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Encl: ✓(1) Battalion Landing Team 3/1 Command Chronology

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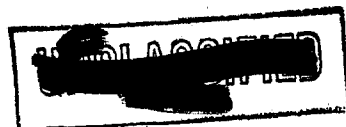
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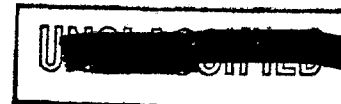
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

PERIOD COVERED

1 December - 2 January 1968

A. UNIT DESIGNATION1. Battalion Landing Team 3/1

Lt Col M. MCQUON

Company I

Capt L. R. MORAN

Company K

Capt J. E. REGAL

Company L

Capt T. S. HUBBIE (1-27 Dec 1967)

Capt E. S. HEMPLE (28-2 Jan 1968)

Company M

Capt R. A. THOMAS

H&S Company

Capt R. J. FISHER

Co C, 1st Tk Bn

2nd Lt R. E. PARRISH

Co C, 1st Anti Tk Bn

2nd Lt D. L. BROWN

Co A, 1st MT Bn

2nd Lt T. B. VOGEL

Co C, 1st Engr Bn

2nd Lt C. J. MALONEY Jr

Co B, 3d Amtrac Bn

2nd Lt E. L. METZIGER

Co C, 1st Recon Bn

1st Lt P. R. YOUNG

Co C, 1st Med Bn

Lt M. R. POMERANTZ

Hq Co, 1st Shore Party Bn

1st Lt R. J. HEXUM

Serv Co, Hq Bn

1st Lt R. W. RIPP

Hq Co, Hq Bn, 1st FSR, LSU

1st Lt A. M. COWARD

2. Attached Units

Btry C, 1st Bn, 11th Mar

Capt P. A. McLAUGHLIN

Btry W, 2nd Bn, 11th Mar

Capt J. T. WINKLER

B. STAFF OFFICERS

XO

Major W. M. THURMAN

S-1

1st Lt M. PALLO Jr.

S-2

2nd Lt M. TOMA (1-25 Dec 1967)

S/Sgt GIGLIA (26 Dec 1967-

2 Jan 1968)

S-3

Major T. H. SHANNON

S-4

Capt D. E. NEWELL

Emb O

1st Lt A. VAART

Comm O

Capt J. S. BECKER

Air Liaison O

Capt C. E. FLEMING Jr.

Supp O

2nd Lt P. G. MCCARTHY

MT O

1st Lt K. M. HAGGERTY (1 Dec-14 Dec

2nd Lt T. B. VOGEL (15 Dec-2 Jan)

Chaplain

Lt A. GUTTERMAN

Medical O

Lt G. F. GARLOMAGNO

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C. LOCATION

010600H - 021530H December 1967: Embarkation aboard Amphibious Ready Group B 76.5 (ARG) in Danang Harbor
 021530H - 030300H December 1967: Afloat off coast of RVN
 030300H - 041300H December 1967: Enroute to Subic Bay
 041300H - 051400H December 1967: Debarked to SLF Camp, Subic Bay, Philippine Islands
 051400H - 130900H December 1967: SLF Camp, Subic Bay, Philippine Islands
 130900H - 142200H December 1967: Embarked aboard ARG
 142200H - 170700H December 1967: Aboard ARG for BLT exercise, Subic Bay
 170700H - 190630H December 1967: Enroute to RVN
 190630H - 211100H December 1967: Afloat with ARG off the Coast of RVN
 211100H - 241230H December 1967: Operation FORTRESS RIDGE - Quang Tri Province-RVN
 241230H - 261100H December 1967: Afloat with ARG off coast of RVN
 261100H December 1967 - 02 January 1968: Operation BADGER TOOTH - Quang Tri and Thua Thien Province-RVN

D. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
58	1600	8	89

020100H

E. REMARKS

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Battalion Landing Team 3/1 passed under the command of Special Landing Force, Bravo, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade at 010600H Dec 67. The BLT was loaded aboard Amphibious Ready Group 76.5 shipping on 1 and 2 December. The BLT command post was aboard the USS Valley Forge, LPH-8. On 4 December the BLT debarked from ARG shipping and established its headquarters at the Special Landing Force Camp, Subic Bay, Philippine Islands. From 5-14 December, the BLT underwent a period of equipment rehabilitation and intensive training. The Provisional Service Battalion, 9th MAB provided maintenance and supply support. Training was conducted so as not to interfere with maintenance and rehabilitation of equipment. Training stressed all aspects of amphibious operations and included live fire of all organic and supporting weapons (See Part IV). On 14 December the BLT re-embarked on ARG shipping. Practice landing exercises were conducted on 15 and 16 December in the Zambales training area adjacent to Subic Bay. These exercises were valuable in preparing all BLT units for future combat operations. On 17 December the BLT sailed for RVN. Logistical preparations for SLF employment were completed at Danang on 19 December. From 21-24 December BLT 3/1 participated in Operation FORTRESS RIDGE. On 25 December the BLT was back aboard ARG shipping for Christmas day. From 26 December 1967 - 2 January 1968 the BLT participated in Operation BADGER TOOTH. See Part IV for details of Operations FORTRESS RIDGE and BADGER TOOTH.

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PART III SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

A. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

See Part IV.

B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

1. Operation FORTRESS RIDGE: 21 -24 December 1967 - RVN
2. Operation BADGER TOOTH: 26 December 1967 - 02 January 1968 - RVN

C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY

Confirmed
Probable

VC/NVA

41
7

D. CASUALTIES SUSTAINEDUSMC

<u>KIA</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>		<u>DOW</u>
	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	
2	0	0	0

<u>KIA</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>		<u>DOW</u>
	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	
55	114	0	1

USN

<u>KIA</u>	<u>OFFICER</u>		<u>DOW</u>
	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	
0	0	0	0

<u>KIA</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>		<u>DOW</u>
	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	
0	3	0	0

E. NEW TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED

None.

F. COMMAND RELATIONS

The BLT remained under operational control of Special Landing Force B, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade for the entire period.

G. EQUIPMENT

1. 1-18 December, 1967

a. General

The BLT sailed to Subic Bay with Special Landing Force Bravo for a nine day rehabilitation period prior to deployment. This rehabilitation was conducted by the Provisional Service Battalion (PSB), 3rd FSR. Upon arrival Subic Bay all major items of equipment were turned into PSB. These items were inspected and repaired or replaced as needed.

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b. Ordnance(1) Major Items

One LVTP-5 and six M98 Howtar's were replaced during the rehabilitation period at Subic Bay. One M48A3 tank was evacuated from Subic Bay to Okinawa and a replacement tank was picked up by the BLT in Danang on 18 Dec. All other major ordnance items were returned to the BLT prior to sailing for Vietnam.

(2) Small Arms

All individual and crew served small arms were inspected and repaired or replaced as needed during the rehabilitation period. All .45 caliber pistols and 525 M-16 rifles were exchanged by PSB. Ten M-3A1 sub-machine guns, nine 3.5 rocket launchers, and four M-60 machine guns were also replaced while at Subic Bay.

c. Communications

One M-109 radio jeep, 30 H-138 hand sets and six AN/PRC-25 radios were replaced during the rehabilitation period. All other communications equipment was inspected, repaired as needed and returned to the BLT prior to 15 Dec.

d. Engineer

During the rehabilitation period two ART-30 rough terrain fork lifts were replaced at PSB. One M-60 Anthony Crane was evacuated to 3rd FSR and a replacement was picked up by the BLT in Danang on 18 Dec. All other items of engineer equipment were repaired as required and returned to the BLT by 15 Dec.

e. Motor Transport

PSB was able to repair and return all motor transport items except six M422A1 mighty mites and six M274A2 mules during the rehabilitation period at Subic Bay. Four of the unrepairable mighty mites were replaced, but the remaining eight vehicles were returned to the BLT in a deadlined status.

2. 19 December 1967 - 02 January 1968

See Part IV.

H. LOGISTICS1. Supply

a. 1-18 December 1967

(1) Prior to embarking on assigned shipping for transportation to Subic Bay all garrison property and Class IV items were invoiced to 2nd Bn, 3rd Marines.

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(2) During the rehabilitation period at Subic Bay the BLT drew upon the assets of 9th MAB to meet the demands for Class I, II, III, and V items.

(3) While at Subic Bay the Battalion Supply section established an issue point in the SLF camp to distribute individual clothing and equipment to Marines joining the BLT.

(4) There is a shortage of some Class II items in the BLT. Items that are in short supply are poncho liners, rain suits, jungle kits, and component parts of the AN/PRC-25 radio.

(5) While assigned to the SLF the BLT will rely upon Force Logistics Command for its logistical support.

b. 19 December 1967 - 02 January 1968.

See Part IV.

2. Transportation

a. Vehicular Transportation. The BLT drew its motor transport support from the Naval Base while its organic vehicles were being repaired by PSB.

b. Waterborne Transportation. During the period at Subic Bay Navy LCM's and LCU's from Subic Bay Naval Base were employed to transport troops and cargo between the Zambales training and the SLF Camp. These craft also assisted during backloading.

c. Airborne Transportation. See Part III para P.1 (air support).

I. CIVIC ACTION

No civic action programs were conducted while BLT 3/1 was in a training status. One major MEDCAP was conducted during Operation BADGER TOOTH in which a total of 153 Vietnamese civilians were treated.

