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ORGANIZATION DATA

THIRD MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR THE PERIOD 1 JUNE 1966 TO 30 JUNE 1966

SUBMITTED JULY 1966

FROM THE DIVISION COMMAND POST BUNKER (AT 957751)

DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

COMMANDING GENERAL

MAJOR GENERAL WOOD B. KYLE, U. S. MARINE CORPS

ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER

BRIGADIER GENERAL LOWELL E. ENGLISH, U. S. MARINE CORPS

CHIEF OF STAFF

COLONEL JOHN B. SWEENEY, USMC

GENERAL STAFF

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1 COLONEL GLEN E. MARTIN, USMC

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2 COLONEL GEORGE W. CARRINGTON, USMC

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3 COLONEL NOBLE L. BECK, USMC

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-4 COLONEL JAMES E. MC CLANAHAN, USMC (1-11 June)
LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES S. WINTER (12-30 June)

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-5 LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWARD H. MACKEL, USMC

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, COMPTROLLER, COLONEL E. M. STIMSON, USMC (1-29 June)
LIEUTENANT COLONEL A. T. HILL (30 June)

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SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battalion	Col E. G. WINSTEAD, USMC (1-24 Jun66) Maj H. L. FOGARTY, USMC (24-30 Jun66)
3d Marine Regiment	Col H. A. HAYES, Jr. USMC
4th Marine Regiment	Col Donald W. SHERMAN, USMC
9th Marine Regiment	Col Edwin H. SIMMONS, USMC
1st Marine Regiment	Col B. B. MITCHELL, USMC
12th Marine Regiment	Col James M. CALLENDER, USMC
3d Anti-Tank Battalion	LtCol Bruce A. HEFLIN, USMC
3d Engineer Battalion	Maj C. J. SMITH, USMC
3d Medical Battalion	Cmdr J. T. VINCENT (MC), USN
3d Motor Transport Battalion	Maj Freddie J. BAKER, USMC
3d Reconnaissance Battalion	Maj Thomas R. STUART, USMC
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion	LtCol William D. POMEROY, USMC
3d Tank Battalion	LtCol Milton L. RAPHAEL, USMC
3d Shore Party Battalion	Maj T. W. JONES, USMC

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AVERAGE STRENGTH DURING JUNE

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
HqBn	158	1463
3d Marines	102	2771
4th Marines	107	2959
9th Marines	103	2913
1st Marines	94	3032
12th Marines	187	2514
3d Recon Bn	26	513
3d AT Bn	22	322
3d TV Bn	34	558
1st AmTrac Bn	27	675
3d MT Bn	18	264
3d Engr Bn	29	707
3d SP Bn	22	336
3d Med Bn	<u>5</u>	<u>118</u>
TOTAL	934	19144

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PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION1. Personnel and Administration

a. Casualties sustained during the month included: 48 KIA, 421 WIA, 19 DOW, and 1 missing.

b. During June, 64 officers and 1047 enlisted personnel joined the Division. There were 151 officers and 1708 enlisted personnel transferred by normal rotation. Transferred by service record were 7 officers and 302 enlisted personnel.

c. Awards presented were 4 Silver Star Medals, 2 Legions of Merit, 35 Bronze Star Medals, 38 Navy Commendation Medals, 4 Air Medals, 7 Secretary of the Navy Achievement awards and 513 Purple Heart Medals.

d. Twenty four noncommissioned officers were promoted to Warrant Officer.

2. Field Exchanges

a. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service opened a new, larger exchange in the Division recreational complex in the vicinity of Hill 327. The exchange is comprised of 8 Butler Buildings.

b. Back up stocks for the exchange at Phu Bai were increased during the month. Supplies, which included luxury items as well as essential items, were shipped by air and by Rough Rider convoys.

c. Inventory of exchanges was conducted during the month. There were no major discrepancies.

3. Special Services

a. General support to all Division units was continued during the month. The present status of the recreation fund is:

Appropriated Fund Balance	None
Non-appropriated Fund Balance	\$129,324.52
Recreation Equipment:	
June Issues	\$27,827.13
June Receipts	\$51,316.55
Equipment on Order:	
Appropriated Funds	\$125,000.00
Non-appropriated Funds	94,365.49

b. The USAFI testing program remains suspended. Enrollments in USAFI courses increased slightly during the month.

c. Entertainment during the month was provided by Mr. Frank SUTTON, Operation Starlift, the variety show SHOWTIME and Mr. John Wayne.

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d. The number of personnel who participated in the R&R program was as follows:

Okinawa	458
Hong Kong	160
Bangkok	270
Taipei	186
Tokyo	391
Manila	67
Singapore	55
Penang	28
Kuala Lumpur	30

e. The MARS station continues to provide service for radiogram and phone calls. During June 1329 phone calls were placed to the United States.

4. Informational Services

a. Press coverage of 3d Marine Division activities included 126 news and feature releases through the Command Information Bureau of III Marine Amphibious Force. In addition a total of 3152 hometown news releases were sent to the Fleet Hometown News Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.

b. The most significant news coverage during the period was operation Jay.

c. A total of 1178 minutes of tape recorded air time was produced by the Radio-TV Section during June.

5. Postal

a. During June the Directory Section readdressed and forwarded approximately 1997 pounds of airmail and 13,035 pounds of other classes of mail for a total of 15,012 pounds.

b. The following represents pounds of mail received and dispatched during the month of June.

<u>AREA</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>DISPATCHED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Danang	495,910	146,794	642,704
Phu Bai	36,041	27,986	64,024
Total	531,951	174,780	706,731

c. During June air letter mail was not received at Danang on only 1 day. The Phu Bai area failed to receive letter mail on June 3, 10, 19, 22 and 24, for a total of 5 occasions.

6. Band

a. The Division Band was on Okinawa during the entire month.

b. The Drum and Bugle Corps was temporarily assigned to III Marine Amphibious Force on 24 June 1966.

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7. Division Clubs

- a. Five additional enlisted clubs were opened during the month.
- b. An NCO was assigned to the Phu Bai area as liaison NCO to assist in the technical aspects of club management, to ensure supplies are adequate and to act as collection agent.
- c. The area auditor was moved from Okinawa to Vietnam in June.

8. Provost Marshal

- a. The scout and sentry dog platoons were assigned to operational and administrative control of the 1st Military Police Battalion.

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INTELLIGENCE

1. Operation FLORIDA. This operation was a search and destroy operation conducted in conjunction with ARVN forces in the Co Bi Thanh Tan area northwest of the Phu Bai TAOR. The operation was conducted during the period 9 June to 12 June. During the course of the operation no large enemy units were encountered. Total VC losses during the operation were 15 KIA confirmed and 1 VCC.
2. Operation ATHENS. This operation was a search and destroy operation conducted southeast of the Phu Bai TAOR. The operation was conducted during the period 15 May to 25 June. Intelligence information indicated the presence of the 804th and 810th Battalions and the Phu Bai District Armed Unit in the area. Documents captured from VC KIA as a result of an ambush during the operation indicated that the KIA were couriers for the Phu Bai District Armed Unit (AKA P.18 and C.117 Companies). These documents consisted primarily of letters and their tone indicated that the VC unit was desperately short of rations to the extent that starvation was a possibility. Total VC losses during the operation were 11 KIA confirmed, 29 KIA probable and 1 VCC.
3. Operation JAY. This operation was a search and destroy operation in conjunction with ARVN units. It resulted from intelligence gained during LAM SON 283, an ARVN operation southeast of Quang Tri City. During LAM SON 283 the ARVN forces made contact with elements of the 808th VC Battalion. Intelligence gained from VC captives during this operation indicated further VC activity south of the LAM SON 283 area midway between Quang Tri City and Hue. Operation JAY was conducted during the period 25 June to 2 July. On the afternoon of 25 June the 2d Battalion, 4th Marines made contact with an estimated two VC Companies at (YD 573425). ARVN forces also made contact with VC forces. Intelligence gained from VC captives taken indicated that Marine and ARVN forces were in contact with the 806th Battalion and elements of the 812th Battalion. The VC broke contact on the 26 of June and Operation JAY continued until 29 June when authority to conclude the operation was given. However, before the forces involved could leave the field, an ARVN convey manned by the 2d Vietnamese Marine Battalion was ambushed on National Route #1 at (YD 503360) and Marine and ARVN forces went to its assistance. Heavy contact with an estimated VC Battalion was made. Intelligence gained from two VC captured by Marine forces and three VC captured by ARVN forces indicated that the VC force in contact was the 802d Battalion plus support companies of the 6th Regiment. The VC broke contact and withdrew during the night of 29-30 June. VC losses from the commencement of the operation until the ambush of the convey at 290815 were 82 KIA confirmed, 264 KIA probable, 3 VCC, 18 VCS and 12 weapons captured. As a result of the action to assist the ambushed convey the final VC losses during the operation were 113 KIA confirmed, 259 KIA probable, 5 VCC, 18 VCS and 17 weapons captured.
4. The 3d Interrogation Translation Team provided a sub-team in support of 1st Battalion, 1st Marines during the period 4 through 30 June. On 7 June the sub-team assigned to 3d Battalion, 9th Marines during operation GEORGIA was detached. During the month of June the 3d Interrogation Translation

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Team processed 196 captives at the 3d Marine Division Collection Point, of which 129 were determined to be VC associated.

5. The 3d Counterintelligence Team conducted 42 interrogations of VC and VCS during the month. Members of the team participated in two search and clear operations, twelve special inquiries and continued monitoring the local political situation.

6. Major projects conducted during the month of June included a directed reconnaissance effort of the Cam Lo District in Quang Tri Province. This effort is a result of numerous, low level agent reports and has as its purpose the determination of whether or not large scale NVA infiltration across the DMZ is taking place.

7. The final cumulative VC losses inflicted by Marines for the month of June were 310 KIA confirmed, 449 KIA probable and 20 VC captured, 1 returnee, 228 VCS and 36 weapons captured.

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OPERATIONS

1. General. A total of 9,143 offensive actions were conducted by the Division during the month of June resulting in 688 contacts with the Viet Cong. Again weather conditions during the month were favorable for the conduct of offensive operations. The Division conducted seven major operations during the month. These were operations ATHENS, BEAVER, RENO, FLORIDA, DODGE, JAY and TURNER. In addition, extensive search and destroy and search and clear operations were conducted in the southern sector of the Danang TACR under the operation code name of LIBERTY. A brief summary of the major operations follows:

a. ATHENS. Operation ATHENS was a battalion search and destroy operation conducted in Phu Loc District, Thua Thien Province vicinity of (YD 9702). The operation was conducted during the period of 15 May 1966 to 25 June 1966. The mission assigned was to search out and destroy enemy forces in the area and prevent enemy passage from the mountain areas to the area northeast of the Hue Phu Bai TACR. The 3dBn, 4thMar commanded by LtCol S. A. VALE, was the participating unit and the command and control headquarters. Contact with the enemy was considered very light throughout the operation as Marine units conducted vigorous patrols and search and destroy operations. Results of operation ATHENS were:

Friendly casualties:	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>			
	2	10			
Enemy casualties:	<u>KIA</u> (Conf)	<u>KIA</u> (Prob)	<u>WIA</u> (Prob)	<u>VCC</u>	<u>VCS</u>
	11	29	155	1	5

b. BEAVER. Operation BEAVER was a battalion size search and destroy operation conducted in the Co Bi Than Tan area (YD 5330), Phong Dien District, Thua Thien Province, during the period 010001H June to 091155H June 1966. The 2dBn, 1stMar was the participating unit commanded by LtCol R. E. HANIFIN, Jr. Contact with the enemy was light throughout the operation and final results were as follows:

Friendly casualties:	<u>WIA</u>			
	7			
Enemy casualties:	<u>KIA</u> (Conf)	<u>KIA</u> (Prob)	<u>VCS</u>	<u>VCC</u>
	1	4	9	3

c. FLORIDA. Operation FLORIDA was a regimental size search and destroy

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operation conducted in the same vicinity as operation BEAVER (Co Bi Than Tan area) YD 5028, Phong Dien District. 4th Marines, under the command of Colonel D. W. SHERMAN, was the command and control headquarters for this operation. Units participating were 2dBn, 1stMar, 2dBn(-), 4thMar and 3dBn(-), 12thMar, plus combat supporting units of tanks, recon, engineers and meter transport. The 1st Marine Air Wing provided air support. This was a coordinated operation with the 1st ARVN Division. The operation commenced at 091630H and terminated at 120800H June 1966. As in operation BEAVER, contact with the enemy was light and final results were:

Friendly casualties: $\frac{WIA}{4}$

Enemy casualties $\frac{KIA(Conf)}{15} \quad \frac{VCC}{1}$

Weapons captured: 2 K-50 SMG's

d. RENO. Operation RENO was a reconnaissance in force operation conducted by the 2dBn, 4thMar in the Dong Ha area (YD 2459) Gio Linh, Cam Lo and Thien Phong Districts, Quang Tri Province during the period 300845H May to 091630H June 1966. Headquarters, 4th Marines was the command and control headquarters for this operation. The mission was to conduct reconnaissance in force operations to determine the location, strength, identity and activity of any enemy forces operating in the Dong Ha area. Contact with the enemy was light and the operation resulted in three VC KIA and no friendly casualties.

e. DODGE. Operation DODGE was a search and destroy operation conducted in the Phu Thu District (YD 8524), Thua Thien Province during the period of 170730H to 231400H June 1966. The operation was conducted by the 2dBn, 4thMar and elements of the 1st ARVN Division. Again enemy resistance was light and operation DODGE terminated with the following results:

Friendly casualties: $\frac{WIA}{8}$

Enemy casualties: $\frac{VCS}{9} \quad \frac{VCC}{1}$

f. TURNER. Operation TURNER was a company size raid conducted in the vicinity of A Shau (YC 4983), Nam Hoa District, Thua Thien Province. The

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mission of the raiding party was to destroy abandoned ammunition in the vicinity of the abandoned A Shau Special Forces Camp. Company "I", 3dBn, 4thMar under command and control of Headquarters, 4thMar conducted the operation during the period 230635H to 230915H June 1966. The company was divided into two raiding parties since the ammunition to be destroyed was located in two separate areas. Both raiding parties were landed by helo in their respective LZ's at 230700H and commenced preparation of the ammunition for demolitions. At 230845H the helos returned to pick up the raiding parties and all troops were extracted by 230855H. The last ammunition, set with a time fuze, was detonated at 230900H. All units returned to Phu Bai at 230915H. There were no friendly casualties nor was there any contact with the enemy.

g. JAY. Operation JAY was a search and destroy operation conducted in Phong Dien District, Thua Thien Province (YD 5642) during the period 250800H June to 021300H July 1966. The operation was conducted as a result of intelligence gained from LAMSON 283, an ARVN operation conducted southeast of Quang Tri City. Headquarters, 4th Marines was the command and control headquarters for the operation. Units participating included 2dBn, 4thMar; 3dBn, 4thMar; 2dBn, 1stMar and 3dBn, 12thMar. JAY was a coordinated operation with the 1st ARVN Division. On the afternoon of 25 June, 2dBn, 4thMar made contact with an estimated two VC companies in the vicinity of YD 5643. It was later estimated that the VC unit was a battalion. Elements of the 1st ARVN Division also made contact with this same unit and the engagement continued throughout the night. Naval gun fire, artillery and air strikes were called on the enemy positions with excellent coverage. Two large secondary explosions were observed and the VC appeared to be running in confusion. Search and destroy operations continued on the 27th and it was apparent that the VC were attempting to break contact and exfiltrate the area. By 261800H June contact with the enemy was light and amounted to sporadic exchanges of small arms fire. Deliberate search and destroy operations continued with light contact until 290830H when information was received that a Vietnamese Marine convoy had been ambushed by an unknown number of VC on Highway #1 (YD 5035). Elements of the 1st ARVN Division and the 4th Marines were dispatched to make contact with the VC and assisted the ambushed convoy. Heavy fighting continued through the morning and air strikes were called on several VC units with excellent results. At 291045H Company B, 3d Anti-tank Battalion observed a large number of VC in the open and took them under fire with recoilless rifles resulting in 12 VC KIA (Conf). The VC again broke contact and the operation continued with no further significant action. The operation terminated at 021300H July 1966. Results of operation JAY were:

Friendly casualties:	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIN</u>
	23	58

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Enemy casualties:	<u>KIA</u> (Conf)	<u>KIA</u> (Preb)	<u>VCC</u>	<u>VCS</u>
	113	259	5	18

Weapons captured: 17

2. Headquarters, 1st Marine Regiment arrived in Danang at 070930H June 1966 and operational control was assumed by the 3d Marine Division at that time. On 150800 June the 1st Marines assumed responsibility for the southeast sector of the Danang TAOR with the 1st and 3d Bns, 1stMar assigned.

