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

Subj: Command Chronology

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Encl: (1) Command Chronology

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 November through 30 November 1966

Part I - Organizational Data Sheet

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~~SECRET~~PART I~~UNCLASSIFIED~~1. Reporting Unit. 3d Marines2. Command Post. QUANG TRI Province, (West of DONG HA) RVN (YD 062548).3. Period Covered. 1 November - 30 November 19664. Date of Submission. 30 December 1966

5. <u>Average Monthly Strength.</u>	USMC	USN
Officers	88	7
Enlisted	2284	118

6. Commanding Officer. Colonel E. E. HAMMERBECK. Executive Officer. Lieutenant Colonel L. C. SHEPHERD III7. Regimental Staff.

S-1	2d Lieutenant L. PARRETTI
S-1 (Forward)	WO C. M. CHRISTENSEN
S-2	Major W. H. FORREY
S-3	Major G. H. RIPLEY
S-4	Captain R. H. OATES
AIO	Major A. E. STARK
CEO	Captain C. G. ARNOLD
CAO	1st Lieutenant E. R. ECREMENT
Surgeon	Lieutenant S. C. SMITH MC USN

8. Subordinate Units.

Hq Co; 3d Marines	Captain W. A. BYRNE
3d Bn; 3d Marines	Lieutenant Colonel E. R. DELONG
3d Bn; 4th Marines	Lieutenant Colonel W. J. MASTERPOOL (1 November)
2d Bn, 9th Marines	Lieutenant Colonel J. J. HESS (1-9 November)
	Major J. J. PEELER (10-30 November)

9. Mission. 3d Marines conducted recon in force operations in assigned area to detect enemy activity in area; attack and destroy enemy forces located in area making maximum use of supporting arms; ensure security of supporting units and installations located in assigned areas; assume responsibility for coordination of all units in AO and of defensive and administrative functions of mutual interest.

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SECRET10. Organizational Structure.

a. During the month of November, the organizational structure of the Regiment changed, with regard to the subordinate units, both operationally and administratively.

(1) Headquarters Company, 3d Marines - 1-30 November, military command by 3d Marines.

(2) 1st Battalion, 3d Marines - 1-9 November, administrative control by 3d Marines, passed to 3d MarDiv on 10 November; operational control by 3d MarDiv during the entire month.

(3) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines - 1-9 November, administrative control by 3d Marines, passed to 3d MarDiv on 10 November; operational control by 9th Marines, 1st MarDiv, 1-16 November, by 4th Marines 17-30 November.

(4) 3d Battalion, 3d Marines - 1-9 November, military command by 3d Marines, administrative control passed to 3d MarDiv on 10 November, operational control by 3d Marines 10-30 November.

(5) 2d Battalion, 26th Marines - 1-9 November, administrative control by 3d Marines, passed to 3d MarDiv on 10 November; operational control of 3d MarDiv 1-30 November.

(6) 3d Battalion, 4th Marines - 1 November, operational control by 3d Marines, passed to 4th Marines on 2 November.

(7) 2d Battalion, 9th Marines - 1-30 November, operational control by 3d Marines.

b. On 10 November 1966, administrative control of all infantry battalions shifted to 3d MarDiv.

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## PART II

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

## 1. Personnel

- a. Gains. During this period, Headquarters Company, 3d Marines joined six USMC officers, fifteen USMC enlisted, one USN officer and two USN enlisted.
- b. Losses. Headquarters Company, 3d Marines sustained no casualties during this period. Administrative losses were three USMC officers and twenty-four USMC enlisted.
- c. Emergency Leave/Humanitarian Transfers. One Marine was ordered TAD to CONUS in connection with emergency leave.
- d. Administrative Discharges. There were none processed.
- e. R&R TAD Trips. R&R trips were afforded to twenty-six members of Headquarters Company, 3d Marines.
- f. Shift of Administrative Control. On 10 November, 3d Marine Division assumed administrative control of the subordinate battalions of the 3d Marines, including the transfer of personnel to and from these units.

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SECRET2. Administrative.

a. Awards. The Navy Commendation Medal was presented to Lieutenant Colonel Lemuel C. SHEPHERD III, Executive Officer, 3d Marines on 22 November 1966.

b. Promotions.

(1) One promotion to Gunnery Sergeant was effected by the Commandant of the Marine Corps during the reporting period.

(2) One appointment to Major, one appointment to Captain and one Navy appointment to Commander were effected during the period.

(3) Twenty-one promotions to Corporal, thirty promotions to Lance Corporal and one to Private First Class were effected during this period.

c. Legal Matters. Three "office hours" were conducted during the period. Two Summary Courts-Martial were completed.

d. Special Services. The Martha Raye show was presented to members of the 3d Marines Regimental Headquarters and supporting units of Camp J. J. CARROLL on 13 November 1966.

e. Liberty. Regular liberty has been suspended in the Republic of Vietnam.

f. Dedication of Camp J. J. CARROLL. On 10 November, Camp J. J. CARROLL was dedicated in honor of Captain J. J. CARROLL, late of Company K, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, who was killed on 5 October in the attack on Hill 484 some five miles northwest of the Camp. The guest of honor was Brigadier General L. E. ENGLISH, CG 3d MarDiv (Fwd); other guests in attendance included members of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, with a special detachment of Company K. The honor guard was composed of Marine and Army units located at Camp CARROLL.

