Squad size Patrols conducted with 7 Squad size ambushes and 21 Listening Posts employed.

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(w) 24 January - Operation EAGLE FLIGHT 49 was conducted. See enclosure (4) and (5). At 0145H CAC-3 delivered 1 VCS to CIT that was captured by PF's. At 0900H a 6x6 truck on resupply run to 1st Platoon, Company "H" operating in the GIA LE area detonated a land mine at YD 823155 causing extensive damage to left rear of the vehicle. There were 9 marines that received slight injuries to their ears from the explosion. There were 26 Squad size Patrols conducted with 13 Squad size ambushes and 22 Listening Posts employed.

(x) 25 January - At 2350H 2 VC fired automatic weapons into Company "H" lines from approximate YD 901136. Company H returned fire and searched the area with negative results. There were no casualties. There were 27 Squad size and 1 Platoon size patrols conducted with 10 Squad size ambushes and 22 Listening Posts employed with negative results.

(y) 26 January - There were 24 Squad size and 1 Platoon size patrols conducted with 10 Squad size ambushes and 22 Listening Posts employed with negative results.

(z) 27 January - At 2030H, 1st Platoon, Company "H" received small arms fire in their CP and a high trajectory projectile, believed to be a rifle grenade dud from YD 812169. Fire was returned with negative results. At 2225H Company "H" received small arms fire from YD 902140 from estimated 5 VC. Fire was returned and the area was searched with negative results. There were no casualties. There were 23 Squad size patrols conducted with 13 Squad size ambushes and 21 Listening Posts employed.

(aa) 28 January - At 2205H Co "H" spotted 1 VCS at YD 903138. VCS challenged but failed to halt. VCS was fired upon and hit the deck. Illumination fired and area searched with negative results. There were 24 Squad size patrols conducted with 13 Squad size ambushes and 18 Listening Posts employed.

(bb) 29 January - There were 22 Squad size patrols conducted with 10 Squad size ambushes and 18 Listening Posts employed with negative results.

(cc) 30 January - At 1725H Recon Platoon picked up 1 VCS who walked into OP site at YD 788122 and later evacuated him to CIT. There were 25 Squad size and 1 Platoon size patrols conducted with 9 Squad size ambushes and 19 Listening Posts employed.

(dd) 31 January - At 2235H, Listening Post from Company H received two rounds small arms fire from YD 905135. Illumination fired and area searched with negative results. There were 21 Squad Size and 1 Platoon Size Patrols conducted with 11 Squad size ambushes and 20 Listening Posts employed.

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FIRE SUPPORT AND FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

a. Significant Events.

1 January - At 0900H, the 107mm mortar battery displaced to YD 881135 in connection with a demonstration for the officers and NCO's of 2/1. The firing demonstration was designed to demonstrate the types of projectiles and fuzes available, as well as the effectiveness of the TOT and salvo fire. Later, an observed mission was fired by M Battery at YD 790110 in support of Recon Platoon during a VC ambush.

2 January - at 0935H the artillery AO adjusted M Battery on 10-15 VC at YD 784097. The mission resulted in 3 VC KIA, in addition to one KIA by the aircraft's rockets.

3 January - 107mm mortar battery displaced to YD 874108 at 1331H, and fired 5 observed mission before returning to their primary position. At 1743H, the AO adjusted M Battery on 2 VC on sender. The mission resulted in 2 VC KIA.

4 January - At 0640 H, B Battery displaced forward to YD 859118. While in this position, the battery fired preparation fires in support of H Co, 2/1, and H&I missions. At 0825H, M Battery fired a destruction mission on a VC boat at YD 820024. The boat was destroyed.

5 January - At 0807H, B Battery displaced to YD 859118, in support of ARVN/USMC operation EAGLE FLIGHT 48. M Battery supported the operation from their primary position. At 0934H M and B Batteries commenced a 6 minute preparation of the landing zone. At 1113H, an element of a VC Battalion was reported withdrawing from the objective area. Four artillery fire for effect missions were fired on the target. No surveillance available.

6 January - 107mm Mortar Battery displaced at 0830H to YD 883092. While at this position, they fired 15 missions on suspected avenues of approach, assembly areas, and harboring sites in the southern portion of the TAOR. At 1123H B Battery fired on 8 VC at YD 883092, obtaining good effect on target, but no body count.

7 January - At 0830H M Battery displaced to YD 831148 and fired 3 observed missions on suspected VC positions. At 1725H, B Battery, displaced four guns to YD 859118, to fire forward H&I's overnight. At 2020H, B Battery fired one observed illumination mission at YD 848076. No surveillance was obtained.

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8 January - B Battery returned to their primary position at 0630H. 107mm Mortar Battery displaced to YD 859118 at 0750H. From this position, they fired 8 observed missions on suspected VC harboring sites. At 0924H the AO Adjusted M Battery on two bridges at YD 821024, both of which were destroyed.

9 January - At 1403H M Battery fired a mission on 3 VC at YD 800070 but obtained no surveillance.

10 January - At 0755H M Battery displaced 2 guns to YD 888124 and fired 7 observed missions on suspected harboring sites and avenues of approach in the southern portion of the TAOR. At 1032H 107mm Mortar Battery displaced to YD 895080 and fired 9 observed missions on suspected enemy positions.

11 January - At 0740H B Battery displaced 4 guns to YD 827152 and fired 5 observed missions on suspected targets in the western portion of the TAOR. 107mm Mortar Battery displaced to YD 859118 at 1740H to remain overnight in support of 4/12 OP team at YD 839133.

12 January - M Battery displaced 2 guns to YD 883092 at 0803H. They fired 7 observed missions on suspected targets in the southern portion of the TAOR, while the artillery observer instructed key personnel from the infantry platoon manning the OP in the techniques of adjusting artillery fires. At 1300H, B Battery moved 4 guns forward to YD 882116. A qualified artillery observer instructed Recon patrol leaders in artillery adjustment by firing B Battery on 8 suspected targets in the southeastern portion of the TAOR.

13 January - Hq Battery conducted FAM firing with the 50 Cal. machine gun for 20 personnel.

14 January - At 0655H, 107mm Mortar Battery displaced to YD 883092. They fired 16 observed missions from this position on suspected VC targets. The OP group was composed of Recon personnel undergoing training in the adjustment of artillery fire. M Battery displaced to YD 874108 and fired 6 observed missions for OP 225 YD 848086, while the FO completed training of key infantry personnel manning the OP.

16 January - At 0545H B Battery displaced to YD 895080 to be joined there by their remaining two guns which left the primary position at 0715H. The FSCG and FDC from Hq Battery moved to Hill 46 YD 889087 to control the fires of the two forward batteries in support of LONG KNIFE. 4/12 supported this operation with artillery fire, totaling 5 observed and 4 unobserved missions. There was no damage assessment of these missions. Two observed missions were fired to mark targets for air strikes. The 4 unobserved missions were fired to cover the retraction of participating forces. All units were back at their primary position by 1510H.

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17 January - No significant events.

18 January - 107mm Mortar Battery displaced at 1015Z to YD 826152 and fired 12 observed missions on suspected targets in the western portion of the TAOR. During the night, the battery fired two observed illumination missions for 2/1 while they were in contact with VC at YD 815172. In addition, 2 observed missions were fired for the air observer, destroying VC spider traps at YD 819026 and disrupting an enemy agricultural area at YD 703067.

19 January - Based on recent intelligence reports, I Battery moved two guns to YD 826152 at 0855H. The AO flight was coordinated with the displacement, to fire 4 observed missions on suspected VC positions beyond the western boundary of the TAOR. The AO spotted a VC Squad at YD 790096, M Battery fired an unobserved mission on this target, the AO was unable to penetrate the incoming cloud cover.

20 January - The firing batteries remained in the primary positions on the 20th while Hq Battery personnel FAM fired the 50 Cal machine gun. On the previous night, M Battery fired 1 observed mission for the ARVN, whose outpost was being attacked at YD 896235. Also, an observed mission was fired on moving lights at YD 788098, and YD 779103.

21 January - Due to the cease fire celebrating TET, no missions were fired. That night, one round of illumination was fired for Combined Action Company, who suspected VC movement at YD 911065.

