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#1	Ord	1 Apr 68	CTG 70.8	Subj: CTG 70.8 Operation Order 320-68, w/5 Tabs
#2	Msg	Apr 1968	1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech)	Subj: Missing in Action Report
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#4	Not	Apr 1968	3rd Mar Div	Subj: Handwritten Notes on Plans & Orders
#5	Rpt	1 Apr 68	3rd Squadron, 5th Cavalry, 9th Infantry Division	Subj: Ground Commander's Daily SITREP 01 Apr 68
#6	Rpt	Apr 1968	3rd Mar Div	Subj: Intelligence Estimate of the Eastern DMZ Area North of Route 9 Between NS Grid Line YDoo & NS Grid Line YD18, w/4 Encls Overlays
#7	Ovl	Apr 1968	3rd Mar Div	Subj: Operation Overlay
#8	Msg	010146Z	III MAF DaNang	Subj: OPCON & Termination of Operation Scotland
#9	Msg	010231Z	4th Marines	Subj: Request Status Ref A
#10	Msg	010450Z	3rd Mar Div	Subj: OPCON
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#12	Msg	011125Z	Cdr Hue River Security Group	Subj: Clearwater OPSUM 1 Apr 68
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#14	Ovl	2 Apr 68	3rd Mar Div	Subj: Overlay OP O/L to Phase II Task Force Kilo
#15	Mem	2 Apr 68	Sub Unit #2, Hqs Bn, 3rd Mar Div	Subj: Request for Verification of Blood Type & Service Numbers, w/1 Encl Report Form
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#19	Msg	020707Z	3rd MT Bn	Subj: OPCON of Co "A", 2nd Platoon from 3rd Marines
#20	Msg	020800Z	3rd Marines	Subj: OPCON
#21	Msg	020830Z	CG Prov Corps V Phu Bai	Subj: Conference on Rice Denial Operations
#22	Msg	021040Z	Cdr Hue River Security Group	Subj: Clearwater OPSUM 2 Apr 68
#23	Msg	021234Z	4th Marines	Subj: Chop OPCON K3/1 to 9th Marines
#24	Msg	021416Z	Cdr Dong Ha River Security Group NSAD Cua Viet	Subj: OPSUM 2 Apr 68
#25	Ord	021530H	Co "E", 52nd Inf (LRP)	Subj: Frag Order 110-68-110
#26	Msg	021644Z	CTG 79.5	Subj: TG 79.5 LVT, Tank & ONTOS Assets
#27	Ord	021830H	Hqs, 3rd Sqdn, 5th Cav	Subj: Frag Order 6-68
#28	Msg	022230Z	3rd Sqdn, 5th Cav, Dong Ha, RVN	Subj: Ground Commander's Daily SITREP 02 Apr 68
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#29A	Msg	031500Z	26th Marines, 3rd Marine Division	Subj: Ground Commander's Daily SITREP 03 Apr 68
#30	Msg	032200Z	3rd Sqdn, 5th Cav, Dong Ha, RVN	Subj: Ground Commander's Daily SITREP 03 Apr 68
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#41	Msg	042000Z	9th Marines	Subj: SITREP #5 for Frag Order 9-68
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 #54 Msg 060643Z CG Prov Corps V Phu Bai Subj: Conference on Rice Denial Operations  
 #55 Msg 061005Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Task Organization  
 #56 Msg 061010Z 4th Marines Subj: OPCON  
 #57 Msg 061041Z 3rd Marines Subj: Assets in 3rd Marines Area of Operations Currently Consist of 2 LVTP-5 & 1 M50A  
 #58 Msg 062200Z 3rd Sqdn, 5th Cav, Dong Ha, RVN Subj: Ground Commander's Daily SITREP 06 Apr 68  
 #59 Mem 07 Apr 3rd Mar Div Subj: Quang Tri Development, Progress for Period 30 Mar-5 Apr 68  
 #60 Mem 07 Apr 3rd Mar Div Subj: Graves Removal  
 #61 Mem 07 Apr 3rd Mar Div Subj: Quang Tri Development, Progress Report for the Period 31 Mar-6 Apr 68  
 #62 Rpt 7 Apr 3rd Sqdn, 5th Cav, 9th Inf Div Subj: Ground Commander's Daily SITREP 06 Apr 68  
 #63 Jnl 7 Apr Task Force Kilo Subj: Journal Notes Handwritten on Operations  
 #64 Msg 070633Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Permanent Boundary Change  
 #65 Mem 8 Apr 3rd Mar Div Subj: 1st MAW Contribution to Perimeter Defense of the Quang Tri Combat Base  
 #66 Msg undtd 3rd Mar Div Subj: Security of Quang Tri Air Base  
 #67 Rpt 8 Apr 3rd Mar Div, Doc Trans Center Subj: Report of Enemy Activity in the North  
 #68 Msg 080027Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Planning Directive  
 #69 Msg 080050Z III MAF DaNang Subj: CTG 79.5 Tank, LVT & ONTOS Assets  
 #70 Msg 080915H 3rd Mar Div Subj: Handwritten Message Casualty Report 06-08 Apr 68  
 #71 Ord 081000H Co "E", 52nd Inf (LRP) Subj: Frag Order 116-68-116  
 #72 Msg 081412Z III MAF DaNang Subj: Proposed ARG/SLF Schedule  
 #73 Msg 081507Z 3rd SP Bn Subj: OPCON  
 #74 Mem 9 Apr Dept /Army/Hqs, 26th General Support Group Subj: Graves Removal  
 #75 Mem 11 Apr 3rd Mar Div Subj: Graves Removal Quang Tri  
 #76 ~~Msg~~ 090900Z 108th Artillery Group Subj: OPCON Status of 108th Artillery Group  
 #77 ~~Msg~~ 091535Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: OPCON *msg 091344Z 26th Marines, 1st Air Cav Div*  
 #78 ~~Msg~~ 091615Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: OPCON  
 #79 Rpt 10 Apr 3rd Mar Div Subj: Synopsis of Enemy Situation  
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 #84 ~~Msg~~ 100835Z 4th Marines Subj: Assume & Chop OPCON

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A. CTG 70.8 OPORD 320-68

1. (C) MAKE THE FOL PEN-AN-INK CHGS TO TAB ALFA, APPENDIX

ROMAN TWO, ANNEX FOXTROT, REF A:

SECOND BN, SEVENTH MAR REG

NATIVE BIRD

FIRST FIELD ARTY GROUP

JENATOR

2. (U) DELETE REQUIREMENT OF LINE NUMBER SIX OF ENCL TWO TO CHG  
ONE TO GUN 13. CTU 70.8.9 REMAINS AN INFO ADDEE ON QUOTE MGFS MISSION  
REQUEST UNQUOTE.

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INTERIM CHG 3/2 TO GUN THIRTEEN (U)

A. CTG 70.8 QPORD 320-68

1. (C) THE FOL THRID MARINE DIVISION CALL SIGNS ARE EFFECTIVE 151200H9 AUG 68. THIS IS AN NGFS TURNOVER MSG UNTIL RECEIPT OF GUN-THIRTEEN WITH PRINTED CHG ONE AFTER WHICH THIS CHG WILL BE ENTERED IN TAB ALFA TO APPENDIX ROMAN TWO TO ANNEX FOXTROT, REF A

UNIT
CG THIRD MARDIV
ADC THIRD MARDIV
FIRST MARINE REGIMENT
1ST BN, FIRST MARINES
2ND BN, FIRST MARINES
3RD BN, FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINE REGIMENT
6-ST BN, THIRD MAR NES
2ND BN, THIRD MARINES
3RD BN, THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINE REGIMENT
1ST BN, FOURTH MARINES
2ND BN, FOURTH MARINES
3RD BN, FOURTH MARINES
NINTH MARINE REGIMENT
1ST BN, NINTH MARINES
2ND BN, NINTH MARINES
3RD BN, NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINE REGIMENT
1ST BN, TWELFTH MARINES
2ND BN, TWELFTH MARINES
3RD BN, TWELFTH MARINES
4TH BN, TWELFTH MARINES
1ST BN, THIRTEENTH MARINES
TWENTY SIXTH MARINE REGIMENT
1ST BN, 26TH MARINES
2ND BN, 26TH MARINES
3RD BN, 26TH MARINES
THIRD MARDIV ARI OBSERVERS
FIRST AMTRAC BN
THIRD SHORE PARTY BN
PROVISIONAL ARTY BN

CALL
ALEXANDER
BIG SHOT
HANDSWORTH
PERSPECTIVE
TEXAS PETE
GOLD LEMON
FIGHTING MAD
EVERSHARP
JAWBREAKER
SNUB NOSE
IRON HAND
KNIFE BOY
FANCY DAN
LINE COACH
BEWARE
ICE BOAT
HALIMARK
SEVEN UP
EAGLE EYE
SAN BOX
AMANDA
COMING EVENT
BLEND
BEACH BOY
ROCK CRUSYER
TEMPLE LAKE
JOHN BROWN
NORTH TIDE
SMITTY
DESERT SAND
CENTPEDE
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INTERIM CHG 2/2 TO GUN THIRTEEN (U)

A. CTG 70.8 OPORD 320-69

1. (C) PAGE DELTA SEVEN REF A, ADD PARA EIGHT CHARLIE AS FOL: QUOTE C. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE MOST ACCURATE LOCATION OF TARGETS ON OBSERVED MISSIONS, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES WILL BE USED WHEN EITHER THE SPOTTER INDICATES DOUBT AS TO PRECISENESS OF TARGET COORDINATES OR WHEN THE FIRING SHIP CONSIDERS INITIAL ADJUSTMENT SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS A COMBINATION OF ANTICIPATED NAVIGATIONAL INACCURACY AND FALL OF SHOT DISPERSION.

(1) WHEN EXTENSIVE INITIAL ADJUSTMENT OF FIRE OCCURS AND WHEN FIRST 'FIRE FOR EFFECT' IS RECEIVED FROM SPOTTER, SHIP WILL REPLOT TARGET USING COMPUTER SOLUTION AND NOTE RESULTING GRID COORDINATES.

(2) AT THE END OF A MISSION, SHIP WILL REPORT TO SPOTTER AS PER FOLLOWING EXAMPLE: NUMBER 102, RELOT COORDINATES V80000000. UNQUOTE.

2. (U) PAGE DELTA 13. ADD PARA 17, RADAR PICKET SUPPORT, IN ITS ENTIRETY.

3. (U) PAGE DELTA ROMAN SEVEN TWO, PARA FIVE ALFA, ADD FOL UNDER APPROP COLUMN: 16/50 HC MAX RNG 41,699 MAX RNG VERTEX 40,434.

4. (C) PAGE DELTA ROMAN SEVEN TWO, PARA FIVE BRAVO, ADD FOL UNDER APPROP COLUMN: 16/50 HC MAX RNG VERTEX 25,202.

5. (C) PAGE FOXTROT SIX: DELETE PRESENT PARA 610/7 ECHO AND SUBSTITUTE FOL: QUOTE E. SECURE VOICE COMMUNICATIONS.

(1) NGFS/SURFACE ACTION SECURE VOICE NET. ALL NGFS KY-8 CAPABLE UNITS WILL GUARD 362.2/3 HMZ, USING KEYLIST KAK-3231/9, FOR SECURE UHF VOICE COMMUNICATIONS WITH UNITS OF TU 70.8.9 AND TG 77.1

(2) SEVENTHFLT SECURE VOICE NET: WHEN DETACHED FROM TU 70.8.9, SHIPS WILL WAIFT THEIR KY-8 INSTALLATION TO 350.9/7 HMZ USING KEYLIST KAK-3233/1.

(3) THIRD MARINE DIVISION FSCC SECURE VHF NET: UNITS CAPABLE OF COVERING THEIR VHF (FM) TRANSCIEVER WITH KY-8, AND ASSIGNED TO SUPPORT THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION, WILL COVER THE ASSIGNED FREQUENCY USING KEYLIST KAK-3263/4 FOR SECURE VHF COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION CENTER (FSCC) AT DONG HA, UNQUOTE.

6. (C) PAGE LIMA FIVE, ADD TO PARA THREE FOL FOLLOWING: QUOTE. INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING SPECIFIC WEAPONS BEING USED IN VIETNAM IS OFTEN SKETCHY AND MOSTLY BASED ON PHOTOS OF PARTIALLY CONCEALED GUNS AND SHIPS' REPORTS OF ENEMY GUN RANGE. ANY HARD INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE FOR ANALYSIS CAN BE A VALUABLE ASSIST TO THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO KEEP THE CD OOB CURRENT. THEREFORE, ANY SHELL FRAGMENTS, FUZES, ETC. COLLECTED DURING ENGAGEMENTS WITH SPORE BATTERIES SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO:

OFFICER IN CHARGE

NAVAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

NAVAL OBSERVATORY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20390

ATTN: R.E. GILBERT

FORWARDING LETTER SHOULD INCLUDE:

A. SHIP FIRED AT.

B. DATE AND TIME.

C. LOCATION OF SHIP.

D. LOCATION OF SUSPECTED BATTERIES.

E. ANY INTELLIGENCE AVAILABLE TO THE SHIP CONCERNING THE BATTERY.

F. HOW THE MATERIAL WAS RECEIVED (E.G., PICKING UP, HUNG IN SUPERSTRUCTURE, ETC.)

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- G. RATE OF FIRE OF CD SITE.
  - H. HEIGHT OF ANY AIR BURSTS.
  - I. COLOC OF BURSTS.
  - J. ANY OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION. UNQUOTE.
  - 7. (C) PAGE LIMA-ROMAN TWO ONE, ADD SEVENTHFLT AIRFORCE TACC AS INFO ADDEE.
  - 8. (U) PAGE LIMA-ROMAN TWO ALFA ONE, ADD SEVENTHFLT AIRFORCE TACC AS INFO ADDEE.
  - 9. (U) PAGE LIMA-ROMAN TWO BRAVO ONE, ADD SEVENTHFLT TACC AS INFO ADDEE.
  - 10. (U) PAGE LIMA-ROMAN SEVEN ONE, ADD FOL INFO ADDEES TO OPREP-3 RPT: QUOTE. FORCE COMMANDERS OR OTHER COMMANDS WITH NEED TO KNOW. UNQUOTE.
  - 11. (C) PAGE MIKE FOUR, ADD NEW PARAS EIGHT AND NINE AS FOL: QUOTE. 8. AIR DEFENSE COORDINATION IN THE VICINITY OF THE DMZ IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE. ALL FIRINGS ON AIRBORNE CONTACTS, EXCEPT IN CASES OF SELF DEFENSE, MUST BE AUTHORIZED BY AN APPROPRIATE AIR DEFENSE BATTLE COMMANDER. THE SEVENTH AIRFORCE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AIR DEFENSE IN SEASIA INCLUDES THE WATER CONTIGUOUS TO THE DMZ. THEREFORE, EXCEPT WHEN ACTING IN SELF DEFENSE, CLEARANCE TO FIRE MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE AIR DEFENSE BATTLE COMMANDER AT DANANG USAF CONTROL REPORTING CENTER; (CALL SIGN PANAMA), OR FROM THE ALTERNATE BATTLE COMMANDER LOCATED AT THE TACTICAL AIR CONTROL CENTER NORTHERN SECTOR (CALL SIGN MOTEL). 'PANAMA' IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AIR DEFENSE WITHIN THE DANANG SUB-SECTOR OF THE RVN AND CONTIGUOUS AIR SPACE EXTENDING OUT TO THE LIMITS OF THE RVN ADIZ. 'MOTEL' IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AIR OPERATIONS IN ROUTE PACKAGE ONE AND CONTIGUOUS AIR SPACE EXTENDING OUT TO THE LIMITS OF THE NVN CLAIMED TERRITORIAL SEAS (12 MILES). CLEARANCE TO FIRE MAY BE RELAYED THROUGH THE AIR FORCE CONTROL REPORTING POINT (CRP) (CALL SIGN WATERBOY) AT DONG HA OR THE AIR FORCE AIRBORNE COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTER (ADCCC) (CALL SIGN HILLSBORO IN THE DAYTIME AND ALLEY CAT AT NIGHT). SEE APPENDIX ROMAN SIX TO ANNEX FOXTROT FOR REQUIRED FREQUENCIES.
  - 9. THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY ACTION PROCEDURES ARE EFFECTIVE FOR SEVENTHFLT FORCES OPERATING IN THE WATERS CONTIGUOUS TO VIETNAM: A. FIRE ONE WHITE PYROTECHNIC FLARE TO SIGNIFY BREAK OFF THE ATTACK OR DO NOT ATTACK.
  - B. TRANSMIT IN THE CLEAR ON MILITARY AIR DISTRESS (UHF GUARD; 243.0/9 MHZ) THAT INFORMATION NECESSARY TO PREVENT ATTACK OR MUTUAL INTERFERENCE, UNQUOTE.
  - 12. (U) PAGE ZULU ONE, CHG NUMBER COPIES FOR CTF 115 TO READ TEN (10).
  - 13. (C) PAGE ZULU THREE, ADD QUOTE COMNAVIAIRLANT ONE COPY UNQUOTE TO DISTRIBUTION LIST. CHG NOTE AT BOTTOM OF PAGE TO READ QUOTE NOTE: IN-COUNTRY ADDRESSEES WILL NOT RECEIVE APPENDIX ROMAN FOUR TO ANNEX LIMA NOR ANNEX ROMAN BECAUSE THEY ARE SECRET. UNQUOTE.
  - 14. (C) THIS IS A NGFS TURNOVER MESSAGE UNTIL GUN THIRTEEN WITH PRINTED CHANGE ONE RECEIVED, AFTER WHICH THIS INTERUM CHG IS TO BE ENTERED.
  - 15. (U) CTU 70.8.2 ACK RECEIPT.
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A. CTG 70.8 OPORD 320-68

1. (C) PAGE FOXTROT-ONE, REF A: DELETE PRESENT PARA 200/2 ALFA  
AND SUBSTITUTE FOL: QUOTE

A. SHIPS ASSIGNED TO TU 70.8.9 WILL GUARD THE APPROPRIATE MARKET  
TIME COORDINATION AND REPORTING NET, THE NGFS ORESTES CIRCUIT, THE  
DESIGNATED NGLO COORDINATION AND SPOTTER NETS AND EMERGENCY AND  
DISTRESS FREQUENCIES.

(1) CTU 70.8.9 WILL GUARD THE NORTHERN COORDINATION AND  
REPORTING NET (SIERRA TWO) AND WILL MAINTAIN SATISFACTORY  
COMMUNICATIONS WITH CTG 115.1 (CSC DANANG) AT ALL TIMES IN ORDER  
THAT SIGNIFICANT CONTACT INFORMATION MAY BE RAPIDLY PASSED AND  
CORRELATED IN NEAR REAL TIME.

(2) CTU 70.8.9 AND OTHER UNITS OF TU 70.8.9 OPERATING IN  
NORTHERN I CORPS/VICINITY OF THE DMZ WILL KEEP AN AN/PRC-25 PRESET  
TO 37.5/5 MHZ (CIRCUIT SIERRA NINE: NAVFORV COMMON) AND WILL  
ENERGIZE FOR COMMUNICATIONS WITH MARKET TIME SURFACE FORCES WHEN  
REQUIRED/REQUESTED. UNQUOTE.

2. (C) PAGE CHARLIE-TWO, REF A: ADD NEW PARA SEVEN (7): QUOTE.

7. CTG 70.8, OR IN HIS ABSENCE CTU 70.8.9, IS AUTHORIZED DIRECT  
LIAISON WITH CTG 115.1 (CSC DANANG) ON ALL MATTERS CONCERNING  
UNIDENTIFIED CONTACTS REPORTED IN THE VICINITY OF THE DMZ. UNQUOTE.

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Operation Order  
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1. Many abbreviations, not familiar to Naval personnel, are utilized in message traffic and correspondence by MACV Forces. The purpose of this Glossary is to assist in interpreting abbreviations commonly used in Vietnam.

2. Abbreviations

AAE	Army Aviation Element
ALO	Air Liaison Officer
AMS	Army Map Service
ANGLICO	Air and Naval Gunfire Liaison Company
ARG	Amphibious Ready Group
ARVN	Army of the Republic of Vietnam
AW	Automatic Weapon(s)
CATF	Commander Amphibious Task Force
CD	Coastal District
CID	Contact Identification Designator
CIDG	Civilian Irregular Defense Group
CMR	Capital Military Region
COC	Combat Operations Center
CRB	Cam Ranh Bay
CRQ	Command Reporting Center
CRP	Command Reporting Post
CSC	Coastal Surveillance Center

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CSW	Crew Served Weapons
CSS	Coastal Security Service (Located at Danang) (Not a part of the combined US/VNN Coastal Surveillance effort)
CTOC	Corps Tactical Operations Center
CTZ	Corps Tactical Zone
DARN	Direct Air Request Net
DASC	Direct Air Support Center, one located in each Corps Tactical Zone. (Formerly called ASOC)
DCA	Director Civilian Aviation
DMZ	Demilitarized Zone
DOW	Died of Wounds
DSA	Deputy Senior Advisor
DTA	Division Tactical Area
EEI	Essential Elements of Information
FAC	Forward Air Controller
FFV	Field Force Vietnam
FSCC	Fire Support Coordination Center
GVN	Government of South Vietnam
HSA	Headquarters Support Activity
IR	Infra-red (Red Haze) or Interrogative Report
INTSUM	Intelligence Summary
IW	Individual Weapons
JFTC	Junk Force Training Center (At Cam Ranh Bay)

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JGS	South Vietnamese Joint General Staff (Comparable to U. S. JCS)
JOC	Joint Operations Center (Located at Vietnamese JGS, Saigon)
JPCC	Joint Pacific Command and Coastal Net
KIA	Killed in Action
KIN	Vietnamese classification equivalent to U. S. CONFIDENTIAL
MACV COC/MACGOC	MACV Command Operations Center (Operations center controlling U. S. combat units in Vietnam. Formerly called EAC)
MAF	Marine Amphibious Force
MAT	Vietnamese classification equivalent to U. S. SECRET
MTT	Mobile Training Team
MST	Mobile Support Team (Supports NAD)
NAD	Naval Advisory Detachment (At Danang) (Do not confuse with NAVADGRU as there is no command or administrative relationship)
NAVADGRP	Naval Advisory Group
NAG	Naval Advisory Group (Incorrect Abbrevia- tion, sometimes seen)
NCC	Naval Component Commander (NAVFORV)
NGLO	Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer
NOC	Naval Operations Center
NRLH	New Rural Life Hamlet
NVN	North Vietnam
NZ	Naval Zone (Congruent with Corps areas)

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OB	Order of Battle
PCV	Provisional Corps Vietnam
PF	Popular Force
FLOWMAN (C)	Surface Operations by VNN North of 17°N. (Operating out of Danang)
RAG	River Assault Group
RAOR	Reconnaissance Area of Responsibility
RED HAZE	Infra-red Surveillance Aircraft
RF	Regional Force
RR	Recoilless Rifle
RRDU	Radio Research Development Unit
RTEG	River Transport Escort Group
RTG	River Transport Group
RSSZ	Rung Sat Special Zone
RVN	Republic of Vietnam (South Vietnam)
RVNAF	Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces (South Vietnam)
SA	Senior Advisor
SACC	Supporting Arms Coordination Center
SICR	Special Intelligence Collection Requirements
SLAR	Side Looking Airborne Radar
SLF	Special Landing Force
SOG	Studies and Operations Group
SOIG	Sector Operations and Intelligence Group

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SSA	Sub-Sector Advisor
SSSC	Surface/Sub-Surface Surveillance Coordinator
TACC	Tactical Air Coordination Center (Formerly call AOC)
TAOR	Tactical Area of Responsibility
TOC	Tactical Operations Center
TOI MAT	Vietnamese classification equivalent to U. S. TOP SECRET
TOS	Time of Sighting
TRAC	Target Research and Analysis Center
TSN	Tan Son Nhut Airport at Saigon
USARV	U. S. Army, Republic of Vietnam
USSF	United States Special Forces
UTM	Universal Transverse Mercator
VNAF	South Vietnamese Air Force
VNN	South Vietnamese Navy
WELC	Waterborne Logistics Craft
WIA	Wounded in Action

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Ref: (a) COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-(YR)

Zone Time: Use zone time minus eight (HOTEL) for operations

Task Organization:

- a. TU 70.8.9 Naval Gunfire Support Unit DESRON or Senior DESDIV  
Cruiser/DD/DE/LSMR/IFS assigned Commander

1. Situation. The government of the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) has requested that units of the U. S. SEVENTH Fleet provide naval gunfire in support of RVN, Allied, and U. S. Forces in unilateral and coordinated operations in RVN.

a. Enemy Forces. Viet Cong (VC) and North Vietnam Army (NVA) Forces which threaten RVN.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces (RVNAF) consisting of Naval Sea Forces (VNN), Coastal Forces (Junk Force), Army (ARVN), and Air Force (VNAF) units.

(2) U. S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (USMACV) Forces consisting of U. S. Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Air Force units.

(3) Other Allied Forces consisting of units from various Free World countries.

(4) Other friendly nationals in RVN.

(5) Designated SEVENTH Fleet Units.

c. Attachments and Detachments

(1) As directed by CTG 70.8 and assigned in COMSEVENTHFLT quarterly operating schedule.

(2) Task Force 77 will provide ships as available to augment TU 70.8.9 for periods of 48 hours or more. Task Force 115 ships provide NGFS assistance as available and not to interfere with Market Time duties.

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2. Mission. Provide Naval Gunfire Support (NGFS) as requested and coordinated by COMUSMACV and his designated representatives.

3. Execution

a. TU 70.8.9 will:

(1) Be responsive to COMUSMACV requirements and provide NGFS as requested.

(2) If directed, provide NGFS for specified amphibious operations in accordance with instructions provided by Commander Amphibious Task Force (CATF).

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) This operation order is effective for operations upon receipt.

4. Administration and Logistics

a. Administration. Reports in accordance with Annex L.

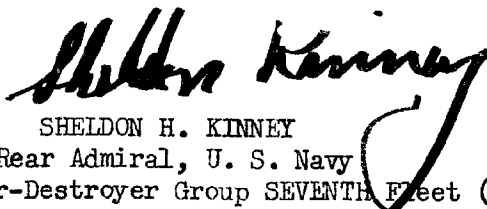
b. Logistics. In accordance with Annex O.

c. Rules of Engagement. In accordance with Annex R to reference (a).  
Criteria for employment of TERRIER/TARTAR Surface to Surface Missiles against NVN Naval craft are the same as for Engagement with Guns in accordance with reference (a).

5. Command and Signal

a. Communications in accordance with Annex F.

b. Succession to command in accordance with Article 1371 and 1372, U.S. Navy Regulations.

  
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ANNEX BCONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

1. Mission. When ordered, direct naval gunfire against enemy targets in RVN in order to support Anti-Sea Infiltration Operations, Amphibious Operations and/or COMUSMACV/RVNAF Operations ashore.
2. Naval Gunfire Support is provided by ships of the SEVENTH Fleet for forces "in-country" or conducting Amphibious Operations in the Republic of Vietnam. U. S. and Allied Forces, as well as those of the Republic of Vietnam will be supported. Mission requests will originate from COMUSMACV, a designated representative or U. S. FSCC who will coordinate with responsible RVNAF officials.
3. The nature of the operation is that of qualified naval gunfire ships continuously available along the coast of RVN providing NGFS. Flexibility and responsiveness to the needs of "in-country" forces are paramount.
4. Targets for NGFS are:
  - a. Known or suspected infiltration points on off-shore islands and along the RVN coast.
  - b. Designated specified strike zones.
  - c. Specific enemy targets such as:
    - (1) Facilities
    - (2) Installations
    - (3) Supply Dumps
    - (4) Command Centers
    - (5) Enemy Troop Concentrations
    - (6) Hostile Artillery, Mortar and Rocket Positions

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ANNEX CCOMMAND RELATIONS

1. Commander SEVENTH Fleet provides Naval Gunfire Support to forces ashore in RVN. Commander U. S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (COMUSMACV) is responsible to CINCPAC for military operations, other than those of RVN government forces, in the RVN and the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). Commander Cruiser-Destroyer Group SEVENTH Fleet, (CTG 70.8), provides cruisers and destroyers for assignment to NGFS. In addition, Commander Amphibious Forces SEVENTH Fleet, (CTF 76), provides IFS/LSMR to NGFS. Commander Naval Forces Vietnam, has operational control of Coastal Surveillance Forces, (TF 115), of Operation Market Time which patrol off RVN.

2. The Republic of Vietnam is divided into four military regions designated Corps Tactical Zones (CTZ's) which are under Vietnamese Army (ARVN) Command. The Corps Headquarters and their associated Corps Tactical Operations Center (CTOC) are located as follows:

- a. I Corps - Danang
- b. II Corps - Nha Trang
- c. III Corps - Binh Hoa
- d. IV Corps - Can Tho

An additional zone, the Rung Sat Special Zone (RSSZ) is headquartered at Nha Be.

3. There are five Coastal Surveillance Centers (CSC), at Danang, Qui Nhon, Nha Trang, Vung Tau and An Thoi. The CSC's are jointly manned by U. S. Navy and Vietnamese Navy personnel and coordinate coastal operations.

4. U. S. Forces have Senior Tactical Commanders in the I, II and III CTZ. They are:

a. Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, headquartered at Danang, for U. S. operations in I CTZ, with Commanding General, Provisional Corps Vietnam in tactical command of Northern I CTZ.

b. Commanding General, I Field Force (U. S. Army) at Nha Trang for U.S. operations in II CTZ.

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c. Commanding General, II Field Force (U. S. Army) at Binh Hoa for U.S. operations in III CTZ.

Each of these CG's is also Senior Advisor (SA) to the RVN military command in his respective CTZ. The SA is headquartered separately from the RVN headquarters. Therefore, a Deputy Senior Advisor (DSA) is assigned to each RVN CTOC. A SA is also assigned to the RSSZ. In the IV Corps, there is a senior COMUSMACV representative at Corps Headquarters who is designated Senior Advisor (SA).

5. Cruiser-Destroyer Group SEVENTH Fleet, (TG 70.8) provides naval gunfire support for the four CTZ's and the RSSZ. CTU 70.8.9 is the designated Naval Gunfire Support Unit Commander, who controls and administers ships assigned in accordance with this and higher command directive. CTU 70.8.9 has direct liaison authority with COMUSMACV, his designated representative, and in-country forces for matters concerning NGFS operations, and CTG 73.5 for matters concerning logistic support. Units will be assigned TU 70.8.9 by COMSEVENTHFLT Quarterly Employment Schedule and changes thereto. CTG 77.0, and CTG 70.4 provide additional assets when available.

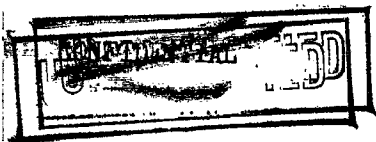
6. All U. S. NGFS Missions will be observed by U. S. personnel only and will be undertaken at the request of or in coordination with COMUSMACV, a designated representative, or U. S. FSCC who will coordinate with responsible supported Unit Commanders/Officials. All U. S. NGFS is coordinated through U. S. Advisory personnel at the Corps Tactical Operations Center (CTOC) through a U. S. Forces Fire Support Coordination Center (FSCC) or through the corps/Division Naval Gunfire Liaison Officer (NGLO).



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I - In-Country NGFS Organization



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## IN-COUNTRY NGFS ORGANIZATION

1. There are two basic organizations responsible to COMUSMACV designed to provide ground forces with NGFS. In both organizations, the point of contact for NGF ships is the NGLO.
2. In the USMC area of responsibility, the NGLO is integral to the unit organization and is assigned at the Division, Regimental or Battalion level. The USMC NGLO operates from the FSCC for his Tactical Area of Responsibility (TAOR), but may be out in the field. The FSCC coordinates all NGF in its TAOR and will assign a ship to a particular spotter for a mission or a period of time. The Marine NGF spot team is comprised of Marine enlisted personnel trained and qualified to call NGF. A NGLO may or may not be with a spot team while a mission is in progress, but all missions called by USMC spotters will have been cleared by the applicable FSCC.
3. Since U. S. Army and Allied Units do not have this integral NGF organization, Sub-Unit ONE, First Air-Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (ANGLICO), FMF, is tasked by COMUSMACV to provide the necessary support and liaison to these units. Headquartered in Saigon, Sub-Unit ONE, First ANGLICO, provide a corps NGLO for each corps CTOC and NGLO's to U. S. Army and Allied units operating in the coastal region of RVN and utilizing NGFS. Sub-Unit ONE, First ANGLICO Spot Teams call and adjust all NGF for these units as well as provide necessary liaison. A U. S. Forces FSCC may be set up in the field to coordinate Air/Artillery/NGF for the unit supported. Ships reporting to the corps NGLO for missions will be referred to an FSCC or a specific spot team. Spot teams, consisting of Marine enlisted personnel with a Marine Officer, Naval Officer or senior enlisted man in charge, are dispersed with the supported units in the field. All mission requests are cleared through appropriate clearing agencies (TOC's or FSCC's).
4. The U. S. Navy is represented at each of the CSC's. The CSC's maintain a continuous guard on the Market Time Coordination/Reporting Net and provide coordination between USN and VNN in their designated areas of responsibilities. The Navy Operations Center (NOC) located at COMNAVFORV

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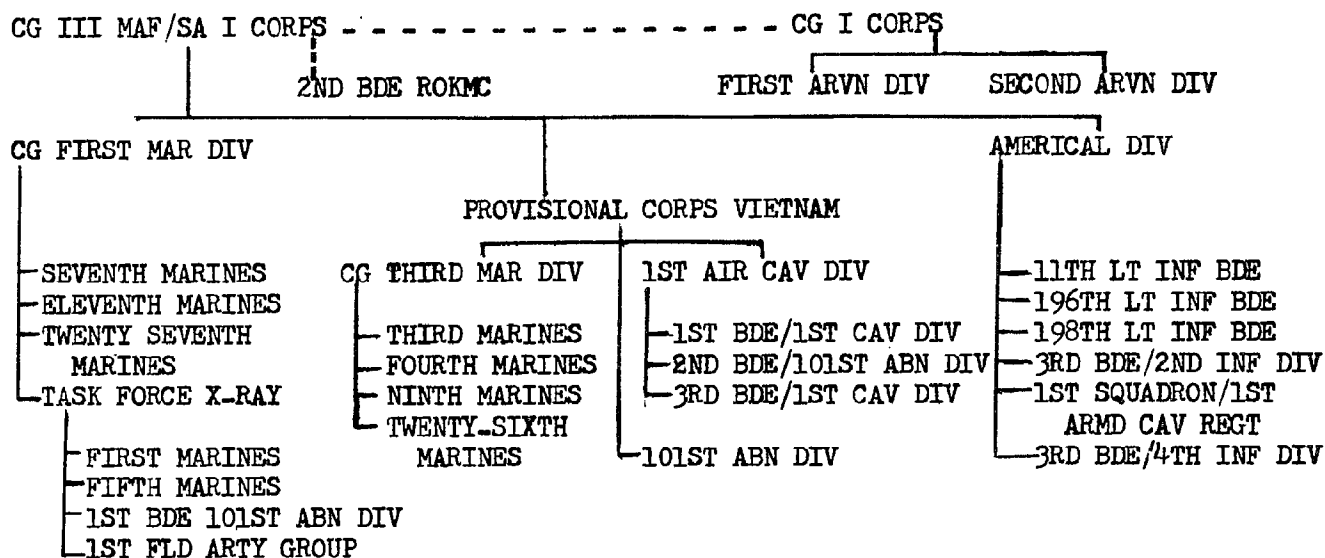
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ANNEX DNGFS PROCEDURES1. Forces

a. CTG 70.8 provides a minimum of four destroyers (one of which will be 5"/54 gunned) on a continuing basis, and CTF 76 normally provides two IFS/LSMR. One eight-inch gun cruiser will be made available about six days per month. In addition, TF 77 may provide ships to augment TU 70.8.9 if additional assets are available. This support is usually of short duration, although periods of at least 48 hours are desirable for efficient utilization. If additional ships are deemed necessary to fulfill requirements, CTU 70.8.9 will initiate a message request to CTG 70.8 for augmentation, indicating the time frame of the requirement and the authority or justification therefore.

b. When additional ships for special operations are required, COMUSMACV or CATF as appropriate may make a request direct to CTU 70.8.9 and include as info COMSEVENTHFLT, CTF 77, CTG 77.0 and CTG 70.8. These requests will be handled as an approved requirement by CTG 70.8 and CTU 70.8.9. CTU 70.8.9 will assign units from within his assets to best meet these requirements, and will immediately advise CTG 70.8 as to whether or not he requires augmentation during the period of the special NGFS requirements. CTG 70.8 will direct required additional NGFS units to CTU 70.8.9 as available.

2. NGFS Assignment

a. CTU 70.8.9 issues regular, "Periodic Availability Messages", listing all ships in TU 70.8.9, and those about to report. This message reflects ships assigned by the SEVENTH Fleet Quarterly Employment Schedule, plus any additional assigned from TF 77. Availability messages will include the period of ship assignment to TU 70.8.9, and the specific CTZ to which it is assigned. See Annex Lima for message format.

b. At least 48 hours prior to scheduled arrival of a ship on NGFS station, the CTZ NGLO will promulgate an assignment message to that ship. This message will include station assignments, spotter identification and spotter communications information/turnover instructions as appropriate.

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c. Corps assignments are based on the requirements of COMUSMACV, or his designated representative. If assigned to I or II CTZ, the ship will be further directed to report to a specific area. Any assets above those scheduled will be assigned to CTZ's as requested by COMUSMACV or his designated representative. If no directive or request is held, CTU 70.8.9 will position the ship as the tactical situation dictates. CG PCV will exercise control over NGFS ships assigned to him by III MAF.

d. Every effort will be made to fulfill special high priority missions. However, since all readily available assets will have been previously committed, the support of special operations may require the modification or cancellation of support being provided in other areas. Timely notification is essential to optimize the capabilities of the various ships and to obtain maximum effect from the assets available.

e. When not engaged in NGFS missions, ships may be assigned to temporarily augment the MARKET TIME forces for purposes of patrol, detection, and surveillance, subject to the approval of COMSEVENTHFLT. Approval authority has been delegated to CTU 70.8.9 with overriding authority by CTG 70.8 or COMSEVENTHFLT. TU 70.8.9 units remain under the OPCON of CTU 70.8.9 during this additional duty and will not board and search unless specifically requested by CTF 115 and approved by COMSEVENTHFLT in each instance.

f. CTU 70.8.9 is responsible for prosecution of unidentified submarine contacts within seventy-five miles of the coast of RVN. Furthermore, a SAR effort may be required at any time. If possible, ships will not be called off naval gunfire missions to prosecute additional assignments until that mission is complete; however, CTU 70.8.9 must decide relative priority in each case.

### 3. Reporting for NGFS Duty

a. Unless otherwise directed by CTG 70.8 or **CTU 70.8.9**, ships inchopping to TU 70.8.9 will arrive at designated locations not later than 0600H on the first day of assignment. Upon arrival, ships will report as directed by the CTU 70.8.9 assignment message. If assigned to I or II CTZ, and in receipt of CG, III MAF or CG I FFORCEV Planned Utilization message, as appropriate (see Annex Lima) report as directed therein. When reporting to a NGLO/Spotter for the first mission, it is essential that he be made aware of the ship's situation regarding capabilities and ammunition. Therefore, a "GURF" report, (Guns up and Ready to Fire) will be submitted via GLO or spotter net. See Annex Lima for report format. In addition, ships will report to CTU 70.8.9 via NAVCOMMSTAPHIL on the appropriate NGFS ORESTES Net (Appendix I to Annex Foxtrot), and to the NOC via appropriate CSC Coordination and Reporting Net. If unable to reach the designated spotter on the

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assigned frequency, contact the Corps NGLO at CTZ TOC on the appropriate GLO Net and request instructions. If this is unsuccessful, request instructions from CTU 70.8.9, and as a last resort request relay to the CTZ TOC through the GOC.

b. If possible, all reporting ships, particularly those reporting to TU 70.8.9 for the first time, will be scheduled for a contact turnover with the ship they are to relieve. This will provide the opportunity to receive turnover materials directly, as well as to obtain first hand information on the tactical situation ashore and operational procedures peculiar to their assigned area. Turnover materials will include the PRC-25 radio with associated equipment and a complete file of NGFS turnover messages. CTU 70.8.9 will issue a monthly message listing the minimum requirements currently essential in the turnover file. Ships will acknowledge receipt of all turnover items in a message to CTU 70.8.9. (See Annex Lima). It is particularly important that all effective TU 70.8.9 turnover messages be received. There will always be a certain number of directives that have been issued since the last revision of the OPORDER. These are contained in turnover messages. It is the responsibility of each party concerned in a turnover/relief to insure the turnover file is complete and current. If no contact relief is effected the Unit Commander will insure the oncoming ship has all required items.

4. Readiness Posture. Prompt reaction to a call for fire mission is often essential to the success of the mission. Adverse positioning because of poor planning or lack of foresight must be avoided. Minimum reaction time has become increasingly critical as the enemy tends to employ hit and run tactics and attacks by gunfire. Because of the concentration of enemy artillery and mortar positions around the DMZ and the shift of friendly artillery from that area, Naval gunfire is a primary line of defense and must be brought to bear immediately. Insure that reaction time is reduced to a minimum consistent with safety.

5. Departing the NGFS Area

a. Ships will notify the supported unit spotter as early as possible, and not later than twelve hours prior to departure, of required time of departure for UNREP and estimated time away from station. In event of an emergency or high priority gunfire mission, ships will modify time of departure/return or, if necessary, cancel any replenishment except emergency.

b. Not later than twelve hours in advance of final departure from NGFS station, ships will notify the supported unit spotter of approximate time of departure and whether a relief is available. A ship will not depart station until completion of the gunfire mission in progress at time of scheduled departure without the permission of the spotter. Ships shall not leave the Gun Line at any time without reaching agreement with the spotter. If

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agreement cannot be reached, CTU 70.8.9 shall be informed in sufficient time to take appropriate action.

c. Ships leaving TU 70.8.9 will have completed all turnover procedures and will be detached to proceed to their next assignment by 0800H on the morning following the last full day assignment to TU 70.8.9. Early departure is not authorized without specific authorization or direction from higher authority.

d. Detachment instructions from CTU 70.8.9 will be promulgated in the same message that assigns the reporting ship to a CTZ. When no contact relief is available, CTU 70.8.9 will issue separate detachment instructions. Turnover material disposition will be included in the message. Normally, material not turned over to a relieving ship will be turned in to a CSC, TOC, FSCC or to another ship to hold until picked up by reporting unit. In such cases, the departing ship will report when, and where, all such material was left.

e. If assigned to an emergency mission or additional duties such as SAR or ASW, the ship will immediately notify the supported spotter and inform him of expected time of return.

#### 6. Mission Requests

a. All U. S. NGFS missions will be undertaken at the request of COMUSMACV, designated representative or (CTOC/FSCC/NGLO) in coordination with responsible supported Unit Commanders/Officials. The fire mission request, when known in advance, will normally originate from a Corps/Division NGLO. The request will pass through the CTOC/FSCC, for evaluation to determine which type of fire support can best be utilized (NGFS, Close Air Support, or Field Artillery). When it is determined that NGFS is to be used, applicable information will be provided to the NGFS ship over the appropriate net. Further, the TOC/FSCC will insure the target area is clear of friendly troops and any civilian evacuation necessary has been completed. If any doubt exists, the ship should inquire whether this clearance has been completed.

b. U. S. Forces may call for observed NGFS by the most direct channel available (GLO/Spotter Nets). In the case of NGFS requested by other Free World Forces operating in RVN, the procedures in subparagraph 6.a. above and 7.b. below are mandatory.

c. Normally pre-planned mission requests will be received via the NGFS ORESTES or Fleet Broadcast. As an alternate means, the CSC Net (Market Time Coordination and Reporting) may be used to pass requests. The format for mission requests is found in Appendices I and II to this Annex. If requests

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are received by voice, or without the proper addressees, the ship is responsible for retransmittal to proper addressees. To reduce communications, mission requests should be kept brief, grouping target coordinates where possible.

d. CTOC's and FSCC's will assign priorities of missions when more than one request has been made. When NGFS requests exceed the number of ships available in a CTZ, and the importance of the mission is such that additional support is required, CTOC's or FSCC's will request assistance from COMUSMACV Combat Operations Center (MACVCOCC). If approved, COMUSMACV will request CTU 70.8.9 to shift assets from one CTZ to another as required.

e. Normally the shortest range gun that will accomplish the mission will be employed. Spotters will plan ammunition expenditures, and, depending on the tactical situation, refrain from calling 6 inch or larger for H and I missions in order to provide maximum observation of expenditures.

#### 7. Fire Mission Procedures

a. There are three types of NGFS missions in RVN:

- (1) Non-scheduled Mission: One requiring a quick reaction response.
- (2) Pre-planned Mission: Normally for a scheduled operation where the requirement for a NGFS ship is known at least 48 hours in advance.
- (3) Emergency Mission.

#### b.. Non-scheduled Mission

(1) CTOC/FSCC/NGLO or Spotter notifies NGFS ship of mission, utilizing format of Appendix I to this Annex.

(2) If not already present, the TOC/FSCC arranges for NGFS spotter, or if necessary Air Liaison Officer (ALO), Forward Air Controller (FAC), or Airborne Artillery Observer. NGFS ship notifies TOC/FSCC and CSC when commencing mission and when completed.

(3) The senior ground commander of the supported unit may request unobserved fire when such fire is determined to be essential to the scheme of maneuver. This request will be forwarded via the cognizant CTOC/FSCC/NGLO. The CTOC/FSCC will determine that friendly forces and non-combatants will not be endangered by unobserved Naval Gunfire. Information concerning battalion sized operations is usually withheld until 24-48 hours prior to commencement of the operation. Consequently, most missions of this type fall under the non-scheduled or emergency category, and as such are originated by the individual spot teams (FSCC's) rather than from the CTOC.

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(4) When the Naval Gunfire support unit is not under the mission control of a U.S. Forces FSCC, unobserved fire may be conducted on targets or target areas, exclusive of villages and hamlets, declared hostile by GVN, VN liaison personnel, observer's or FAC's where:

(a) The requested NGFS mission cannot be observed due to geography, weather or other factors, or

(b) No U. S. ALO/FAC/Spotter is available.

Because of the potential hazards to friendly units by unobserved fire, conduct of unobserved missions not under the mission control of a U.S. FSCC must be undertaken as an acknowledged deviation from standard procedures and only under exceptional circumstances.

c. Pre-planned Fire Missions. CTOC/FSCC/NGLO will submit mission request via electrical means, and arrange for spotter as appropriate. See Appendix I to this Annex for format. The NGFS ship will notify the TOC/FSCC and CSC when commencing mission and when completed.

d. Emergency Mission

(1) An emergency fire mission is one in which a friendly position is under attack and sufficient artillery support is not available. Only a U. S. representative of COMUSMACV may declare a fire support request as an emergency mission. Upon receipt of an emergency mission request, any ship in the area will proceed to the designated position at best speed. They will immediately notify COMUSMACV, COMNAVFORV, CTG 70.8, CTF 115, CTU 70.8.9, and other commands concerned, by FLASH precedence message. This message will note an estimation of the time the ship will be required to remain on the emergency mission. The ship will remain in the emergency area until released by the requesting command or higher authority. Emergency Mission Request format is contained in Appendix II to this Annex.

e. Emergency Augmentation

(1) During the current and continuing critical situation in I Corps when no 8" cruiser is assigned to CTU 70.8.9, the 8" cruiser assigned to SEA DRAGON will respond to calls for emergency NGFS augmentation in I Corps. COMUSMACV or his designated representative is authorized direct liaison with CTG 77.1 and CTU 77.1.0 for this purpose. Format for requesting emergency NGFS augmentation should be in accordance with Appendix III to this Annex. A maximum reaction time by SEA DRAGON ships including the 8" cruiser for these emergency augmentation requests has been set at 10 hours; however, under most circumstances this reaction time can be expected to be six hours or less.



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#### 8. Spotting Procedures

a. Except as specified in paragraph 7.b.(3) and 7.b.(4) above, or in specified strike zones (see paragraph 8.b. below), all NGFS missions will be observed and spotted by U. S. personnel. Naval Gunfire Spotting Teams will be used where available. Air Liaison Officer (ALO), Forward Air Controller (FAC), or Airborne Artillery Spotters may be utilized when necessary. Calls for fire and spotting procedure will be in accordance with ATP-4(A). When firing for these spotters, ships will assume that target clearance, notification of friendly troops in the area and civilian evacuation as necessary, have been accomplished. However, if doubt of these prerequisites exists, or if any factor arises which may indicate impending danger to friendly forces, the ship will question the spotter on the existing situation. The Commanding Officer may refuse to fire a mission if doubt or confusion remain, keeping in mind that the forces ashore may be under fire.

b. Specified Strike Zones, are specified areas in which ships may fire at designated targets when authorized by the appropriate CTOC. Except as authorized in paragraph 7.b.(3) above, firing must be observed and may be spotted. Specified Strike Zones are not considered static because designation of such areas can be changed at anytime by appropriate RVNAF authorities.

9. Cambodian Border. Any mission fired in the vicinity of the RVN/Cambodian border will be conducted as follows:

a. Fire missions with a target area within 2000 meters of the RVN/Cambodian border will always be observed by air or ground spotters.

b. Fire missions more than 2000 meters from the RVN/Cambodian border may be observed; however, this shall not be interpreted to mean free license for unobserved missions more than 2000 meters from the border. See paragraph 6.b. for conditions concerning unobserved fire.

c. Targets will not be engaged where possible dispersion would result in fires being placed on or near the RVN/Cambodian border.

#### 10. Protection of NGFS Ships

a. Ships have been taken under fire by hostile forces ashore, and on occasion have been damaged while conducting NGFS. The enemy is capable of seriously damaging any ship within mortar or automatic weapon range of the beach. Therefore, NGFS will normally be conducted remaining at least 5000 yards from the beach. If the target cannot be reached because of the range and it is determined that the target is worth the calculated risk, such as

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a known VC concentration, direct support of own troops, etc., the ship may move in closer. However, in unrestricted waters when within 5000 yards of the beach lines, ships should normally maintain at least five knots way, and more if the tactical situation and navigation will permit. Even when firing at condition III, all ships will maintain an adequate damage control condition and remove all unnecessary personnel from topside. The use of flak vests, helmets and all other precautions for personnel safety is essential.

b. Ships conducting NGFS on targets requiring firing from inside Danang harbor, in other confined waters of harbors and river mouths, and areas contiguous to the Rung Sat Special Zone will not anchor, but rather will lie to, ready to put way on at the first sign of gunfire from shore. At night the ship will be darkened except for dim navigation lights. When wind or sea conditions preclude lying to with relatively little motion over the ground, and the target is of an urgent or emergency nature, anchoring is permitted. When anchored and conducting NGFS, steam will be kept to the guarding valves and a high degree of engineering/damage control readiness will be maintained. Ships will remain darkened except when harbor traffic may endanger their position. The ship will get underway as soon as the emergency has subsided. If required to remain in the vicinity for over six hours, the anchorage will be shifted. The location of lying to or anchoring will be chosen so as to place the ship as far from all possible threatening territory as geography permits while not allowing the gun target line to pass over or near other friendly vessels.

c. The limited range of the IFS/LSMR main battery, the vulnerability of their magazines even to light arms, their poor damage control capability, and the low speeds required for accurate delivery of NCF, require careful balancing of the risk of total loss against the worth of the target before assigning them to missions in high risk areas. The determination as to what water areas are considered to present high risk to IFS/LSMR will be made by CTG 70.8 based upon such factors as:

(1) Probability of possession by enemy of weapons capable of inflicting serious damage upon IFS/LSMR (e.g. mortars, recoilless rifles, heavy M.G. or larger).