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SECRET**3. INTELLIGENCE**

a. The total number of incidents for the month of November increased 13% over the period 17 to 31 October, which marks the beginning of the 3d Marines deployment to QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

b. Contact Incidents -- 62 (21 at night)

(1) Small arms/sniper fire -- 35 (7 at night)

(a) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 15 (3 at night)

(b) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 12 (4 at night)

(c) 3d Bn, 4th Mar -- 0

(d) Other -- 8 (0 at night)

(2) Grenades -- 3 (2 at night)

(a) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 2 (1 at night)

(b) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (1 at night)

(c) 3d Bn, 4th Mar -- 0

(d) Other -- 0

(3) Booby Traps -- 3 (2 discovered)

(a) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 2 (1 discovered)

(b) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (1 discovered)

(c) 3d Bn, 4th Mar -- 0

(d) Other -- 0

(4) Mines -- 6 (4 discovered)

(a) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 4 (2 discovered)

(b) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 2 (2 discovered)

(c) 3d Bn, 4th Mar -- 0

(d) Other -- 0

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2 M-26 Grenades

4 GHIKOH 7.62 rounds

1 M-79 round

(d) Food

2 blocks Mi Concentrate Food

305 pounds Rice

(e) Medical Supplies

Miscellaneous Supplies in pack

Gauze

Pills

Ointment

Salve

(f) Documents

4 Books Communist Doctrine

1 Stamp Vietnamese

4 Vietnamese Monetary Bills

1 Small Book Notes

Miscellaneous Documents in pack

1 Nurses Certificate

Assorted Letters

(g) Clothing

1 Set Black Skivies

1 Plastic Belt

1 Sock

1 Handkerchief

1 Pair Khaki Trousers

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- 1 Pair Black Pajama Trousers
- 2 Green Coats (1 French, 1 Canadian)
- 1 Hard Hat
- 1 Military Pith Helmet
- 1 Military Shirt
- 1 Pair Military Shoes
- 1 Pair Civilian Trousers

(h) Miscellaneous

- 10 Packs
- 2 Shelterhalves
- 1 Flashlight with Batteries
- 1 Wallet
- 3 Knives
- 1 Mosquito Net
- 1 Webbed Belt
- Numerous Plastic Bags
- 1 Nylon Cloth
- 2 Blankets
- 6 Yards Black Cloth
- 1 Bag Tobacco
- 4 Canteens
- 1 Poncho
- 2 Cartridge Belts
- 3 Tent Pins
- 1 Entrenching Tool
- 3 Machetes

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(5) Moving or probing action where VC did not fire or return fire--  
10 (10 at night)

(a) 2d Bn, 9th Mar --- 4 (4 at night)

(b) 3d Bn, 3d Mar --- 5 (5 at night)

(c) 3d Bn, 4th Mar --- 0

(d) Other --- 1 (1 at night)

(6) Mortar/Artillery Fire --- 2 (2 at night)

(a) 2d Bn, 9th Mar --- 0

(b) 3d Bn, 3d Mar --- 1 (1 at night)

(c) 3d Bn, 4th Mar --- 0

(d) Other --- 1 (1 at night)

(7) Miscellaneous --- 3

Villagers of BA THANH and BA XUAN reported 8 VC - No Reward

Villagers of THIET THON reported 3 to 4 VC - No Reward

Unidentified informant reported 10 VC - No Reward

c. Enemy Losses

(1) Personnel

(a) Confirmed

1 KIA -- 60 (48 by USMC) (12 by ARVN)

2 WIA -- 2

3 VCC -- 0

4 VCS -- 2

(b) Probable

1 KIA -- 32

2 WIA -- 22

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(2) Material

(a) Weapons

6 K50 Sub-Machine Guns  
1 Thompson Sub Machine Gun  
1 Russian Carbine  
1 Unk Sub Machine Gun  
1 US Caliber .30 Rifle  
5 AK-47s  
1 CHICOM Automatic Rifle  
1 CHICOM Carbine

(b) Weapons Accessories

1 Pin Unk Type  
4 K50 Magazines with Ammunition  
5 Carbine Magazines

(c) Ammunition (rounds)

50 rounds 7.62 CHICOM Armor Piercing  
1 57MM RR round  
2 CHICOM Stick Grenades  
16 CHICOM Grenades  
2 82MM Mortar rounds  
1 106MM round  
9 2.75 Aircraft Rockets  
1 90MM Mine (20 pound charge)  
205 K50 rounds  
4 Drums Unk Type Ammunition  
1 Energa Rifle Grenade

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3 Mortar Tail Assemblies

3 NVA Uniforms

3 82MM Mortar Canisters

1 Foot Locker

## (3) Fortifications Discovered/Destroyed

8 Sniper Holes

167 Bunkers

1 Tree House OP

320 Fighting Holes, 200 not destroyed

2 Caves

1 Platoon Size Harbor Site with Bunker

7 Mortar Pits

16 Fortified Positions

3 Base Camps

2 Tunnels

5 Houses over tunnel complex

1 Anti-aircraft position

1 Trenchline

1 Spider Hole

## d. Enemy units reported and/or sighted during period.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
40 VC	YD 1153	5 Nov
13 VC	XD 988593	7 Nov
1 NVA Bn	YD 070520	8 Nov