22 January - No missions were fired.

23 January - No missions were fired.

24 January - At 0600H, B Battery displaced to YD 859118, in support of Operation EAGLE FLIGHT 49. At 0610H, M Battery moved to YD 868118. During the operation, both batteries fired a landing zone preparation at YD 792076. B Battery fired an aerial observed mission on VC in a village at YD 799081 while M Battery fired on a VC squad sighted by the AO at YD 797059. M Battery obtained 1 VC KIA, while B Battery had excellent effect on target with no body count. After the batteries had returned, 1 observed mission was fired on VC camp fires at YD 790065.

25 January - At 0755H, 107mm Mortar Battery displaced to YD 874108, and fired 13 observed missions on suspected targets in the southern portion of the TAOR.

26 January - The batteries remained in their primary positions on the 26th and fired 4 observed missions. One was on suspected VC movement at YD 857067, another on the source of small arms fire at the AO at YD 828060 and 2 were at VC storage and agricultural areas at YD 799089 and YD 792067. No significant damage was assessed from these missions.

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27 January - At 0748H, B Battery displaced to YD 869118 in support of a regimental FO School for NCO volunteers from all three companies. At 0955H, the battery moved to YD 869118 to better support the school. At 1648H, they moved to YD 862115. During the day, they fired 14 observed missions for the trainees. M Battery fired an observed mission for Recon Platoon, on a suspected VD OP at YD 895076. The target was well covered, but no bodies were reported. At 2045H, M Battery fired an unobserved mission on suspected VC positions at YD 785054. On completion of the mission, the airborne observer, reported secondary explosions and scattered debris burning around the target.

28 January - Combined Action Company requested illumination on a suspected VC position at YD 928103 and the mission was fired by B Battery at 0404H. B Battery displaced to YD 859118 at 0700H, then to YD 877123 at 1200. From these positions the battery fired 33 daylight H&I missions. At 0755H, 107mm Mortar Battery displaced to YD 883092 and fired 18 observed missions in support of the NCO, FO School. 15 Hq Battery personnel FAM fired the 50 Cal. machine gun during the day.

29 January - In support of NCO FO School, B Battery and M Battery displaced forward to YD 869118 and YD 874108 respectively. B Battery moved out at 0745H and M Battery followed 15 minutes later. From these positions, 27 observed missions were fired, 17 105mm and 10 155mm. After returning to their primary position, M Battery fired a destruction mission on a cave for AO, destroying the cave.

30 January - 107mm Mortar Battery and M Battery again displaced forward in support of the NCO FO School. 107mm Mortar Battery displaced at 0730H to YD 859868 and M Battery left at 0800H to YD 869118. Six observed missions were fired by the 107mm Mortar Battery and 4 by the 155mm Howitzers. During the evening, an observed mission was fired by the 105's in support of the Combined Action Company.

31 January - No significant events.

b. Artillery units providing support:

4th Battalion, 12th Marines

HQ Battery 4/12 - 1-31 January

M Battery 4/12 - 1-31 January

B Battery 1/11 - 1-31 January

107mm Mortar Battery - 1-31 January

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c. Naval ships providing naval gunfire support. 1 one.

d. Type and number of mission delivered:

Observed neutralization: 244
Unobserved neutralization: 59
Harassing and Intordicting: 2721
Registrations: 11
Time on targets: 41
Precision Destruction: 4
Demonstration: 1
Illumination missions: 7

e. Ammunition expended by type:

	<u>105mm</u>	<u>107mm</u>	<u>155mm</u>	<u>Total</u>
HE	4111	1173	1672	6956
WP	139	44	215	498
ILL	33	9	50	92
Smoke	4	0	0	4
Total	<u>4287</u>	<u>1326</u>	<u>1937</u>	<u>7550</u>

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LOGISTICS

a. Supply. Supply functions have been normal with the exception that certain Class IV items previously requisitioned have not been received, thus limiting planned expansion of field fortifications.

b. Maintenance. Maintenance continues at a satisfactory rate with 247 tactical work requests being submitted to date.

c. Food Services. A definite improvement of food services has occurred with the opening of a new 500 man mess hall and an increased refrigeration capability. There still exists a certain shortage of A rations with primary subsistence being comprised of B rations.

d. Containment and Camp Facilities Development. The 500 man standard mess hall was completed on 24 January 1966. Other planned structures comprising containment under DAG 111-102 have been limited due to shortage of available building materials.

e. Transportation and Roads. Existing intra-enclosure roads have been improved through managed use of the existing combat engineers capabilities.

f. Fiscal. No deviations of the previous fiscal trend have been noted.

g. Water. The points of seepage which existed at the time of the last report have been located and corrected with the result that the chlorine content of the water is now such that it is considered potable.

h. Motor Transportation. One truck, five ton, 6x6 belonging to the tank platoon received extensive damage from a Viet Cong mine. Two M-274 are declined awaiting engine replacement. No other significant events have occurred.

i. Embarkation. This organization has not participated in embarkation or disembarkation activities during this period.

j. Hospitalization and Evacuation. No significant events have been in evidence with the exception of one case of dengue fever. The patient was evacuated to Collecting and Clearing, Company C, 3rd Medical Battalion.

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Air Defense. None.

Combat Air Support.

a. Aviation units providing support. HMM-161, HMM-163, 1st MAW attack aircraft.

b. Significant events.

(1) Sequential listing of aircraft employed in CAS

17 January - 8 attack aircraft utilized in support of Operation LONG KNIFE.

24 January - 2 fighter aircraft and 3 attack aircraft in support of Operation EAGLE FLIGHT 49.

(2) Sequential listing of aircraft employed for other than CAS.

1 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225. 3 helicopters utilized for troop lift, recon platoon patrol. 2 helicopters utilized for aerial recon.

2 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

4 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225. 8 helicopters utilized for Company lift.

5 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

6 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

7 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225. 2 helicopters utilized in troop lift

9 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225. 1 helicopter utilized for aerial recon.

10 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225. 4 helicopters utilized in troop lift, exchange of personnel on Hill 225.

11 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225. 2 helicopters utilized for Co "G" advance party to CHU LAI.

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12 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225. 2 helicopters utilized in troop lift, recon platoon patrol. 1 helicopter utilized for aerial recon,

13 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

14 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

15 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

16 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225. 2 helicopters utilized in troop lift, exchange of personnel on Hill 225. 1 helicopter utilized for aerial recon.

19 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225. 2 helicopters utilized in troop lift, recon platoon patrol.

20 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

21 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

22 January - 2 Helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

23 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

24 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225. 2 helicopters utilized in troop lift, exchange of personnel on Hill 225.

25 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225. 2 helicopters utilized in troop lift, recon platoon patrol.

26 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225. 1 KC 130 utilized to lift "F" Company from DA NANG airfield to PHU BAI airfield.

27 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225.

28 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills 180 and 225. 2 helicopters utilized in troop lift, exchange of personnel on Hill 225.

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29 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills
180 and 225.

30 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills
180 and 225. 2 helicopters utilized in troop lift, recon platoon
patrol.

31 January - 2 helicopters utilized to resupply Hills
180 and 225. 2 helicopters utilized in troop lift, artillery FO
training.

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Medical and Dental Support

a. Names of Surgeons

- (1) Battalion Surgeon - Lt Anthony O. COLBY, MC, USNR
- (2) Assistant Battalion Surgeon - Lt Gerald M. BRENNOCK, MC, USNR

b. Significant Events: NONE

c. Medical Trends. Ice samples sent to Preventive Medicine Section "A" Med were negative for E. Histolytica. No report has been received from DaNang. 104 cases of diarrhea were treated during the month, 19 were diagnosed as Amoebic and 32 as bacillary dysentery. We have three cases of laboratory confirmed hookworm.

d. Number of battle casualties treated. Eight marines were treated for combat injuries at the Battalion Aid Station.

KIA - 3
WIA - 11

e. Number of non-battle casualties treated. 910 men were treated at the Battalion Aid Station during the reporting period.

f. Preventive medicine and sanitation. A rodent survey team from Fleet Support Activities visited the Battalion and collected fourteen rodents in two days of operation. Poison bait stations and live traps are utilized on a local level are proving to be satisfactory.

g. Civil affairs medical support rendered.

(1) Number treated. There were 4,675 civilians treated by personnel from B.A.S. for the period 1 January to 31 January 1966.