(2) Recent history of enemy activity in the area.

(3) Recent operational experience in the area.

(4) Range to nearest enemy fixed batteries.

d. At this time, the only areas so designated are:

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(1) The DMZ.

(2) Inlets and riverine water in the III and IV CTZ wherein the firing ship is exposed to enemy fire from within 5,000 yards on the flanks.

e. The decision to assign LSMR/IFS to missions in areas designated as high risk areas will be made by CTU 70.8.9 under the following specific restrictions:

(1) LSMR/IFS will not be assigned a mission in a high risk area without additional support unless the target is of such overriding priority as to risk severe damage or loss of the vessel. This support may consist of one or more of the following: fixed wing, armed helo or DD.

(2) LSMR/IFS will not remain in high risk areas longer than is necessary to complete a specific mission.

(3) LSMR/IFS will not anchor or lie to in high risk areas.

11. Extra Precautions to Avoid Civilian or Friendly Casualties. To prevent accidental firing on friendly troops, civilian personnel and villages, the following minimum standard NGFS procedures will be followed:

a. Upon initial receipt of target coordinates, ensure that coordinates are recorded and plotted by at least two different stations, normally CIC and Bridge, and plotted by different persons on separate charts. Target coordinates will be repeated back to the spotter for possible error.

b. Navigational positions and target positions should be compared and concurred by CIC and Bridge prior to reporting "Ready", and at frequent intervals thereafter.

c. The call for fire mission format must be scrupulously adhered to. If the mission message is encrypted the decryption must be checked and re-checked.

d. Repeat back of call fire must be closely monitored and checked by all concerned, particularly the ship's GIO.

e. The plotting of the target coordinates must be monitored and re-checked.

f. Gun target lines must be carefully plotted and cross-checked.

g. CIC persons must check target locations and description against the chart for possible dangerous or doubtful situations.

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h. Watch supervisors must be alert and completely aware of the evolution in progress.

i. Spotters must be questioned by the ship on any missing or questionable elements of the standard mission format.

j. In summary, every conceivable precaution must be taken to avoid hazarding friendly forces and innocent civilians. Time must be secondary to accuracy.

## 12. Navigation

a. Exact positioning, essential for accurate NGFS, is most difficult in some areas off the RVN coast. Long stretches of straight, sandy beach line, backed by low marsh or rice paddies inland, provide few suitable navigation reference points. Anchoring is prohibited unless it can be accomplished over 5,000 yards from the beach, except in extreme cases and then only in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 10.b. to this Annex.

(1) NGFS Beacon. A few radar beacons (AN/TPN-7) are available in I CTZ. Their use is directed when available. Request beacon (CARBURETOR) through NGLO. In some areas lack of security for the beacon team may prevent its use. However, the NGLO will inform the ship if this is the case. CG, III MAF and OIC 1st ANGLICO, SUBUNIT ONE, have requested additional beacons through their respective chains of command. Ultimate goal is the positioning of one AN/TPN-16 (replacement for AN/TPN-7), with each spot team.

(2) Buoy. A positioning buoy, made easily identifiable with radar reflectors, can be designed and constructed by the ship, dropped on the day of a mission and recovered after the mission. Ingenuity is the key to establishing a ship's private location marker. If used for short periods of time, during calm seas, drift will be negligible. After initial positioning and precise location of the buoy, all navigation can be from that reference point. In all cases, any buoys dropped must be recovered or sunk before departing the area. Caution should be used to insure that the buoy is not planted in a "hot area" where the enemy could use it for gun laying purposes.

b. A simple, but effective method of obtaining ship's position anytime an air spotter is available, is to use the aircraft as a navigational aid. A "mark on top" given by the air spotter when the aircraft is over some readily identifiable topographic feature (bend in river, crossroads, small hill, etc.) provides a range and bearing to a known point.

c. The "offset tracking" method of firing should be tried if there is any one feature on the beach that can be locked on with fire control radar

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and accurately located on the chart. This feature may only be a clump of trees, rocks, or a hillock, but it could provide the one position necessary to derive an accurate solution.

d. Known navigational reference points, easily identifiable on the chart oft-times are not readily apparent to ships new to the area. Appendix IV to this Annex provides a listing of those points that can be of great value to the NGFS ships in I CTZ. They have been prepared by the I Corps NGLO and provided to assist in navigation in that area. During meetings between ship's company and NGLO's of other Corps Areas, the in-country personnel should be questioned on aids to navigation in the area.

e. For brevity and simplicity in mission requests and ship/spotter radio transmissions, a series of 28 coastal reference points along the coast of RVN have been designated. These are listed in Appendix V to this Annex. These points are all at least 5000 yards from the coast and in not less than six fathoms of water. Their use is optional. Corps/Division NGLOs are encouraged to evaluate these points and submit changes as required.

13 MEDEVAC. In the past, there have been occasions when NGFS ships have required evacuation for a seriously ill or injured crew member. For fastest response, contact NGLO, TOC or FSCC for a helicopter. If unsuccessful on voice nets, contact CTU 70.8.9 via ORESTES or relay through CSC on Market Time net.

14. DMZ. Due to the anticipated continued need for close support of III MAF in Northern I Corps and the fluidity of the enemy's offensive capability in the area, the following guidance is provided.

a. During daylight or bright moonlit nights, ships should remain outside of 18,000 yards of Cap Lay CD batteries except while conducting NGFS missions.

b. When ships are inside 18,000 yards in daylight or on bright nights, or inside 12,000 yards during darkness, suppression fire should be used. Suppression fire may be done by NGFS ships conducting the mission or by additional ship or ships. If done by ships conducting the mission and ship has but one director, suppression fire will be done on way in and on way out, ceasing suppression fire if necessary while conducting NGFS mission. If suppression fire is conducted by an additional ship, CTU 70.8.9 will coordinate as required. Suppression fire shall be accomplished only after obtaining appropriate clearance from NGLO (See Appendix XI).

c. The possibility of the use of armed fishing boats against NGFS ships at the DMZ has been promulgated by CTF 115. The boats are reported to be armed with 75MM recoilless rifle, anti-tank rockets and 14.5MM machine guns. Accordingly, approach unidentified small contacts with caution in this area.

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d. The enemy in the Northern I CTZ is known to have tanks and armored personnel carriers in the area. Ships in that area will insure AP, Common, or other suitable ammunition is available for these targets.

e. Nothing in this guidance is intended to detract from the ability of NGFS ships to respond quickly to requests for NGFS.

15. FLOWMAN. Units must remain alert to the passage of FLOWMAN (small, high speed PTFs, PCFs) operating from Danang enroute to and from the SEA DRAGON area. Recognition signals for use between NGFS ships and FLOWMAN craft are discussed in Annex F.

16. HELO OPS. When requesting helo services include helo control frequency, TACAN frequency where applicable, and the desired RDVU point.

17. Radar Picket Support. The AAW Picket Station W6 has been established at 17°-35'N, 107°-00'E as TU 77.0.4 with AAW call sign X-RAY. The mission is to detect low flyers overland, particularly in the Dong Hoi area, and any unidentified aircraft approaching the DMZ from the North. CTU 77.0.4 reports UNIDENTS to CRC, Danang over Navy/Air Force CROSSTELL (CKT 55A) primary and the CID Net (CKT 2A) secondary. Ships in the I CTZ will be particularly alert for unidentified aircraft and will maintain a listening watch on one of the above nets.



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Flotilla ELEVEN  
USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA-114) Flagship  
at sea  
Date: 1 April 1968  
Msg Ref: GUN THIRTEEN

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## NGFS MISSION REQUEST FORMAT

The following format will be used in submitting mission requests:

## PRECEDENCE:

FM: (REQUESTING ACTIVITY (NGLO/FSCC))  
TO: (NGFS SHIP OR HIGHER AUTHORITY)  
INFO: CTU 70.8.9  
MACVCOC  
COMNAVFORV

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NGFS MISSION REQUEST (U)

1. TYPE OF MISSION (NON-SCHEDULED OR PRE-PLANNED).
  - A. TYPE OF OPERATION (AMPHIBIOUS, TROOP SUPPORT, AREA FIRE, ETC.)
  - B. NUMBER OF SHIPS REQUIRED/NAME OF INTENDED FIRING SHIP(S).
  - C. COORDINATES FOR SHIP TO REPORT TO.
  - D. COORDINATES OF THE TARGET OR TARGET AREA. (IF SEVERAL TARGETS IN SAME AREA, CONDENSE.)
  - E. TIME TO BE ON STATION BY LOCAL DATE-TIME-GROUP.
  - F. EXPECTED DURATION ON STATION.
  - G. TYPE OF TARGET.
  - H. ANGLICO UNIT/U.S. FORCE.
  - I. FREQUENCIES BY CIRCUIT NUMBER TO BE USED AND CALL SIGN OF SPOTTER.
  - J. UNIT TO BE SUPPORTED/OPERATION NICKNAME.

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Notes: (1) Units receiving requests for NGFS will ensure that MACVCOG, COMNAVFORV, CTU 70.8.9 receive the message for information.

(2) Units receiving requests for NGFS which do not have a date-time-group will assign them a date-time-group and so inform the originator.



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USS NEWPORT NEWS (CA-148) Flagship  
at sea  
Date: 1 April 1968  
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APPENDIX II TO ANNEX DEMERGENCY FIRE SUPPORT REQUEST FORMAT

The following format will be used in submitting emergency mission requests:

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE OR FLASH

FM: (REQUESTING ACTIVITY)  
TO: (NGFS SHIP OR HIGHER AUTHORITY)  
INFO: COMUSMACV  
COMSEVENTHFLT  
COMNAVFORV  
CTF 77  
SUB UNIT ONE FIRST ANGLICO

CTG 70.8  
CTF 115  
CTU 70.8.9  
MACVCOC

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NGFS MISSION REQUEST (U)

1. EMERGENCY MISSION REQUEST.

- A. UNIT TO BE SUPPORTED/OPERATION NICKNAME.
- B. NUMBER OF SHIPS REQUIRED/NAME OF INTENDED FIRING SHIP(S)
- C. COORDINATES FOR SHIP TO REPORT TO.
- D. COORDINATES OF THE TARGET OR TARGET AREA.
- E. ANGLICO UNIT/U.S. FORCE FSCC REQUESTING MISSION.
- F. FREQ BY CIRCUIT NUMBER TO BE USED AND CALL SIGN OF SPOTTER OR

OBSERVER

- G. NON - U.S. SPOTTER IS (IS NOT) AUTHORIZED.

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EMERGENCY NGFS AUGMENTATION REQUEST FORMAT

The following format will be used in submitting emergency NGFS augmentation requests:

PRECEDENCE: FLASH

FM: (REQUESTING ACTIVITY)  
TO: COMUSMACV  
INFO: COMSEVENTHFLT  
CTF 77  
CTU 70.8.9

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CTU 77.1.0

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1. NGFS AUGMENTATION REQUEST.

- A. UNIT TO BE SUPPORTED/OPERATION NICKNAME.
- B. NUMBER/TYPE SHIP AUGMENTATION REQUIRED.
- C. COORDINATES FOR SHIP TO REPORT TO.
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1. The following terrain features have been utilized successfully by NGFS ships in I corps as navigation aids:

<u>CHART/ UTM GRID COORD</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TYPE AID</u>
<u>HO 15-551-50-17 (VUNG DA DANG)</u>		
AU 843057	Defined land nub	Radar
AT 898560	Embarkment at edge of Route One	Radar
AT 931947	Defined land nub	Radar
<u>HO 15-551-50-26 (CUA TUNG)</u>		
YD 225746	Convex bluff toward sea	Radar
YD 226743	Convex bluff toward sea	Radar
YD 227737	Convex bluff toward sea	Radar
YD 227740	Convex bluff toward sea	Radar
YD 235813	Large castle-like building with several thin chimney-like towers. Has large circular sign painted on southern face.	Radar
YD 251823	SONG BEN HAI River mouth	Radar
YD 251860	Pagoda similiar to large house	Radar
YD 252818	Pagoda similiar to large house near river mouth	Radar
YD 252834	Land nub	Radar
YD 255854	Land nub	Radar
YD 255888	Land nub	Radar
YD 270732	White sand hill, elevation 30 meters, sparse shrub vegetation	Radar
YD 343699	CUA VIET River mouth	Radar
YD 490990	Island - HON GIO	Visual

Note: Tiger Island (HON GIO) is not a reliable aid for radar navigation on this chart. May be used for visual bearings.

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CHART NUMBER/ UTM GRID COORD	DESCRIPTION	TYPE AID
<u>HO 15-551-50-27 (QUANG TRI)</u>		
YD 356688	Small finger of land	Visual
YD 364677	Break in coastline	Visual
YD 376656	Cluster of houses on bank of inland water mass	Visual
YD 385649	Cluster of houses on bank of inland water mass	Visual
YD 393590	Cemetery	Visual
YD 491561	Pagoda-like structure visible from seaward	Visual
YD 565517	LCU (WRECK)	Radar/Visual/Fire Control

Note: Navigation in this area is extremely difficult both visually and by radar.

HO 15-551-50-28 (HUE)

YD 75442514	Spire atop provincial building	Visual
YD 79502022	Radio tower with A/C warning lights	Visual
YD 79542000	Radio tower with A/C warning lights	Visual
YD 79601985	Radio tower with A/C warning lights	Visual
YD 799336	Houses on point of land of CUA THANG and point of river mouth	Radar
YD 83001805	Radio tower with A/C warning lights	Visual
YD 812334	Point of land	Radar
YD 814310	Village dike edge by rice paddy	Radar
YD 832306	Sand island, elevation 5 meters	Visual
YD 83341816	Radio tower with A/C warning lights	Visual
YD 83461794	Radio tower with A/C warning lights	Visual
YD 865261	Probable rice paddy dike	Radar
YD 878263	Defined island, nub of land, along waterway.	Radar
YD 835179	Tower (among a grove of 3 towers)	Visual/Fire Control

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<u>CHART NUMBER/ UTM GRID COORD</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>TYPE AID</u>
<u>HO 15-551-50-29 (DAM CAN HAI)</u>		
AU 820089	Peninsula	Radar
ZD 062036	Point of land, elevation 120 meters	Radar
ZD 093083	Point of land, elevation 57 meters	Radar
ED 107115	Base of MUI LINH THAI Mountain	Radar
ED 124100	Base of PHU AN Mountain	Radar
ED 152092	Defined land nub	Radar
ZD 161090	Land extension	Radar
ZD 184063	River mouth	Radar

Note: 1. There are sufficient topographical features for visual and radar navigation except for Northern Sector.

2. When using AU 820089 it is necessary to piece 15-551-50-29 with 15-551-50-28 when navigating in the HUE area, as the indicated points provide good radar information until ship is well up into the relatively barren HUE Region.

HO 15-551-50-30 (DANANG)

BT 083810	Defined land nub	Radar
BT 125812	Short peninsula	Radar
BT 210563	Notch in river bank	Radar
BT 246673	Island	Radar
BT 298628	Island	Radar

HO 15-551-50-41 (THANG BINH)

BT 132452	Hill, elevation 60 meters	Visual
BT 270423	Built-up area	Radar
BT 365597	Island	Visual & Radar
BT 533493	Island	Visual

Note: 1. Off-shore islands are of value for visual and radar navigation.

2. Mouth of SONG CUA DAI does not match map presentation either visually or with radar.

HO 15-551-50-42 (VUNG DUNG QUAT)

BT 341250	Hill, elevation 40 meters	Radar
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CHART NUMBER/ UTM GRID COORD	DESCRIPTION	TYPE AID
BT 416204	Shore line indentation and clustered houses	Visual & Radar
BT 477143	Hill, elevation 72 meters, on peninsula	Radar
BT 510163	Peninsula	Radar
BT 527147	Island, elevation 25 meters	Visual & Radar

HO 15-551-50-43 (QUANG NGAI)

BS 698822	Hill, elevation 108 meters	Radar & Visual
BS 719778	Hill, elevation 85 meters	Radar & Visual
BS 728762	Hill, elevation 72 meters	Radar & Visual
BS 729849	Hill, elevation 110 meters	Radar & Visual
BS 768813	Shrine	Visual
BS 758819	Shrine	Visual

Note: Generally sufficient topographical features for good visual and radar navigation.

HO 15-551-50-44 (QUANG NGAI)

BS 677565	Hill, elevation 30 meters	Visual
BS 701561	Hill, elevation 20 meters	Radar
BS 708608	Peak, elevation 68 meters	Visual
BS 724538	Hill, elevation 58 meters	Visual
BS 725537	White farm silo near 58 meter summit	Visual
BS 744634	NUI CAY Summit	Visual
BS 754420	Hill, elevation 100 meters	Radar & Visual
BS 756470	Hill, elevation 60 meters	Radar & Visual
BS 756472	Hill, elevation 40 meters	Visual
BS 757423	Hill, elevation 30 meters	Visual
BS 759619	House with red roof	Visual
BS 761698	Black rock	Radar & Visual
BS 762572	White church tower	Visual
BS 763573	White church tower	Visual
BS 798514	Sand dune, elevation 24 meters	Visual

Note: Though there are many sharp, isolated hills in this area, mapped locations do not plot. Characteristics of NUI LO'N do not match with radar returns.

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CHART NUMBER/  
UTM GRID COORD      DESCRIPTION

TYPE AID

HO 15-551-50-45 (TRUNG PHAN)

BS 581383	Hill, elevation 150 meters	Visual & Radar
BS 821388	Hill, elevation 30 meters	Visual & Radar
	NE tip of NUI DANG	
BS 849391	Hill, elevation 163 meters	Visual
BS 852402	Coastal tangent	Visual
BS 876306	Eastern base of hill, elevation 40 meters	Visual & Radar

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>CORPS AREA</u>	<u>LAT/LONG</u>	<u>UTM GRID</u>
ALLISON	I CTZ	16 58 107 19	YD 450750
ANGELA	I CTZ	16 47 107 24	YD 572570
BETSY	I CTZ	16 37 107 41	YD 860380
CONNIE	I CTZ	16 30 107 49	ZD 001270
CLAUDIA	I CTZ	16 24 107 58	ZD 170160
DE DE	I CTZ	16 00 108 19	BT 134701
DIANNE	I CTZ	15 42 108 30	BT 370320
DOLLY	I CTZ	15 30 108 43	BT 560150
ELKE	I CTZ	15 14 108 59	BS 841850
GWEN	I CTZ	14 54 109 01	BS 865480
HEATHER	I CTZ	14 44 109 07	BS 980290
JANE	II CTZ	14 25 109 10	CR 028950
JOEY	II CTZ	14 01 109 18	CR 165502
KELLY	II CTZ	13 43 109 17	CR 145166
KIM	II CTZ	13 07 109 22	CQ 230510
LISA	II CTZ	12 08 109 16	CP 118430
RAQUEL	II CTZ	11 18 109 01	BN 838500

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>CORPS AREA</u>	<u>LAT/LONG</u>	<u>UTM GRID</u>
REAGAN	II CTZ	11 03 108 31	BN 292180
SASHA	II CTZ	10 45 108 04	AM 789900
SALLY	II CTZ	10 22 107 20	YS 510460
SHERRY	III CTZ	10 30 107 36	YS 850600
SUSAN	III CTZ	10 39 107 58	ZS 260780
TISH	RSSZ	10 24 107 02	YS 210500
TRACY	IV CTZ	09 25 106 31	XR 661480
URSULA	IV CTZ	09 13 106 11	XR 300200
VEEDA	IV CTZ	09 04 105 51	WR 930020
VONDA	IV CTZ	08 36 105 22	WQ 400500
VIRNA	IV CTZ	09 30 104 43	VR 690500

Note: 1. These points are not to be used as rendezvous points with Service Force Ships, as they are not on distribution of this publication.

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APPENDIX VI TO ANNEX D

CHARACTERISTICS OF NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT SHIPS

1. Ships assigned NGFS are basically of three types: Cruisers, Destroyers, and Rocket Ships. To assist personnel ashore, the class of the ship will be included in the availability message. It must be emphasized that ammunition figures are approximate and will vary from ship to ship in a class. Also, the maximum horizontal range listed is that computed using standard conditions and new barrels. Day to day maximum ranges will vary considerable depending upon bore wear and environmental conditions. The following is a list of ships by class providing NGFS in RVN:

<u>GUNS</u>	<u>MAXIMUM HORIZONTAL RANGE IN YARDS/METERS</u>	<u>AMMO CAPACITY</u>	<u>RATE OF FIRE</u>
<u>BATTLESHIP (BB) NEW JERSEY</u>			
9 16"/50	42,315/38,800	1,202 ROUNDS	2 RPGPM
20 5"/38	17,400/16,500	10,050 ROUNDS	15 RPGPM
Draft - 35' (EST)	Length - 887'	Beam - 108'	
<u>HEAVY CRUISER (CA) NEWPORT NEWS</u>			
9 8"/55	30,500/27,400	1,450 ROUNDS	10 RPGPM
12 5"/38	17,400/16,500	5,800 ROUNDS	15 RPGPM
11 3"/50	14,000/12,800	8,000 ROUNDS	50 RPGPM
Draft-- 27'	Length - 717½'	Beam - 76½'	
<u>HEAVY CRUISER (CA) SAINT PAUL</u>			
9 8"/55	30,500/27,400	1,450 ROUNDS	3 RPGPM
10 5"/38	17,400/16,500	4,520 ROUNDS	15 RPGPM
14 3"/50	14,000/12,800	9,560 ROUNDS	50 RPGPM
Draft - 26'	Length - 675'	Beam - 71'	

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GUIDED MISSILE HEAVY CRUISER (CAG) BOSTON/CANBERRA

6 8"/55	30500/27400	956 ROUNDS	3 RPGPM
10 5"/38	17400/16500	4300 ROUNDS	15 RPGPM
8 3"/50	14000/12800	6400 ROUNDS	50 RPGPM
Draft - 27'		Length - 717½'	Beam - 76½'

GUIDED MISSILE LIGHT CRUISER (CLG) GALVESTON/TOPEKA

6 6"/47	23000/21100	1700 ROUNDS	10 RPGPM
6 5"/38	17400/16500	3000 ROUNDS	15 RPGPM
Draft - GALVESTON - 26'		Length - 608'	Beam - 63'
	TOPEKA - 32½'		

GUIDED MISSILE LIGHT CRUISER (CLG) OKLAHOMA CITY/PROVIDENCE

3 6"/47	23000/21100	1000-1500 ROUNDS	10 RPGPM
2 5"/38	17400/16600	1500-1700 ROUNDS	15 RPGPM
Draft - 26'		Length - 610'	Beam - 65½'

DD 931/945 CLASS

3 5"/54	25900/23800	1800 ROUNDS	35 RPGPM
4 3"/50	14000/12800	2400 ROUNDS	50 RPGPM
Draft - 22½'		Length - 418'	Beam - 45'

DDG 2 CLASS

2 5"/54	25900/23800	1200 ROUNDS	35 RPGPM
Draft - 22'		Length - 437'	Beam - 47'

DLG 9 CLASS

1 5"/54	25900/23800	600 ROUNDS	35 RPGPM
4 3"/50	14000/12800	2400 ROUNDS	50 RPGPM
Draft - 24½'		Length - 512½'	Beam 52½'

DD 710 FRAM I

4 5"/38	17400/16500	1700 ROUNDS	15 RPGPM
Draft - 21½'		Length - 390'	Beam - 41'

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DD 692/805/713 (FRAM II & DDR)

6 5"/38	17400/16500	2300 ROUNDS	15 RPGPM
Draft - 20'		Length - 376'	Beam - 41'

DD 696 (NON FRAM)

6 5"/38	17400/16500	2300 ROUNDS	15 RPGPM
4 3"/50	14000/12800	2300 ROUNDS	50 RPGPM
Draft - 20'		Length - 376'	Beam - 41'

Note:- Samuel N. MOORE does not have 3"/50 & MK 56 GFCS

DD 448

4 5"/38	17400/16500	2200 ROUNDS	15 RPGPM
6 3"/50	14000/12800	3500 ROUNDS	50 RPGPM
Draft - 18'		Length - 376'	Beam - 40'

Note - PORTERFIELD and WEDDERBURN have 5 5"/38 and no 3"/50 or MK 56 GFCS

DD 445

2 5"/38	17400/16500	720 ROUNDS	15 RPGPM
4 3"/50	14000/12800	2150 ROUNDS	50 RPGPM
Draft - 17'		Length - 376'	Beam - 40'

DD 446 (FRAM II)

2 5"/38	17400/16500	780 ROUNDS	15 RPGPM
Draft - 20'		Length - 376'	Beam - 40'

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2 3"/50	14000/12800	1200 ROUNDS	20 RPGPM
Draft - 16'		Length - 306'	Beam - 36 1/2'

CG WHEC

1 5"/38	17400/16500	400 ROUNDS	15 RPM
Draft - 13'		Length - 311'	

IFS (See Tab A)  
LSMR (See Tab A)

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Note 1: Optimum ammunition breakdown is approximately as follows:

8" and 6" 70 - 80% HC, 20 - 30% AP  
5" 40% AAC/HC, 40% VT, 15% ILL, 5% COMMON, UP TO 100 WP  
3" 80% VT, 10% HC, 10% AP

Commanding Officers may adjust this ratio in consonance with the following guidance.

There are currently no specific restrictions on ammo expenditures or loading criteria. However, the limited reserve of all types of ammunition dictate that prudence should continue to be exercised in expenditure. For economy considerations, the expenditure of the less expensive HC/HE-PD is preferred to AAC for surface bursts when operationally feasible. This is particularly applicable to 5"/54 AAC.

Note 2: A limitation of the 5"/54 gun of which spotters must be made aware is the inability to shift ammo types rapidly. The loading system of the 5"/54 gun is fully automatic. Although projectiles can be and often are loaded into the drum room in the magazine, the first of these is not rammed until 47 other rounds have been fired. Therefore, unless a ship has ample warning that a special projectile (ILL/WP) will be required, a delay of at least two minutes can be expected. This can be avoided if only one gun is prepared for special projectiles, but this may limit the number of HE rounds per salvo.

Note 3: Experience has shown that the maximum possible firing rate of the 5"/54 gun is seldom needed in normal NGFS operations. Gun casualties can be greatly reduced, particularly in the loading system, if the gun is fired in step load, thereby greatly reducing mechanical wear. This method, after some training and practice will allow a firing rate of 8-10 rounds per minute, more than sufficient for the average NGFS mission.

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TAB:

A - Characteristics of IFS and LSMR

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CHARACTERISTICS OF IFS AND LSMR

1. The IFS/LSMR have consistently demonstrated an accurate point fire capability with both the 5 inch spin stabilized rocket (SSR) and the 5"/38 caliber gun. Direct, indirect, and split battery capabilities are available. Although the shallow draft of these ships permit their employment in areas where other NGFS ships cannot be employed, they are extremely vulnerable to small arms fire (73% of the LSMR's magazine is above the waterline) and should not be employed unescorted in unsecure areas unless the urgency of the situation warrants acceptance of the risk.

2. Ordnance

a. Installed Equipment. In addition to one single 5"/38 cal. mount, two twin 40MM mounts, two 50 cal. machine guns, and four 30 cal. machine guns, the ships have the following rocket battery and associated fire control systems:

	LSMR	IFS
8 twin launchers	MK 102	MK 105
Max. rate of fire per launcher	30 RPM	48 RPM
Dud. jettison mechanism	No	Yes
Manual computer	MK 6	MK 6
Fire control radar	MK 26	MK 26
Max. Range	7500 yds.	7500 yds.
Range Rate	1350 kts.	1350 kts.
Rocket Directors	2 - MK 51 w/spotting binocular	

b. Ammunition Capacity. Listed below are types and quantities of ammunition presently carried as normal load. (This loading varies considerably depending upon area assignment and SSR availability).

5"SSR:	MK 12 HE (2500 yds)	630	900
	MK 10 HE (5000 yds)	2265	3240
	MK 10 HE, VT (5000 yds)	255	360
	MK 7 HE (10,000 yds)	1050	1500
5"38:	AAC	105	125
	VT-SD	126	113

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	<u>LSMR</u>	<u>IFS</u>
VT-NSD	14	12
HC	20	0
White Phosphorous	50	50
Illumination	35	50
40MM: APT	900	800
HEI/HEIT-SD	8100	6800

c. Firing Limitations. Due to cutout cam restrictions, eight-launcher coverage is limited to a narrow range band of 90 to 100% of maximum range on the beam and forward to 35 degrees off the bow.

(1) Maximum rate of fire is obtained on a track parallel to the shore at nearly maximum range.

(2) Forward firing is severely restricted.

(3) For accurate point fire purposes, the ships should be at speeds no greater than 4 knots.

(4) Unless an extreme situation warrants the risks involved, it is recommended that all spotters and friendly troops remain at least 800 yards away from the line of fire (GTL) of all 5.00 in. SSR. It is further recommended that rockets not be fired over friendly troops because of the variable burning rate and time of the various rocket motors (i.e. actual range) within each range band of rockets (i.e. 10,000, 4,600, and 2,100 yds).

### 3. Engineering Summary

	<u>LSMR</u>	<u>IFS</u>
Fuel Capacity	42,200 gals	47,500 gals
Maximum Speed	12.0 knots	16.2 knots
Maximum Sustained Speed	11.0 knots	15.9 knots
Economical speed	7.0 knots	12.8 knots
Maximum Range	4500 miles	5000 miles
Range at maximum sustained speed	3700 miles	3864 miles
Range at maximum speed	3200 miles	3684 miles
Full load displacement	1200 tons	1564 tons
Maximum draft	9'	9'8"

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APPENDIX VII TO ANNEX D

CHARACTERISTICS OF NAVAL AMMUNITION

1. Naval guns have a high initial velocity which results in a high striking velocity and a flat trajectory at short ranges. Such guns are particularly effective against targets presenting a nearly perpendicular face to the line of fire. A high initial velocity can be a disadvantage when plunging or defilading fire is required, however, this disadvantage can be overcome by either opening the range or using reduced charges. Reduced charges will reduce the maximum effective range of the gun by 20% to 50% and the fire control problem will be somewhat more complicated.
2. The normal pattern of salvos fired from naval guns is long and narrow. This permits the most effective coverage when the long axis of the target is parallel to the line of fire.
3. When a projectile explodes, its case yields plastically under the initial pressure until it fails in shear and breaks up into sharp-edged fragments. The majority of damaging fragments come from the side walls of the projectile and are concentrated principally in a narrow zone known as the side spray. The angle of the side spray is a function of the fuze delay and the angle of fall of the projectile. A quick fuze and low angle of fall will produce a side spray almost perpendicular to the line of fire while a fuze delay and a high angle of fall will concentrate the fragments almost parallel to the line of fire.
4. Charge-to-weight ratio and size of the projectile also influence the fragmentation pattern of a projectile. A high charge-to-weight ratio will yield fragments with a high velocity while a lower charge-to-weight ratio will yield larger fragments. Fragmentation efficiency will vary with the square root of the projectile payload weight. Illustrations of typical fragmentation patterns are contained in Tab A of this appendix.
5. Range and Vertex data (from OP 1188 First Rev)

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<u>GUN</u>	<u>PROJECTILE</u>	<u>MAXIMUM RANGE IN YARDS</u>	<u>MAXIMUM RANGE VERTEX IN FEET</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE RANGE IN YARDS</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE RANGE VERTEX IN FEET</u>
16"/50	AP	42,315	36,610	30,000	10,210
8"/55	AP	30,500	28,880	22,000	8,136
	HC	30,360	30,028	22,000	7,590
6"/47	AP	26,118	27,190	18,000	5,980
	HC	24,000	24,806	17,000	5,928
5"/54	HC	25,909	37,680	18,000	6,305
5"/38	AAC	17,270	18,000	15,000	7,969
	HC	17,393	17,890	15,000	7,969
3"/50	AA	13,085	13,460	11,000	5,015

Note: Effective Range = 70% Maximum Range

b. Reduced Charge

16"/50	HC	27,057	UNK	19,000	5,980
	AP	23,930	19,870	14,000	3,210
8"/55	HC	23,412	22,076	16,500	5,570
	AP	22,330	20,010	15,500	4,920
6"/47	HC	20,120	18,280	13,000	4,140
	AP	18,927	19,380	14,000	4,660

5"/54 (Not listed in OP 1188; taken from NWIP 22-2)

UNK	10,000	UNK
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5"/38	AAC	8,874	7,507	6,000	1,645
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Note: Effective Range = 70% Maximum Range



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### 6. Projectiles

<u>Projectile</u>	<u>Total Weight</u>	<u>Explosive Weight</u>
16/50 AP	2700 lbs	40.9 lbs
16/50 HC	1900	154
8/55 AP	335	5.03
8/55 HC	260	21.3
6/47 AP	130	1.95
6/47 HC	105	14.1
5/54 AAC/HC	70	7.6
5/54 COMMON	70	2.14
5/54 VT	70	8.1
5/38 AAC/HC	55.18	7.3
5/38 COMMON	55.18	2.04
5/38 VT	55.18	8.0
3/50 AP	13.07	0.16
3/50 HC	13.00	.99
3/50 VT	12.9	.54
40MM HEIT	1.98	.15
40MM AP	1.96	-
MK 7 SSR	19	2.8
MK 10 HE SSR	28.5	9.6
MK 10 VT SSR	29.4	9.9
MK 12 SSR	33.5	12.0

### 7. Special Projectiles

<u>Projectile</u>	<u>Weight</u>
5/54 ILL	70 lbs
5/54 WP	70
5/38 ILL	54.5
5/38 WP	53
3/50 ILL	13.07

### 8. Projectiles and Fuzes for Shore Targets

<u>Target</u>	<u>Ship's Guns</u>	<u>Recommended Projectile and Fuzes</u>
Heavy concrete fortification	16 inch	AP
	8 inch & 6 inch	AP
	5 inch and smaller HC	(PDF) (Note 1)

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<u>Target</u>	<u>Ship's Guns</u>	<u>Recommended Projectiles and Fuzes</u>
Light concrete or log and/or earth fortifications, strong masonry buildings	16 inch 8 inch 6 inch & 3 inch 5 inch	HC (PDF) HC (Nose Plug) AP (Note 2) COM (Note 2)
Dispersed targets in open such as parked aircraft, vehicles, personnel, light huts, etc.	16 inch 8 inch & smaller 5 inch	HC PDF & Nose Plug HC (PDF), AAC, or VT (Note 3) HC (VTF, MTF or PDF)
Large targets of light construction such as oil tanks, hangars, factory buildings, etc.	16 inch 8 inch to 5 inch  5 inch 3 inch	HC (PDF & Nose Plug) HC (PDF at short range, Nose Plug at long range)  HC (PDF) HC (PDF)
Landing field runways and roads, paved or unpaved	All	HC (Nose Plug)

Note 1: Projectile will not cause appreciable damage except to exposed personnel and equipment in close proximity to burst.

Note 2: Projectile not particularly effective against this target but is recommended since a non-delay fuzed projectile would be less effective.

Note 3: MTF should be set to obtain low level air bursts. If height of burst can be accurately controlled, MTF will be preferable to PDF. At short ranges MTF is preferable to VT due to erratic functioning of VT at low angle of fall, VT fuzes employed in long range bombardment must be NSD.

#### 9. Projectile Travel During Delay Time of Base Fuze

<u>Projectile</u>	<u>Fuze Delay (sec)</u>	<u>Maximum Projectile Travel</u>
3"50 AP	.016	13-24 feet
6"47/8"55 AP	.033	38-60 feet
5"38/5"54 COM	.01	9-17 feet
8"55 HC (full chg)	.01	13-20 feet
8"55 HC (reduced chg)	.01	12-16 feet

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10. NACO (Navy Cool) Powder in 5"/54 is now available to units deployed. Present production of 17,300 rounds per month will be distributed during regular underway rearming. A one time report shall be made to CTG 70.8 in the format of page L-IX-1 by all 5"/54 ships firing NACO charges during their deployment.



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TAB:

A - Fragment Patterns

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FRAGMENT PATTERNS

Surface area coverage of fragments from Naval Projectiles.

1. The specific projectiles and delivery conditions considered in compiling the data for the graphs on the following pages were:

<u>Projectile</u>	<u>Gun Caliber</u>	<u>Initial Velocity (ft/sec)</u>	<u>Horizontal Range</u>	<u>Ballistic Data Source</u>
MARK 33	3"/50	2650	2000-14000; =4000	OP 1795
MARK 34	3"/70	3400	5000-20000; =5000	OP 1872
MARK 41	5"/54	2500	5000-20000; =5000	OP 1182
MARK 49	5"/38	2500	5000-17000; =4000	OP 551
MARK 34	6"/47	2665	5000-20000; =5000	OP 1008
MARK 25	8"/55	2700	5000-20000; =5000	OP 1041

(A 50-foot burst altitude was assumed for all projectiles).

2. The outer fragment envelopes given in Pages D-VII-A-2 through D-VII-A-24 define the maximum bounds of coverage in the horizontal plane by all predictable fragments projected from subject projectiles. Each inner envelope defines the area covered by fragments projected from the beam spray, i.e., zone of high fragment density. These data were prepared by:

a. Theoretically generating fragment trajectories at specific azimuth angles (with the appropriate combinations of initial velocity, fragment weight and elevation angle) to ensure the determination of the corresponding maximum horizontal range of each.

b. Connecting the maximum range points on a polar-coordinate plot of range versus azimuth angle with the origin as the projection of the projectile's burst-point into the ground plane. Terminal flight conditions for the projectiles were taken from the ballistic data sources specified in the above table.

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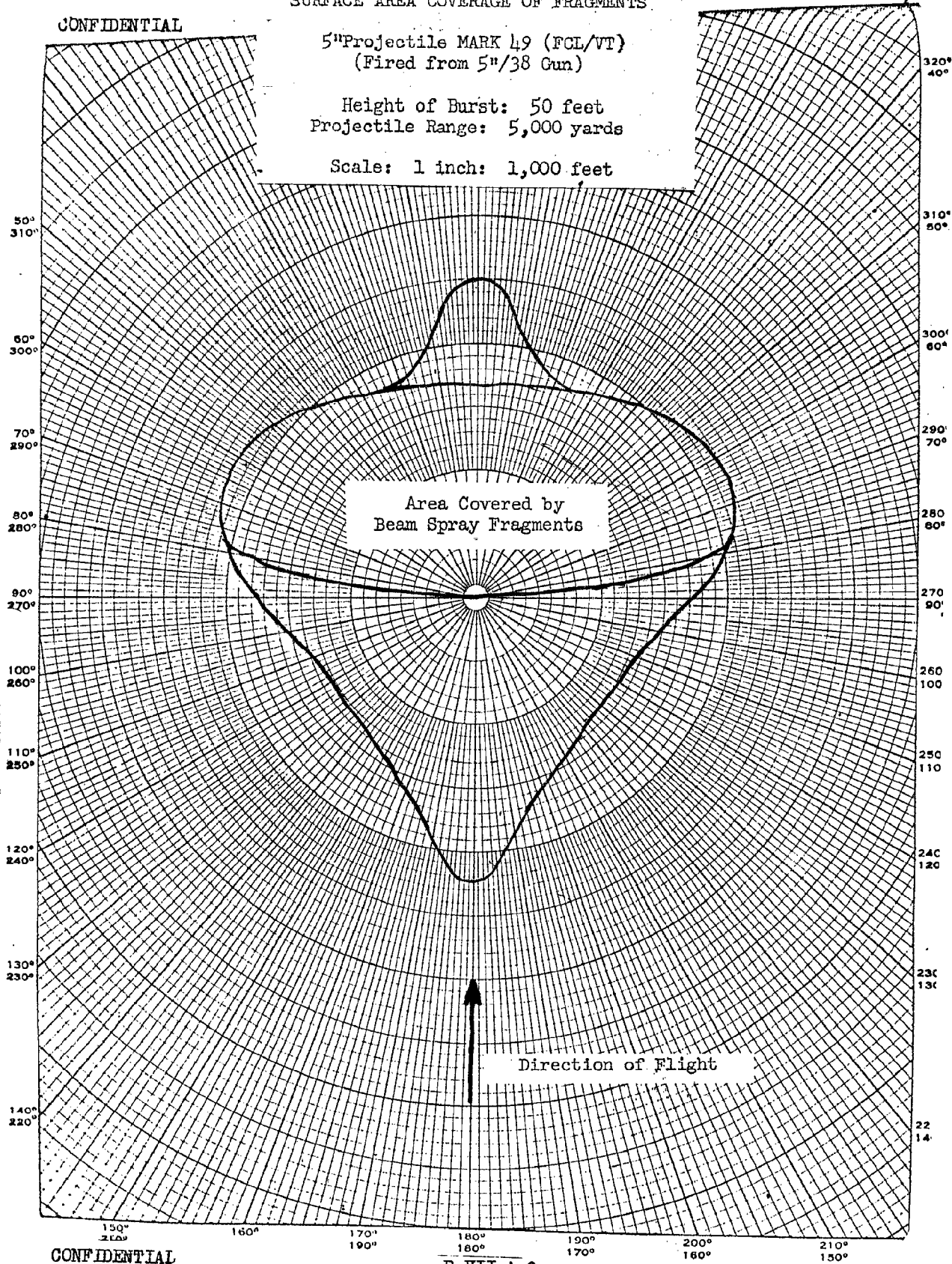
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5" Projectile MARK L9 (FCL/VT)  
(Fired from 5"/38 Gun)

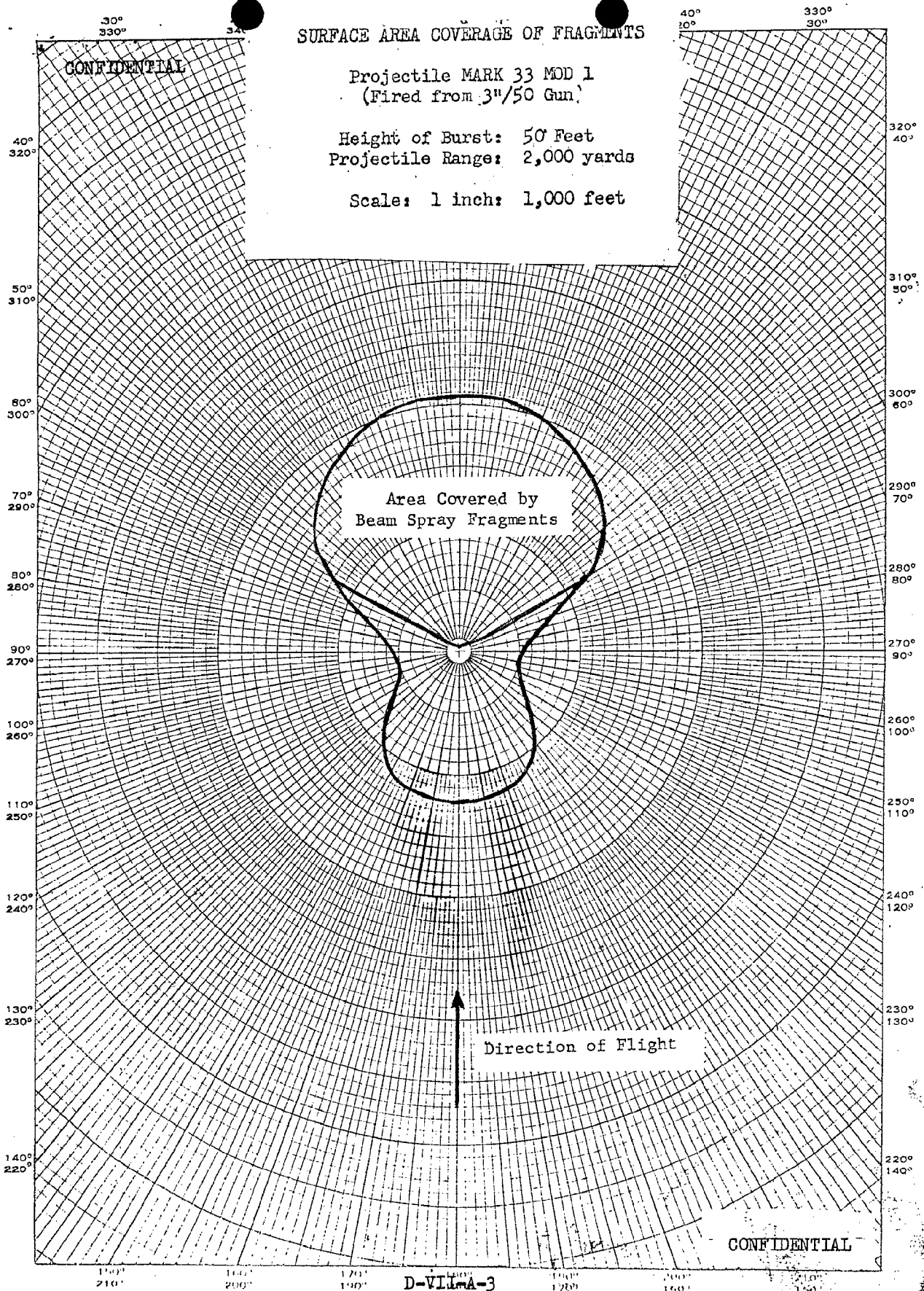
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Projectile Range: 5,000 yards