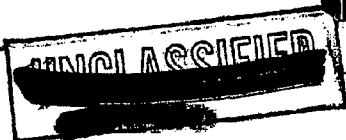
J. ADMINISTRATION

1. General. Upon assignment as Battalion Landing Team 3/1, the Battalion established a Battalion Administrative Center co-located with the S-1 section. This arrangement has proven to be satisfactory.

2. Awards. The battalion recommended one silver star and three bronze stars.

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3. Morale and Personnel Services. The morale of the Battalion is excellent. The Christmas Day meal was excellent, as were majority of meals served aboard the various ships. The recreation facilities (movies, soda shop and library) available to the battalion have definitely been a contributing factor for the high level of morale.

4. Legal and Discipline. The battalion had twenty-six non-judicial punishments and no court martials.

5. Postal. Mail has been a problem area, due to the lack of available transportation between ships and limited space on board the USS Valley Forge for mail sorting.

6. R&R. There have been no quotas available to the BLT due to its assignment with Special Landing Force Bravo.

7. Promotions. Promotions this month were very limited (thirty-one regular promotion quotas to Corporal) because most of the replacements the BLT received were L/CPLS and CPLS. The battalion was also authorized to promote one corporal, three lance corporals, and nine PFC's to the next higher grade. These were meritorious combat promotions.

8. Pay and Allowance. The new pay raise was retroactive to 1 October 1967 and back pay was included in this month's pay.

9. Post Exchange. While at Subic Bay the BLT had access to all Navy exchanges there. Once the BLT boarded the amphibious landing force, it used the facilities aboard the various ships.

10. Religious Services. Battalion Chaplain Gutterman conducted three Protestant services in hanger bay one of the USS Valley Forge, one at the SLF Camp at Subic Bay, and one in the field at Subic Bay. Three Protestant Communion services were performed during this period. Catholic Mass was held in hanger bay one by Chaplain O'Regan. The battalion chaplain conducted two Christmass Services and three Memorial Services. The Marines embarked on ships other than the USS Valley Forge took part in the regular services held by the Naval Lay-Leader on each ship.

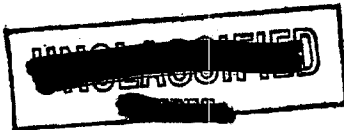
11. Personnel Changes

a. Losses

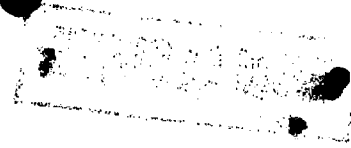
	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
Battle (As of 02 January 1968)	2	87	0	1
Non-battle	0	0	0	0
Admin	1	16	0	0

Note: An additional 15 were transferred on 6 January 1968 as a result of wounds received on Operation BADGER TOOTH.

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b. Replacements

USMC	
OFF	ENL
7	184

USN	
OFF	ENL
2	1

K. MEDICAL/DENTAL AFFAIRS1. Patient Loss

a. During the month of December, 1050 patients were seen at sick call for an average of thirty-two patients per day. 154 patients were seen at dental sick call.

2. MEDCAP/DENTCAP. See Part III Paragraph J (Civil Action).

3. Sanitation. Considering the crowded conditions in the troops berthing area, sanitation was satisfactory.

L. INTELLIGENCE

See Part IV.

M. COMMUNICATIONS1. Equipmenta. Supply

As of 02 January 1968, all T/E equipment was on hand or on order. Field message books are in short supply. The shortage of handsets, H-138/H-18 and tape antennas, AT-897 remains critical. At least 40 handsets and 25 tape antennas are needed to replace unserviceable ones or to complete the AN/PRC-25 radio sets and AN/GRA-39 remotes.

b. Maintenance

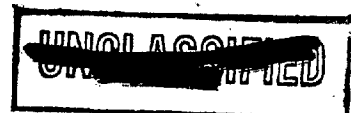
(1) The battalion electronics technicians, supplemented by technicians from Logistics Support Unit, 3rd FSR maintained all equipment satisfactorily.

(2) The AN/TPS-21 radar sets were not repaired during rehabilitation at Subic Bay, R. P. due to lack of replacement parts.

2. Message Traffic

The total number of messages handled during the period was 97 transmitted and 506 received. This was about average for the battalion.

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3. Operations/Training

a. Operations

(1) There was one training operation and two major combat operations during this period in which communications were satisfactory with certain discrepancies. From the combat operations it was learned that the AN/PRC-25 is not powerful enough for adequate ship to shore communications unless the ship lays close to shore. This problem can be corrected by using the RT-524 in the MRC-109 configuration. Unfortunately this setup is not always flexible enough to meet every situation. Often terrain precludes successful employment of radio vehicles. An alternate solution is the utilization of portable high frequency radio equipment (i. e. , the AN/PRC-47). This has only met with limited success. The problem is still under investigation. It is also apparent that the frequency spectrum of the AN/PRC-25 is not broad enough to accommodate all of the nets of a battalion landing team and in country units operating in adjacent areas without mutual interference problems.

(2) During Operation FORTRESS RIDGE, from 21-24 Dec 67 field message books, handsets H-138/H-189, tape antennas AT-897, and repair/replacement parts for the RT-505 were critically short and could not be acquired from supply sources.

(3) During Operation BADGER TOOTH, from 26 December 1967 - 02 January 1968, there were no operational communication or resupply problems that weren't solved. Repair/replacement parts and components for the AN/PRC-25 were still in short supply but not to the extent that the mission was impaired. This was due to the efforts of maintenance personnel. Two RT 505's and two handsets H-138 were destroyed by enemy action.

b. Training

(1) A formal field radio operator's school was not conducted due to personnel being dispersed.

(2) While at Subic Bay a class was held for company radio operators on communication security and operating techniques.

(3) Additional radio operator training was received during the landing exercise at Subic Bay.

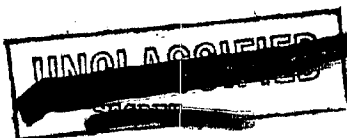
4. Support

Special Landing Force communications provided personnel and equipment for ship-board communications and message center facilities.

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N. WEATHER

1. 1-27 December 1967, weather throughout this period was favorable and did not hinder the training program, or actual operations.

2. 28 December 1967 - 02 January 1968 - See Part IV.

O. FIRE SUPPORT

1. 1-18 December 1967.

a. W Btry, 2d Bn, 11th Marines

W Btry was transported to Subic Bay, Philippines aboard the USS Valley Forge, where they participated in the rehabilitation and training program. Training conducted at the Zambales training area included setting up the battery in direct support of the BLT infantry units. One day was allotted to a live fire exercise. W Btry participated in two helo-lifts into an objective area, establishing a firing position and firing simulated fire missions.

b. C Btry, 1st Bn, 11th Marines

C Btry was transported to Subic Bay, Philippines aboard the USS Alamo and participated in the same rehabilitation and training as did W Btry. During training at the Zambales training area C Btry landed by LCM, positioned the battery to fire, and conducted a live firing exercise, firing both direct and indirect fire. C Btry landed with the remainder of the BLT on the landing exercise where the battery fired simulated fire missions in direct support of BLT 3/1 infantry units.

c. Naval Gunfire Shore Fire Control Party

On 10 and 11 December, Naval Gunfire Training was held for the Battalion Landing Team's Shore Fire Control Party. Training was conducted at the Tabones naval gunfire range with the services of the USS Lofberg (DD 759). Members of the SFCP, operating from an observation point on the beach, called indirect and modified illumination missions. The USS Lofberg provided outstanding support, expending approximately 300 rounds of 5 inch ammunition. Each member of the SFCP was able to call and adjust at least two missions.

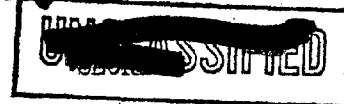
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P. AIR SUPPORT

1. 1-18 December 1967.

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a. HMM-262 provided CH-46A's for medevacs, tactical and administrative troop movements, and reconnaissance flights, as well as training the various units in loading and unloading such items as Howtars, 106mm Recoilless Rifles, various types of radio vehicles, and external loads while the BLT was undergoing training in the Subic Bay area.

b. Marine A-4's from VMA-223 and Philippine F-86F's and F-5's from the 5th and 6th Philippine Fighter Squadrons provided simulated close air support during the period 11 Dec - 15 Dec. These missions provided invaluable training for the battalion's FAC's and gave the FSCC practice in coordinating Air Strikes with other types of fire support. They also served to accustom the troops to high speed jet aircraft flying close overhead.

2. 19 December 1967 - 02 January 1968.

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Subj: Combat After Action Report (Operation FORTRESS RIDGE).

Ref: (a) MAPS: VIETNAM, AMS 1:50,000 Series L7014, Sheet 6442 IV.
 (b) Frag Order for Operation FORTRESS RIDGE.

Encl: (1) Operation Overlay, Phase I.
 (2) Operation Overlay, Phase II.

1. Operation FORTRESS RIDGE.

2. Dates of Operation

- a. Phase I Operation FORTRESS RIDGE, 210928H-211500H Dec 1967.
- b. Phase II Operation FORTRESS RIDGE, 21-24 Dec 1967.
- c. Phase IV Operation FORTRESS RIDGE, 24 Dec 1967.

3. Location

- a. Phase I was conducted in Gio Linh District, Quang Tri Province, Republic of Vietnam.
- b. Phase II was conducted in the same area as Phase I.
- c. Phase IV was conducted from the same area.