(2) Amount (by type) of medicine dispensed. Drugs dispensed from medical C.A.P. supplies are as follows:

5 Gal. Alcohol, USP.
4 Pk. Benzalkonium Chloride Tincture, tinted
36 Bt. Calamine lotion, phenolated
24 Tu. Gamma Benzene Hexachloride oint.
30 Tu. Hydrocortisone oint.
24 Bt. Hydrogen Peroxide Solution, USP
2 Cn. Magnesium Sulfate; USP-2 ½ lb.
4 Cn. Methyl Salicylate, USP, 1 lb.
8 Jr. Nitrofurazone Oint. NF, Water soluble 1:500, 1 Lb.
144 Ck. Soap Surgical, 4 oz.
14 Bt. Thimersal tincture, NF
48 Tu. Undecylenic Acid Oint., Compound, NF, 1 oz.
76 Bt. Anacin Tabs. 100's.
8 Bt. Aspirin, Phenacetin, and Caffeine Tabs. 1000's
4 Bt. Codeine Sulfate tabs. NF.
6 Bt. Eugenol, USP, 1 oz.

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4 Bt. Sodium Salicylate tabs., USP. 1000's
22 Tu. Dibucaine oint., 1%, 1 oz.
2 Bt. Theophylline, Ephedrine Hydrochloride and Phenobarbital tabs. 1000's.
12 bx. Cetylpyridinium Chloride Lozenges, 400's (Cepacol)
10 Cn. Glycyrriza and Opium Compound tabs., 1000's (Browns Mixture)
2 Chlorpheniramine Maleate Syrup, USP, 1 Gal.
3 Bt. Chlorpheniramine Maleate Tabs., USP, 4 mg, 1000's.
8 Bx. Oxtetracycline-Polymyxin B Oph. Oint, 1/8 oz.
6 Pg. Polymyxin B Sulfate, Neomycin Sulfate and Hydrocortisone, Susp. Otic
14 Cn. Diarrhea Tabs., 1000's
6 Bt. Sodium Bicarbonate, Charcoal, and Peppermint tabs, 1000's.
40 Bt. Octavitamin Drops, 30cc
288 Bt. Nonavitamin tabs. 100's
4 Bt. Chloroquine Phosphate tabs, 1000's.
8 Bt. Primaquine phosphate tabs., USP, 1000's.
4 Bt. Sulfadiazine tabs., USP, 1000's
12 Bt. Trisulfapyrimidines Oral suspension, USP, 10%, 1 pt.
10 Bt. Acetyl Sulfisoxazole Oral Susp. USP, Pediatric, 10%, 1 pt.
4 Bt. Hexylresorcinol Pills, USP, 5's
10 Cn. Piperazine Tartrate tabs. 1000's.
4 Bt. Piperaxime Citrate Syrup, USP, 1 pt.
48 Bt. Oxytetracycline for Oral Susp., 1 oz.
12 Bt. Chlortetracycline Hydrochloride Caps., NF, 100's
24 Bt. Tetracycline Hydrochloride Tabs., NF
36 Pg. Benzathine Penicillin G Susp., Sterile, USP, 600,000 units 20's
200 Bt. Procaine Penicillin for Aqueous inj. 1,500,000 units
12 Bt. Isoniazid Tabs., USP, 100's
5 Bx Water for Inj, Sterile, 5cc
12 Bt. Erythromycin Ethycarbonate for oral susp. USP., 100's
12 Pg. Bandage, gauze, roller 2" x 6 yds., 12's
12 Pg. Bandage, gauze, roller 4" x 10 yds., 12's
6 Pg. Cotton, purified, USP, 1 lb. 12" x 10"
42 ea. Dressing, First Aid, Field, 7 1/2 x 8"
12 ea. Dressing, First Aid, Field, 4 x 7"
36 Spl. Adhesive Plaster, Surgical, 3" x 5 yds.
40 Pg. Pad, Gauze, 8 ply surgical 4 x 4"
60 Pg. Pad, Gauze, 12 ply surgical 2 x 2"
30 Bx Bandage, Absorbent, Adhesive, 3/4 x 3"
400 Ea. Syringe, Hypodermic, Disposable Sterile, with 25 ga. needle
1 Bx. Needle Hypodermic, Disposable 20 ga. 100's
6 Pg. Blade, Surgical Knife, Detachable, # 10, 6's

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2 Ea. Handle, Surgical Knife, No. 3
5 Pg. Blade, Surgical Prep., Razor, Straight, Single
Edge, 5's
24 Pg. Applicator, Wood, Cotton Tipped end, 100's
3 Pg. Finger cot, surgical, medium 12's
6 Bx Tongue Depressors, wood 100's
2 Pg. Thermometer, Clinical, Human, Oral 6's
4 Bx. Bottle Dropper, prescription, 1 oz. 12's
288 Ea. Bottle; Screw Cap; Prescription, 2 Oz.
1 Pg. Bottle, Screw Cap, prescription, 4 oz. 72's.
4 ea. Brush, Scrub
10 Pg. Envelopes, Drug Dispensing, 100's
5 Pg. Box, folding, tab, 500's
4 Pg. Box, Set, Oint., Nest of 3, 12's

(3) Schooling conducted. No schooling was held during this period.

h. Problem areas. None encountered.

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Chaplain Support

a. Name of Chaplain: LT Thomas B. HANDLEY, CHC, USNR

Chaplain Support. LT R. J. UZENZA, Catholic Chaplain, A Med conducted five Sunday Masses with three hundred fifty three men in attendance, three Wednesday Masses with twenty-six men in attendance, and five services in CAC villages with twenty-seven men in attendance. Confessions are heard prior to each mass.

b. Number of services. Eighteen Sunday services were conducted with three hundred fifty three men in attendance, and six week day service in CAC villages with fifty-two men in attendance. Three memorial service for men killed from 9 December 1965 to 31 January 1966.

c. Number of personnel receiving counseling. Twenty-one.

d. Significant activities.

(1) The Chaplain collected over fifty pounds of candy which was distributed via the Civil Affairs Officer.

(2) The Chaplain made courtesy calls on Father Thaum, Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Hue, Mr. and Mrs Thomas Stebbins and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis, American Missionaries in Hue, and Father Nguyen Phung Tue, Catholic Chaplain of the 1st ARVN Division.

(3) A special Sunday offering of \$44.80 was received for the family of the Reverend Mr. John HAYWOOD, an English Missionary killed by the Viet Cong.

(4) \$100.00 from the Protestant Chapel Fund was given to Refugee Relief Work conducted by the 4th Battalion, 12th Marines.

(5) The Chaplain established a Vietnamese Language Class which now has over fifty students.

(6) The Modesto, California, Lions Club has adopted the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines. The Chaplain and the Sgt. Major are now establishing individual coorespondence between members of the club and the men of this battalion. The Chaplain and the Civil Affairs Officer are attempting to interest the Club in a project in our Civil Affairs Program.

e. Facilities. Plans are being made to complete the painting of the Chapel and to provide altar cloths and backdrops in keeping with the liturgical year.

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Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations

a. Significant Activities.

(1) On 19 January 1966 Marines and Vietnamese participated in a joint psy war/civic action project in THUY PHUONG YD 821182. The plan called for the introduction of 600 members of People's Action Teams into THUY PHUONG on the two days prior to TET. On the 20th, 500 were to pull out leaving 100 in the village over the holidays. We wished to utilize the propaganda and persuasion capabilities of the PAT's to put across some cogent messages to the Vietnamese people.

One problem coped with was the great curtailment of medical treatment performed at the HUONG THUY District Health Center. VC have mined the road on occasion and warned the people not to go there for treatment. This threat was very effective and cut the members attending sick call drastically.

We accordingly exploited the vulnerability of the VC threat with PAT's and their earnest talks to the people. The battalion sent it's MED CAP Team to a primary school located centrally within the village. The theme of the project was: "If the VC won't let you come to us for treatment then we'll come to you". The villagers responded encouragingly and the doctors treated 208 patients during the afternoon.

The program was the most successful and had the most dramatic impact of any conducted by this battalion to date.

(2) Medical Assistance continues to be our major civic action project. During the month of January 4,675 Vietnamese were treated at daily sick calls or by BAS and A-MED CAP Teams. 219 more received dental care from the Dental Detachment, 3d Medical Battalion. The above figures show a substantial increase over last months totals and indicate that we are progressively reaching more of the populace.

b. Material Distributed.