3. A total of four Rough Rider convoys were conducted between Danang and Phu Bai during the month. One Rough Rider convoy was conducted between Phu Bai and Deng Ha. Three Rough Rider convoys were conducted between Danang and Tam Ky. All convoys were executed without incident.

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TRAINING1. SCHOOLS

- a. Students attended in-country schools as follows:

<u>SCHOOL</u>		<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
USMACV/USAID/JusPac Advisor	Saigon	2	
Mine Warfare and Booby Trap	3d Engr Bn	0	831
Field Fortification	3d Engr Bn		201

- b. Attendance of out of country schools were as follows:

<u>SCHOOL</u>		<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
CRYPTO/Comm Security	Yokosuka	1	1
RPS Custodian	Yokosuka	4	
Motion Picture Operator	Yokosuka		9
Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	Okinawa		48
Basic Ammo Technician	Okinawa		8
Vietnamese Language	Okinawa	1	14
Nuclear Weapons Refresher	Okinawa	2	10
Scuba Diver	Subic Bay		9
Field Wire	Okinawa		3
Field Radio	Okinawa		0
NCO Leadership	Okinawa		8

2. INTRA DIVISION TRAINING

a. Schooling on use of personnel detector, chemical was conducted for a period of 21 days by the Limited War Laboratory Training Team for students from 3d Division.

b. AN/PPS-6 Radar demonstrations were presented by a team from the Development Center, Quantico of the AN/PPS-6 for members of the 3d Marine Division.

c. 2,559 Division personnel made use of the HOA CAM Range facility during the month of June. Personnel fired individual and crew served weapons for familiarization and zeroing.

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COMBAT AIR SUPPORT1. Significant Events

a. Operation BEAVER began on 1 June with 8 CH-46's of HMM-265 lifting 195 Marines of 2/1 into the Co Bi Thanh Tan area. Small arms fire was received but no aircraft were hit. Four F-4's of MAG-11 covered the lift under the control of 2 armed UH-1E's of VMO-2.

b. At 1753H on 5 June 4 A-4's of VMA-211 were diverted from their prebriefed Steel Tiger target to attack several 37mm AA guns near route nine. The flight destroyed 1 gun position, damaged another, and triggered a secondary explosion with heavy black smoke rising to 900 feet. During the night 2 F-4's, 2 F-8's and 4 A-4's struck targets in the same area on search and destroy missions.

c. Operation FLORIDA commenced on 9 June with 16 F-4's providing 45 minute LZ prep followed by 12 CH-46's helo lifting 940 Marines of 2/1 and 2/4 into the LZ while 6 F-4's provided cover. A daily requirement of 4 UH-34's for Med-Evac/Resupply, 6 UH-34's for reaction force, and 2 UH-1E's for TAC(A)/Command and Control was provided. On 10 June 10 UH-34's of HMM-161 lifted 273 troops without incident in addition to lifting 126 troops and 17.5 tons of cargo with resupply aircraft. FLORIDA secured on 12 June with 8 CH-46's hauling 16,700 lbs. of cargo and 462 troops from the ISA to PHU BAI. Close air support target damage assessment was 2.50 caliber machine gun positions destroyed and one secondary explosion.

d. Operation DODGE began on 18 June with 180 Marines moved into the operating area followed on 19 June by 350 Marines and 205 more on 20 June. Fixed wing escort was used on all helo lifts. A daily requirement for 2 UH-34's for Med-Evac/Resupply, 10 UH-34's for reaction force and 2 UH-1E's for TAC(A)/Command and Control was provided. On 23 June Operation DODGE secured with 12 UH-34's lifting 504 Marines from the operating area with 4 F-4's providing cover.

e. Operation TURNER began at 0630 on 23 June with 6 CH-46's of HMM-164 escorted by 2 armed UH-1E's of VMO-2 lifted 80 Marines from Phu Bai to A shau. Fixed wing cover was provided by 9 F-4's and 3 A-4's. UH-1E's controlled 2 F-4's in an air strike with one gun position destroyed. At 0850 the CH-46's retracted the Marines upon completion of mission.

f. Operation JAY began on 25 June when 20 CH-46's of HMM-265 and 14 UH-34's of HMM-161 lifted 987 Marines of 2/1, 2/4, and 3/4 and 385 ARVN into operating area. UH-1E's of VMO-2 acted as TAC(A) with 4 A-4's providing cover. Hostile fire was received by fixed wing and helicopters throughout the day. One F-8 and 1 F-4 were hit and returned to DANANG without further incident. At 1620 1 UH-34 of HMM-161 was shot down while on a Med-Evac mission and the aircraft was immediately destroyed by fire. Four crewmen received serious injuries from burns and were evacuated by VMO-2 UH-1E's despite heavy ground fire. Fixed wing support consisted of 6 F-8

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and 4 F-4 sorties. On this date 10 H-34's of MAG-16 also lifted 165 Marines at 0700 and 140 Marines at 1300 from 9th Marines. Both helicopter lifts were escorted by fixed wing aircraft. On 26 June fixed wing support for Operation JAY consisted of 4 F-8, 13 F-4, and 10 A-4 sorties which destroyed 30 structures during the day. On 28 June 10 F-4's and 6 A-4's accounted for 10 KIA (confirmed) and 30 KIA (probable) in support of an RVN Marine Corps convoy which was ambushed on Highway one. At 1025 UH-34's of HMM-161 began lift of a 454 man ARVN unit into LZ prepped by 2 F-4's. The lift was completed at 1330H. JAY continued through the end of the month with 10 ASRT sorties being run on 30 June.

g. Normal support operations to include Med-Evac, resupply, convoy escort, recon inserts and retractions, ASRT bombing and psychological warfare were run on a continuing basis throughout the month.

2. New Developments. None.

3. Problem Areas. No new problems were encountered during the month of June.

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COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONIC1. Significant Events

a. Receipt of Fixed Plant Teletype equipment has improved the teletype capability of the Division Communication Center.

b. Four (4) technicians were provided to FLSG "A" Electronics Maintenance to assist in the installation of electronics parts. Over 380 items of communications electronics equipment were removed from deadline.

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LOGISTICS1. Significant Events

- a. Political unrest in Danang and Hue areas subsided and resupply of Division units returned to normal. The City ramp at Hue continues to be utilized for the majority of the resupply operations for the Phu Bai AOR.
- b. A 10 section causeway was installed at Red Beach on 27 June 1966. The causeway can accommodate LST and smaller lighterage.
- c. Bridge Ramp near the Danang river bridge became operational for loading/unloading LST's on 29 June 1966. Upon completion 2 LST's, 4 LCU's and 2 barges can be accommodated simultaneously.
- d. At the close of this period there were 52 separate items on the Red Ball program. This is a decrease of 12 items reported in May.
- e. Final turnover of 8 LVTP5A1 FY-66 R&E vehicles was accomplished during this period, completing the FY-66 R&E program.
- f. Ten Tanks, M48A3 were turned over for R&E during this period.
- g. 1 LVTP5, 2 ONTOS (1 Code X) and 4 M48A3 tanks were damaged as the result of enemy action.

2. New Developments

- a. A second Division Supply Management Team has been formed which will permit more visits to organic units to assist them in resolving supply problems and uncovering any existing discrepancies.
- b. A fresh water system consisting of a six inch water main which provides treated water pumped from the Song Can Do to elevated storage tanks in the Division CP became operational.

3. Problem Areas

- a. There are 1214 items presently on the problem items list published by FLC. Of this total, 383 have been problem items for four consecutive months or longer.

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DIVISION CHAPLAIN

1. The month of June began with 28 chaplains in the 3d Marine Division (Rein) plus four chaplains with 1st Marine Regiment under operational control of 3d Marine Division. Chaplain FRANKLIN was rotated to CONUS in June and Chaplains ONDO, SIMS, and MCPARTLAND joined the Division from CONUS. Chaplain BROWN was transferred from 3d Marine Division to FLSC 4, leaving 29 chaplains in the 3d Marine Division as the month ended.

2. Chaplain John CRAVEN, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific Chaplain, visited Vietnam from 11-15 June and the Division Chaplain organized a briefing for him on chaplain matters. Chaplain CRAVEN spoke at the dedication of the 9th Motor Transport Battalion Chapel on 12 June.

3. Sunday Divine Services for June totaled 338 with an attendance of 7880. There were 434 weekday services with 6011 attending.

4. Chaplains participated in operations as follows:

BEAVER: Chaplain HANDLEY

TROY: Chaplain MCHORSE

DODGE: Chaplain HARRIS

FLORIDA: Chaplains HANDLEY and HARRIS

JAY: Chaplains HARRIS, HANDLEY, MCHORSE and POWELL

RENO: Chaplain HARRIS

LIBERTY: Chaplains MCDERMOTT, CORY, COLLINS and AHRNSBRAK

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CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTION1. General

a. Documents published by this section and civil affairs situation reports submitted by subordinate commands are enclosed as follows:

- (1) Division Civil Affairs Newsletter Number 8.
- (2) Unit Civic Action SITREPs.

b. One 8 June 1966 the 29th Civil Affairs Company of the U. S. Army joined III Marine Amphibious Force with six civil affairs platoons and a variety of functional area teams. One platoon has been assigned to each infantry regiment and the functional teams are retained in general support, available on request.

2. Highlights

a. Civil Government. The civil government at QUANG NAM Province began early in the month of June to function with the return of Dr. CHI, the Province Chief, to his post in HOI AN (BT 145570).

b. Public Health. Liaison is being established with public health officials at province and each district in which 3d Marine Division units are working for the purpose of assisting the Ministry of Health and its programs of improved wells and heads. 3d Marine Division units are also assisting the health officials by distributing posters and banners extolling the virtues of good hygiene and sanitation practices.

c. Public Education. The classroom construction program is progressing slower than expected. III Marine Amphibious Force being unable to provide the necessary construction materials has advised this command to attempt to obtain cement and reefing for the program from the USAID province representatives, and such arrangements have been made with QUANG NAM Province and will be completed with THUA THIEN Province. Sufficient cement has been obtained to keep the earth block construction operation continuing. The earth blocks for the schools are being constructed by refugees under the supervision of the 7th Engineer Battalion. Liaison is being maintained with education officials in both provinces to insure that sufficient numbers of text books and teachers are available when the classrooms are completed.

d. Commerce and Industry. The location of the 3d Battalion, 9th Marines in the AN HOA Industrial Complex has provided sufficient security for the commencement of coal mining operations. 3d Tank Battalion is continuing construction of a model market place in PHONG BAC hamlet, HOA THO Village. The development of such commercial centers will do much to stimulate the commerce of the area. 3d Battalion, 1st Marines is planning a similar project in the hamlet of AN TRACH.

e. Feed and Agriculture. Excellent rapport established between the

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USAID assistant province representative for agriculture of Quang Nam Province and 3d Marine Division Civic Action Officers from battalion to Division level has resulted in increased activity of Agriculture Ministry personnel throughout the Danang TAOR. Civic Action officers have arranged through USAID for agronomist, animal husbandry personnel, National Agriculture Credit Organization (NACO) personnel and Farmers Association representatives to visit local officials and farmers to inform them of services offered by the Ministry of Agriculture.

f. Public Transportation. The construction and improvement of roads and bridges in support of military operations serve secondarily to improve the civilian transportation system. From a civic action point of view the most significant accomplishment this month was repair of a bridge en route #14 (AT 914578) near Dai Loc District Headquarters. At noon on 25 June the bridge could handle only foot and very light vehicular traffic. The 3d Engineer Battalion began work and by noon on 26 June it was capable of accommodating vehicles of 5 ton capacity.

g. Refugees. Military operations in Dai Loc and Duc Duc District generated a large number of refugees who gathered in the vicinity of the Dai Loc District Headquarters (AT 917578). On 23 June the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division and the Division G-5 officer met with the Province Chief, Quang Nam Province, and the USAID representative for Quang Nam Province at Dai Loc District Headquarters to plan appropriate action. There was an agreement made that USAID and Province would provide food and temporary shelter (amounting to about 150 tons of materials) and that the 3d Marine Division would transport the materials and procure from III Marine Amphibious Force, U. S. Army refugee teams and public health teams to coordinate, supervise and administer care and control of the refugees. The following day 14 men of the 29th Civil Affairs Company, U. S. Army were assigned to this Headquarters for operational control, and the delivery of food was begun. By 28 June 45.7 tons of rice, 6 tons of bulgar wheat, 6000 lbs of clothing, and additional amounts of miscellaneous items had been delivered. On that day it became apparent that the District Chief was not giving full cooperation and that some of the food might be going to people other than refugees. Further shipments were cancelled until such time that District Chief agreed to proper control measures for the food. It is expected that an effective program will be worked out soon. On about 29 June a report was received that 3000 to 5000 refugees were collecting in the vicinity of Dien Ban District Headquarters (BT 065534). The report was investigated by the Division G-5 and action was taken on 30 June to dispatch a refugee team to that location and provide food commencing on 1 July.

h. U. S. - Vietnamese Relations. On the morning of 23 June a delegation of political, religious, labor and education leaders representing the people of Quang Nam Province called on the Commanding General and Commanding Officers of the 1st, 3d and 9th Marines and presented token gifts of appreciation for USMC participation in the fight against the Communists. The group was

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led by Mr. HO NGAN, Chief of the VNQDD political party of Quang Nam Province. Mr. HO, speaking for the delegation, expressed hope that the gifts and words of appreciation will help to "remove the bitter pill of the recent political struggle". Leaflets expressing gratitude to U. S. personnel were delivered by the delegation and will be distributed to subordinate units. The meeting was very cordial and will undoubtedly contribute to continued good relations between the 3d Marine Division, and people and government of Quang Nam Province.

1. General Analysis. Operation LIBERTY required the vast majority of the Division's time, energy, and resources this month somewhat slowing the civic action momentum in the field. The Division G-5 exploited this opportunity to strengthen the base of operation by establishing increased rapport with the Vietnamese authorities and USAID officials in the Quang Nam Province Capital, Hoi An. Operation LIBERTY has succeeded in wresting about 156,077 people from VC control and thus presents the largest civil affairs challenge yet encountered by any USMC command. With the doctrine thus far developed and the added civil affairs capability, this command is well prepared to handle that challenge.