4. Task Organization

BLT 3/1

H&S Co (-) (Rein)

Lt. Col. MCQUOWN

Det, Hq Bn
 Det Comm Plt, Hq Co, 1st Mar
 Det Btry C, (Rein), 1st Bn, 11th Mar
 Det Dental Co, 9th MAB
 2d Plt, (Rein), Co C, 1st Med Bn
 3d Plt, (Rein), Co A, 1st Eng Bn
 Det LSU, For Log Cmd
 1st Plt, (Rein), Co A, 1st MT Bn

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Co I (Rein)

Co I
 Det H&S Co
 FAC Tm
 Det Med Plt
 FO Tm, 81mm Mort Plt
 1st & 2d Sec, 81mm Mort Plt
 Det Btry C (Rein), 1st Bn, 11th Mar
 Tm, 3d Plt, (Rein), Co A, 1st Eng Bn

Capt MORAN

Co K (Rein)

Co K
 Det H&S Co
 FAC Tm
 Det Med Plt
 FO Tm, 81mm Mort Plt
 3d & 4th Sec, 81mm Mort Plt
 Det Btry C (Rein), 1st Bn, 11th Mar
 Tm, 3d Plt, (Rein), Co A, 1st Eng Bn

Capt REGAL

Co L (Rein)

Co L
 Det H&S Co
 FAC Tm
 Det Med Plt
 FO Tm, 81mm Mort Plt
 Det Btry C, (Rein), 1st Bn, 11th Mar
 Tm, 3d Plt, (Rein), Co A, 1st Eng Bn

Capt HUBBLE

Co M (Rein)

Co M
 Det H&S Co
 FO Tm, 81mm Mort Plt
 Det Btry C (Rein), 1st Bn, 11th Mar
 Tm, 3d Plt, (Rein), Co A, 1st Eng Bn

Capt THOMAS

106mm RR Plt

Lt THOMPSON

Btry C (Rein) (-), 1st Bn, 11th Mar

Capt MCLAUGHLIN

Btry W, 2d Bn, 11th Mar

Capt WINKLER

3d Plt, (Rein), Co C, 1st Tk Plt

Lt PARISH

4th Plt, (Rein), Co B, 3d AmTrac Bn

Lt METZIGER

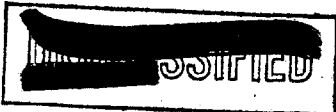
1st Plt, (Rein), Co D, 1st Recon Bn

Lt YOUNG

3d Plt, (Rein), Co C, 1st AT Bn

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5. Supporting Forces

- a. The variety and quantity of supporting forces during Operation FORTRESS RIDGE were those normally task organized to a BLT, and those assigned missions of general and direct support of a BLT. Air, artillery, naval gunfire, and 107mm mortar battery and 81mm mortars all played an important part in the execution of FORTRESS RIDGE.
- b. Artillery. Artillery support was available and utilized by the battalion during the operation. All missions were either immediate or preplanned. The preplanned missions consisted of H&I and night defensive fires around company positions. The immediate missions were fired on suspected and known enemy positions and on targets of opportunity.
- c. A total of 692, 105mm rounds were expended on this operation. Also, 325, 107mm rounds were fired.
- d. Air Support. Air support was utilized in both phases of FORTRESS RIDGE. Fixed wing fighter attack aircraft were from 1st MAF and VNAF. Both LZ Robin and Hawk received prep air strikes. Fixed wing support was considered to be adequate. A total of 80, 500 lbs bombs, 62, 250 lbs bombs, 14, 500 lbs napalm, 380, 2.75 rockets, and 2950, 20mm rounds were expended by air support. One UH-1E gunship claimed 3 KIA (P). A total of 6 flights A-4's, 5 flights A-1's and 1 flight of F-4's comprised the fixed wing support.
Helicopter support was provided by HMM 262 which initially supplied three CH-46 helicopters for the ship to shore movement. Later a fourth helicopter joined in the build up ashore. The withdrawal was more rapid and smoother due to the fact that we had seven helicopters. Helicopter escort, command and control, and visual reconnaissance was provided by VMO-3 which provided two armed UH-1E's and one slick throughout the operation; and by VMO-6 who assisted with two additional armed UH-1E's for a one-half day period during the operation.
- e. Naval Gunfire. Naval gunfire was available and on station throughout the operation FORTRESS RIDGE. Support ships were: USS Newport News (CA 148), USS Manley (DD 940), and USS O'Bannon (DD 450). Missions fired consisted of prep fire, H&I fired at suspected enemy troop positions, and mortar positions. During the withdrawal of the BLT the USS Manley and O'Bannon fired covering fire. A total of 93, 8 inch and 578, 5 inch rounds was fired. Naval gunfire provided valuable support throughout the operation.

6. Intelligence

- a. Enemy Strength, Situation and Capabilities prior to Operation FORTRESS RIDGE.
 - (1) Enemy Strength. Prior to Operation FORTRESS RIDGE and within the primary area of interest the following units were identified: the 3d Battalion of the 803 NVA Regiment with an estimated strength of 450, the K.400 Local Force Company with an estimated strength of 95, and an unidentified Main Force Battalion with an unknown strength.

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- (2) Enemy Situation. Prior to Operation FORTRESS RIDGE there were reports of numerous NVA sightings and contacts. There were several instances of enemy SA fire coupled with incidents of finding rocket launching sites and mortar sites. The enemy had limited defensive capabilities, although the terrain favored him, and the disposition of his troops aided him in sustaining defensive positions and supply caches. The enemy was expected to attack with mortars and rockets at any time, and with small units when activity was to their advantage. Their tactics were expected to be to delay our advance with small unit ambushes, interdictions of LOC's, terrorism, sabotage, as well as the utilization of mines and surprised firing devices.
- (3) Enemy Capabilities. The units mentioned above, utilizing their organic weapons, had the following capabilities:
- To attack at a time of his choosing within the AOA with forces and armament at his disposal.
 - To defend in present positions in our area of responsibility.
 - To delay in present positions with forces locally available.
 - To reinforce with any or all of the forces in the contiguous area to the north and west.

b. Enemy Strength and Situation During Operation FORTRESS RIDGE

- (1) 21 December, 1967. At 1324H India Company received enemy mortar fire at LZ Hawk believed to be 81mm or 82mm mortars. At 1500H India Company reported: receiving SAF, AWF, and hand grenades from a fortified position (YD 3074). At 1600H India Company reported receiving several rounds 82mm from an unknown position. At 1800H India Company reported coming under intense 82mm mortar fire after landing, and approximately 3500 rds AWF from an estimated company sized enemy force. There were 7 USMC KIA's and 9 WIA's; 4 of the KIA's were shot in the head, indicating highly efficient sniper fire. India found 1 AK-47 and a cave containing 60mm rounds. India captured gear including one Chicom light machine gun type 56 Ser. No. 932402, Chicom type 56 Assault rifle with markings of left side of stock (2 1/2 inch circle of white paint with numerals 4 over three horizontal lines between numerals), believed to be a unit identification. At 1750H M Company received 5 rds 82mm fire which impacted to the south of their position. At 1809H M Company received an additional 7 rds 82mm fire at (YD 302735). At 1815H M Company received 20-30 rds SA from a heavily fortified position. While assaulting the position, M Co received 16-20 rds 82mm fire. The enemy position was assaulted and overrun with tail.
- (2) 22 December, 1967. At 0130H CTG 79.5 sent an Intelligence Report to BLT 3/1 that C-4 will be attacked soon, no time was designated Rating B-2 (YD 3172). At 0830H M Company found a hole (YD 297746) containing 50 rds 60mm Chicom mortar rds and the remains of 3 bodies. At 0930H M Company (YD 298750) found 4 dud 250 lb bombs, 30 rocket sites, and 2 B-40 rockets loaded and aimed. Engineers destroyed the material.

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At 1020H I Company (YD 289750) after moving 100 meters into the treeline passed the boundary line and came under AWF of approximately 300 rounds. They also received approximately 35 rds of 82mm and 1 Russian type rocket. There were 2 VC KIA's and the following gear was captured: 1 AK-47 Ser. No. (202512), 1 K-44 Ser. No. (289574) and assorted photos, documents and individual gear.

At 1415H (YD 301741) set in CPB for afternoon position and found numerous heavily secured bunkers and gear.

At 1730H L Company (YD 284678) received 80 rds AWF-SAF from an estimated 6 enemy forces across the river. There was 1 VC KIA.

At 2130H 1st AmTrac Bn detected digging noises at (YD 316723) and attempted observance with PPS-6 and Starlight scope. The area was illuminated and checked for possible friendlies in the area. The results were negative.

- (3) 23 December 1967. At 0730-1100 I Company (YD 296745) found and destroyed the following items: 3 dud 105 rds, 1 dud 250 lb bomb, 2,500 lb bombs, 2 60mm rounds, and 3 bunkers. Also, 15 holes were destroyed with E-tools. Three enemy bodies were found at (YD 231743).

At 0300-0800H (YD 231745) 2 NGF missions were fired which were observed by an AO. There were 5 bunkers destroyed and 1 small secondary explosion. The other NGF mission was not observed for a bomb damage assesement.

At 0830H M Company (YD 292749), while searching the area, found 1 dud 250 lb bomb.

At 1325H M Company found 1 Russian flag, 1 rally banner, letters, and various propaganda papers in a foxhole at (YD 296745).

At 1530H M Company (YD 317736) found a Soviet AT mine, weighing approximately 100 lbs and was 14 inches in diameter. The mine was destroyed with 2½ lbs of C-4.