- (1) 250 lbs rice.
- (2) 250 lbs Bulgar Wheat.
- (3) 250 lbs. Corn.
- (4) 1609 bars of soap.
- (5) 50 Gallons Corn Oil.
- (6) 150 boxes of Chocolate candy.
- (7) 65 lbs of clothing.

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c. Special Civic Action Projects. On 18 and 19 January and 26 and 27 January a clean-up operation was conducted along National Route # 1 between the National Refugee Center YD 857163 and Dong Da road block YD 867154. Cans, papers, and other litter had become an eyesore in this area. The battalion arranged to send two trucks as a means of removing the litter to the battalion dump. The HUONG THUY District Chief notified the villagers concerned of the pick-up schedule in order that they could assist in cleaning around their homes. The chief also provided Popular Forces personnel to join with the Marines and villagers in the clean-up effort. Sixteen truck loads of trash were removed from along the subject stretch of highway. In addition to vastly improving the looks of this area, the clean-up eliminated a serious health hazard. The villagers were very responsive and cooperative during the conduct of the clean-up.

d. Apparent Results of Civil Affairs Program. The attitude of Vietnamese toward Marines continue to be warm and cooperative. Marines attended a local wedding during January and many were invited to Vietnamese homes during the second day of TET.

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Change No 1 to Operation Plan 202-66

Ref: None

Time Zone: H

1. Make the following changes to Operation Plan 202-66.

a. Task Organization.

- (1) On page 1 under Friendly Forces, insert 1st Bn, 3rd Reg't as (3).
- (2) On page 3 under Coordinating Instructions.
 - (a) Change H-Hour to read 0615 vice 0630.
 - (b) On page 4 add:
 - (12) All ARVN troops will have a red scarf on helmet.
 - (13) In the event weather precludes landing at first light, L-Hour will be moved to 0800 and the LZ will be prepped L-Hour - 0800, H-Hour - 0730.
 - (14) All persons will be evacuated from, the village, ARVN will burn the village.

b. Annex 1.

- (1) Change Det, Co HAC BAO (Rein) RV AF to read 3rd APC Troops (Rein), 4th Cavalry Reg't.
- (2) On the same line change Capt SI vice Lt VY.
- (3) Insert Det, Co HAC DAO under 3rd APC Troops, 4th Cavalry Reg't.
- (4) Delete: Det, Co B, 3rd MT Bn throughout the annex.

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c. Annex H. Under Message Center, FTS Co is subparagraph (b) change item 21-15 to read 11-15.

d. Annex H, Appendix 1.

(1) Change Det, HOC BAO Co to read 3rd APC Troop (Rein), 4th Cavalry Div.

(2) Add: LEGEND

C - Net Control

X - General

O - As directed

2. Substitute the following page, attached hereto, for the original page, destroy the replaced page. No report of destruction required to this Headquarters. Annex H, Appendix 1, Tab A. Page H-1-a-1.

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Operation Plan 202-66 (Operation LONG KNIFE)

Ref: (a) MAP: HUE, 1:50,000, Sheet 6560 III
(b) MAP: THON BEN TAU, 1:50,000, Sheet 6559 IV

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly forces.

(1) First Division, RVNAP

(2) F4U 163

(3) ~~229th Aviation Company~~ 1st Bn, 3rd Regt

(4) Force Logistics Support Unit 2 (FLSU-2)

(5) Air Support. Annex C (Air Support).

(a) F4U-163 in direct support commencing 0400 on D-day until sunset.

(b) Two close air support aircraft on station commencing D-day at 0645 until sunset.

(c) Four UH1B aircraft (2 armed) in direct support commencing 0630 on D-day until sunset.

(d) One F-19 aircraft with tactical air observer on station from 0630 on D-day to sunset.

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

2. Mission. 2/1 (-)(Rein), commencing at L-hour on D-day lands selected elements in designated landing zones; at H-hour on D-day attacks overland in mechanized/motorized column with remaining elements; conducts operations to seize Bn objectives A, B, and C; searches for and captures or destroys all VC personnel and material in Bn Zone of Action. Conducts withdrawal within 12 hours.

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3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of operation. 2/1 lands at L-hour with 2 companies abreast. Attacks and seizes Bn objectives A and B as indicated in Annex D (Operation Overlay). At H-hour, 1 reinforced platoon attacks overland in mechanized/motorized column to seize Bn objective C and establish a blocking position thereon. 1 company designated as Bn Reserve to be located at PKU-BAL airfield capable of commitment by either surface or air means. Operation to be conducted under raid concept. Landing zones will not be prepped. Surface movement in vicinity of objective area will commence subsequent to landing of heli-borne elements. Tactical withdrawal to be conducted prior to sunset.
- b. Co HCC BAO (-)(Rein).
 - (1) Airlift assault elements from HUE Citadel airfield and land in LZ Ford at L-hour on D-day, seize objective A. Search for and capture or destroy VC personnel and material in zone. Annex D (Operation Overlay).
 - (2) Remaining elements of Co to be detached and placed under CFCO of Bn to occupy blocking position.
 - (3) On order, withdraw in accordance with Annex E (Plan for Withdrawal).
- c. Co E (Rein).
 - (1) Airlift assault elements from 2/1 HLZ and land in LZ Buick at L-hour on D-day; seize objective B. Search for and capture or destroy VC personnel and material in zone. Annex D (Operation Overlay).
 - (2) Remaining elements of company to be in an on-call status dependent upon situation and availability of secure landing zone (LZ).
 - (3) On order, withdraw in accordance with Annex E (Plan for Withdrawal).
- d. Det, Co HCC BAO.
 - (1) Commencing at H-hour on D-day, move Southeast along Route # 1 from DONG DA Training Center in mechanized/motorized column to junction National Highway # 14; thence proceed on Axis of Advance Southwest along Route # 14; seize objective C and establish blocking position thereon. Annex D (Operation Overlay).

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- (2) Search for and capture or destroy all VC personnel and material in zone.
- (3) On order, be prepared to continue the attack to PH Apple.
- (4) On order, conduct tactical withdrawal in accordance with Annex E (Plan for Withdrawal).

e. N&S Co. (-)

- (1) On D-day minus 1 displace Bn FBCC to Firing Point # 12 within TAOR.
- (2) On order, land selected elements by helicopter in LZ POMTAC.
- (3) Establish Bn CP at a location to be announced.
- (4) On order, withdraw in accordance with Annex E (Plan for Withdrawal).

f. Fourth Bn (-), 12th Marines. Annex F (Artillery).

g. Bn Reserve. Tornado Co (3rd Root Immediate Reaction Force).

- (1) Located initially vicinity of HHI-163 at Hue Phu Bai airfield.
- (2) Be prepared, on order, to land in designated LZ or to move overland by truck convoy to location to be announced.
- (3) Be prepared to assume mission of either heli-landed company.
- (4) Be prepared to reinforce mechanized/motorized elements.
- (5) On order, conducts tactical withdrawal in accordance with Annex E (Plan for Withdrawal).

h. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) D-day. To be announced.
- (2) L-hour. 0645 (Tentative).
- (3) H-hour. ⁰⁶¹⁵~~0630~~ (Tentative).
- (4) W-hour. To be announced.

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- (5) Fire Support Coordination. Annex G.
- (6) EEI's. Annex B (Intelligence).
- (7) Report arrival at Phase lines.
- (8) For planning purposes, heliteams will be composed of either 10 USMC troops or 14 ARVN troops.
- (9) Units pay particular attention to stream beds as possible VC access/egress routes.
- (10) LACV advisors will be with all RVNAF units.
- (11) This plan effective for planning upon receipt and for execution on order.
- 4. ADI (12) All ARVN troops will have a red scarf on helmet.
- a. (13) In the event weather precludes landing at first light, L-Hour will be moved to 0800 and the LZ will be prepped L-Hour - 0600, E-Hour - 0730.
- (14) All persons will be evacuated from, the village, ARVN will burn the village.
- (b) CL II - Batteries 2 days
- (c) CL III - All vehicles with gas tanks full plus 2 full 5 gallon expeditionary cans
- (d) CL IV - Not required
- (e) CL V - Basic allowance
- (3) Resupply. Submit requests this HQ (Attn: S-4).
- (4) Captured material. Report type this HQ. Disposition instructions will be promulgated.
- b. Evacuation and Hospitalization
 - (1) Evacuation
 - (a) By helicopter initially to 2/1 BAS (Rear).