3. Monthly Recap of Civic Action

a. Medical Assistance

No. Female adults assisted	7,758
No. Male adults assisted	5,467
No. Children under 18 assisted	31,476
Total persons assisted	44,701

b. Dental Assistance

No. of examinations	950
No. of extractions	1,016
No. of fillings	83
Total persons assisted	2,049

c. Personal Assistance

No. pounds of food distributed	163,039
No. persons receiving food	47,473
No. pounds of clothing distributed	8,650
No. persons receiving clothing	24,292
No. bars of soap distributed	44,394
No. persons receiving soap	42,585

d. Evacuation Assistance

No. adults evacuated medically	43
No. children under 18 evacuated medically	37

e. Contacts with local officials	138
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3D MARINE DIVISION
 Command Chronology
 1 June to 30 June 1966
 List of Supporting Documents

- Added*
1. ✓ Div SitReps
 2. ✓ Div Journal
 3. ✓ Div FSCC Journal
 4. ✓ Battle and Non Battle Casualties, Daily Report
 5. ✓ VIP Visits to 3dMarDiv
 6. ✓ Div HistReps *See FMFAC*
 7. ✓ Order - Plans issued in June
 8. ✓ Civil Affairs

UNIT COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

- Added*
9. HqBn, 3dMarDiv
 10. 3d Mar Regt
 11. 4th Mar Regt
 12. 9th Mar Regt
 13. 1st Mar Regt
 14. 12th Mar Regt
 15. 3d Tank Bn
 16. ✓ 3d MT Bn *9th MT Bn*
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 20. 3d AT Bn
 21. 3d Engr Bn
 22. 3d Med Bn

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3rd Marine Division
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Encl 1	Pln	011200 Z	Subj: Operation Plan 395-66
2	Msg	011230 Z	Subj: Destruction of Ammunition at Ashau
3	Msg	020700 Z	Subj: Operation Reno
4	Ord	05162-66	Subj: Operation Order 399-66
5	Msg	060330 Z	Subj: Operation Reno Termination
6	Msg	060640 Z	Subj: Operation Reno Termination
7	Msg	071525 Z	Subj: Operation Liberty, Spot Report
7	Msg	071540 Z	Subj: Operation Liberty, Spot Report
8	Msg	080604 Z	Subj: 3rd Marine Division Operation Order 399-66
9	Msg	081019 Z	Subj: Operation Beaver
10	Msg	101200 Z	Subj: Destruction of Ammunition at Ashau
11	Msg	101420 Z	Subj: Operation Pawnee
12	Ltr	11 June	Subj: Letter from CG 3rd Mar Div, Subj: Letter of Instruction; Operation Turner, w/1 Encl: Intelligence Study of Abandoned Ashau Special Forces Camp
13	Msg	120640 Z	Subj: Operation Cormorant 3-3
14	Msg	121332 Z	Subj: Operation Beaver Termination
15	Msg	131237 Z	Subj: Frag Order 400-66
16	Msg	131326 Z	Subj: Destruction of Ammunition at Ashau
17	Msg	131455 Z	Subj: Frag Order 402-66
18	Msg	150430 Z	Subj: Operation Kansas
19	Msg	150845 Z	Subj: Operation Kansas
20	Msg	151334 Z	Subj: Frag Order 403-66
21	Msg	140727 Z	Subj: Request for Operating Area
22	Msg	160215 Z	Subj: Operation Kansas Initiation on 16 June 66
23	Msg	160250 Z	Subj: Operation Kansas Situation
24	Msg	160324 Z	Subj: Operation Kansas Boundary
25	Msg	160440 Z	Subj: Operation Kansas Additional Forces in Area
26	Msg	160627 Z	Subj: Movement of Forces
27	Msg	161250 Z	Subj: Operation Dodge
28	Msg	170314 Z	Subj: Movement of Forces
29	Msg	170524 Z	Subj: Operation Kansas Deployment of Forces
30	Msg	170807 Z	Subj: Movement of Forces
31	Msg	171257 Z	Subj: Operation Cormorant 3-3
32	Msg	180840 Z	Subj: Operation Turner
33	Msg	180847 Z	Subj: Operation Plan 401-66
34	Msg	191340 Z	Subj: Destruction of Ammunition at Ashau
35	Msg	200106 Z	Subj: Planned Operations July 1966
36	Msg	200239 Z	Subj: Frag Order 405-66
37	Msg	200730 Z	Subj: Comm Center Readdress of III MAF Msg 191358
38	Msg	200730 Z	Subj: Frag Order 404-66
39	Msg	201146 Z	Subj: Destruction of Ammunition Ashau Operation
40	Msg	212116 Z	Subj: Operation Turner
41	Msg	221411 Z	Subj: Operation Dodge
42	Msg	231306 Z	Subj: Retraction of Units from Operation Kansas Area
43	Msg	241230 Z	Subj: Concept of Operation Jay
44	Msg	241335 Z	Subj: Planning Directive 5-66
45	Msg	241400 Z	Subj: Concept for Operation Jay, & to Terminate Operation Athens
46	Msg	280335 Z	Subj: Planning Directive 6-66
47	Msg	300340 Z	Subj: Operation Liberty Frag Order 407-66

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49 Msg 071830Z Subj: Operation Liberty SITREP #2
50 Msg 072225Z Subj: Operation Liberty SITREP #3

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Operation Plan 395-66

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 Series L701, Sheets 6658 I, IV,
 6659 II
 (b) III MAF OpPlan 108-66 (NOTAL)
 (c) Div OpOrder 343-65
 (d) DivO 02000.2C (COI)
 (e) For/MCC/SA I Corps O 03460.1A

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Task Organization:3d Marine Division (Rein)

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____ Bn, 3d Marines (Rein)

LtCol _____

____ Bn, 3d Marines

Co _____, 3d Recon Bn

Det, Co _____, 3d Engr Bn

Btry _____, 1st Bn, 12th Marines

12th Marines (-) (Rein)

Col CALLENDER

____ Marines (-) (Rein)

Col _____

1. SITUATION.a. Enemy forces. Annex A (Intelligence) and ~~INTSUMS~~ ~~as issued.~~b. Friendly forces.

(1) References (b) and (c).

(2) First Marine Aircraft Wing provides close air support, aerial reconnaissance and helicopter support, as required. Requested to provide on-station A/C from L-Hour to L+5 Hour.

(3) USAF conducts Arc Light strikes at L-120 minutes, D-Day.

(4) One US Army Refugee Team is available, on request, in the event that control or care of refugees or evacuees is needed.

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c. Attachments and detachments. Effective for planning on receipt and execution on order.

d. Assumptions.

(1) Increased enemy use of the HAPPY VALLEY area (Vic ZC 1667 - AT 8167 - AT 8163 - ZC 1663) will be detected and confirmed by one or more of several sources. Enemy use will be as a base camp, way-station, storage area, training area, or combination of these.

(2) Forces required will be available.

(3) GVN authorities will approve establishment of a USMC operating area in the HAPPY VALLEY area for a period of up to two (2) weeks.

(4) Arc Light strikes of targets nominated in the HAPPY VALLEY area will be approved and struck.

2. MISSION. Commencing on date to be announced, 3d Marine Division conducts deliberate search and destroy operations, in Infantry Battalion (Rein) strength, in the HAPPY VALLEY operating area, to locate and destroy Viet Cong installations (buildings, equipment, etc.) and VC forces found in the area by methodical exploitation of Arc Light strikes.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operations.

(1) Commencing on D-2 or D-1 Day (as required), one Infantry Company, reinforced with reconnaissance and engineer Marines, moves overland to arrive at Hill 310 (AT 862666) not later than L-2 hours on D-Day. After Arc Light strikes, company moves to nearest target area and conducts methodical and deliberate search and destroy operation throughout that target area. Upon completion, and on order, company conducts similar search and destroy operation in next target area. On completion, company (rein) returns to DANANG TAOR base via helicopter or foot, as ordered.

(2) At L-Hour on D-Day, the battalion (rein) less two companies lands by helicopter in LZ at (ZC 1566), establishes operating base, and commences methodical and deliberate search and destroy operation in nearest Arc Light target area. After juncture with company (rein) moving from North, conduct similar search and destroy operations in remaining Arc Light target area and in all draws leading South from HAPPY VALLEY, from (ZC 1166) to (ZC 1766).

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Upon completion and on order, return by helicopter or on foot to DANANG TAOR base.

- (3) At L+3 Hour on D-Day, one company (rein) lands by helicopter in LZ at (ZC 1672) and conducts search and destroy operations to the Southwest down the valley toward HAPPY VALLEY and juncture with the battalion (-) therein.
- b. Bn, 3d Marines (Rein).
- (1) On D-2 or D-1, as required to arrive at Hill 310 (AT 862666) not later than L-2 hours on D-Day, one company, reinforced with reconnaissance elements and engineer detachment, commence movement overland along axis (AT 9366 - AT 8666). Upon arrival at Hill 310, permit no elements West of that hill until after Arc Light strikes have occurred. After the Arc Light strikes, move the entire company (rein) to target area #1, establish operating base, and conduct methodical and painstaking search and destroy operation in the target area. On order, proceed to target area #2, establish operating base, and conduct similar search and destroy operation in that area. Upon completion of search and destroy operations, be prepared to return to base camp within DANANG TAOR by helicopter or on foot.
 - (2) At L-Hour on D-Day land the reinforced battalion, less two (2) reinforced companies, in LZ at (ZC 1566). ~~Simultaneously establish operating base and initiate~~ methodical and painstaking search and destroy operation, in reinforced company strength, in Arc Light target area #4. Effect juncture with reinforced company moving from North. After juncture, conduct coordinated search and destroy operation in target area #3 and in draws entering HAPPY VALLEY from the South from (ZC 1166) to (ZC 1766). ~~After thorough coverage of all target areas and draws,~~ be prepared for return to base camp in DANANG TAOR by helilift, foot march, or both.
 - (3) At L+3 Hour on D-Day, land one reinforced company in LZ at (ZC 1672). Conduct detailed search and destroy operations from LZ to mouth of North-South valley where effect juncture with battalion (-) in HAPPY VALLEY. In move South down the North-South valley, search draws entering that valley, with emphasis on those entering from the West.
 - (4) Take VC/NVA prisoners alive when possible.

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- (5) Determine location, strength, identity, and movement of VC units; locate assembly areas, training and logistic bases, and infiltration routes. Capture supplies and destroy facilities. When practicable, evacuate captured food and medical supplies to HIEU DUC District Hqs or 3d Marines Hqs, to be delivered to appropriate GVN authority. Insure that all Marines are familiar with the contents of reference (e).
- (6) Exploit to the maximum all contacts.
- (7) Conduct extensive night ambush operations on flanks and in rear.
- c. 12th Marines.
 - (1) Reinforce the fires of the attached battery with minimum of one platoon 155mm Guns.
 - (2) Be prepared to helilift one battery of M-30 mortars to HAPPY VALLEY on two (2) hours notice.
- d. Marines (-) (Rein). Maintain one rifle company on two (2) hour alert status. Pass operational control of this company to ___ Bn, 3d Marines on order of this Headquarters.
- e. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) D-Day to be announced.
 - (2) L-Hour - 1000H.
 - (3) TOT for Arc Light - 0800H.
 - (4) Maximum use of supporting arms on fixed enemy.
 - (5) RCA authorized.
 - (6) Include psychological operations in planning and execution. Assistance available from this Headquarters on request.
 - (7) Direct liaison between participants authorized upon announcement of participating Infantry Battalion.
 - (8) Estimated duration: 10-12 days.
 - (9) Unclassified code name: ALASKA.
 - (10) SITREP's direct to this Headquarters every even-numbered hour. Submit Spot Reports as required.

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(11) Retraction from operating area by foot and/or helicopter.

(12) Prep HLZs.

(13) Fire Support Coordination: as directed by CO, ___ Bn, 3d
Marines.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supply.

(1) Source of Supply. FLSG (A) for all classes.

(2) Prescribed Load.

(a) Class I

As prescribed by
Commander.

(b) Class II

Combat essential
equipment as pre-
scribed by commander.

(c) Class III

None.

(d) Class IV

As prescribed by
commander.

(e) Class V

Basic allowance plus
one bandolier. 3 DOA
on-position for mortars.
5 DOA initially on
position for arty;
reduce to 3 DOA when/
if situation permits.

(f) Medical Supplies

Full initial allow-
ance plus three days
high usage items.

(g) Water

2 full canteens per
man.

(3) Resupply. All classes by air from FLSG direct to units
on dates determined by commander.

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b. Evacuation and Hospitalization.(1) Evacuation.

(a) By most expeditious means available, and in accordance with Division Order 06040.1, to Company C, 3d Medical Battalion.

(b) Evacuate weapons and organizational equipment with casualties.

(2) Hospitalization. As determined by CO, 3d Medical Battalion.c. Personnel.

(1) Casualty reporting in accordance with DivO 3040.2A.

(2) Commencing D+1 submit Personnel Daily Summary, as of 2400H preceding day, by 1200H following day in accordance with Division Order 1080.3.

(3) Routine administration in accordance with current directives.

(4) Evacuate KIA through normal medical evacuation chain.

d. Captured Personnel, Documents and Returnees/Ralliers.

(1) Captured personnel and documents: See Annex A (Intelligence).

(2) Returnees/Ralliers - Deliver those eligible for CHIEU HOI status, including NVA, to CHIEU HOI center DANANG. Make every effort to effect delivery to appropriate center within 48 hours after rally.

e. Miscellaneous.

(1) Uniform and equipment as prescribed by commanders.

(2) Destroy items of captured material which cannot be made serviceable or evacuated only on authority from this Headquarters. Dispose of captured rice in accordance with reference (e). Provide one quart-size sample of all rice captured to this Headquarters (Attn: ACoS, G-2).

(3) Civil Affairs.

(a) If civilian population is encountered, take normal civilian control measures to avoid interference with and to facilitate tactical operations.

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- (b) Limited quantities of food, soap and MEDCAP supplies are available, on request, which may be used to augment other civilian control measures.
- (c) Submit Civic Action SITREPS daily in accordance with FOR/NCC O 5081.1A.
- (4) Awards - Submit recommendations for personal and unit awards in accordance with Division Order 1650.1A and SecNavInst P1650.1C.
- (5) Commanders exert every effort to maintain weapons in serviceable condition under all circumstances.
- (6) Make maximum use of local water and halizone/iodine tablets.
- (7) Insure adequate supply of salt tablets.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications in accordance with reference (d) and current communication directives.

b. Battalion, 3d Marines enter the following radio nets:

(1) Div Tac #2 (PRC-25)

(a) Frequencies: (P) 52.85 M-483
(S) 52.45 M-480

(b) Emission: Voice

(c) Stations and Calls

Hq 3d MarDiv
 Bn, 3d Mar
3d Recon
3d Mar
9th Mar
12th Mar

SUDDEN DEATH

RAIN BELT
STARBOARD
REAPPOINT
PARK GREEN

(2) Div Tac #1 activate only in the event Division Tac #2 is not operational.

(a) Frequencies: (P) 2244
(S) 7378

(b) Emission: Voice (USB)

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(c) Stations and Calls

Hq 3d MarDiv
DivInOSUDDEN DEATH
SUDDEN DEATH HOTEL

- c. Communication Company, HqBn, will provide the equipment and personnel required to operate the DivIn Net. CommCo personnel located in operation area are attached to B Bn, 3d Marines.
- d. Messenger Service. Use helicopter messenger as required.
- e. Bn, 3d Marines make provision in logistics resupply for scheduled lift of BB-451 batteries, as required, by helo.
- f. Submit emergency request for communication personnel and equipment to the Division Communication-Electronics Officer.
- g. Forward Battalion Communication Plan to this Headquarters as soon as possible (Attn: CEO).
- h. Command Posts. Inform this Headquarters when and where established.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KYLE



J. B. SWEENEY

Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps

Chief of Staff

ANNEXES

- A. Intelligence (To be issued)
- B. Operation Overlay
- C. Distribution

DISTRIBUTION: Annex C (Distribution).

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3d MarDiv DT 2400/1

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TO ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV

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RUMSVD/C DET 5TH SF(ABN), DNG

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DESTRUCTION OF AMMUNITION AT A SHAU (S)

A. DET C-1, 5TH SFG (AB), 1ST SF LTR AVSFA-C DTD 28MAR66 (FWD SEPARATELY)

B. DET C-1, 5TH SFG (AB), 1ST SF LTR AVSFA-C DTD 23MAY66 (FWD SEPARATELY)

1. SITUATION:

A. GENERAL. THE CIDG CAMP AT A CHAU, THUA THIEN PROVINCE WAS OVERRUN AND DESTROYED BY ENEMY ACTION IN MAR 66 (REF A). THE REMAINS OF FIVE USASF PERSONNEL WERE THOUGHT TO BE WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE FOR-

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MER COMPOUND AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY LOCATED THROUGH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY DET C-1, 5TH SFG, 1ST SF PLANNED AND SUCCESSFULLY EXECUTED AN OPERATION TO RECOVER THE BODIES OF THE AMERICANS (REF B).