Scale: 1 inch: 1,000 feet



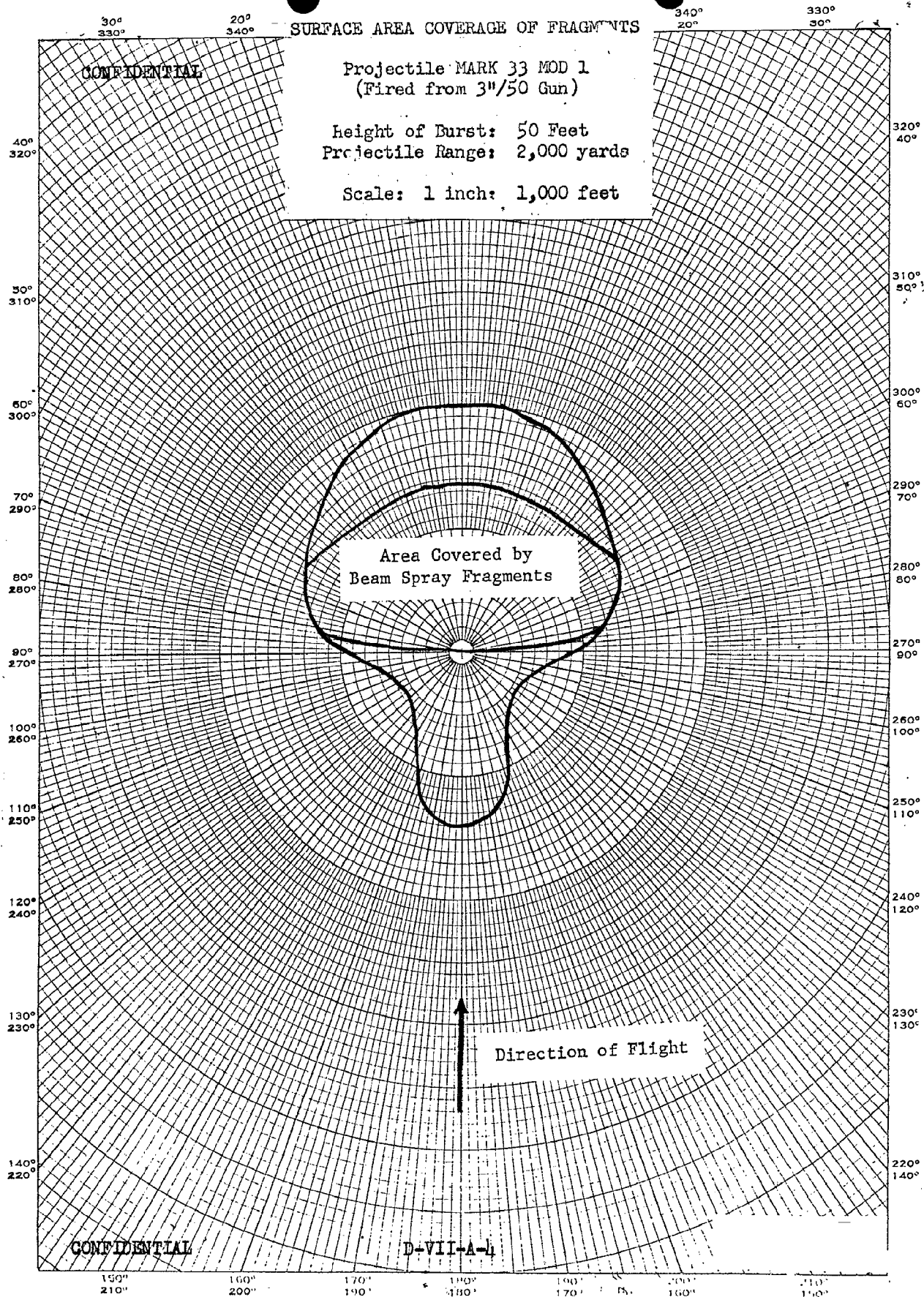
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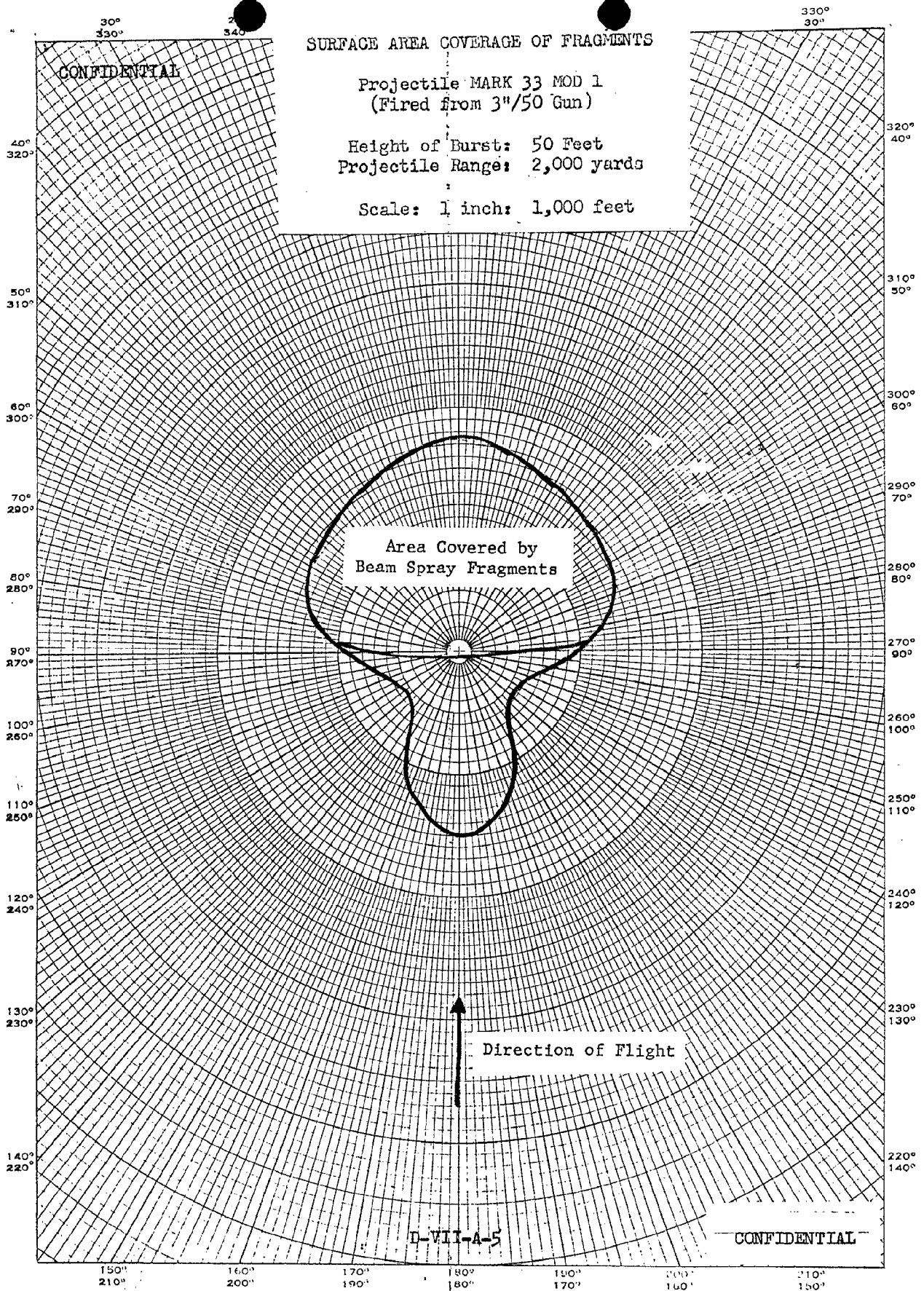
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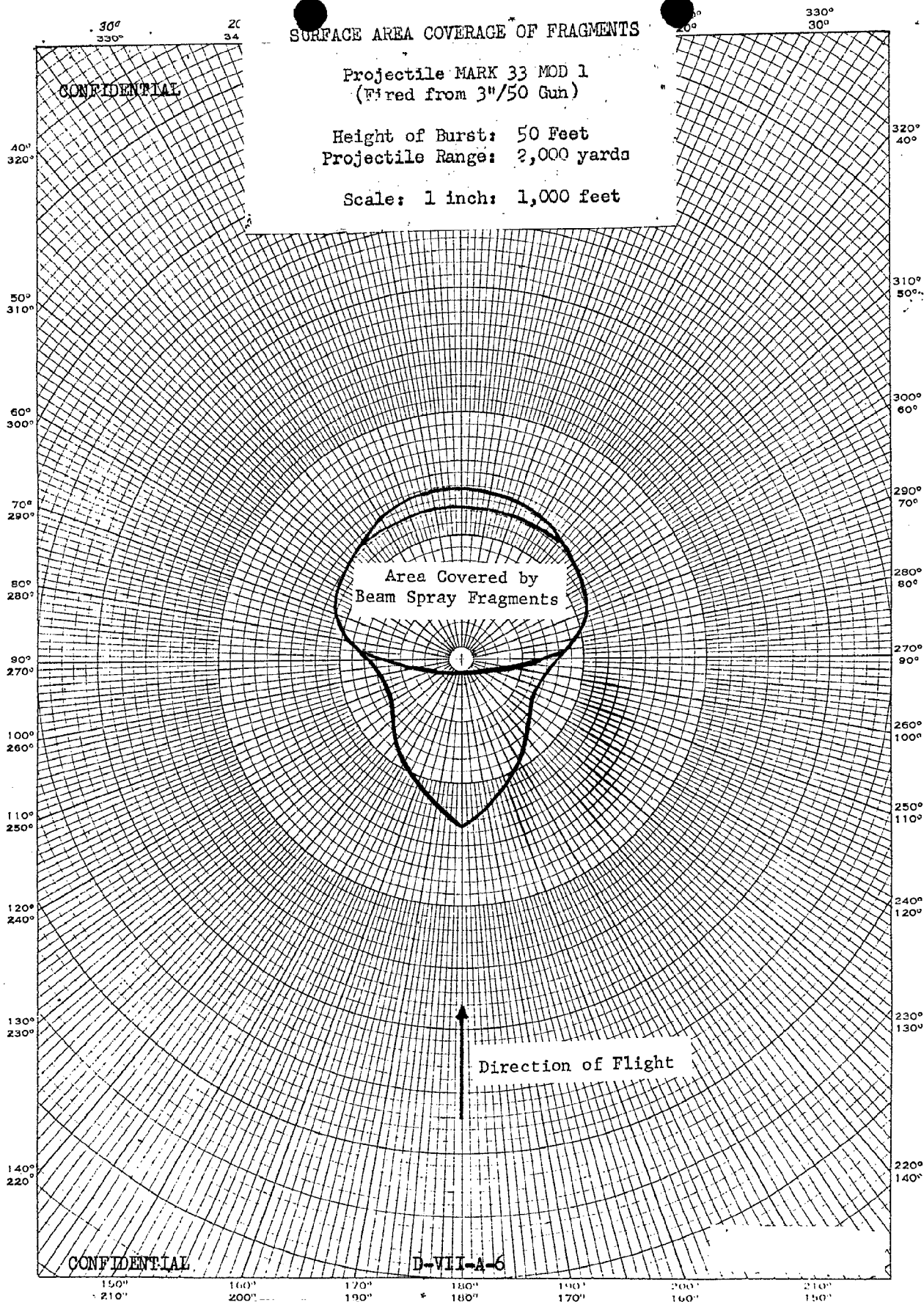
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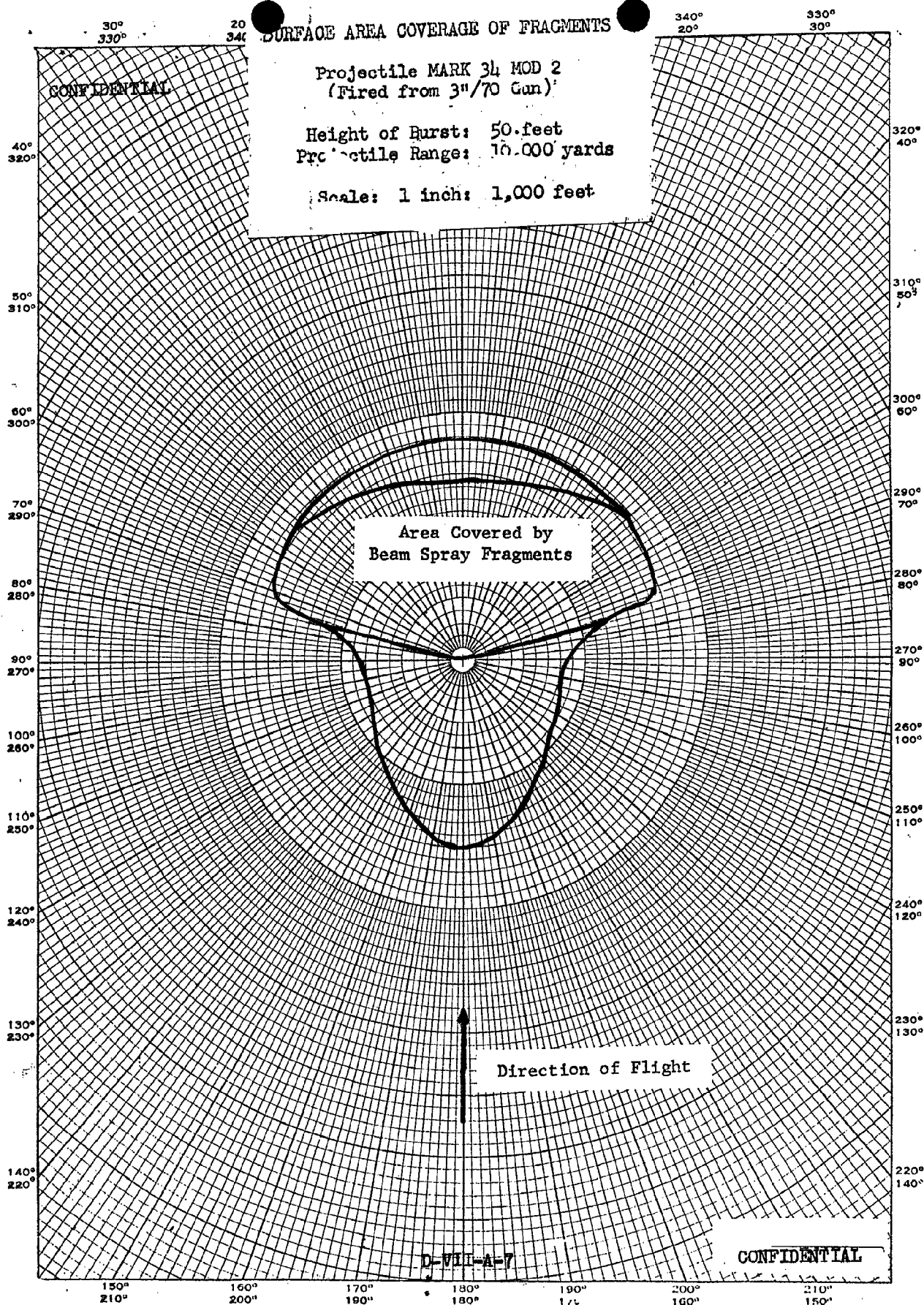
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Projectile MARK 34 MOD 2  
(Fired from 3"/70 Gun)

Height of Burst: 50 feet  
Projectile Range: 10,000 yards

Scale: 1 inch = 1,000 feet

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Area Covered by  
Beam Spray Fragments

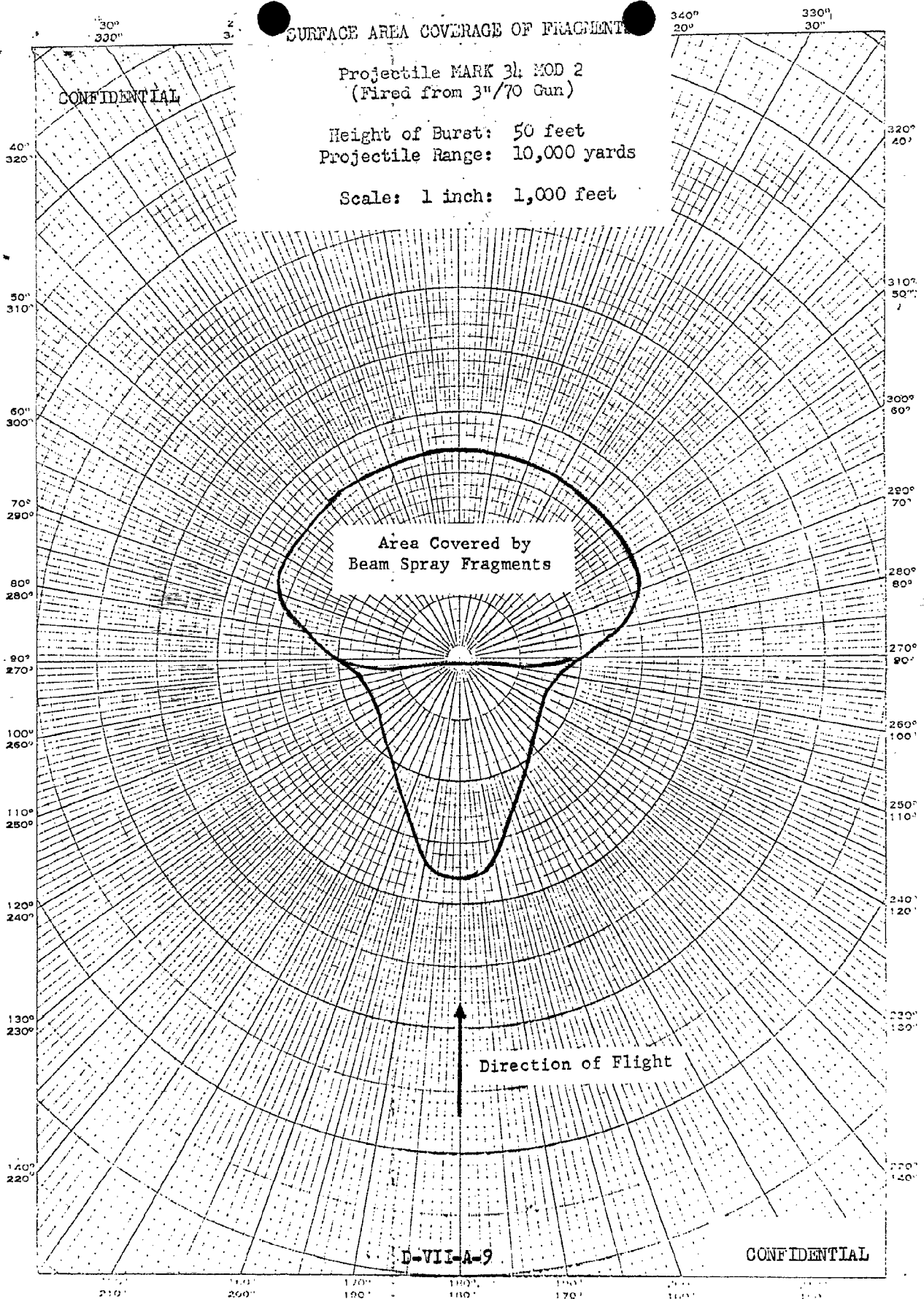
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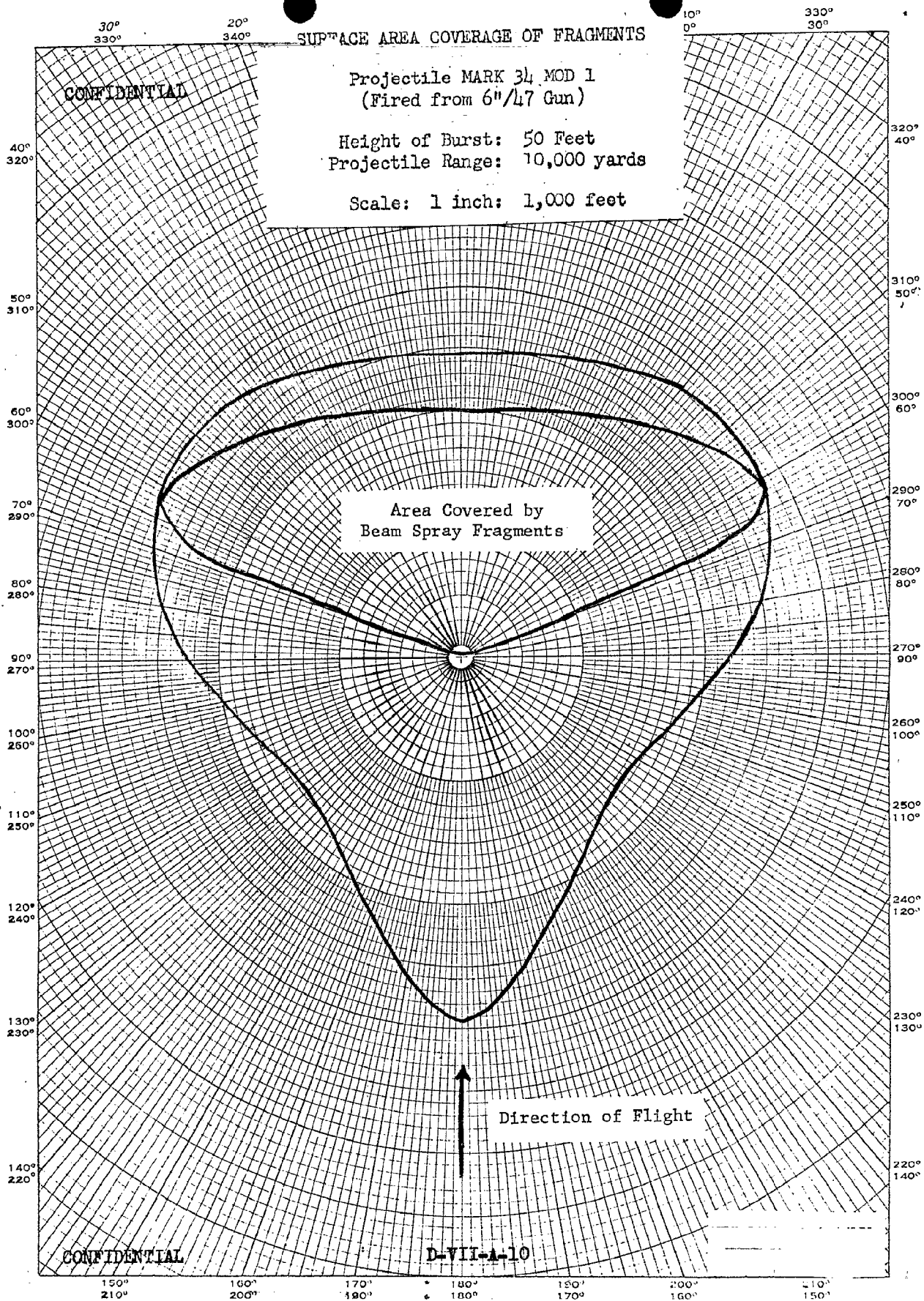
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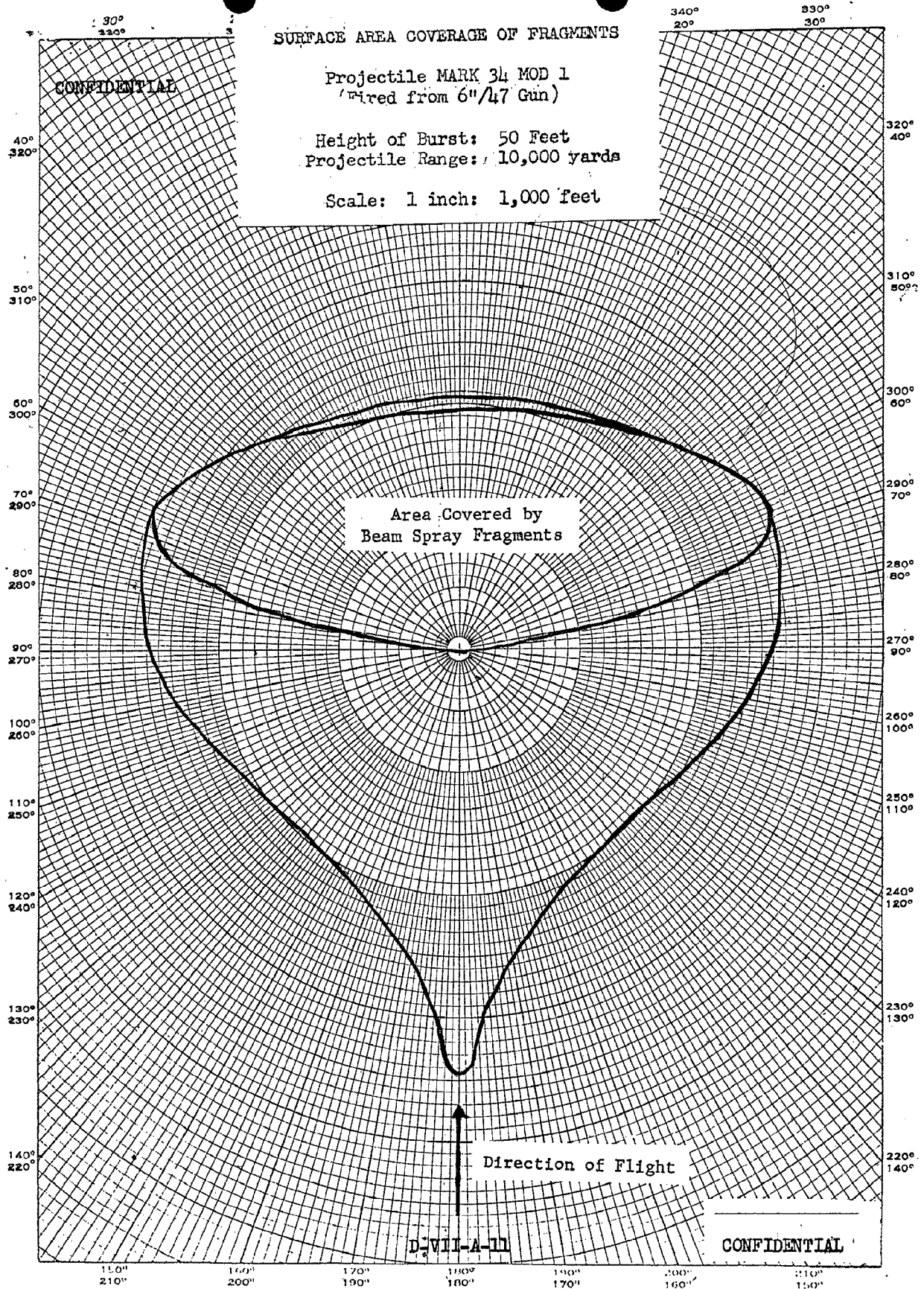
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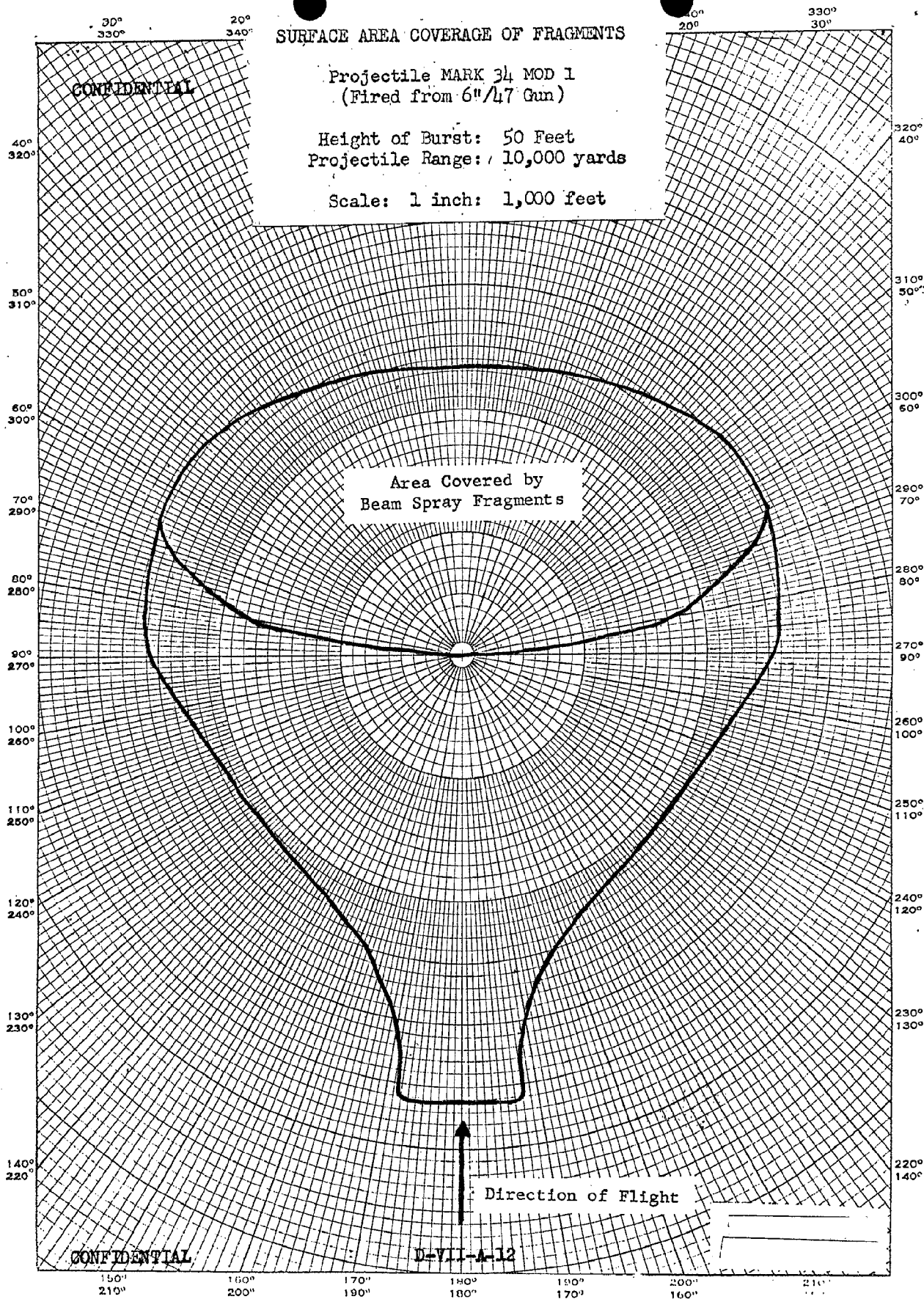
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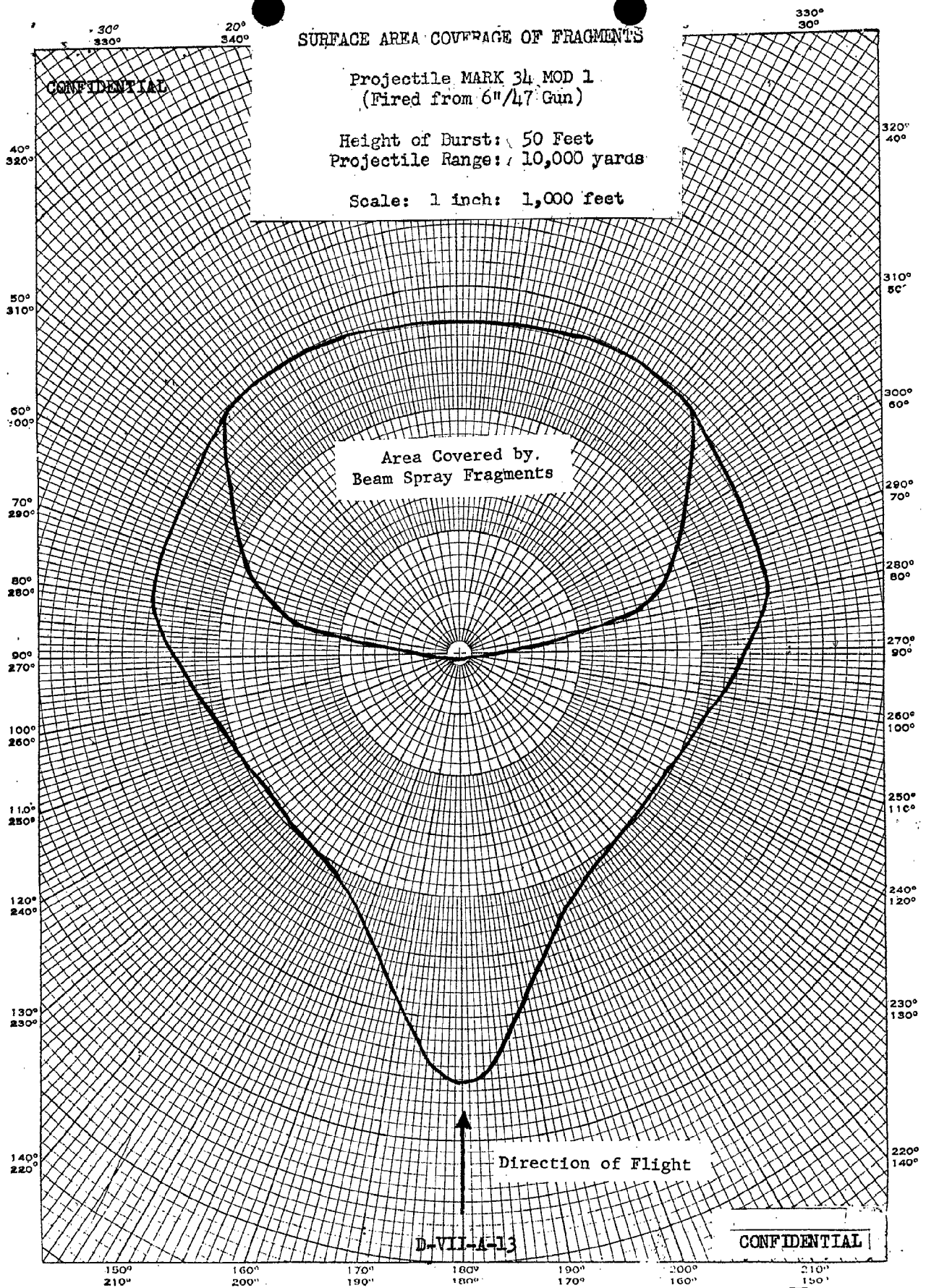
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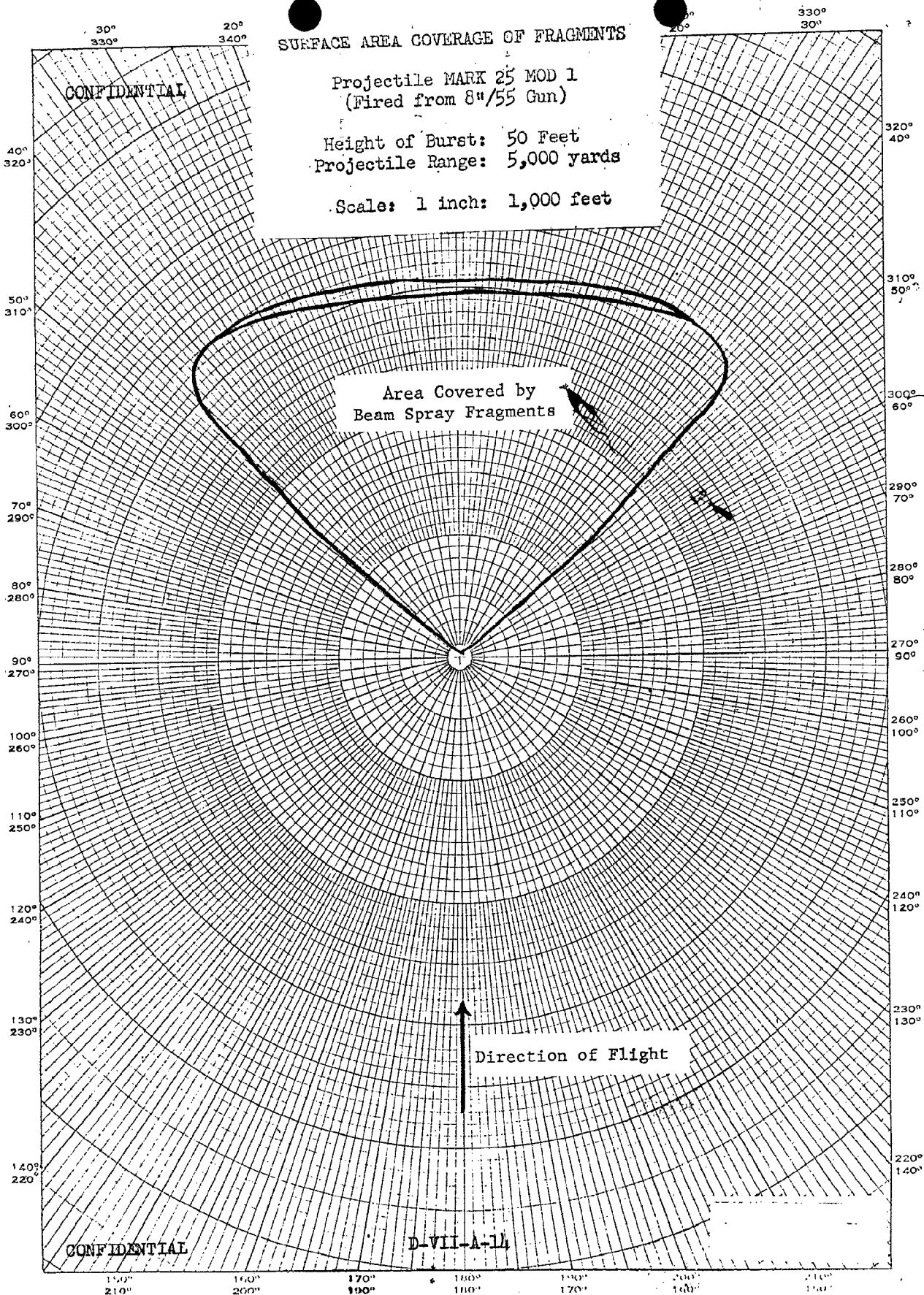
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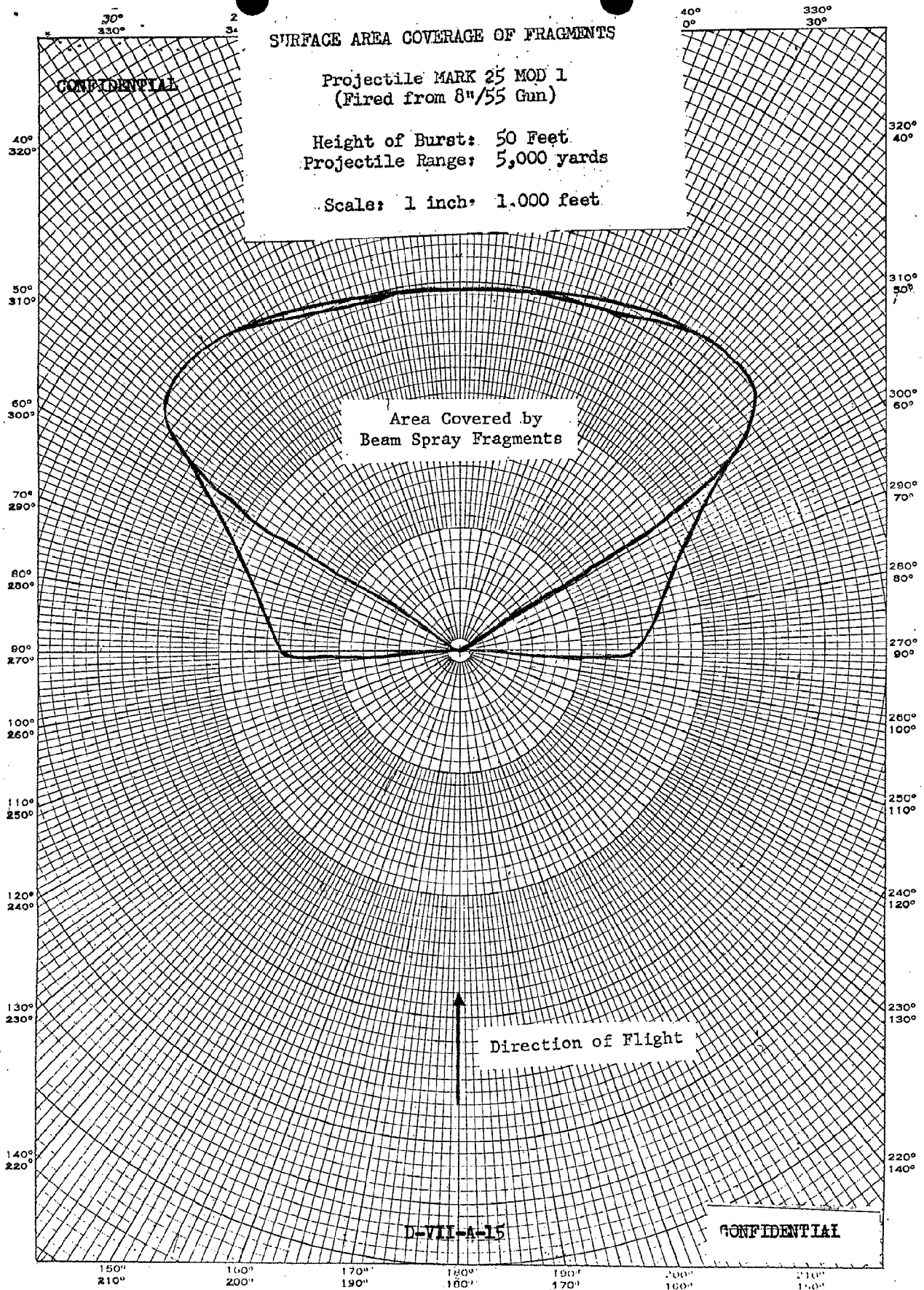
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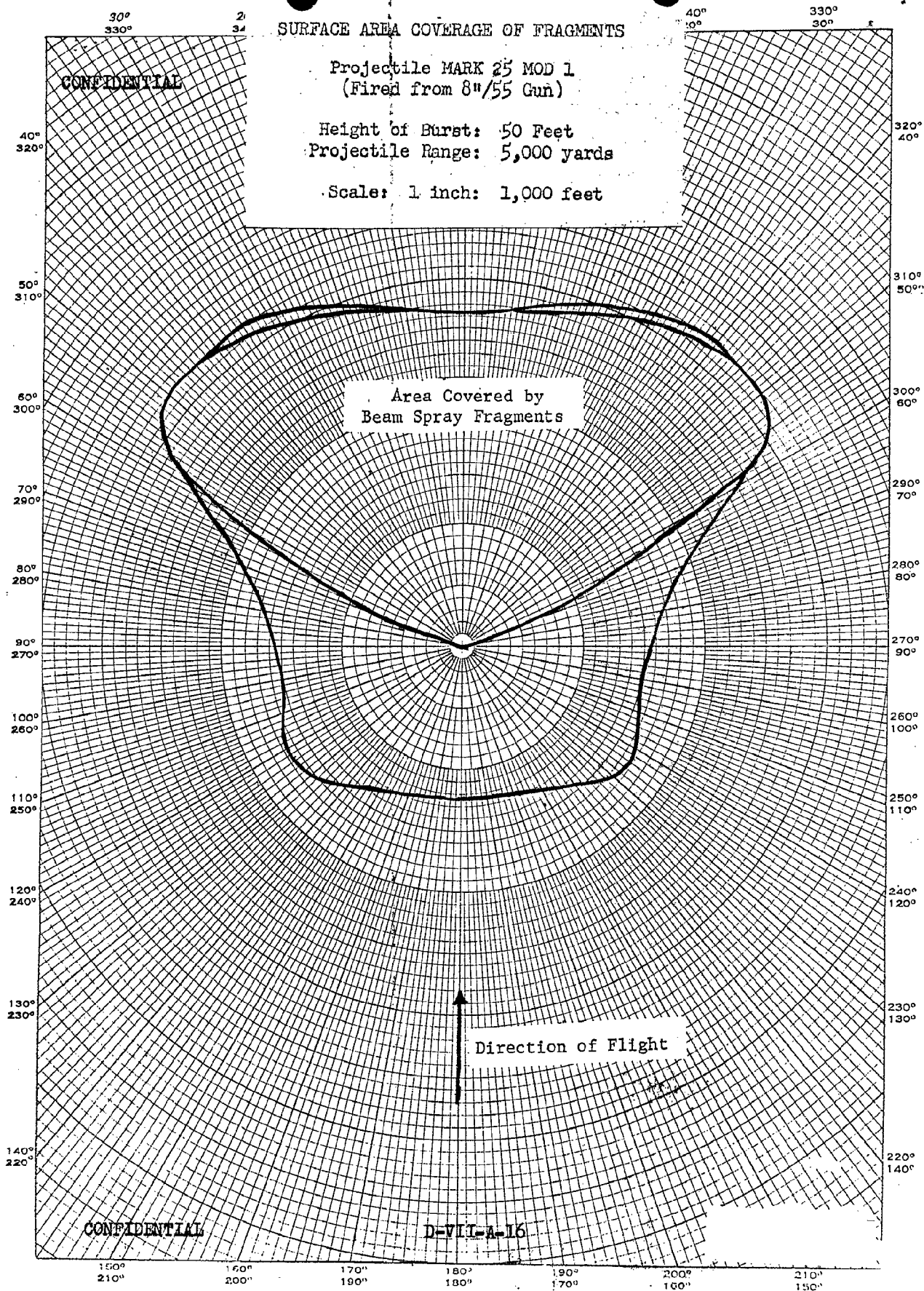
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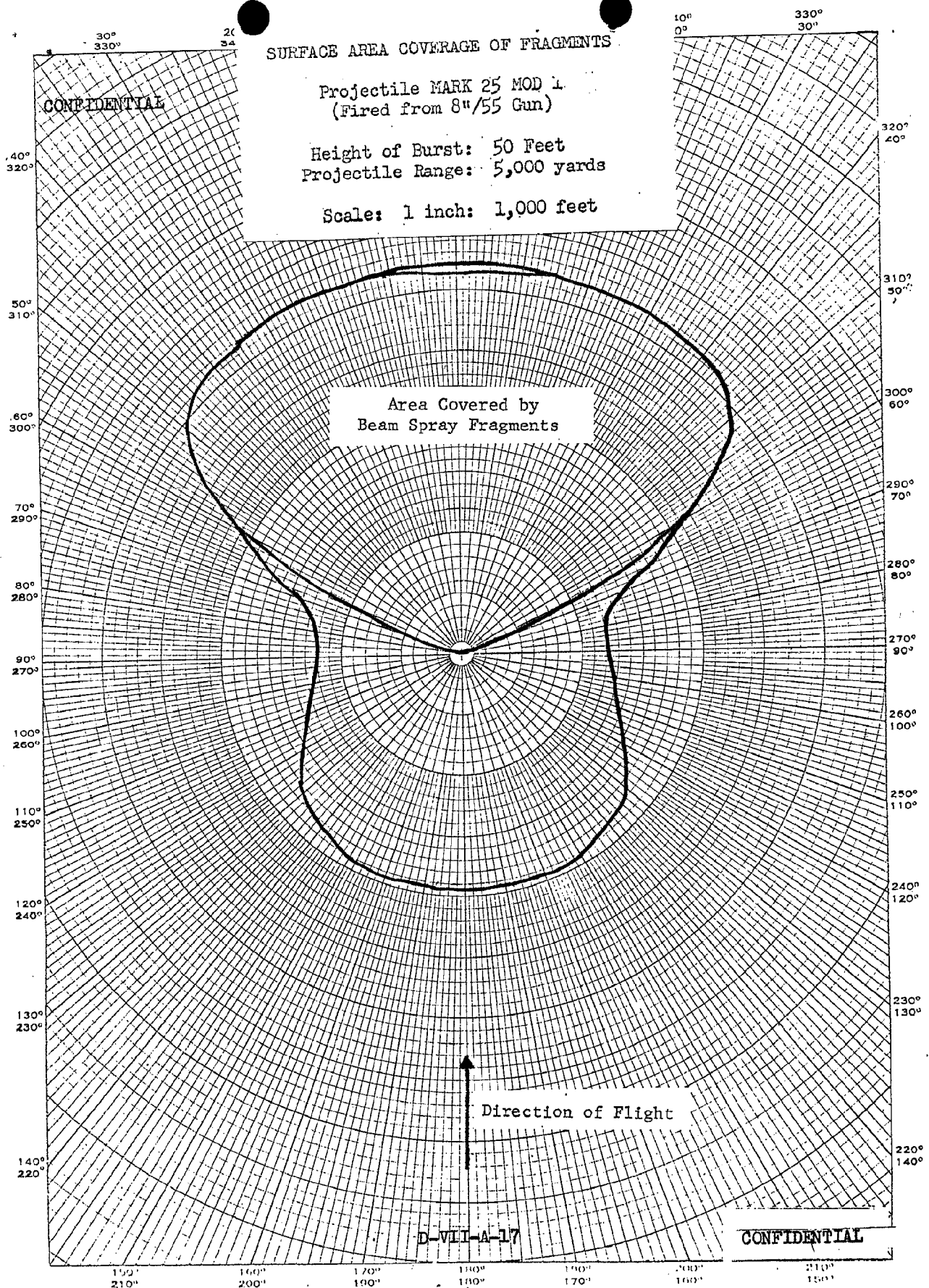
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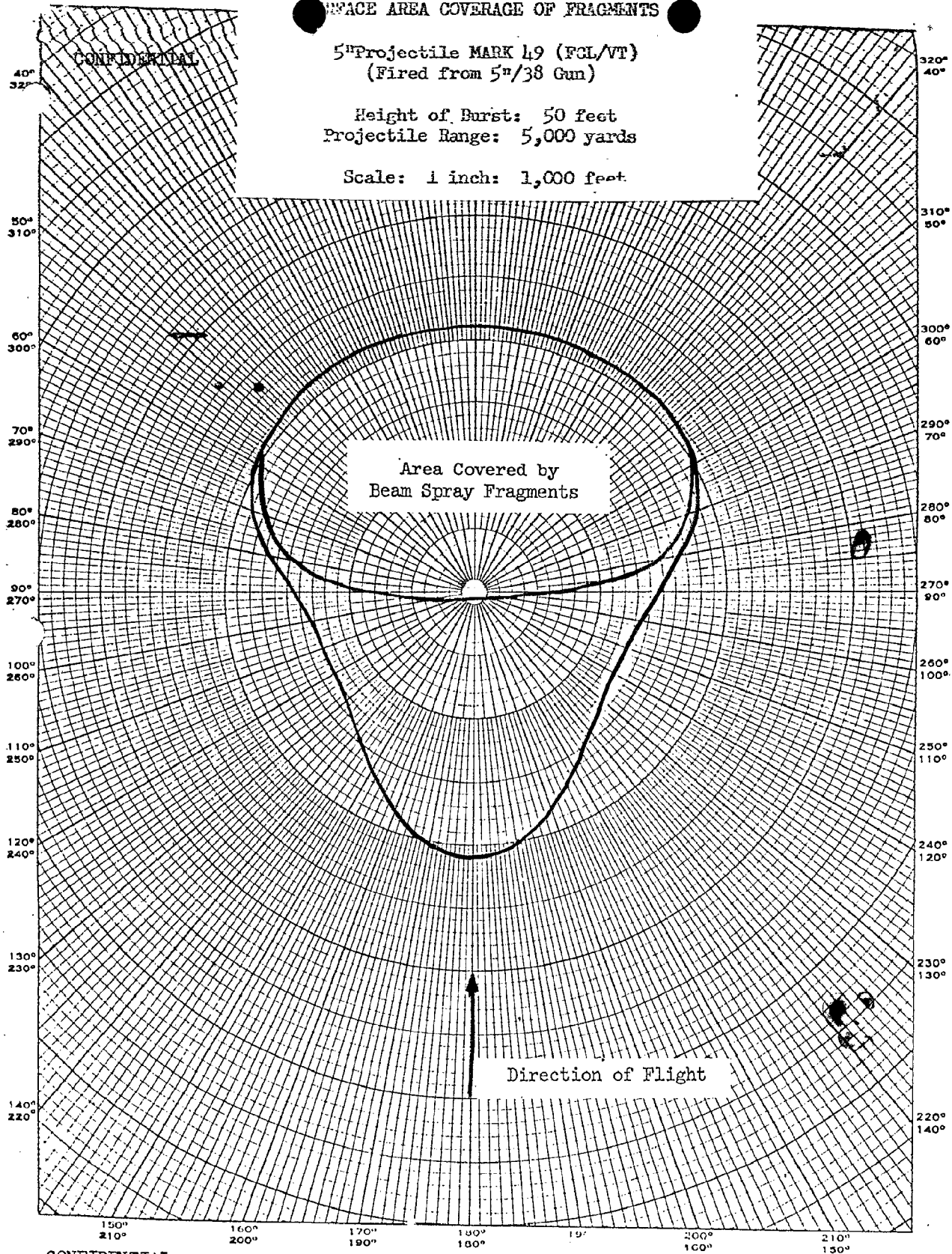
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5" Projectile MARK 49 (FGL/VT)  
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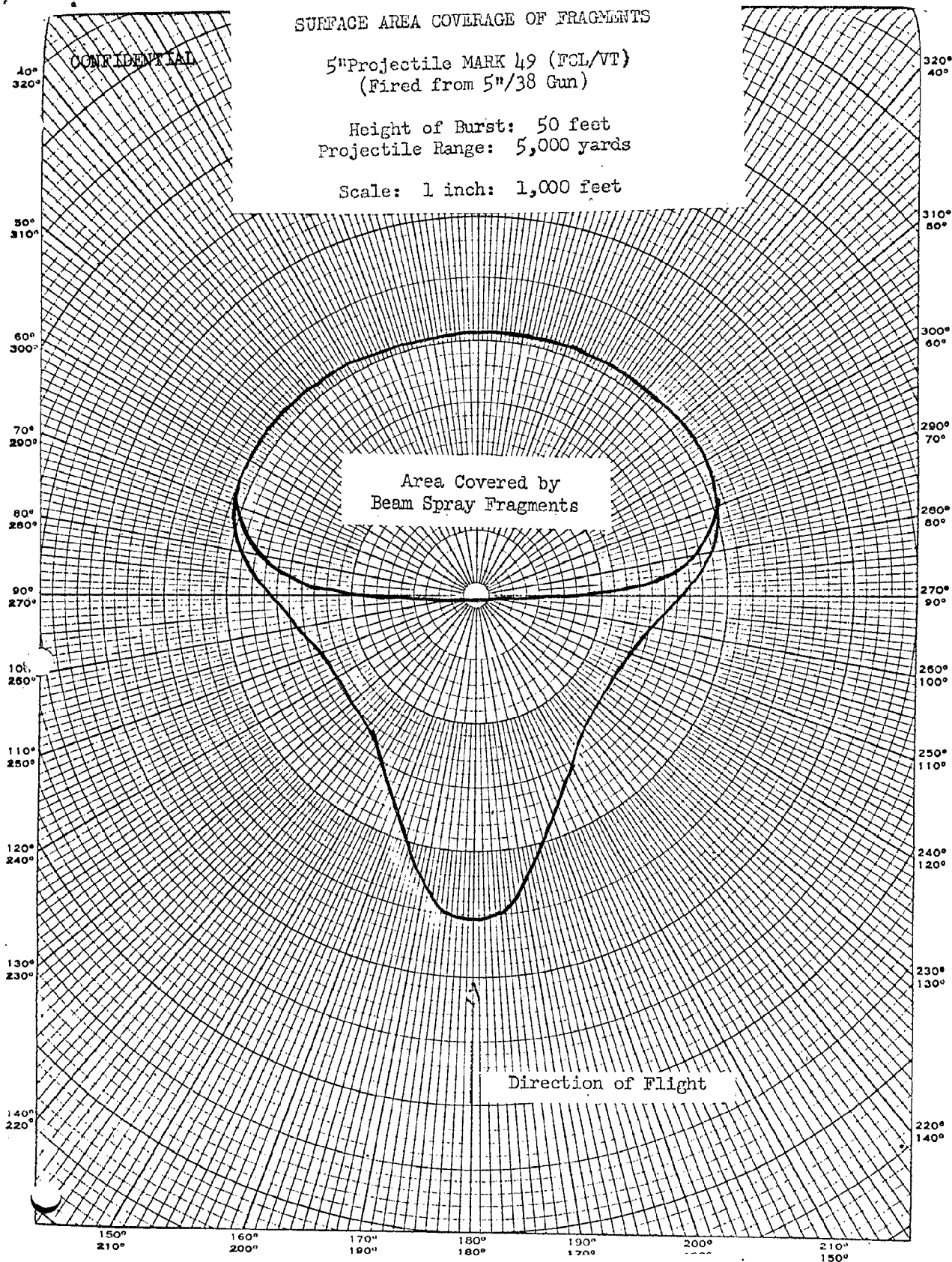
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Projectile Range: 5,000 yards