At 1645H I Company (YD 296745) observed 2 NVA soldiers moving into the area.

7. Mission. BLT 3/1 conducts amphibious assaults in Quang Tri Province to locate and destroy/capture enemy forces, rocket/logistics caches, obtain intelligence, and be prepared to conduct other operations on order.

8. Concept of Operation

a. Phase I. (Enclosure 1)

- (1) On D-Day BLT 3/1 conducts a rapid build up of the landing forces ashore and aggressive movement by all units to secure the landing force objective.
- (2) Commencing at H-Hour (210930H Dec) L Company is to be landed by landing craft over Purple Beach, attack and seize objective (4).
- (4) On order conduct S&D operations.
- (3) Commencing at H-Hour (210930H Dec) M Company lands by LVT over Red Beach, attacks and seizes objective (2), and conducts S&D operations on order.

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- (4) Commencing at L-Hour (211000H Dec) I Company is to land in LZ Hawk, to attack and seize objective (3), and on order conduct S&D operations.
 - (5) Commencing at L-Hour (211000H Dec) K Company is to land in LZ Robin, to attack and seize objective (3), and on order conduct S&D operations.
 - (6) C Btry (Rein), 1st Bn, 11th Mar landed over Blue Beach by LCU and LCM 8 and established a firing position within the 1st AmTrac Bn compound and fired in general support.
 - (7) 3rd Plt, (Rein), Co C, 1st Tk Bn landed over Orange Beach by landing craft and moved into LSA perimeter, and was ordered to be prepared to reinforce other units on order.
 - (8) W Btry, 2nd Bn, 11th Mar were ordered to set up firing positions within the perimeter of the Provisional Company area.
 - (9) 4th Plt, (Rein), Co B, 3rd AmTrac Bn provided the ship to shore movement for M Company.
 - (10) The Provisional Company was to supply security for the Command Group and W Btry.
- b. Phase III (Enclosure 2)
- (1) Contact was established with what was thought to be the 3rd Bn, 803 Regt in the northeastern part of the area of primary concern.
 - (2) Because of this contact BLT 3/1 was ordered to continue its S&D of the area and then remain in the same general area.
- c. Phase IV Commencing at 240700H Dec the tactical withdrawal of BLT 3/1 began. By 241100H Dec the withdrawal was complete.

9. Execution

- a. Operation FORTRESS RIDGE--Below are significant events listed in chronological sequence.
- (1) 210928H Co M lands by LVT over Red Beach.
 - (2) 211000H Co L lands by LCM over Purple Beach.
 - (3) 211000H Co K begins landing in LZ Robin.
 - (4) 211050H Co I begins landing in LZ Hawk.
 - (5) 211235H Co M arrives obj (2)--no contact.
 - (6) 211324H Co I receives incoming 60mm mortar rounds in LZ Hawk.
 - (7) 211345H Co I receives 6 to 8 82mm mortar rounds.
 - (8) 211355H Co L swept through obj (4), and is holding position. Awaits further orders.
 - (9) 211410H Co I received 6-8 rds 82mm.
 - (10) 211435H Alpha Command Group departed USS Valley Forge.
 - (11) 211500H Co K secured obj (3).
 - (12) 211500H Command Group Alpha touched down in LZ Eagle.
 - (13) 211515H Co I received automatic and semi-automatic weapons fire and hand grenades from a fortified position.
 - (14) 211520H Co I taking increased fire, have wounded and are maneuvering toward fortified position.
 - (15) 211530H Gunship reports men in green uniform apparently hiding in a hole (YD 295737). Also five persons observed in treeline (YD 305741). Request investigation.
 - (16) 211530H AO reports bunker complex (YD 303734). AO reports 15 individuals at (YD 304743). Request investigation.

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- (17) 211610H Co I reports incoming mortars (82mm) on their own 81mm mortar section from unknown area. Request more AO's to fix enemy mortar position.
- (18) 211710H Sent tanks up beach to join M Company to move on obj (1).
- (19) 211750H Co M received 5 rds 82mm mortar fire.
- (20) 211808H Co M received an additional 7 rds of 82mm mortar fire.
- (21) 211820H Co M swept through obj (1) and will sweep back toward beach.
- (22) 211830H Co M and Co I establishing night defensive position on obj (1).
- (23) 211830H Co I summarizes days contact, stating they received 100 incoming 82mm and 60mm mortar rounds and approximately 3500 rds SA fire. Casualties were 7 USMC KIA's, 9 USMC WIA's. Four KIA's shot in head indicating sniper fire.
- (24) 212120H Co M summarized days contact, stating they received 16 to 20 rounds 82mm mortar, 20-30 rounds SA. Assaulted through obj with tanks, sustained casualties of 12 USMC WIA's.
- (25) 212350H BLP 3/1 requests authority to conduct S&D 1000 meters north of obj (1) (YD 300738) and inland 1000 meters from beach. Request is due to contact with enemy force over company size. (YD 301744 and YD 300739).
- (26) 220155H Request to go 1000 meters north was approved by SLF.
- (27) 220315H CTG 79.5 flashed secret intelligence report that C-4 position was to be attacked soon. Rate B-2.
- (28) 220808H Co I in contact at obj (1). Permission granted to go 1000 meters further north.
- (29) 220900H Co M found 3 NVA bodies, and 50 rds 60mm mortar Chicom.
- (30) 220905H Co I captured two weapons, 27 rds 60mm mortar, grenades, rockets and assorted enemy 782 gear.
- (31) 221035H One tank assigned to M Co and I Co was hit by a RR rd. Crew casualties listed as 2 WIA's USMC, and 1 KIA USMC. Tank damage was to turret and search light.
- (32) 221040H Co M found 4 dud 250 lb bombs, 30 rocket site positions with aiming stakes, 2 rds 140mm rockets loaded and aimed.
- (33) 221155H India Co came under heavy fire. Returned NGF, SA fire and 90mm tank fire. Found weapons, 782 gear, photos and documents and small arms ammunition. Had 2 NVA's KIA (C). Also, 1 KIA USMC and 4 WIA's USMC.
- (34) 221203H Tank is able to move under own power. As a result of action, reports 2 NVA KIA's (C).
- (35) 221450H Co I found numerous heavily secured bunkers. Search revealed large amounts of enemy 782 gear, bloody battle dressings.
- (36) 221540H Co I found large amounts of MG ammo, and small arms ammo. Also, they found 10 60mm mortar rounds.
- (37) 221935H Co L while returning from S&D received 80 rds SA and auto. wps fire from west, across river. Est. 3-6 enemy. Returned 150 rds 5.56, 25 rds M-79 rds, 8 rds 60mm mortar, 24 rds 105mm. One NVA KIA (C).
- (38) 222340H 1st AmTrac Bn reported hearing digging noise (YD 316723). Searched area with PPS-6 and Starlite scope with negative results.
- (39) 230924H Co M found one dud 250 lb bomb, one dud 82mm round.

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- (40) 231020H Co I called in NGF observed by AO. Five bunkers destroyed (YD 292748) with one small secondary explosion.
- (41) 231105H Co I while on S&D found and destroyed 3 dud 105 rds, 2 dud 250 lb bombs, 2 dud 500 lb bombs, 20 rds 60mm mortar and 3 bunkers and large amounts of enemy 782 gear.
- (42) 231530 Co M moving tactical formation with tanks, hit AT mine of about 15 lbs. It blew off a portion of the tread; will continue our move on obj (1) as soon as it is repaired.
- (43) 231550H Co M found one dud 105mm rd (YD 312729). Destroyed with 2 1/2 lbs C-4.
- (44) 231715 Co I saw two NVA soldiers (YD 296745). Fired 20 rds 5.56 and an arty mission with negative results.
- (45) 231755 Co M found 1 Soviet AT mine approximately 100 lbs of charge. Mine was blown in place.
- (46) 231800H Co M and Co L in position on Orange Beach to begin Phase IV on the following day.
- (47) 231815H Co I and Co K in position for Phase IV.
- (48) 240700H Began Phase IV.
- (49) 241230H Phase IV completed.

10. Resultsa. Friendly Losses

USMC

OFFICER			
KIA	WIA	MIA	DOW
0	0	0	0

ENLISTED			
KIA	WIA	MIA	DOW
9	27	0	1

USN

OFFICER			
KIA	WIA	MIA	DOW
0	0	0	0

ENLISTED			
KIA	WIA	MIA	DOW
0	1	0	0

There were no major items of equipment or material losses.

b. Enemy Losses

CATEGORY	TOTAL
NVA KIA (C)	10
NVA KIA (P)	5
Weapons Captured	6
Fortifications Destroyed	8
Fighting Holes Destroyed	15
Grenades	106
Mortar Rounds (60mm, 81mm, 82mm)	153
AP Mines	35
Rockets	22
Dud 250 lb Bombs	6
Dud 500 lb Bombs	2
Dud 105 Rounds	4
Large Amount of Assorted	

Enemy 782 gear including 38 gas masks, photos and document

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11. Administrative Matters. At the start of the operation it was anticipated that BLT would be ashore for about two weeks. An LSU was planned in the 9th Marine CP. After it was established that Phase III of the operation would not be put into effect, all logistical and administrative functions were performed from the Valley Forge.

a. Supply Techniques, Combat Loads, Ammunition and Weapons by Assault Troops.