DURING THIS OPERATION, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE CAMP HAD BEEN LEFT RELATIVELY UNTOUCHED BY ENEMY FORCES SINCE THE END OF THE BATTLE; BODIES HAD NOT BEEN DISTURBED OR BOOBY TRAPPED, AMMUNITION AND SOME WEAPONS REMAINED IN OR IN THE VICINITY OF EMPLACEMENTS. IN ADDITION, IT IS BELIEVED THAT AN AMMO RESUPPLY AIR DROP REMAINS OUTSIDE THE WIRE AT THE WEST APEX OF THE CAMP. A RECONNAISSANCE OF THE CAMP AREA WAS CONDUCTED AND THE AMMUNITION STORAGE SITES WERE LOCATED. RESULTS INDICATED THAT AMMUNITION, PRIMARILY MORTAR, EXISTED IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY TO POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO III MAF IF RECOVERED BY VC OR NVA FORCES. ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING AMMO QUANTITY AND LOCATION AVAILABLE THIS HQS.

B. ASSUMPTION: THAT ENEMY FORCES IN THE AREA HAVE NOT MATERIALLY INCREASED SINCE THE SPECIAL FORCES BODY RECOVERY OPERATION IN MID-MAY 66.

2. REQUEST CG 3D MARDIV DEVELOP CONCEPT AND PLANS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OR REMOVAL OF AMMUNITION STOCKS REMAINING AT THE A SHAU CAMP SITE. PLANS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THIS HQ FOR APPROVAL NLT 15 JUNE 1966.

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FM FOURTH MARINES

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

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1. OPERATION PLANNED FOR 2-3 JUNE 1966

A. COMPANY F CONTINUES RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE. CONDUCTS SMALL UNIT OPERATION TO INCLUDE PATROL ACTION AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY IN ZOA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES YD170550, YD170580, YD 230550, AND YD 230580. COMPANY F IS CURRENTLY LOCATED AT YD 221561. OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE IN THIS ZOA UNTIL 031200H.

B. COMPANY G CONTINUES TO CONDUCT JOINT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WITH 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION ARVN. LAN SOW 227. DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS THIS UNIT WILL CONDUCT SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE PATROLS AND AMBUSHES ALONG AXIS OF ADVANCE. YD170574 TO YD219590. COMPANY G PATROL BASE LOCATED AT YD213593. THIS OPERATION IS SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE AT 021600H.

C. AT 030700H TO 031700H COMPANY G WILL CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE TYPE OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED ZOA BOUNDED BY COORDINATES YD240550, YD240570, YD250570, YD250580, YD280550, AND YD280580. PROPOSED CP YD264573. WITH A PLATOON AT 274563.

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(b) 3d MarDiv Opn Order 390-66 (COUNTY FAIR)
(c) CG 3d MarDiv conference of 030900H JUN 66
(d) Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS Series L701 Sheet 6658 IV
and Sheet 6659 III

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization: No Change

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Ref (a) and current INTSUM's.
- b. Friendly Forces. No change.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. No change.

2. MISSION. Effective 070800H JUN 66 3d MarDiv conducts a maximum effort offensive within the Da Nang TAOR to destroy VC forces, facilities and influence within the TAOR and occupy, clear and control present uncleared areas to the limit of advance (Annex A Opn Overlay); conducts COUNTY FAIR type operations and local security in semi-cleared areas; defends vital installations; and conducts reconnaissance operations in designated reconnaissance zones.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operation. This Division conducts a closely controlled and coordinated, heavily supported offensive operation involving all units on the perimeter of the Da Nang TAOR in a deliberate, detailed, systematic and thorough clearing of VC forces and complete destruction of VC facilities and influence within the TAOR. For purposes of this operation, three types of areas are designated, cleared, semi-cleared, and uncleared (Annex A Overlay). The outer line defining the semi-cleared area is designated the front line. The operation will be conducted essentially

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as a conventional, linear type attack of all forward units, adjacent units coordinating, to push the front line forward from its present position in a deliberate search and clear operation, to include the cordon and search of every hamlet in zone, coupled with complete demolition and destruction of actual or potential VC tactical locales. The major effort and priority of combat support is to units moving south. To achieve maximum support for this operation only minimum necessary forces will be utilized to secure or support rear areas. Phase lines and the limit of advance for this operation are indicated on the operations overlay. Target date for completion of operation is 30 June 1966. On completion of operations, newly cleared areas will be consolidated in preparation for the monsoon. Concurrently, COUNTY FAIR type operations will be conducted on suitable targets within the semi-cleared area, security will be maintained on installations in semi-cleared and cleared areas, and reconnaissance operations will be conducted in designated reconnaissance zones.

b. 3d Marines

(1) Attack south and west to seize that portion of phase line AMBER within TAOR; conduct deliberate, detailed search and clear operation.

(2) Continue the attack on order to seize that portion of phase line GREEN in TAOR.

(3) Conduct COUNTY FAIR operations on suitable targets in semi-cleared area.

c. 9th Marines

(1) Attack south to seize that portion of phase line AMBER within TAOR; conduct deliberate, detailed search and clear operation.

(2) Continue the attack on order to seize that portion of phase line GREEN in TAOR.

(3) Conduct holding operation in AN HOA area using a two company battalion to provide security for the immediate industrial area.

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(4) Conduct COUNTY FAIR operations on suitable targets in semi-cleared area.

(5) Establish personnel control check point at intersection of routes 1 and 14 (BT 055588).

d. 12th Marines

(1) Provide artillery support.

(2) Authorized to displace artillery within the TAOR to facilitate artillery support as required.

(3) Priority of fires to units moving south.

e. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Essential elements of the attack. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

(2) Maintain minimum forces necessary for security of installations in cleared areas.

(3) A small number of provisional platoons from separate battalions are available on request for use in defense of fixed installations to permit the release of infantry units for this operation.

(4) Report front line positions daily by 1800.

(5) Establish effective river control procedures to include barriers and blocks at critical locations.

(6) Establish personnel control check points, in conjunction with ARVN elements as available, at critical locations on roads, trails, and other lines of personnel drift. Report locations as established.

(7) RCA authorized within TAOR.

(8) This order effective for planning on receipt; execution at 070800H.

(9) DIRLAUTH all participants.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. In accordance with reference (a).

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. In accordance reference (a).

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL KYLE

J. B. Sweeney
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Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps

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A. BY 290940Z (3D MARDIV FRAG ORDER 397-66)

1. TERMINATE OPERATION RENO EFFECTIVE 080001Z. RCF A REFERS.

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B. 071855H

C. BT038695

D. REC'D 3 RDS SA FIRE FROM BY 03269H.

E. CONTACTED 1/1 OF THE INCIDENT AND RETURNED 10 RDS SA AND 1
RD 3.5. UNABLE TO DETERMINE RESULTS.

F-Q. NEG.

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OPERATION LIBERTY

FR 9TH MAR

A. 0711/9

B. 072050H

C. AT 970600

D. ENCOUNTERED 4 VC AT AT 969600 AND REC'D HVY SA FIRE FROM BOTH
SIDES OF TRAIL.E. RETURNED 200 RDS SA AND 8 RDS M-79. ASSAULTED POSITION CHECKED
AREA WITH NEG RESULTS.

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DESTRUCTION OF AMMUNITION AT A SHAV

A. CG III MAF 011230Z

1. TENTATIVE CONCEPT FOR SUBJECT OPERATION CALLS FOR APPROXIMATELY
70 MARINES (REIN RIFLE PLT, EOD PERSONNEL, ENGR DET, TACF) 8-10
CH-46 HELOS, AND CAS ON STATION.

2. IN VIEW OF SMALL QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION (EIGHTY 60MM, TWENTY 81MM,
AND THIRTY 4.2 MORTAR ROUNDS) AND ONLY ONE ERRANT AIR DROP BUNDLE
COMBINED WITH KNOWN PRECISE LOCATIONS, RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION BE
GIVEN TO DESTRUCTION OF THESE TARGETS BY ATTACK AIRCRAFT RATHER
THAN SENDING IN GROUND FORCE DESCRIBED ABOVE.

3. DETAILED CONCEPT REQUIRED BY REF A WILL BE FURNISHED FOLLOWING
COMPLETION OPERATION FLORIDA IF STILL DESIRED.

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1. RLF A STATED REQUIREMENT FOR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPN IN PHU LOC AREA PRIOR 30JUN66. OPN PAMNEE RLF B, IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO COME ON ABOUT 15JUN66.

2. IN VIEW UNPROGRAMMED REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT OPN FLORIDA, RLF C AND VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS, 15 JUNE DATE FOR PAMNEE NOT FEASIBLE. IN ADDITION, A STUDY OF THE SITUATION BETWEEN PHU BAI AND DANANG IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY WITH A VIEW TO SCHEDULING A SERIES OF OPERATIONS IN THIS AREA, ONE OF WHICH WILL BE OPN PAMNEE.

3. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST POSTPONE PAMNEE UNTIL 1JUL66.

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From: Commanding General
To: Commanding Officer, Fourth Marines

Subj: Letter of Instruction; OPERATION TURNER

Ref: (a) CG III MAF msg 011230Z

Encl: (1) Intelligence Study of Abandoned A SHAU Special Forces Camp

1. Reference (a) directs an operation be conducted on a date to be specified after 15 June 1966 into the abandoned A SHAU Special Forces Camp for the purpose of destroying unexploded ordnance within the camp and one pallet of errant air-delivered supplies located to the West of the camp perimeter.

2. Accordingly, not later than 18 June 1966, submit for approval your operations plan in accordance with the following:

- a. MISSION. Fourth Marine Regiment conducts a raid into the abandoned A SHAU Special Forces Camp with minimum required forces in order to destroy unexpended grenades and mortar and artillery ammunition thereat and to destroy one pallet of air-delivered supplies located approximately 150 meters West of the western tip of the camp.
- b. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. The raid force, consisting of one platoon of infantry, reinforced with machine guns, M-72 LAAWs, and at least one 60mm mortar and crew plus one FAC Team, an 11 man team of EOD Marines, and a mine detection team from 3d Engineer Battalion (equipped with AN/PRS - 4 detector), organized into a tactical defense unit and a demolition unit, lands as early in the morning as weather and light conditions permit, by helo, in selected LZs in vicinity of Camp A SHAU. Tactical defense unit takes defensive/observation positions around camp while demolition unit proceeds inside camp (preceded by mine detecting team), and assembles and prepares all unexploded ordnance found in the camp for demolition. One demolition

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party proceeds, with security from tactical defense unit, to location of errant re-supply package off the west apex of the camp and prepares that package for demolition. After dropping troops in LZs, helos return to PHU BAI and standby with reserve unit, prepared to launch for extraction of raid party (or for reinforcement) on 5 minutes notice. An AO in a O-1E and a one-section CAS mission remain over target area throughout operation with additional attack aircraft on strip alert. On signal, troops re-assemble, demolitions are fired, and, after the detonation, helos land and extract raid party. Expected duration of operation 2-4 hours.

c. CONTROL. Vested in CO, 4th Marines. Request needed support not organic to your command from this Headquarters.

d. DEMOLITIONS. Estimated 400 pounds.

e. ASSUMPTIONS

(1) Weather will permit helicopter operations in and enroute to A SHAU for a minimum period of 4 hours in the latter half of the month of June; and that this favorable weather period can be forecast.

(2) There will be no organized enemy in A SHAU camp or within 2 kilometers thereof at the time of initiation of the operation.

f. RESERVE. Provide for a raid reserve to be standing by, for quick reinforcement if needed, at PHU BAI. Helicopters to be on Condition II alert for purpose of executing retraction or of transporting reinforcements to the A SHAU area.

g. MISCELLANEOUS PRECAUTIONS

(1) Ordnance may be booby-trapped.

(2) Camp perimeter trenches and external trails may be mined.

(3) Avoid defensive minefields.

(4) RCA authorized.

(5) Designate alternate LZ for retraction should primary LZ be untenable.

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1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for information in your planning. Major SWINNEY, G-2 Combat Intelligence Officer, has additional information concerning the A SHAU area. He is prepared to visit your headquarters to assist you at any time convenient to you.


J. B. SWEENEY
Chief of Staff

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INTELLIGENCE STUDY

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000; Series L701, Sheet 6459 II
 (b) 3dMarDiv OpO 343-65
 (c) 3dMarDivO P3800.1F

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

- a. General. Since A SHAU Special Forces Camp was overrun on 11 March by the 95B NVA Regiment, little enemy activity has been reported in this area. Photography taken on 24 May 1966 indicated that prepared positions in the area were unoccupied. Special Forces personnel returned to this camp on 18 May for a body recovery operation. The SF personnel received no enemy fire and observed no enemy during the operation which was approximately 40 minutes in duration. (Actual time at the camp.) Their reconnaissance of the camp indicated that the Main Force units had departed immediately following the battle. SF concluded that the only enemy force remaining in the valley area is an estimated company strength unit of hostile Phong tribesmen.
- b. Enemy Disposition
 - (1) See Appendix 1 (Enemy Situation Overlay).
 - (2) No confirmed VC/NVA units are currently known to be located in the immediate vicinity of A SHAU. The location of the 95B NVA Regiment is presently unknown and it is carried as unlocated in Thua Thien Province. An unknown number of guerrillas operate in the area (possibly the previously mentioned Company strength unit of Phong Tribesmen).
 - (3) All confirmed VC/NVA units in Thua Thien Province except 95B NVA Regiment are operating in area adjacent to the piedmont area and are not considered within reinforcing distance. The nearest confirmed unit, the 802d Battalion is approximately 20 miles north of A SHAU and would require more than 12 hours to traverse the intervening jungle covered terrain.
- c. Recent Activities. No VC activity was reported during the past 30 days with the exception of small arms fire directed at aircraft. This fire is believed to be the act of local force/hostile tribesmen in the area. Small arms fire hit 6 of 7 H-34 helicopters in vicinity of (YD 4492) when the SF operation was being withdrawn. No evidence of large organized units has been reported.

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d. Enemy Capabilities(1) Enumeration

- (a) Capability 1 - Defend with local guerrilla forces.
- (b) Capability 2 - Attack with local guerrilla forces.
- (c) Capability 3 - Reinforce with forces up to a regiment in strength.
- (d) Capability 4 - Evade major contact and employ harassing tactics.
- (e) Capability 5 - Withdraw from or exfiltrate from the area prior to or after commencement of friendly operations.

(2) Analysis and Discussion

- (a) Capability 1 - Enemy knowledge of the terrain, prepared defensive positions including the camp, and desire to retain control of an important infiltration route, favor adoption of this capability.
- (b) Capability 2 - Enemy knowledge of the terrain and covered routes of approach to close proximity of camp favor adoption of this capability. Organization of guerrilla forces and basic guerrilla doctrine militate against any coordinated attack against our superior combat power.
- (c) Capability 3 - Recent VC offensive activities in the area and relative freedom of movement through VC controlled area favor reinforcement by the 95B Regiment. Vulnerability of massed forces to our superior supporting fires and increased logistics burden for multi-battalion operations militate against adoption of this capability. The 95B Regiment has remained unlocated since 11 March and it is possible that this unit could be utilized in such a role.
- (d) Capability 4. Basic VC doctrine against superior forces calls for adoption of this capability. Utilization of guerrilla tactics in inflicting maximum damage with minimum risk and avoidance of mass targets favor adoption of this tactic. Enemy knowledge of the terrain and ability to keep the camp under surveillance enhance this capability. The Special Forces operation on 18 May did not observe any VC activity during their brief stay at the camp. However, evidence that VC were in the

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area was found (i.e. three deteriorated booby traps were found in the camp and several freshly dug fighting holes were observed). There are no indications that militate against adoption of this capability.