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(b) Request Med Evac via Bn Tactical Net.

(2) Hospitalization

(a) "A" Med (USMC)

(b) NGUYEN TRI PHUONG Hospital, HUE (RVNAF).

c. Service. 2/1 S-4 prepare and stage selected UL V items on pallets vicinity 2/1 LZ in Phu Bai.

d. Personnel. VCC will be evacuated by helicopter to 2/1 HQ in Phu Bai for screening and interrogation by 2/1 CIT, ITT and 1st Div interrogators.

e. Miscellaneous. Uniform for USMC. Combat.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

a. Communications-electronics

(1) Annex H (Communication-electronics).

(2) 2/1 COMMO will issue cards indicating appropriate call signs and frequencies.

(3) Guard radio nets commencing L-1 hour.

b. Command posts

(1) 2/1 - Initially airborne in UH1E, then in vicinity of LZ PONTIAC.

(2) Report command post locations when established.

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Ref: None

Time Zone: H

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H&S Co (-)

Capt CARTY

Command Group ALPHA
Battalion Aid Station

3rd APC Troops (Rein), 4th Cavalry Regt

Det, Co HAC BAO (Rein) RVNAF

~~Lt VY~~ Capt SI

Det, Co HAC BAO

~~Do not delete 3d Bn Troop, 4th Cavalry Regt, Det, Co HAC DAO~~

1st Sqd, 1st Plt, Co A, 1st Engr Bn

1st Plt (-), Co A, 3rd AT Bn

FO Tm Btry B, 3rd Bn, 11th Mar

FAC Tm #1

Det, Co B, 3rd MT Bn

Co HAC BAO (-)(Rein) RVNAF

Capt DINH

Co HAC BAO (-)

FO Tm, Btry B, 1st Bn, 11th Mar

Co E (Rein)

Capt LARSEN

Co E

FO Tm, Btry B, 1st Bn, 11th Mar

FAC Tm #2

4th Bn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines

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HQ Btry

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Bn Reserve

Tornado Co

Co

~~Det, Co B, 3rd MI Bn~~

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3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS

a. Orders to subordinate units

- (1) All units. SALUTE method of reporting will be used.
- (2) Sub-Unit, 3d YFT, CIT, and 1st Division Interrogators. Screening and interrogation of all captives will be a joint operation, conducted at the 2/1 PHU BAI Compound. Disposition of captives will be promulgated later.

MEASURES FOR HANDLING PRISONERS, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND CAPTURED MATERIAL

- a. Reference (b) applies.
- b. All captives will be forwarded by helicopter to the 2/1 PHU BAI Compound.
- c. Captured material and equipment. Reference (b) applies.

5. MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

- a. Maps listed in reference (a) will be issued prior to the operation.
- b. Aerial photographs and/or hand held photography will be available, as received, at the S-2 office.

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

- a. Reference (b) applies.
- b. The Counterintelligence Team will work in conjunction with the IT Team in PHU BAI.

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation plan 202-66

Ref: (a) Maps: HUE and THON BEN TAU, Sheet 6560III and 6559IV,
1:50,000 Vietnam, Series 1701
(b) 2/1 Order 3800.1 (Intelligence SOP)

Time Zone: H

1. SUMMARY OF THE ENEMY SITUATION

- a. The K-41 (C-106) Main Force Company is composed of three rifle platoons (estimated strength- 130); it is the 1st Company, of a 3 company of an unidentified battalion. The area of operations of the K-41 has been oriented in support of the C-117 Armed Unit in the southern sub-sector of THUA THIEN Province. Intelligence indicates that the K-41 Company has been moved into their present location for the purpose of terrain orientation for future operations; this unit has been reorganizing since late in 1965.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

- a. Determine the identification and disposition of VC Main Force/ Local Force units in the zone of action.
- b. Determine the Viet Cong routes of access to and egress from the Hamlet of THON BEN TAU (YC 895996).
- c. Determine Viet Cong routes of infiltration into the PHU BAI TAOR. To what extent are they used, to what sectors of the TAOR and in what numbers?
- d. Have the Viet Cong prepared defensive positions in the zone of action? If so, what type and to what extent?
- e. Determine if the Viet Cong have mined and/or booby trapped the approaches into the zone of action, paying particular attention to Route 14 and probable helicopter landing zones. If so, to what extent and what type(s)?
- f. Determine the mission of K-41 Company and the area of responsibility.
- g. Determine the location, strength and disposition and mission of the 802d and 810th Main Force Battalions.
- h. Determine to what extent the Viet Cong control the civilian population in the zone of action?

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Annex C (Air Support) to Operation Plan 20Z-66

Ref: (a) MAP: HUE, 1:50,000, Sheet 6560 III
(b) MAP: THON BEN TAU, 1:50,000, Sheet 6559 IV

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence) and Current INTSUS.
- b. Friendly forces. Annex A (Task Organization).
- c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A (Task Organization).

2. MISSION. Provide Air Support for 2nd Battalion (-)(Rein), 1st Marines (Rein).

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

- (1) There will be 2 VA Aircraft on station commencing D-day at 0645 until sunset.
- (2) There will be 4 VO (UH1E) aircraft (2 armed) in direct support commencing D-day at 0630 until sunset.
- (3) There will be 1 VR (L-19) aircraft with a tactical air observer on station commencing D-day at 0630 until sunset.
- (4) Troop lifts will be conducted by HMM 163.
- (5) All helicopters will be available for medical evacuation and logistics resupply as situation permits.

b. Coordinating instructions

- (1) Close air support (CAS) aircraft will be under positive control of either a Forward Air Controller (FAC) or a Tactical Air Coordinator Airborne (TAC (A)).

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- (2) Fire Support Coordination. Annex C (Fire Support Coordination).
 - (3) Aircraft armament code in accordance with Appendix 5 (Aircraft Armament Code) to Annex F (Air Support) to 3rd Mar Div Operation Order 343-65.
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Administrative Order 202-66.
 - 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. Annex H (Communications-Electronics).

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Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) to Annex C (Air Support) to Operation
 Plan 202-66

Time Zone: H

STATION	(PURPLE) TLD # 3/TAR/TAO/285.8	43.5 HD # 3/(CRIMSON)	
FSCC	C	C	MUTTER 14
FAC Tm # 1	X	X	MUTTER 14 ALPHA
FAC Tm # 2	X	X	MUTTER 14 BRAVO
AIRBORNE OBSERVER	W	W	ROSEMONT GOLF
VR AIRCRAFT	X	W	CAT KILLER
VA AIRCRAFT	X		OXWOOD, CONDOLE
HQM-163	W	X	SUPER CHIEF
VMA AIRCRAFT	X	W	DEAD LOCK, KLONDIKE

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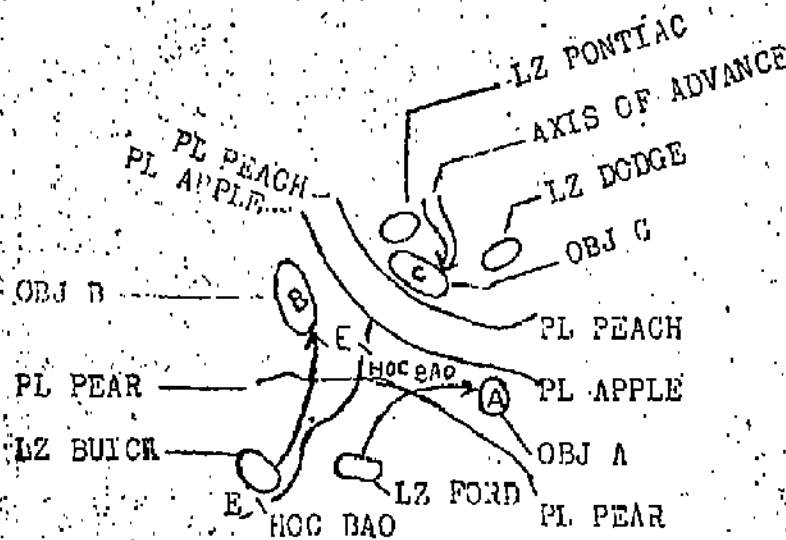
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Annex D (Cooperation Overlay) to Operation Plan 202-66

- Ref: (a) MAP: HUE, 1:50,000, Sheet
6560 III
(b) MAP: THON BEN TAU, 1:50,000,
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ANNEX E (Plan for Withdrawal) to Operation Plan 202-66

Time Zone:

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence).
- b. Friendly Forces. Annex A (Task Organization)

2. MISSION

Upon completion of the mission, withdraw the battalion from area of operations to designated assembly areas prior to sunset.