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1 Bn	YD0250, 0350, 0249, 0349	9
60 VC	YD079508	10
40 VC	XD977612	11
1 VC Sqd	XD978584	11
1 VC Hq Co	YD120530, 120480, 140530, 140480	11
1 VC Co	YD100490, 100520, 120500, 120520	11
1 VC Co	YD030530, 080520, 080530	11
1 VC Co	YD100210	11
40 VC/NVA	YD110515	11
1 Plt	YD102515	11
1 Plt	YD115507	11
2 Sqds (20)	YD105498	11
1 VC Co	YD105498, 102515, 110515	11
30 VC	YD053522	12
3 MF Co	YD0553, 1354, 1350	12
1 VC Co	YD115414	12
1 VC Bn	CUA VALLEY	12
2 Co	YD125528, 119529	12
1 Co	YD039524, 073520	12
1 VC Co	YD185738	13
2 VC Bn	YD138728	13
3 NVA Co	YD350626	13
1 Rein Sqd	YD107518	16
1 VC/NVA Plt	YD113504	16
1 Rein Sqd	YD103535	16
1 VC Sqd	YD119501	16
2 NVA Co	CUA VALLEY	17

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10 VC & Plt Hq	YD052436	21
1 VC Reg Co	YD095533	24
1 VC Co	YD092442, 095588	24
Elem 800 & 814 AF bn	YD318635, 350625, 365615, 375600, 385590	26
1 VC Co (90)	YD036617	28
1 VC Co	YD113716	28

## e. Trends

(1) Summary of incidents (all types) on a monthly basis for pass 3 months:

<u>CONTACTS</u>	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>D</u> <sup>*</sup>	<u>P</u> <sup>*</sup>	<u>NOV</u>
SA Fire	68	23	19	4	35
Booby Traps	16	6	6	0	3
Mines	44	18	18	0	6
Grenades	10	1	1	0	3
Mortars/Artillery	--	4	4	0	2
Enemy movement w/o fire	75	7	7	0	10
Assassinations	0	0	0	0	0
Sabotage	0	0	0	0	0
Comm Interference	6	0	0	0	0
Kidnappings	0	0	0	0	0
Demonstrations	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidations	1	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous**	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>3</u>
Total incidents	250	90	66	24	62

\* D-- Danang Area, P - Prairie (Quang Tri) area.

\*\* Includes reports of Vietnamese Civilians volunteering information about the enemy directly to Marines.

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(2) Contact with the enemy remains limited to contact with small unit actions of less than company size.

The enemy situation at the end of the month is marked by sporadic contact such as ambushes and sniping incidents. The enemy has the capability of attacking in Division - plus strength by repositioning forces. In accordance with past performance the enemy is expected to continue small unit actions unless he is forced to defend a vital base area until extrication of supplies and units can be effected.

The major intelligence item of interest was the indicated shift and relocation of enemy forces. Previous contact and intelligence reports indicated elements of 324B NVA Division in the area. Recent reports, captured documents and captives indicate the 341st Division, specifically the 31st Regiment, has taken over this area of operations with emphasis on controlling the CUA VALLEY.

VC units continue to move in Quang Tri Province with the most noticeable route within 3d Marines area of operations being a north and south axis through the CUA VALLEY and Quat Xa/Camlo area.

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SECRET4. Training.

a. Objective. To maintain and improve the high state of combat efficiency of the Regiment, training was conducted on a formal school and individual basis.

b. Highlights.

(1) 3d Marines (Reinf) Training within this command was conducted at the subordinate unit level.

(2) Headquarters Company, 3d Marines. One Marine attended MUMMS training held on Okinawa. Familiarization firing of individual and crew served weapons was conducted by members of the Security Platoon. In addition, a Company level class on the Claymore mine was conducted for approximately 30 Marines.

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SECRET5. Special Operations.a. 3d Marines (Rein)

- (1) Amphibious Operations. None
- (2) Combined Operations. None
- (3) Psychological Operations.

(a) At 041300H, two Psychological Warfare leaflet drops were conducted. The first drop was in the area bounded by grid squares (XD 9748), (YD 0148), (XD 9744), and (YD 0144). The second drop was conducted in the area bounded by grid squares (XD 9244), (XD 9146), (XD 9496) and (XD 9643).

(b) At 080600H - 081330H Psychological Warfare leaflet drops were conducted in areas bounded by the following grid lines:

- 1 (XD 9251), (XD 9651), (XD 9647) and (XD 9247)
- 2 (XD 9862), (YD 0362), (YD 0358) and (XD 9858)
- 3 (XD 9146), (XD 9646), (XD 9641) and (XD 9242)
- 4 (YD 0157), (YD 0457), (YD 0149) and (XD 0449)
- 5 (YD 0265), (YD 0261), (XD 9661) and (XD 9665)

(c) At 090800H - 091800H, Psychological Warfare leaflet drops were conducted in areas bounded by the following grid lines:

- 1 (XD 9251), (XD 9651), (XD 9247) and (XD 9647)
- 2 (XD 9662), (XD 9659), (YD 0362) and (YD 0359)
- 3 (XD 8951) to (XD 9251)
- 4 (XD 9054) to (XD 9154)

(d) At 171300H, a "CHIEU HOI" leaflet drop and loudspeaker broadcasts were conducted in the vicinity of the CUA Valley operations area.