Scale: 1 inch: 1,000 feet



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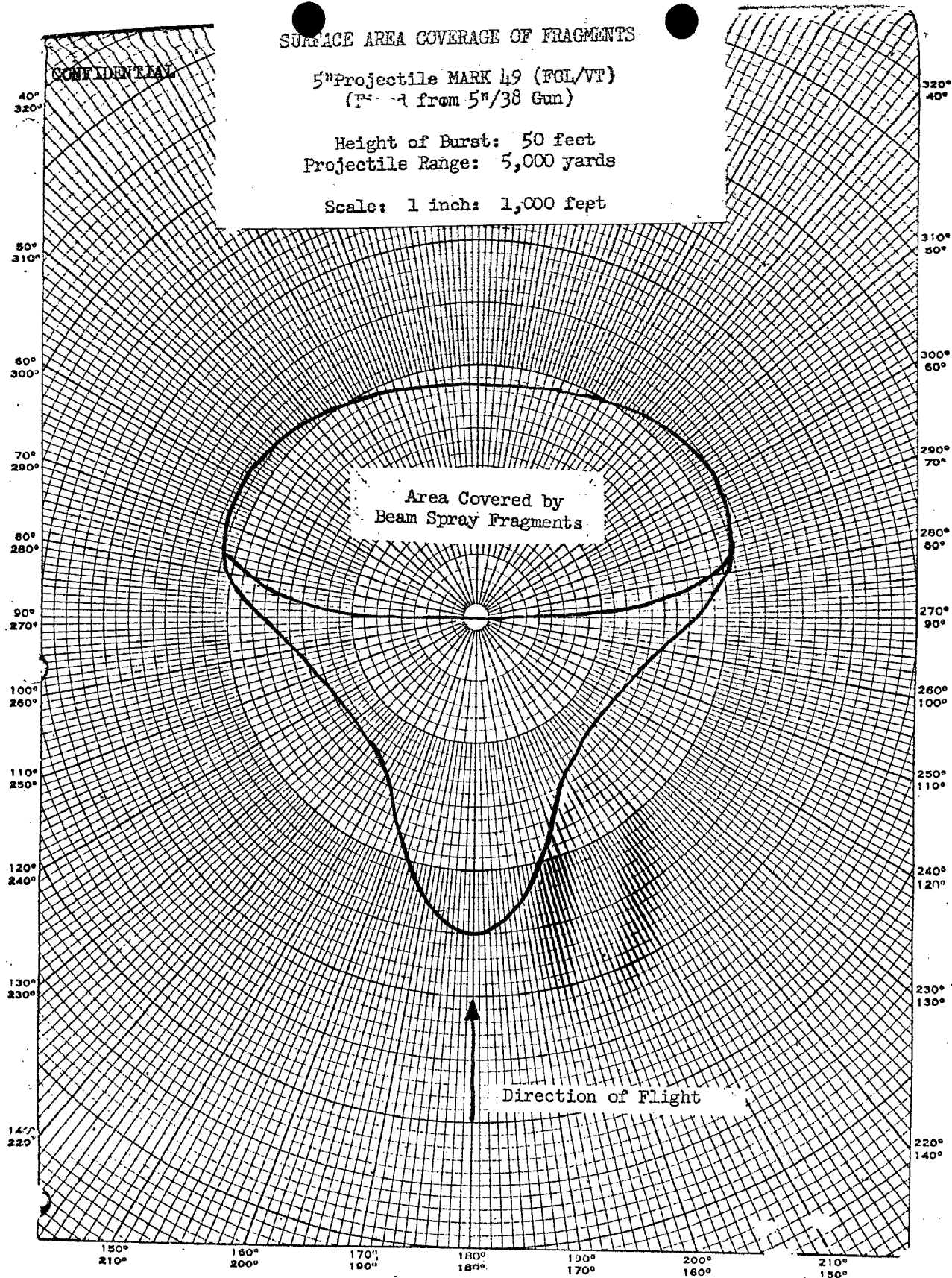
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SURFACE AREA COVERAGE OF FRAGMENTS

5" Projectile MARK 49 (FOL/VT)  
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Height of Burst: 50 feet  
Projectile Range: 5,000 yards

Scale: 1 inch: 1,000 feet



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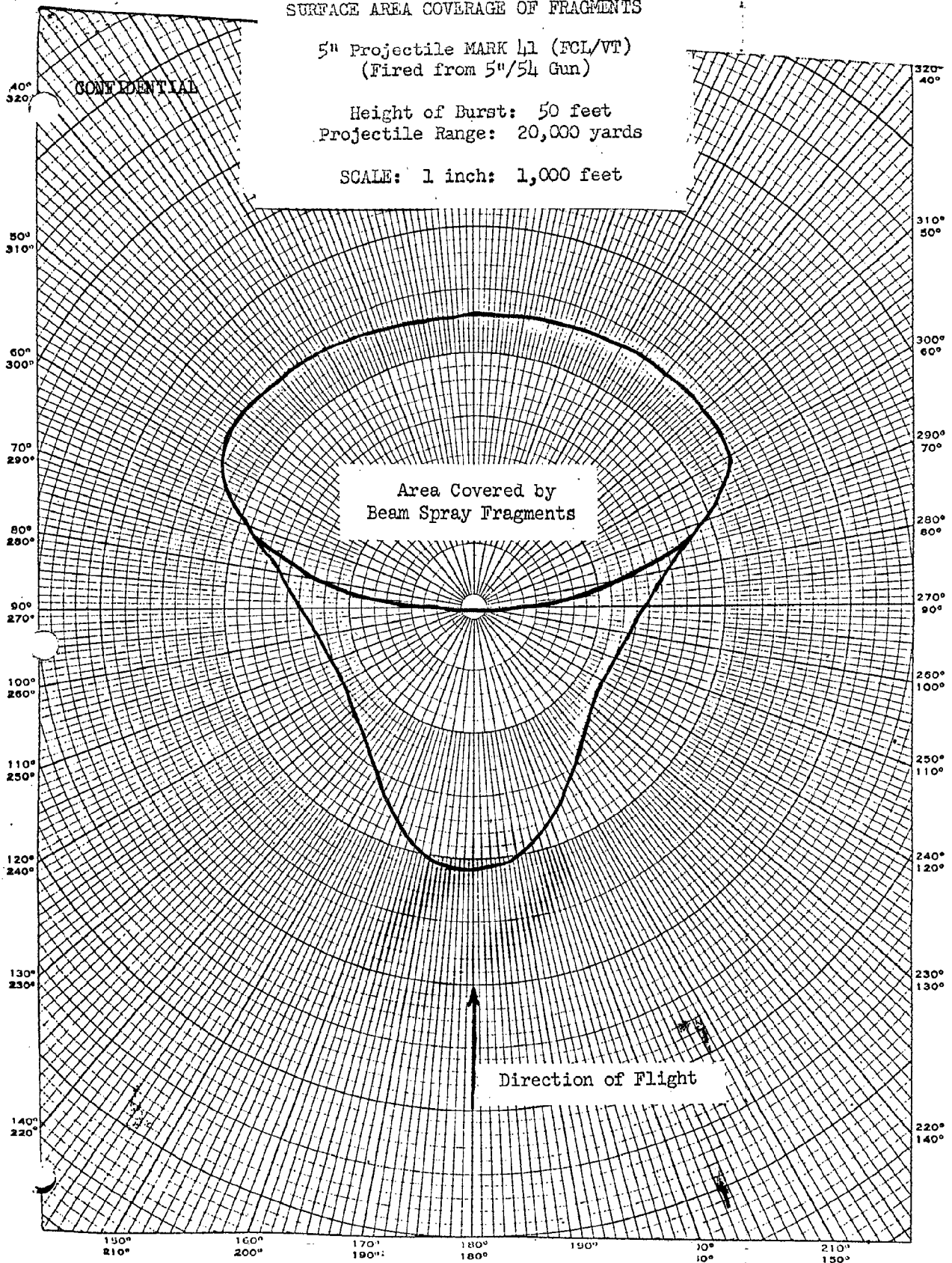
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SURFACE AREA COVERAGE OF FRAGMENTS

5" Projectile MARK 41 (FCL/VT)  
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Height of Burst: 50 feet  
Projectile Range: 20,000 yards

SCALE: 1 inch: 1,000 feet



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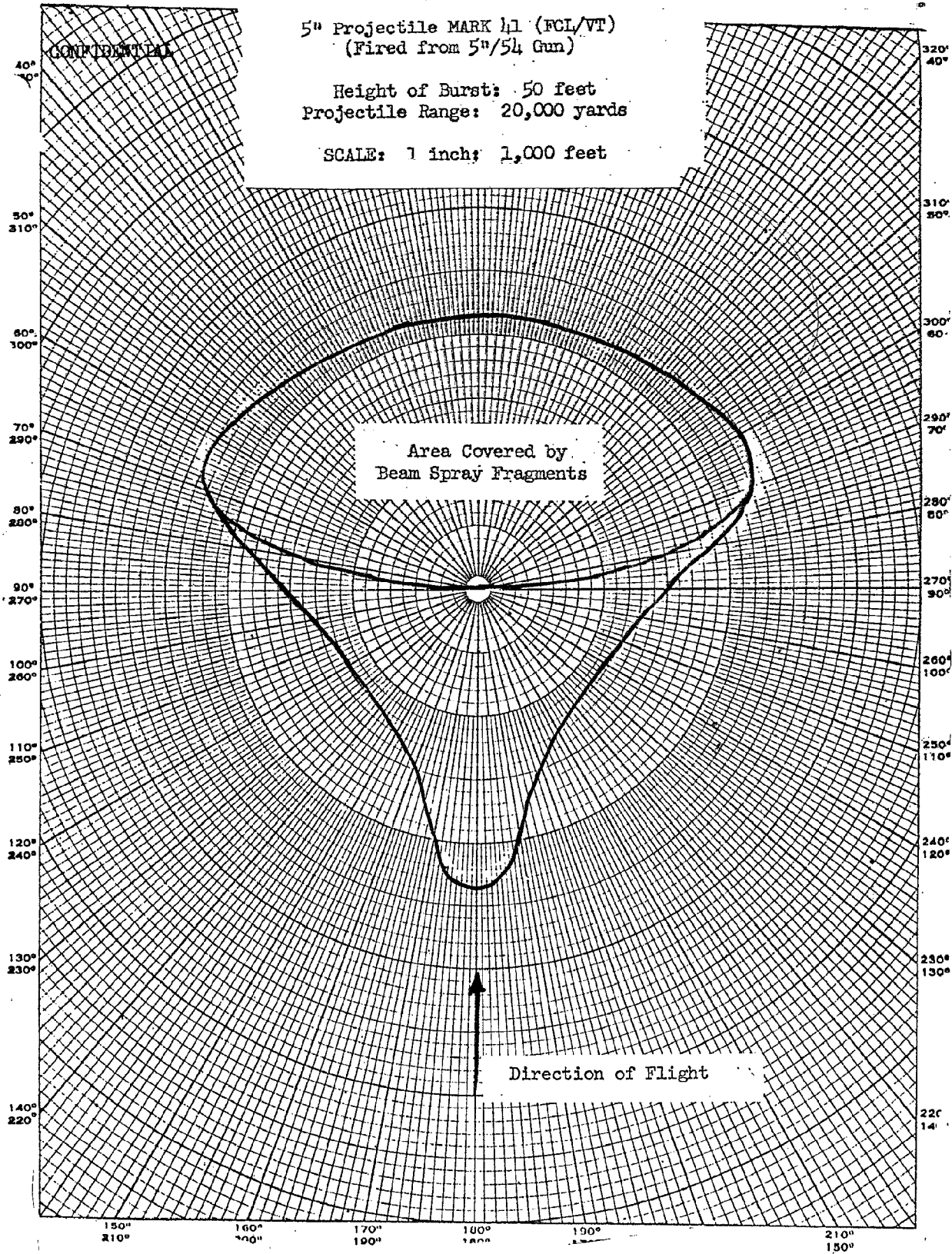
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SURFACE AREA COVERAGE OF FRAGMENTS

5" Projectile MARK 41 (FCL/VT)  
(Fired from 5"/54 Gun)

Height of Burst: 50 feet  
Projectile Range: 20,000 yards

SCALE: 1 inch: 1,000 feet



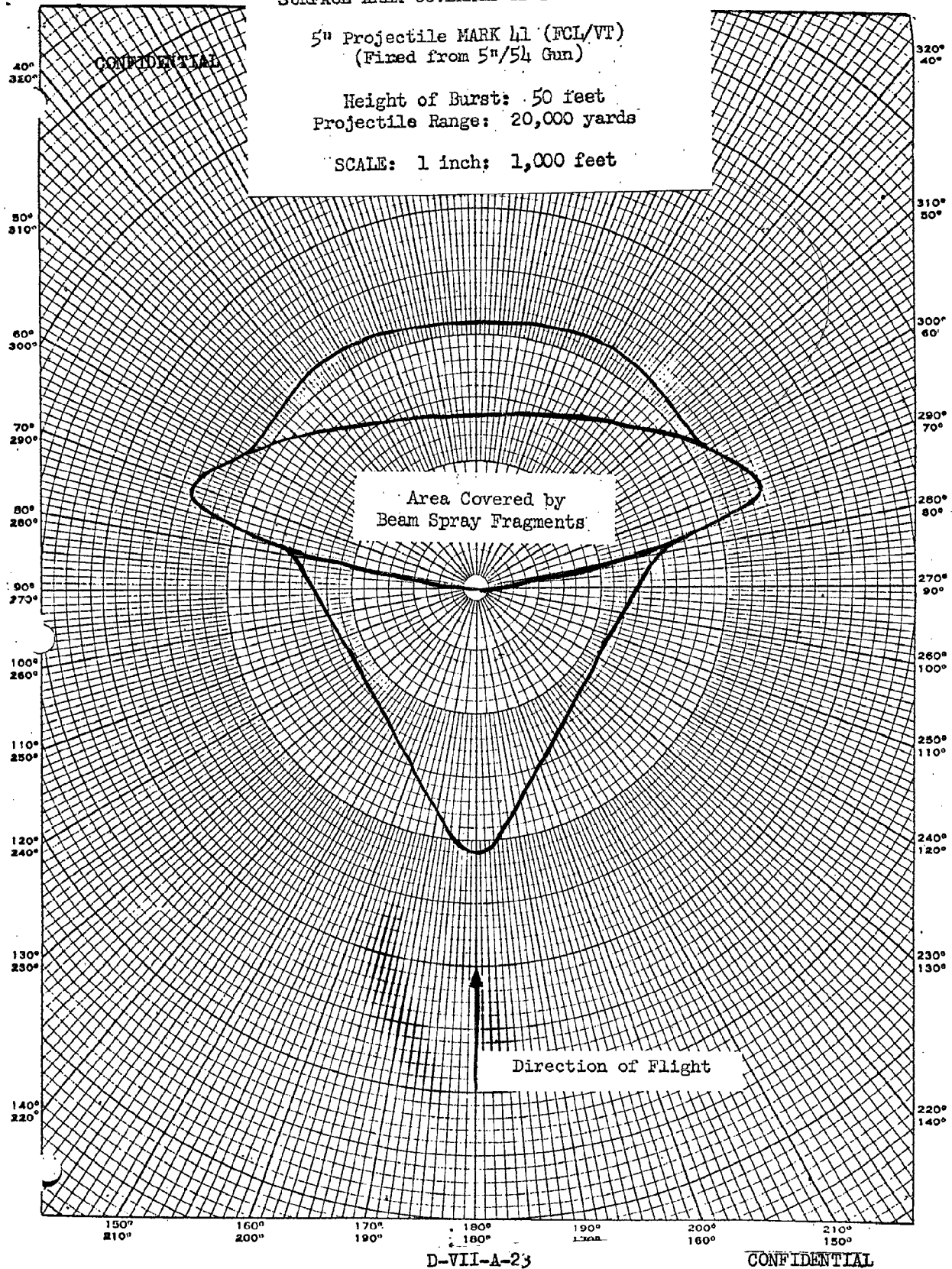
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SURFACE AREA COVERAGE OF FRAGMENTS

5" Projectile MARK 41 (FCL/VT)  
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Height of Burst: 50 feet  
Projectile Range: 20,000 yards

SCALE: 1 inch: 1,000 feet



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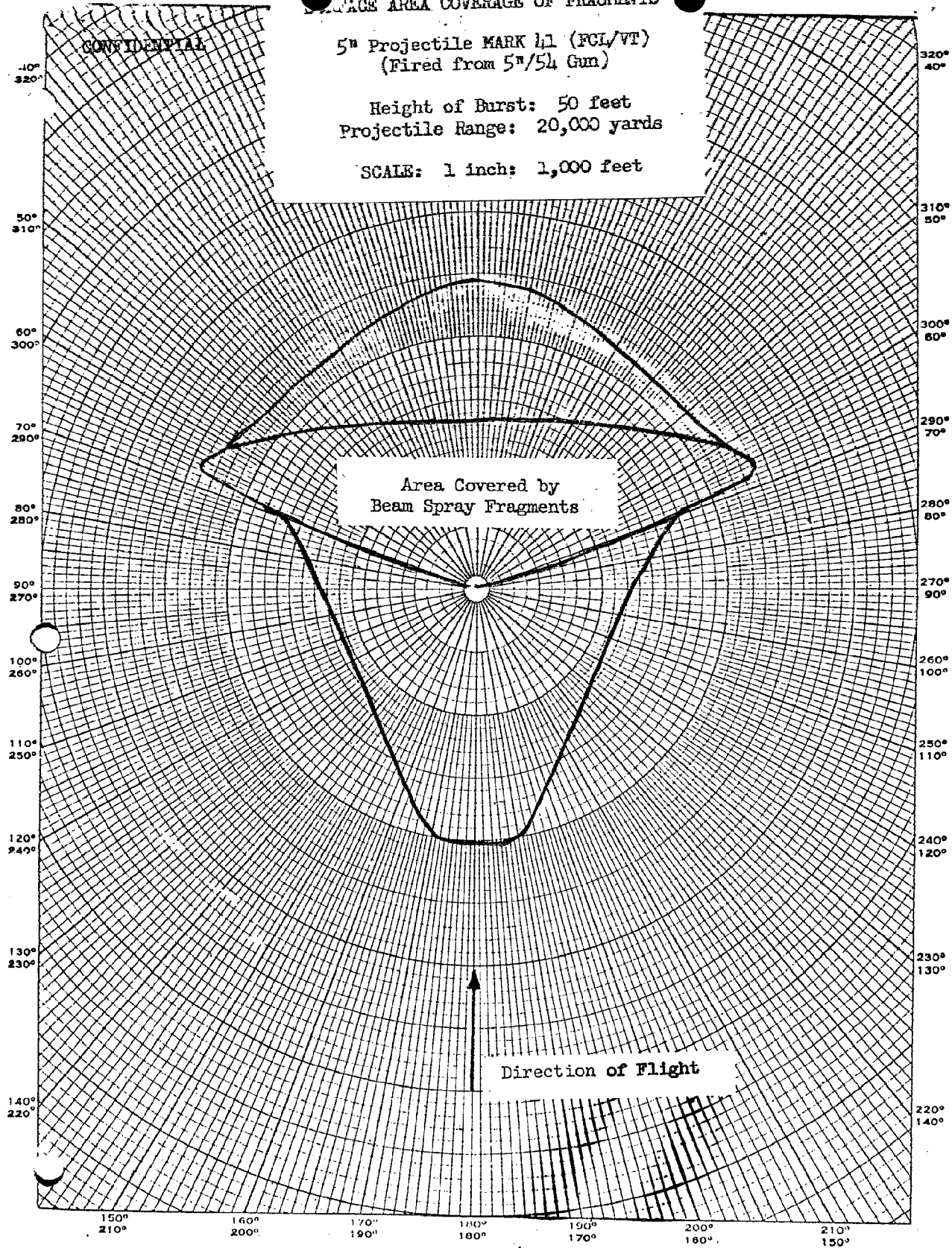
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FRAGMENT AREA COVERAGE OF FRAGMENTS

5<sup>th</sup> Projectile MARK 41 (FCL/VT)  
(Fired from 5<sup>th</sup>/54 Gun)

Height of Burst: 50 feet  
Projectile Range: 20,000 yards

SCALE: 1 inch: 1,000 feet



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MK 68 GFCS PROCEDURES FOR NGFS AT RANGES GREATER THAN 20,000 YARDS

1. The MK 47 computer, a component of the MK 68 GFCS, range is limited to 20,000 yards. That is, the computer will not generate a fire control solution to establish ballistics for ranges over 10 miles. The maximum range of the 5"/54 gun is 25,900 yards, therefore, considerable long range effectiveness is lost, unless a method of manual input into the computer, that will extend the computer's solution ability to match the range capability of the gun, is developed.
2. There are several such methods. They are all based on the fact that the computer can solve the fire control problem in deflection for any target within gun range, and solves for range out to 20,000 yards. The solution then becomes one of establishing manual inputs into the computer to adjust gun elevation order (Edg') to compensate for the difference between target range and 20,000 yards. Gun train order (Bdg") must also be compensated for the additional drift that will occur beyond 20,000 yards.
3. The method described below was developed on board USS WADDELL (DDG-24) using a MK 68 MOD 4 system. Prior to its adaption, except in emergency situations, a series of test firings at various ranges beyond 20,000 yards must be conducted by each individual ship. This method is, however, simple and general enough that with a few minor modifications, it can be used with all MODs of the MK 68 system. The values in Tabs A and B were extrapolated using 2650 f.s. range tables. They are computed out to a range of 25,000 yards. This procedure is developed for the simple indirect method of NGFS, but can be adapted to the offset tracking or Point Oscar methods by simply requiring CIC to continuously pass total range to the target to plot.
4. Adjustment necessary to compensate for ranges over 20,000 yards are:
  - a. Initial Velocity Loss (U) and Air Density (X) for all ranges.
  - b. Elevation Spot (qEg) for all ranges. (Reaches maximum value at 23,000 yards).
  - c. Deflection Spot (qLh) from 20,800 yards to 25,000 yards.

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d. An additional Air Density (X) adjustment from 23,100 yards to 25,000 yards.

e. An additional Initial Velocity Loss (U) adjustment from 24,000 yards to 25,000 yards.

As can be readily seen, up to three manual adjustments may be required for each target range, necessitating quick and nimble fire controlmen at the MK 47 computer. Even so, this method does not compensate for wind, gun motion (level/cross level), or target motion, beyond 20,000 yards. If target motion is zero, however, the maximum error induced by gun motion and wind, at a range of 25,000 yards, would be less than 150 yards in each plane. However, it is to be noted that as ship's speed increases, accuracy will decrease somewhat.

## 5. Procedure

a. Compute values for (U) and (X) using the tables of TAB A for each 500 yard range band in excess of 20,000 yards prior to commencement of the missions.

b. Set computer up for local control (Indirect fire) problem.

c. Using the generated range and bearing handcranks set in the target coordinates in the normal manner. If horizontal range (Rh) local is in excess of 20,000 yards adjust as follows:

(1) Reset (U) and (X) to the precomputed values for the range band of the target, utilizing values and procedures of TAB A.

(2) From the table of TAB B extract the required value of (qEg) for the nearest 100 yards to target range. Insert this value on the elevation spot knob.

(3) For target ranges in excess of 20,000 yards extract from the table of TAB B the required value of (qLh) for the nearest 100 yards to target range. Insert this value on the deflection spot knob.

(4) For target ranges in excess of 23,100 yards extract the additional necessary value of (I) from the table of TAB B for the nearest 100 yards to target range. Insert this value on the Air Density dial by algebraically adding it to the value already set.

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(5) For target ranges in excess of 24,000 yards extract the additional necessary value of (U) from the table of TAB B for the nearest 100 yards to target range. Insert this value on the Initial Velocity Dial by algebraically adding it to the value already set.

d. These adjustments must be made for each salvo if range to the target changes by 100 yards or more.

e. Insert spots as follows:

(1) Deflection spots in the normal manner.

(2) Range spots by algebraically adding the spot to the last horizontal range adjusted for and resetting the values of (U), (X), (qlh), and (qeh) as necessary. Do not use the range spot knob.

(3) Compensate for elevation spots with corresponding range spots as described above, or, utilizing "height spot knob".

6. Inaccuracies discovered in the tables of TABS A and B or recommendations for improving upon this method of extended range firing should be reported to CTG 70.8 by letter, with a copy to COMCRUDESAC/LANT.



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TABS

A - Initial Velocity Loss and Air Density Variation Scale Factors

B - Extended Range Computer Values.

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INITIAL VELOCITY LOSS AND AIR DENSITY VARIATION SCALE FACTORS

To use these scale factors, multiply the computed Daily IV Loss (U) and Air Density (X) by these scale factors. When using the long range procedure, set in these corrected values vice the normal ones.

<u>RANGE</u>	<u>INITIAL VELOCITY LOSS SCALE FACTOR</u>	<u>AIR DENSITY SCALE FACTORS</u>
20500	1.05	1.07
21000	1.10	1.14
21500	1.15	1.23
22000	1.22	1.32
22500	1.30	1.45
23000	1.40	1.60
23500	1.55	1.80
24000	1.75	2.05
24500	2.00	2.50
25000	2.75	3.50

EXAMPLE:

Computed IV Loss - -240 f.s.  
 Target range - 22,700 yards  
 -240 f.s. X 1.30 = -312 f.s.  
 Set IV Loss knob to -312 f.s. for a target at ranges 22,700 yards.  
 Adjust further in accordance with Appendix II.

Use same methodology for Air Density compensation.

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EXTENDED RANGE COMPUTER VALUES

<u>RANGE</u>	<u>ELEVATION SPOT (qEg)</u>	<u>DEFLECTION SPOT (qLh)</u>	<u>AIR DENSITY (X)</u>	<u>INITIAL VELOCITY (U)</u>
20100	6	-	-	-
20200	12	-	-	-
20300	18	-	-	-
20400	24	-	-	-
20500	30	-	-	-
20600	36	-	-	-
20700	42	-	-	-
20800	48	1	-	-
20900	54	1	-	-
21000	60	1	-	-
21100	66	1	-	-
21200	72	1	-	-
21300	78	2	-	-
21400	84	2	-	-
21500	90	2	-	-
21600	96	2	-	-
21700	102	2	-	-
21800	108	3	-	-
21900	114	3	-	-
22000	120	3	-	-
22100	126	3	-	-
22200	132	3	-	-
22300	138	4	-	-
22400	144	4	-	-
22500	150	4	-	-
22600	156	4	-	-
22700	162	4	-	-
22800	168	5	-	-
22900	174	5	-	-
23000	180	5	-	-
23100	180	5	1.50	-
23200	180	5	3.00	-
23300	180	6	4.50	-
23400	180	6	6.00	-

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<u>RANGE</u>	<u>ELEVATION SPOT</u>	<u>DEFLECTION SPOT (qLh)</u>	<u>AIR DENSITY (X)</u>	<u>INITIAL VELOCITY (U)</u>
23500	180	6	7.50	-
23600	180	6	9.00	-
23700	180	6	10.50	-
23800	180	7	12.00	-
23900	180	7	13.50	-
24000	180	7	13.50	-25fs
24100	180	7	13.50	-50fs
24200	180	7	13.50	-75fs
24300	180	8	13.50	-100fs
24400	180	8	13.50	-125fs
24500	180	8	13.50	-150fs
24600	180	8	13.50	-175fs
24700	180	8	13.50	-200fs
24800	180	9	13.50	-225fs
24900	180	9	13.50	-250fs
25000	180	9	13.50	-275fs

Note: All deflection spots are left, density corrections are positive and all elevation spots up.



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USE OF 3"/50 RAPID FIRE GUN  
WITH GFCS MK 68 FOR NGFS

1. An accurate means of firing the 3"/50 gun in gunfire support is to utilize the MK 68 GFCS to control the fire. Since there are ballistic differences between the 5"/54 gun and the 3"/50 gun, certain corrections must be made to the Mk 47 computer solution when controlling the 3"/50 gun.
2. Set converter switch on fire control switch board to by-pass placing 3"/50 battery under control of MK 47 computer.
3. Set initial velocity of MK 47 computer on 2600 f.s.
4. Set in initial range to target on range dial. By use of the 3"/50 range table (OP 1692A) set in angle of elevation required for set range by use of elevation spot knob adjusting gun elevation order to read value given in OP 1692A.
5. Range error correction can be accomplished by use of column 2b of OP 1692A by multiplying this value by range spot required and adding or subtracting this value to gun elevation order by use of elevation spot knob.
6. Deflection spots are entered in usual manner requiring no additional corrections.



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CORRECTION TABLES FOR FIRING  
3"/50 R/F WITH MK 37 DIRECTOR SYSTEM

An accurate means of firing the 3"/50 gun in gunfire support is to utilize the MK 37 director system to control the fire. Since there are ballistic differences between the 5"/38 gun and the 3"/50 gun, certain corrections must be made to the MK 1A computer solution when firing the 3"/50 gun. These corrections are obtained by comparing the 5"/38 and the 3"/50 range tables. Table of corrections for firing 3"/50 caliber guns using IV 2650f/s 13.0 lb. AA projectile MK 33 with PDF, controlled by computer MK 1A. Set 1.5 times the normal wind speed (ballistic wind). Set both IV dials to 2500f/s. Table of corrections for sight angle (to be applied to synchronize E knob in the OUT position). Corrections are in minutes of elevation.

<u>Advance</u> <u>Range</u>	<u>Sight Angle</u> <u>Correction</u>	<u>Advance</u> <u>Range</u>	<u>Sight Angle</u> <u>Correction</u>	<u>Advance</u> <u>Range</u>	<u>Sight Angle</u> <u>Correction</u>
1100	D8	3300	D5	5150	U16
1100	D8	3400	D5	5200	U18
1200	D8	3500	D4	5250	U18
1300	D8	3600	D4	5300	U19
1400	D8	3700	D3	5350	U21
1500	D8	3800	D2	5400	U22
1600	D9	3900	D1	5450	U23
1700	D9	4000	0	5500	U24
1800	D9	4100	0	5550	U25
1900	D9	4200	U2	5600	U26
2000	D9	4300	U3	5650	U28
2100	D9	4400	U4	5700	U30
2200	D9	4500	U5	5750	U31
2300	D9	4600	U6	5800	U32
2400	D9	4650	U7	5850	U33
2500	D8	4700	U8	5900	U34
2600	D8	4750	U9	5950	U35
2700	D8	4800	U10	6000	U36
2800	D7	4850	U10	6025	U37
2900	D7	4900	U11	6050	U38
3000	D7	4950	U12	6075	U39
3100	D6	5000	U13	6100	U40
3200	D6	5050	U14	6125	U40
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6150	U41	7225	U78	8300	U122
6175	U42	7250	U79	8325	U123
6200	U44	7275	U80	8350	U125
6225	U45	7300	U81	8375	U126
6250	U46	7325	U82	8400	U127
6275	U46	7350	U83	8425	U128
6300	U47	7375	U84	8450	U129
6325	U47	7400	U85	8475	U130
6350	U48	7425	U86	8500	U131
6375	U49	7450	U87	8525	U132
6400	U50	7475	U88	8550	U134
6425	U50	7500	U89	8575	U135
6450	U51	7525	U90	8600	U136
6475	U51	7550	U91	8625	U137
6500	U52	7575	U92	8650	U138
6525	U53	7600	U93	8675	U139
6550	U54	7625	U94	8700	U141
6575	U55	7650	U95	8725	U142
6600	U55	7675	U96	8750	U144
6625	U56	7700	U97	8775	U145
6650	U57	7725	U98	8800	U147
6675	U58	7750	U99	8825	U148
6700	U60	7775	U100	8850	U149
6725	U60	7800	U101	8875	U151
6750	U61	7825	U102	8900	U152
6775	U62	7850	U103	8925	U153
6800	U63	7875	U104	8950	U154
6825	U64	7900	U105	8975	U155
6850	U65	7925	U106	9000	U157
6875	U66	7950	U107	9025	U158
6900	U67	7975	U108	9050	U160
6925	U67	8000	U109	9075	U161
6950	U68	8025	U110	9100	U163
6975	U68	8050	U111	9125	U165
7000	U69	8075	U112	9150	U167
7025	U70	8100	U113	9175	U169
7050	U71	8125	U114	9200	U170
7075	U72	8150	U115	9225	U171
7100	U73	8175	U117	9250	U173
7125	U74	8200	U118	9275	U175
7150	U75	8225	U120	9300	U176
7175	U76	8250	U121	9325	U177
7200	U78	8275		9350	U179

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<u>Advance Range</u>	<u>Single Angle Correction</u>	<u>Advance Range</u>	<u>Single Angle Correction</u>	<u>Advance Range</u>	<u>Single Angle Correction</u>
9375	U180	9600	U194	9825	U209
9400	U182	9625	U195	9850	U210
9425	U183	9650	U197	9875	U212
9450	U185	9675	U199	9900	U215
9475	U187	9700	U201	9925	U216
9500	U188	9725	U202	9950	U218
9525	U190	9750	U205	9975	U220
9550	U192	9775	U206	10000	U222
9575	U193	9800	U208		

  
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COUNTERBATTERY DOCTRINE

1. Shore fire from North Vietnamese coastal defense sites near Cap Lay is usually received at ranges between 12,000 and 23,000 yards, making the problem of firing counterbattery quite difficult. The enemy guns often cannot be seen and usually the first indication of shore fire is a salvo of near-by splashes. The source of fire in many cases is not clearly identified. When the source is identified, it is done by sighting gun flashes or smoke, either by the ship or with the aid of spotter aircraft. The problem of firing counterbattery is further complicated by the fact that several, often widely scattered guns are simultaneously fired by the enemy, usually concentrating on one ship.

2. Weighing the above factors and the relative cost of possible ship damage against the value of the target being fired on, dueling with CD batteries does not appear profitable. The following tactics are therefore prescribed:

a. Fire suppression on the known CD sites in the vicinity of Cap Lay to discourage the enemy from using his guns. Since the North Vietnamese move their guns from site to site, this tactic is only partially effective and its success relies heavily on complete and up-to-date CD intelligence from photo recce.

b. Attempt to discover the source of shore fire as soon as possible, preferably from gun flashes prior to the splashes from the first salvo.

c. When shore fire is received, immediately open beyond shore fire range at best speed and on a course (or courses) to present the enemy with both bearing and range rates.

d. Fire an immediate, heavy volume of counterbattery.

e. Make smoke if compatible with wind conditions and tactical situation.

f. Proceed outside enemy gun range and apply slow deliberate gunfire at CD sites with spotter aircraft if the ship enjoys a range advantage.

g. In carrying out the above tactics, the procedures described below will be followed.

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3. Target detection procedures. Rapid and early detection of firing batteries, with a minimum of false alarms, is essential to successful counter-battery. The following procedures will aid in target detection and will prevent confusion of shore fire with naval gunfire bursts.

a. Stations associated with target detection are to be on the same SP phone circuit. These include bridge, CIC evaluator, GLO, and sonar.

b. Determine threat area and assign search sectors to lookouts and director crews. If feasible, have more than one observer for each sector. Brief lookouts on location of CD sites.

c. Warn observers when and where bursts are expected from rounds of own ship or ships in company.

4. Target location procedures

a. Using the same assignment and communications set-up as for target detection, obtain briefings to as many of the firing sites as possible, attempting to get an accurate navigational fix simultaneously.

b. Plot bearings on a map/chart which has current CD site information plotted.

c. Continue with simultaneous bearings and navigational fixes as feasible.

d. Information from this plot can not only be used to increase counter-battery accuracy, but is also essential for later deliberate fire or air strikes, and for intelligence purposes.

5. Counterbattery delivery procedures

a. Three general methods of firing counterbattery are employed in SEASIA operations.

(1) Direct Fire. Director provides bearing and range to CD site. Range is obtained from rangefinder if range is short enough and target is easily defined. Otherwise, fire control radar range to beach is used and an arbitrary 200 - 500 yard spot is added.

(2) Semi-indirect. Director provides bearing to CD site. Range is applied manually from navigational plot/surface search radar.

(3) Indirect Fire. Range and bearing information is based on navigational plot. Director and control personnel are free to provide visual spots. Air spots are also used, if available.

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b. The majority of situations call for use of the direct fire method. This provides for quick and accurate counterbattery response. After one or two initial salvos to spot into the area of shore fire, the ship should shift to rapid continuous fire to supply maximum suppression and destruction. The disadvantages of this method are:

- (1) On most destroyer types, the solution is lost when the director passes through the superstructure when firing directly aft.
- (2) Gun flashes/smoke from CD site must be in view almost continuously and from the same location to permit accurate director tracking.
- (3) Erroneous rates are generated if the director moves back and forth between flashes from different guns.

c. In cases where the above disadvantages are important factors, the indirect counterbattery method may be more attractive. Although it is a slow method and the solution loses accuracy with violent ship maneuvers, it does not depend on constant visual target observation or relative target bearing, and it frees the director to spot or to detect other sources of shore fire.

#### 6. Ammunition Procedures

a. There is no correlated data concerning the effect of any particular type of ammunition on coastal defense sites, and the loading for the primary firing mission (especially in 5"/54 ships) may hinder the use of any given type of ammunition. However, since the primary objective of our counterbattery fire is escape and evasion rather than destruction of CD sites, the following are considered the preferred ammunition usages:

- (1) Day: WP mixed with HE, HC or AAC (safe).
- (2) Night: ILLUM mixed with HE, HC or AAC (safe).

b. Some of the various alternatives are listed here with advantages and disadvantages of each.

(1) Contact detonation ammunition (HE/HC/AAC set on safe). Advantages: Compatible with ammunition for primary firing mission, most destructive effect on guns and material. Disadvantages: Reduced fragmentation effect, requires almost direct hit for destruction.

(2) Air burst ammunition (AAC timed/VTNSD). Advantages: Maximum fragmentation range against exposed gun crews. Disadvantages: (1) AAC: Limited blast effect, accurate fuze setting difficult at long range, maximum air burst limited by fuze size. (2) VTNSD: Limited blast effect, relatively high proportion of prematures and duds.

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(3) White Phosphorous. Advantages: Psychological effect, incendiary, smoke blinds enemy gunners, easy to spot. Disadvantages: Little blast or frag effect, smoke may obscure target.

(4) Illumination. Advantages: May blind enemy gunners at night if set to burst over target or between target and ship; incendiary. Disadvantages: No destructive effective.

(5) Mixtures of ammunition. Advantages: Wider range of destructive effects. Disadvantages: More complicated loading/handling procedures.

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ANNEX FCOMMUNICATIONS

Ref: (a) NWP 16(B)  
(b) COMSEVENTHFLT OPOD 201-68, ANNEX F

102. (U) Policy

Communications shall be conducted in accordance with references (a) and (b), and as stated herein. The numbering of paragraphs follows the numbering of related matter in reference (a).

200. (C) Command and Communications

Naval Gunfire Support Units, under the cognizance of CTU 70.8.9, operate in support of the I, II, III and IV Corps Tactical Zones and the Rung Sat Special Zone (RSSZ) within the Republic of Vietnam. The primary means of communications within these areas are simplex ORESTES circuits, HF and VHF(FM) voice nets. The frequencies and call signs are contained in Appendices I through IV of this Annex, or will be passed to individual ships by the NGLO/SPOTTER upon establishing communications on the appropriate NGLO/SPOTTER net. When a mission is assigned, NGLO/SPOTTER circuits and call signs should be included in the assignment message. See Appendix I to Annex D.

a. Ships assigned NGFS will guard the appropriate Market Time coordination and reporting net. NGFS ORESTES circuit, designated NGLO/SPOTTER, and emergency/distress frequencies.

b. The Tactical Operations Centers (TOG) in II, III, and IV Corps maintain a continuous guard on the GLO Control net. In I Corps, CG III MAF has designated FIRST and THIRD MARDIV and CG Americal Division as communication coordinators for their respective areas. They also maintain a 24 hour guard on their respective NGFS nets. If necessary, information can be relayed through the appropriate Coastal Surveillance Center (CSC), using KAC-132 or KAC-138.

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c. A detailed description of the ORESTES circuits is contained in paragraph 610 of this Annex.

### 250. (C) Movement Reports

Movement Reports will be submitted in accordance with references (a) and (b), the supplement to NWIP 10-1(A), and CINCPACFLTINST 03120.16 series. In order to reduce the number of MOVREPS required by the gunline unit, each unit should file to a centralized point in the assigned Corps area. Then, MOD LOC within a 150 mile radius of that point. Example: \*MOD LOC LAT LONG TIME (safe navigable waters within 150 mile radius)\*. Units should not CHOP to CTU 70.8.9 in their Movement Report.

### 303. (C) Transmission Security

a. Voice transmissions between ships and spotters passing information concerning NGFS missions shall NOT be encrypted when:

- (1) The mission is due to commence within thirty minutes.
- (2) The mission is already in progress.

b. Voice transmissions between ships and spotters passing information concerning NGFS missions scheduled to be conducted within the following 24 hour period shall be encrypted using KAC-183. Plans for any NGFS missions scheduled over 24 hours hence shall not be discussed over uncovered voice nets whether encrypted or in the clear. Such information shall be transmitted only over covered circuits.

c. Other items which should NOT be encrypted are:

- (1) Ship's hull number.
- (2) Ship's name.
- (3) Present Posit (when in sight of land).

d. It must be assumed that the enemy monitors ALL uncovered voice circuits.

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305. (C) Authentication and Recognition

a. Authentication will be in accordance with reference (a). Net talkers must be alert for deceptive transmissions. All questionable transmissions must be authenticated. KAA-60 will be used among gunline units, Coastal Surveillance Centers and Naval Operations Centers (NOC). KAA 38 will be used for authentication with ships or units of other than U.S. nationality.

b. COMUSMACV issues a monthly recognition code by message, for use between FLOWMAN units and all RVN and USN ships, craft or aircraft.

c. Monthly, CTF 115 issues two recognition codes by message. One is for use between USN ships/craft, USN Market Time craft, ROKN ships and VNN ships and craft. This code is entitled "VNN CHALLENGE CODE". The other code is for use between USN ships/craft, U.S. Army craft, ROKN ships and VNN coastal Junks. This code is entitled "CHALLENGE CODE (JUNK)". The procedures for using these codes are contained in the individual messages.

d. Authentication, Challenge and Recognition Codes are superseded as indicated below:

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Daily Table</u>	<u>Edition</u>
KAA-60	0001Z	Monthly
KAC-132	0001Z	Monthly
KAC-138	0001Z	Monthly
KAC-183	0001Z	Monthly

There are indications that some spotters are improperly superseding these codes at midnight local vice zulu time.

<u>Publication</u>	<u>Daily Table</u>	<u>Edition</u>
VNN Challenge Code	0001H	Monthly
JUNK Challenge Code	0001H	Monthly
FLOWMAN Recognition Signals	0001H	Monthly

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410. (C) Call Signs, Address Groups and Routing Indicators

a. In order to ensure that proper procedures are followed for entering OPREP FIVE reports into the JP network, the following example of format line four is provided:

ZNY CCCCC ZOK JPCCO

b. In addition to having JPCCO in format line four of all messages to be entered into the JP network, JPCCO must be included as Special Handling Instructions following the classification, i.e.,  
C O N F I D E N T I A L JPCCO

c. U.S. Army Americal and First Cavalry Division Regimental & Brigade call signs and circuit designators change frequently. These changes are initiated by the CG of the appropriate Division, addressed to COMSEVENTHFLT and TU 70.8.9, INFO CTG 70.8. CTU 70.8.9 is responsible for promulgating current information to all ships reporting for NGFS duties. Frequency assignments are less often subject to change, and are included in Appendix III to this Annex.

610. (C) Naval Radio Communications

a. NGFS, ALFA, BRAVO and CHARLIE ORESTES

There are three NGFS ORESTES nets (ALFA, BRAVO, CHARLIE) which terminate in adjacent positions at NAVCOMMSTA Phil. NGFS CHARLIE is for use solely by CTU 70.8.9. ALFA is for use by all units operating in I Corps. II, III, and IV Corps are covered by NGFS BRAVO or as otherwise designated by NAVCOMMSTA Phil. Ships reporting to the gunline should report into the appropriate ORESTES circuit 24 hours prior to the assigned on-station time (usually 0600H of day assigned).

(1) NGFS ALFA and BRAVO are SIMPLEX operated, SECRET covered directed nets with NAVCOMMSTA Phil exercising net control functions. NGFS CHARLIE is a DUPLEX operated SECRET covered directed net with net control also vested in NAVCOMMSTA Phil. KAK-2667 is used for all circuits.

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(2) NAVCOMMSTA Phil acts as a relay station coordinating traffic between CTU 70.8.9 and TU 70.8.9 over NGFS circuits ALFA, BRAVO and CHARLIE.

(3) Propagation conditions on the gunline may necessitate numerous frequency shifts. Net control will initiate frequency shifts. On NGFS net CHARLIE, CTU 70.8.9 will initiate shore to ship shifts, and NAVCOMMSTA Phil will control ship to shore shifts. When equipment is available, NAVCOMMSTA Phil simultaneously keys two frequencies to improve circuit reliability. If communications cannot be established within thirty minutes following a frequency shift, contact NAVCOMMSTA Phil by any means available.

(4) Strict circuit discipline must be observed at all times. Plain language, superfluous transmissions, and improper use of operating signals must be avoided. ACP 126 refers.

(5) When NAVCOMMSTA Phil has a significant backlog of message traffic as a result of a NGFS circuit outage, he will normally resort to fleet broadcast for delivery. Ships should clear backlogs by establishing an itinerant ORESTES ship/shore circuit. CTU 70.8.9 will utilize ship/shore, or if necessary shift to "A" or "B" NGFS ORESTES to clear operational traffic in the event of circuit outages. An AGMR is normally on station in the Tonkin Gulf and should be able to terminate a ship/shore circuit in emergencies.

(6) COMUSMACV has a direct link with NAVCOMMSTA Phil. Traffic originated by or addressed to COMUSMACV by NGFS Units is relayed via NAVCOMMSTA Phil. COMUSMACV Combat Operations Center (COC) will also accept traffic for relay to CG III MAF, FIRST and THIRD MARDIV. To accomplish this, designate MACV COC an action addressee with internal passing instructions. This procedure is not recommended however, as COMUSMACV COC is not organized for a relay function.

(7) There are future plans to shift the NGFS circuits from NAVCOMMSTA Phil to NAVCOMMSTA Cam Ranh Bay. Firm dates and procedures will be promulgated as soon as the information is available. Procedures are expected to closely parallel those presently in effect with NAVCOMMSTA Phil.

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b. III MAF Command ONE

This is a SSB voice net terminated in III MAF COC. Ships operating in the I Corps may enter this net. This circuit may be used to coordinate communications on III MAF Command TWO or to pass operational traffic using KAC-132. (See circuit C-35, Appendix II).

c. III MAF Command TWO

This is a SIMPLEX ORESTES 60 WPM directed net (KAK-2663), with net control vested in III MAF. Subscribers include FIRST/THIRD MARDIV, and ARG/SLF Units operating in the Corps area. CTU 70.8.9 holds keylist and may utilize this circuit for passing operational traffic to in-country subscribers. Communication coordination via III MAF Command ONE is required. This is the only ORESTES available to the NGFS Commander for direct communications with CG III MAF. All ships must have capability for converting to 60 WPM teletype operation. (See circuit C-36, Appendix II).

d. MAF TAC ONE

A voice (FM) net terminated at III MAF COC. CTG 115.1 maintains guard on this circuit, and it may be used by NGFS Units. (See circuit C-37, Appendix II).

e. ROMEO EIGHT

A KY-8 covered voice circuit terminating at III MAF, FIRST and THIRD MARDIV is available for use by units in I Corps. Circuit operates on 55.14 MHZ (FM) utilizing VRC-46 transceiver, keylist KAK-3231. This circuit is used to exchange high precedence, classified information between NGLO and NGFS ships. Keylist is superseded at local time, in accordance with reference (b).

f. Frequency and Call Sign Assignments

Spotter, NGLO and Market Time frequencies and call signs are contained in appendices to this Annex. Ships can obtain the current ORESTES frequencies from any 70.8.9 unit on the Market Time coordination/reporting net or from NAVCOMMSTA Phil on a ship/shore circuit.

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g. VHF Communication Equipment

(1) VHF (FM) circuits are often used for NGFS spot nets. To enhance the capabilities of ships assigned TU 70.8.9, a pool of AN/VRC-46 and AN/PRC-25 transceivers has been established. The VRC-46 pool is administered by CTU 70.8.9. Transfer instructions for NGFS unit assignment or detachment are provided by CTU 70.8.9.

(2) The VRC-46 and power supply are a compact transceiver originally designed for vehicular/field communications. This equipment can be mounted at spotter net talker's positions or rigged for remote operation. Technical manuals are in short supply for these units and EMO's should attempt to procure a copy prior to in-chop.

(3) The PRC-25 is a battery powered transceiver. Ships anticipating assignment to NGFS duties should requisition a minimum of two each of batteries, BA-386/PRC-25 FSN N6135-858-5712, in order to ensure sufficient fresh batteries are available for NGFS duties. Format for the PRC-25 material receipt message is contained in Appendix VIII to Annex L.

h. Keying Material for CTU 70.8.9

In order to ensure that effective editions of KAK-2663 are always available to the gunline commander, CTU 70.8.9 should notify his prospective relief, INFO RPMIO NR ONE SUBIC, RPIO Yokosuka, and RPIO Guam of the following:

(1) Editions of KAK-2663 presently held as turnover items.

(2) The authentication to draw ROB editions of KAK-2663.

If the prospective gunline commander is in a port with an RPIO (Subic or Yokosuka) when the above information is received, ROB editions of KAK-2663 not listed in the message should be drawn in order to ensure continuity of this keylist with CTU 70.8.9 on station. If in a port where there is no RPS office, the gunline commander should initiate a message to RPIO Guam requesting ARFCOS delivery, specifying a deadline delivery date and delivery point. In an emergency, where it appears that CTU 70.8.9 will be without the effective edition at the beginning of the new month due to depletion of the ROB, III MAF will pass three-day extracts until new ROB is received via ARFCOS. If the prospective gunline commander has not received the message from CTU 70.8.9 at least two weeks prior to the gunline turnover date, a message of inquiry should be sent to CTU 70.8.9.

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620. (C) Broadcasts

a. NGFS Units with no multi-channel capability will copy PRTT, VLAB or the AGMR retransmission of PRTT. PRTT will be activated on a case by case basis as a relief for an overload of PRTT.

b. VLAB is being utilized to support units operating in NGFS and Market Time areas. Units shifting broadcast guard to VLAB will submit guard shift message at least 24 hours in advance. Include CTG 70.8 and CTU 70.8.9 as information addressees, format in accordance with paragraph 623D of reference (a). NAVCOMMSTA Cam Ranh Bay will screen broadcast and forward traffic via VLAB in accordance with guard list provided.

c. Any NGFS unit with one of two installed KWR-37's inoperative will submit a C-3 CASREPT.

d. See COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-68, Annex F, for broadcast keying material.

e. Multi-channel Broadcast channelization will be in accordance with ALCOM 08-68 or a superseding message.