3. EXECUTION

- a. The battalion will withdraw from the area of operation in accordance with the following schedule:

(1) CO HOC BAO (-)(Rein).

- (a) On order, move from Objective A to vicinity LZ DODGE.
- (b) On order, at W-hour, commence helilift from LZ DODGE to HUE-CITADEL airfield.
- (c) Detach reinforcing elements of 2/1 to Co E prior to last lift.

(2) Co E (Rein).

- (a) On order, move from Objective B to vicinity of LZ PONTIAC.
- (b) On order, at W-hour, commence helilift from LZ PONTIAC to 2/1 CP LZ in PHU BAI.
- (c) Receive reinforcing 2/1 elements from CO HOC BAO and manifest in last lifts.

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(3). Det, Co HOC BAO (Rein), 1st Div.

- (a) Cover withdrawal of Co MAC BAO and Co E from positions on Objective C.
- (b) On order, at approximately W+45 minutes, w1 withdrew to vicinity DONG DA Training center via Route #14 and Route #1.
- (c) Detach reinforcing elements of 2/1 upon arrival PHU BAI area.

(4) H2S Co (-). On order, at approximately W+45 minutes withdraw by helicopter from LZ PONTIAC to 2/1 CP in PHU BAI.

(5) 4th Bn (-)(Rein), 12th Marines.

- (a) Cover withdrawal of all elements from present positions. Annex F (Artillery).
- (b) On order, at approximately W+90, displace to previous positions.

(6) Battalion Reserve.

- (a) If committed withdrawal will be conducted by same transportation means.
- (b) On order at approximately W+45 minutes be prepared to:
 - (1) Commence withdrawal by surface means from vicinity Objective C (OPCON passes to Co HOC BAO) to PHU BAI airfield.
 - (2) Commence withdrawal by helicopter from LZ DODGE to PHU BAI airfield.
- (c) Detach reinforcing elements from 2/1 at PHU-BAI airfield.

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(7) Coordinating Instructions.

- (c) Units responsible for own security in LZ.
- (b) W-hour to be announced.


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Annex F (Artillery) to Operation Plan 202-66

Ref: (a) MAP: HUE, 1:50,000, Sheet 6560 III
(b) MAP: THON BEN-TAU, 1:50,000, Sheet 6559 IV
(c) 4th Battalion, 12th Marine Operation Order 1-66

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence) and current INTSUM'S.
- b. Friendly forces. Annex A (Task Organization).
- c. Attachments and Detachments. None.

2. MISSION. Direct support 2nd Battalion (-)(Rein), 1st Marines (Rein).

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Artillery Employment. 4th Battalion, 12th Marines provides direct support to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines.
- b. Coordinating instructions
 - (1) D-day. To be announced.
 - (2) H-hour. 0630H.
 - (3) L-hour. 0645H.
 - (4) Position areas and fire capabilities.
 - (a) Battery B, FP 12 (YD 89501108037) AZ-3200.
 - (b) Battery M, FP 3 (YD 8834109192) AZ-3100.
 - (5) Registrations: On approval FSCC.
 - (6) Counter-mortar policy - Active.
 - (7) Ammunition restrictions - None.
 - (8) Restriction on fires: Annex G (Fire Support Coordination)

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS
 - a. Para 4, Reference (c).
 - b. Reports: As directed.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS
 - a. Annex H (Communications-Electronics).
 - b. Command post. YD 889088.

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Annex G (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Plan 202-66

Ref: (a) MAP: HUE, 1:50,000, Sheet 6560 III
(b) MAP: THON BEN TAU, 1:50,000, Sheet 6559 IV

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence) and current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly forces. Annex A (Task Organization).

2. MISSION. 2/1 (-) (Rein), commencing at L-hour on D-day lands selected elements in designated landing zones; at H-hour on D-day attacks overland in mechanized/motorized column with remaining elements; conducts operations to seize Bn objectives, A, B, and C; searches for and captures or destroys all VC personnel and material in Bn zone of action. Conducts withdrawal within 12 hours.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept

(1) On D-1 the FSCC will displace to a forward position at YD 889087 (Reference (a)).

(2) FSCC will be responsible for the coordination of supporting fires in the Battalion zone of action to ensure maximum effective fire support and troop safety to all units.

4. TARGET INFORMATION

a. Target List. Target lists will be initiated by Unit Commanders in coordination with their respective F.O.'s. This target list will be forwarded to the Fire Support Coordinator to resolve any duplication. Concentrations should be planned on suspected enemy positions, prominent terrain features, and avenues of approach.

b. Restricted targets

(1) Every effort will be made to preserve religious

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- (2) Other restricted targets as specified by local GVN Armed Forces Commander.


5. AIRCRAFT SAFETY

- a. Air lookouts. Artillery Forward Observers will check fire when it appears that the trajectory of artillery will endanger friendly aircraft.
- b. The Bn ALO will keep FSOC informed of the time and location of all scheduled and on-call flights into the zone of action.
- c. The Bn ALO will designate orbiting points for on-call aircraft upon their arrival at the zone of action.

6. SAFETY OF GROUND FORCES

- a. No Fire Lines. Unit Commanders in coordination with Artillery Forward Observers will establish No Fire Lines in their zones of action.
- b. Creeping fires will be utilized on missions in close proximity to friendly forces.

7. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.. Annex H (Communications-Electronics).


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ANNEX H (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 202-66

Ref: None

Time Zone: R

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence).
- (2) The enemy has the capability to employ imitative deception and jamming on all radio nets.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) See Annex A (Task Organization).
- (2) Command Posts.
 - (a) 2nd Bn (-)(Rein), 1st Marines (Rein), vicinity of LZ PONTIAC.
 - (b) Subordinate units report CP locations when established.

2. MISSION

On order, be prepared to establish and maintain communications in support of operation LONG KNIFE.

3. EXECUTION

a. Det, Communications Platoon, 2nd Bn (-)(Rein), 1st Marines (Rein).

- (1) Be prepared to support with communications, field operations of 2nd Bn (-)(Rein), 1st Marines (Rein).
- (2) Coordinate and perform liaison in areas pertinent to communications with U.S. and ARVN units being employed.

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B. Air Support Communications. See Annex C (Air Support).

c. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) TACP. When directed, the TACP, with associated equipment, will be activated under the cognizance of the Battalion Air Liaison Officer.
- (2) FSCC. The Battalion FSCC will enter the Battalion Tactical Net (FM).
- (3) 1st Platoon, Co A, 3d AT Bn.
 - (a) When in direct support of a rifle company, establish communication on the company tactical net.
 - (b) When in general support, establish communications on the Battalion Tactical Net.
- (4) Radio Section, H&S Co.
 - (a) Activate all radio circuits on order.
 - (b) Radio checks and test counts will be held to a minimum.
 - (c) All stations will remain on the Battalion Tactical Net until return to the Bn TAOR at which time they will request permission to secure from the net.
 - (d) Used dry cell batteries will be smashed, burned and buried to eliminate further use by the enemy as firing current for mines and booby traps.
 - (e) Authentication will be used on all radio circuits as appropriate. Effective editions of KAA-60 will be used by USMC units. U.S. Advisors will use Item 2i-14 from 1st Inf Div Advisor's SOI.
- (5) Message Center, H&S Co.
 - (a) On order, distribute effective authentication and coupling material to USMC units.
 - (b) U.S. Advisors with RVAF's will use Item ¹¹⁻¹⁵ ~~2i-14~~ of the 1st Inf Div Advisor's SOI for shackle requirements.

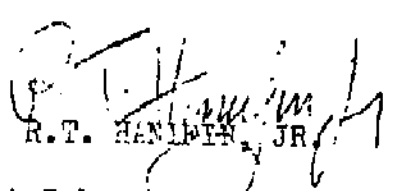
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(c) Pyrotechnics. See Appendix 2 to this annex.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Sufficient dry cell batteries will be carried for a two (2) day operation.
- b. At least two (2) field message books will be carried by each rifle company.