(e) From 19-23 November a Psychological Warfare Program was conducted in conjunction with the CUA Valley Operation. A POET Team was employed to take statements and testimonials from the people for use as propaganda material for leaflets and tapes, and an Audio/Visual Team (HE) was employed to reorient the people to life under the government of the Republic of Vietnam. The A/V Team utilized movies, music, and speeches to carry out their mission. Both teams were supplied by the 244th Psychological Operations Company, U.S. Army in Danang.

(f) From 230800H - 231300H a Psychological Warfare leaflet drop was conducted. 100,000 of the following leaflets were dropped: CHIEU HOI, NVA and Safe Conduct Passes. The leaflet drops were conducted in areas bounded by the following grid lines:

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- 1 (YD 0055), (YD 0051), (YD 0455) and (YD 0451)
- 2 (YD 0550), (YD 0646), (YD 0852) and (YD 0947)

b. Headquarters Company, 3d Marines

- (1) Amphibious Operations. None
- (2) Combined Operations. None
- (3) Psychological Operations. None

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

a. 3d Marines (Rein).

- (1) Use of any equipment peculiar to NBC: None
- (2) Training: Training was conducted at a subordinate unit level.
- (3) Status of NBC equipment: Equipment is maintained within subordinate units.

b. Headquarters Company, 3d Marines.

- (1) Use of any equipment peculiar to NBC: None
- (2) Training: Personnel have been assigned to Monitoring or Decontamination Teams that will be trained at Company level.
- (3) Status of NBC equipment: All equipment is in serviceable condition. Minor deficiencies are on requisition.

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7. Command and Control.

a. The troop list as of 30 November 1966 is as follows:

	USMC		USN		TOTAL
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
<u>3d Marines</u>	87	2323	7	124	2541
<u>Hq Co, 3d Marines</u>	16	212	2	6	236
<u>3d Bn, 3d Marines</u>	36	999	3	60	1098
<u>2d Bn, 9th Marines</u>	35	1112	2	58	1207

b. Command Post Locations.

3d Marines	(XD 062548)
3d Bn, 3d Marines	(XD 981582)
2d Bn, 9th Marines	(XD 063551)

c. The primary means of control continues to be through the use of radio and radio relay.

d. The following changes in OPCON and ADCON took place during the month of November:

2 November At 0800H, OPCON of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines passed to the 4th Marines.

10 November At 0001H, 3d Marine Division assumed ADCON of all subordinate Battalions of 3d Marines (Rein) 211.

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SECRET8. Communications - Electronics.a. Radio Relay.

- (1) The radio relay shot to THON SON LAM was closed down.
- (2) A new radio relay shot to 3d Bn, 3d Marines CP was opened.
- (3) 3d Marine Division Communication Company activated a new MRC-62 van at Camp J. J. CARROLL for artillery communications.

b. Wire.

- (1) A general police of all wire lines was held.
- (2) A new security loop for the Regimental CP area was installed.

c. Radio. The Regimental Command Net linking ADCON Battalions was discontinued.

d. Maintenance.

- (1) General preventive maintenance of all equipment was held.
- (2) FLSU at DONG HA is being by-passed and equipment is being sent direct to FLSG, DA NANG with good results.

e. Message Center. The message center handled a total of 1784 messages during the month of November. There were 1429 incoming messages and 355 outgoing messages.

SECRET9. Close Combat.a. Significant Events.(1) 3d Marines (Rein)

(a) During the month of November, the Regiment conducted the following operations in the Operation PRAIRIE area:

1 At 110430H, Company K, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines commenced a Reconnaissance in Force Operation of MUTTER Ridge. The operation was secured at 122200H. Enemy casualties were 4 KIA (conf).

2 At 120800H, Company E, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines commenced a Search and Destroy Operation in the western half of the CUA Valley. The operation was terminated at 151100H. Enemy casualties were 5 KIA (conf), as the Company engaged an estimated enemy platoon which fled east toward MAI LOC.

3 At 152145H, Command Group A and Companies G and H, 2/9, departed Camp J. J. CARROLL to conduct a three phase Search and Destroy Operation in conjunction with two companies of 1/2/1 ARVN in the eastern end of the CUA Valley.

a Phase I commenced immediately and involved clearing the MAI LOC/MAI DAM area and the destruction of enemy fortifications therein. As a result of heavy contact, Company E (-), 2/9, was committed during this phase. This portion of the operation terminated at 210800H.

b Phase II, running concurrently with a portion of Phase I, commenced at 200800H and involved a sweep of the small valley which runs northeast from MAI LOC. Phase II involved Company G, 2/9 and a company from 1/2/1 ARVN. This phase was terminated at 201600H.

c Phase III commenced at 210800H as 2/9 (-) swept north from the CUA Valley in a clearing operation of Route 558, in order to open the road to military traffic. This phase of the operation ended at 211710H, which also marked the termination of the CUA Valley Operation as a whole.

d Results of the operation in terms of enemy casualties were: 45 KIA (conf), 33 by USMC; 24 KIA (prob), all by USMC and 3 VOS, 2 by USMC. A vast enemy fortification system in the MAI LOC/MAI DAM area was also destroyed, and Route 558 was opened to military traffic.