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CORPS AREAS FREQUENCY PLAN

<u>CKT</u>	<u>CORPS</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>EMISSION</u>
C1	I	ALFA ORESTES	*A2, A3 Series	1.24F1
C2	II,III,IV	BRAVO ORESTES	*A2, A3 Series	1.24F1
C3	CTU 70.8.9	CHARLIE ORESTES	*A2, A3 Series	1.24F1
			*See Para 610(f)	
C4	I	GLO CONTROL (P)	3180.5(3179)KHZ	3A3J
C5	I	GLO CONTROL (S)	10166.5(10165)KHZ	3A3J
C6	I	SPOT (P)	4302.5(4301)KHZ	3A3J
C7	I	SPOT (S)	6234.5(6233)KHZ	3A3J
C8	II	GLO CONTROL (P)	8346.5(8345)KHZ	3A3J
C9	II	GLO CONTROL (S)	3320.5(3319)KHZ	3A3J
C10	II	SPOT (P)	7362.5(7361)KHZ	3A3J
C11	II	SPOT (S)	11116.5(11115)KHZ	3A3J
C12	III	GLO CONTROL (P)	6336.5(6335)KHZ	3A3J
C13	III	GLO CONTROL (S)	6234.5(6233)KHZ	3A3J
C14	III	SPOT (P)	41.0 MHZ	36F3
C15	III	SPOT (S)	6336.5(6335)KHZ	3A3J
C16	RSSZ	SPOT	68.85 MHZ	36F3

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C17	IV	GLO CONTROL (P)	9121.5(9120)KHZ	3A3J
C18	IV	GLO CONTROL (S)	10222.5(10221)KHZ	3A3J
C19	IV	SPOT (P)	6336.5(6335)KHZ	3A3J
C20	IV	SPOT (S)	4269.5(4268)KHZ	3A3J
C21	ANY	ALTERNATE SPOT	41.0 MHZ	36F3
C22	ANY	AIR SPOT (UHF)	NGLO WILL DIRECT	6A3

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A - Corps Area Call Signs

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CORPS AREA CALL SIGNS

<u>CORPS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CALL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
I	NGLO (DANANG)	AFTERBURNER 26 OSCAR	DANANG
I	SPOTTER (1ST ARVN DIV)	AFTERBURNER 26 BRAVO	HUE
I	SPOTTER 2ND ARVN DIV)	AFTERBURNER 26 CHARLIE	QUANG NGAI
I	BEACON OPERATOR	AFTERBURNER 26 BRAVO-3 (Contact thru AFTER- BURNER 26 BRAVO)	HUE
I	AMERICAL DIV NGLO	See Para 410c	CHU LAI
I	196TH LIGHT INF BRIGADE	"	VARIOUS
I	198TH LIGHT INF BRIGADE	"	VARIOUS
I	11TH LIGHT INF BRIGADE	"	VARIOUS
I	1ST SQUADRON 1ST ARM REG	"	VARIOUS
II	NGLO	SALTED FLAKES 26 OSCAR	NHA TRANG
II	SPOTTER	SALTED FLAKES 26 BRAVO	PHAN THIET
II	SPOTTER	SALTED FLAKES 26 CHARLIE	BAGI/LZ UPLIFT
II	SPOTTER	SALTED FLAKES 26 DELTA	PHAN RANG
II	SPOTTER	SALTED FLAKES 26 ECHO	TUY HOA
II	SPOTTER	TIGER 26 CHALIE	CAP ROK DIV
II	SPOTTER	WHITE HORSE 26 CHARLIE	9TH ROK DIV

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<u>CORPS</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CALL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
III	NGLO	ABBREVIATE 26 OSCAR	BIEN HOA
III	SPOTTER	ABBREVIATE 26 CHARLIE	BARIA
III	SPOTTER	ABBREVIATE 26 DELTA	HAM TAN
RSSZ	NGLO	HARTFORD 26 OSCAR	NHA BE
IV	NGLO	ADMISSION STUB 26 OSCAR	CAN THO
IV	SPOTTER	ADMISSION STUB 26 CHARLIE	TRA VINH
IV	SPOTTER	ADMISSION STUB 26 DELTA	BEN TRE

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<u>CKT</u>	<u>MARDIV</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>FREQ</u>	<u>EMISSION</u>
C21(M925)	FIRST	DIV NGF SUPPORT	3272.5(3271)KHZ	3A3J
C22(M1060)	FIRST	FM SPOT	47.4 MHZ	36F3
C22A(M653)	FIRST	SFCP LOCAL	46.25	36F3
C23(M9 )	FIRST	SFCP SPOT 1	2076.5(2075)KHZ	3A3J
C24(M790)	FIRST	SFCP SPOT 2	2301.5(2300)KHZ	3A3J
C25(M404)	FIRST	SFCP SPOT 3	6230.5(6229)KHZ	3A3J
C26(M64)	FIRST	AIR SPOT 1	239.9 MHZ	6A3
C27(M248)	FIRST	AIR SPOT 2	265.3 MHZ	6A3
(M366)	FIRST	DIV RAD BCN	55.05 MHZ	36F3
C28(M951)	THIRD	DIV NGF SUPPORT	4315.5(4314)KHZ	3A3J
C29(M852)	THIRD	DIV NGF CONTROL	8631.5(8630)KHZ	3A3J
C30(M269)	THIRD	SFCP SPOT 1 (P)	35.3 MHZ	36F3
(M967)	THIRD	SFCP SPOT 1 (S)	9942 KHZ	6A3
C31(M558)	THIRD	SFCP SPOT 2 (P)	42.8 MHZ	36F3
(M957)	THIRD	SFCP SPOT 2 (S)	3397.5(3396)KHZ	3A3J
C32(M464)	THIRD	SFCP SPOT 3 (P)	38.6 MHZ	36F3
(M851)	THIRD	SFCP SPOT 3 (S)	5129.5(5128)	3A3J
C33(M453)	THIRD	AIR SPOT 1 (P)	45.6 MHZ	36F3

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<u>CKT</u>	<u>MARDIV</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>FREQ</u>	<u>EMISSION</u>
(M661	THIRD	AIR SPOT 1 (S)	262.2 MHZ	6A3
C34(M1032)	THIRD	AIR SPOT 2 (P)	43.4 MHZ	36F3
(M1258)	THIRD	AIR SPOT 2 (S)	318.6 MHZ	6A3
C35 (M880)	THIRD	III MAR COMD I (P)	3845.5(3844)KHZ	3A3J
(M895)	THIRD	III MAR COMD I (S)	3329.5(3328)KHZ	3A3J
C36(M1013)	THIRD	III MAF COMD 2 (P)	2602 KHZ	1.08F1
(M898)	THIRD	III MAF COMD 2 (S)	8057 KHZ	1.08F1
C37(M294)	THIRD	II MAF TAC 1 (P)	33.3 MHZ	36F3
(M674)	THIRD	II MAF TAC 1 (S)	55.15 MHZ	36F3



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USMC/USA/ROKMC CALL SIGNS

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>CALL</u>
<u>USMC</u>	
CG, III MAF	PUNJAB
CG, PROV CORPS V	SELECTMAN
CG, 101ST ABN DIV	BOLD EAGLE
CG, FIRST MARDIV	SEASIDE
CG, TASK FORCE X-RAY	SANDHURST
ADC, FIRST MARDIV	DANNYBROOK
AIR OBSV, FIRST MARDIV	BENCHMARK
FIRST MARINE REG	BIG FLOWER
FIRST BN, FIRST MARINES	MILLBROOK
SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES	CAROUSEL
THIRD BN, FIRST MARINES	FLAKY SNOW
THIRD MARINE REG	FIRE RAIDER
FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES	CANDY TUFT
SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES	ANDREW
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES	FIGHTING MAD
FOURTH MARINE REG	GULF MAID
FIRST BN, FOURTH MARINES	SMITTY
SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES	DIXIE DINER
THIRD BN, FOURTH MARINES	DARTING STAR
FIFTH MARINE REG	OFFSPRING
FIRST BN, FIFTH MAR REG	NAIL BRUSH
SECOND BN, FIFTH MAR REG	ROCK MAT
THIRD BN, FIFTH MAR REG	TERRAPIN
SEVENTH MAR REG	IMPRESSIVE
FIRST BN, SEVENTH MAR REG	HANWORTH
SECOND BN, SEVENTH MAR REG	DEFEND
THIRD BN, SEVENTH MAR REG	BEECHNUT
NINTH MAR REG	DRAKE POOL
FIRST BN, NINTH MAR REG	GARDEN VALLEY
SECOND BN, NINTH MAR REG	GRASSHOPPER
THIRD BN, NINTH MAR REG	CHAIN WORK
TWENTY-SIXTH MAR REG	INTRIGUE
FIRST BN, TWENTY-SIXTH MAR REG	BLACK BUD
SECOND BN, TWENTY-SIXTH MAR REG	HASTY FOOT
THIRD BN, TWENTY-SIXTH MAR REG	DUNBAR COUNTY
TWELFTH MARINE REG	AMERICAN BEAUTY

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FIRST BN, TWELFTH MAR REG  
SECOND BN, TWELFTH MAR REG  
THIRD BN, TWELFTH MAR REG  
FOURTH BN, TWELFTH MAR REG  
CG THIRD MARDIV  
ADC THIRD MARDIV  
AIR OBSERVER THIRD MARDIV  
FIRST BN, THIRTEENTH MAR REG  
TWENTY-SEVENTH MAR REG  
FIRST BN, TWENTY-SEVENTH MAR REG  
SECOND BN, TWENTY-SEVENTH MAR REG  
THIRD BN, TWENTY-SEVENTH MAR REG  
ELEVENTH MARINE REG  
FIRST BN, ELEVENTH MAR REG  
SECOND BN, ELEVENTH MAR REG  
THIRD BN, ELEVENTH MAR REG  
FOURTH BN, ELEVENTH MAR REG  
SECOND BN, THIRTEENTH MAR REG  
FIRST FIELD ARTY GROUP  
PROVISIONAL ARTILLERY BN COMMAND  
GROUP (GIO LINH)  
FIRST AMTRAC BN  
THIRD SHORE PARTY GN  
SPARROW HAWK

BEWARE  
ISTHMUS  
JOHN BROWN  
DESERT SAND  
BEACH BOY  
BULLDOZER  
SOUTHERN  
JACKSONVILLE  
FOX HOLE  
TO BE ASSIGNED  
ARGUMENT  
SIDEBELLS  
SALUTATION  
DESK WORK  
HEAD COLD  
SCREEN TEST  
PATTY SHELL  
HAMBONE  
HALLMARK

CENTIPEDE  
BADMINTON  
DAGMAR  
DEERFERN

USA

CG FIRST AIR CAV DIV  
CG AMERICAL DIV  
(See Para 410(C) concerning other U. S. Army Call Signs)

NAGSHEAD  
RAIDER

ROKMC

2ND BDE ROKMC NGLO  
1ST BN 2ND BRIG ROKMC  
2ND BN 2ND BRIG ROKMC  
3RD BN 2ND BRIG ROKMC  
5th BN 2ND BRIG ROKMC

PAST 26  
HAM SALAD  
LATIN REBEL  
NIGHT COVER  
SCORCHER

## Notes:

1. FSCC will suffix "BAILEY" or 26 to the parent unit call sign.
2. NGLO will suffix "26 OSCAR" to the call sign of the unit being supported.

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3. Naval Gunfire Spotter will suffix "26 CHARLIE" to the unit being supported.
4. "26 DELTA" suffix is a second NGF spotter designator used when another spotter has been previously designated "26 CHARLIE". Third spotter is assigned ECHO, etc.
5. Units involved in special landing force (SLF) operations will have different voice calls for each operation. These voice calls will be provided by the assigned communication coordinator when needed.
6. Ships assigned ICTZ will be requested to report to one of above units in CG III MAF utilization msg. The unit being reported to, will further assign ship to spotter, and will provide voice call for spotter and frequency.



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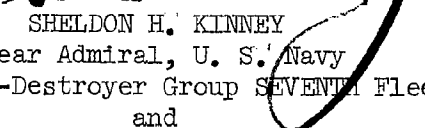
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APPENDIX III TO ANNEX F

U. S. ARMY FREQUENCY PLAN

<u>CKT</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>FREQ</u>	<u>EMISSION</u>
(S19)	AMERICAL NGLO (P)	3429.5(3428) KHZ	3A3J
	(S)	2743.5(2742) KHZ	3A3J
	11TH LT INF BDE NGF SPOT	46.0 MHZ	36F3
	196TH LT INF BDE NGF SPOT	32.2 MHZ	36F3
(M271)	198TH LT INF BDE NGF SPOT	37.3 MHZ	36F3
(M553)	1ST SQDN/1ST ACR NGF SPOT	37.8 MHZ	36F3
C19	1ST AIR CAV DIV NGLO	41.0 MHZ	36F3

  
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APPENDIX IV TO ANNEX FMARKET TIME FREQUENCY PLAN

<u>CTF 115</u> <u>DESIG</u>	<u>CKT USAGE</u>	<u>FREQ(KHZ)</u>	<u>EMISSION</u>	<u>M/T AREA</u>
	NORTHERN COORD			
S-2A	AND REPORTING (P)	3451.5(3450)	3A3J	1 AND 2
S-2B	(S)	4086.5(4085)	3A3J	1 AND 2
S-2C	(T)	8501.5(8500)	3A3J	1 AND 2
	NORTH CENTRAL			
	COORD AND RE-			
	PORTING (P)	2499.5(2498)	3A3J	3
S-3A	(S)	3636.5(3635)	3A3J	3
S-3B	(T)	8295.5(8294)	3A3J	3
S-3C				
	SOUTH CENTRAL			
	COORD AND RE-			
	PORTING (P)	4269.5(4268)	3A3J	4 AND 5
S-4A	(S)	4316.5(4315)	3A3J	4 AND 5
S-4B	(T)	3457.5(3456)	3A3J	4 AND 5
S-4C				
	SOUTHERN COORD			
	AND REPORTING (P)	2159.5(2158)	3A3J	6 AND 7
S-5A	(S)	3731.5(3730)	3A3J	6 AND 7
S-5B	(T)	8390.5(8389)	3A3J	6 AND 7
S-5C				
	GULF OF THAI-			
	LAND COORD AND			
	REPORTING (P)	2739.5(2738)	3A3J	8 AND 9
S-6A	(S)	3270.5(3269)	3A3J	8 AND 9
S-6B	(T)	8211.5(8210)	3A3J	8 AND 9
S-6C				

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COMNAVFORV (NOC SAIGON)	MOOSE HUNTER
CTF 115 (MARKET TIME OP CENTER)	LATCH
CTG 115.1 (CSC DANANG)	ARTICLE
CTU 115.2.1 (CSC QUI NHON)	FLASHY
CTG 115.2 (CSC NHA TRANG)	HALO SHAMPOC
CTG 115.3 (CSC VUNG TAU)	SEPIA
CTG 115.4 (CSC AN THOI)	BARBADOS
USS KRISHNA (ARL-38)	CAPETOWN "T"



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APPENDIX V TO ANNEX F

REPUBLIC OF KOREA MARINE CORPS (ROKMC) FREQUENCY PLAN

<u>CKT</u>	<u>CORPS</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>FREQ</u>	<u>EMISSION</u>
M925	I	NGLO	3272.5(3271) KHZ	3A3J
M271	I	SFCP SPOT 1 (P)	37.3 MHZ	36F3
M306	I	SFCP SPOT 2 (S)	36.35 MHZ	36F3
M330	I	AIR SPOT (P)	236.3 MHZ	6A3
XS256	I	AIR SPOT (S)	227.7 MHZ	6A3
M		2ND BDE ROKMC NGLO	10286.5(10285) KHZ	3A3J



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ANNEX LREPORTS

1. General. The following **routine** reports concerning NGFS and related operations are required **from** units specified.

a. CTU 70.8.9

- (1) Relieving Report
- (2) Consolidated **Ships Status Report**
- (3) Monthly OPREP-5 **Summary**
- (4) Monthly Turnover **Item Message**
- (5) Periodic Availability **Message**
- (6) Fitness Reports

b. Ships

- (1) Turnover Material Receipt
- (2) Guns Up and Ready to Fire Report (GURF)
- (3) Daily OPREP-5
- (4) Daily Status Report
- (5) NGFS Ship/Spotter Reports
- (6) OPREP-3
- (7) Position Reports

2. CTU 70.8.9 Reports

a. Relieving Report. Commanders relieving as CTU 70.8.9 will submit a message relieving report upon assuming duties to CTG 70.8. Include NAVCOMMSTAPHIL as an info addee with the internal routing indicator "ATTN Fleet Locator".

b. Consolidated Ships Status Report. CTU 70.8.9 will submit a consolidated NGFS ships status report to the MARKET TIME Mail Carrier and all UNREP Ships servicing the MARKET TIME or CTZ Areas during the following forty-eight hours. Format as indicated in Appendix I.

c. Monthly OPREP-5 Summary. In order to provide all interested commanders with a complete listing of NGFS OPREP-5 reports submitted during the month, CTU 70.8.9 will submit an end of month classified message

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report to CTG 70.8 listing the name of each ship which conducted NGFS (including TF 115 ships) during the month and the serial number of the last OPREP-5 submitted. CTG 70.8 will cross-check the list and advise CTU 70.8.9 of concurrence or of any corrections necessary after which CTU 70.8.9 will promulgate the list to all OPREP-5 addressees.

d. Monthly Turnover Message. Once a month, CTU 70.8.9 will promulgate a message listing all effective turnover messages. Ships reporting will insure receipt of all listed items. (See paragraph 3.a.). Ships departing are responsible to turn over all required items in accordance with paragraph 5, Annex D.

e. Periodic Availability Message. NGFS availability will be promulgated by CTU 70.8.9 by message on a periodic basis, as required, assigning ships to specific areas, or operations. Availability messages will include the class of the ship and the period of availability. Changes will not be made to availability messages. In the event a change is required, a new availability message will be promulgated. See Appendix II. Upon receipt of the NGFS Availability Message, COMUSMACV or his designated CTZ representative can be expected to issue a PLANNED UTILIZATION Message containing specific NGFS ship assignments within the Corps Areas, or requesting that assets from one Corps Area be reassigned to another Corps Area. Unless otherwise directed by CTU 70.8.9, ships concerned will take the utilization message for action. If assets are not available to fulfill the requirements of the Planned Utilization Message, then assignments shall be made to best cover the requirements, and originator of the Planned Utilization Message shall be so informed. Additionally, using the same data CG III MAF and CG I FFORCEV promulgate NGFS ships utilization messages for ships assigned I and II CTZ respectively. See Tabs A and B to Appendix II for the format.

f. Fitness Reports. CTU 70.8.9 is encouraged to submit concurrent fitness reports for DD/IFS/LSMR's Commanding Officers. Inform CTG 70.8 by informal memorandum if report submitted.

### 3. Ship Reports

a. Turnover Material Receipt. Upon completion of turnover, inchopping ships will report by message "all turnover items received" or will list any items from the monthly turnover item message (as modified) which are missing with reasons therefore including any messages missing from turnover file.

b. Guns Up and Ready to Fire Report. When reporting to NGLO or spotter for the first time, ships will report their status and ammunition

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on board via the Spotter/GLO Net, using the "GURF" format. See Appendix III. All sections of the report will be encoded using KAK-183. The purpose of this report is to inform the NGLO/Spotter of all pertinent information needed to coordinate effective NGFS.

c. OPREP-5 Reports. These reports are to be submitted daily, for days on which NGFS missions are fired, for the 24-hour period 1601Z to 1600Z. In cases where a mission is begun prior to 1600Z and completed after 1601Z, it will be reported in two segments. CTU 70.8.9 will monitor OPREP-5 reports and direct corrections where needed. Backup copies of NGFS OPREP-5 reports will be submitted by airmail to:

- (1) Data Processing Branch  
NMCS Div J-3 Joint Staff  
Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301
- (2) Commander in Chief Pacific (J-35)  
FPO San Francisco 96610

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d. Daily Status Report. Each NGFS ship will submit a daily status report via NGFS ORESTES to CTU 70.8.9. (See Appendix V for format). Timely and accurate reports are necessary to coordinate UNREP planning, ship assignments, mail delivery, and communications. Reports will be made:

- (1) Upon reporting to TU 70.8.9
- (2) At 2400H each day
- (3) Upon detachment from TU 70.8.9

e. NGFS/Spotter Reports. The routine and situation ship/spotter NGFS reports, described in Appendix VI and NWIP 22-1(B), will be used whenever practical for brevity and security purposes. In addition, III MARDIV NGLO/Spotters require the number of VT and fuze time rounds expended each mission and total at the end of the day.

f. OPREP-3 Reports. OPREP-3 reports will be submitted for events over and above the current level of operations, such as when a TG 70.8.9 ship is under attack by enemy aircraft or naval forces, or for highly significant events deemed to be of a national interest by the on-scene commander or incidents which may seriously affect current operations. In incidents involving shore batteries, the use of an OPREP-3 is restricted to reporting only those incidents in which shore batteries inflict significant damage or heavy personnel casualties to surface ships. All incidents of lesser significance will be reported in the daily OPREP-5. The use of TALOS, Terrier,

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or TARTAR missiles against hostile aircraft will be reported by OPREP-3/Pinnacle and will normally be classified Secret.

A special OPREP-3 has been established to report accidental killing of civilians. This OPREP-3 will be sent as an immediate precedence message and the flag word "pinnacle" will be omitted from the standard OPREP-3 format. See Appendix VII for format.

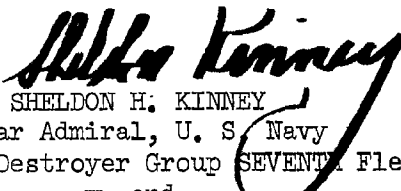
g. Spot Reports. A one time hostile fire spot report will be submitted for those incidents not covered by OPREP-3, i.e., ship receives hostile fire but sustains no direct hit. This report will be in a narrative format and will include but not be limited to the following items:

- (1) Time (Local) hostile fire received.
- (2) Ships position (Lat/Long)
- (3) Ships course, speed, and mission at time of incident
- (4) Number hostile rounds received and pattern/proximity of same
- (5) Grid coordinates of origin hostile fire.
- (6) Significant ELINT prior to hostile fire.
- (7) Evasive action taken and number counterbattery rounds expended

Submit spot reports to CTU 70.8.9 info COMSEVENTHFLT and CTG 70.8 by priority message. (NOTE: The term "counterbattery" will be used only when referring to own ship's gunfire. "Hostile fire" will refer to enemy action).

h. In addition to the other reports required above, ships assigned to Point Allison and Point Angela will submit to CTU 70.8.9 info CTG 70.8 upon arrival on station a message report of maximum effective gun range for their main battery (and secondary battery for battleship/cruisers) and percentage of gun wear, and will update weekly as of 0001 on each Monday.

i. NACO Powder Report. Comments on NACO Powder shall be submitted once each deployment by ships firing these charges after the last period of NGFS. See appendix IX for format.

  
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CONSOLIDATED NGFS SHIPS STATUS REPORT

1. The following message format will be used when making Consolidated NGFS Ships Status Reports:

FM: CTU 70.8.9  
TO: (ALL UNREP SHIPS SCHEDULED FOR MARKET TIME OR CTZ AREAS  
DURING NEXT FORTY-EIGHT HOURS/MARKET TIME MAIL CARRIER)  
INFO: TU 70.8.9/CTG 73.5/CTG 70.8/CTU 70.8.5/CTU 70.8.6/  
NAVCOMMSTA PHIL/NAVSTA SUBIC

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STATUS (U)

1. TU 70.8.9 STATUS AS OF (DATE) 2400H:

SHIP (NOTE 5)	POSIT (NOTE 1)	PCT FUEL (NOTE 2)	PCT AMMO (NOTES 2,3)	REMARKS (NOTE 4)
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NOTES:

- (1) REPORTED IN LATITUDE/LONGITUDE. INCLUDING CHECK SUM DIGIT.
- (2) REPORTED AS NEAREST WHOLE PERCENT.
- (3) REPORTED AS TOTAL PERCENT BOMBARDMENT AMMO ON BOARD (Bombardment ammo includes AP, HE-PD, HC, AAC, WP, Starshells, and VT, with percent aboard based on WESTPAC AAC allowance)/TOTAL PERCENT SECONDARY BATTERY BOMBARDMENT AMMO ON BOARD.
- (4) INCLUDES CTZ ASSIGNMENT/EXPECTED UNREP DATES/SKED RELIEF/DEPARTURES/ARRIVALS/SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS.
- (5) EMBARKED UNIT CDRS WILL BE LISTED.

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PERIODIC AVAILABILITY MESSAGE

EXAMPLE:

IMMEDIATE

(DATE TIME GROUP)

FM:	CTU 70.8.9	
TO:	COMUSMACV/CG III MAF/SA I CORPS/CG I FFORCE RVN/CG II FFORCE NHA	
	TRANG/CG II FFORCE LONG BINH/SA CTOC IV CTZ	
INFO:	MACVCOC	NGLO III CORPS
	CTF 115	NGLO IV CORPS
	COMSEVENTHFLT	NGLO RSSZ
	COMNAVFORV	DSA I CORPS
	PROV CORPS V PHU BAI	DSA II CORPS
	CTG 70.8	DSA III CORPS
	TG 73.5	CG AMERICAL DIV (NGLO)
	CTF 77	CG SECOND BDE ROKMC (NGLO)
	CTG 77.0	SACTOC I CORPS
	ALL TG CDRS TF 77	SACTOC II CORPS
	CTU 77.X.2 (LIST ALL SCREEN CDRS	SACTOC III CORPS
	ON YANKEE STATION)	SACTOC IV CORPS
	CTG 70.4 (WHEN ON YANKEE STATION)	CTF 73
	NAVSTA SUBIC	TU 70.8.9
	CG FIRST MARDIV	CTG 70.8
	CG THIRD MARDIV	CTG 115.1
	COMLANSHIPFLOT ONE	NAVCOMMSTA PHIL
	CSC DANANG	CTE 70.2.1.1
	CSC QUI NHON	USS KRISHNA/USS TUTUILA
	CSC NHA TRANG	(AS APPLICABLE)
	CSC VUNG TAU	(ALL SHIPS AVAILABLE)
	SUB UNIT ONE FIRST ANGLICO	
	NGLO I CORPS	
	NGLO II CORPS	

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SUBIC NOT ~~ADDEE~~, PASS TO NAVPHIL POSTAL OFFICER NGFS AVAILABILITY (U)

A. MY (LAST AVAILABILITY MSG).

1. REF A IS SUPERSEDED AS OF 150600H.
2. SHIPS AVAILABLE AND HEREBY ASSIGNED NGFS PERIOD 160600H TO 210600H.

CORPS	SHIP	CLASS	PERIOD	ETD TU 70.8.9	NOTES
I	SAINT PAUL (CA-73)	CA	16-21 MAY	03 JUNE	2
I	CARRONADE (IFS-1)	IFS	16-21 MAY	27 MAY	
I	BLUE (DD-744)	DD-692	16-21 MAY	06 JUNE	
II	HOPEWELL (DD-681)	DD-448	16-21 MAY	03 JUNE	
II	ROGERS (DD-876)	DD-710	16-19 MAY	19 MAY	3
III	MORTON (DD-948)	DD-945	16-21 MAY	30 MAY	
III	WHITE RIVER (LSMR-536)	LSMR	16-21 MAY	27 MAY	
IV	S.N. MOORE (DD-747)	DD-696	16-21 MAY	06 JUNE	
IV	NICHOLAS (DD-449)	DD-446	16-21 MAY	24 MAY	4

NOTES:

1. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ALL SHIPS AVAILABLE FROM 0600H TO 0600H EACH DAY.
2. ASSIGNED SUPPORT OPERATION BIG SHOT UNTIL 191200H. THENCE AVAILABLE I CTZ.
3. AVAILABLE FROM TG 77.5 UNTIL 200600H.
4. AVAILABLE FROM TG 77.8 COMMENCING 190600H. CONTACT ADMISSION STUB 26 OSCAR/CHARLIE FOR MISSION ASSIGNMENT.

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TAB:

- A - I CTZ Utilization Message  
B - II CTZ Utilization Message

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I CTZ UTILIZATION MESSAGE

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE (PRIORITY)

FROM: CG III MAF/SA I CORPS  
TO: CG FIRST MARDIV  
CG THIRD MARDIV  
CG AMERICAL DIVISION  
CG SECOND BDE ROKMC  
DSA I CORPS  
CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE  
CG FIRST AIR CAV DIV  
CG PROV CORPS V PHU BAI  
USS (SEE NOTE 1)

INFO: COMUSMACV  
CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT  
CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE  
SUB UNIT ONE, FIRST ANGLICO  
CG ROKFV  
CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
OIC SUBUNIT ONE FIRST ANGLICO SAIGON

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SUBJ: PLANNED UTILIZATION NGFS ALLOCATED I CTZ DATE TO DATE MONTH YEAR (C)

REF: A. PREVIOUS CG III MAF UTILIZATION MESSAGE  
B. CTU 70.8.9 APPLICABLE AVAILABILITY MESSAGE  
C. AS NECESSARY

1. REF A CANCELLED AND SUPERSEDED BY THIS MESSAGE.

2. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, SHIPS ALLOCATED I CTZ BY REF B TENTATIVELY  
ASSIGNED FSA AS FOLLOWS:

A. USS \_\_\_\_\_: AVAILABILITY PERIOD

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1. FSA (NOTE 2)
2. UNITS SUPPORTED (NOTE 3)
3. VOICE CALL OF UNIT REPORTING TO/CKT
4. INITIAL REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS AND/OR SPECIAL INSTRUCTION

NOTE 1: Ships listed in body of message. Ships will proceed to area indicated UNODIR by task unit commander.

NOTE 2: Northern - From DMZ to vicinity YD 922266 (Approximately 13,000 meters southeast of Cua Thuan An)  
Central - From vicinity YD 922266 (Approximately 13,000 meters southeast of Cua Thuan An) to approximately 3 3/4 nm south of mouth of Song Cua Dai (BT 2350)  
Southern - From approximately 3 3/4 nm south of mouth of Son Cua Dai vicinity BT 2350 to southern I CTZ boundary vicinity BS 9412

NOTE 3: This unit will be Third MARDIV or Prov Corps V in Northern FSA, First MARDIV in Central FSA, and AMERICAL DIV in Southern FSA. These units may not be the primary users of NGFS but are the major U.S. Tactical units in their respective areas and except for Prov Corps V, maintain 24-hour communications on NGF control nets. These stations act as CG III MAF deputies in their respective areas to ensure that mutual support of units in their areas is achieved with maximum utilization of the NGF support ship. Missions performed for these units will be on a not-to-interfere basis with specific missions assigned by CG III MAF or MAF COC.

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II CTZ UTILIZATION MESSAGE

PRECEDENCE: IMMEDIATE (PRIORITY)

FROM: CG I FFORCEV RVN  
TO: CG 22ND INF DIV QNH RVN  
CG CAP ROK DIV QNH RVN  
CG 9TH ROK DIV NINH RVN  
CG 2ND BDE 1ST AIR CAVDIV  
CO 3/506 ABN INF  
CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE  
USS (SEE NOTE 1)  
INFO: MACV COC  
CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT  
CDR ROK FV SGN  
DSA II CTZ  
SR I FFORCEV LNO TO CAPT ROK DIV  
CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE  
SR I FFORCEV LNO TO 9TH ROK DIV  
SUB UNIT ONE, FIRST ANGLICO

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SUBJ: PLANNED UTILIZATION NGFS ALLOCATED II CTZ DATE TO DATE MONTH YEAR (C)

REF: A. PREVIOUS UTILIZATION MESSAGE  
B. CTU 70.8.9 APPLICABLE AVAILABILITY MESSAGE  
C. (AS NECESSARY)

1. REF A CANCELLED AND SUPERSEDED BY THIS MESSAGE.

2. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, SHIPS ALLOCATED II CTZ BY REF B TENTATIVELY  
ASSIGNED FSA AS FOLLOWS:

A. USS \_\_\_\_\_

1. FSA
2. VOICE CALL OF UNIT REPORTING TO/CKT
3. INITIAL REPORTING STATION (REF APP V, ANNEX D)
4. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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NOTE 1: Ships listed in body of message. Ships will proceed to area indicated UNODIR by task unit commander.



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APPENDIX III TO ANNEX L

"GURF" REPORT

PRECEDENCE

DATE TIME GROUP

FM: (VOICE CALL OF SHIP)  
TO: (VOICE CALL OF NGFLO/SPOTTER)

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GURF REPORT (U)

ALFA. ORIGINATOR (CALL SIGN) AND CTG OF MSG ASSIGNING SHIP TO NGFS DUTY.  
BRAVO. DTG (LOCAL TIME) OF COMMENCEMENT AND END OF NGFS ASSIGNMENT.  
CHARLIE. PRESENT POSIT (IN GRID COORDINATES)  
DELTA. MAXIMUM RANGE OF GUNS BY BATTERY IF BELOW NEW GUN RANGE DUE TO  
EROSION, AND ANY REDUCED NGFS CAPABILITY REGARDING ARMAMENT LISTED  
IN GUN 13.  
ECHO. AMMUNITION ON BOARD AVAILABLE FOR NGFS. USE BELOW CODE TO MAKE  
LISTING PRIOR TO ENCRYPTION.

CALIBER

PROJECTILE

POWDER

T-3/50  
R-5/38  
M-5/54

1-AAC (HE-MTF)  
2-AP  
5-COMM  
6-HC (HE-PD)

F-FULL CHG  
R-REDUCED CHG

7S-MK 7 SSR  
10S-NK 10 SSR  
12S-MK 12 SSR  
D-6" and 8"

7-ILLUM  
8-VT  
11-WP

EXAMPLE: 6R850 - INDICATES HC 5/38 850 PROJECTILES  
8T2300 - INDICATES VT 3/50 2300 ROUNDS  
RR68 - INDICATES 5/38 REDUCED CHARGES

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FOXTROT. DTG (LOCAL) AND DURATION, LOCATION AND NATURE OF KNOWN OR  
ANTICIPATED UNREP OR PERIOD OF ABSENCE FROM GUNLINE.  
HOTEL. ANY OTHER INFORMATION DETERMINED TO BE OF VALUE TO SUPPORTED  
UNIT.

NOTE 1: ALL GROUPS EXCEPT CALL SIGNS ARE TO BE ENCRYPTED USING KAC-183.

NOTE 2: LETTERS IN PARAGRAPH ECHO OF GURF REPORT ARE FIRST LETTERS OF  
CODE NAME FOR AMMUNITION CALIBER (DURANT, RICHENBACKER, ETC.)  
AND SHOULD ALSO BE ENCRYPTED.



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OPREP 5 REPORTS

1. Appendix IV to Annex L contains SECRET information and, therefore, is bound and issued separately to permit handling in accordance with its classification.



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DAILY STATUS REPORT

1. The following message format will be used when making daily Status Reports:

FM: (SHIPS NAME)  
 TO: CTU 70.8.9.

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NGFS SHIP STATUS REPORT AS OF \_\_\_\_\_ H (NOTE 1)

ALPHA: PIM FOR NEXT TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PERIOD, USING TWO LETTER FOUR DIGIT UTM GRID SYSTEM TO REPORT POSITIONS (NOTE 2)

BRAVO: PERCENT FUEL REMAINING AND DATE OF NEXT EXPECTED REFUELING. (NOTE 3)

CHARLIE: AMMO REMAINING AND DATE OF NEXT EXPECTED REARMING. REPORT AS PRIMARY BATTERY AMMO/SECONDARY BATTERY AMMO. (NOTE 4)

DELTA: MISSIONS FIRED/NOT FIRED (NOTE 5)

ECHO: BRIEF NARRATIVE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PROBLEMS DURING DAYS OPERATIONS. WHERE APPLICABLE, LIST

FOXTROT: OUTSTANDING CASREPTS OR OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY EFFECT SHIPS CAPABILITY TO CARRY OUT A MISSION.

NOTES:

(1) Report as of 2400H that date except arrival and departure reports, when actual arrival or departure time will be used.

(2) A. Include check sum digit in UTM POSITS, as YS 3035/1.

B. For arrival report give initial POSIT and anticipated movements until 2400H that date.

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C. For departure report give POSIT departed from NGFS Station and next port or Task Organization, as: BN4526/7 ENR Subic, or BT 6805/9 ENR TG 77.8.

D. Include estimated times and rendezvous position for UNREPS when known, as:

180001-181000H AU 9580/2  
 181000-181300H BU 3020/5 UNREP  
 181300-182400H AU 9500/4

E. Indicate long periods enroute between NGFS Missions, or when PIM is unknown, as:

180001-180800H CR 0586/9  
 180800-181300H ENR CQ 2550/2  
 181300-182000H ON STA  
 182000-182400H UNK

(3) Report to the nearest whole percent. Include check SUM digit and name of next UNREP AO/AOE, if known.

(4) Itemize ammo remaining by number of rounds each type and percentage of overall WESTPAC allowance. Include check SUM digit and name next UNREP ship, if known.

(5) If missions were fired during previous twenty-four hours, Item DELTA should read QUOTE OPREP-5 (NUMBER) REFERS UNQUOTE. If no missions were fired, Item DELTA should read QUOTE NO MISSIONS UNQUOTE.



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APPENDIX VI TO ANNEX LNGFS SHIP/SPOTTER REPORTS

1. The reports contained in this Appendix are those reports used by the NGFS ships to supply information to spotters.
2. The following reports are required:

<u>REPORT NAME</u>	<u>REPORT REQUIRED</u>
CANDY	When mission begins.
SUGAR	When mission ends.
HONEY	Upon receipt of new target within original mission.
SPICE	When ammunition is reduced by 20% increments.
PICKLE	When assigned target is not fired on.
SALT	When reporting damage assessment.
PEPPER	When reporting current ammunition remaining.

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3. The following table indicates the information required in each of the reports listed above.

ITEM	CANDY	SUGAR	HONEY	SPICE	PICKLE	SALT	PEPPER	
ALPHA	X							Type Mission-
BRAVO	X	X	X		X	X		Target No/Co-ordinates
CHARLIE	X		X		X	X		Target Description
DELTA	X							Battery - Main/Secondary
ECHO	X							Control
FOXTROT		X				X		Damage Assessment
GOLF		X				X		Ammo Expended (Code)
HOTEL				X				Remainder % Bombardment Ammo
INDIA					X			Reason Target Not Fired On
JULIETT							X	Ammo Remaining Summary (Code)
LIMA	X							Grid Square (4 Digits in Clear)
MIKE	X							Maximum Ordinate In Feet

4. Care must be exercised in preparing the above reports to ensure that all information potentially of use to the enemy is encoded using current applicable codes.

5. Code words and procedures for ammunition reports are taken from JANAP 144.

a. 3"/50	TUCKER	AAC (HE-MTF)	1
5"/38	RICKENBACKER	AP	2
5"/54	MARMON	AP (INERT)	3
5" SSR	STANLEY STEAMER	BL&T/BL&P	4
6"	DURANT	COM	5
8"	DURANT	HC (HE-PD)	6

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ILL	7
VT	8
VT-NF	9
W	10
WP	11

b. Precede the ammunition code word with the type code number and follow it with the number of rounds. Example: One Rickenbacker Forty means 40 rounds of 5"/38 AAC.

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OPREP-3 REPORT

FM: (SHIP OR UNIT CDR)  
TO: CINCPAC/NMCC/CINCPACFLT  
CNO  
COMSEVENTHFLT  
COMUSMACV  
COMNAVFORV  
CTF 115  
CTF 77  
ALL TG CDRS TF 77  
CTG 70.4 (When on Yankee Station)  
CTG 70.8

Precedence

ACTION: FLASH  
INFO: IMMEDIATE OR LOWER

CTU 70.8.9  
CTE 70.2.1.1  
SA CTC ( ) CORPS  
CSC ( )  
AMEMB SAIGON  
COMCRUDESAC (See Note 5)  
ACNB (See Note 6)  
FOCAF (See Note 6)

(NOTE: The INFO addressees listed may be included as either INFO or ACTION. Choice of ACTION/INFO for a particular report depends on precedence deemed appropriate for that addressee for the particular report).

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JOPREP JIFFY/CMD (NOTE 1)/OPREP-3/PINNACLE/SERIAL (NOTE 2)

- A. REFERENCE (NOTE 3)
- A1. THE TYPE OF INCIDENT REPORTED
- A2. DATE OF INCIDENT
- A3. TO BE USED FOR CHANGE REPORT: INDICATE SERIAL NUMBER OF ORIGINAL OPREP-3 BEING CHANGED AND **THE** SEQUENTIAL CHANGE NUMBER.
- H. (RELATE IN NARRATIVE FORM SUCH INFORMATION AS WHAT IS HAPPENING,
- H1. OR ABOUT TO HAPPEN, LOCATION, TIME, FRIENDLY/ENEMY FORCES INVOLVED,
- H2. CASUALTIES, CAUSE OF **INCIDENT** AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION.
- ETC ON ALL REPORTS INDICATE EITHER "AMPLIFYING INFORMATION TO FOLLOW" OR "LAST REPORT THIS **INCIDENT**"). (Note 4)

NOTE:

- 1. Command designated as reporting unit.

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2. Serialize reports beginning with 001 as of 0001Z on the first day of each month. As additional or corrected information becomes available send change reports. The serial number of a change report will be the next consecutive serial number to the last OPREP-3 submitted whether it was an original report or a change report.
3. The word "REFERENCE" will appear.
4. Use narrative form. In each subsequent subdivision of paragraph H, include as applicable, such specific information as:
  - a. Hostile act, and nature and degree of certainty of the act.
  - b. Identity of attacker if known, or action in progress to identify attacker.
  - c. Own forces (position, composition, disposition, courses, speeds and times).
  - d. Bearing, distance, course, speed maneuvers and CPA of each contact held.
  - e. Friendly, passive, or hostile acts observed, range at which fire commenced, maneuvers noted, etc.
  - f. Description of action, including condition of readiness, weapons systems used, acquisition range by fire control radar, correlation of information held by various sensors in own and other ships, etc.
  - g. Effects of enemy action on own forces, details of damage sustained.
  - h. Effects of own action on enemy, and how estimate was obtained.
  - i. Description of contact, including radar, sonar or ECM data.
  - j. Photographs obtained, or physical evidence.
  - k. Exchange of communications with contacts.
  - l. Meteorological data.
  - m. Intentions.
5. Include COMCRUDESPEC as info addressee in those instances wherein a ship has sustained material damage and/or personnel casualties.

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6. Include as addressees on any report originated by R.A.N. ships or any report of an incident involving an R.A.N. ship.



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APPENDIX VIII TO ANNEX L

NGFS TURNOVER MATERIAL RECEIPT

1. The following message format will be used when reporting receipt of turnover items.

FROM: (SHIPS NAME)

TO: CTU 70.8.9

INFO: (NAME SHIP FROM WHICH TURNOVER ITEMS RECEIVED)

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NGFS TURNOVER ASSETS (U)

1. FOLLOWING ITEMS RECEIVED FROM (SHIP NAME):

- A. NUMBER N/PRC-25 TRANSCEIVERS BY SERIAL
- B. NUMBER HAND SETS 4-138 STUB
- C. NUMBER ANTENNA SET 2 WHIP/STUB
- D. NUMBER ANTENNA SUPPORTS: WHIP/STUB
- E. NUMBER ANTENNA COTTON DUCK BAGS CW-503/PRC-25
- F. NUMBER BACK PACKS T-138/PRC-25
- G. NUMBER TECH MANUALS
- H. NUMBER SPARE BATTERIES 343867

2. INDICATE CONDITION OF EQUIPMENT IF OTHER THAN SATISFACTORY.

3. ALL TURNOVER MESSAGES RECEIVED.



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APPENDIX IX TO ANNEX I

NACO POWDER REPORT

1. The following format will be used when submitting the report on NACO Powder prior to outchop for all ships firing it. Negative reports are not desired.

FROM: (SHIP'S NAME)

TO: CTG 70.8

INFO: CTU 70.8.9

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NACO POWDER REPORT (U)

1. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON NACO POWDER ARE BASED ON EXPENDITURE OF  
(NUMBER OF ROUNDS) ROUNDS:

- A. DAY/NIGHT UNIVERSITALLY
- B. BORE EROSION REDUCTION
- C. SHOCK DAMAGE REDUCTION
- D. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS DESIRED



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ANNEX MMEASURES TO PREVENT MUTUAL INTERFERENCE

1. Ships shall maintain an alert electronic and visual surveillance for aircraft during firing periods. Ships shall check fire if at any time it appears that aircraft, other than those assigned for spotting, will pass through, over, or near the line of fire or impact area. All ships will insure that a continuous, close guard on Fleet Common (277.8 MHz) is maintained.
2. Advisory personnel at each Corps TOC will screen requests for missions to ensure the units providing NGFS or air strikes do not interfere with each other while conducting their assigned missions. To further ensure flight safety the following action will be taken.
  - a. As a standard procedure, the senior advisor in each Corps will insure Corps TOC informs the Direct Air Support Center (DASC) and the Army Aviation Element (AAE) of approved NGFS missions and expected maximum ordinate of fire.
  - b. 7th Air Force will assume responsibility through DASC, Tactical Air Coordination/Command Reporting Post (CRP) for notifying Tactical Air Control Center and for notifying VNAF/USAF/USMC operated air facilities situated in coastal areas of impending NGFS missions. In addition, CRP will notify Director Civilian Aviation (DCA) Saigon area control center at least 30 minutes prior to the time of impending NGFS missions which will effect airspace within five (5) nautical miles of Phan Thiet, Phang Rang, Tuy Hoa, Quang Ngai and Bong Son Airfields.
  - c. C.O. 336th Tactical Fighter Wing is informed by I Corps TOC of NGFS mission if target is within 10 nautical miles of Danang. C.O. 23rd Air Base Group will advise TOC/U.S. Forces FSCC if conditions exist which would preclude conduct of NGFS mission.
  - d. In the I Corps Marine Tactical Areas of Responsibility (TAOR's) standard restrictive fire plans will be instituted by the appropriate FSCC.
  - e. Prior to commencing each mission, the NGFS spotter should inform the NGFS ship that a "SAVAPLANE" has been issued for the mission. The "SAVAPLANE", similar to a NOTAM, indicates to the fire ship that all

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appropriate aviation agencies have been notified of the impending mission and includes the following information:

- (1) Grid Square of Firing Ship
- (2) Grid Square of Target
- (3) Time Commence Firing
- (4) Anticipated Time Last Round
- (5) Maximum Ordinate in Feet

If "SAVAPLANE" information is not provided, the firing ship should inquire from the spotter whether a "SAVAPLANE" notice has been issued for the mission. "SAVAPLANES" are designated by letter, number of letter-number combination, provided by the spotter. Aircraft are required to check in with the DASC for the TAOR through which they are flying and find out what "SAVAPLANES" are in effect. They are required to remain clear of "SAVAPLANE" areas.

3. In order to prevent mutual interference with Market Time Operations, ships assigned to TU 70.8.9 submit position reports to appropriate CSC on Market Time coordination reporting net using KAK 138. Posits are to be sent at 2000, 2400, and 0400 local and additionally during periods of low visibility at 0800, 1200, and 1600 local time.

4. There is no authorization at present for NGFS ships to land combat landing parties to participate in operations ashore in Vietnam, nor is it envisioned that any situation will arise which will require use of NGFS ships personnel for this purpose in the foreseeable future. If an exceptional circumstance does arise in which forces ashore request ship landing party assistance, the Commanding Officer will make every effort to obtain prior approval from higher authority in the SEVENTH Fleet Chain of Command and will keep ALCON advised by frequent SITREPS. In addition, the Commanding Officer must make a thorough estimate of the situation and weigh possible consequences against expected results before committing ships' forces.

5. No watercraft shall be taken under naval gunfire, or any other armed attack unless:

a. The target craft has been certified as non-friendly by the cognizant Coastal Surveillance Center for the particular area; or

b. The target craft has identified itself as non-friendly by conducting offensive operations or acting in a manner which indicates with reasonable certainty, an intent to attack U.S. or friendly forces, including the unauthorized landing of troops or material on friendly territory, in accordance with Rules of Engagement.

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6. Fire control radars will not be locked on friendly aircraft proceeding north or west without permission from the AAWC. Aircraft returning to Yankee Team carriers may be locked on with the permission of the pilot only.



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ANNEX OLOGISTICS

1. Cruisers and destroyers of TU 70.8.9 are provided logistic support through underway replenishment provided by TG 73.5. Because of the distance involved and other commitments of TG 73.5, NGFS ships may be required to depart the line for significant periods of time to UNREP. The question of when and how often to depart the line to UNREP is sometimes a difficult one, depending on the situation, and no hard and fast rules should be made. Spotters are not normally in a position to judge ship's logistics requirements. It is therefore mandatory that early agreement be reached between the ship and the supported unit concerning off the line UNREP periods. Proper liaison and coordination will prevent misunderstandings. If agreement cannot be reached, CTU 70.8.9 must be informed in sufficient time to take appropriate action. CTU 70.8.9 will determine the rendezvous schedule and order alongside based on requirements submitted to the underway replenishment ships, for all ships assigned to the DMZ and Hue areas. Commanding Officers will insure that CTU 70.8.9 has all the information concerning the operational situation in order to adjust his UNREP schedule. The senior CO/Unit Commander will coordinate DMZ area UNREPS in the absence of CTU 70.8.9.

2. AE's will average eight days on Yankee Station and three days servicing Corps areas with a resultant cycle of three to five days for Corps areas. AO's will service Market Time areas one through nine from North to South on a three to four day cycle. Underway replenishments other than ammunition will be conducted as follows: TU 73.5 units will promulgate a PIM and availability message. TU 70.8.9 units will submit requirement and rendezvous instructions direct to the UNREP ship info CTG 73.5, twenty-four hours in advance. Requests for additional unscheduled UNREPS or for changes in dates of scheduled UNREPS will be addressed to CTG 73.5 for action, with info to UNREP units involved, CTU 70.8.9 and CTF 73. UNREP units will advise of ability/inability to comply and CTG 73.5 will direct appropriate action. TU 70.8.9 units have DIRLAUTH with TG 73.5 ships in all matters relating to underway replenishment. 5"/38 rearming in II, III, and IV Corps areas is primarily provided by deck loaded AO's. 5"/54 will be carried by AO's only when specific requirement exists and will not normally be available for southern CTZ's. All 5"/38 NGFS ships will top off from AO's when ammunition is available.

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3. IFS/LSMR rearming capability is established at Cam Ranh Bay. Limited repair facilities are available at NAVSUPPACT DET Cam Ranh Bay and, when present, from the assigned repair ship. Appropriate advance planning by established liaison with the NAVSUPPACT will make the rearming period of approximately three days a meaningful short availability.

4. Cam Ranh Bay has a 45 day stock level (30,000 rounds) of five inch spin stabilized rockets (SSR). Limited quantities of 5"/38 (500 rounds) and 40 MM (11,200 rounds) gun ammunition are also available to provide additional IFS/LSMR support.

If no high priority NGFS missions are anticipated, CTU 70.8.9 should order IFS/LSMR ships to Cam Ranh Bay for rearming when on board SSR ammunition level has reached 20%. The rearming message shall include as info addrees, COMSEVENTHFLT, CTF 73, CTF 76, COMNAVFORV, CTG 70.8, CTF 115, CTU 73.1.2, CTU 70.8.5, COMNAVSUPPACT Saigon, COMNAVSUPPACT DET Cam Ranh Bay, COMLANSHIPFLOT 1, and nearest ARL (Tutuila/Krishna).

Upon arrival, IFS/LSMR will notify CTU 70.8.9 of approximate time of return to assigned NGFS station.

5. To insure that an adequate reserve of ammunition for self defense and emergency missions is maintained, whenever any type of gun ammunition is expended down to 25% of allowance, that type will be placed in an EMERGENCY-USE-ONLY status. Notify the Corps NGLO/Spotter and CTU 70.8.9 info CTG 70.8 and CTG 73.5 when this occurs. CTU 70.8.9 is authorized to waive the emergency-use-only status at his discretion when specific circumstances dictate.

6. Emergency-use-only status is **not** applicable for rocket ammunition for the IFS/LSMR. Rocket ammunition **will** continue to be resupplied at Cam Ranh Bay and Subic Bay. It is anticipated that all, or nearly all, rocket ammunition will be expended prior to departing the line. IFS/LSMR's will keep CTU 70.8.9 and CTG 70.8 informed of the ship's ammunition status and will recommend a schedule for replenishment/turn around.

7. IFS/LSMR's are authorized to load additional MK 10 HE (5000 yard) SSR when MK 7 SSR's are not available.

8. If the need arises, Cam Ranh Bay facilities may be used to rearm DD's. Request permission from NAVSUPPACT DET, Cam Ranh Bay, thru CTU 70.8.9. This facility is only to be used in an emergency.

9. Metal projectile, pallets and adapters are fleet return items in short supply in WESTPAC. They are not to be discarded, but are to be returned to NAVMAG/AE at the first opportunity. AO's will accept retrograde cargo

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for return or deep water disposal as appropriate. When returning empty brass extreme care must be taken to insure that no rounds of live ammunition are returned as "empty"

10. Two pieces of extra VHF communications equipment are provided each ship for their tour on the gun-line. One AN/VRC-46 will be picked up at Yokosuka or Subic from CTU 70.8.1 or CTU 70.8.5, and retained until the last logistics port prior to outchop. Upon reporting to the gunline, ships will receive from the ship they relieve or from another TU 70.8.9 unit, one AN/PRC-25. The PRC-25 will be returned prior to departure from TU 70.8.9. Both equipments must be maintained in operating condition.

11. A 90 day stock of 16 inch ammunition is planned to be positioned at NAVMAG Subic. When this requirement is met, additional rounds up to 750 will be positioned at Cam Ranh Bay as backup. Major replenishments will take place in Subic Bay. But to provide required flexibility, AE's will be equipped to rearm underway. It is expected that AE's will carry approximately 100 rounds of 16 inch ammunition.