- (e) Capability 5 - Enemy knowledge of the transitory nature of our operations, effective intelligence net, and the desire to avoid engagements not of their choosing favor adoption of this capability. The area is populated only by mountain tribes unfriendly to our forces and population control is not at issue. There are no indications militating against adoption of this capability. Withdrawal/exfiltration will only be to the extent required to avoid contact with our forces.

(3) Probable Courses of Action

- (a) In the immediate vicinity of the camp, implement capability 5, withdrawal, in combination with capability 4, harassment. Mines, booby traps and small arms fire may be anticipated in the area.
- (b) Implement capability 3, reinforcement and conduct attacks if weather conditions are such that their vulnerability to friendly supporting fires is minimized. The 95B Regiment is the only unit possessing a reinforcement capability in this area, however, there is no present evidence that it is in rapid reaction distance of the camp.

2. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS

- a. Weather. See daily weather forecasts and weather summaries as issued in INTSUMs.

- (1) Southwest Monsoon (mid-May through September). Night skies are relatively clear over coastal and delta regions. Scattered to broken nocturnal cloudiness, bases 1000 to 2000 feet, can be expected over western mountains. Broken cumulus and scattered cumulonimbus, ceilings 2000 to 3000 feet (obscuring some peaks), can be expected over western mountains during afternoons. Afternoon coastal cloudiness is usually scattered cumulus, bases 2000 to 3000 feet.
- (2) Fogs are relatively rare along the coastal plain during this season, but up to 5 foggy mornings per month can be expected in sheltered inland river valleys. Fogs form about 0400 local and dissipate by 0900 local.

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- (3) Thunderstorms can be expected over the area daily. Locally, the coastal plain can expect 7 to 11 thunderstorm days per month, while the western mountains and valleys can expect 15 to 20 local thunderstorm days per month. Thunderstorm activity in the objective area builds rapidly and visibility is reduced quickly.

(4) Climatological Data

Mean Max Temp	92
Mean Min Temp	77
Record Max Temp	105
Relative Humidity (%)	77
Mean Precipitation (in)	2.8
Highest Total Precip	20.9
Mean No of Days of Thunderstorms	9

b. Light Data List

<u>DATE</u>	<u>BMCT</u>	<u>SUNRISE</u>	<u>SUNSET</u>	<u>EECT</u>
7 Jun	0551	0614	1917	1940
8 Jun	0551	0614	1918	1941
9 Jun	0551	0614	1918	1941
10 Jun	0551	0614	1918	1941
11 Jun	0551	0614	1919	1942
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c. Terrain

- (1) Relief. A SHAU Special Forces Camp is located in a mountain valley oriented northwest to southeast. The valley is interspersed with points of high ground.
- (2) Drainage. The drainage pattern finds numerous streams flowing from the high ground south of the valley northeast into the valley and from the high ground north of the valley, southwest into the valley.

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- (3) Vegetation. Dense rainforest with canopies in excess of 60 feet cover mountains and ridges. Elephant grass reaching 8 to 12 feet high covers most of the valley floor around A SHAU Camp. Observation from the ground and air is very difficult and detecting movement of even large units is practically impossible unless they are detected while moving on trails in the valley.
- (4) Critical Terrain. A SHAU Special Forces Camp is surrounded by high ground ranging in height from 1096 meters to 601 meters. Critical terrain is located at coordinates (YC 469826), (YC 508 824), (YC 504856), (YC 493845) and (YC 487854). During the battle of A SHAU the VC utilized this critical terrain for emplacing anti-aircraft, mortar, 57 recoilless rifle and machineguns.
- (5) Helicopter Landing Suitability
 - (a) See Appendix 2 (Helicopter Landing Zones).
 - (b) Helicopters that transported the USASF personnel conducting the 18 May mission reported that the helicopters landed in the area northeast of the Special Forces Camp and between the camp and the airstrip. The airstrip has been cratered by the VC. The USASF personnel did not reconnoiter the airstrip, but, from a distance, could not observe any booby trapping of the strip.
- (6) Roads, Bridges and Trails. See Appendix 3 (Roads, Bridges and Trails Overlay).
- (7) Mine Fields. See Appendix 4 (Mine Fields).

3. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

- a. See Appendix 1 (Intelligence Requirement) to Annex B (Intelligence) to reference (b) as modified and applicable to the specific area of operations.

4. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS

a. Orders to Subordinate Units

- (1) Conduct normal unit reconnaissance and observation as set forth in reference (c).
- (2) Report information as obtained on EEI's by most expeditious means.

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b. Requests to Higher, Adjacent and Supporting Units(1) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force

(a) Provide, as requested, special aerial photography of objective area.

(b) Provide current and predicted weather data that would adversely affect the operation during period of operation.

(2) Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. Provide observation aircraft for aerial reconnaissance and surveillance as requested.

5. MEASURES FOR HANDLING CAPTURED PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL

a. See paragraph 5 of Annex B (Intelligence) to reference (b) and reference (c) for specific instructions.

b. Expedite evacuation of captives to 7th ITT, PHU BAI by helicopter if found to be VC/NVA by on-the-spot screening.

6. MAPS, CHARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Reference (a) is the tactical map for this operation.

b. Additional copies of reference (a) will be provided upon request.

7. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE. See Appendix 2 (Counterintelligence) to Annex B (Intelligence) to reference (c).

8. REPORTS. See paragraph 8 of reference (b).

APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Enemy Activity Overlay
- 2 - Helicopter Landing Zone Overlay
- 3 - Roads, Bridges and Trails Overlay
- 4 - Mine Field Overlay

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- C. DIV OPN ORDER 390-66
- D. CG THIRD MARDIV 110926Z JUNE 66 (NOTAL)
- E. CG THIRD MARDIV 310220Z MAY 66 (NOTAL)
- F. CG THIRD MARDIV 241144Z MAY 66 (NOTAL)
- G. RPTD 020000Z
1. SITUATION. REF A AND CURRENT INTSUM'S
2. MISSION. REF A.
3. EXECUTION. REF A.
 - A. CONCEPT. REF A.
 - B. FIRST MARINES (-) (REF).

(1) EFFECTIVE 150800H JUNE 1966 OCCUPY AND CONTROL ASSIGNED SECTOR OF DA NANG TAOE AND ASSUME OPCON FIRST BN, FIRST MAR AND THIRD BN, FIRST MAR. SEE OPERATIVE OVERLAY (PASEP).--

(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B: ATTACK SOUTH TO SEIZE THAT PORTION OF FRANK LINE AREA WITHIN ASSIGNED TAOE; CONDUCT DELIBERATE, DETAILED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPN. CONTINUE THE ATTACK ON DOWN

THAT AREA SOUTH OF FRANK LINE SECT BY TAOE.

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(3) CONDUCT UNILATERAL SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED MESSAGE FORM - SECRET
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- (4) CONDUCT SECURITY PATROLS THROUGHOUT ASSIGNED TAOR;
PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THAT AREA EXTENDING 2,000 METERS
SO TH OF SONG CAU DO RIVER.

- (5) CONDUCT COUNTY PATH OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B AND C.

- (6) BE PREPARED TO DEPLOY UNITS FOR OPERATIONS OUTSIDE ASSIGNED
TAOR WITHIN FOLLOWING PRESCRIBED TIMES:

ONE BDE CO - FOUR HOURS

ONE INF BN (3/1) - TWELVE HOURS (SEE REF D)

ONE REGTAL CMD GROUP - TWELVE HOURS

C. NINTH MARINES (-) (USIN)

- (1) GROUP OPFOR FIRST BN, FIRST MAR AND THIRD BN, FIRST MAR TO
FIRST MARINES EFFECTIVE 150000H JUNE 1966.

- (2) CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A AND B IN ASSIGNED ZONE OF ACTION.
SEE OPERATION OVERLAY (PASEP).

D. TWELFTH MARINES. PROVIDE FIRST BN, ELEVENTH MAR DE FIRST MAR
EFFECTIVE 150000H JUNE 1966.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. REF A.

- (1) THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING ON RECEIPT; EXECUTION AT
150000H JUNE 1966. THIS CONFIRMS AND AMPLIFIES INSTRUCTIONS
CONTAINED REF B.

- (2) EFFECTIVE 150000H JUNE 1966 BOUNDARY BETWEEN FIRST MAR AND
NINTH MAR EXTENDS INLAND ALONG BASE SIDE HIGHWAY 1 TO
NORTH BANK OF SONG CAU LAU RIVER. REF B.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, B, AND C.

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FM CG III MAF
TO CG THIRD MARDIV

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DESTRUCTION OF AMMO AT AS SHAU
A. CG III MAF 011230Z
B. YOUR 101200Z

1. REQUIREMENT REF A REMAINS FIRM. SUBMIT DETAILED CONCEPT
BASED ON TIME FRAME INDICATED REF B.

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CWO CRSCCN 635PRIORITY 131455Z JUN 66FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: THIRD MARDIV
INFO: IIT MAF
FIRST MAW
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FRAG ORDER 402-66

A. DIV OPN ORDER 399-66

B. DIV ORDER 3435.1

C. DIV ^{FRAG} OPN ORDER 400-66

1. SITUATION. REF A.
2. MISSION. REF A.
3. EXECUTION. REF A AND

A. NINTH MAR: EFFECTIVE ON RECEIPT SHIFT PHASE 1 AMBER IN FIRST BN, NINTH MAR ZONE TO PHASE LINE GREEN 2nd PHASE LINE GREEN TO NORTH BANK OF BONG THI BOU RIVER.

B. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) COMMANDERS MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF SUPPORTING ARMS FIRES TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY EMPLOYMENT AND INSTALLATION OF MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS.

(2) COMMANDERS THOROUGHLY INDOCTRINATE ALL INDIVIDUALS AND UNITS IN PROVISIONS OF REFERENCE B.

(3) FIRST MARINES ASSIGNED OPERATIONAL CONTROL EASTERN SECTOR DANANG TACE AT 150001H JUN 1966. SEE REF C.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. REF A.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. REF A.

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FM CG III MAF

TO CG FIRST MARDIV

CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO CG FIRST MAF

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OPERATION KANSAS (U)

1. TEMPORARY DIVISION BOUNDARY (VICE QUANG NAM - QUANG TIN PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY) ESTABLISHED BETWEEN 1ST MARDIV AND 3D MARDIV EFFECTIVE 160800H IN ACCORDANCE WITH OVERLAY BEING SENT BY COURIER TO 1ST MARDIV HQS. BOUNDARY ESTABLISHED FOR DURATION OF OPERATION KANSAS; WILL BE CANCELLED ON ORDER THIS HQ.

2. COPY OF OVERLAY FURNISHED CG 1ST MAF AND CG 3D MARDIV.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: THIRD MARDIV
SEVENTH ENGR BN
INFO: CG III MAF (PRESENT)
CG FMAW
CG FIRST MARDIV
PLC (PRESENT)

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FRAG ORDER 403-66

- A. 3D MARDIV O N O 343-65
- B. CG III MAF 150430Z (NOTAL)
- C. 3D MARDIV OPN & 361-66
- D. 3D MARDIV ORDER 02000.2D

1. SITUATION.

- A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSUM.
- B. FRIENDLY FORCES. REF A.

2. MISSION. LAW REF 3 THIRD MARDIV DEPLOY FORCES TO OPGON
FIRST MARDIV IN CONNECTION WITH OPN KANSAS.

3. EXECUTION.

A. FIRST MARDIV:

(1) EXHIBIT ROUGH RIDER SOUTH KAT REF C AND INSTRUCTIONS
CONTAINED IN THIS ORDER.

(2) PROVIDE 1/3/1 (-) AS CONVOY ESCORT FOR ROUGH RIDER
SOUTH TO DEPART LP (INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 3 AND ALTERNATE
1 AT NIEU BONG) AT 160800.

(3) CONVOY ESCORT WILL FORM UP WITH 155 H BTRY AT
INTERSECTION OF ALTERNATE 1 AND RR TRACKS (AT 999700).

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(4) Convoy reports to 3d Mardiv for coord on crossing Quang Nam-Da Nang DMZ border and for OPCON upon arrival VIC (BT 228320).

(5) Convoy security forces will return to Third Mardiv upon completion escort mission.

(6) Place 3/1 (CMD GRP, 3 CO'S) on 6 hr alert prepared on order to deploy by motor convoy to designated assy area on route 1 between Thang Binh and Tam Ky to participate in Opn Kansas. BN CMR to be convoy CMDR enroute.

(7) Assume OPCON one GO Third Mar 160800H for employment in 3/1 operating area.

B. THIRD MARINES

(1) Assume OPCON Third BN, Third Mar (-) at 160800H. Chop OPCON one GO to First Marines at 160800H.

(2) Be prepared on order to provide convoy escort of one CO(-) for motor convoys from Danang to designated assy area on route 1 between Thang Binh and Tam Ky.

C. FOURTH MARINES.

(1) Place 2/1 (CMD GRP, 3 CO'S) on 12 hr alert prepared to deploy on order to Danang by fixed wing A/C, then by motor convoy to designated assembly area on route 1 between Thang Binh and Tam Ky to participate in Opn Kansas.

D. TWELFTH MARINES.

(1) Deploy one 155 how BTRY by motor convoy to VIC (BT 228320) and report OPCON First Mardiv on arrival.

(2) Above BTRY will report to convoy escort CMDR IAW instructions set forth in para 3.A(2), (3) and (4)

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(2) PLACE ONE 4.2 BTRY ON 6 HR ALERT PREPARED TO
DEPLOY ON ORDER IN D/S OF 3/1 IAW INFO IN PARA 3.A.(6)
ABOVE.

(4) PLACE B/2/11 ON 12 HR ALERT PREPARED TO DEPLOY
ON ORDER IN D/S OF 2/1 IAW WITH INFORMATION IN PARA 3.C.(1).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. REF A.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS. ~~REF A AND D.~~ TO BE ISSUED

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IMMEDIATE 140727Z JUN 66

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CG III MAF
INFO: FOURTH MARINES

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REQUEST FOR OPERATING AREA

A. MY 200329Z MAY

B. MY 221520Z MAY

1. REF A REQUESTED OPERATING AREA FOR OPERATION DODGE. REF B INDICATED
POSTPONEMENT DUE TO CURRENT DEPLOYMENTS.2. PROPOSE NOW TO EXECUTE OPERATION DODGE COMMENCING 17 JUNE. ESTIMATED
DURATION OF OPERATION 7-10 DAYS. AREA OF OPERATION AND CONCEPT REMAINS SAME AS
SET FORTH REF A.3. REQUEST APPROVAL OF OPERATING AREA AS STATED REF A FOR PERIOD OF 10
DAYS COMMENCING 17 JUNE. AREA HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH 1ST ARVN DIV.

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CON 740
ROUTINE 160215Z JUN 66

FM CG THIRD MARDIV
TO CO NINTH MARINES

INFO CO THIRD RECON BN

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1. WITH INITIATION ON 16 JUNE OF OPERATION KANSAS UNDER OPOON OF 1ST MARINE DIVISION IN HIEP DUC (AT 9124), VIET AN (BT 0127), AND QUE SON (BT 0435 AREA; THERE EXISTS POSSIBILITY THAT ENEMY UNITS AND INDIVIDUALS MAY EXFILTRATE TO THE NORTH OR NORTHWEST. THIS WAS PATTERN OF MOVEMENT DURING HARVEST MOON OPERATION IN SAME AREA IN DECEMBER 1965. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT UNITS AND RECONNAISSANCE SCREEN CURRENTLY IN THE AN HOA AREA MAY COME IN CONTACT WITH, MAY OBSERVE, OR MAY RECEIVE AGENT REPORTS OF SUCH A SHIFT OF ENEMY FORCES.

2. THIS MESSAGE ACCORDINGLY SERVES TO INFORM YOU OF THE OPERATION, ALERT YOU TO POSSIBLE EXFILTRATION RESPONSE BY ELEMENTS OF 21ST NVA AND 1ST VC REGIMENTS, AND TO REQUEST ALL RECONNAISSANCE AND INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE.