4 At 240902H, Command Group A and Companies I and M, 3/3, commenced a Reconnaissance in Force Operation of the RAO VINH/ CUA Valley area in conjunction with 3/1/1 ARVN.

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a. Phase I commenced immediately and involved a two pronged sweep of the RAO VINH Valley. This portion of the operation terminated at 280700H.

b. Phase II began at 280700H and involved a USMC sweep of the eastern end of the CUA Valley in the MAI LOC area with the ARVN forces setting up blocking positions to the north. This portion of the operation was continuing as of 302400H November.

(b) At 040745H, 3/3 commenced reorientation of the THON SON IAM defense by displacing 2000 meters north of their former positions. This deployment was undertaken to occupy more advantageous defensive positions in the THON SON IAM area. The Battalion CP and Companies I, K and M displaced north in two phases with Company L remaining in place. The redeployment was completed by 051500H.

(c) During the month of November, 3d Marines (Rein) directed the defense of Camp J. J. CARROLL, employing 2/9, and Marine and Army Artillery units in the perimeter defense.

(d) Commencing on 30 November, the 3d Marines (Rein) employed 2 patrols of the Provisional Reconnaissance Unit (RVN) within the 3d Marines area of operation.

(2) Headquarters Company, 3d Marines. There were no significant incidents during this reporting period.

SECRET10. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination.a. Significant Events.

(1) Battery I, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines and Headquarters Battery 3d Battalion, 12th Marines departed Camp J. J. CARROLL on 2 November.

(2) Battery M, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines was emplaced in Camp J. J. CARROLL assigned as General Support, Reinforcing 1st Battalion, 12th Marines on 2 November.

(3) Battery C (-), 1st Battalion, 12th Marines displaced to the vicinity of (YD 023562) in support of a Beacon in Force conducted by Co. K, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines on 11 November. The battery returned to the battery position on 13 November.

b. Artillery Units Providing Support.(1) Direct Support

1st Battalion, 12th Marines (-) (Bein)  
 Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines  
 Battery B, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines  
 Battery I, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines (1-2 November)

(2) General Support, Reinforcing 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

Battery M, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

c. Naval Ships Providing Naval Gunfire Support. Noned. Number and Type of Missions Fired.(1) Artillery Missions Fired (Direct Support).

Observed	178
Unobserved	598
Harrassing and Interdiction	4,026
Total	4,802

(2) Artillery Missions Fired (General Support, Reinforcing)

155mm	318
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(3) Naval Gunfire Missions Fired. None

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SECRETe. Ammunition Expended by Type.(1) Direct Support Artillery.

	HE	WP	ILL
105mm	7271	485	244

Aggregate 8,000

(2) General Support Artillery (Approximate)

155mm	1592
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(3) Naval Gunfire. Mono(4) Tanks.

90mm	221
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(5) Onos.

106mm	1600
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f. Surveillances. During search and destroy operations in the MAI  
IOC area 15-21 November, artillery fires produced 2 VC/NVA KIA (conf) and  
22 VC/NVA KIA (prob).

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## LOGISTICS

a. General: Of significant note during the reporting period was the administrative policy set forth in 3d Marine Division Bulletin 5450 of 4 November 1966. In accordance with this bulletin, after 10 November 1966, all Battalions and separate Headquarters Companies were to report directly to Division on administrative matters. This relieved the regimental staff of the task of collecting and transmitting reports on administrative matters for the ADCON battalions, many of which were as distant as 150 miles from the parent unit. Prior to the institution of this system, regimental headquarters and subordinate units displacement coupled with communication difficulties compounded the problems of an already complicated reporting system. After this system came into effect, the regiment was able to ensure that all October and November message traffic was answered.

b. Supply: The overall supply situation during the month was good. Improvement in the status of supply was noted during the month but exceptionally long lead time required for delivery of out of country shipments made further improvement difficult.

(1) Significant shortages existed in consumable supplies. House-keeping items were not available in many cases. Stationary items were in short supply, reaching a critical stage in such items as mimeograph paper, ditto fluid, ball point pens and writing paper. The Mess Hall experienced difficulties in obtaining salt, sugar, and butter, and for a period of about ten days did not have these items.

(2) BA30 and BA-386 Batteries were also listed in Logistic Summary reports as critical items. In the communications field, Battery Chargers, Generator Sets, Teletypewriters (GGC-3), Multimeters, and Headsets were required to bring the organization up to T/E allowance.

(3) Shortages also existed in the areas of individual equipment. Shortages were reported to Division in: pocket ammo pouch M-14, knife, fork and spoon - field mess type and upper torso body armor. Minor clothing shortages in jungle utilities (jackets and trousers) were also reported in the Class II supply area.

(4) A great deal of command interest has been generated in the area of supply economy during this period. This was generated by the necessity of replacing gear lost, stolen, or abandoned while moving.

(5) Construction material of all kinds is still hard to obtain. In the interim 105mm ammunition boxes, 175mm powder cases and pallets have been used for tent decks, boundary markers, storage decks, and culverts for access roads.

(6) Cold and wet weather during the last of the month created a need for long underwear, field jackets and tent stoves. This came as a complete surprise in that no one expected this type of weather from briefings on Vietnam.