12. Criteria for Re-gunning. When bore erosion gauge readings (BEGR) or star gauge readings (SGR) indicate that the gun barrel has reached 70 percent expenditure, a message request for regunning shall be submitted to CTG 70.8. This will facilitate scheduling and positioning of replacement barrels.

In order to further allow for planning, SITREPS will be forwarded to CTG 70.8 when the situation warrants; for example, a prolonged period of gunfire or rapid rate of fire may appreciably wear the barrel sooner than previously expected. Although barrels will normally be replaced when 100 percent expended, other factors may dictate early re-gunning, e.g., liner cracks or peeling. Close monitoring of barrel wear is essential when barrels have reached 70 percent expenditure.



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ANNEX VPUBLIC AFFAIRS

Ref: (a) COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-(YR), Annex V  
 (b) CTG 70.8 Public Affairs Guide

1. Naval Gunfire Support missions conducted by units of TU 70.8.9 are considered highly newsworthy. The task unit commanders and commanding officers are responsible for ensuring that news of significant missions reaches CTE 70.2.1.1 by the fastest means available.

a. News Releases. In accordance with references (a) and (b), timely and factual news releases will be submitted by PRIORITY precedence, CONFIDENTIAL message. Colorful quotes by spotters and by key officers and men regarding the mission are desired.

(1) Units firing missions in support of specific operations will mention the name of the operation in proposed press releases for continuity of daily releases in Saigon.

(2) The last sentence in all presrels will state "This unit (not) sked Hong Kong visit (date)".

(3) Units scheduled to visit Hong Kong within 30 days will not file proposed releases except in the case of especially newsworthy missions.

(4) Stories not dependent on timeliness for release will be mailed to Saigon.

(5) Stories not pertaining to the Vietnam War will be released to news media directly from individual ships.

(6) Do not list Stars and Stripes as an addressee on message presrels. Rather, request COMNAVFORJAPAN pass story to Stars and Stripes.

b. News Media Embarkations. One of the most effective means of telling the Navy's story to the public is through direct exposure by visits of news media representatives to fleet units.

(1) CTE 70.2.1.1, through CTG 70.8 and CTU 70.8.9 will plan embarks

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in NGFS units. A designated public affairs officer will usually accompany newsmen on these embarks but security at the source still pertains.

(2) Naval communications (Priority precedence) has been authorized for the transmission of news copy from embarked newsmen to CTE 70.2.1.1 on a not-to-interfere basis. Such messages should include disposition instructions for CTE 70.2.1.1.

2. Ships Damaged by Enemy Fire. Ships sustaining personnel casualties or serious damage resulting from enemy fire will transmit by IMMEDIATE precedence CONFIDENTIAL message to CTE 70.2.1.1, information copies to CTG 70.8, CTU 70.8.9, COMCRUDESPAC, and COMSEVENTHFLT, a proposed press release containing the facts immediately available, describing the ship's mission, action (including supporting action by other services, if any), location, ship damage, number of personnel casualties (KIA, WIA, MIA) and time of the event. Speed and accuracy are important, not journalistic style. Include in the initial press release message a statement whether or not news media representatives were embarked.

  
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CG, III MAP, DANANG, RVN

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3d Sqdn 5th AC (-)(Rein)

Trp B, 3d Sqdn 5th AC  
 Co C, 2d Bn, 34th Armor  
 Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th AC  
 Co A, 1st Bn, 502d, 101st Abn Div  
 40 - - - (Bn 3rd MAR C-)(REIN)

Task Force Robbie

Det, Hq Bn  
 Co C (-) 3d Tank Bn  
 Det, 3d MT Bn  
 Det, 3d Engr Bn  
 1st Plt Co A 5th AT Bn  
 Det, 1st Bn 44th Arty USA

## 1. MISSION

Commencing on D+3 Task Force Kilo and designated elements of the 3d Marine Division continue offensive operations to search and destroy enemy forces and installations in designated areas of Leatherneck Square.

## 2. CONCEPT

a. On D+1 Task Force Kilo, composed of US and ARVN forces, continue the combined coordinated attack to destroy enemy forces and installations within Leatherneck Square.

b. Commencing at H-Hour D+3 9th Marines (-) establishes blocking positions along COB's A-4 to C-3, attacks to the south to seize Objectives JILL and DOTTY, prepared to continue the attack to the south on order from Phase Line BLUE.

c. Commencing at H-Hour D+3 2d ARVN Regt (-) through cooperation and coordination with the 3d Marine Division from assembly area vicinity of YD 190717 attacks to the south in coordination with 3d Bn 3d Marines to seize Objectives ANN and SUE and be prepared to continue the attack from Phase Line BLUE.

d. On order the 3d Sqdn of the 5th Armored Cav establishes blocking positions I and II to deny the enemy egress to the east from designated areas of Leatherneck Square.

e. On order Task Force Robbie establishes blocking positions III and IV to deny the enemy egress to the south from designated areas of Leatherneck Square.

f. Coordinating instructions

(1) Objective area. That area south of East/West grid line 75, east of North/South grid line 10, north of East/West grid line 60 and west of North/South grid line 27.

(2) Objectives, zones of action, blocking positions, and phase lines see Annex ALFA (Operation Overlay).

(3) Transportation to be provided for the return of 3d Bn 3d Marines at termination of operation. Details to be provided when firm.

26<sup>th</sup> MAR - 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cav Div WANTS  
to put a <sup>AF</sup> WEATHER TM W/LN  
O. 1 off & 2 ENL. Perm.

3<sup>d</sup> MAR - 1. CONTACT -  
2. CROSS Phase Line on ORDER. Rept  
HRR AT PL.  
3. Supporting Plans to Fwd'd to us by  
AM 28 MARCH

1. 28 / 400 H. Meeting on Annex K desire 9<sup>th</sup> Mar  
Rep to attend.

2. 3/5 - on Dir Tac 2 call sign Double Eagle  
Mike.

arrange Trans. for 3-5 people &

3. A/1/502 to <sup>vic</sup> TC-1. Pm D-3

4. Coc Publish D-Day - 11 Hours

5. get 3<sup>d</sup> Mar to ask for extra

lv. 3<sup>d</sup> Mar  
Arrive Adv  
3 of 5<sup>th</sup> on Tac 2 → 1800 PM 29<sup>th</sup>  
all others to 2A.

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## HEADQUARTERS

3D SQUADRON 5TH CAVALRY

9TH INFANTRY DIVISION

APO 96370

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
010001H to 012400H MAR 68 (U)

TO: GOC, 3d Mar Div

## 1. (C) Operations Summary

## a. General:

- (1) 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 3d Mar Div. CP rear loc vic YD224589. Forward CP loc vic YD219675.
- (2) HHT, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Provisional Scout Section furnished two tracks as escort for log convoy to B Trp and C Trp forward pen. They also provided two tracks for security of Sqn Forward CP.
- (3) Trp A, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 101st Abn Div. Trp A received an unknown amount of small arms fire at YD614086 resulting in one indiv wounded. Delayed Entry: On 31 Mar 68 a medic attached to A Trp was wounded as a result of hostile small arms fire vic YD614086. Details unknown.
- (4) Trp B, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Seized obj Elm vic YD191736. Trp B RON loc YD195733.
- (5) Trp C, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 2d Regt (ARVN). Remained at its present loc at obj Kilo vic YD245722. At 0821H vic YD245708, an APC from 1st Plt (C-15) hit a pressure type mine blowing off the left rear road wheel and damaging the idler wheel. There were three (3) indiv injured. At 1405H vic YD238717, an APC from 1st Plt (C-12) hit a pressure type mine blowing off the 2d and 3d road wheels on the left side. There was one indiv slightly injured. At 1917H vic YD242718, G Trp VTR (C-82) hit a pressure type mine resulting in the right track, 2d road wheel and road wheel arm being blown off. There were no indiv injured. One indiv previously listed as WHA on 30 Mar 68 died of wounds today.
- (6) Trp D, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 3d Bde, 9th Inf Div. Aero Scout Section furnished four OH-23 C&C ships to Sqn Hq.
- (7) Co C, 2/34 Armor: 3d Plt remained OPCON to C Trp, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav. C Co(-), 2/34 Armor continued security of Sqn Forward CP vic YD219675.
- (8) A/1-502 Abn: Remained OPCON to 3d Sqn, 5th Cav. 1st Plt OPCON to Trp B. A Co(-) seized obj Fir vic YD208744 at 0820H.

## b. Civil Affairs and Psyops: None

## c. Major Unit Action: None

## d. Small Unit Action: None

(U) Losses: US: RHA 1 (see 1a(5) above)

MHA 0

WHA 5 (see 1a(3) above)

NVA/VC: 0

3. (C) Plans Summary: A Trp remains OPCON to 101st Abn Div. Plans for remainder of 3d Sqn, 5th Cav to be determined.

4. (U) Coordination and Liaison: Continued with 3d Mar Div, 1st, 40th Arty, and 2d Regt (ARVN).

## ACKNOWLEDGE:

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 3d Marine Division (REIN) FMF  
 Dong Ha, South Vietnam

INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE OF THE EASTERN DMZ AREA NORTH OF ROUTE 9  
 BETWEEN NS GRID LINE YD00 AND NS GRID LINE YD18.

Ref: (a) AMS 1:50,000 series L7014, sheets 6441I and 6442II.  
 (b) Special Intelligence Study 21-67 (Eastern DMZ) of  
 22 September 1967.

Encl: J(1) Key terrain features and Helicopter landing zone  
 overlay  
 ✓(2) Order of Battle overlay  
 J(3) Enemy sightings and contacts overlay  
 J(4) Enemy installations

I. MISSION: Friendly forces conduct operations in the  
 Eastern DMZ area to spoil enemy offensive intention and  
 destroy enemy forces in zone.

## II. ENEMY SITUATION

### A. Characteristics of the area of interest

#### (1) Military Geography

##### (a) Topography:

1. Key Terrain: Hill 549, Dong Ha Mountain  
 YD019593. See enclosure (1).

2. Obstacles: The dense undergrowth of  
 the forests is nearly impassable to foot troops and tanks  
 tanks can slowly clear paths. Movement in the foothills is  
 often restricted to trails.

3. Cover and Concealment: In the dense  
 undergrowth forests concealment is fair to good and food to  
 excellent along the steep slopes of the hills. Cover is fair  
 in the valleys.

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4. Observation and fields of fire: In the clear undergrowth forests visibility is limited to about 30 meters. In the dense undergrowth forests visibility is commonly limited to less than 5 meters.

5. Avenues of Approach: In the hills and low plains, vegetation, not terrain, is the critical factor in determining the easiest route of movement for foot troops. Movement is usually restricted to the existing trail network.

## (b) Climate and Weather:

1. General: During the last part of February and the first part of March most cloudiness and precipitation occur on the eastern slopes of the Annam Range and along the eastern coastland. Periods of drizzle and light rain occur frequently during the first half of March, but occur with decreasing frequency during the last half of the month.

2. Temperatures: There is a slight increase in temperature in February. Mean daily maximum temperatures range around 80 degrees Fahrenheit in the southern mountains and northeastern coastal regions during March.

3. Precipitation: February drizzle is generally not measurable. Mean precipitation is from one to two inches, with a maximum of ten inches in March. Precipitation is usually in the form of morning drizzle, can be expected on one out of three days.

4. Visibility: In general, surface visibility is best during the afternoon and slant range visibility best between 0800 and 1100 LST. In March visibilities of less than three miles can be expected with early morning valley fogs, but generally improvement can be expected around 0900 LST.

(2) Transportation: See reference (b)

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## B. Enemy Military Situation

## (1) Composition and estimated strength:

320th NVA Division	7000
Headquarters	200
Support Units	100
(support units are indicated to be attached to organic regiments)	
<del>48th</del>	
48th Regiment	2250
HQ's/Support	650
Attached Div Support	450
1st Bn	250
2nd Bn	500
3rd Bn	400
52nd Regiment	2200
HQ's/Support	650
Attached Div Support	450
4th Bn	300
5th Bn	400
6th Bn	400
64th Regiment	1950
HQ's/Support	650
Attached Div Support	450
7th Bn	250
8th Bn	200
9th Bn	400

(2) Armament: Standard for T/O NVA infantry regiment and division. The division artillery regiment is reportedly in NVN possibly supporting divisional operations from positions in the DMZ.

- (3) Location and Disposition: See enclosure (2)
- (4) Availability of reinforcements. See section III E.
- (5) Sightings and Contacts: See enclosure (3)
- (6) Enemy Installations: See enclosure (4)

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## III. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

- A. Attack friendly forces in multi-regimental strength.
- B. Defend from prepared positions
- C. Delay in portions covering routes of withdrawal into and through the DMZ.
- D. Reinforce either an attack or a defense with the following units:

UNIT	STRENGTH	LOCATION	TIME
270th Rgt	est 1100	vic YD1874	1 day
27th IND Bn	est 300	vic YD1457, 1361, 1861	1 day

## IV. ANALYSIS OF ENEMY CAPABILITIES

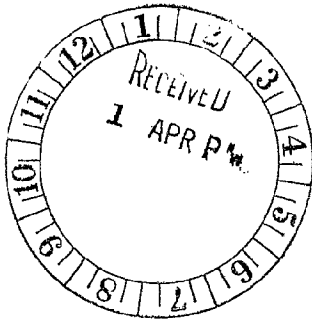
A. Attack Capability: The 320th NVA Division has the capability to attack initially with probably two of its three infantry regiments supported by organic 75mm recoilless rifles and 120mm mortars, and by up to 152mm artillery located in and north of the DMZ.

B. Defense Capability: The enemy has the capability to defend in strength from selected prepared positions and favorable terrain. It is estimated that he will defend vital areas and prepositioned supplies that he can ill afford to lose.

C. Delay Capability: The enemy employs delaying actions as a tactic to cover the withdrawal of major forces and supplies. Failing successful defense, he will exercise his delay capability. In the study area, such activity is usually characterized by the use of successive prepared positions covering trails and other avenues of approach.

D. Reinforce Capability: The enemy can reinforce rapidly with elements of all of the 270th Regiment and the 27th Independent Battalion in the event a situation occurs in which a victory or the significant attrition of friendly forces appears assured. However, it is not likely that the enemy will reinforce isolated contacts by subordinate units with other than local forces prepositioned for this purpose due to time and space factors.

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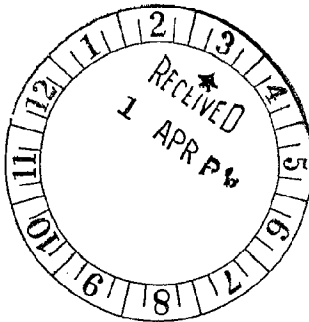
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IMMEDIATE 010450 ZMARG68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG FIRST AIR CAV *RUMHMH*  
 TWENTY SIX MARINES *ZEN*  
 INFO: CG PCV *RUMHMH*  
 CG III MAF *RUMHMH*  
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1. CG PCV OF ORD 1-68

1. LAW REF A CG THIRD MARDIV PASSED OPCON OF THE TWENTY SIX MARINES  
 (REIN) TO CG FIRST AIR CAV DIV EFF 310600ZMARG68.

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 CG FIRST AIR CAV DIV EFF 310600ZMARG68.

3. THE EFF BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE FIRST AIR CAV DIV AND THE THIRD MARDIV  
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4. FOR TWENTY SIX MARINES: *Operation* *Operation* *Operation*  
 SITREP AS OF 310600ZMARG68. SUBMIT AN AFTER ACTION REPORT TO CG FIRST AIR CAV DIV  
 EFF 010700ZMARG68.

CONTINUE TO SUBMIT OPSTAT REPORTS AS REQUIRED. REPORT TO CG FIRST AIR CAV DIV  
 EFF 010700ZMARG68.

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CG 3D MAR DIV DONG HA (COURIER) 2

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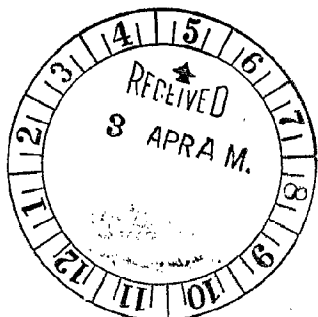
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FROM: CG THIRD MAINT DIV  
TO: CG PCV  
INFO: CG ONE HUNDRED FIRST ABN DIV  
CG FIRST AIR CDS DIV  
THIRD ICB DIV

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OPCON CO A 502 INF 101ST ABN DIV

1. REQUEST PERMISSION TO RETAIN OPCON CO A 502ND INF 101ST  
ABN DIV UNTIL COMPLETION OF OPERATIONS ON OR ABOUT 8 APRIL 68.

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G-3 ROUTING SLIP

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SUB UNIT #2  
Headquarters Battalion  
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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MEMORANDUM

From: Officer in Charge  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Request for verification of Blood Type and Service Numbers

Ref: (a) CG 3dMarDiv msg 280436ZMar68

Encl: (1) Report form

1. It has been noted that, in many instances, there is a discrepancy between the blood type indicated on the individual Marine's ID card and on his ID tags. Also, the service number of the individual Marine may be different on the two identification items. This has caused serious personnel accounting and medical problems in several instances.

2. It is requested that each section sight the ID card and ID tags of each Marine (Officer and Enlisted) and record blood type and service number as indicated on enclosure (1).

3. Completed forms are to be returned to this office by 1630 5 April 1968.

*[Signature]*  
F. L. BOURNE JR

Received 6 Apr 68.

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	ID CARD	ID TAGS	ID CARD	ID TAGS
FLORES, P. C. GySgt	1137098	1137098	O	O
THORPE, F. J. GySgt	846445	846445	B	B
ZEMRAK, B. T. GySgt				
SUPPE, R. F. GySgt				
ALDRETTI, J. A. SSgt	3311607	3311607	A	A
DILLON, Z. L. JR. SSgt				
GILBERT, P. T. SSgt				
GILROY, R. C. GySgt				
BROWN, T. P. Sgt				
LAWRENCE, D. R. Sgt	2016231	2016231	A+	A+
CAVENDER, R. L. Sgt	1941221	2201444	A+	A+
ALBERTSON, G. A. Cpl	2201444	2201444	A	A
FERRINGTON, L. C. Cpl	2237361	2237361	A+	A+
KURTZ, W. L. Cpl	2185326	2185326	B	B
PETERS, J. V. Cpl	2156081	2156081	A+	A+
PRINCE, G. L. Cpl	2197944	2197944	A+	A+
DELATORRE, H. E. LCpl	2265585	2265585	O	O
PISCITELLI, J. F. Cpl	2234747	2234747	A	A
SCHMAL, T. W. LCpl				
BEAULIEU, AIME J. LCpl				
HOLLAND, K. F. PFC	2386520	2386520	A	A
HARRIS, B. W. PFC	2353933	2353933	O	O
REED, J. D. PFC	2381195	2381195	B+	B+
REMIJAN, J. S. PFC	2381248	2381248	A+	A+
WASHINGTON, G. F. PFC	2271022	2271022	A	A

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G-3 SECTION	SER. NO.		BLOOD TYPE	
	ID CARD	ID TAGS	ID CARD	ID TAGS
MICHAUX, A. L. JR. Col				
CHAPMAN, F. D. LtCol				
PALATAS, M. V. LtCol				
COOK, G. C. LtCol				
HAMMOND, J. W. JR. LtCol				
HARPER, H. M. JR. LtCol	052874	052874	A	A
JARMAN, C. V. LtCol				
MICHELL, J. F. LtCol				
WILKINSON, J. B. LtCol	054058	054058	A	A
BLAIR, R. R. Major	062471	062471	O	O
MORGAN, R. W. Major				
SAIMON, M. D. Major				
SPERRY, C. B. Major				
WILLS, W. M. Major				
CLOUD, D. F. Captain				
PETRIE, R. J. Captain				
SCHULTES, E. U. A. Captain				
JACOBSEM, G. G. Captain				
CROWE, R. A. 1stLt				
WSZOLEK, D. J. 2dLt				
MARIOTTI, J. MGySgt				
ROACH, W. C. MGySgt	212533	212533	A	—
THOMAS, B. H. MGySgt				
GUILLEN, R. C. MSgt				
BERRY, E. D. GySgt			O	O
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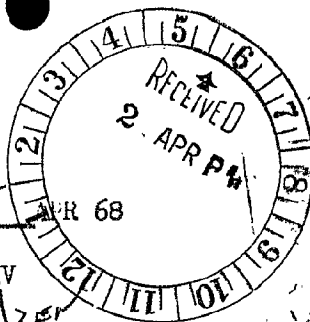
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EVANS, E. M. SSgt				
STEPHEN, G. H. Sgt				
ISAACS, A. I. Cpl				
SMITH, L. E. Sgt				
SPANGLER, D. W. Sgt	2002086	2002086	O	O
WAUGAMAN, D. R. SSgt				
REYNOLDS, A. S. Major				
GRISWOLD, E. F. GySgt	381337	381337	AB	AB
HUTSON, C. E. SSgt	1656431	1656431	O	O
HULL, R. D. Cpl				
ADAMS, L. H. LCmdr				

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DRAFTER 3/11/1st  
SEC 13.100 3D MARDIV COC  
CNO

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO: NINTH MARINES /ZEN  
FOURTH MARINES  
THIRD SQDN FIFTH ARVN CAV ZEN  
TF ROBBIE ZEN  
SECOND ARVN REGT ZEN  
INFO: FIRST ARVN DIV PCV - RUMHVA  
THIRD MARINES RUMHVA  
THIRD MARINES ZEN

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SUBJ: DESIGNATED OPERATIONS

REF: (A) MY 251032Z MAR 68 (OPG 8-68)

1. COMMENCING ~~4~~ 4 APR 68, THIRD MARDIV IN SELECTED FORCES

ASSIGNED TF KILA & DESIGNATED THIRD MARDIV BMS CONDUCTS PHASE II  
OPS IN LEATHERNECK SQUARE AREA. OPS TO BE CONTINUATION IN SUPPORT  
REF A & IN COORDINATION & COOPERATION WITH 2ND ARVN REGT.

2. FOR NINTH MARINES:

A. DESIGNATE ONE BN TO CONDUCT BN SIZE OPERATIONS WITHIN  
LEATHERNECK SQUARE COMMENCING ~~4~~ 4 APRIL 68.

B. ASSUME OPCON 2 COS FROM FOURTH MARINES ~~4 APRIL 68~~.

C. DURATION OF OPS APPROX. 3 DAYS.

3. FOR FOURTH MARINES:

A. CHOI 2 COS TO NINTH MARINES ~~4 APRIL 68~~ ON ARRIVAL IN LSA NLT 021600H.  
FOR OPS IN  
PARA 1 & 2a ABOVE.

B. JUMIE LIFT REQ &amp; DESIGNATE LZ EARLIEST.

4. FOR THIRD SQDN FIFTH ARVN CAV:

PRO PBN CHERRY BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT FURTHER OPS AS  
DIRECTED ~~4~~ 4 APRIL 68.

OP CHIEF

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G-2 W.O.

DCPO

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## 5. TF ROBBIE:

~~ON~~ 4 APRIL BE PREPARED TO ASSUME DESIGNATED BLOCKING POSITIONS  
IN COORDINATION WITH OPS PARA 2A ABOVE.

## 6. FOR 2D ARVN REGT

A. REQUEST YOU STAY FROM PRESENT POSITIONS TO POSITIONS VIC  
VD 1872 SOUTH OF TRAC & NORTH OF RTE 566 ~~ON~~ 3 APRIL.

B. COORDINATE MOVEMENT & STAY TO DESIGNATED POSITIONS  
WITH MILITARY COMINTE.

C. ON ARRIVAL REQUEST YOU HOLD & BE PREPARED TO ASSUME BLOCKING  
POSITIONS AS REQUESTED.

7. FOR ALL: ~~SECRET~~

A. DIRECTORIAL ACTION

B. OPERATION OVERLAY, CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS PAPER.

C. EST DURATION OF O. S - 3 DYS.

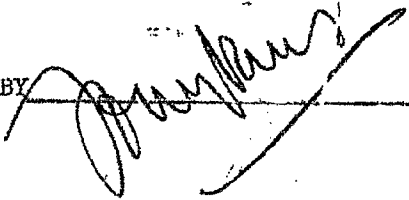
D. THIS HQ FRAGS AIR FOR HELO LIFT FROM DESIGNATED LG'S  
FOURTH BATTAL 3 TO LS. DONG HA & TRK SPT TO 1-3. POSIT.

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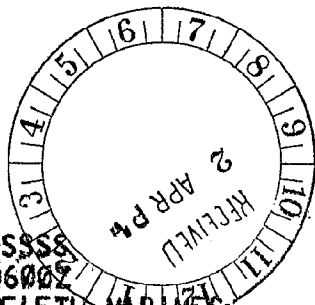
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FM TWELFTH MARINES

TO FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES

ZEN/SECOND BN TWELFTH MARINES

THIRD BN TWELFTH MARINES

FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES

FIRST MARINE REGT

INFO CG THIRD MARDIV

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A. MY 311015Z MAR 68

B. CG THIRD MARDIV 310930Z MAR 68

1. CANCEL REF A.

2. FOR SECOND BN TWELFTH MAR AND THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR. CHOP ONE SECTION FROM MORT BTRY FIRST BN TWELFTH MAR TO TWELFTH MAR EFF 010800H APR 68. DISPLACE MORT SECTIONS TO FIRST BN ELEVENTH MAR AT CA LU.

3. FOR FIRST BN TWELFTH MAR. CHOP TWO SECTION DRIVERS WITH PRIME MOVERS TO TWELFTH MAR EFF 010800H APR 68. DISPLACE PRIME MOVERS TO FIRST BN ELEVENTH MAR AT CA LU IN CONJUNCTION WITH DISPLACEMENT OF MORT SECTS OF W/1/12.

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4. FOR FIRST BN ELEVENTH MAR. BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE AND EMPLOY MORTARS FROM TWELFTH MAR. COORDINATE WITH FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES FOR ANY AIMIN REQUIREMENTS.

5. FOR FIRST MAR REGT. IAW REF B, TWELFTH MARINES CHOPS TWO 4.2 INCH MORTARS FROM MORTAR BTRY, FIRST BN TWELFTH MAR TO FIRST MAR REGT EFF 010800H APR 68. WPNS AND CREWS DISPLACED TO FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES POSITION AT CA LU.

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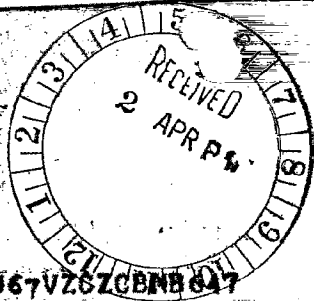
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 DE RUMHMA 862 0930607  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 Z 020652Z APR 68  
 FM CG PROV CORPS V PHU BAI  
 TO RUMHVP/CG 3D MAR DIV DONG HA  
 INFO RUMHMAA/CG III MAP DA NANG  
 ZEN/CG 101ST ABN DIV CP EAGLE  
 ZEF/CG 1ST ACD CP EVANS  
 RUMHVP/CG 3D SQ 3TH CAV DONG HA  
 BT

SECRET 00692 FROM:AVII-GCO  
 SUBJ: OPCOM OF CO A, 502D INF, 101ST ABN DIV(U)  
 REF: 3D MAR DIV MSG DTG 011706Z MAR 68(S)  
 (S) IN VIEW OF THE MISSION AND EXTENDED AREA ASSIGNED THE 101ST  
 ABN DIV, YOUR REQUEST IS NOT FAVORABLY CONSIDERED.  
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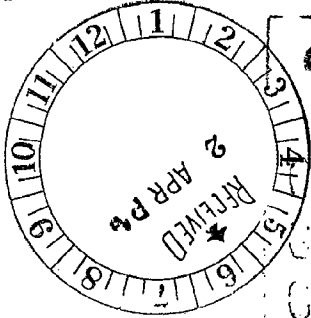
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 moving unit today*  
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DRAFTER 3/DPF/hag  
 SEC 3 PHONE 3D, MT BN  
 CWO *SG*

ROUTINE 020797 APR 68

FM: CO THIRD MT BN  
 TO: CO THIRD MAR

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INFO: CG THIRD MARDIV (ATTN: DIV MTO)

OPCON OF "A" CO, 2ND PLT FROM THIRD MAR

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 100313Z MAR 68

1. 011200HAPR68 OPCON OF 2ND PLT, "A" COMPANY, 3D MT BN REVERTED TO 3D MT BN.

2. REQUEST YOU REBARK OUR REMAINING TWO (2) TRUCKS TO QUANG TRI VIA DONG HA ASAP.

RELEASED BY *W. H. H. H. H. H.*

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*WHAT does this say?*  
*Nobody moves units*  
*except us!*  
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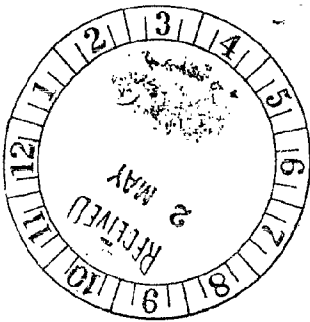
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O 000800Z APR 68

FM 3 MAR

TO CG 3D MARDIV

INFO ZEN/3D BN 21ST INF 196TH LI BDE

1ST BN, 3D MAR

LT 2/4

ZEN/1ST AMTRAC BN

3D BN 12TH MAR

CTF CLEARWATER

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3D MAR ASSUMED OPCON 3D BN, 21ST INF, 196TH LI INF BDE, EFF

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O P 020830Z APR 68

FM CG PROV CORPS V PHU BAI

TO CG 1ST AIP CAV DIV CP EVANS (COURIER)

CG 3D MARDIV DUNG HA (COURIER)

CG 101ST ABN DIV GIA LE (COURIER)

PSA QUANG TRI (COURIER)

PSA THUA THEIN HUE (COURIER)

INFO CG III MAF DANANG (COURIER)

CG I CTZ DANANG (COURIER)

CG 1ST ARVN DIV HUE (COURIER)

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C O N F I D E N T I A L 00699 FROM: AVII-GC

LUSSEN SENDS

SUBJ: CONFERENCE ON RICE DENIAL OPERATIONS (C)

REF: CG III MAF MSG DTG 270052Z MAR 68 (C)

(C) IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PLANS BE REVIEWED TO INSURE THE SECURITY OF THE COMING RICE HARVEST. IMPLEMENTATION OF APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES WILL NOT ONLY DENY NVA/VC FORCES AND IMPORTANT MEANS OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT BUT WILL ALSO FORSIEGE SUPPORT BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE GVN.

2. (C) IN THIS REGARD, I SHALL CHAIR TWO CONFERENCES, ONE IN EACH PROVINCE CAPITAL, TO STUDY THE SITUATION PECULIAR TO THAT PROVINCE AND DETERMINE WHAT ASSISTANCE THIS COMMAND CAN PROVIDE. THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. HUE CITY 160930H APR 68.

B. QUANG TRI CITY 180930H APR 68.

(C) PRINCIPAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE THE INTEGRATION OF US, ARVN, RF/PF OPERATIONS TO PROTECT THE HARVESTING OF THE RICE; PROVISION FOR TRANSPORTATION AND ULTIMATE SECURITY OF THE HARVESTED RICE; PLUS ANY OTHER RELATED MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE CONFEREEES.

4. (C) ATTENDANCE BY THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL IS SUGGESTED.

A. PROVINCE CHIEF OF THE PROVINCE WHERE THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD.

B. AS MANY DISTRICT CHIEFS IN THE RESPECTIVE CONFERENCE AREAS AS CAN ATTEND.

C. PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISORS AND APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFFS.

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D. CG 101ST ABN DIV OR SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE (THUA TAIEN  
CONFERENCE.)

~~CG 101ST ABN DIV, 1ST AIR CAV DIV, 101ST AIR DIV~~  
~~SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES (QUANG TRI CONFERENCE).~~

5. (U) ATTENDANCE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF INFO ADDRESSEES IS  
INVITED.

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P 021040Z APR 68

FM: CGR HUE RIVER SECURITY GROUP

TO: RUMHN/CTF CLEARWATER

RUMHNA/CG I BRON CORPS PHU BAI

INPO RUMHWA/CG III MAF

RUMHNA/COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUMSMA/COMUSMACV

RUMSBB/COMNAVFORV

UMSBH/CG ONE ZERO ONE ABN DIV

RUMHN/NSAD TAN MY

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARINE REGT

RUMHBRA/CONSERVPAC

RUMHFL/CG FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND

RUMNVHE/FIRST COEATAL ZONE ADVISOR

RUMHLA/CG TF XRAY

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0. EAR WATER OPSUM 02 APRIL 68

PAGE 2 RUMHN 041B UNCLAS E F T O

A. CTF CLEAR WATER 141436Z MAR 68 (CTF CLEAR WATER OP-ORD 2-68)

1. OPS CONT IAW ANNEX B REF A. ALL CRAFT TRANS RIVER W/O INCIDENT

2. 621 GLEX65M GALS MUGAS/45M GAL DIESEL 50M GALS JP-4

3. ALL CARGO ARRIVING TAN MY TRANS TO HUE

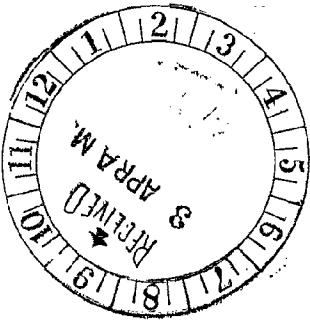
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3 CEC/2/4/CG/CEO RAB

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*TOR/021300Z APR 68*  
*LIMAR*

ZNY SSSSS  
O 021234Z APR 68  
FM FOURTH MAR  
TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
NINTH MAR  
BLT THREE SLANT ONE  
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1. 4TH MAR CHOP OPCON K/3/1 TO 9TH MAR  
EFFECTIVE  
021600H APR 68.

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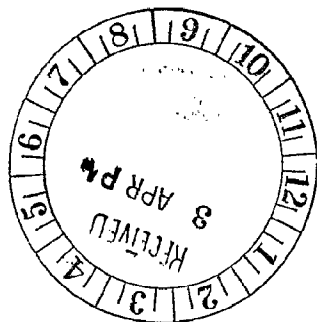
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APO	<i>[initials]</i>
ACTION	<i>CLEARWATER</i>

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 P 021416Z APR 68  
 FM CDR DONG HA RIVER SECURITY GROUP NSAD CUA VIE  
 TO RUMHN/CF CLEARATER  
 RUMHMA/CG PROV CORPS P U BAI  
 INFO RUMMWAA/CG III MAF  
 RUMSMA/C  
 MUSMACV  
 RUMHNA/COMNAVSUPPAC DAANG  
 RUMHLA/CG FIRS MARDIV  
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV  
 RUMHN/NSAD CUA VIET  
 RUMHN/NSAD TA  
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 RUMHVP/CO THIRD MARINE REGIMENT  
 RU HBRA/COMSERVPAC  
 RUNHN/CDR HUE RIVER SECURITY PER MOBILE BASE ONE  
 RUMHMB7CG FIRST AIR CAV DIV  
 RUMHFL/CG FORCE LOGISTIC CMD  
 RUNSBH/CG ONE ZERO ONE ABN DIV  
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 OPSUM 02 APR 68

*TOR 030907/DCS A*

*CO*

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A. CTF CLEARWATER 141436Z MAR 68

(CTF CLEARWATER OPORD 2-68) (U)

1. 19L CRAFT OFF LOADING AT 021800H APR 68:

- 4 LCM/YFU

2. OPS CONDUCTED IAW ANNEX C REF A.

3. ONE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT 010105H APR 68 WHEN LCPL PATR  
P CRAFT

OBSERVED PERSONNEL DIGGING I GRAVEYARD IN VICINITY YD 24

624 WHEN

ILLUM VC OPENED FIRE, LCPL'S SUPPRESSED VC FIRE. ENE

Y CASUALTIES:

U KNOWN: FRIENDLY CASUALTIES: ONE W/A INJURED TREATED AND RETURNED

TO DUTY.

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LZ STUB (YD 001483), RVN  
021530 APR, 1968  
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H B

FRAG ORDER: 110-68-110 (U)

REFERENCE: Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheets 6342I, 6342II

1.(C) MISSION: Teams 3C and 3D conduct reconnaissance in assigned A.O. from 021730 Apr 68 to 080800 Apr 68 to determine the nature and extent of VC/NVA activity in the respective areas, and to assist in the adjustment of possible counter-mortar/artillery fire from LZ STUB.

2.(C) SIGNAL:

a.(C) Communications

1. Control call-sign: Silent Avenger Freq: Prim: 59.10  
Alt : 46.85
2. Team 3C & Team 3D call-sign:  
Silent Avenger 3C & 3D Freq: Prim: 59.10  
Alt : 46.85

b.(C) Panels:

1. Medevac **V**
2. EKfiltrate **T**

c.(C) Running Password: (Teams 3C & 3D) Tough Ranger 3C or 3D  
LRP Reference Point (LRP use only):

Tm 3C XD 98-52  
Tm 3D YD 05-45

Escape and Evasion Azimuths:

Tm 3C 200 deg (To LZ STUB)  
Tm 3D 300 deg (To LZ STUB)

d.(C) Infiltrate (Tms 3C & 3D): 021730 Apr 68 (by helicopter)  
Exfiltrate (Tms 3C & 3D): 080800 Apr 68 (by helicopter)

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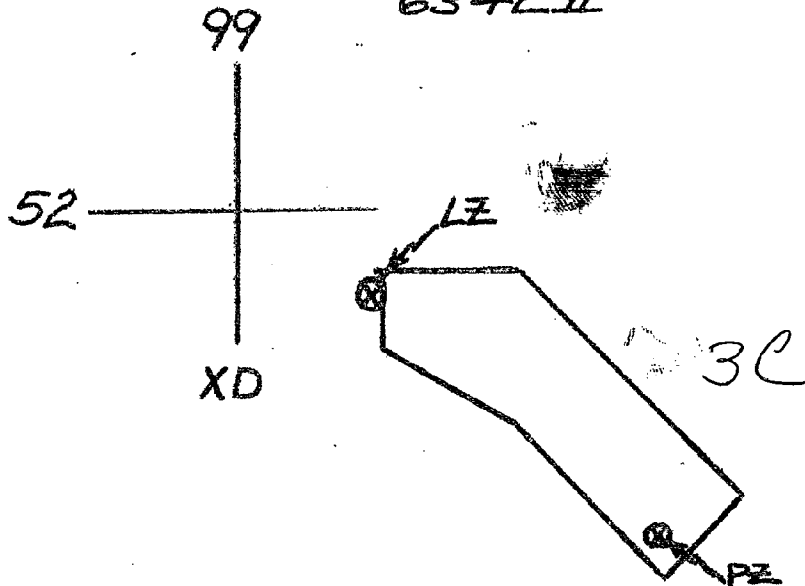
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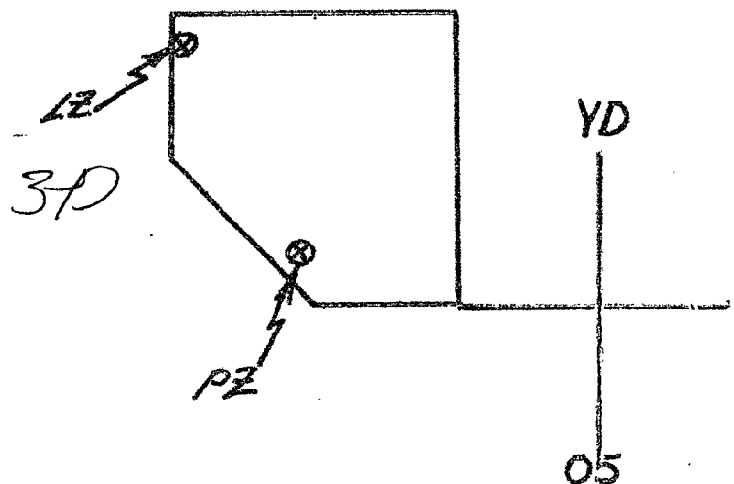
ANNEX "A" TO FRAG ORDER 110-68-110  
OPN O/L

REFERENCE: MAP, VIETNAM, 1:50,000,  
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 BY CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
 TO RUMHWA/CG III MAF  
 INFO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV  
 RUABQ/CG NINTH MAB  
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 ZEN/BLT THREE SLANT ONE  
 RUMHVP/CO THIRD MARINES  
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S E C R E T

TO 79.5 LVT, TANK, AND ONTOS ASSETS (U)  
 A. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE 281426Z MAR 68 (NOTAL)  
 B. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE 311225Z MAR 68 (NOTAL)  
 C. ADMINS FMFPAC 312013Z MAR 68 (NOTAL)  
 1. DIRECTIVES FROM HIGHER HEADQUARTERS REQUIRE THIS COMMAND TO  
 FROM RUMHVP/CO THIRD MARINES

S E C R E T

TO 79.5 LVT, TANK, AND ONTOS ASSETS (U)  
 A. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE 281426Z MAR 68 (NOTAL)  
 B. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE 311225Z MAR 68 (NOTAL)  
 C. ADMINS FMFPAC 312013Z MAR 68 (NOTAL)  
 1. DIRECTIVES FROM HIGHER HEADQUARTERS REQUIRE THIS COMMAND TO MAINTAIN  
 A RAPID REACTION POSTURE FOR SHORT-NOTICE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.  
 RECENT COMBAT DAMAGE TO LVT'S, TANKS AND ONTOS OPERATING ASHORE HAVE  
 DEGRADED THIS POSTURE.  
 2. BLT 3/1 HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN CONTINUOUS OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS SINCE  
 20 JAN 68 AT PRESENT THE INFANTRY ELEMENTS ARE OPCON TO FOURTH AND NINTH

PAGE TWO RUYEUAL 281 S E C R E T  
 MARINES WHILE LVT, TANK AND ONTOS ELEMENTS ARE OPCON TO THIRD MARINES.  
 THE 105 HOWITZER BATTERY IS OPCON TO TWELFTH MARINES.  
 3. REFS A AND B OUTLINED THE STATUS OF LVT'S ASSIGNED TO THIS COMMAND.  
 REF C AUTHORIZES THE TRANSFER TO TG 79.5 OF FOUR LVT'S FROM III MAF  
 ASSETS. RECEIPT OF THESE VEHICLES WILL GIVE BLT 3/1 ONE LESS THAN THE  
 TOTAL AUTHORIZED NUMBER OF 11 AND WILL PLACE THE LANDING FORCE IN A  
 FAVORABLE READINESS POSTURE WHEN THE THREE BEING REPAIRED AT DANANG  
 ARE RETURNED AND PROVIDING NO ADDITIONAL MATERIAL CASUALTIES ARE  
 SUSTAINED.

STATUS OF TANKS IS AS FOLLOWS:

- A. TOTAL AUTHORIZED - 5
- B. TWO CODED OUT FOR MINE DAMAGE AND ARE ON REQUISITION.
- C. TWO THE REMAINING THREE R

WE BEEN IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD MARINES  
 BUT ALL HAVE SUFFERED MINE DAMAGE DURING THE LAST THREE DAYS AND HAVE  
 BEEN EVACUATED FOR REPAIRS. PRIOR TO BEING SENT ASHORE ON 28 MAR 68,  
 TWO OF THESE TANKS HAD JUST RETURNED FROM MAINTENANCE BN WHERE THEY  
 HAD BEEN RESTORED TO A COMBAT READY STATUS.

STATUS OF ONTOS IS AS FOLLOWS:

- A. TOTAL AUTHORIZED - 5

ONE OPERATIONAL BUT IT HAS A LIMITED CAPABILITY DUE

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FOR THREE RUEUAK 281 S E C R E T  
 FOUR ONTOS ARE BEING REPAIRED AT MAINTENANCE BN IN DANANG.  
 THREE OF THESE HAVE BECOME CASUALTIES DURING THE PAST FOUR DAYS.  
 IN LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING AND IN THE INTEREST OF REGAINING AND  
 RETURNING A STATE OF COMBAT READINESS CONSISTENT WITH POSSIBLE  
 AMBIBIOUS OPERATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT  
 CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO RETURNING ORGANIC LVT'S, TANKS AND  
 ONTOS TO THE OPCON OF MACV 79.5  
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 HQ, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav  
 Dong Ha (YD221590)RVN  
 021830H April 1968

SUBJECT: FRAGO 6-68 (U)

1. Task Organization: All teams revert to pure Co/Trp org upon closing Sqdn Frwd CP (psn Green).

2. Trp B:

- a. Move from present loc to psn White on order.
- b. Be prepared to est block psn west of psn White.

3. Trp C:

- a. Move from present loc to Sqdn Frwd CP on order.
- b. Secure northeast portion of Frwd CP perimeter.

4. Co C/2-34 Armor:

- a. Move from present loc to psn Blue on order.
- b. Be prepared to est blocking psn west of psn Blue.

5. Co A/1-502 Abn:

- a. Conduct sweep south from present loc astride Hwy #1 to psn Green.
- b. Secure south and west portion psn Green.

6. AVLB Section:

a. 1 AVLB DS C/2-34

b. 1 AVLB GS

7. Coordinating Instructions:

- a. New check points eff 040001H Apr 68.
- b. Point of Origin:
  - (1) YD2066 - Any State
  - (2) YD2263 - Any Vegetable
  - (3) YD1871 - Any Automobile
- c. Report all check points.
- d. Report closing times and exact center of mass loc when closed.

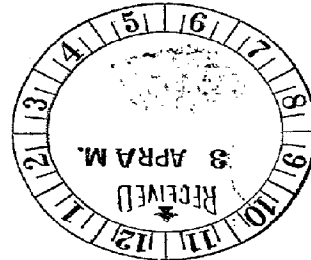
8. Administration and Logistics: All units refuel in psn Green before moving to Frwd psns.

9. Command and Signal:

a. Signal:

- (1) 3d Bn/ 3d Mar - Fighting Mad (P) 35.10 (S) 40.85
- (2) 9th Mar Div - Fire Raider (P) 59.15 (S) 70.65
- (3) 4-1 ARVN - Posted Nostril 44.40
- (4) 1-2 ARVN - Renoun Girder 44.40 - Renoun Girder Rear 37.30
- (5) Sqdn Arty INO - Battle King 70 - 65.45

b. Command: Frwd and Main CP remain present loc.



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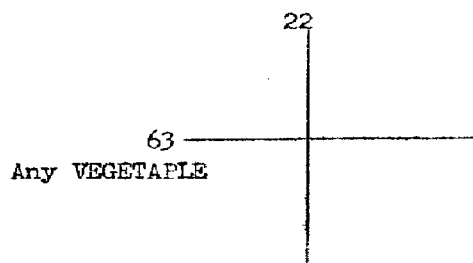
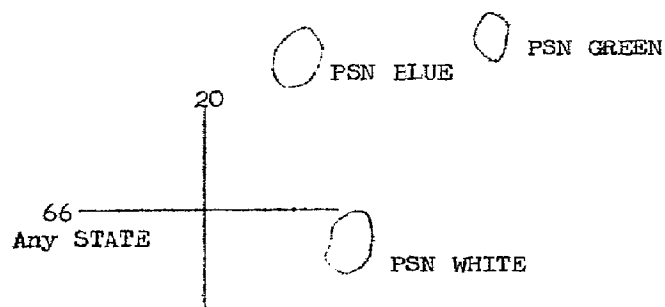
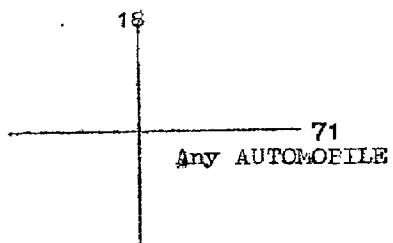
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CG, 9TH INF DIV, BEARCAT, RVN					
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SUBJECT: GROUND COMMANDER'S DAILY SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)					
FOR PERIOD 020001H TO 022400H APR 68 (U)					
1. (C) OPERATIONS SUMMARY					
A. GENERAL:					
(1) 3D SQDN, 5TH CAV: REMAINED OPCON TO 3D MAR DIV. CP REAR LOC VIC YD224589. FORWARD CP LOC VIC YD219675.					
(2) HHT, 3D SQDN, 5TH CAV: PROVISIONAL SCOUT SECTION FURNISHED TWO TRACKS AS ESCORT FOR LOG CONVOY TO B TRP AND C TRP FORWARD PSN. THEY ALSO PROVIDED TWO TRACKS FOR SECURITY OF SQDN FORWARD CP.					
(3) TRP A, 3D SQDN, 5TH CAV: REMAINED OPCON TO 101ST AEN DIV.					
(4) TRP B, 3D SQDN, 5TH CAV: MOVED TO PSN BLUE VIC YD209657.					
(5) TRP C, 3D SQDN, 5TH CAV: RELEASED OPCON FROM 2D REGT (ARVN) AT 021300H APR 68. MOVED TO SQDN FORWARD CP VIC YD219675.					
(6) TRP D, 3D SQDN, 5TH CAV: REMAINED OPCON TO 3D EDE, 9TH INF DIV. AERO SCOUT SECTION FURNISHED FOUR OH-23 C&C SHIPS TO SQDN HQ.					
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9TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
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3 April 1968

SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
020001H to 022400H APR 68 (U)

TO: CCG, 3D MAR DIV

1. (C) Operations Summary

a. General:

- (1) 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 3d Mar Div. CP rear loc vic YD224589. Forward CP loc vic YD219675.
- (2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Provisional Scout Section furnished two tracks as escort for log convoy to B Trp and C Trp forward psn. They also provided two tracks for security of Sqdn forward CP.
- (3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 101st Abn Div.
- (4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Moved to psn White vic YD209657.
- (5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Released OPCON from 2d Regt (ARVN) at 021300H Apr 68. Moved to Sqdn forward CP loc vic YD219675.
- (6) Trp D, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 3d Bde, 9th Inf Div. Aero Scout Section furnished four OH-23 C&C ships to Sqdn Hq.
- (7) Co C, 2/34 Armor: 3d Plt released OPCON from C Trp, 3/5 Cav. Co C moved to new RON vic YD207674, psn Blue.
- (8) A/1-502 Abn: Moved to Sqdn forward CP vic YD219675.

b. Civil Affairs and Psyops: None

c. Major Unit Action: None

d. Small Unit Action: None

2. (U) Losses: None

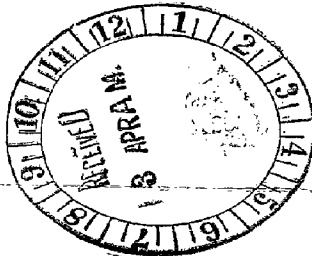
3. (C) Plans Summary: A Trp remains OPCON to 101st Abn Div. B Trp moves to psn White vic YD210658, moves to blocking psns west of White on order. C Trp remains in vic of Sqdn forward CP vic YD219675. Co C, 2/34 Armor moves to psn Blue vic YD205673, moves to blocking psns west of psns Blue on order. Co A/1-502 Abn released OPCON eff 031200H Apr 68.

4. (U) Coordination and Liaison: Continued with 3d Mar Div, and 1st Bn, 40th Arty (Army).

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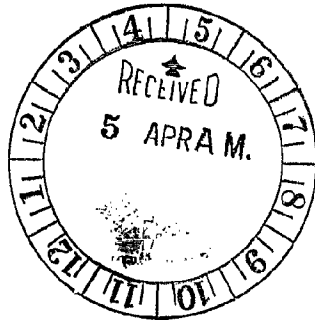
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A. CG THIRD MAR DIV MSG 313450Z APR 68 TO TWENTY SIXTH MARINES.