- (1) All classes of supply were available through the LSA on the USS Valley Forge, however Class II items, i. e., repair parts for vehicles took some time to assemble for issue due to the lack of FSN numbers and proper nomenclatures for parts required. Resupply was conducted primarily by helicopter; however landing-craft were available should conditions permit their use. Because the availability of helicopters was limited, and in an effort to restrict flights to daylight hours, supply requests were called in prior to 1400 the day before the supplies were needed. This left time to process and frag all emergency resupply requests. Water was supplied to the companies in disposable water containers. No real problems were encountered with resupply, except on occasions when resupply requests were received too late to process for that day.
- (2) Battalion Supply conducted normal supply functions throughout the period. The supply "warehouse" was aboard the Valley Forge. During the period of operation all resupply requests were handled in a professional manner with no problems except for the lack of operating space.
- (3) Helicopter support teams handled the resupply points ashore. The S-4 and a detachment from Shore Party aboard the Valley Forge coordinated and fraged the resupply from the ship.
- (4) During the operation, the assault troops carried the prescribed load in accordance with Administrative Plan 1-67 and the Battalion SOP for Operations.

b. Maintenance. Normal organizational maintenance was conducted throughout the operation. Acceptance checks were performed on new vehicles. Combat damage assessments were made on vehicles prior to backloading. One tank was sent to 1st FSR in DaNang for repair.

c. Medical Evacuation, Treatment and Hospitalization.

- (1) First echelon medical care was provided by the corpsman in each line company and with the command group. Attached units were provided first echelon care by their unit corpsman. First echelon care consisted of first aid, evaluation of wounds for possible evacuation and care of minor medical problems.
- (2) Second echelon care was provided by the BAS medical officers. This consisted of routine sick call, continued treatment for minor illness referred from the field, and disposition of more major illnesses.
- (3) Third echelon care was provided by 2nd Plt (Rein), Co C, 1st Med Bn aboard the Valley Forge. This group was able to provide medical and hospital care in a permanently established facility.

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- (4) Medevac for this operation was performed by HMM 262 Squadron and all casualties were flown directly to the Valley Forge.
- (5) There were no Med Can Programs during this operation.
- (6) Casualties were as follows:

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
KIA's	0	9	0	0
DOW	0	1	0	0
WIA's (evac)	0	27	0	1
WIA's (non evac)	0	5	0	0
Non Hostile	0	3	0	0

d. Transportation

- (1) Helicopters were used to move troops to their area of operation and for the resupply of troop positions.
- (2) Operation FORTRESS RIDGE concluded as the backload of the BLT commenced. The backload was carried out by using HMM Squadron 2.
- (3) All transportation requirements during Operation FORTRESS RIDGE were met satisfactorily. No problems in this area developed.

- e. Communication. Communications were established utilizing an abbreviated version of the concepts set forth in FMFM 10-1. Problems revolved around the limited frequency spectrum available with current FM radio equipment (i.e., PRC-25, MRC 109). The result was mutual interference between several nets which were within one megacycle of each other. Another problem (involving only the ship to shore nets) was that the distance between stations occasionally exceeded the effective range of FM radio equipment.

12. Special Equipment & Techniques. None.

13. Command Analysis

- a. Operation FORTRESS RIDGE provided the confidence and experience needed for a newly formed BLT to perform as a professional combat unit.
- b. Ship to shore movement was executed smoothly and according to plan.
- c. Preparation fires on objective (1) from which we received mortar, anti-tank, and small arms fire were not fired because a friendly activity from C-4 outpost was reported to be in the area. It is probable that this activity did not actually reach objective (1) as extensive defense positions and numerous enemy were found in the area.
- d. Maneuver in the area of objective (1) was restricted by its proximity to the area of primary concern boundary.
- e. Fire support was responsive and more than adequate for the situation. However, check fires of long duration, in one case for one hour, were applied by SACC denying the Battalion needed fire support when no planes were in the area. This will have to be resolved for future operations if we are to have close continuous coordinated fire support as well as air support fire for medevac and resupply.

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ANNEX 3 (OPERATION OVERLAY)
TO FRAG ORDER 2-68

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BLT 3/1
 OPERATION OVERLAY
 FOR BADGER TOOTH
 MAP REF; 6442 II, SERIES L 7014
 SCALE: 1:50,000

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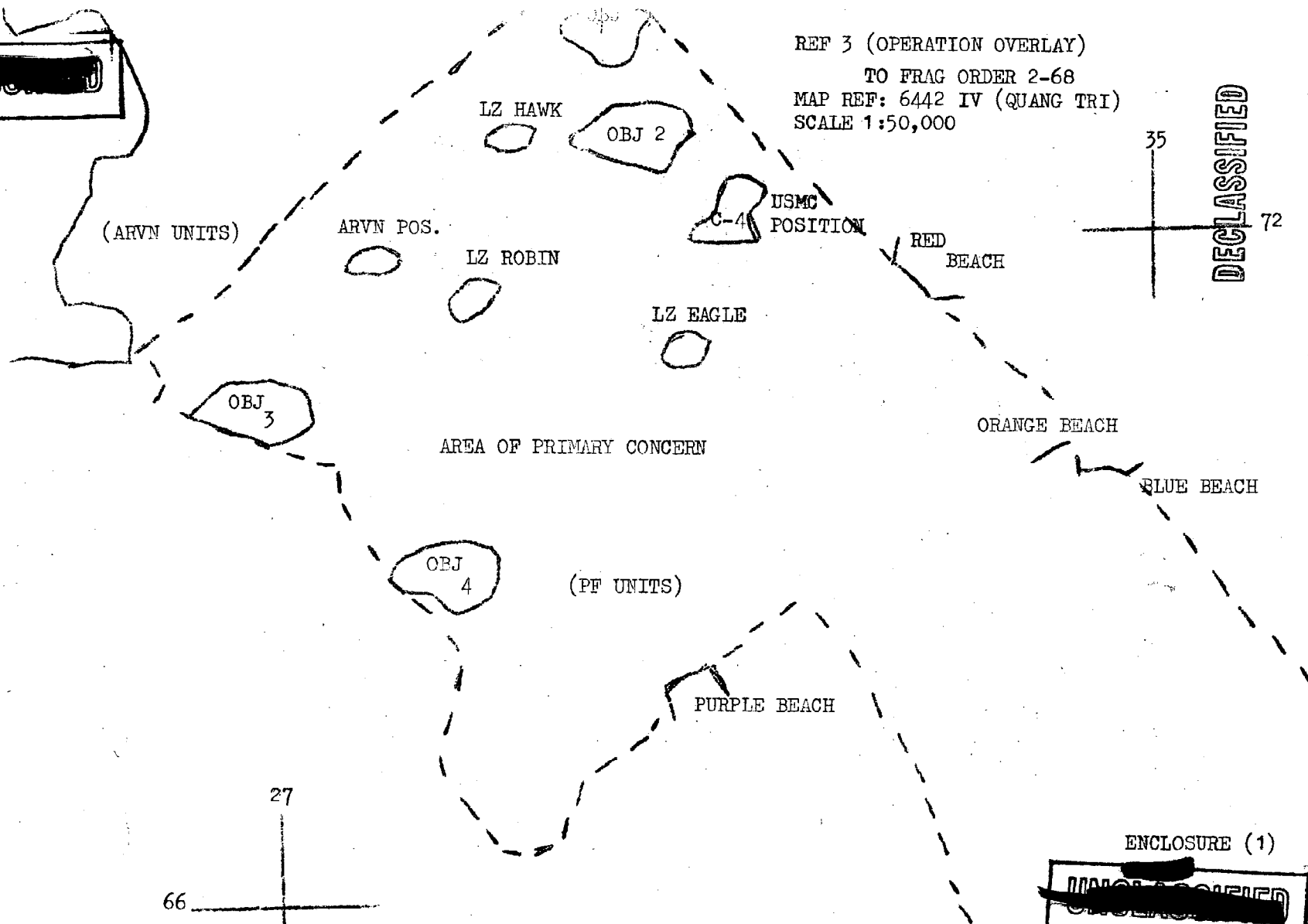
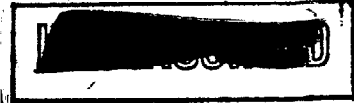
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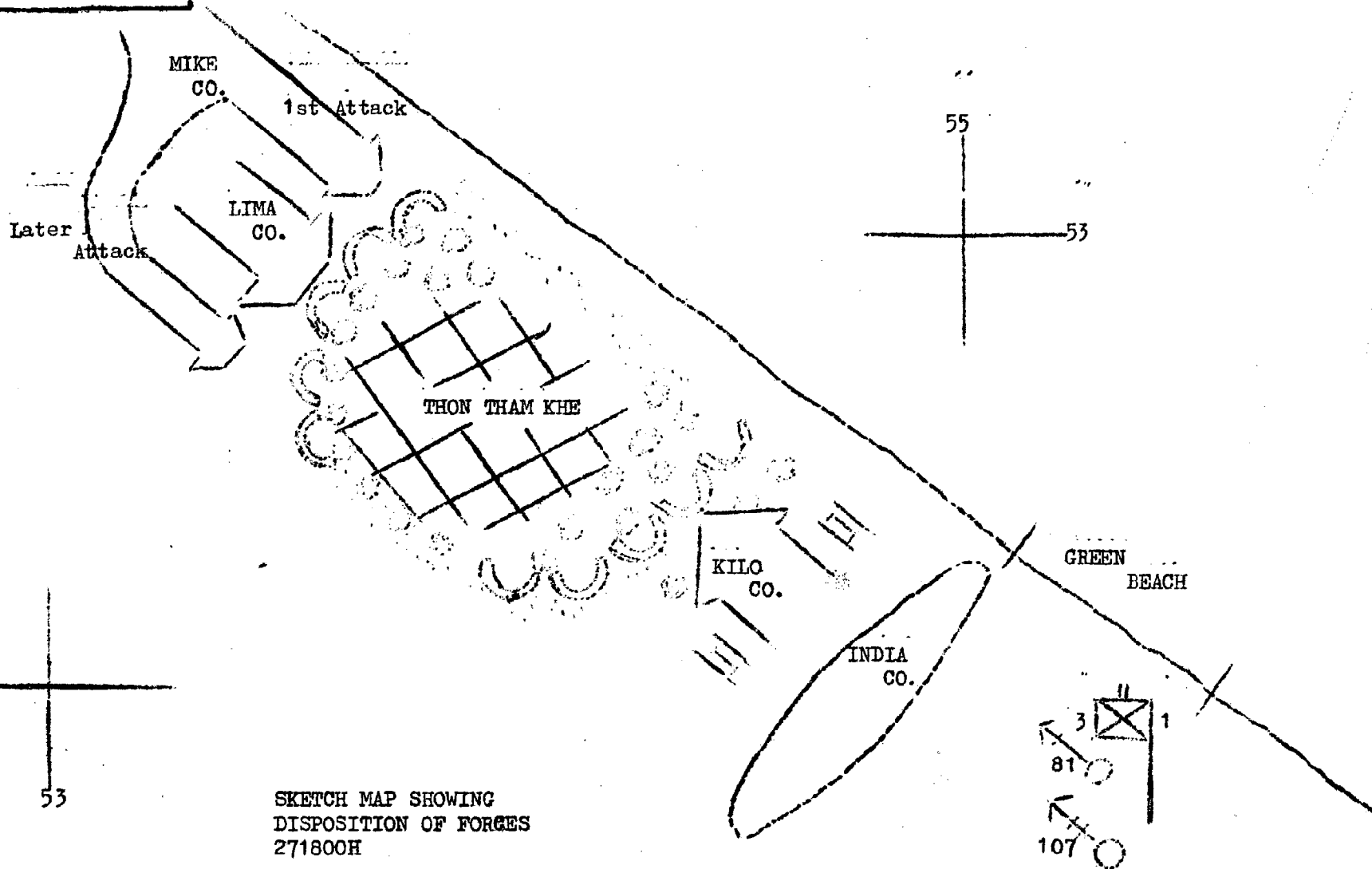
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5 Dec 1967