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1. SITUATION. DURING PAST 10 DAY INTELLIGENCE INDICATING BUILDUP IN VIET AN, QUE SON, LOC SON, HEIP DUC AREA. TWO DEFECTORS HAVE IDENTIFIED NUMBER OF UNITS OF 620TH DIV.
2. AS A RESULT CG III MAF AND CG I CORPS BEGAN COORD RECON EFFORT ON 13 JUNE. TOTAL OF SEVEN TEAMS INSERTED, ONE OF WHICH PARACHUTED TO ESTAB OP IN VIC (AT 9416). TO DATE THREE TEAMS HAVE BEEN EXTRACTED DUE TO CONTACTS.
3. A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION KANSAS. IN EVENT SIGNIFICANT ENEMY

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FORCES DEVELOPED BY RECON ELEMENTS, 1ST MARDIV IN COORDINATION WITH 2D DIV ARVN WOULD LAUNCH HELIBORNE ATTACK IN AREA. FIRST MARDIV FORCES TO BE UNDER CONTROL TASK FORCE XRAY, 2D ARVN DIV FORCES UNDER CG 2D ARVN DIV; CP'S TO BE CO-LOCATED AT TAM KY. TOTAL MARINE FORCES UP TO FOUR BNS. TOTAL ARVN FORCES UP TO FOUR BNS. AREA OF OPERATION BOUNDED BY (AT 860290) (BT 100440) (BT 180220) (AT 890180).

- B. REINFORCEMENTS: ONE BTRY 155MM HOW BEING MOVED FROM DANANG TO VIC (BT 228320) BY MOTOR CONVOY. TWO BNS 3D MARDIV ALERTED FOR MOVE TO OPERATIONAL AREA ON 6 HRS AND 12 HRS RESPECTIVELY.
4. SIGNIFICANT CONTACT MADE IN AREA (BT 132202) AT APP 160145H. FLARE SHIP LAUNCHED, AND ARTILLERY FROM THIEN PHUOC FIRED IN SUPPORT. FLARE SHIP REMAINED ON STATION. RECON DIRECTED FLARE DROPS AND AIR STRIKES. MED EVAC NOT ABLE TO ENTER AREA DUE TO HEAVY 12.7MM FIRE. C/1/5 MOVED TO LZ VIC (BT 3023) TO RELIEVE RECON TEAM LANDING AT 0720H. ONE UH1E GUNSHIP DOWN 500 M SOUTH OF LZ, ANOTHER UH1E DOWN IN CHU LAI TAOR AND SECURED BY D/1/5. FIXED WG AIR CONTINUALLY ON STATION. WILL FORWARD SPOT REPS AS SITUATION DEVELOPS.
5. REQUEST FOLLOWING ASSISTANCE:

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- A. FOUR UH-1 GUNSHIPS BE ASSIGNED ASAP.
 - B. THAT ARG/SLF BE KEPT INFORMED OF KANSAS SITUATION. IN EVENT TARGET DEVELOPS WILL REQUEST ARG/SLF BE POSITIONED OFF TAM KY.
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IMMEDIATE 160324Z JUNE 1966

FROM: CG THIRD MAR DIV
TO: FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
NINTH MARINES

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OPN KANSAS

A. CG III MAF MSG 150854Z (NOTAL)

1. TEMPORARY DIV BOUNDARY (VICE QUANG NAM - QUANG TIN
PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY) HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS OF 160800H
FOR DURATION OPN KANSAS.

2. OVERLAY WILL BE DELIVERED VIA COURIER TO NINTH MAR CP
ASAP. FIRST AND THIRD MAR MAY PICK UP OVERLAY AT DIV S&C.

3. TEMPORARY BOUNDARY WILL BE TERMINATED ON ORDER THIS HQ.
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~~A. CG III MAP 150854E~~

1. ADDITIONAL FORCES ARE REQUIRED IN OPN KANSAS AREA.
2. FOR CG THIRD MARDIV: EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT DEPLOY ONE BN CMD GRP AND TWO COMPANIES TO OPN KANSAS AREA TO CLOSE PRIOR DARKNESS ON 16JUN. REINFORCE WITH ONE BTRY TOWED HOWITZER. CHOP OPCON TO CG FIRST MARDIV UPON CROSSING DIV BOUNDARY EST REF A. NOTIFY III MAF AND 1ST MARDIV UNITS DESIGNATED.
3. FOR CG 1ST MARDIV: ASSUME OPCON BN(-) REIN WHEN CHOPPED.
4. DIRLNAUTH ALCON.

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SEVENTH ENGR BN
INFO: CG III MAF
CG FMAW
CG FIRST MARDIV
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MOVEMENT OF FORCES

A. MY 151330Z
B. MY 151440Z

1. MY FRAG ORDER 403-66 CONTAINED REF A AND B REFER.
2. FIRST MARINES.

A. DEPLOY 3/1 (-) (CMD GRP AND 2 COs) VIA ROUGH RIDER MOTOR CONVOY TO 1ST MARDIV AREA VIC (BT 228320) FOR PARTICIPATION OPN KANSAS.

B. CONVOY COMDR (CO, 3/1) DETACH 155 HOW PLT WITH ONE RIFLE PLT ATTACH D AT THIANG BINH (BT 168415) TO REPT TO U. S. ARMY ADVISOR THAT LOCATION.

C. CONVOY FORM UP POINT, IP, AND REPORTING PROCEDURES SAME AS CONTAINED REF A. DEPARTURE TIME IP NLT 161600H.

3. THIRD MARINES.

A. PROVIDE ONE CO (-) IAW WITH PARA 3 B (2) REF A TO PROVIDE CONVOY ESCORT. CMDR WILL BE CONVOY CMDR ON RETURN TRIP.

4. TWELFTH MARINES.

A. DEPLOY ONE 155 HOW PLT FOLLOWED VIA MOTOR CONVOY IAW

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INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN PARA 2.C ABOVE.

B. PLT CMDR 155 HOW PLT WITH ATTACHED RIFL PLT FROM
3/1 REPT TO U. S. ARMY ADVISOR, THANG BINH (SEE PARA 2.B
ABOVE).

5. OPCON THIRD MARDIV UNITS CHOPPED TO 1ST MARDIV UPON
REACHING 1ST MARDIV/3D MARDIV OPN KANSAS BOUNDARY AT SONG
BA REN BRIDGE (BT 102510). CONTACT DRINK WATER ON
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IMMEDIATE 161250Z JUN66

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: FOURTH MARINES

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OPERATION DODGE

A. TELECON AMBERGLOW - 3A WITH SHOVE-3 OPNO OF 16JUN66

1. IN LIEU OF BRIEFING FOR CG ON SUBJ OPN YOU ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE
DETAILED CONCEPT OF OPN BY MSG PLUS AN OVERLAY VIA FIRST AVAILABLE AIR
COURIER DESCRIBING SCHEME OF MANUEVER AND ALL PARTICULARS TO INCLUDE
OWN FORCES PARTICIPATING.

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SEVENTH ENGR BN
INFO: CG III MAF
CG FMA
CG FIRST MARDIV
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MOVEMENT OF FORCES

A. MY 151330Z
B. MY 151440Z
C. MY 160627Z1. MY FRAG ORDER 403-66 CONTAINED REF A AND B, AND SUBSEQUENT
MOVEMENT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REF C REFER.

2. FOR FIRST MARINES

A. DEPLOY ONE CO VIA ROUGH RIDER MOTOR CONVOY TO JOIN

3/1 IN KANSAS OPN.

3. FOR THIRD MARINES

A. PROVIDE ONE INF PLT (REIN) AS CONVOY ESCORT AND
CONDUCT ROUGH RIDER MOTOR CONVOY TO KANSAS OPN AREA.B. DESIGNATE ONE INF BN (CMD GRP AND 3 CO'S) ON SIX HR ALERT
PREPARED ON ORDER TO DEPLOY TO 1ST MARDIV ZONE OF ACTION TO
PARTICIPATE IN OPN KANSAS.4. MOTOR TRANSPORT CMDR WILL BE CONVOY CMDR. CONVOY TO
DEPART IP AT 171430H. CONVOY FORM UP POINT, IP, AND REPORTING
PROCEDURES AS CONTAINED REF A.

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ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV
INFO ZEN/CG FIRST MAW
ZEN/FLC
BT**SECRET**~~OPN KANSAS~~

A. CG III MAF 150430Z

B. CG III MAF 150854Z

1. ADDITIONAL FORCES ALERTED REF A NOW REQUIRED KANSAS AREA.

2. FOR CG THIRD MARDIV:

A. DEPLOY ONE INF CO FROM DANANG TAOR TO CLOSE ON 3/1 (BT 228320)

HILL 29 PRIOR TO 171800H. CHOPCON TO CG 1ST MARDIV UPON CROSSING BDRY
EST REF B.

B. PLACE ONE INF BN (THREE COS) REINFORCED WITH ONE 4.2 MORTAR

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BTBY ON SIX HOUR DEPARTURE ALERT.

3. FOR CG FIRST MARDIV: ASSUME OPCON INF CO WHEN CHOPPED.

4. DURLAUGH ALCON.

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SEVENTH RECON BN
INFO: CG III MAF
CG FMAU
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MOVEMENT OF FORCES

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A. MY 151330Z JUN 1966
B. MY 151440Z JUNE 1966

1. MY FRAG ORDER 403-66 CONTAINED REF A AND B REFER,

2. FOR FIRST MARINES:

A. PLACE M/3/3 ON SIX HR ALERT PREPARED ON ORDER TO
CHOP OPCON TO THIRD MARINES.

3. FOR THIRD MARINES:

A. BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO ASSUME OPCON OF PROVISIONAL
INF PLT FOR CONVOY ESCORT. CONDUCT ROUGH RIDER MOTOR CONVOY
TO MOVE 1/3 AND 4.2 MTR BTRY TO OPN KANSAS OPERATING AREA.

B. ON ORDER DE LOY 1/3 (CMD GRP AND 3 CO'S) VIA ROUGH
RIDER MOTOR CONVOY TO OPN KANSAS AREA.

C. CONVOY FORM UP POINT, IP, AND REPORTING PROCEDURES
AS CONTAINED REF A. CO, 1/3 WILL BE CONVOY CMDR ENROUTE
AND MOTOR TRANSPORT CMDR WILL BE CONVOY CMDR ON RETURN
TRIP.

4. FOR FOURTH MARINES:

A. STAND DOWN 2/1 FROM 12 HR ALERT DIRECTED BY REF A.

5. TWELFTH MARINES.

BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO DEPLOY ONE 4.2 MTR BTRY

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VIA ROUGH RIDER MOTOR CONVOY AS SET FORTH IN PARA 3.A
ABOVE.

B. STAND DOWN 3/1/11 FROM 12 HR ALERT DIRECTED BY REF

A.

C. PROVIDE ONE PROVISIONAL RIFLE SCD TO REPORT ON
ORDER TO GO, THIRD MARINES AS PART OF PROVISIONAL PLT FOR
CONVOY ESCORT.

6. FOR THIRD INGN BN:

A. PROVIDE ONE OFFICER PLT CMDR, ONE PLT HQ, AND ONE
PROVISIONAL RIFLE SCD TO REPORT ON ORDER TO GO, THIRD MARINES
AS PART OF PROVISIONAL PLT FOR CONVOY ESCORT.

7. FOR THIRD SHORE PTY BN

A. PROVIDE ONE PROVISIONAL RIFLE SCD TO REPORT ON ORDER
TO GO, THIRD MARINES AS PART OF PROVISIONAL PLT FOR CONVOY
ESCORT.

8. COMM LAW REF B EXCEPT AS MODIFIED HEREIN. CALL SIGN
OF CONVOY CMDR ENROUTE KANSAS OPERATING AREA IS MUSTER. CALL
SIGN OF CONVOY CMDR RETURNING DANANG IS PLUMTREE. ACTIVATE
RADIO CIRCUIT 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIME.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: THIRD MARINES
THIRD R. COMBN

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A. MY 120640Z

1. IN VIEW OF INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT SUBJ OPERATION CANCEL PARA 2 REF A.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARINE
TO: FOURTH MARINES

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OPERATION TURNER (U)

A. YOUR 172340Z

1. PARAGRAPH 1.G. OF REF A APPLIES. PROV THIS HQ WITH FREQS
AND CALL SIGNS ASAP.

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 TO: TWELFTH MARINES
 THIRD MARINES
 INFO: CG III MAF
 CG FMAN
 FLC
 DET CI, 5TH SPL FOR DANANG

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OP PLAN 401-66

- A. THIRD MARDIV OP O 343-65 (NOTAL)
- B. THIRD MARDIV O 02000.2D
- C. CG III MAF 300540Z MAR 1966 (NOTAL)
- D. CG III MAF 030718Z APR 1966 (NOTAL)

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. INDICATIONS ARE THAT ENEMY IN AREA IS PREPARING TO ATTACK THUONG DUC CIDG CAMP.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. RNF A

2. MISSION. ON ORDER THIRD MARDIV MAINTAINS ONE ARTY BTRY AND ONE RIFLE CO (-) IN THE DANANG TAOR ON ONE HR ALERT FOR HELI-LIFT TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ARTY SUPT FOR THE SPECIAL FORCES CIDG CAMP AT THUONG DUC (ZC 152541).

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT. ONE ARTY BTRY AND ONE RIFLE CO (-) IS HELI-LIFTED TO PSN AREA VIC AT 807552 TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ARTY SUPT FOR FRIENDLY FORCES LOCATED AT THUONG DUC. RIFLE CO (-) WITH ARTY FO AND FAC CAPABILITY SECURES LZ AND IS ATTACHED TO THE ARTY BTRY TO PROVIDE SECURITY. SPECIAL FORCES PERS AT THUONG DUC OBSERVE AND ADJUST ARTY FIRES IN DEFENSE OF CIDG CAMP. THE ARTY BTRY AND RIFLE CO (-) ARE IN TURN

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SUPTD BY FIRES FROM OTHER ARTY UNITS WITHIN RANGE.

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ON ORDER ASSUME OPCON ONE RIFLE CO (-) FROM
THIRD MARINES.

(2) ON ORDER DEPLOY BY HELI-LIFT PROVISIONAL UNIT OF ONE ARTY BTRY AND ONE RIFLE CO (-) TO PROVIDE ARTY SUPT AS NEEDED IN DEFENSE OF SPECIAL FORCES CAMP, THUONG DUC.

(3) PROVIDE ARTY SUPT AS NEEDED BY PROVISIONAL UNIT FROM ARTY UNITS WITHIN RANGE.

(4) PROVIDE FO TRAINING FOR SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL AS REQUESTED TO PERMIT CONTINUING FO CAPABILITY WITHIN THUONG DUC CAMP.

C. THIRD MARINES. ON ORDER, ASSIGN ONE RIFLE CO (-) WITH ARTY FO AND PAC CAPABILITY TO OPCON 12TH MARINES.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. REF A. DIRLAUTH

4. ADMIN AND LOG.

A. SOURCE OF SUPPLY. FLSG(A).

B. RESUPPLY. BY HELO FROM FLSG(A).

C. PRESCRIBED LOAD.

(1) AS PRESCRIBED BY UNIT CMDR.

D. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION. IAW CURRENT DIRECTIVES AND AS DIRECTED BY UNIT CMDR.

E. PERSONNEL. IAW CURRENT DIRECTIVES.

F. CAPTURED PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND RETURNEES/RALLIERS.

IAW ANNEX B OF REF A AND DIVO P3800.1F.