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		CKT DESIGN FREQ		Bn Tco # 1		Co "E" T.C		City C of F/	
2nd Bn (-)(Rein), 1st Marines (Rein)		D-179/D-237	38.4/54.8						
Company "B"		D-239	47.1						
1st Plt, Co "A", 3rd AT Bn		D-1701	36.6						
FSCC									
HOC Bn Co (-)									
D-1701 Bn Co 3rd A/C Troop (Rein) 4th Cav Div									
Torpedo Co									

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X - General
O - As Directed

TAB:
4 - Radio Call Signs

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TAB A (Call Signs) to Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) to Annex H
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Time Zone: Z

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CALL SIGNS</u>
2nd Bn (-)(Rein), 1st Marines (Rein)	MUTTER
Company E	MUTTER ECHO
1st Plt, Co A, 3rd AT Bn	MORBID ALPHA
Tornado Co	RUE OFF 30
HOC BAO Co (-)	RUE OFF 92
Det, HOC BAO Co	RUE OFF 92 ALPHA
3rd APC Troop (Rein), 4th Cav Reg't	RUE OFF 34 ALPHA
FAC Tm # 1	MUTTER 14 ALPHA
FAC Tm # 2	MUTTER 14 BRAVO


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Time Zone: H

1. ILLUMINATION

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>MODEL</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Red Star Cluster (Fire 1)	M52A1	Encircled or attacked by enemy. Request support (Type must be confirmed by radio).
Red Star Parachute (Fire 2)	Handheld	Area not secure, do not land or drop supplies
Green Star Parachute (Fire 2)	M19A	Area secure, safe to land and/or drop supplies
Green Star Parachute (Fire 1)	M19A	Request ammunition
Green Star Cluster (Fire 1)	Handheld	Request for Red Type
White Star Cluster (Fire 1)	M19	Request radio contact on the Air/Ground frequency
White Star Parachute	Handheld	Radio breakdown

2. SMOKE

<u>COLOR</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
Yellow	Marking of friendly unit positions
Violet	Objective taken

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COLOR

MEANING

Green

Inform us of enemy position or direction

Red

Marking of enemy position

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220th Aviation Co	1
FLSU #2	1
4th Bn, 12th Marines	5
Staff 2/1	10
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Subj: After Action Report, Operation LONG KNIFE

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1. In accordance with reference (a) the following report is submitted on subject operation.

a. Enemy

(1) The K-41 (C-106) Company, suspected of operating in the objective area, consisted of three (3) platoons. An unknown number of sympathizers were known to be living in the hamlet of BEN TAU.

(2) Enemy reserves that could have affected our situation consisted of one (1) Battalion (possibly the 810th Main Force Battalion).

(3) Initial enemy contact with the Viet Cong was in the vicinity of the landing zone in the form of sporadic small arms fire. After contact was broken, the Viet Cong withdrew from immediate area.

(a) The estimated strength of the Viet Cong in the area of operations was approximately 75 - 100 men. In the immediate zone of action the estimated strength was approximately two (2) squads.

(b) Weapons, material, food and ammunition appeared to be in sufficient quantities.

(c) Morale of the Viet Cong could not be determined due to the lack of captives.

(d) Viet Cong units located in the zone of action did not appear to have any prior knowledge of the intentions of friendly forces.

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(4) Conclusions

- (a) Withdraw from the area of operations
- (b) Harass friendly forces with sniper fire
- (c) The enemy used paragraph (a) above. After the initial contact in the vicinity of the landing zone, he withdrew utilizing an occasional sniper for purposes of harassment.

(5) Enemy losses

KIA	(Body count)	9
KIA	(Estimated)	3
WIA	(Body count)	0
WIA	(Estimated)	8

b. Operations.

(1) At 0640H 3rd APC Troop, 4th Cav Regt (Rein) commenced a mechanized attack south along an Axis of Advance to seize Objective C. Objective C secured at 0810H and blocking position established.

(2) At 0710H Co E (-) landed in LZ BUICK and commenced the attack to seize Objective B. Co E (-) captured one VC captive in LZ BUICK, which was turned over to HAC BAO Company for questioning. Secured Objective B at 0910H encountering negative resistance.

(3) At 0710H Co HAC BAO (-) landed in LZ FORD and commenced attack to seize Objective A. Co HAC BAO killed 2 VC in LZ FORD and received sporadic small arms fire until 0916H when Objective A was secured.

(4) At 0935H Co E (-) displaced north, establishing a defensive perimeter at LZ PONTIAC by 1042H. Co HAC BAO attacked northwest clearing the village of BEN TAU by 1048H. Co HAC BAO destroyed approximately 15 houses in the village by fire, after it was searched, cleared and all civilians and personal possessions were evacuated.

(5) Withdrawal commenced at 1130H. The heli-lift portion was completed by 1215H. At 1215H the Third APC Troop of the 4th Cavalry Regiment commenced withdrawal, and completed same at 1310H. At 1315H CO, 2/1 and Command Group landed at 2/1 CP LZ. Entire withdrawal accomplished without incident.

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c. Lessons Learned.

(1) In a combined operation of this nature it is of the utmost importance for the commander to have complete control. Radio nets that were used were adequate. U.S. Armed Forces Advisors with ARVN units were on the Bn Tactical Net which proved highly satisfactory.

(2) Operations of this type are of great value, as it gives U.S. Forces the advantage of operating with personnel who know the terrain and language. The most important factor in the operation was the mutual respect gained by ARVN and USMC units working together.

(3) The ARVN units were under complete operational control of U.S. Forces. This procedure provided unity of command and fire support coordination. The latter was enhanced by the attachment of Br FO and FAC Teams to the ARVN units.

(4) Requests for helicopter support were submitted via the chain of command sufficiently in advance of the operation to allow for concurrent and coordinated planning by the squadron and ground commanders. It is noted that the request for H1M-163 was not confirmed by higher Headquarters until the day prior to the operation. However the essential planning was conducted by mutual consent of the commanders involved.

(5) Due to the distance involved from the airfield to the operating area, coupled with the number of scheduled waves 1. the squadron planned for and lifted heli teams composed of either 16 ARVN troops or 12 Marines. The foregoing was accomplished by a major reduction in the fuel load. This should be carefully considered in all future operations where a maximum initial lift of troops with a minimum number of helicopters, is desired.

(6) The attachment of certain marine elements to ARVN units (ie. Ontos & Engineers) functioned satisfactorily and further enhanced the concept of a combined operation stressing unity of command.

(7) The use of aerial photographs taken on 12 January for the construction of a MOSIAC of the area proved invaluable. The net effect was a highly accurate representation of the Objective area and terrain features. This was utilized for briefings, orientation and the issuance of the order. It also served as a sound instrument in the selection of LZ's by the air and ground commanders.

c. Personnel.

(1) The personnel strength of the participating units of the 2nd Bn (-)(Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) was as follows:

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Officers*

*Enlisted

22

437

* Includes Artillery Battalion (-)(Rain).

(2) The personnel strength of the ARVN units participating were as follows:

Officers

**Enlisted

8

394

** Does not include the 2nd Bn, 3d Regt, 1st ARVN Div which had been placed in Alert Status and available to 2/1 if needed.

(3) Friendly casualties sustained were as follows:

0 - KIA, 1 - DOW (ARVN) and 1 - WIA (ARVN).

(4) Discipline, Law and Order. Five villagers and their personal possessions were removed and resettled in a refugee hamlet by 1st ARVN Div.

(5) Captives. Enemy captured during Operation LONG KNIFE: 1 VCC - 5 VCS.

(6) Burials and Graves Registration: DOW was processed by 1st ARVN Division.

(7) Morale. The morale of the combined Marine-ARVN Forces was outstanding.

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Operation Plan 203-66

Ref: (a) 1st ARVN Div Operation Order Eagle Flight 49

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces.

- (1) The C 116th Recon Company is suspected of operating in the village of DINH CON vicinity CG YD 785805.
- (2) DINH CON is a ferry point which is used by the VC as a supply base for food and intelligence gathering missions in the HUE area.

b. Friendly forces.