BATTALION BULLETIN 1510

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Training

Encl: Training Schedule

1. Purpose. To publish a training schedule for the period 5 to 12 Dec.
2. Action.
 - a. BLT units will conduct training as shown in enclosure (1).
 - b. Company Commanders and unit leaders will ensure all training is conducted in a professional manner.
 - c. Arrangements for logistical support will be made by S-4. Units will coordinate with S-4 to ensure logistical support will be adequate.
3. Self-cancellation. 31 December 1967.


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Training Schedule

SLF PLATOON TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE TIME	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR	PLACE	REF	UNIFORM	EQUIP	REMARKS
India Co Wed, 6 Dec 0730-0950	Intelligence Brief	SLF Staff	Outdoor Theater	N/A	Utilities	None	
1000-1130	Radio School (Officers, NCO's Radio Ops) CO's time-all others	Capt Becker	Outdoor Theater	FMFM 10-1 FMFM 7-3 NAVMC 2614	-do-	PRC 25's	
		Capt Fleming CO Cmdr	Co area	Chapt 6 ACP 1-27	-do-	None	
1300-1500	Scouting & Pat- roling	Capt Moran	Co area	FMFM 6-5 Chapt 3	-do-	-do-	
1510-1600	I. A. Drill	-do-	Co area	FMFM 6-4	-do-	-do-	
1610-1630	Challenging	-do-	Co area	FMFM 6-5	-do-	-do-	
Thurs 7 Dec 0730-1400	Map-Ground Navi- gation	Capt Moran	SLF Camp area	APP 13 FMFM 21-26 FMFM 6-5	Utilities	50 maps	
1410-1500	Reveiw, Squad & Plt Tactics	-do-	Co area	FMFM 6-4	-do-	None	
1510-1600	Assault of Fort- ified positions, Tunnels & Caves	-do-	SLF Camp area	FMFM 6-5 Par 9201	-do-	-do-	
Fri 8 Dec 0730-0830	Helo lift to Zambales	Capt Moran	Sea Plan Ramp	FMFM 3-3	Utilities with Normal Arms & Equipment		S-4 Transp
0900-1200	Firing M-16 & 45	-do-	Zambales #1	FM 23-9	-do-		Safety Lt Peterson
1300-1700	FAM Fire MG's, 3.5's 60mm Mtrs, M-79's	-do-	-do-		-do-		

SLF PLATOON TRAINING SCHEDULED							
DATE TIME	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR	PLACE	REF	UNIFORM	EQUIP	REMARKS
Sat 9 Dec 0900-1000	Small Boat Move to SLF Camp	Capt Moran	Zambales #1	FMFM 3-2	Utilities	w/normal arms & equipment	S-4 Transp
1030-1130	Care of arms & equipment	-do-	Co area	Co SOP	Utilities	None	
1300-1400	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	-do-	
1400-1500	Buddy Aid		Co area		-do-	-do-	
1510-1600	Spot Reports	Capt Moran	-do-	Bn SOP	-do-	-do-	
Kilo Co							
Wed 6 Dec 0730-0950	Intelligence Brief	SLF Staff	Outdoor Theater	N/A	Utilities	None	
1000-1130	Radio School (Officers, NCO's, Radio Ops)	Capt Becker	-do-	FMFM 10-1 FMFM 7-3 NAVMC 2614	-do-	PRC 25's	
	CO's Time-all thers	Capt Fleming CO Cmdr	-do- Co area	Chapt 6 N/A	-do- -do-	-do- None	
1300-1500	Scouting & Pat- rolling	Capt Regal	Co area	FMFM 6-5 Chapt 8	-do-	-do-	
1510-1600	I. A. Drill	-do-	-do-	FMFM 6-4	-do-	-do-	
1610-1630	Challenging	-do-	-do-	App D			
Thurs 7 Dec							
0730-1400	Map-Ground Navi- gation	Capt Regal	SLF Camp area	FMFM 21-26	Utilities	50 Maps	
1410-1500	Review, Squad & Plt Tactics	-do-	Co area	FMFM 6-5	-do-	None	
1510-1600	Assault of Fort- ified Positions, Tunnels, & Caves	-do-	SLF Camp area	FMFM 6-4 FMFM 6-5 Par 9201	-do-	-do-	

SLF PLATOON TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE TIME	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR	PLACE	REF	UNIFORM	EQUIP	REMARKS
FRI 8 Dec							
0730-0830	Spot Reports	Capt Regal	Co area	Bn SOP	Utilities	None	
0840-0940	Buddy Aid	BAS	-do-		-do-	-do-	
0950-1050	Move to Subic Trng areas 1&2	Capt Regal	Subic 1&2	NA	Utilities w/normal arms & equip		S-4 Transp
1100-1600	Co & Plt Tactics to include assault on a fortified position & emphasis on control & security during movement to contact	Capt Regal	-do-	FMFM 6-4		-do-	
1600-1700	Return to billeting area	Capt Regal					
Sat 9 Dec							
0730-0900	Boat move to Zam-bales	Capt Regal	Sand Ramp	FMFM 3-3	Utilities w/normal arms & equip		S-4 Transp
0900-1200	Fire M-16's, 45's	-do-	Zambales #1	FM 23.9		*do-	Safety0 Lt Kinney
1300-1700	FAM Fire MG, 3.5's M-79's, & 60mm Mtr's	-do-	-do-			-do-	
Lima Co Wed, 6 Dec							
0730-0830	Challenging	Capt Hubble	Co area	FMFM 6-5 App B	Utilities	None	
0840-1000	Radio School (Off, NCO'S, & Radio Op's)	Capt Fleming Capt Becker	Co area	FMFM 10-1 FMFM 7-3 NAVMC 2614			
1010-1200	CO's Time Scouting & Patrol	Capt Hubble	Co area	FMFM 6-5 Chap 8	-do--do-		
1330-1600	Intelligence Brief	SLF Staff	Outdorr Theater	NA ACP 1-27	-do-	-do-	
1610-1700	I.A. Drill	Capt Hubble	Co area	FMFM 6-4 App D	-do-	-do-	