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c. Cantonment and Camp Facilities: The Regimental Headquarters is living under canvas. As of this date there are no tin roof huts in Camp J.J. CARROLL. Thirteen of thirty-four General Purpose tents have been declared unservicable, but in that replacement items are not available, they are being used for storage area covers.

(1) Approximately twenty of the thirty-four General Purpose tents now have either partial or full decks made of ammunition boxes, plywood, or pallets.

(2) Units of Camp J.J. CARROLL have continued in their self help projects around camp. These projects include ditching along access roads and culverts and hauling gravel from the CAM LO River for troop messing areas and internal roads within individual unit areas.

(3) The 3d Engineer Battalion continues to be charged with the responsibility for the maintenance and improvement of the main access roads to Camp J.J. CARROLL. In addition, they have established and maintained the water point at the south edge of camp. Average consumption of water continues to be about 10,000 gallons per day although during wet weather the average consumption falls to about 8,000 gallons. On the 30th of November a generator shed was completed for the 60KW and 20KW power sources for 3d Marines Headquarters.

(4) Trash dumps continue to be accessible in wet weather only to tracked vehicles and vehicles with tire chains. A foul weather dump has been established and used almost continuously during the month of November because of the rain. The Army Personnel Carrier tracked vehicle proved useful for towing trucks and maneuvering in the mud, which in some cases increased to twelve inches in heavy traffic areas.

d. Maintenance: During the month of November, Motor Transport vehicles were adversely affected by the Monsoon rains and the deep, slippery mud caused by the rain. The rain causes reduced visibility while driving and the mud not only makes driving hazardous, but it works its way into brake drums, bearings, and universal joints, causing premature failure of these parts.

(1) Closure kits were received for all M422A1 vehicles and are proving helpful in keeping the driver and occupants dry. In the past, water had leaked around the windshield and had made driving hazardous and uncomfortable; this condition has now been rectified.

e. Transportation: Headquarters Company continues to utilize three household trucks a day provided by 9th MTRn. Two are used for water and trash details at Camp J.J. CARROLL, and one for supply runs. Headquarters Company's motor transport continues to furnish support for the regiment with no significant problem.

f. Fiscal: No indigeous labor has been hired by this regimental headquarters since moving to the Prairie Area of Operations. Montagnards from CAM LO have been utilized for clearing brush around the defensive perimeter of Camp J.J. CARROLL. These people have been paid for by Division through USAID.

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22 Air Defense. There were no incidents in the Regimental Area of Operatio

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SECRETCombat Air Support.

a. Elements of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing provided fixed and rotary wing aircraft in support of medical evacuation, logistical supply, aerial reconnaissance and administration.

b. Air support provided to the Regimental Headquarters during November 1966 is summarized as follows:

<u>Type Mission</u>	<u>Number</u>
1. Medical Evacuation	6
2. Administrative	19
3. Reconnaissance	2
4. Logistical Support	20
5. Troop Lift (administrative)	15

c. During November, the Regimental Tactical Air Control Party controlled approximately 1000 aircraft missions, within the AO. These aircraft missions were either flown in support of subordinate Battalions, Regimental Headquarters, or were over-flying the AO enroute to other destinations. During peak periods of activity, over 65 missions were controlled within a ten hour time frame.

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SECRETIII. Medical and Dental Support.

a. Regimental Surgeon: LT. S. C. SMITH MC USNR

b. Significant Events.

(1) During the month of November, the Regimental Aid Station was visited by Captain BAKER, USN; Medical Officer, III MAF; Captain ROHR, USN, Division Surgeon and Commander VINCENT, USN, Commanding Officer, 3d Medical Battalion.

(2) A Civic Action program has been started in the CA LU area. (YD014) Since 7 November 1966, the Regiment has maintained a Corpsman at CA LU on a full time basis. During the month of November, the Corpsman treated 534 villagers.

(3) An opportunity to make medical care immediately available to units newly arrived at Camp CARROLL from combat operations, has led this RAS into an unusual and challenging position. Unlike the classic RAS, which cares only for the needs of Headquarters personnel, the 3d Marines RAS is available to all units in Camp CARROLL. The RAS has established a system whereby it can render assistance to the Battalions, especially during the crucial first few days of a Battalion's return from the field, when the Marines have a maximum number of minor problems which are usually neglected. This allows each Battalion Surgeon time to set up his equipment properly, in order to assume full care of the men in a more efficient manner. This system enjoyed ready acceptance when 2/9 returned from an operation on 29 October 1966. During the first 5 days after their arrival, the RAS saw 70-133 patients per day, thereby greatly relieving the burden on the 2/9 BAS.

c. Medical Trends. During the month of November, 82 cases of diarrhea were treated. Steps have been taken to improve the Mess Hall tray washing facilities.

d. Number of Battle Casualties Treated. None

e. Number of Non-battle Casualties Treated. 1010

(1) Admissions to RAS	0
(2) Emergency Treatment	48
(a) Lacerations	44
(b) Burns	3
(c) Bites (human)	1
(3) Number of referrals to 3d Med Bn and NSA Station Hospital	42

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(4) Cases of VD 5

(a) Number acquired in Vietnam 5

f. Preventive Medicine and Sanitation.

(1) Malaria prophylaxis administered weekly.