5. CMD AND COMM.

A. COMM IAW REF B FOR MARINE CORPS UNITS.

B. COMM BETWEEN MARINE CORPS UNITS AND SPECIAL FORCES UNITS AS FOLLOWS.

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(A) 7.645 MHz

AM/CW FREQ:

(P) 4.175 MHz

(A) 3.995 MHz

FM FREQ:

43.9 MHz (AIR TO GROUND COM ON)

C. SPECIAL FORCES FORWARD OBSERVERS WILL USE THE ARMY CONDUCT OF FIRE NET TO CALL FOR FIRE.

D. ARMY CONDUCT OF FIRE COM WILL UTILIZE THE FOLLOWING FREQUENCIES AS DIRECTED BY 12TH MARINES:

58.5 MCS M-710 (P)

48.45 MCS M-447 (A)

E. UNITS ASSIGNED IN THIS ORDER AUTHORIZED TO REFER DIV TACTICAL NET #2 AS REQUIRED.

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DIV CALL SIGN: SUDO IN DEATH

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TO: CG III MAF
INFO: FOURTH MARINES

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DESTRUCTION OF AMMO AT A SHAH

A. YOUR 131326Z (NOTAL)

B. MY LTR 3-P/RJB/RRB OVER 3120.1 SER: 00173-66 DTD 11 JUN 66

1. IAW REF A FOLLOWING DETAILED CONCEPT SUBMITTED.

A. CONCEPT. REF B REFERS.

(1) MAIN ELEMENT (TWO RIFLE SQDS, ONE MG SQD, ONE FAC TM, ONE 60MM MTR SQD, EOD TM, MINE DETECTION TEAM, PLT HQS, AND CO CMDR) LANDS IN LZ BETWEEN LZ 3 AND WALL OF OUTPOST, AND SECURITY ELEMENTS SECURE AREA.

(2) FOLLOWING MAIN ELEMENT LANDING A SECOND ELEMENT (ONE RIFLE SQD, MINE DETECTION TM, AND 3 EOD PERSONNEL) LAND IN LZ 1 AND PROCEEDS TO AIR DROPPED AMMO LOCATED 480 FEET FROM CENTER OF LZ 1. AFTER DESTRUCTION OF THIS AMMO THIS ELEMENT WILL PROCEED ALONG TRAIL AROUND NORTH SIDE OF OUTPOST TO MAIN ELEMENT LZ.

(3) MAIN ELEMENT LOCATES AND PREPARES AMMO WITHIN CAMP FOR DEMOLITION. WHEN SECOND ELEMENT ARRIVES AT MAIN ELEMENT LZ HELICOPTERS WILL BE CALLED IN. WHEN HELICOPTERS ARRIVE IN AREA AMMO WILL BE DESTROYED AND UNIT WILL RETRACT FROM AREA.

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(4) DURING OPERATION REMAINDER OF COMPANY WILL BE
AT HMM-161 AREA AS IMMEDIATE REINFORCEMENT FORCE.

B. PARTICIPATING FORCE: COMPANY I, 3D BN, 4TH MARINES
(REIN).

C. CONTROL HQS: FOURTH MARINES.

D. SCHEDULE:

19 JUNE FINAL PREPARATION

20 JUNE REHEARSAL

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THIRD MARDIV
INFO: CG PMAW
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PLANNED OPERATIONS JULY 1966

A. CG III MAF 161220Z (NOTAL)

1. OPERATIONS PLANNED DURING JULY INCLUDE THE COMPLETION OF THREE COORDINATED REGIMENTAL SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS DESIGNED TO CLEAR THE DIVISION TACOR OF VC FORCES AND FACILITIES TO LINE SOUTH OF NATIONAL ROUTE 14 AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF THESE NEWLY CLEARED AREAS IN PREPARATION FOR THE MONSOON SEASON. ADDITIONALLY, A MAXIMUM OF RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT CRITICAL AREAS WITHIN THE TACOR AND THE RECONNAISSANCE ZONES DURING THE MONTH.

2. THE FOLLOWING BATTALION OPERATIONS ARE PLANNED.

A. PRATICE

4TH MARINES

ONE BN

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B. NAGOF

9TH MARINES

ONE BN

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25 JUL

C. ATHENS

4TH MARINES

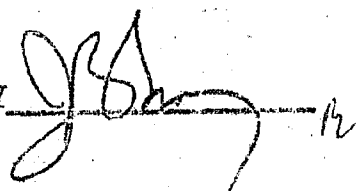
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CONTINUING

3. THE 4TH MARINES WILL BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT A RECON IN
FORCE IN THE DONG HA AREA DURING JULY PLANS FOR WHICH ARE
BEING CURRENTLY DEVELOPED TO BE COMPLETED BY 28 JUNE.

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20 0239 Z JUN 66FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: FOURTH MARINES
THIRD RECON BN
INFO: CG III MAF (PRIORITY)
CG FMV (PRIORITY)
REC (PRIORITY)

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PRAG ORDER 405-66

- A. THIRD MARDIV OP O 343.65
- B. CG THIRD MARDIV ITR 3/RJP/CLP OVER 3120.1 SNR: 00146-66 atd 28 MAY 66
- C. THIRD MARDIV O 02000.2D

1. SITUATION

- A. EN FORCES. SEE CURRENT ISUMS.
- B. FRIENDLY FORCES. REF A.

2. MISSION. THIRD MARDIV DEPLOYS INF FORCE TO DONG HA TO INCREASE SIZE OF SECURITY ELEMENT AT ASBAT SITE TO COMPANY STRENGTH. IN ADDITION DEPLOYS ONE RECON CO(-) AND APPROPRIATE ARTY SUPPORT TO DONG HA TO CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE EFFORT IN SELECTED RECON ZONES IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO DETERMINE TYPE, SIZE, LOC AND ACTIVITY OF ENEMY FORCES. INF FORCE PROVIDES MOBILE STRIKE FORCE TO ASSIST RECON TEAMS OR EXPLOIT TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY REPORTED BY RECON TEAMS.

3. EXECUTIONA. CONCEPT

(1) ONE INFANTRY COMPANY(-) REINFORCED WITH ONE RECON CO(-) AND APPROPRIATE ARTY SUPPORT MOVE OVERLAND VIA MOTOR CONVOY FROM PHU BAI TO DONG HA TO ARRIVE AT ASBAT SITE NLT 48 HOURS FROM TIME OF RECEIPT OF THIS ORDER. COMPANY ESTABLISHES A COMPANY BASE AT DONG HA, PROVIDES

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MOBILE STRIKE FORCE TO PARTICIPATE AND/OR ASSIST IN RETRACTION OF RECON TEAMS AS REQUIRED, AND PREPARE ON ORDER TO EXPLOIT TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.

(2) RECON CO(-) INSERT RECON TEAMS INTO SELECTED RECON ZONES TO DETERMINE TYPE, SIZE, LOCATION AND ACTIVITY OF ENEMY FORCES. DURATION OR INSERTION PERIOD WILL BE NO LONGER THAN THREE DAYS FOR EACH TEAM.

(3) APPROPRIATE NR OF HELICOPTERS WILL BE STATIONED AT DONG HA ON 24 HOUR STANDBY DURING PERIODS RECON TEAMS ARE OPERATING IN RECON ZONES PREPARED TO INSERT/RETRACT RECON TEAMS, AND LIFE MOBILE STRIKE FORCE TO ASSIST RECON TEAMS AS REQUIRED OR TO EXPLOIT TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY REPORTED BY RECON TEAMS. HELICOPTER SUPPORT WILL INCLUDE ONE A/C (2 SLICK AND 1 GUN) AS WELL AS INFANTRY LINE A/C.

B. FOURTH MARINES

(1) EXECUTE ROYAL RIDER MOTOR CONVOC FROM PHU BAI TO DONG HA VIA HIGHWAY #1. DEPLOYING ONE RECON CO(-) (60 FOS AND 2 PLTS), ONE RECON CO(-) AND APPROPRIATE ARMY SUPPORT TO DEPART PHU BAI ONE 48 HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS ORDER.

(2) ONE 48 HOURS AFTER ARRIVAL DONG HA INSERT RECON TEAMS INTO RECON ZONE TO BE DESIGNATED TO DETERMINE TYPE, SIZE, LOC AND ACTIVITY OF ENEMY FORCES. TEAMS WILL REMAIN IN RECON ZONES NO LONGER THAN 3 DAYS BEFORE EXTRACTION.

(3) INFANTRY CO AT DONG HA PROVIDES MOBILE STRIKE FORCE TO ASSIST IN RETRACTION OF RECON TEAMS AS REQUIRED. PREPARES ON ORDER TO EXPLOIT TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY REPORTED BY RECON TEAMS.

(4) POSITION MARINE ARMY IN SELECTED POSITIONS TO SUPPORT RECON TEAMS AS REQUIRED. COORD USE OF ARVN ARTY WITHIN RANGE TO SUPPORT RECON TEAMS. PROVIDE MARINE ARTILLERY PERSONNEL AT ARVN GUN POSITIONS.

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PRIOR TO ANY INSERTION OF RECON TEAMS. HELICOPTER SUPPORT CAPABLE OF LIFTING MOBILE STRIKE FORCE TO REINFORCE/ASSIST RECON TEAMS WILL BE ON 24 HOUR STANDBY IN DONG HA DURING PERIODS RECON TEAMS ARE OPERATING IN RECON ZONES.

(6) BE PREPARED ON ORDER, TO REINFORCE INF CO AT DONG HA WITH BN(-) SIZE INF FORCE VIA FIAED WING A/C.

C. 3D RECON BN

(1) DEPLOY ONE RECON PLT BY FIAED WING A/C FROM DANANG TO PHU BAI TO REACH PHU BAI LIT 201300H FOR ATTACHMENT TO 4TH MARINES.

D. COORD INSTRUCTIONS

(1) DIRECTED RECON MISSION IN HAI LANG AREA PRESCRIBED IN REF B IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

(2) THIS HQ WILL OBTAIN APPROVAL OF SELECTED RECON ZONES IN DONG HA AREA FROM CG III MAF. FOURTH MARINES COORD WITH LOCAL GVN FORCES.

(3) REPORT TIME AND LOCATION OF RECON TEAMS INSERTED TO THIS HQ. SUBMIT SPOT REPORTS AS THEY OCCUR.

(4) DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES TO EXPLOIT TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY REPORTED BY RECON TEAMS WILL BE ON ORDER THIS HQ.

(5) THIS HQ WILL PROVIDE LOCATIONS OF SELECTED RECON ZONES SEPARATELY.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTIC

A. SUPPLY

(1) SUPPLY SOURCES. FLSG (A) AT DANANG AND FLSU #2 AT PHU BAI FOR ALL CLASSES.

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(3) EVACUATE. IF POSSIBLE, REPAIR/FIXED WING A/C FROM FLIGHT #2 AND WING A/C FROM FLIGHT (A).

(4) CAMOUFLAGE. REPAIR/COMPANY (REIN) BASE CAMP AT LONG HA. MATERIALS AS REQUIRED FROM DAMANG BY FIXED WING A/C. REPORT REQUIREMENTS THIS HEADQUARTERS (SCL-4).

B. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT DIRECTIVES AND AS DIRECTED BY CO. 4TH MARINES.

C. EXERCISES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT DIRECTIVES.

D. REPORTS. SUBMIT SUPPLY STATUS DAILY AS OF 1800.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. COMMUNICATIONS WITH MARINE CORPS UNITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (C).

B. RADIO

(1) DIV COMM CO PROVIDES RADIO TEAM (5 PERSONNEL) AND COMM CENTRAL AN/TSC-15 FOR AIRLIFT TO DONG HA 200800H TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATION FOR CO (-) TO 4TH MARINES HEADQUARTERS - PHU BAI.

(2) FOLLOWING FREQUENCIES ASSIGNED FOR YOUR USE:

DAYTIME	0700-1900	2034 KC 2616 KC
NIGHT TIME	1900-0700	5123 KC 7465 KC

(3) INITIAL CONTACT TO BE: SIMPLEX, UPPER SIDE BAND, 2616 KC. WHEN CONTACT COMPLETED, SWITCH TO FULL DUPLEX OPERATIONS.

(4) INSTALL HORIZONTAL ANTENNAS AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

C. TELEPHONE

(1) ROUTE FROM DONG HA (USAF) HIGHWAYS TO HUE ON IRC-66.

(2) ALTERNATE ROUTING FROM DONG HA VIA QUANG TRI TO HUE ON (USA) HIG-24.

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(1) USE OF WEAPONS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANDATORY AND DISCREET.
INSURE ALL REPORTING ELEMENTS OF DEPLOYED FORCES HAVE APPROPRIATE CHARTERS
UPON DEPLOYMENT.

B. LIAISON

(1) DIRECT LIAISON AUTHORIZED WITH U.S. ADVISORS, 1ST ARVN DIV
AND ARVN ARTILLERY AT CHILL TO OBTAIN CURRENT ASSIGNED CALL SIGNS AND
FREQUENCIES FOR ARTILLERY SUPPORT AND COORDINATE OF FIRE.

F. SUBMIT EMERGENCY REQUEST FOR PERSONNEL/EQUIPMENT TO THIS
HEADQUARTERS (ATTN: GEO) AS REQUESTED.

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1. CGM GENERAL HEADQUARTERS CG III NAV 191358Z AS INDICATED ABOVE.
CG THIRD NAV 191358Z OF HIGHER CLASSIFICATION

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FRAG ORDER 404-66

A. THIRD MARDIV OPN O 343-65

B. THIRD MARDIV OPN O 399-66

C. THIRD MARDIV O 02000.2D

1. SITUATION. REF A AND CURRENT INTSUMS2. MISSION. REF B3. EXECUTION.A. CONCEPT. REF B.B. FIRST MARINES (-)(REIN)

(1) CONTINUE THE ATTACK TO SEIZE THAT PORTION OF PHASE LINE
 GREEN IN REGIMENTAL TAOR.

(2) REPORT ANY NECESSARY SIPPAGE IN TIME FRAME OF REF B
 WHICH MAY BE CAUSED BY TROOP COMMITMENTS TO OTHER
 OPNS.

C. THIRD MARINES (-)(REIN)

(1) CONTINUE THE ATTACK TO SEIZE THAT PORTION OF PHASE
 LINE GREEN IN REGIMENTAL TAOR.

D. NINTH MARINES (REIN)

(1) CONTINUE THE ATTACK TO SEIZE THAT PORTION OF PHASE
 LINE GREEN IN REGIMENTAL TAOR.

E. TWELFTH MARINES. NO CHANGE.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING ON RECEIPT;
EXECUTION AT 210000H JUN 1966.
- (2) DESTROY ALL BASE CAMPS, FIXED FACILITIES AND
POTENTIAL SUPPLIES TO INSURE DENIAL OF SAFE HAVENS
AND LOGISTICAL SUPT TO VC.
- (3) CONDUCT MAXIMUM OF RECON AND SURVEILLANCE OPNS
INVOLVING FULL USE OF SUPPORTING ARMS ASSETS FOR
EXPLOITATION PURPOSES.

4. ADMIN AND LOG. REF A.

5. CMD AND COMM. REF A AND REF C.

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TO CG THIRD MARDIV
CG FIRST MAF
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DESTRUCTION OF AMMO ASHAU OPERATION

A. CG 3D MARDIV 191340Z

B. TELCOM FROM COL WEGLEY TO COL BECK OF 20MAY; SAME SUBJ

1. REF A SCHEDULES SUBJ OPN FOR 21 JUNE. THIS CONFIRMS VERABAL INSTRUCTIONS OF REF B TO DELAY OPN 48 HRS.

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- A. TELCON FROM LTCOL DUNLAP TO CAPT ELLISON OF 20 MAY 1966
1. THIS CONFIRMS VERBAL INSTRUCTIONS REF A TO DELAY SUBJ OPN 48 HOURS.