SLF PLATOON TRAINING SCHEDULE

DATE TIME	SUBJECT	INSTRUCTOR	PLACE	REF	UNIFORM	EQUIP	REMARKS
Thurs, 7 Dec							
0730-1400	Mapping & Ground Navigation	Capt Hubble	Co area		Utilities	50 Maps	
1410-1500	Sqd & Plt Tactics	-do-	-do-	FMFM 6-5	-do-	-do-	
1510-1600	Attack on Fortified position	-do-	-do-		-do-	-do-	
Fri, 8 Dec							
0730-0830	Move to Trng area	Capt Hubble	Subic 3&4	NA	Utilities w/normal	S-4 Transp	
0830-2400	Co & Plt Tactics to include attack on a fortified position & emphasis on control & security in movement to contact	-do-	-do-	FMFM 6-4	arms & equip		
Sat, 9 Dec							
0001-1400	Continue prior days training						
1400-1700	March to Co area	Capt Hubble					
Mike Co							
Wed, 6 Dec							
0730-0830	Challenging	Capt Thomas	Co area	FMFM 6-5	Utilities	None	
0840-1000	Radio School (Off, NCO's, Radio Op's)	Capt Fleming		FMFM 10-1			
	CO's Time	Capt Becker	Co area	FMFM 7-3	14 Chap 6	-do-	-do-
1010-1200	Scouting & Patrol	Capt Thomas	Co area	ACP 1-22	FMFM 6-1 Chap 8	-do-	-do-
1330-1600	Intelligence Brief	SLF Staff	Outdoor Theater	NA	-do-	-do-	
1610-1700	I. A. Drill	Capt Thomas	Co area	FMFM 6-4	-do-	-do-	
				App D			

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Thurs, 7 Dec 0730-1400	Mapping and Ground Navigation	Capt Thomas	Co area	FM 21-26	Utilities	50 Maps	
1410-1500	Sqd & Plt Tactics	-do-	-do-	FMFM 6-4 FMFM 6-5	-do-	-do-	
1510-1600	Attack on Fortified position	-do-	-do-		-do-	-do-	
Fri, 8 Dec 0730-0830	Move to Trng area	Capt Thomas	Subic 5 & 6		Utilities w/normal arms & equip	S-4 Transp	
0830-2400	Co & Plt Tactics to include attack on a fortified position & emphasis on control & security in movement to contact	-do-	-do-	FMFM 6-4	-do-		
Sat, 9 Dec 0001-1400	Continue prior days training						
1400-1700	March to Co area	Capt Thomas					

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H&S Co (-) Wed, 6 Dec 0730-1600	LTI of weapons OJT	N/A	Bn Area	N/A	Utilities		
Thurs, 7 Dec 0730-0950	Intelligence Briefing	SLF (S-2)	Camp Theater	N/A	Utilities		
1000-1050	First Aid	Bn Corpsman	Bn Area	FMFM 6-5	-do-		
1300-1350	Proper Challenging proceedures	CO	Bn Area	App B	-do-		
1400-1600	OJT		Bn Area		-do-		
Fri, 8 Dec 0730-	Helo lift to Zambales	CO	Sea Plane Ramp	FMFM 3-3	Utilities w/normal arms & equip		
0900-1200	FAM Fire M-60's, 3.5's	CO	Zambales #1	N/A	-do-		Safety Off for firing CO
1300-1600	FAM Fire M-16's, 45's	CO	Zambales #1	FM 23-9	-do-		
1600-	Helo Lift to Sea Plane Ramp	CO	Zambales #1	FMFM 3-3	-do-		
Sat, 9 Dec 0730-0830	Move to T. A.	Major Shannon	Trng area #1	N/A	Utilities w/normal arms & equip		
0830-2400	Conduct CPX	Major Shannon	-do-	N/A			
81mm Platoon Wed, 6 Dec	LTI of weapons	OUT N/A	Bn area	N/A	Utilities		
Thur, 7 Dec	Same as H&S Co (-)	w/exception	of instructor	for class on	proper challenging.		Lt Haggerty
Fri, 8 Dec 0730-	Helo to Zambales	Plt Cmdr	Sea Plane Ramp	FMFM 3-3	Utilities w/normal arms & equip		Safety Off Lt. Haggerty
0900-2400	FIRE EX	Plt Cmdr	Zambales #1	FM 23-90	-do-		

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Sat, 9 Dec 0001-1200	FIRE EX	Plt Cmdr	Zambales #1			Utilities w/normal arms & equip	
1300-1600	FAM Fire M-16's 45's	-do-	-do-	FM 23-9		-do-	
1600-	Helo Lift to Sec Plane Ramp	-do-	-do-	FMFM 3-3		-do-	
106 Platoon Wed, 6 Dec	OJT	N/A	Bn area	N/A	Utilities	N/A	
Thurs, 7 Dec	Same as H&S Co (-) w/exception of instructor for class on proper challenging. Lt Thompson						
Fri, 8 Dec	Maintenance of equip	N/A	Prov Maint area	N/A	Utilities	N/A	
Sat, 9 Dec	Maintenance of equip	N/A	Prov Maint area	N/A	Utilities	N/A	
Flame Section Wed 6, Dec	LTI of weapons	N/A	Bn area	N/A	Utilities	N/A	
Thurs, 7 Dec	Same as H&S Co (-) w/exception for class on proper challenging procedures Flame Sec Provide						
Fri, 8 Dec	Maintenance of equip	N/A	Prov Maint area	N/A	Utilities	N/A	
Sat, 9 Dec	Maintenance of equip	N/A	Prov Maint area	N/A	Utilities	N/A	
105 Btry Wed, 6 Dec 0730-1100	Maint of equip	N/A	Prov Maint area	N/A	Utilities	N/A	
1100-1150	Proper Challeng- ing procedures	CO	Bn area	FMFM 6-5 App B	-do-		
1330-1550	Intelligence Briefing	SLF (S-2)	Camp Theater	N/A	-do-		
1600-1650	First Aid	Bn Corpsman	Camp Theater		-do-		
Thurs, 7 Dec 0730-0820	Gas Mask Drill Maint of equip	CO N/A	Bn area Prov Maint area		Utilities -do-	Gas Mask	

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Fri, 8 Dec	Maint of equip	N/A	Prov Maint area	N/A	Utilities		
Sat, 9 Dec	External Lift practice	CO	Sea Plane Ramp		Utilities		
107 HOWTAR Btry Wed, 6 Dec 0730-0950	Intelligence Briefing	SLF (S-2)	Camp Theater	N/A	Utilities	N/A	
1000-1050	Proper Challenging procedures	CO	Bn area	FMFM 6-5 App B	-do-	N/A	
1300-1350	First Aid	Bn Corpsman	Bn area		-do-	N/A	
1400-1700	Maint of equip	N/A	Prov Maint area	N/A	-do-	N/A	
Thurs, 7 Dec	Maint of Equip	N/A	Bn area	N/A	Utilities	N/A	
	LTI of weapons	N/A	Bn area	N/A	-do-	N/A	
Fri, 8 Dec	Maint of equip	N/A	Bn area	N/A	Utilities	N/A	
Sat, 9 Dec	Maint of equip	N/A	Bn area	N/A	-do-	N/A	
Tank Platoon Wed, 6 Dec 0730-0950	Gas Mask Drill Maint of equip	Plt Cmdr N/A	Bn area Prov Maint area	N/A	Utilities -do-	Gas Mask	
Thurs, 7 Dec 0730-0950	Intelligence Briefing	SLF (S-2)	Camp Theater	N/A	Utilities	N/A	
1000-1050	First Aid	Bn Corpsman	Bn area		-do-	N/A	
1300-1350	Proper Challenging procedure	Plt Cmdr	Bn area	FMFM 6-5 App B	-do-	N/A	
1400-1450	Comm Brief	Bn Comm Off	Camp Theater	ACP 1-27	-do-	N/A	
1500-1550	Proper Submission of spot reports	Plt Cmdr	Bn area	Bn SOP	-do-	N/A	
Fri, 8 Dec	Maint of equip	N/A	Prov Maint area	N/A	Utilities	N/A	
Sat, 9 Dec	Maint of equip	N/A	Prov Maint area	N/A	Utilities	N/A	

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ONTOS Platoon Wed, 6, Dec Thru Sat 9 Dec	Same as Tank Platoon with exception of instructors for classes on proper challenging procedures and proper submission of spot reports. Ontos Platoon Provide.						
AMTRACT Platoon Wed, 6 Dec Thru Sat, 9 Dec	Same as Tank Platoon w/exception of instructors for classes on proper challenging procedures and preparation and submission of spot reports. Am Tracs Provide						
Recon Platoon Wed, 6 Dec	Maint of equip	N/A	Bn area	N/A	Utilities	N/A	
Thurs, 7 Dec	Same as Tank Platoon w/exception of instructors for classes on proper challenging procedures and preparation and submission of spot reports. Recon Platoon Provide						
Fri, 8 Dec 0730	Helo Lift to Zambales	Plt Cmdr	Sea Plane Ramp	FMFM 3-3	Utilities w/normal arms & equip	-do-	
0900-1600	FAM Fire M-16's, M-14's, 45's	Plt Cmdr	Zambales #1			-do-	
1600	Helo Lift to Sea Plane Ramp	Plt Cmdr	Zambales #1	FMFM 3-3		-do-	
Sat, 9 Dec 0730-0830	Move to T.A.2	Plt Cmdr	Bn area	N/A	Utilities w/normal arms & equip	-do-	
0830-2400	Establish PFB, Conduct day and night patrols	Plt Cmdr	T.A.2	FMFM 6-5			
Prov. Co.---	Engineers, Truck Plt, SP Plt, LSU, CLR Plt						
Wed, 6 Dec Thru Sat, 9 Dec	Same as Tank Plt w/ following exceptions:						(1) Instructors for classes on proper challenging procedures and preparation and submission of spot reports. Units Provide instructors. (2) Clearing Plt omit classes on First Aid. (3) Clearing Plt, Truck Plt & Engomit Radio School.