B. TWENTY SIXTH MARINES MSG 310000H MAR 68 TO CG THIRD MAR DIV.

C. CG PCV OP ORD 1-68

1. IAE REF A FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED: REFERENCE B FINAL  
SIT REP TERMINATING OPERATION SCOTLAND WILL BE RETRANSMITTED.2. DAILY PERIODIC OPERATIONS SUMMARY REPORT FOR 24 034899Z  
2000H TO 2000H IAW REF C PRESENTLY BEING SUBMITTED TO CG FIRST  
ACD INFO TO CG THIRD MAR DIV. REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT THIS  
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SUBJECT: GROUND COMMANDER'S DAILY SITUATION REPORT (SITREP)

FOR PERIOD 030001H TO 032400H APR 68. (U)

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(2) HHT, 3D SQDN, 5TH CAV: PROVISIONAL SCOUT SECTION FURNISHES TWO TRACKS TO ESCORT LOG CONVOY TO FORWARD CP. THEY ALSO FURNISHED TWO TRACKS FOR SECURITY OF FORWARD CP. AT 1312H, DURING REACTION TO B TRP CONTACT, ONE TRACK OF PROVISIONAL SCOUT SECTION WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE AT YD195660 RESULTING IN 1 KHA.

(3) TRP A, 3D SQDN, 5TH CAV: REMAINED OPCON TO 101ST ABN DIV.

(4) TRP B, 3D SQDN, 5TH CAV: AT 0814H IN VIC YD203650 THE 3D PLT ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 4 TO 5 NVA WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AT 1000H THE 35 VEH OF 3D PLT WAS HIT WITH TWO RPG'S RESULTING IN 2 KHA AND 2 WHA. RETIRE WAS RETURNED AND CONTACT WAS BROKEN AT 1040H.

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<p>AT 1127H ALL THREE PLATOONS REPORTED THEY WERE UNDER FIRE VIC YD205654. CONTACT CONTINUED SPORADICLY THROUGH THE EARLY AFTERNOON UNTIL 1535H WHEN CONTACT WAS BROKEN. RESULTS OF ENTIRE ACTION WERE 2 US KHA, 3 US WHA, ALSO 3 NVA KIA (EC).</p> <p>(5) TRP C, 3D SQDN, 5TH CAV: REMAINED AT CP VIC YD219675 TO STAND DOWN FOR MAINTENANCE AND PREPARE FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS. AT 1130H THE 2D PLT MOVED FROM TRP CP IN REACTION TO B TRP CONTACT. AT 1331H THEY WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE VIC YD195660. FIRE WAS RETURNED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. DURING ACTION ONE US WAS KHA.</p> <p>(6) TRP D, 3D SQDN, 5TH CAV: REMAINED OPCON TO 3D BDE, 9TH INF DIV. AERO SCOUT PLT PROVIDED FOUR CH-23 C&amp;C SHIPS TO SQDN HQ. AT 0820H ONE C&amp;C SHIP WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE AT VIC YD203652. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES, HOWEVER, THE SHIP SUSTAINED MODERATE DAMAGE.</p> <p>(7) C CO, 2/34 ARMOR: MAINTAINED CP AT VIC YD208673 AND CONDUCTED LIMITED RECON IN FORCE IN SURROUNDING AREA. AT 1015H AT VIC YD190681 THE 2D PLT RECEIVED 6 ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR FIRE RESULTING IN NEGATIVE DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES. RECON WAS CONTINUED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.</p> <p>(8) A/1-502 ABN: WAS RELEASED OPCON EFFECTIVE 1200H.</p> <p>(9) CO B, 1ST BN, 3D MAR DIV: BECAME OPCON TO SQDN EFFECTIVE 1635H. UPON ARRIVAL, ONE PLT WAS PLACED OPCON TO C CO, 2/34 ARMOR.</p>					
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<p>E. CIVIL AFFAIRS AND PSYOPS: NONE</p> <p>C. MAJOR UNIT ACTION: NONE</p> <p>D. SMAIL UNIT ACTION: SEE PARA A, SUEPARA 2, 4, AND 5.</p> <p>2. (U) LOSSES: US KHA 4, WHA 3. VC/NVA 3 KIA (BC).</p> <p>3. (C) PLANS SUMMARY: A TRP REMAIN OPCCN TO 101ST AEN DIV. B TRP, C TRP, C/2-34, AND B/1-3 MAR DIV CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION AND CONDUCT LIMITED RECON IN FORCE IN SURROUNDING AREA.</p> <p>4. (U) COORDINATION AND LIAISON: CONTINUED WITH 3D MAR DIV AND 1ST BN, 40TH ARTY (ARMY).</p>					
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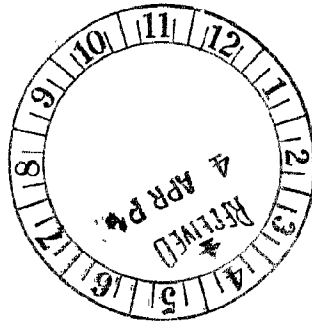
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 frag order 1-66  
 at 040100h tfr departs pres posit to execute msn assigned in 3rd  
 mar div frag order 9-66 (phase to task force kilo) strk team a  
 followed up by strk team b moves tactically to assigned area of  
 ops, conds detailed s/d ops as directed. strk team a and b be prepared  
 to establish blocking pos on order in vic area assigned in my oral  
 order 1-66. rpt ep loc when established my detailed written order  
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HEADQUARTERS  
3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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4 Apr 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADC

From: Division Engineer Officer  
Subj: ASP and Funding Sources  
Ref: (a) ADC Memo to DEO, undated

1. ASP

a. The capacity of the ASP at Hill 22 is planned as follows:

1st Increment	8,000 Short Tons
2d Increment	<u>1,000 Short Tons</u>
Total	9,000 Short Tons

b. III MAF is considering the possibility of a 3d increment of 3,000 Short Tons which would raise the total ASP capacity to 12,000 ST. At present, however, only 9,000 ST has been authorized. The 9,000 Short Tons represent a 30 day unit of fire for the Division.

c. Ten berms consisting of 5 cells each make up the 1st increment. The 2d increment will consist of 1 and 2/5 berms.

2. FUNDING SOURCES - There are four programs by which both horizontal and vertical construction is accomplished within the 3d Marine Division.

a. MCON - For major new construction projects in excess of \$25,000. Must be on real estate that has been made available rent free by CVN. Although MCON may be used either inside or outside the secure combat base area, due to the trend of decreasing amount of funds being made available, it is considered by III MAF that the MCON program should be used mainly within secure combat base areas.

b. Public Works Support - Maintenance and repair of existing facilities within the secure combat base areas. Excludes canvas covered facilities, expeditionary utility systems and transportation equipment organic to combat units. Minor construction, alterations and improvements (\$25,000 limitation) can also be accomplished under this program.

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c. Tactical Support Functional Components (TSFC) - Provides components for upgrading LOC's, culverting, bridging, road surfacing materials, and cantonment and bunker materials. QTCB is being constructed under this program.

d. O&M, MC - Maintenance and repair of cantonments and bunkers outside established combat bases. Miscellaneous lumber requirements such as boxing, crating and shelving can also be accomplished under this program.

Very respectfully,

*R C McCutchan*  
R. C. MC CUTCHAN

Operation Conquest 4th Mar

4 Apr 68

F/2/9 1127 rec'd 6 rds 82 mort neg cas/dam YD079571

1145 - Convoy to LZ Stud rec'd incoming mortar via Hill-37  
west of Cam Lo. As of 1215 Stud was receiving  
incoming convoy rec'd approx 30 rds mort

1205 - F/2/9 YD079571 rec'd 18 rds 82 mort - neg cas/dam

1300 - F/2/9 YD079571 rec'd 4 rds 82 mort neg cas/dam

1/9 moved out to Hill 471  
30 (C) by arty thus far  
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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
030001H to 032400H Apr 68 (U)

TO: COC, 3d Marine Division

## 1. (C) Operations Summary

## a. General:

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(2) HHT, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Provisional Scout Section furnished two tracks to escort log convoy to forward CP. They also furnished two tracks for security of forward CP. At 1312H, during reaction to B Trp contact, one track of Provisional Scout Section was taken under fire at YD195660 resulting in 1 KHA.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 101st Abn Div.

(4) Trp E, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: At 0814H in vic YD203650 the 3d Plt established contact with an estimated 4 to 5 NVA with unknown results. At 1000H the 35 veh of 3d Plt was hit with two RPG's resulting in 2 KHA and 2 WHA. Fire was returned and contact was broken at 1040H. At 1127H all three platoons reported they were under fire vic YD205654. Contact continued sporadically through the early afternoon until 1535H when contact was broken. Results of entire action were 2 US KHA, 3 US WHA, also 3 NVA KIA (EC).

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Remained at CP vic YD219675 to stand down for maintenance and prepare for future operations. At 1130H the 2d plt moved from Trp CP in reaction to B Trp contact. At 1331H they were taken under fire vic YD195660. Fire was returned with unknown results. During action 1 US KHA.

(6) Trp D, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 3d Bde, 9th Inf Div. Aero Scout Plt provided four OH-23 C&C ships to Sqn Hq. At 0820H one C&C ship was taken under fire at vic YD203652. There were no casualties, however, the ship sustained moderate damage.

(7) C Co, 2/34 Armor: Maintained CP at vic YD208673 and conducted limited recon in force in surrounding area. At 1015H at vic YD190681 the 2d Plt received 6 rounds of 60mm mortar fire resulting in negative damage or casualties. Recon was continued with negative results.

(8) A/1-502 Abn: Was released OPCON effective 1200H.

(9) Co B, 1st Bn, 3d Mar Div: Became OPCON to Sqn effective 1635H. Upon arrival, one plt was placed OPCON to C/2-34 Armor.

b. Civil Affairs and Psyops: None

c. Major Unit Action: None

d. Small Unit Action: See para a. subpara 2, 4, and 5.

2. (U) Losses: US KHA 4, WHA 3. VG/NVA 3 KIA (EC).

3. (C) Plans Summary: A Trp remain OPCON to 101st Abn Div. B Trp, C Trp, C/2-34, and E/1-3 Mar Div continue present mission and conduct limited recon in force in surrounding area.

4. (U) Coordination and Liaison: Continued with 3d Mar Div and 1st Bn, 40th Arty (Army).

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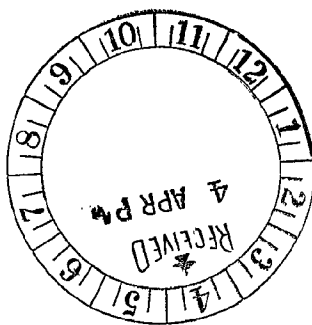
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 RUMHMB/CG ONE ZEROIBNE ABN DIV GIA LE  
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NAPOLEON/SALINE AREA OPNS (AO) (U)

1. SUBJ AO EXTENDED THROUGH 302400H MAY 68 WITHIN FOL  
 BOUNDARY: FM COAST YD 300747 TO YD 260720 TO YD 260623  
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 YD 385657 NW ALONG COAST TO YD 300747.

2. UNL OTHERWISE REQUESTED, ACTION WILL BE INITIATED TO  
 FURTHER EXTEND SUBJ AO FOR AN ADDITIONAL 60 DAYS PRIOR TO  
 CURRENT 30MAY68 EXPIRATION DATE. YOU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.  
 3. CONTINUE CLOSE COORD WITH 11TH DIA.

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UNL OTHERWISE REQUESTED, ACTION WILL BE INITIATED TO  
 FURTHER EXTEND SUBJ AO FOR AN ADDITIONAL 60 DAYS PRIOR TO  
 CURRENT 30MAY68 EXPIRATION DATE. YOU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.  
 3. CONTINUE CLOSE COORD WITH 11TH DIA.

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 RUMHNA/COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG  
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV  
 ZEN/NSAD CHA VIET  
 RUMHN/NSAD TAN MY  
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARINE REGIMENT  
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 RUMHFL/CG FORCE LOGISTIC CMD  
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PAGE 2 RUMHN 7488 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 A. CLEARWATER DPOPD 2-63 (U)  
 1. FOL CRAFT OFF-LOADING AT 241533H APR 68  
   A. FIVE LCU/YFU  
 2. OPS CONDUCTED IAW ANNEX C REF A.  
 3. ALL CRAFT TRANSITED WITH OUT INCIDENT.  
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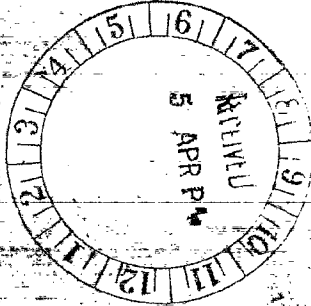
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RUMSHA/COMUSMACV  
RUMSB/COMNAVFORV  
RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV  
RUMHMA/GTF CLEARWATER

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DREDGE SECURITY

1. OICC RVN 022412 MAR 68 (PASIP)  
2. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE SECURITY FOR DREDGE OPERATIONS REQUESTED PAR  
3. REF A. KTA OF DREDGE CUA VIET AREA IS 6-7 APR 68.  
4. BIRLAUTH ALCON.

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OF IMMEDIATE/PRIORITY 041630Z 2 APR 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES

TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV

CONFIDENTIAL: PERISHABLE INFO/PASS WITHOUT SERVICE

SITREP NR 4 FOR FRAG ORDER 9-68 FROM 042000H TO 042400H APR 68

1. UNIT LOCATIONS: 3 CO'S AT YD 157695. CP AT THIS LOCATION. 1 CO. AT YD 160688.
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS: 3/3 REMAINING IN PLACE DURING THE NIGHT.
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS: 3/3 WILL CONTINUE TO DEFEND ITS PRESENT POSIT.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. FRIENDLY: 1 KIA
  - B. ENEMY: UNKNOWN

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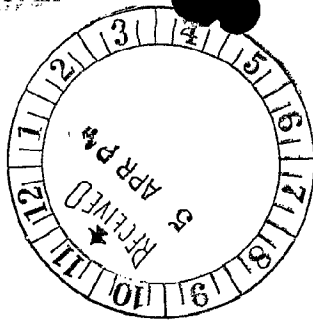
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ANYONE GETTING THROUGH.

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OF IMMEDIATE/ PRIORITY 042000 Z APR 68

FROM: NINTH MARINES

TO: CG, THIRD MAR DIV

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SITREP NR 5 FOR DIV FRAG ORDER 9-68 FROM: 042400H TO 070400H APR 68

1. UNIT LOCATION: NO CHANGE
2. SUMMARY OF OPERATION:
  - A. ALL UNITS DEFEND NIGHT TIME POSITION
3. ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
4. OTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
5. PLANS:
  - A. BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE DIV FRAG ORDER OF 05 APR 68.
6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES:
  - A. 1 FRIENDLY KIA

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<p>(6) TRP D, 3D SQDN, 5TH CAV: REMAINED OPCON TO TF FORSYTH 9TH INF DIV. AERO SCOUT PLT PROVIDED FOUR CH-23 C&amp;C SHIPS TO SQDN HQ.</p> <p>(7) C CO, 2/34 ARMOR: ESTABLISHED BLOCKING PSN FROM YD212685 TO 212695. THE 2D PLT BECAME OPCON TO 2D ARVN REGT EFF 040700H APR 68.</p> <p>(8) B CO, 1ST EN, 3D MAR REGT: ESTABLISHED BLOCKING PSN BETWEEN YD210683 TO YD210685. ALSO SET UP BLOCKS BETWEEN YD203671 TO YD198668. THESE PSNS WERE ALSO MAINTAINED WITHOUT INCIDENT.</p> <p>B. CIVIL AFFAIRS AND PSYOPS: NONE</p> <p>C. MAJOR UNIT ACTION: NONE</p> <p>D. SMALL UNIT ACTION: NONE</p> <p>2. (U) LOSSES: NONE</p> <p>3. (C) PIANS SUMMARY: A TRP REMAIN OPCON TO 101ST ABN DIV. B TRP, C TRP, C/2-34 ARMOR, AND B/1-3 MAR CONTINUE PRESENT BLOCKING MISSION.</p> <p>4. (U) COORDINATION AND LIAISON: CONTINUED WITH 3D MAR DIV AND 1/40 ARTY EN (ARMY)</p>					
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		<b>9TH MAR</b>			
		<b>3BN, 4TH MAR</b>			
<b>FRAG ORDER 2-68.</b>					
<b>TF ROBBIE ELEMENTS CONTINUE PRESENT MSN IN</b>					
<b>ASSIGNED AREAS. COMMENCING AT FIRST LIGHT ONE</b>					
<b>PREPARED CONDUCT LIMITED S+D GUNS ALONG RTE 8B.</b>					
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Theriot Point

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In midst of Banker  
Complex. RadioCode sheet picked up

1830H

3 Companies from 3/3 presently set in  
at 158693. Will remain until first  
light on 05 April 68.1 Company from 3/3 presently set in  
at 159688. Will remain until first  
light on 05 April 68.The area where the companies are set  
in is a banker complex. Plan to destroy  
complex before moving out.

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HEADQUARTERS  
3D SQUADRON 5TH CAVALRY  
9TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 96370

5 April 1968

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
040001H to 042400H Apr 68 (U)

## 1. (C) Operations Summary

## a. General:

- (1) 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 3d Mar Div. Rear CP loc vic YD221590. Forward CP loc vic YD219675.
- (2) HHT, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Provisional Scout Section furnished two tracks to escort log convoy to Forward CP. They also provided two tracks for security of Forward CP.
- (3) Trp A, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 101st Abn Div.
- (4) Trp B, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Established blocking psn from YD209650 to YD210665. This psn was maintained throughout the day without incident.
- (5) Trp C, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Provided security for Forward Sqn CP and stood down for maintenance.
- (6) Trp D, 3d Sqn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to TF Forsyth 9th Inf Div. Aero Scout Plt provided four OH-23 G&C ships to Sqn Hq.
- (7) C Co, 2/34 Armor: Established blocking psn from YD212685 to YD212695. The 2d Plt became OPCON to 2d ARVN Regt eff 040700H Apr 68.
- (8) I Co, 1/3 Mar Regt: Established blocking psn between YD210683 to YD210685. Also set up blocks between YD203671 to YD198668. These psns were also maintained without incident.

b. Civil Affairs and Psyops: None

c. Major Unit Action: None

d. Small Unit Action: None

## 2. (U) Losses: None

3. (C) Plans Summary: A Trp remain OPCON to 101st Abn Div. B Trp, C Trp, G/2-34 Armor, and B/1-3 Mar continue present blocking mission.

4. (U) Coordination and Liaison: Continued with 3d Mar Div and 1/40 Arty Bn (Army).

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TO CG THIRD MAR DIV  
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TASK ORGANIZATION

A. MY 010355Z APR 68

1. REF A. CHANGE AS FOLLOWS: PARA(5) F, BTRY 'K', 4TH BN  
TWELFTH MARINES, CAMP CARROLL, 6-155 HOW (SP). PARA (9)  
PERSONNEL LAST LINE, BTRY 'F', 26TH ARTY (USA), 9 245.  
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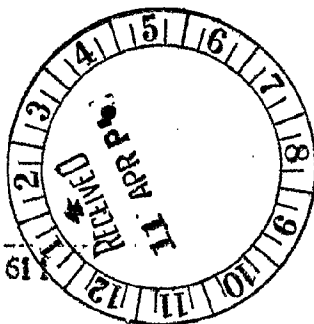
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 8, 19 47. -/CG PROV CORPS VIET PHU BAI  
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 RUMSMA/COMSUMACV  
 RUMSPB/COMNAVFORV  
 RUMSAL/CDR SEVENTH AF  
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ANNEX D (GIVER PATROL OPERATIONS AND CURFEW ENFORCEMENT) TO CTF  
 CPEARWATER OPORDN2-68 (U)

- A. CTF CPEARWATER 141436Z MAR 1968  
 B. CG PROV CORPS VIET 270732Z MAR 68 NOTAL  
 C. I CORPS COORDINATOR INST. 05562.9

1. PURPOSE. THIS ANNEX PROVIDES FOR CONTINUOUS TWENTY FOUR (24) HOUR  
 A DAY PATROLS ON THE SONV THACH HANN(CUA VIET RIVER) AND SONG MUO  
 DJPERFUME RIVER) AS A MINE CONTER MEASURE AND TO ENFORCE THE RIVER  
 CURFEW AS PROMULGATED BY CG I CORPS.

2. SITUATION. A MINING THREAT EXIST ON THE CUA VIET/PERFUME RIVER  
 AND LOGISTICAL MOVEMENT COULD BE DISRUPTED AT ANY PT. IN ORDER TO  
 DENY THE ENEMY FCEEDOM THE ACCESS TO THE WATERWAYU THE SITUATION  
 REQUIRESM MAXIMUM CONTINUOUS PATROLLING BY RIVER SECURITY GROUPS.

3. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. THE DONV HA/HUE RIVER SECURITY GROUPS WILL  
 PROVIDE CONTINUOUS PATROLS FOR SURVEILLANCE OF MOVEMENT **CONFIDENTIAL** RU.

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## A. THE CUA VIET RIVER SECURITY GROUP WILL:

- (1) PROVIDE CONTINUOUS SWEEPS AND SECTOR PATROLS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.
- (2) MAINTAIN RANDOM PATROLS AT NIGHT.
- (2) COORDINATE RIVER SURVEILLANCE WITH SUPPORTING USA/USMC GUNSHIPS.
- (4) MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH COASTAL GROUP II JUNK FORCE.
- (5) TURN OVER ALL CURFEW VIOLATORS AND SUSPICIOUS PERSONS TO COASTAL GROUP II.
- (6) IN CONJUNCTION WITH COASTAL GROUP II, ENFORCE THE RIVER CURFEW.

## B. THE HUE RIVER SECURITY GROUP WILL:

- (1) PROVIDE 24 HOUR A DAY PATROLS.
- (2) COORDINATE RIVER SURVEILLANCE WITH SUPPORTING USA/USMC GUNSHIPS.
- (3) MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH COASTAL GROUP TWO JUNK FORCE

ND

VIETNAMESE NATIONAL POLICE.

- (4) TURN OVER ALL CURFEW VIOLATORS AND SUSPICIOUS PERSONS TO VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES.
- (5) ENFORCE THE RIVER CURFEW.

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## 4. CURFEW.

A. CUA VIET RIVER: CG I CORPS HAS APPROVED A CURFEW ON CUA VIET RIVER, REF P REFERS. LOCAL KISHING BOATS SAMBANS ARE A ACTIVE PASSAGE TO FISHING AREAS AT SEA IN CONVOY UNDER SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF COASTAL GROUP II. A LIMITED NUMBER OF WATER TAXIS HOLDING PASSES APPROVED BY COASTAL GROUP II ARE AUTHORIZED PASSAGE TO DONG HA AND QUANG TRI. VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN EMERGENCY CRAFT ARE AFFORDED TRANSIT ANYTIME. EXCEPT AS NOTED, THE CUA VIET RIVER IS PROHIBITED TO ALL CIVILIAN TRAFFIC AND FISHING ON THE RIVER IS PROHIBITED. CHO CHUA LAGOON (YD 327682-YD 327663) IS DESIGNATED A CONCENTRATION AREA TO FACILITATE CONVOY ORGANIZATION AND BOAT PARKING UPON RETURN FROM ISEA.

B. PERFUME RIVER: THUA THIEN PROVINCE CHIEF HAS APPROVED A CURFEW FROM 1922-2627 L PAL ON THE PERFUME RIVER.

## 5. RULES OF ENGAGEMENT.

## A. RIVER SECURITY GROUPS ARE AUTHORIZED:

- (1) TO RETURN FIRE WHEN FIRED UPON BY HOSTILE GROUND FORCES OR WATERCRAFT.
- (2) TO FIRE IN SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY UNITS RECEIVING HOSTILE FIRE.

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OR ON KNOWN ENEMY LOCATIONS AS APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE  
AUTHORITY.

- O (3) TO FIRE ON WATER CRAFT DELIBERATELY TRYING TO EVADE. EVERY  
I PEACEFUL METHOD WILL BE EXHAUSTED IN ATTEMPTING TO STOP CRAFT  
FOR BOARDING AND INSPECTION, INCLUDING WARNING SHOTS. A CRAFT  
MAY BE ASSUMED NON-FRIENDLY IF IT FAILS TO RESPOND TO  
CHALLENGE, TAKES EVASIVE ACTION, OR IS COMMITTING AN OVERT  
HOSTILE ACT AGAINST FRIENDLY PERSONS, FORCES, FACILITIES,  
R INSTALLATIONS. FIRING SHALL CEASE WHEN CRAFT APPEARS TO  
BE STOPPING.
- (4) TO CONTINUE DIRECT FIRE AGAINST EVADING CRAFT THAT BEACH AND  
AGAINST ITS FLEETING OCCUPANTS PROVIDING THE FIRING IS NOT IN  
TE VICINITY OF A HAMLET, VILLAGE OR FRIENDLY FORCES
- (5) CURFEW VIOLATORS SHALL NOT BE FIRED UPON UNLESS THE VIOLATOR  
COMMITTS A HOSTILE ACT OR ATTEMPTS TO EVADE AND IGNORES WARNING  
TO STOP. CURFEW VIOLATORS APPREHENDED WILL BE TURNED OVER,  
ALONG WITH ANY CONTRABAND THAT THEY HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION,  
TO VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES.
- (6) MINIMUM FORCE NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH PATROL OPERATIONS SHALL

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- BE EXERCISED, UP TO AND INCLUDING DESTRUCTION IF REQUIRED.
- (7) VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN EMERGENCY CRAFT WILL BE GRANTED FREE  
PASSAGE. THESE CRAFT ARE RECOGNIZED BY LANTERNS LIT, FORWARD  
AND AFT AND FLYING THE VIETNAMESE FLAG.

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(6) TRP D, 3D SQDN, 5TH CAV: REMAINED OPCON TO TF FORSYTH 9TH INF DIV. AERO SCOUT PLT PROVIDED THREE OH-23 C&C SHIPS TO SQDN HQ.

(7) C CO, 2/34 ARMOR: MAINTAINED BLOCKING PSN FROM YD212685 TO YD212695. HOWEVER AT 1200H THEY DEPLACED TO TAKE UP BLOCKING PSN FROM YD215633 TO YD209626. 2D PLT REMAINED OPCON TO THE 2d ARVN REGT.

(8) B CO, 1/3 MAR REGT: MAINTAINED BLOCKING PSN BETWEEN YD 203671 TO YD198663. 2D PLT DISPLACED WITH C/2-34 ARMOR AND AIDED IN BLOCKING PSN YD215663 TO YD209626.

B. CIVIL AFFAIRS AND PSYOPS: NONE

C. MAJOR UNIT ACTION: NONE

D. SMALL UNIT ACTION: NONE

2. (U) LOSSES: NONE

3. (C) PLANS SUMMARY: A TRP REMAINED OPCON TO 101ST ABN DIV. B TRP, C TRP, C/2-34 ARMOR AND B/1-3 MAR CONTINUE PRESENT BLOCKING MISSION IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATION KILO PHASE II.

4. (U) COORDINATION AND LIAISON: CONTINUED WITH 3D MAR DIV AND 1/40 ARTY BN (ARMY).

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HEADQUARTERS BATTALION  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO, San Francisco, 96602

1/JVF/wfb  
1300

6 APR 1968

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Subj: Recommendation for deactivation of Sub Unit #2

1. In view of the close proximity of the forward and rear echelons of Headquarters Battalion (approximately six (6) miles), it is considered to be in the best interest of Headquarters Battalion to deactivate Sub Unit #2 and consolidate and centralize as many support functions as possible at Quang Tri. The areas of Supply, Motor Transport, and Personnel Administration are of particular concern.

2. At the present time, Sub Unit #2 performs the personnel administration for those members of Headquarters Battalion plus those attached to the 3d Marine Division Headquarters who are located with the Dong Ha, Combat Base. Many of the Staff sections located at both places interchange their personnel without notifying this unit of the action taken: this results in both Headquarters Battalion and Sub Unit #2's having on their rolls personnel not physically located within the Quang Tri Combat Base or the Dong Ha Combat Base. Because of the ease of movement between the two areas, consolidation of the personnel administration functions would (1) reduce the number of administrative personnel required to perform this function, (2) provide a central repository for all records and files, and (3) provide central location for promulgation and enforcement of directives, bulletins, memorandums, etc.

3. Maintenance of motor vehicle equipment could be centralized at Quang Tri resulting in increased maintenance capability, smoother requisitioning, accounting and stocking of spare parts, and, possibly, shorter deadline times per vehicle.

4. Supply requirements for personnel of the battalion located at Dong Ha could be accomplished by having two supply personnel remain as an integral part of the Headquarters Battalion Liaison Section (Dong Ha) to process requests for supplies and to receive and deliver supplies requisitioned.

5. All major subsidiary functions (Disbursing, Postal, Exchange, Military Police) would return to the full control of their parent activity/command and be responsive to and responsible to their appropriate commanders.

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6. In order to provide the necessary functions for the Division CP (Fwd) the following organization is considered to be the minimum essential required.

Headquarters Battalion Liaison <sup>Section</sup> Officer Dong Ha Combat Base

- 1 Capt/Lt - Liaison Officer
- 1 GySgt - Section Gunnery Sergeant
- 1 SSgt - Supply NCO
- 1 Sgt - Police Sergeant (Coordinate w/Base Facilities)
- 1 GySgt - Mess Sergeant
- 10 Sgt/Below - Cooks
- 1 Cpl/Below - Mail Clerk
- 2 Cpl - Liaison NCO's, 15th Aerial Port Dong Ha  
Combat Base
- 2 Cpl/Below - Mail Orderlies
- 1 LCpl/Below - Clerk Typist
- 4 enlisted - Corpsmen

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HEADQUARTERS  
3D SQUADRON 5TH CAVALRY  
9TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 96370

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
050001H to 052400H Apr 68 (U)

TO: COG, 3d Marine Division

1. (C) Operations Summary

## a. General:

(1) 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 3d Mar Div and continued blocking mission on operation Kilo Phase II. Rear CP remained loc vic YD221590 and Forward CP in vic YD219675.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Provisional Scout Section furnished two tracks to escort log convoy to Forward CP. They also provided two tracks for security of Forward CP.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 101st Abn Div.

(4) Trp B, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Maintained blocking psn from YD209650 to YD210665. This psn was held throughout the day without incident.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Provided security for Forward Sqdn CP and stood down for maintenance.

(6) Trp D, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to TF Forsyth 9th Inf Div. Aero Scout Plt provided three OH-23 C&C ships to Sqdn Hq.

(7) C Co, 2/34 Armor: Maintained blocking psn from YD212685 to YD212695. However at 1200H they displaced to take up blocking psn from YD215663 to YD209626. 2d Plt remained OPCON to 2d ARVN Regt.

(8) B Co, 1/3 Mar Regt: Maintained blocking psn between YD203671 to YD198663. 2d Plt displaced with C/2-34 Armor and aided in blocking psn YD215663 to YD209626.

b. Civil Affairs and Poyope: None

c. Major Unit Action: None

d. Small Unit Action: None

2. (U) Losses: None

3. (C) Plans Summary: A Trp remained OPCON to 101st Abn Div. B Trp, C Trp, C/2-34 Armor and B/1-3 Mar continue present blocking mission in conjunction with operation Kilo Phase II.

4. (U) Coordination and Liaison: Continued with 3d Mar Div and 1/40 Arty Bn (Army).

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1. COUNTRY: **SOUTH VIETNAM** 8. REPORT NUMBER: **6 027 2554 68**  
 2. SUBJECT: **(U) Sabotage Plan** 9. DATE OF REPORT: **6 April 1968**  
 3. ISC NUMBER: **135.263; 708.000; 744.065/299** 10. NO. OF PAGES: **6**  
 4. DATE OF INFORMATION: **Unknown** 11. REFERENCES: **DIRM 1S**  
 5. PLACE AND DATE OF ACQ: **VS; 10 March 1968** 12. ORIGINATOR: **COMUSMACV (CDEC)**  
 6. EVALUATION: SOURCE **F** INFORMATION **6** 13. PREPARED BY: **A. L. GALLI, LTC, USA**  
 7. SOURCE: **CAPTURED ENEMY DOCUMENT** 14. APPROVING AUTHORITY: **PHILLIP S. DAVIDSON, JR**  
**Brigadier General, USA**  
**Assistant Chief of Staff, J2**

## 15. SUMMARY:

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(C) This report contains information obtained from an enemy document captured on 10 March 1968 and concerns an incomplete plan for sabotage by an U/I unit listing material to be used.

*OB-1C*  
*Plan*  
*PO*

(C) Following is a full translation of a captured enemy document which contains information concerning an incomplete sabotage plan. This document was captured on 10 March 1968, in South Vietnam (YD306636) by D-1-3, 3d USMC Div III MAF. The document was received at CDEC on 21 March 1968, and was summarized under CDEC Document Log Number 03-2311-68 in Bulletin No. 10,592 dated 22 March 1968, (IR Number 6 027 2583 68).

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## ----- FULL TRANSLATION -----

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Plan to ensure our achievements

- Based on the terrain features in the battlefield area.
- Based on the situation of enemy activities.
- Based on the missions entrusted by higher echelon.
- Based on the commander's idea.

The missions to ensure our achievements are as follows:

/ The 15th Company: One four-cadre cell must permanently remain at Ferry #4 with a boat in order to ferry wounded soldiers across the river. These four cadre must carefully camouflage themselves to ensure their ability to perform their task.

\* Every other day, a cell should be assigned to examine routes of communication and ferries. If routes of communication are destroyed, they must be repaired immediately. If the rope used for crossing the river is broken it should be replaced by another in order to ensure that the troops can cross the river. At the same time, contact should be made with the regiment observation station to discover and to make ineffective the enemy time bombs.

From 20 to 25 January, two A's [Squads] must build a road running from the place where G15 [15th Co] stations its troops through 158 [sic], A12 Ferry, Khe Nuoc Ferry, A67 and Xuan Hoa Ferry, and another road leading to A52 [sic]; A43 [sic] and Dinh Huong [sic].

One A [Squad] of B1 [1st Platoon] should be made available for replacement when ordered by Comrade Long.

Combat activities:

D2 [2nd Bn] will be strengthened by two A's [Squads] of B2 [2nd Platoon].

One A [Squad] has the mission of encroachment and opening exits (Exits should be secretly opened, and must be destroyed in case they are detected by the enemy).

Attention must be paid to places where exits are planned to be opened.

The other A [Squad], on coordination with infantry troops, will conduct ambushes against enemy armored vehicles at the new route [sic] and block the enemy movements from A28 [sic] to B1 [sic].

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 Items planned to be issued to D1 [1st Bn]  
 for attacks on the inner perimeter [of enemy positions]

Unit	Shaped charge Gre- nade Type 400 grs	Explosive charge			Bangalore torpedo Type 1m x 6 kgs	Blasting Cap #8	Primer	Time fuse	Cloth for wrapping bangalore torpedo
		Type 3 kgs	Type 5 kgs	Type 10kgs					
C1 [1st Co]	1260	18 pieces			27	1350	1350	135 meters	
C2 [2d Co]	1260	18			27	1350	1350	135 meters	
C3 [3d Co]	630		27	27	9	756	756	80 meters	
	3150	36	135kgs	270kgs	63				80 meters
	x 0.4	x 3			x 6				
	1260 kgs	108kgs			378 kgs				
				891 kgs					

Items planned to be issued to D1 [1st Bn] and D2 [2d Bn] for removal of wire entanglements

Unit	Number of Exits	Number of entanglements	Bangalore Torpedo		Explosive charge	Blasting Cap #8	Primer	Time fuse
			On hand	to be issued				
D1 [1st Bn]	4	64	134	34	1497,6	414	276	8 meters
D2 [2d Bn]	2	34	52	16	693,6	204	136	7 meters

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 Items planned to be issued to D2 [2d Bn] for attacks  
 on the inner perimeter [of enemy positions]

Unit	Chaped charge grenade type 400grs	Explosive charge			1 meter bangalore torpedo	Blasting Cap #8	Primer	Time fuse
		Type 3 kgs	Type 5 kgs	Type 10 kgs				
C1 - D2 [1st Co, 2d Bn]	1260	27	18		27	1404	1404	140 meters

 Items planned to be issued to D2 [2d Bn] for  
 encroachments and obstacle removal

Unit	Number of Exits	Number of entanglements	Bangalore torpedo	Explosive charge	Blasting Cap #8	Primer	Time fuse
D2 [2d Bn]	72	72	141	1468	423	282	50 meters

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Items planned to be issued to K11 [1st Bn]

	Chaped charge Grenade	TNT charge	Blasting Cap #8	Primer	Time fuse	Clothe for wrapping	Remarks
D1 [1st Bn]	3150	2298 Explosive charge for shapped char- ge grenade: 1260 Explosive charge plan- ned to be used in sabotage 1500 5,058 kgs	3870  Blasting caps used in sabotage: 1000 4,870	3732  Used in sabotage: 500 4232	358 meter  200 558	80 [meters]  Cloth used for wrapping explosive charge 100 meters 180 meters	

Items planned to be issued to K2 [poss 2d Bn]

Unit	Shaped charge Grenade	TNT charge	Blasting Cap #8	Primer	Time fuse	Cloth for wrapping
K2 [2d Bn]	1260	3849 Including 504 kgs of explosive charge for shaped charge grenades	2031	1822	197 meters	100

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Items issued to C15 [15th Co]: 800 kgs of TNT explosive charge;  
 1400 blasting caps #8; 900 primers; 150 meters of  
 time fuse; 2,500 meters of detonating cord and 200  
 meters cloth to wrap the explosive charges.

Items issued to deception element: 298 kgs of TNT explosive  
 charge; 600 blasting caps #8; 664 primers and 50 meters  
 of time fuse.

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## Information Report

FROM Quang Tri Military Security

Source SECRET agent C58

Valuation B12

Date Received 6 April 68

1. Contains: According to the reliable information reported that there is one VC regular force Bn stationing in Bến Huyên at XD 243410. This Bn has one arty Co, consisting of 140 mm Rockets and 82 mm Mortars and individual personnel weapons. Their intention is unknown.

II Suggestion: this is reliable information and request for an airstrike and air recon to stop the VC's conspiracy

APO 4729 6 April 68

Chief of Quang Tri Military Security

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4<sup>th</sup> Long range Co of Military Region 4 has 6 x 135mm artillery, 6 x 105mm Howitzers, 12 trucks to transport ammo for NINH LINH area. The artillery positions are at DONG PHUOC SAN, YD 148782, MINH HUONG, HIEN LUONG, MUI SI and CUA TUNG.

B-2 Art. Bn is equipped with 105mm Howitzer, B-82? and 140mm rocket. This unit operates from CAM LO Mountainous area, GIO LINH to the near mountainous area to fire at the bases along Highway #9, DONG HA and CUA VIET.

on 1 MAR 68, 61st inf Bn and 2 Art. Co (12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Co) will be formed for the defense along coastal area from DIU NGANG (HA TINH) to MUI CAP (150Kms) to prevent the landing of the Americans to the Path.

General VUONG THUA VU (who commanded the Front against the French in the North Delta area with Gen VAN TIEN DUNG) will be dispatched to SUN to command the battle at Northern QUANG TRI.

### 2nd phase

presently, 271<sup>st</sup>, 272<sup>nd</sup>, 273<sup>rd</sup> Regts. of 340<sup>th</sup> Div and 812<sup>th</sup>, 803<sup>d</sup> and 865<sup>th</sup> Regts of 324 B Div are fighting in the area of QUANG TRI - KHE SANH.

2nd phase attack the enemy will coordinate air forces, artillery, mechanized and infantry.

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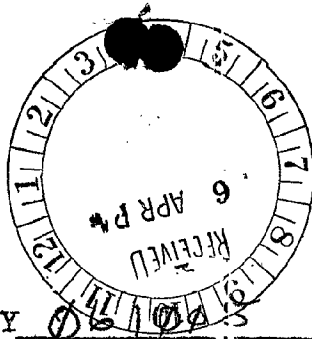
to attack KHE SANH.

- The enemy used slogans "Rural is the effort to blockade the refugee camps" to appeal the people to leave the refugee camps.

- The rocket launching sites (5 to 8 rockets fired the same time) will be carried to the south.

(we don't know when, and the capacity) to use in TRI-THIEN battle field - Rocket can be fired from 6 to 8 kms. /

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TG 79.5 LVT, BK, AND OATOS ASSETS.

A. CTG 79.5 MSG 021644Z APRIL 68.

1. CONCUR IN REQ CONTN REF A.

2. SUBJECT: ASSETS IN 3RD MARINES AO CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF TWO  
 LVTP-5 AND 1 M50A1. RETURN OF THESE ASSETS WILL NOT SERIOUSLY  
 DETACT FROM 3RD MARINES CAPABILITY.

3. EMPLOYMENT OF FRAGMENTED BLT ASSETS NO IN BEST INTERESTS OF  
 EITHER BLT OR REGT HAVING OPCON, OF REGT REQUIRES SUCH ASSETS IN AO B  
 THEY SHOULD BE ASSIGNED FROM CONTINUALLY AVAILABLE DIVISION ASSETS.

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<p>ROUNDS RESULTING IN 1 US WHA (SLIGHT).</p> <p>(6) TRP D, 3D SQDN, 5TH CAV: REMAINED OPCON TO TF FORSYTH (9TH DIV). AERO SCOUT PLT PROVIDED THREE OH-23 C&amp;C SHIPS TO SQDN HQ.</p> <p>(7) C CO, 2/34 ARMOR: CONTINUED BLOCKING MISSION FROM YD215663 TO YD209626.</p> <p>(8) B/1-3 MAR DIV: MAINTAINED BLOCKING MISSION FROM YD203671 TO YD198663. 2D PLT REMAINED OPCON TO C/2-34 ARMOR.</p> <p>E. CIVIL AFFAIRS AND PSYOPS: NONE</p> <p>C. MAJOR UNIT ACTION: NONE</p> <p>D. SMALL UNIT ACTION: NONE</p> <p>2. (U) LOSSES:</p> <p>A. US: 1 WHA (SLIGHT)</p> <p>E. ENEMY: NONE</p> <p>3. (C) PLANS SUMMARY: A TRP REMAIN OPCON TO 101ST AEN DIV. B TRP, C TRP, C/2-34, AND E/1-3 MAR CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION WITH NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES.</p> <p>4. (U) COORDINATION AND LIAISON: , CONTINUED WITH 3D MAR DIV AND 1/40 ARTY BN (ARMY).</p>					
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FPO San Francisco 96602

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7 Apr 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADC

From: Division Engineer Officer

Subj: Quang Tri Development, progress for period 30 March -  
5 April 1968

Ref: (a) CG, 3d MarDiv ltr to CG, PCV, 15:RHH:wba 30Mar68  
(b) CG, III MAF msg 241208Z Mar68  
(c) III MAF Base Development Board Meeting, 1330,  
1 April 1968

1. The following occurred during the report period:

a. Reference (a) requested that a 2d increment of 35 standard 4 hole burn-out heads and 10 standard 16'X32' showers be constructed at Quang Tri. The continuing population increase at QTCB was cited as justification. Reference (b) directed that all future construction requests be addressed to Provisional Corps Vietnam for action. This request for heads and showers is the first such request to be submitted to Provisional Corps Vietnam and is still pending.

b. During reference (c) the Division's top priority Public Works minor construction project of a garbage shed for QTCB was assigned an integrated priority of 3.

c. The following Marine and Naval construction forces were engaged on projects at the QTCB during this report period.

1. 3d Engineer Battalion - Establishing water treatment site, water distribution system, ADC and Base Defense Bunker, and FamFire Range.

2. MCB-5 - Vertical construction of the 500 man mess-hall.

3. MCB-10 - Vertical and Horizontal construction of all cantonments including 3d Medical Facility.

d. 1st and 2d increment construction continues with the following work accomplished.

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1. Horizontal - Work continues on three access roads from Highway 1 and one connecting access road parallel to the railroad track. Roads are kept open while equipment is working. No work has been done on existing pioneer roads into the cantonments.

2. Vertical -

a. Base Defense Bunker - No work during this report period. Clearing of entrances, installation of air conditioners, and backfilling is planned for next week.

b. HqBn Messhall - Structural framing 95% complete. All concrete work complete. Application of siding and roof tin plus interior wiring planned for next week. Estimated completion date of messhall is 16 April 1968.

c. 3dMed Facility - Structural framing of two double quonsets have been completed with interior work approximately 90% complete. Structural framing of two other double quonsets underway with interior work planned for next week. The triage building is 80% complete, interior work continuing and should be completed next week. The construction of the X-Ray building planned to begin next week. The X-Ray building will complete the structures currently authorized for construction. The remaining 3d Medical Facility however, has been approved for construction and ComNavForVRep (Base Development) has tasked 3d NCB with its construction. Additional work order to MCB-10 is forthcoming.

d. Water Point - Distribution line to HqBn complete. Construction of the water tower will commence 8 April with estimated completion date of 13 April. Distribution will begin upon arrival of the 6000 gallon tank from Gia Le and completion of the tower.

e. Post Office - Plot has been layed out and design is complete. Actual work will begin next week upon completion of 4 SEA Huts in 3d Recon Battalion cantonment.

f. Cantonments- The status of SEA Hut construction is as follows:

<u>CANTONMENT</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>UNDER CONST</u>	<u>TOTAL PLANNED</u>	<u>% COMPLETE</u>
3d Tank Bn	20	0	20	100%
3d MT Bn	36	0	36	100%
3d SP Bn	8	0	8	100%
3d Engr Bn	8	0	8	100%
3d Recon Bn	1	1	4	37%

<u>CANTONMENT</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>	<u>UNDER CONST</u>	<u>TOTAL PLANNED</u>	<u>% COMPLETE</u>
3d Med Bn	5	0	5	100%
HqBn	78	0	87	90%
FLSG-B	0	0	25	0%
MCB	0	0	7	0%
TOTAL	156	1	200	78%

Very respectfully,

*R. G. Mc Cutchan*  
R. G. MC CUTCHAN

HEADQUARTERS  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

7 Apr 1968

MEMORANDUM

For: Commanding Officer, 26th Support Group

Subj: Graves Removal

1. I am informed by the Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 III MAF that BGen McBRIDE, Commander, 1st Logistics Command, has informed III MAF that there is no requirement for removal of graves in the area assigned to your command, within Quang Tri Combat Base.

2. After a physical reconnaissance of the area, it is requested that you inform me by return memorandum whether you will require removal of any graves, with the understanding that:

a. Graves cannot be disturbed or covered by any facility or structure.

b. For security reasons, civilians cannot be allowed access to the grave sites except on periodic (e.g. monthly), controlled visits.

W. H. CUENIN  
Chief of Staff

Copy to  
AC/S G-4 III MAF  
AC/S G-5 3dMarDiv

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delivered copy to AC/S, G-5  
on 8 Apr 68 - 8945

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

Subj: Quang Tri Development, progress report for the period  
31 March - 6 April 1968

1. The following was accomplished during the report period:

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b. The Division's top priority Public Works minor construction project of a garbage shed for QTCB has been assigned an integrated priority of 3 by the III MAF Base Development Board.

c. The following Marine and Naval construction forces were engaged on projects at the QTCB during this report period.

(1) 3d Engineer Battalion - Water treatment site, water distribution system, Base Defense Bunker, and Pam Fire Range.

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(d) Post Office - Plot has been layed out and design is complete. Actual work will begin next week upon completion of four SEA Huts in 3d Reconnaissance Battalion cantonment.

e. Status of move from Phu Bai/Gia Le through 1 April 1968:

(1) During the period 2 March through 1 April 1968, 11 Rough Rider Operations have been completed from the Phu Bai area to Quang Tri. Cargo hauled amounted to 1,351 truck loads (2½ ton truck or equivalent). It is estimated that there are 1,082 truck loads (2½ ton equivalent) remaining to be transported. Remaining cargo consists primarily of engineer materials (lumber, pipe, etc.) and organic equipment of the 3d Medical Battalion and three infantry battalion rear echelons.

(2) 3d SPBn, 3d TCBn and 3d MTBn have completed the move. Headquarters Battalion and 3d Engineer Battalion have about 30% and 50% respectively of their Battalion Supplies remaining to be moved. The 3d Medical Battalion has moved only a forward echelon (less than 10% of the Battalion). Move of the main echelon will take place as soon as the medical facility is completed at Quang Tri, about 1 May. The total move of the Division Rear should be essentially completed on the move of 3d Medical Battalion in early May.

f. Figures on personnel located at Quang Tri as of 5 April are as follows:

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	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
Marine	305	3,090
Navy	37	756
Army	67	335
Air Force	<u>3</u>	<u>110</u>
Total	412	4,291

- \* 3d Marine Division strength (Marine Corps) is 163 officers and 2,339 enlisted. This is an increase during the week of 2 officers and 184 enlisted.

Very respectfully,

J. E. OLICK

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HEADQUARTERS  
3D SQUADRON 5TH CAVALRY  
9TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 96370

SHOVE	
OP CHIEF	
G-3 W.O.	
G-2 W.O.	
DOFO	
APC	
ACTION	7 April 1968

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SUBJECT: Ground Commander's Daily Situation Report (SITREP)  
060001H to 062400H Apr 68 (U)

TO: COG, 3d Mar Div

## 1. (C) Operations Summary

## a. General:

(1) 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 3d Mar Div and continued blocking mission on opn Kilo Phase II. Rear CP remained loc vic YD221590 and Frwd CP in vic YD219675.

(2) HHT, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Provisional Scout Section furnished two tracks to escort log convoy to Frwd CP. Also provided two tracks for security of Frwd CP.

(3) Trp A, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to 101st Abn Div.

(4) Trp E, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Maintained blocking psn from YD209650 to YD210665.

(5) Trp C, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Became OPCON to 2d ARVN Regt eff

060800H to aid in search and clear opn in conjunction with opn Kilo Phase II. At 061630H they received an unknown number of mortar rounds resulting in 1 US WHA (slight).

(6) Trp D, 3d Sqdn, 5th Cav: Remained OPCON to TF Forsyth (9th Div). Aero Scout Plt provided three OH-23 C&C ships to Sodn Hq.

(7) C Co, 2/34 Armor: Continued blocking mission from YD215663 to YD209626.

(8) B/1-3 Mar Div: Maintained blocking mission from YD203671 to YD198663. 2d Plt remained OPCON to C/2-34 Armor.

b. Civil Affairs and Psyops: None

c. Major Unit Action: None

d. Small Unit Action: None

## 2. (U) Losses:

a. US: 1 WHA (Slightly)

b. Enemy: None

3. (C) Plans Summary: A Trp remain OPCON to 101st Abn Div. B Trp, C Trp, C/2-34, and B/1-3 Mar continue present mission with no significant changes.

4. (U) Coordination and Liaison: Continued with 3d Mar Div and 1/40 Arty Bn (Army).

ACKNOWLEDGE:

BARTLEY  
LTC

OFFICIAL:

7 April

T.F. K110

- ① 070800H 3/3 Checked out area where L.P. made contact at 062230H. Found blood stains and drag marks. Found 1 NVA body and 1 AK-47 banana clip (mag)
- ② 071115H - 3/3 1st/2 resupply activities commenced. 3/3 units have patrols out.
- ③ 071140H - 3/3 resupply completed
- ④ 071030H - Arous w/drew. 3/1 Ba and 2/7 Armored personnel for movement to Hue.
- ⑤ 071200H 2d ARVN elements moving toward obj. Mon PL Green. Will sweep W to E toward Route #1
- ⑥ 071245H 3/3 presently located at YD 162653. Reg contact so far.
- ⑦ 071430H 3/3 YD 153656 Found bunker complex about 1 month old. Continued search of area and found ⑥ 60mm mortar rds.
- ⑧ 3/3 at 071725H located at YD 162658.