(2) Number of inoculations administered 106

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15. Chaplain Support.

a. Regimental Chaplain. CDR Paul H. LIONBERGER, CHC, USNR, Lutheran

b. Supporting Chaplains.

CDR J. A. POWELL

Roman Catholic

Assist. Div (Fwd) Chaplain

LT G. I. MCPARTLAND

Roman Catholic

3d Bn, 3d Marines Chaplain

c. Religious Activities.

(1) 15 Sunday Services conducted, 186 in attendance.

(2) 23 Weekday Services conducted, 395 in attendance.

d. Professional Counseling Interviews. There were 14 counseling sessions conducted.

e. Civic Action Activities. The Regimental Chaplain visited the Wycliff Bible Translator Missionaries at KHE SANH twice in November. Arrangements for assistance were made to 1st Bn, 3d Marines and Battery B, 1st Bn, 13th Marines.

f. Camp J. J. CARROLL. The Regimental Chaplain coordinates the religious activities for the Camp. LT J. T. COLLINS, 2d Bn, 9th Marines, provides Protestant coverage for 2/9 and Btry D, 2/27, USA. The Regimental Chaplain provides Protestant coverage for the 3d Marines CP; 1/12 CP; Btry E, 2/12; Btry C, 1/12; Btry M, 4/12; Hq Btry, 2/94, USA; Btry B, 2/94, USA; and Btry G, 2/94, USA. Roman Catholic coverage is provided by Chaplains POWELL and MCPARTLAND. On 10 November, 1966, at the Dedication of Camp CARROLL, the Regimental Chaplain delivered the Invocation and Chaplain COLLINS delivered the Benediction.

g. Facilities. Mess Halls are generally used for Worship Services and are satisfactory under field conditions.

h. Transportation. Vehicle and helicopter transportation has been satisfactory.

i. 1st Battalion, 3d Marines. The Regimental Chaplain provides Protestant coverage for 1st Bn, 3d Marines at KHE SANH. Adverse weather conditions permitted coverage only twice during the month of November.

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10. Civil Affairs.

a. General. During the month of November, the Civic Action activities of the 3d Marines in this new area of operations were increased over last month. This increase, was primarily in the area of MedCap treatment, because this has proved to be an excellent way to begin building rapport with the people in a new area. 462 people were treated by 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines in the THAN DOC KHINH Refugee Center (YDO95525) following an operation in the area, and 534 people were treated in the vicinity of CA IU (YDO145), totalling 996 treatments in all.

b. Unit Activities.(1) Headquarters Company.(a) Significant Activities.

1 Assisted in the resettlement of some 820 refugees from the MAI LOC area (YD1151) to the Refugee Center at THAN DOC KHINH (YDO95525). Food, clothing and building materials were furnished by USAID. These people moved out of the MAI LOC area to escape the control and influence of the VC.

2 Conducted a MedCap Program at CA IU (YDO145). 534 people were treated during the month.

3 On 11 November, transported 72 refugees from (YDO27561) to the refugee center at CAM LO District Headquarters.

(b) Materials Distributed.

- 1 183 bags Bulgar Wheat
- 2 183 gallons of cooking oil
- 3 183 pair trousers
- 4 183 bags corn
- 5 1098 sheets tin roofing
- 6 1098 candles
- 7 800 bars soap

(c) Special Civic Action Projects. Plans were made to begin a timber cutting project in the vicinity of (YDO255). Two hundred Montagnard refugee woodcutters are to be transported to and from the location on a daily basis. The timber will be hauled to the sawmill in QUANG TRI, and the lumber and monetary proceeds will be used to benefit not only CAM LO District, but the whole QUANG TRI Province. USAID is coordinating the project. Cutting is scheduled to begin soon.

(d) Apparent Results of the Civil Affairs Program. The attitude of the people towards the Marines in the 3d Marines area of operations seems to be very favorable and they are very grateful and appreciative of all the material and medical assistance which they have received so far. They are also very happy to be free of VC domination and influence. It is predicted that the Civic Action Program in this area will continue to be met with this positive attitude.

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1. ✓ Staff Journal, 01 - 30 November 1966
  2. ✓ 3d Marines Operation PRAIRIE Special 6 Hour Situation Reports  
No. 60 as of 010600H Nov66 - No. 179 as of 302400H Nov66.
  3. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 010130Z (Task Organization, Correction of).
  4. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 011135Z (OPSTAT as of 011500Z NOV66).
  5. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 030210Z (VN Civilians Killed or Injured in CAM LO).
  6. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 031230Z (Task Organization).
  7. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 040052Z (Task Organization, Correction of).
  8. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 040650Z (Monthly Unit Lessons Learned).
  9. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 051200Z (Tactical Boundary Change).
  10. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 060115Z (Req for Recon Patrols).
  11. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 080330Z (Marine Corps Birthday).
  12. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 081340Z (Req for Recon Patrols).
  13. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 090630Z (Readdressal of CO, 3d MarDiv 070529Z Nov66  
Planned Unit Movements).
  14. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 120550Z (Submission of Halo Support Requests).
  15. ✓ CO, Camp F. J. CARROLL msg 121225Z (Defense of Camp CARROLL).
  16. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 140650Z ( Operational Reports).
  17. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 171420Z (Req for Recon Insertions).
  18. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 180127Z (OPSTATS as of 171500Z NOV66).
  19. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 191120Z (Employment of Claymore Mines).
  20. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 200850Z (Crypto/Comm Security School).
  21. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 201245Z (Monthly Lessons Learned).
  22. ✓ CO, 3d Marines msg 240031Z (SOF for Operations During Typhoon  
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- (23. ✓ 00, 3d Marines msg 261120Z (Montagnard Security).  
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	USMC		USN		TOTAL
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL	
3D MARINES (REIN)	11-	3200	11	164	3486
HQ CO 3D MARINES	17	267	2	6	292
1ST BN 3D MARINES	32	1001	2	54	1039
2D BN 3D MARINES	30	968	3	51	1052
2D BN 26TH MARINES	32	964	4	53	1053
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B. FMFPACO P03000.5A  
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ADCON THIRD MARREG  
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CRSUP C2/C1/UNK  
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PART II 3D MARINES ASSUMED OPCON OF 3D BN, 3D MARINES  
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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES