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IMMEDIATE 22/4/12 JUNE 1966

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: FOURTH MARINES
INFO: CG III MAF (ROUTINE)

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OPN DODGE

A. FOURTH MARINES 220205Z (NOTAL)

1. YR REQUEST CONTAINED REF A APPROVED. TERMINATE OPN DODGE
EFFECTIVE 231400H.

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TO: CG III MAF
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- A. CG III MAF 221358Z JUN 1966
- B. CG III MAF 230616Z JUN 1966
- C. CG THIRD MARDIV 151440Z JUN 1966

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFS A AND B FOLLOWING ACTIONS RECOMMENDED
FOR RETRACTION OF THIRD MARDIV UNITS FROM OPN KANGAS AREA:

A. THAT AS SOON AS FERRY IS INSTALLED OVER SONG CAU LAU
AT (BT 0955) K/4/12 (REIN) WITH ONE RIFLE PLT (REIN) BE RETURNED
TO DANANG VIA HIGHWAY #1 UTILIZING K/4/12 TRANSPORTATION.

B. THAT ONE RIFLE COMPANY OF 3/1 (-) BE HELOLIFTED TO LZ
OSTRICH (BT 067714) AM OF 24 JUNE FOR EMPLOYMENT VICINITY OF
MARBLE MOUNTAIN; AND THAT THE REMAINDER OF 3/1 (-) BE HELOLIFTED
TO LZ RAILBIRD (AT 992675) SUBSEQUENT TO THE DEPARTURE OF PARA A
UNITS.

C. THAT THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN DIVISIONS BE REESTABLISHED AT
THE QUANG NAM-QUANG TIN PROVINCIAL BOUNDARY AS SOON AS AFOREMEN-
TIONED THIRD MARDIV UNITS HAVE CLOSED DANANG.

D. THAT COMMUNICATIONS BE IN THE INSTRUCTIONS IN REF C.

2. PLEASE ADVISE.

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CONCEPT OF OPERATION JAY

1. COMMENCING AT 250800H, 2D BN, 4TH MARINES LANDS HELO IN LZ IN VIC YD 526437, AND CONDUCTS S&D OPERATIONS MOVING SOUTH EAST IN ZONE.

2. FOLLOWING THE HELO LIFT OF 2D BN, 4TH MARINES; 2D BN, 1ST MARINES MOVES BY HELO TO LZ IN VIC YD 608388? TO SEESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITION FROM YD 594384 TO YD 603403; AND BE PREPARED TO MOVE OUT IN ZONE ON ORDER.

3. THIRD BN(-). 12TH MARINES, CONSISTING OF CMD GROUP AND ONE BATTERY 155 HOWITZERS (SP) AND ONE BATTERY 105 HOWITZERS MOVE BY CONVOY TO FIRING POSITIONS IN VIC OF YD 525348 TO BE IN PSEE

POSITION TO FIRE BY 250730H.

4. CMD GROUP, 4TH MARINES MOVES BY CONVOY TO VIC YD 525348 TO BE IN POSITION BY 250730H.

5. ON ORDER ONE COMPANY 3D BN, 4TH MARINES AND CO B, 3D AT BN, MOVES BY CONVOY TO VIC YD 525348 WITH MISSION OF REGIMENTAL RESEVRVE.

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C/O WCHCCN 1166IMMEDIATE 241335Z JUN 66FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: FOURTH MARINES
INFO: CG III MAF
CG FMAW
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THIRD MARDIV
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A. CONFERENCE AT 1ST ARVN DIV HQS 241000H.

1. THIS CONFIRMS AND AMPLIFIES REF A.

2. MISSION. COMMENCING 25 JUN 66 FOURTH MARINES CONDUCTS TWO BATTALION
SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS IN CONJUNCTION WITH GVN FORCES TO ENGAGE
AND DESTROY VC FORCES IN AREA OF OPERATIONS (NORTH EAST THUA THIEN PROVINCE).3. FORCES ASSIGNED. FOURTH MARINES (-)(REIN)

FLSU AS ASSIGNED BY FLSG-A

A/C AS ASSIGNED BY CG FMAW

ARVN UNITS AS ASSIGNED

4. DESIGNATED COMMANDER. COLONEL D. W. SHERMAN5. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS. USMC UNITS IN COORDINATION WITH ARVN UNITS.
COORDINATED FIRE SUPPORT AND AIR CONTROL.6. AREA OF OPERATIONS. AS PROVIDED ON OVERLAY DURING REF A. NORTH EAST
THUA THIEN PROVINCE BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY CHINA SEA COAST; ON THE

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NORTHWEST BY THUA THIEN PROVINCE BOUNDARY; ON THE SOUTHWEST GENERALLY
ALONG RR TRACK TO SONG BO RIVER; ON SOUTHEAST GENERALLY ALONG SONG BO
RIVER TO SEACOAST.

8. TERMINATION OF OPERATION. UPON COMPLETION OF S AND D OPERATIONS
IN AREA.

9. OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF JAY. NONE.

10. SPECIAL/COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. DURATION OF OPERATION APPROX 2-3 DAYS.

B. SUBMIT CONCEPT AND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS TO THIS HQ AS SOON AS
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IMMEDIATE 241400Z JUNE 1966

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: FOURTH MARINES
INFO: CG III MAF

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A. YR 240740Z JUNE 1966 (NOTAL)

1. CONCEPT FOR OPN JAY AND YOUR PROPOSAL TO TERMINATE
OPN ATHENS AT 250800H CONTAINED REF A APPROVED.

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CWO WASHCCN 1358PRIORITY 280 3358 JUN 66FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: NINTH MARINES
INFO: CG III MAF

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1. MISSION. COMMENCING 23 JULY 1966 NINTH MARINES CONDUCT MULTI BATTALION SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN AN HOA - BAREN AREA TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, FACILITIES, AND INFLUENCE IN AREA.

2. FORCES ASSIGNED.

A. ONE ADDITIONAL THREE COMPANY BATTALION WILL BE ASSIGNED TO NINTH MARINES BY THIS HQ.

B. AIR SUPPORT AS ASSIGNED BY CG FMIAW.

C. GVN FORCES AS ASSIGNED.

3. DESIGNATED COMMANDER. CO NINTH MARINES.

4. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS.

A. CONTROL HEADQUARTERS IS NINTH MARINES.

B. USING UNITS IN COORDINATION WITH ARVN UNITS; COORDINATED FIRE SUPPORT AND AIR CONTROL.

5. AREA OF OPERATIONS. AN HOA - BAREN AREA BOUNDED BY BT003518, AT913455, AT900522 ALONG NORTH BANK OF SONG THU BON TO AT996550.

6. UNCLASSIFIED CODE NAME. MACON

7. SPECIAL NBC INSTRUCTIONS. RCA AUTHORIZED IN AREA OF OPERATIONS.

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8. TERMINATION OF OPERATION. UPON COMPLETION OF SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION CO, NINTH MARINES OBTAIN PERMISSION THIS HEAD-QUARTERS TO COMMENCE RETRACTION.

9. SPECIAL/COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. ESTIMATED DURATION OF OPERATION IS SEVEN DAYS. SUBMIT CONCEPT TO THIS HQ BY ⁷ JULY AND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS AS SOON AS KNOWN.

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CWO WIC/5CCN 1989IMMEDIATE 300540-JUNE 1966FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: THIRD MARDIV
INFO: III MAF (ROUTINE)
FMAW (ROUTINE)
FIC (ROUTINE)

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OPN LIBERTY FRAG ORDER 407-66

A. THIRD MARDIV OPN O 343-65

B. THIRD MARDIV OPN O 399-66

C. THIRD MARDIV O 02000.2D

1. SITUATION. REF A AND CURRENT INTSUNS.
2. MISSION. REF A AND REF B AS AMPLIFIED BY THIS ORDER FOR JULY 1966.
3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT. THE ATTAINMENT OF PHASE LINE GREEN BY ALL UNITS
TERMINATES OPN LIBERTY EXCEPT FOR CONSOLIDATION OF NEWLY CLEARED AREAS
AND CONTINUATION OF THE ATTACK IN CERTAIN AREAS TO THE LIMIT OF ADVANCE.
LIMIT OF ADVANCE IS FROM WEST TO EAST: (AT 875570) ON THE SONG VU GIA
RIVER FOLLOWING THE MAIN WATERWAY EASTWARD TO (BT 100555); THENCE,
NORTHEAST TO (BT 108567); THENCE, EASTWARD TO (BT 155568); AND THEN
NORTHEAST PARALLELING ROUTE #14 INCLUSIVE TO THE SEA. DURING JULY
1966, EFFECT CONSOLIDATION AND TROOP RELOCATION AS NECESSARY. CONTINUE
GENERALIZATION AND DESTRUCTION OF POTENTIAL VC FACILITIES. IMPROVE
NORTH-SOUTH AND EAST-WEST LINES OF COMMUNICATION. MAINTAIN MAXIMUM
CONTROL OF DANANG BACH THROUGH TACTICAL OCCUPATION OF CRITICAL TERRAIN.

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EXECUTIVE AND CONTINUING COURTEZ MAIR TYPE OPES, AND NECESSARY SECURITY TASKS. ALL ACTIVITIES COORDINATED WITH GVN AUTHORITIES AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH VN TROOP UNITS WHERE POSSIBLE.

B. FIRST MARINES (-)(REIN)

- (1) OCCUPY, DEFEND, CONTROL ASSIGNED TACOR.
- (2) ATTACK IN ZONE TO LIMIT OF ADVANCE ADVANCING FRONT LINES ACCORDINGLY.
- (3) PREPARE ON ORDER TO ASSUME OPCON OF SECOND BATTALION.
- (4) PREPARE ON ORDER TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR TACOR OF LEFT BN, NINTH MARINES.
- (5) PREPARE ON ORDER TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS BEYOND LIMIT OF ADVANCE IN AREA EAST OF HOI AN AND SOUTH OF ROUTE #14 TO THE MOUTH OF THE SONG ^UCGA DAI RIVER.

C. THIRD MARINES(-)(REIN)

- (1) OCCUPY, DEFEND, CONTROL ASSIGNED TACOR.
- (2) ATTACK IN ZONE OF SOUTHERN BN TO ADVANCE FRONT LINES TO LIMIT OF ADVANCE ON THE SONG VU GIA RIVER.
- (3) CONDUCT CONTINUING RECON AND SURVEILLANCE OF EXPOSED FLANK.

D. NINTH MARINES (REIN)

- (1) OCCUPY, DEFEND, CONTROL ASSIGNED TACOR.
- (2) ATTACK IN ZONE OF LEFT BN TO ADVANCE FRONT LINES TO NORTH BANK OF SONG KY LAM.
- (3) PREPARE ON ORDER TO EFFECT PSN RELIEF OF LEFT BN.
- (4) PREPARE ON ORDER TO RELEASE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LEFT BN TACOR TO FIRST MARINES.
- (5) CONSIDER APPROPRIATE ACTION TO GAIN CONTROL OF LINE OF COMM FROM PRESENT LOC OF THIRD BN TO SOUTH BANK OF SONG KY LAM.

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(1) TERMINATE OPN LIBERTY EFFECTIVE 301800H JUNE 1966.

(2) PLAN MOVES OF REGIMENTAL AND BN COMMAND POSTS AS REQUIRED BY CHANGES IN LOCAL TACTICAL SITUATIONS GENERATED BY OPN LIBERTY. NEW CPs TO BE PLANNED AS CAMPOMENT CONSTRUCTION WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO DRAINAGE.

(3) RIFLE COMPANIES ESTABLISH SEMI-PERMANENT CO BASES FROM WHICH PIT PATROL BASES WILL OPERATE.

(4) CONDUCT EXTENSIVE, CONTINUING, IRREGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNTY FAIR TYPE OPMS AGAINST LUCRATIVE TARGETS NOT ONLY IN NEWLY CLEARED AREAS BUT ALSO PERIODICALLY IN REAR AREAS.

(5) EFFECT NEUTRALIZATION OR DESTRUCTION OF POTENTIAL VC FORTIFICATIONS, PSMS AND OBSTACLES. DESTRUCTION REQUIRED DURING CONSOLIDATION WILL BE EFFECTED WITHIN THE DICTATES OF GOOD JUDGEMENT OF THE UNIT CMDRS TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE AND UNWARRANTED DEVASTATION.

(6) CONTINUE IMPROVEMENT OF LINES OF COMM THROUGHOUT THE DANANG TAOR, PARTICULARLY ROADS, IN PREPARATION FOR THE WET SEASON.

(7) EFFECT MAXIMUM CONTROL OF WATERWAYS WITHIN AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CHECK POINTS AT SUITABLE LOCATIONS UTILIZING TANKS OR AMPHIBIAN TRACTORS WITH SEARCH LIGHTS, SUPPORTED BY INF.

(8) CONDUCT CIVIC ACTION AND RELIEF ACTIVITIES IN THOSE AREAS WHICH HAVE SUFFERED UNAVOIDABLE DESTRUCTION.

(9) CONTINUE ACTIVE PERSONNEL CONTROL MEASURES THROUGH USE OF CHECK POINTS ALONG LINES OF PERSONNEL DRIFT AND POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION CHECKS OF ALL INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL ENCOUNTERED BY PATROLS AND

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(10) OBTAIN MAXIMUM USE OF GVN TROOPS IN CONJUNCTION WITH
CONSOLIDATION ACTIVITIES, THROUGH CLOSE COORDINATION WITH APPROPRIATE
AUTHORITIES.

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5. CMD AND COMM. REF A AND REF C.

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OPN LIBERTY SITREP NR 1 AS OF 071800H

OPN LIBERTY (3D DIV OPNO 399-66) AT 070800H

A. LOCATION OF UNITS: NO CHANGE

B. THIRD AND NINTH MARINES COMMENCED DETAILED
OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS FROM PRESENT POSITIONS TOWARD PHASE LINE
AMBER CONDUCTING DETAILED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS FORWARD OF
ITS FRONT LINES.

C. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 19 CONTACTS. SEE SPOT REPORTS.

D. NEG.

E. FORWARD BATTALIONS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT SYSTEMATIC AND
THOROUGH CLEARING OF VC FORCES AND FACILITIES AND MOVEMENT TOWARD
PHASE LINE AMBER.

F. CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES.

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VV 1 VC KIA

A VC KIA (POSS)

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OPN LIBERTY SITREP NR 2 AS OF 072400H

A. 2/EE 1/1 AT (BT 073656). 3/1 AT (AT 993676)

1/9 AT (AT 966617) 2/9 AT (BT 015628) 2/3 AT
(AT 953723).

B. 3RD AND 9TH MARINES CONTINUED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS
FROM PRESENT PSMS TOWARD PHASE LINE AMBER. CONDUCTED
DETAILED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION AND PATROLLING.

C. THERE WAS A TOTAL FO 6 CONTACTS SEE SPOREEE SPOT REPORTS.

D. NEG.

E. 3RD MARINES CONDUCTS LEE NIGHT TIME DEFENSE. AND ACTIVE PATROLLING
PREPARES TO CONDUCT SYSTEMATIC AND THROUGH CLEARING MOVEMENT
TOWARD PHASE LINE AMBER. 9TH MARINES CONDUCTS NIGHT TIME DEFENSE
ACTIVE PATROLLING AND PREPARES FOR COMMENCEMENT OF MOVEMENT. SOUTH
OF PHASE LINE AMBER.

F. USMC CAS 13 WIA

VC CAS 2 VC KIA 6 VC KIA (POSS) 4 VC WIA (POSS) 5 VCS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

OPN LIBERTY SITREP NR 3 080401H TO 080600H.

A. NO CHANGE

B. CONDUCTED NIGHT DEFENSE. AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING AND AMBUSHES.

C. THERE WAS ONE CONTACT - *see spot report*

D. NEG.

E. 3RD MARINES COMMENCES RELIEF OF K3/9 LOCATED ON HILL 22

CONTINUES PREPARATION FOR ATTACK SOUTH. 9TH MARINES WILL ATTACK

AND SIEZE OBJECTIVES E-1, E-2, C-1, W-1, W-2 AND W-3. CONDUCTS

CLEARING OPERATIONS IN SEMI-CLEARED AREA.

F. USMC CAS- 13 WIA

VC CAS- 2 VC KIA. 16 VC KIA (POSS) 4 VC WIA (POSS) 5 VCS.

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