- (1) Total Force 31.
 - (a) 1st Bn, 3rd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division.
 - (b) 3rd APC Troops, 4th Cavalry, 1st ARVN Division.
 - (c) 1 Regional Force Company.
 - (d) 1 Engineer Platoon.
 - (e) National Police/Regular Force, THUA THIEN Sector.
- (2) 4th Bn, 12th Marines (-)(Rein).
- (3) Company HAC-BAG, 1st ARVN Division.
- (4) Reaction Company, 3rd Regiment, 1st ARVN Division.

c. Attachments and Detachments.

- (1) Light section Tanks.
- (2) Heavy section Octos.

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- (3) Sound Engineers.
- (4) Det, Truck Platoon.
- (5) FO Tr A/12.

2. MISSION

2/1 (-)(Rein), commencing at H-Hour on D-Day, provide one company (Rein) in a blocking position vicinity GC YD 802112 to YD 803702. See Annex A (Operation Overlay). Be prepared to provide additional support as required.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. 2/1 (-)(Rein), commencing at H-Hour moves one company (Rein) by mechanized/motorized column from present position to blocking position as indicated in Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- b. 4th Bn, 12th Marines (-)(Rein).
 - (1) General support.
 - (2) Be prepared to fire preparatory fires on LZ: GREEN and YELLOW.
 - (3) At 0700 on D-Day displace B Btry to GC 859118 and I Btry to GC 867119.
- c. Co E (Rein). Commencing at H-Hour move by mechanized/motorized column from present position, establish blocking position vicinity GC YD 802112 to YD 803102.
- d. Co G. Be prepared, on order, to provide one Plt (Rein) in support of the operation.
- e. Co H. Be prepared, on order, to provide one Plt (Rein) in support of the operation.
- f. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) D-Day. 24 January 1966.
 - (2) H-Hour. 0710.
 - (3) ARVN personnel will wear a red scarf around their helmets.
 - (4) In case of inclement weather H-Hour will be delayed in 30 minute increments. If the operation does not go before 241200H it will be cancelled.

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Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000; Sheets 6560 III (HUE)
and 6559 IV (THON BEN TAW)

A hand-drawn tactical map of a coastal area. The map includes several units and locations marked with symbols and text:

- Top Left:** A curved arrow points from the top left towards the center. Below it are two ovals labeled '4' and '3'.
- Top Center:** A symbol consisting of a square with a diagonal line and three vertical lines above it, labeled '3'.
- Top Right:** A crosshair symbol with '81' above it and '14' to its left.
- Center:** A symbol consisting of a square with an 'X' inside and three vertical lines above it, labeled '31'.
- Bottom Left:** A wavy line represents a coastline. Below it is a symbol consisting of a square with an 'X' inside and three vertical lines above it, labeled '3'.
- Bottom Center:** A symbol consisting of a square with an 'X' inside and three vertical lines above it, labeled '3'.
- Bottom Right:** A symbol consisting of a square with an 'X' inside and three vertical lines above it, labeled '3'.
- Far Right:** A symbol consisting of a square with an 'X' inside and three vertical lines above it, labeled '3'.
- Far Bottom Right:** A symbol consisting of a square with an 'X' inside and three vertical lines above it, labeled '3'.
- Other Labels:** 'one: H' is at the top left. 'RIF' is at the top center. 'CSCC' is on the right. 'GREEN' is on the left. 'YELLOW' is on the right. 'HT3' is at the bottom right.
- Other Symbols:** There are several ovals labeled 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', '1', '2', '3', '4'. There are also several symbols consisting of a square with an 'X' inside and three vertical lines above it.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply.

(1) Unit distribution.

(2) Prescribed load.

(a) Class I. 1 MIC, 2 canteens full of water.

(b) Class II. Batteries, 2 day supply.

(c) Class III. All vehicles with gas tanks full, plus 1 full 5 gallon expeditionary can.

(d) Class IV. Not required.

(e) Class V. Basic allowance.

(3) Resupply. Submit requests this Headquarters (Attn: S-6).

(4) Captured material. Return to this Headquarters.

b. Evacuation and Hospitalization.

(1) Evacuation.

(a) By helicopter to 2/1 BAS.

(b) Request for Evac via BN Tactical Net.

(2) Hospitalization. A Ref (USMC).

c. Service. HQ 2/1 prepares and stages selected Class V items on pallets vicinity 2/1 LZ HUE-PHU BAI.

d. Personnel. VCC will be evacuated by helicopter to 2/1 Headquarters in HUE-PHU BAI for creching and interrogation by 2/1 CIT and ITT.

5. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Communications-Electronics.

(1) Deliver at ARVI Division, 301 and call signs card from 2/1 message center.

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- (2) Enter Advisor Tactical Net on 36.6 MCS at 0600 D-Day. Call sign RUNOFF 94 E.
 - (3) Attached artillery FO Teams will enter artillery conduct of fire net at 0600 D-Day on 36.6 MCS.
 - (4) Co E (Rein) draw one AN/PRC-25 from 2/1 radio section.
- b. Command Posts. Report Command Post location when established.

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ANNEX:

A - Operation Overlay

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To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division
Via: 3rd Marines

Subj: After Action Report, Operation EAGLE FLIGHT 49

Ref: (a) Reg't 3120.14

1. In accordance with reference (a) the following report is submitted on the subject operation.

a. Enemy.

(1) The Viet Cong unit located in the Objective Area, although unidentified, could possibly have belonged to the C-117 Local Force Company.

(2) Enemy reserves that could have effected our situation consisted of elements of one (1) battalion, possibly the 810th Main Force Battalion.

(3) Enemy contact during the operation consisted of sporadic small arms fire, an anti tank mine being detonated by a friendly tank and one Viet Cong running from the Objective Area.

(a) The estimated strength of the Viet Cong unit operating in the Objective Area was estimated at two (2) platoons (50-75).

(b) Weapons, material, food ammunition, and morale could not be determined due to the lack of enemy contact or captives.

(c) The lack of Viet Cong units in the Objective Area indicated prior knowledge of the operation and the intentions of friendly forces. Use of observation posts (commanding the friendly forces avenues of approach) by the Viet Cong would have afforded them sufficient warning to withdraw from the area prior to the arrival of friendly units.

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(4) Conclusions.

- (a) Withdrew from the area of operations.
- (b) Harass friendly forces with sniper fire.
- (c) The enemy used paragraph (a) above.

(5) Enemy Losses.

KIA (Confirmed) - 1
KIA (Estimated) - 13
WIA - 1
WIA (Estimated) - 0

b. Operations.

(1) At 240545H Co E (Rein) commenced to seize Objective D. Objective D was secured at 240720H and blocking position established.

(2) At 240735H the lead tank in the column detonated a mine, damaging the tank and wounding two Marines. Engineers searched the area and found five booby trapped grenades and one (1) AT mine, all of which were disarmed.

(3) At 240915H one (1) platoon from Co E (Rein) swept the village from GC YD 790112 to YD 792098. During the search, the platoon observed one (1) VC running North at GC YD 788112 fired 10 rounds of small arms and the VC was wounded. The platoon found one booby trapped CHI COM grenade which was disarmed by Engineers.

(4) At 241050H Co E (Rein) captured 7 VCS at GC 795116. The VCS were evacuated by helicopter to 2/1 CP where they were interrogated by CIT.

(5) At 241115H Co E (Rein) received a report from the ARVN CP that two (2) platoons of VC had been spotted at GC YD 796088. Air strikes and artillery were called in by the ARVN. The Ontos and tanks fired approximately 100 rounds of TE and WP in support. No reports of casualties were received.

(6) At 241450H Co E (Rein) commenced withdrawal. The withdrawal was slowed by the necessity to evacuate the damaged tank by retriever.

(7) At 241630H Co E (-), a tank section and a Ontos section arrived at 2/1 CP. The remaining elements of Co E and the retrieved tank arrived at the 2/1 CP at 242135H.

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c. Lessons Learned. None.

d. Personnel.

(1) The personnel strength of the participating units of the 2nd Bn (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein) was as follows:

<u>Officers *</u>	<u>Enlisted *</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>326</u>

* These figures reflect participating units from 4th Bn, 12th Marines (-)(Rein) and the two reserve platoons from 2nd Bn (Rein), 1st Marines (Rein).

(2) Friendly casualties confirmed were as follows:
C - KIA, 0 - DOW, 2 - MIA.

(3) Discipline, Law and Order. None.

(4) Captives. Enemy captured during EAGLE FLIGHT 49:
7 VCS.

(5) Burials and Grave Registration. None.

(6) Morale. Outstanding.

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