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9th Marines - Operations Kentucky  
 ① 070800H A-4 1/4 OP-2  
 observed 5 NVA in open. Fired 81mm  
 mortar & 106 mm mortar w/ excellent target  
 coverage OP-2 obs 1 NVA received a  
 direct hit. 1 NVA/KIA

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① 070800H

E/2/4

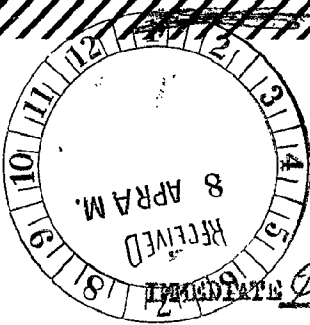
YD 250660

Dug up 2 fresh graves each of which  
contained 1 NVA body. 2 NVA/KIA

4<sup>th</sup> Marines - Lancaster II

① 071155 H      4/2/9      YD074574  
Rec'd 1 rd. 82 mm mort. when  
air strike started. AO unable to  
find Gun position.      1 KIA      9 WIA(E)

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG FIRST AIR CAV DIV  
 INFO: CG PCV  
 CG III MAF  
 THIRD MARDIV

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## PERMANENT BOUNDARY CHANGE

A. 1ST AIR CAV DIV VERBAL REQUEST FOR BOUNDARY CHANGE OF 5APR68

1. THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN REF A IS APPROVED FOR 070800HAPR68.

2. NEW BOUNDARY AS FOLLOWS: FROM XD 950 504 TO XD 957 510 TO XD 960 515  
 TO XD 975 516 TO XD 980 514 TO XD 987 512 TO XD 991 515 TO YD 000 512  
 TO YD 006 509 TO YD 010 510 TO YD 020 515 TO YD 024 515 TO YD 027 510  
 TO YD 027 508 TO YD 030 507 TO YD 035 505 TO YD 040 500.

3. OVERLAY PASSED ON REQUEST.  
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3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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8 Apr 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

Subj: 1stMAW Contribution to Perimeter Defense of the Quang Tri  
Combat Base

1. We have received a copy of a message (attached, reference (a)) which 1stMAW sent to III MAF stating that 3dMarDiv had assigned MAG-36 Alpha perimeter defense responsibilities at Quang Tri which require 40 personnel and requesting that someone else be assigned this responsibility. The Wing message "hits below the belt" and does not accurately or completely present the facts. I recommend that we make an input to III MAF to set the record straight. A suggested message for your release is attached.

2. Shortly after I established my office in Quang Tri I called a meeting of Commanders of all tenant units on the Quang Tri Combat Base. The purpose of the meeting was to impress on these commanders the seriousness and importance of the Base Defense responsibility, to explain that there were no infantry units assigned and therefore defense of the base must fall on and be shared by all tenant units, and to solicit their cooperation. I asked Colonel HANSEN, CO of MAG-36A, to remain after the meeting to discuss MAG-36 contribution. The reason I did this was because during the entire period that Quang Tri airfield had been in operation the 1stMAW had not contributed to the manning of perimeter defense positions. I asked Colonel HANSEN if it would not be possible for him to take over the positions directly adjacent to the airfield. He replied that he would prefer to wait until after 1 April since intelligence sources indicated a high likelihood of attack during the last ten days of March. He felt it would not be wise to shift personnel at this critical time. I agreed and the meeting ended with the impression that MAG-36A would provide assistance after 1 April. At no time was Colonel HANSEN directed to provide personnel. None of the other non-3d Marine Division units at Quang Tri have been directed to provide, but have contributed voluntarily to perimeter defense. Other pertinent facts are contained in the proposed message.

Very respectfully,

  
J. E. GLICK

DRAFTER 38/WHC/skb  
 SEC STAFF SEC PHONE QUANG TRI 5  
 CWO

PRIORITY \_\_\_\_\_ APR68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG III MAF  
 INFO: CG FIRST MAW  
 CO MAG 36  
 CO MAG 36A

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 A. CG FIRST MAW MSG 051310Z APR68

SECURITY OF QUANG TRI AIR BASE

1. REF A STATES THAT MAG-36 ALPHA HAS BEEN ASSIGNED CERTAIN SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES AT QUANG TRI AIR BASE BY 3D MARDIV

WHICH REQUIRES 40 PERSONNEL IN ADDITION TO THOSE CURRENTLY ASSIGNED THAT FUNCTION. REF A FURTHER REQUESTS THAT THIS

RESPONSIBILITY BE "PROVIDED" BY ELEMENTS OTHER THAN FMAW.

2. THE FACTS ARE:

A. MAG 36 ALPHA HAS NEVER BEEN ASSIGNED PERIMETER DEFENSE SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES. MAG 36 ALPHA HAS BEEN REQUESTED,

ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS, TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR 10 PERIMETER DEFENSE BUNKERS WHICH ARE ADJACENT TO THEIR OWN

WORKING AND LIVING SPACES.

B. THE WORD "ADDITIONAL" IS NOT UNDERSTOOD SINCE MAG-36 ALPHA DOES NOT NOW CONTRIBUTE TO THE PERIMETER DEFENSE, EXCEPT

FOR REACTION FORCES, ON CALL, FOR USE IN ITS IMMEDIATE AREA IN THE EVENT OF GROUND ATTACK.

3. THERE ARE NO INFANTRY UNITS ASSIGNED TO THE DEFENSE OF QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE. THE PERIMETER DEFENSE POSITIONS MUST

BE MANNED BY TENNANT COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS; ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE AND MARINES. NONE HAVE SECURITY

FORCES, AS SUCH, ASSIGNED. THESE UNITS CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEFENSE OF THE BASE ON AN ADDITIONAL DUTY BASIS, WHILE CONTINUING

TO PERFORM THEIR PRIMARY MISSIONS, AND FOLLOW THE FUNDAMENTAL

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MILITARY AXIOM OF PROVIDING THEIR OWN DEFENSE.

4. THE PRIMARY MISSION ASSIGNED MAG36 ALPHA IS UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED. HOWEVER, IT IS DIFFICULT TO COMPREHEND THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING A MAXIMUM OF 40 PERSONNEL AT NIGHT AND 10 IN DAYLIGHT HOURS FROM A REPORTED ENLISTED STRENGTH OF 703 TO ASSIST IN THE DEFENSE OF THEIR OWN LIVES AND INSTALLATIONS.

5. RECOMMEND THEREFORE THAT MAG-36 ALPHA BE PROVIDED THE CAPABILITY, IF NOT NOW PRESENT, TO CONTRIBUTE ~~TO~~ ITS SHARE TO

~~OF~~ THE COMMON DEFENSE

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8 April 1968

From: DTC  
To: CIO

Subj: Report of enemy activity in the North.

1. MILITARY: Presently, the enemy is drafting and recalling the youth from 18 to 30 years old in order to strengthen the forces for the war against the American. Since the beginning of 1968, 3rd and 4th Military Region have drafted thousands of youth of ages 18 to 25, they also formed many independent Regiments which are called voluntary troops of liberation for SVN, and dispatched them to the South. Information occasionally discovered that the enemy always organized ceremonies that for dispatching units to the south at SE of Vinh city in NVN. After any ceremonies were accomplished, the troops would be transported to the South by trucks. Presently in the North, the enemy is consolidating the Air Force, Navy, Anti-Aircraft, etc., in planning to reform them into Bns. Regts. or Divs. and also equip them with modern weapons. Equipment and weapons are being furnished by ChiCom and Russia. They are: Mig 17's and 21's; tanks, 64/XV, 76/CX from Russia; warships and AA guns from ChiCom. Since March 1968, in the area of Southern Military Region III, the enemy has maneuvered the 304th Div 61st Inter. Group and the 24th Arty Regt. to defend the coastal area from Ha Tinh to Dong Hoi to Vinh Linh to protect the shore in Southern Military IV and to prevent the Americans from a landing in that area. The field in Southern Military IV is commanded by Gen TRAN CONG KHANH, and his Hq. are located North of Quan Han Bridge (Quang Binh (P)). the 270th Regt. and 57th public security group still deploy to protect the Border and Vinh Linh area. Presently, in the Western part of Vinh Linh area, Vinh Tuong Village, there is the 41st Tanks Squadron consisting of 12 tanks, commanded by SrCapt. VO DAI LONG, and his assistant is SrLT. NGUYEN DUY TRUONG. It consist of 2/41; 4/41; 6/41; 8/41 platoons and permanetly stationed at Ben Quan. They always moved on jungle trails from Ben Quan to North West of Ben Tac and South West of Ben Than.
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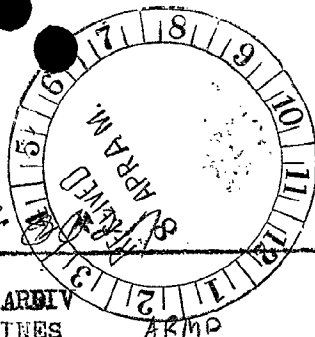
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In A Choc and A tong areas, there is the 42nd Tank Squadron consisting of 12 tanks, and divided as 1/42; 2/42; 3/42; 4/42 platoons, and is commanded by SrCapt. LE BA HOANG and HO VAN TUONG. This tank unit's mission is to fight at Khe Sanh. In Bong Son area of Western Quang Binh, the 43rd Tank Squadron is being trained to fight in the Quang Tri battle field.

2. POLITICAL: The North is motivating the campaign in emulation to fight the americans by strengthening the National defenses, mechanizing agriculture establishing "self economy", etc..  
On 10Mar68, Ha Noi government issued 2 new decrees in connection with the punishing of the people who were "lackeys" with the Americans.  
On 28Mar68, TRAN QUYET, the North's Government security minister, when visiting Vinh Linh, talked about the decrees and punishing the Anti-Revolutionist
3. The enemy activities in Tri Thien battle field and the Battle of North of Highway #9, are to shell our bases, attack the traffic routes to take advantages for future large scale fighting. The major units in the Thua Thien Battle field are consolidating and strengthening itself, the small units are scattered out to counter sweep operation and harass the traffic routes. The major units moved to the strong-hold areas to strengthen, this information was stated on Mar68 by the cadres who participated in the fighting in HUE.  
In Feb and Mar68, the enemy evacuated thousands of dead and wounded from the battles of Quang Tri, Gio Linh, Cam Lo, and Khe Sanh to Vinh Linh, and the wounded were evacuated to Dong Hoi Hospital.  
The enemy also said that, presently, they have established a field hospital in North West of Khe Sanh and is managed by Doctor DINH XUAN NGHIEM, and equipment and medicine were received by East Germany. If you have any question, let me know and I will verify and report to you.
4. ADDITIONAL INFO: according the the enemy who withdrew from Hue battle, in Hue battle, they had captured 8 US tank and moved to the stronghold at the Western part of Thua Thien to equip them for a futur attack of Hue City.  
Source say that in Mar68, the North sent to the South 50000 tons of rice, 10,000,000 meters of green khaki material, and 100 Tons of medicine.

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SEC G-3 PHONE 3DMARBIV 203  
CWO

IMMEDIATE

2 APR 68

FROM: CG THIRD MARBIV  
TO: FOURTH MARINES  
THIRD SQUADRON, FIFTH CALVARY, NINTH INF DIV.  
THIRD ENGR BN

INFO: CG III MAF  
CG 7TH AIR FORCE  
CG FIRST MARINE AIR WING  
CG FIRST PCV  
NINTH MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
TWELFTH MARINES  
THIRD RECON BN

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PLANNING DIRECTIVE

A. OPERATION OVERLAY (PASEP ON AN AS REQUIRED BASIS)

B. MAP: VIETNAM, SERIES L 7014, SHEETS 6342 I AND 6442 IV, 1:50,000

C. M. 17-36

1. INTELLIGENCE

A. CURRENT INTSULS AND PERIMTREPS

B. COLLECTION OF CURRENT INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED AREA OF OPERATION  
WILL BE SUBMITTED AS RECEIVED.

2. MISSION

A. COMMENCING AT H AND L-HOUR ON D-DAY THE FOURTH MARINES (-)(REIN)  
CONDUCTS AN INFANTRY/ARMORED THRUST AND HELO BORNE ASSAULT IN ASSIGNED ZONE  
OF ACTION, IN ORDER TO DESTROY OR CAPTURE ENEMY PERSONNEL, LOGISTIC CACHES  
AND COMBAT INFRASTRUCTURE;

B. ON D-1, CLEAR ACCESS ROAD OF MINES AND OBSTACLES FROM JUNCTION OF  
RD 19 AND 558, SOUTH TO THE VICINITY OF GRID SQUARE (YD 0951) UTILIZING AN  
ARMORED THRUST;

*Handwritten notes and stamps:*  
"ACTION" stamp  
"COPY TO ME" stamp  
"let me see overlay" note  
"P" and "B" initials  
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G. SUBSEQUENT TO D-DAY CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED ZONE OF ACTION UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPERATION.

### 3. EXECUTION

#### A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

(1) SEE REFERENCE A, OPERATION OVERLAY, FOR PROPOSED ZONE AND PHASES OF ACTION AND BROAD SCHEME OF MANEUVER.

(2) THE 4TH MARINES, WITH ONE INFANTRY BN (REIN) AND ONE CALVARY SQUADRON (-)(REIN) WILL CONDUCT A COORDINATED HELO ASSAULT/ARMORED THRUST INTO THEIR ZONE OF ACTION.

(3) ON D-1 ONE ARMORED SQUADRON WITH ONE RIFLE COMPANY AND ENGINEERS ATTACHED WILL CLEAR THE ACCESS ROAD OF MINES AND OBSTACLES FROM THE JUNCTION OF RTE 9 AND 558, SOUTH TO THE VICINITY OF GRID SQUARE (YD 0951), ESTABLISHING A BASE CAMP. BE PREPARED FOR FURTHER OPERATIONS AS DIRECTED.

(4) ON D-DAY A COMBINED HELO <sup>Assault</sup> ARMORED THRUST WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A SUSPECTED ENEMY BASE CAMP/INFILTRATION ROUTE IN THE VICINITY OF GRID SQUARES YD 1454, 1554, 1555 AND 1455, AND LZ ALPHA, BRAVO AND CHARLIE. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT SUBSEQUENT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS ALONG AN EAST TO SOUTHEAST AXIS. H-HOUR WILL BE PRECEDED WITH AN ARCLIGHT DELIVERY ON GRIDS BOUNDED BY YD 1454-1456-1556-1554. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT PHASE I WILL BE CONCLUDED ON THE EVENING OF D+1. (SEE REFERENCE (A)).

(5) ON D+2, ON ORDER, PHASE II WILL COMMENCE WITH A COMBINED HELO/ASSAULT/ARMORED THRUST ALONG THE ACCESS ROAD SOUTH TO THE VICINITY OF BLOCKING POSITIONS ONE, TWO AND THREE AND LZ'S ZULU, YOKE AND XRAY. (SEE REFERENCE (A)). IT IS ENVISIONED THAT SUBSEQUENT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS ALONG A SOUTH AND

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AXIS, UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF PHASE II.

(6) THIS OPERATION WILL PRESENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE THE USE OF MECHANIZED CALVARY IN CONJUNCTION WITH MARINE INFANTRY.

B. 4TH MARINES

(1) ASSUME OPCON OF 3D SQUADRON 5TH CALVARY AT 0600 ON D-1.

(2) PREPARE OPERATION PLAN FOR APPROVAL. BE PREPARED TO BRIEF PLAN AT THIS HQ NLT 1200 9 APRIL 1968.

(3) BE PREPARED TO COMMENCE OPERATION ON ORDER.

(4) CHOP ONE RIFLE CO TO C.O. 3/5 CAV SQD ~~0600~~ D-1. *prior to H hour on D-1*

(5) ~~chop 1st (C) engineers to C.O. 3/5 CAV SQD 0600 D-1.~~ *prior to H hour on D-1.*

C. 3D SQUADRON, 5TH CALVARY

(1) CHOP OPCON TO 4TH MARINES AT ~~0600~~ ON D-1. *prior to H hour on D-1.*

(2) EFFECT LIAISON WITH 4TH MARINES FOR PLANNING PURPOSES UPON RECEIPT.

D. 3D RECON BN. GENERAL SUPPORT. COORDINATE RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS AS REQUESTED BY C.O. 4TH MARINES.

E. 3D ENGINEER BN. GENERAL SUPPORT. BE PREPARED FOR MAXIMUM DEMOLITION EFFORT IN SUPPORT OF 4TH MARINES.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. D-DAY TENTATIVELY 11 APRIL 1968.

B. L-HOUR AND H-HOUR AS ESTABLISHED BY C.O. 4TH MARINES.

C. ESTIMATED DURATION OF OPERATION FIVE DAYS.

D. DIRECT LIAISON ALL CONCERNED IS AUTHORIZED.

*It is planned that*  
E. PRIOR TO L-HOUR, D-DAY, EIGHT (8) CH 46'S TO BE AVAILABLE TO C.O.

4TH MARINES. THEREAFTER, FOUR (4) CH 46'S TO BE ON CALL UNTIL THE END OF THE OPERATION.

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5. URGENT OF III MAF. PLACE HIGH PRIORITY ON ARLIGHT WHICH WILL BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SCHEME OF MANEUVER FOR THIS OPERATION.

6. REPORTS. C.O. 4TH MARINES SUBMIT AFTER ACTION REPORT OF ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3A (6) ABOVE.

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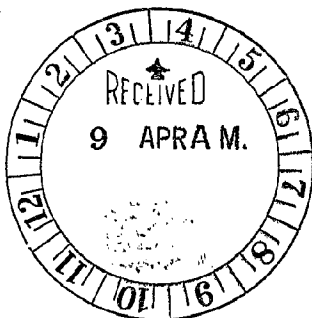
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VQOW VV AAP260PTTSZYUW RUNMWAA1007 0990750-SSSS--RUABQL RUYEUAE.

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P 030500Z APR 68

FM CG III MAF DNG

TO RUEUAE/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

INFO RIKHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUYEUAE/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUYEUAE/BLT THREE/ONE THIRD MARINES

RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB

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~~S.E. 2-1-68~~

CTG 79.5 TANK, LVT AND ONTOS ASSETS

A. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE 021644Z APR68

1. CONTINUING ENEMY THREAT IN 3RD MARDIV AO COUPLED WITH SEVERE SHORTAGES OF SUBJECT VEHICLES IN 3RD MARDIV UNITS PRECLUDES FAVORABLE REPLY TO REQUEST CONTAINED REF A. AT THIS TIME.

2. SUBJECT ASSETS WILL BE RETURNED TO CTG 79.5

CONTROL UPON BACKLOADING BLT 3/1.

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LS 206 - TOTAL CASUALTIES - 060730H to 080730H Apr 68

FR - 9 KIA

67 WIA

2 M-16 LOST

TO: 3RD MARINES  
FM: 3RD MAR DIV COE  
080715H

ENEMY - 52 KIA (C)

51 KIA (P)

1 B40

7,000 Kgs RICE

200 Kgs SUGAR

40 FIELD PACKS

28 HAMMOCKS

400 M's 82 mm MORTAR

200 RLS B40

(2)

① 061900H B2 - 2 VC CO (LAM XUAN) DLT 700

② 060900H B2 (CAM L8 S/sector) 2 VC PLTS 248634

③ 070230 1 VC ELEMENT INFILTRATED INTO VO<sup>2</sup>XA'S REFUGEE  
CAMP (112575) KILLED 1 ARVN ON LEAVE + 1 CIVILIAN

④ 5/4/68 - 6/4/68 - GJS/AZ - 8 RADIO SITES

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LZ STUD (YD 001 483), RVN  
081000 APR, 1968  
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3<sup>rd</sup> MARDIV

FRAG ORDER : 116-68-116 (U)

REFERENCE: Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000, Series L7014, Sheet 6342II

1.(C) MISSION: Team 3A conducts reconnaissance in assigned A.O. from 081730 Apr68 to 140800 Apr68 to determine the extent and nature of VC/NVA activity in the area.

2.(C) SIGNAL:

a.(C) Communication:

1. Control call-sign: Silent Avenger

Freq: Prim: 59.10  
Alt : 46.85

2. Team 3A call-sign: Silent Avenger 3A

Freq: Prim: 59.10  
Alt : 46.85

b.(C) Panels:

1. Medevac V

2. Infiltrate T

c.(C) Running Password: Tough Ranger 3A

LRF Reference Point (LRF use only ): YD 0749

Escape and Evasion Azimuth: 270deg (To LZ STUD)

d.(C) Infiltrate: 081730 Apr68 (by helicopter)

Exfiltrate: 140800 Apr68 (by helicopter)

Acknowledge:

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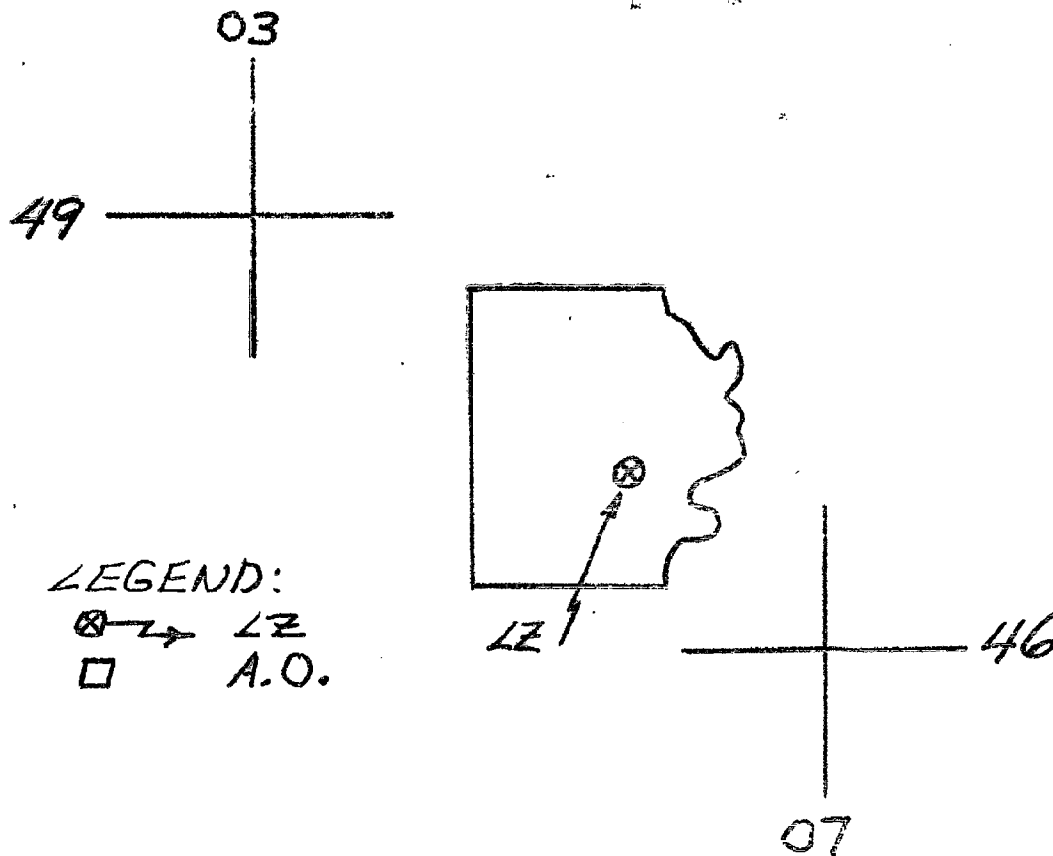
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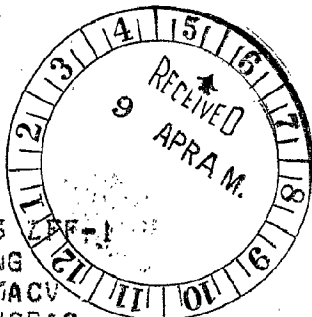
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 RUMHRA/CINCPACFLT  
 RUMGUL/COMSEVENTHFLT  
 RUMHQA/CG FMFPAC  
 RUMJNSA/COM PHIB PAC  
 RUMHMA/CG PROV CORPS V  
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMVP/CG THIRD MARDIV  
 RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
 RUMHPL/CG FORLOGCMD  
 RUMFKRP/CTF SEVEN SIX  
 RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE  
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## PROPOSED ARG/SLF SCHEDULE

REF: A. CINCPAC 202328Z JAN 68 (S) NOTAL

1. REF A APPROVED COMUSMACV EMPLOYMENT OF ARG/SLF'S UNTIL REEVALUATION OF ROTATION PLAN SCHEDULED FOR 30 APR 68.
2. IN VIEW OF PRESENT PLANS TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM OFFENSIVE PRESSURE ON ENEMY FOR NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS AND DESIRE OF ALCON TO RECONSTITUTE ARG/SLF'S AMPHIBIOUS CAPABILITY, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PRESENT ROTATION POLICY OF MAINTAINING TWO ARG/SLF'S IN VIETNAM WITH SHORT ABSENCE OF ONE ARG/SLF FOR REHAB/IRNG AT SUBIC REMAIN IN EFFECT THRU 30 JUN 68.
3. TO PROVIDE ADVANCE INFORMATION TO ALCON, THE FOLLOWING ARG/SLF SCHEDULE IS PROPOSED. THE EXTENSION BEYOND 30 JUN IS INCLUDED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY. THIS PROPOSED SCHEDULE HAS BEEN CONCURRED IN BY CTF 79, AND BY REFS FROM CTF 76 AND COMSEVENTHFLT.

A. ARG/SLF ALFA (CTG 76.4/79.4)

1-5 MAY CONTINUE SPECOPS

6 MAY BL 2/4 RELIEVED FOR B/L

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7-14 MAY B/L R/H DANANG

15 MAY - 1 JUNE AVAIL SPECOPS III MAF

21 MAY - 1 JUNE ARG ENR/UPKP SUBIC

2-6 JUNE B/L R/H AT SEA

7-18 JUNE AVAIL SPECOPS III MAF, ARG IN SUPPORT

19-24 JUNE B/L R/H DANANG

27 JUNE - 7 JUL AVAIL SPECOPS III MAF, ARG IN SUPPORT

1-2 JULY HMM 362 RELIEVED BY HMM 363

3-11 JUL B/L R/H AT SEA

12-29 JUL AVAIL SPECOPS III MAF, ARG IN SUPPORT THRU 17 JUL

18-29 JUL ARG ENR/UPKP SUBIC (SLF ELMS REMAIN IN RVN)

→ 15 JUL 3RD MARDIV COMMENCE FORM NEW BLT IN-COUNTRY

TO BE ROTATED WITH 2/4 ON 1 SEPT 68

E. ARG/SLF BRAVO (CTG 76.5/79.5)

28 APR RELIEVE BLT 3/1 FOR B/L

28 APR 1ST MARDIV COMMENCE FORM NEW BLT IN-COUNTRY

TO BE ROTATED WITH 3/1 ON 11 JUNE

29 APR - 6 MAY B/L R/H DANANG

7 - 20 MAY AVAIL SPECOPS III MAF, ARG IN SUPPORT

21 - 24 MAY B/L R/H AT SEA

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25 MAY - 10 JUNE AVAIL SPECOPS III MAF, ARG IN SUPPORT

11 - 12 JUNE LD NEW BLT RVN, HMM 164 RELIEVED BY HMM 265

13 - 14 JUN ENR SUBIC

15 JUNE OFLD SUBIC

16 - 29 JUN ARG/SLF UPKP/REHAB/TRNG SUBIC

30 JUNE - 1 JULY ENR RVN

2 - 15 JUL AVAIL SPECOPS, ARG IN SUPPORT

16 - 19 B/L R/H AT SEA

20 JUL AVAIL SPECOPS III MAF, ARG IN SUPPORT

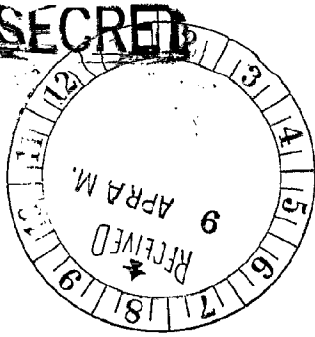
4. REQUEST APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE PROPOSED PARA 3.

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FROM: THIRD SPBN

TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV (ATTN: G-3)

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REF: A. 310903 MAR 68

1. LAW REF (A), ONE SP PLT CHOP OPCON TO CO 1ST MAR REGT AS OF ( 10000H  
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THIRD SPBN 3

DIVISION RELEASER

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 26TH GENERAL SUPPORT GROUP  
APO 96269

AVCA DN-QTC

9 April 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division  
(Rein), FMF ATTN: Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Graves Removal

1. A physical reconnaissance of the area assigned to this command, performed in conjunction with your Base Coordinator, revealed an extensive grave site area that must be removed prior to construction of facilities or structures. In addition, there are individual large vaults located at proposed key defensive positions that must also be removed.
2. Although sufficient areas, relatively free of graves, are now available for immediate occupancy by support type organizations, dependent upon their capability to erect a suitable defensive system, I concur with the Base Coordinator, that the entire proposed area should be uncovered in one movement rather than piecemeal.
3. Your help is requested in providing assistance in securing grave removal in the area involved.

CARL W. KRAUGER  
Colonel, QMC  
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMP  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

11 April 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Commanding General, III MAF

SUBJECT: Graves Removal Quang Tri

1. As a result of our conversation concerning graves removal in Quang Tri and General McBride's comment that none was required to accommodate the 26th General Support Group, I asked Col Kruger, CO of the 26th to make a physical reconnaissance of the ground.

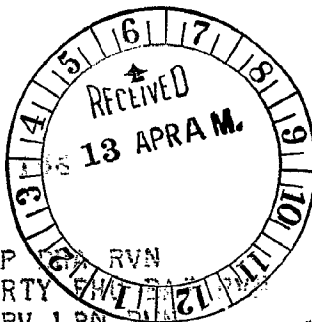
2. As you can see by his memo attached he does require graves to be removed. It was further indicated that General McBride's comments arose from consideration of the ground required to accommodate only the initial elements of the 26th Support Group.

Very Respectfully,

W. H. CUENIN  
Colonel USMC  
Chief of Staff

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VVV HVA 968  
 RR RUMHVP  
 DE RUMHVN 2206 100  
 ZNR UUUUU  
 RR 090900Z APR 68  
 FM CO 128TH ARTY GP RVN  
 TO RUMHLA/CG PCV ARTY  
 INFO RUMSVA/CG USARV LBN RVN  
 RUMWAA/CG III MAF DANANG RVN  
 RUMHVP/CG 3D MAR DIV PHU BAI RVN  
 RUMHVP/CO 12TH MARINES  
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SUBJECT: OP CON STATUS OF 128TH ARTY GP

1. GO 5473, HQ USARV, 26 OCT 67, PLACED 128TH ARTY GP UNDER OP CON OF III MAF. III MAF PASSED OP CON OF GROUP TO 3D MAR DIV (LESS B2/4 ARTY AND G/C29 ARTY, WHICH IT PLACED UNDER OP CON OF 1ST MAR DIV). 3D MAR DIV IN TURN PASSED OP CON OF GROUP TO 12TH MARINES (LESS 1/44 ARTY WITH G/65 ARTY ATTACHED, WHICH REMAINED UNDER OP CON OF 3D MAR DIV). AS FAR AS THIS HEADQUARTERS CAN DETERMINE, THIS RELATIONSHIP HAS NEVER BEEN OFFICIALLY CHANGED.

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2. ON 12 MAR 68, 3D MAR DIV AND "ALL ORGANIC AND ATTACHED UNITS" WERE PLACED UNDER OP CON OF PCV. 128TH ARTY GP IS NEITHER ORGANIC NOR ATTACHED TO 3D MAR DIV. ALSO ON 10 MAR 68, CG PK ARTY ASSUMED OP CON OF THIS GROUP, AND GROUP HAS BEEN OPERATING UNDER THIS ASSUMPTION EVER SINCE. HOWEVER, NO CONFORMATION OF THIS STATUS HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED. THIS LEAVES REPORTING CHANNELS OBSCURE. FOR EXAMPLE-

A. USARV REG 623-1 (C1) STILL DESIGNATES ADC 3D MAR DIV AS RATING OFFICER FOR EFFICIENCY REPORT OF CO 128TH ARTY GP.

B. 12TH MARINES STILL RECEIVE FIRING REPORTS ON ALL MIS-SIONS FIRED BY THIS GROUP FOR 1ST CAV DIV ARTY IN 1ST CAV DIV AO, AS DOES 1ST CAV DIV ARTY.

3. REQUEST YOUR HEADQUARTERS SEEK CLAIRFICATION FROM III MAF IN FORM OF III MAF DIRECTIVE FORMALLY PLACING 128TH ARTY GP (LESS ELEMENTS UNDER OP CON OF 1ST MAR DIV) UNDER YOUR OP CON.

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PLEASE  
RTW TO  
CRWDTHIRD MAR DIV -I- CG 1ST AIR CAV DIV  
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O 091344Z APR 68

FM TWENTY SIXTH MARINES

TO CG FIRST AIR CAV DIM

INFO CG THIRD MAR DIV

ZEN / FIRST BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES

ZEN / SECOND BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES

ZEN / THIRD BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES

ZEN / FIRST BN THIRTEENTH MARINES

ZEN / FIRST BN NINTH MARINES

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1. OPERATION PEGASUS INTSUM NR 13

2. 082000H TO 092000H APRIL 1968

3. SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

NO CHANGE

A. GROUND ACTIVITY

(1) 090200H - 1/26 REC'D 3 ARTY FROM UNK LOCATION.

(2) 090720H - 1/9 REC'D 18 RDS OF 82MM MORTAR FROM XD794393- FIRED ARTY MSN.

(3) 090930H - 2/26 REC'D 12 RDS OF 82MM MORTAR FROM UNK LOCATION.

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(4) 091115H - 3/26 REC'D 50 CAL AND 5-13 RDS 120MM FROM 222 DEGREES. REC'D 1 RD OF 120MM DURING HELO RESUPPLY - FIRED ARTY MSN - UNK RESULTS.

(5) 091300H - 1/26 AT XD818410 FOUND 1 LMG, 1 AK-47, MAGIZINE POUCH W/4 MAGIZINES, 1 GAS MASK AND POUCH, AND TWO AMMO DRUMS, 1

BUSH HAT AND PACKET OF MISC. DOCUMENTS, THREE MEDICAL BAGS.

B. AIR ACTIVITY

(1) 091045H - SOUTHERN X RAN A/S ON ONE 1 A/W PSN DESTROYING IT. ONE EN KIA.

C. SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS - NONE

4. ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES:

(1) REF PARA 3B (1) - ADF 1 KIA

ENEMY CAPTURED OR DESTROYED

(1) REF PARA 3A (5) - 1 LMG, 1 AK-47, MAGIZINE POUCH W/4 MAGIZINES, 1 GAS MASK AND POUCH, TWO DRUMS, 1 BUSH HAT, PACKET OF MISC DOCUMENTS, THREE MEDICAL BAGS.

C. TOTAL ENEMY LOSSES FOR OPERATION PEGASUS

1. KIA/KSA - 456

2. DETAINEES - 0/ INNOCENT CIVILIANS - 0

3. WEAPONS - IWC - 57/ CSWC - 4

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8. ENEMY MOVEMENT AND LOCATION: NO CHANGE

13. WEATHER AND TERRAIN

1. CLOUD- 4/12

2. PERSIPITATION- .3

3. TEMPERSTURE - H/90 L/73

4. HUMIDITY- 70 PERCENT

5. WINDS- VARIABLE 5 KNOTS

6. VISIRILITY - 5 MILES

13. NIMBER OF INSTANCES OF VN CIVILIANS VOLUNTEERING INFORMATION

TO MARINES : NONE

14. OTHER

A. KSCB AND OUTPOST 032000H TO 092000H REC'D 3 RDS ARTY, 30 RDS  
32MM MORTAR, AND 8 120MM MORTAR FOR A TOTAL OF 41 INCOMING RDS FOR  
THE REPORTING PERIOD.

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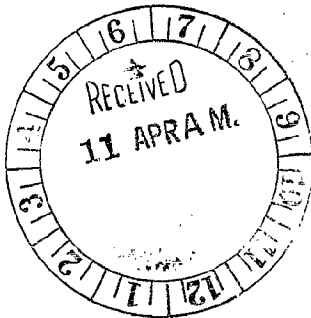
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 SEC G-3 PHONE DIV CAC  
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IMMEDIATE 091535 APR68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: FOURTH MARINES  
 NINTH MARINES

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 OPCON

1. 3D MARDIV ASSUMED OPCON OF COS H, K, AND L 3/1 AT 091630H APRIL  
 FROM 9TH MARINES. ~~PASSED~~ OPCON OF COS M, K, AND L 3/1 TO 4TH MARINES  
 SAME DTG.

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DRAFTER 3/27/68/RLW  
 SEC 3 DIV COG  
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IMMEDIATE 091615 APR68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: NINTH MARINES 2EN  
 3D SQDN 5TH ARMD CAV USA 2EN  
 FOURTH MARINES 2EN  
 THIRD TK BN 2EN  
 INFO: TWELFTH MARINES 2EN

OPCON

A. MY 080027Z APR68

1. FOR NINTH MARINES

- A. CHOP ONE RIFLE COMPANY TO 3D SQDN 5TH ARMD CAV EFF 100800H APR68
- B. CO WILL REMAIN W/3/5 FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 5 DAYS.
- C. REPORT UNIT DESIGNATION

2. FOR 3D SQDN 5TH ARMD CAV.

- A. ASSUME OPCON RIFLE CO FROM NINTH MARINES SAME DTG PARA 1A ABOVE.
- B. CHOP YOUR ORG W/ART UNITS TO FOURTH MARINES SAME DTG  
FM THIRD TK BN
- C. ASSUME OPCON 3 M-67 TKS WITH COMPRESSOR, SAME DTG PARA 1A.
- D. BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPS INW FOURTH MARINES OP O FOR PERIOD OF ABOUT FIVE DAYS.

3. FOR FOURTH MARINES:

- A. ASSUME OPCON ABOVE UNITS SAME DTG PARA 1A ABOVE.

4. FOR THIRD TK BN

- A. CHOP 3 M-67 TKS W/COMPRESSOR TO 3D SQDN 5TH ARMD CAV SAME DTG PARA 1A ABOVE.

5. FOR ALL

- A. REPORT CHOP TIMES THIS HQ.
- B. DIRLAUTH ALCON.

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## SYNOPSIS OF ENEMY SITUATION

Recent Free World operations have thwarted enemy plans and inflicted immense personnel casualties and munitions losses on his forces. Depletion of key cadre has created a serious command and control problem. Reverses, losses and post-operation confusion have resulted in morale varying from moderately low to extremely low throughout enemy forces. Current intelligence indicates that the units opposing the 3d Mar Div are second line outfits, well below the previous norm. Reportedly, manpower shortages in NVN have resulted in the drafting of both men and women between the ages of 14 to 50.

Reports have been received of NVN sending rice acquisition groups to RVN to carry rice north to offset a severe shortage. Numerous agent reports indicate many enemy units are engaged in rice collection and an estimated third of his forces are engaged in other transport duties. Enemy strength in 3d Mar Div area is approx 7,370. Each man eats an average 22 ounces of rice daily, making the enemy total rice requirement 10,313 lbs per day. It must be emphasized that this is a continuing requirement, and one that cannot be met by NVN. The hamlet infrastructure is the vital link between the VC/NVA unit in the field and the rice farmer. Reduction, neutralization or destruction of the infrastructure would exacerbate the already serious food problem, as well as deny the enemy intelligence, refuge, guides, recruits, etc.

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Although still capable of local ground attacks and attacks by fire, overall the enemy is in worse condition in QT Province than at any previous time. The vulnerabilities enumerated above can be exploited by a carefully coordinated campaign of:

1. Aggressive operations against selected enemy units.
2. Joint screening operations in populated areas to root out the infrastructure.
3. Rigid population and rice control measures, and
4. Appropriate psychological operations directed at the populace and enemy soldiers.

The following factors favor immediate initiation of such multi-pronged attack:

1. Rice is harvested in Quang Tri Province from mid April to mid June.
2. Time will permit the enemy to replace the munitions and personnel losses which he has sustained recently.
3. Time will permit replacements to be trained and overall unit combat efficiency to be improved.
4. Time will permit political cadre to dispell the shock of recent reverses and raise morale by intensive propaganda lectures.

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In the wider context, imminent peace talks undoubtedly will spur the enemy to make a maximum effort to gain as favorable a bargaining position as possible in the shortest possible time. Immediate friendly offensive action as described above would exploit his present vulnerabilities, spoil his offensive plans and improve Free World prospects in any political talks.

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During the period February to late April, 1968, enemy activity was characterized by heavy attacks by fire and extensive Marine combat patrolling, generally from static positions. Throughout this period, enemy ground strength was gradually increased and accordingly so was Marine strength.

The primary NVA units in the Khe Sanh area were initially the 325th Charley and the 304th Division. The 325th Charley left there in late March and moved Southward and was replaced by the 308th Division. In the central DMZ area the 320th NVA Div. moved south through the DMZ in January of 1968 to route 9 and gradually moved east in February and March in a series of heavy contacts in Operation LancasterII with the 4th Marines and operation Kentucky in Leatherneck Square with the 9th Marines.

Because of increasingly heavy fighting throughout the 3d Division AO on April 2, the 1st Air Cavalry and elements of the 3rd Marine Division commenced operation Pegasus along route 9 to relieve Khe Sanh. On this operation's termination on April 14, the 2d Bde., 1st Air Cavalry was op con to the 3rd Mar Div as the rest of the 1st Air Cavalry moved south out of the 3rd Division's AO. The Division commenced operation ScotlandII with the 2d Bde and the 26th Marines in the Khe Sanh area. A few days later, the 1st Marines were brought into operations and the 26th Marines displaced to the eastern part of the AO. At this time, the 3rd Marine Division was the largest Marine Division in history consisting of approximately 23 maneuver battalions including the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 9th and 26th Marines and the 2nd Bde., 1st Air Cavalry.

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On 30 April the 320th NVA Division culminated its eastward thrust in the battle of Dai Do just north of Dong Ha Combat Base in the Napoleon/Saline AO. There, 2 of the NVA divisions regiments made a stand that was to be the heaviest concentrated fighting in the Republic of Vietnam.

This battle was characterized by Marine assaults spearheaded by the 2d Bn., 4th Marines and the 1st Bn., 3rd Marines and heavy counter attacks by the NVA. Eventually the entire 2nd Bde. 1st Air Cavalry was heli-lifted from Scotland II AO to an area northwest of Dai Do, a light infantry Bn. was brought up from the 161st Airborne north of Dai Do and 3rd Bn., 9th Marines was moved on the Dai Do's western flank in the Kentucky AO. By the 10th of May, over 1800 NVAs had been killed and the 320th was severely defeated. However they pushed their 3rd Regt. into the Nhi Ha area the 25th of May and again suffered heavy losses and were defeated.

With the 320th driven north through the DMZ and the NVA divisions in the Khe Sanh area largely broken up--the 3rd Marine Division commenced, in June, a series of mobile operations that would search out every part of its AO. The first of these heli-borne, mobile operations was Scotland II South, south of Khe Sanh. Throughout the operation, heavy contact was made with the enemy and he was either killed or driven back into Laos.

On the termination of Scotland II South, Khe Sanh Combat Base was deactivated and the 1st Marines CP and Task Force Hotel Headquarters displaced to the area now known as Vandegrift Combat Base where the division could control its mobile posture more effectively.

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Beginning in July and continuing through September, the 9th Marines conducted a series of mobile operations north and northwest of the Rockpile and into the DMZ. The first was Lancaster II/July with action commencing on July 7th into the Mutters Ridge area which succeeded in capturing several pack Howitzers used in the firing of Camp Carroll and route 9.

LancasterII/Jupiter commenced in Mid-August southwest of Con Thien and succeeded in pushing several NVA units back into the DMZ. Then in late August and throughout September the 9th Marines conducted operation LancasterII/Trusdale and Lancaster II/Trousdale North which captured most of the 320th NVA Division's base camps, training areas and stores of supplies. Subsequently, the 320th was pushed across the DMZ and only until recently has been seen again.

Concurrently with the 9th Marines operations, the 4th Marines deployed north of Khe Sanh from July 24th in ScotlandII/CantonII.

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Following the 9th Marines Trousdale/Trousdale North operations, the 4th Marines deployed west again in operation Scotland II/ Mountain from the 8th to the 24th of October. This operation was followed by Task Force Hotel with the 9th Marines into an area south of Vandegrift Combat

Base (VCB) (OFFICIALLY named on Aug. 6). This operation Scotland II/ Afton (25 Oct-27 Nov.) had the same mission as the (Mountain Operation) ; generally to search the area, building Landing Zones and Fire Support Bases. There was little enemy contact and the operation terminated as operation Dawson River/Afton commenced on November 28th south of Route 9 west of the Laotian border. The 9th Marines were still in the area and generally moved east to the coast encountering little contact.

On October 18, the 2nd Bn., 26th Marines boarded ships and returned to the OPCON of Special Landing Force-Alpha.

Because of gradually decreasing enemy contact in the Division's AO and the need for forces in the 1st Marine Division Area, the 3rd Marines(-) deployed to the 1st Marine Division in mid-December.

Forces now under the Division were the 4th and 9th Marines and the 1st Bde, 5th Infantry (mech) which had deployed to the Division's AO in late July 1968. The Bde initially assumed the Kentucky AO on August 26 in the Leatherneck Square area, then on November 2nd, moved into the eastern portion of the Division AO and continued operation Napoleon/ Saline II which terminated on December 9th. Then they commenced operation Marshall Mountain in the same area. It is important to note that the Bde, as opposed to Marine units in the isolated, mountainous, jungles in the west, operated within a large Vietnamese population.

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There was an increasing evidence of enemy activity in and around the Ashau Valley(sp?). Because of the lowland fighting in the past 3 1/2 months, the 9th Marines were deployed on January 22, 50 miles south of Vandegrift Combat Base (VCB) commencing operation Dewey Canyon. This began probably the most successful 3rd Marine Division operation in Vietnam, which, during the next 2 months would collect the enemy 1,617 killed, 215 crew served weapons captured and destroyed, including 12 Russian made 122mm field guns.

During operation Dewey Canyon, the 3rd Marines(-) were redeployed to the Division AO on February 18, 1969. Operations Marshall Mountain, Kentucky and Scotland II were terminated on Feb. 28 and most of the Division AO was placed under regimental AO's although the 4th Marines commenced operation Purple Martin north and northwest of VCB.

During early March, the 9th Marines began withdrawing from the Dewey Canyon area (op terminated 18 Mar) and the 3rd Marines were deployed on the Leatherneck Square area west into and commencing operation Maine Craig in the Vietnamese Salient of Khe Sanh on March 15th.

Elements of the 1st Bde, 5th Infantry also participated in the operation during which the most significant event was the capture of hundreds of tons of rice along an NVA supply route.

On March 23, enemy activity was detailed south of the DMZ in the Leatherneck Square area. Elements of the 1st & 5th and India 3/9 made a mechanized thrust into the area commencing operation Montana Mauler.

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The operation was terminated on April 3, after several heavy, successful engagements with NVA. Contact throughout the AO during April remained sporadic. On May 1, the 3rd Marines commenced operation Virginia Ridge north of VCB and Cam Lo. They terminated Maine Craig the following day. On May 7, the 1st Bde 5th Cavalry commenced operation Massachusetts Bay in the eastern Division AO.

The 4th Marines terminated operation purple Martin on May 8 and commenced operation Herkimer Mountain in the same area on May 9. On 10 May, the 9th Marines commenced operation ~~Runkin~~ Apache Snow north of the Ashau Valler however, unlike Dewey Canyon, the served as a blocking force for the 101st Airborne drive from the south and made little contact.

Throughout May there were heavy enemy attacks by fire, especially in the Virginia Ridge AO and on VCB and sporadic enemy sapper attacks on fixed positions. Generally, it appeared that the NVA were making 2 thrusts towards VCB. One through the central IMZ, the second, from Laos--east running paralleled south of Route 9.

As attacks by fire continued against VCB from the southwest, the 9th Marines pulled out of operation Apache Snow and deployed south and southwest of VCB on May 29, in operation Cameron Falls. Two weeks later elements of the 1st Bde. 5th infantry and 9th Marines were also deployed into the area south and southwest of Khe Sanh on operation Utah Mesa. The 2 operations succeeded in inflicting heavy casualties on the NVA thrust from Laos. Although the NVA make several heavy sapper attacks on positions in the Khe Sanh area.

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Enemy activity in all parts of the AO began to increasingly decline. Operation Massachusetts Bay was terminated on June 18., and was replaced by operation Iroquois Greve having the same mission and AO. Operation Cameron Falls was terminated on June 23rd.

During June, the President announced a 25,000 man troop withdrawal from RVN. To date, the 1st and 2nd Bn., 9th Marine Regt., and supporting units have left the country.

As contact lessened in the AO and the 9th Marines were pulled back to VCB to prepare for embarkation, operation Virginia Ridge was terminated on July 16, and replaced by Idaho Canyon in the same area. Division forces within the AO were moved closer to VCB and reconnaissance zones were established in the far western area. Large parts of the southern AO was taken over by the 1st and 2nd ARVN Regiments.

At present, the Division is conducting operation Williams Glade between QTGB and DHCB, Georgia Tar northwest of VCB and Arlington Canyon, Iroquois Greve and Idaho Canyon.

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Khe Sanh Area

In Jan, Feb and Mar 1968, the 325C and 304th Div were deployed in the Khe Sanh area. The 325th C Div (HQ and 2 Regt) left the area in late Mar and moved southward. The 304th Div moved out of the Khe Sanh area during May after being replaced by the 308th Div (2Regt) during Mar/Apr. The 308th Div was in turn replaced by the 246th Regt around June/July. The 246th deployed to Laos and NVN probably in Sept 1968.

Central and Eastern Areas

The 320th Div deployed through the Cent DMZ in Jan 68 and were first contacted near Rt 9. This Div maneuvered eastward during Feb and Mar. A number of heavy contacts were established culminating in the Battles of Dai Do near Dong Ha in May 68. The 320th withdrew northward and reinfilitrated the central DMZ in July and Aug. The Div was again expelled in Sept and Oct.

Independent NVA Regiments

A number of Independent NVA Regiments also deployed to the DMZ in 1968. This includes the 270th (which had historically been deployed in a frontier security/coastal defense role), the 27th deploying to the DMZ in FEB 68, the 138th arrived in June 68, the 246th redeployed into the western DMZ during Feb 69. One other, the 31st, had been composed of miscellaneous units and was upgraded to a Regt probably during Dec 68/Jan 69.

The 675 Arty Regt and 4th Trans Regt were identified during the Dewey canyon operation. These units operated out of BA 611. Also involved in this operation were probable elements of the NVA 6th and 9th which normally operate in the Hue area.

The 675th Arty Regt is probably also involved in countering the Maine Crag Opn. The 75th Engineers Bn has also been identified.

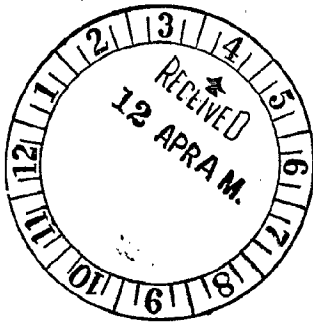
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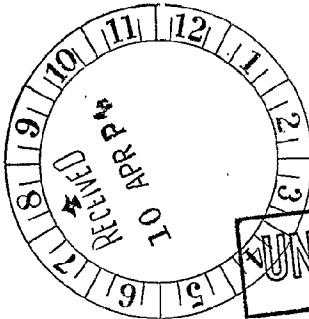
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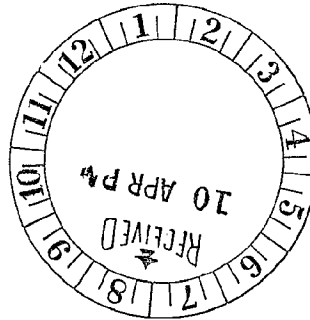
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