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India Company Sun, 10 Dec 0730-0830	Move to T. A. 3 & 4	CO	BLT area	N/A	Utilities w/normal arms & equip	Veh Trans	
0830-2400	Co & Plt Tactics to Include estab. of PPBs, day and night patrolling, IA Drills, assault of fortified positions, caves, and bunkers. Emphasis on Control during movement to contact.	CO	Subic T. A. 3 & 4	FMFM 6-5 FMFM 6-4 NAVMC 2014	-do-		
Mon, 11 Dec 0001-1400	Continuation of prior days training			-do-			
1400-1700	Return to BLT area	CO	Subic T. A. 3 & 4	N/A	Utilities w/normal arms & equip	Foot march to En area	
Tues, 12 Dec	Move to Sand Ramp	CO	BLT area	N/A	Utilities w/normal arms & equip	Foot March	
0730-1130	Boat move and wet net training	CO	Sand Ramp & USS Navaro	N/A FMFM 3-2	-do-	Practice use of lashing & lower lines	
1130-1230	Move to BLT area	CO	Sand Ramp	N/A	-do-	Foot March	
1330-1600	CO's Time						
Kilo Company Sun, 10 Dec Thru Tues 12 Dec	Same as India Company with following exceptions:			(1) (2)	K Co. Provide Instructors K CO. Assigned Subic T. A. #5 & 6 on Sunday 10 Dec & Monday 11 Dec		

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Lima Company Sun, 10 Dec	Move to Sea Plane Ramp	CO	BLT area	N/A	Utilities	w/normal arms & equip	Foot March
0730	Helo move to Zambales	CO	Sea Plane Ramp	FMFM 3-3		-do-	
0900-1200	FAM Fire M-16's, 45's	CO	Zambales #1	FMFM 23-9		-do-	
1300-1700	FAM Fire 3.5's, M-60's, 60mm M-79's	CO	Zambales #1			-do-	
1700	Set in night defense	CO	Zambales #1	FMFM 6-4		-do-	
Mon, 11 Dec	Small boat move to Sand Ramp	CO	Zambales #1 (Green Beach)		Utilities	w/normal arms & equip	Foot March
0830-0930	Move from Sand Ramp to BLT area	CO	Sand Ramp			-do-	
0930-1030	CO's Time				Utilities		
1030-1130	Preparation and sub-	CO	Co area	Bn SOP	Utilities		
1400-1500	mission of spot reports						
1500-1600	First Aid	Bn Corpsman	Co area		Utilities		
Tues, 12 Dec	Same as India Company						

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Mike Company							
Sun, 10 Dec							
0730-1130	Care & Cleaning of weapons--CO's Time						
1300-1400	Preparation and Submission of spot reports	CO	Co area	Bn SOP	Utilities		
1400-1500	First Aid	CO	Co area	N/A	Utilities		
Mon, 11 Dec							
	Move to Sand Ramp	CO	BLT area	N/A	Utilities w/normal arms & equip		Foot March
0730-0900	Boat move to Zambales	CO	Sand Ramp		-do-		
0900-1200	FAM Fire M-16's, 45's	CO	Zambales #1	FMFM 23-9	-do-		
1300-1700	FAM Fire 3.5's, M-60's, M-79's, 60mm	CO	Zambales #1		-do-		
1700	Set in night defense	CO	Zambales #1	FMFM 6-4	-do-		
Tues, 12 Dec							
0730-0830	Helo lift to Sea Plane Ramp	CO	Zambales #1	FMFM 3-3	Utilities w/normal arms & equip		
0830-0930	Move to BLT area	CO	Sea Plane Ramp		-do-		Foot March
0930-1230	CO's Time--Care and cleaning of weapons						
	Move to Sand Ramp	CO	BLT area	N/A	-do-		Foot March
1400	Boat move & wet net training	CO	Sand Ramp & USS Navaro		-do-		Practice use of Lashing & Lower Lines
1600-1700	Move to BLT area	CO	Sand Ramp	N/A	-do-		Foot March

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H&S Co (-)								
Sun, 10 Dec								
0001-1500		Continuation of CPX						
1500-1600		Return to BLT area	Major Shannon	Subic Trng area	N/A	Utilities w/normal arms & equip		
Mon, 11 Dec		Care & cleaning of weapons & equip -- OJT						
Tues, 12 Dec								
0730-1200		OJT						
		Move to Sand Ramp	CO	BLT area	N/A	Utilities w/normal arms & equip		Foot March
1400-1600		Boat move & wet net training	CO	Sand Ramp & USS Navaro		-do-		Practice use of lashing & lower lines
1600-1700		Move to BLT area	CO	Sand Ramp	N/A	-do-		Foot March
81mm Plt--		106 Plt--Flame sec						
Sun, 10 Dec		Maintenance of equipment						
Mon, 11 Dec								
		Move to Sand Ramp	CO	BLT area	N/A	Utilities w/normal arms & equip		Foot March
0730-1130		Boat move & wet net training	CO	Sand Ramp & USS Navaro		-do-		Practice use of lashing & lower lines
1130-1230		Move to BLT area	CO	Sand Ramp	N/A	-do-		Foot March
1330-1700		Care & cleaning of weapons--OJT						
Tues, 12 Dec								
81mm Plt		Care & cleaning of weapons--Maintenance of equipment						
106 Plt & Flame Sec								
		Move to Sea Plane Ramp	Plt Cmdr Sec Ldr	BLT area	N/A	Utilities w/normal arms & equip		Foot March

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0730	Helo lift to Zambales (Green Beach)	Plt Cmdr/ Sec Ldr	Sea Plane Ramp	N/A		Utilities w/normal arms & equip	
0930-1500	FIRE EX	CO	Zambales #1	FMFM 3-3		-do-	
1400	Helo move to Sea Plane Ramp	CO	Zambales #1 (Green Beach)			-do-	
1600-1700	Move to BLT area	CO	Sea Plane Ramp	N/A		-do-	Foot March
105 HOW Btry Sun, 10 Dec							
0730-0830	Move to Sand Ramp	CO	BLT area	N/A		Utilities w/normal arms & equip	Foot March
0730	Boat move to Zambales	CO	Sand Ramp			-do-	
0930-2400	FIRE EX	CO	Zambales #1			-do-	
Mon, 11 Dec							
0001-1000	FIRE EX	CO	Zambales #1			Utilities w/normal arms & equip	
1000-1500	FAM Fire M-16's, 45's	CO	Zambales #1	FMFM 23-9		-do-	
1600	Boat move to Sand Ramp	CO	Zambales #1	N/A		-do-	Foot March
1600-1700	Veh move to BLT area	CO	Sand Ramp	N/A		-do-	
Tues, 12 Dec	Maintenance of equip,	care & cleaning of weapons					
107 HOW Btry Sun, 10 Dec							
	Move to Sea Plane Ramp	CO	BLT area	N/A		Utilities w/normal arms & equip	Foot March
0730	Helo Lift (Internal)	CO	Sea Plane Ramp	FMFM 3-3		-do-	
0930-2400	FIRE EX	CO	Zambales #2			-do-	

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107 HOW Btry Mon, 11 Dec 0001-1000	FIRE EX	CO	Zambales #2		Utilities w/normal arms & equip	
1000-1500	FAM Fire M-16's, 45's	CO	-do-	FMFM 23-9	-do-	
1500-1600	Helo lift to Sea Plane Ramp (external)	CO	-do-	FMFM 3-3	-do-	
1600-1700	Move to BLT area	CO	Sea Plane Ramp	N/A	-do-	Foot March
Tues, 12 Dec	Maintenance of equipment, care & cleaning of weapons					
Tank Plt Sun, 10 Dec	Maintenance of equipment					
Mon, 11 Dec	Move to Sand Ramp	CO	BLT area	N/A	Utilities w/normal arms & equip	Foot March
0730	Boat move to Zambales	CO	Sand Ramp		-do-	
0930-2400	FIRE EX	CO	Zambales #1		-do-	
Tues, 12 Dec	FIRE EX	CO	Zambales #1		-do-	
0001-0600	FAM Fire M-16's, 45's	CO	-do-	FMFM 23-9	-do-	
0600-1200	Boat move to Sand Ramp	CO	-do-		-do-	
1300-1400	Move to BLT area	CO	Sand Ramp	N/A	-do-	Foot March
1400-1500						
QNTOS Plt Sun, 10 Dec Thru Tues, 12 Dec	Same as Tank Platoon					

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Amtrac Plt Sun, 10 Dec Thru Tues, 12 Dec	Maintenance of Equipment					
Recon Plt Sun, 10 Dec 0001-1500 1500-1600	Continuation of prior days training Veh move to BLT area	CO	Subic T. A.	N/A	Utilities w/normal arms & equip	
Mon, 11 Dec	Same as 81 Mortar Plt					
Tues, 12 Dec	Maintenance of Equipment					
Prov. Company Sun, 10 Dec	--Shore Party, Engineers, LSU, Maintenance of Equipment		Truck Plt.			
Mon, 11 Dec	Same as 81mm Mortar Platoon					
Tues, 12 Dec 0630-0730	Move to Sea Plane Ramp	CO	BLT area	N/A	Utilities w/normal arms & equip	Foot March
0730-0830	Helo lift to Zam- bales	CO	Sea Plane Ramp	FMFM 3-3	-do-	
0830-1400	FAM Fire 45's, M-16's, M-60's	CO	Zambales #1	FMFM 23-9	-do-	
1400-1500	Helo lift to Sea Plane Ramp	CO	-do-		-do-	
1500-1600	Move to BLT area	CO	Sea Plane Ramp	N/A	-do-	Foot March