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FOURTH MARINES  
TWELFTH MARINES  
INFO THIRD MARIDV FWD  
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A. DIVO 6830.1C

1. UNOFFICIAL INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS INDICATED SEVERAL RECENT INCIDENTS IN PRAIRIE AREA, PARTICULARLY IN CAM LO, IN WHICH VN NATIONALS HAVE BEEN KILLED OR INJURED. INCIDENTS REPORTEDLY CONCERN POSSIBLE ARTILLERY/SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM USMC UNITS. COMMANDING OFFICERS ATTENTION INVITED TO THE CONTENTS OF REFERENCE A. YOU ARE DIRECTED TO SUBMIT REPORTS OF SUCH INCIDENTS AS REQUIRED THEREIN.

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TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L  
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TASK ORGANIZATION, SUBMISSION OF  
A. CG THIRD MARDIV 020313Z NOV 66

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE A, THE FOLLOWING REPORT  
IS SUBMITTED.

	USMC OFF ENL	USN OFF ENL	TOTAL
3D MARINES (REIN)	116 2877	9 167	3169
HQ CO 3D MARINES	17 267	2 6	292
3D BN 3D MARINES	41 1020	2 52	1115
3D BN 4TH MARINES	27 588	3 55	673
2D BN 9TH MARINES	31 1002	2 54	1089

2. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES SHIFTED OPCON TO 4TH MARINES  
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TASK ORGANIZATION; CORRECTION OF  
A. CO THIRD MARINES 031230Z NOV 66  
1. PARA. 2 OF REF A SHOULD BE CORRECTED TO READ  
AS FOLLOWS:

3D BN, 4TH MARINES SHIFTED OPCON TO 4TH MARINES  
020800H NOV 66.

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FM CG THIRD MARINES  
TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
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MONTHLY UNIT LESSONS LEARNED

A. CG 3D MARDIV 030125Z NOV66

B. MY LTR 3480 OF 30 OCT 66, SUBJ: LESSONS LEARNED

1. ACTION DIRECTED BY REF A PREVIOUSLY TAKEN BY THIS HQ.

2. REF B FORWARDED TO CG THIRD MARDIV VIA GUARD MAIL 310900H OCT 66.

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TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)  
INFO ZEN/SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES

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TACTICAL BOUNDARY CHANGE

1. PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED OVERLAY OF PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE  
HAS BEEN MUTUALLY AGREED UPON BY THIS REGT AND 1/2/1 ARVN  
(D-5). ARVN CMDR WILL SUBMIT THRU ARVN CHANNELS.
2. REQUEST APPROVAL AND ISSUE OF REVISED OVERLAY OF THIRD MAR

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REQ FOR RECON PATROLS

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1. REQ RECON PATROLS BE INSERTED FOLL AREAS TO REPORT EN LOC,  
DISPOSITION AND MOVEMENT:

- A. XD 8851
- B. XD 9058
- C. XD 9261

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TO FIRST BN, THIRD MARINES  
SECOND BN, THIRD MARINES  
THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
SECOND BN, TWENTY SIXTH MARINES  
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SUBJ: MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY  
1. THIS MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY FINDS THE REGIMENT GREATLY  
SEPARATED BY DISTANCE BUT HELD CLOSE TOGETHER BY OUR COMMON  
DEVOTION TO COPS AND COUNTRY AND OUR COMRADESHIP IN ARMS.  
BEST WISHES FOR A MEMORABLE MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY.  
COL. E. E. HAMMERBECK SENDS.  
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REQ FOR RECON PATROL

1. IN VIEW OF PLANNED OPERATIONS THIS AREA, REQ RECON  
PATROL BE INSERTED AREA XD 8957, 9257, 8955, 9255 W/MSNS TO  
OBS EN LOC, PROVIDE INFO ON HLZ'S AND TRAIL NETWORK.  
2. REQ INSERTION ASAP AND EXTRACT BY 15 NOV.  
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INFO: SECOND BN NINTH MARINES

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CG THIRD MARDIV .....070529Z.....READDRESSSED AS INDICATED AS ABOVE.

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REF CG THIRD MARDIV 090630Z NOV66.....HELD HIGHER CLAS.

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TO HEADQUARTERS COMPANY THIRD MARINES  
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THIRD BN, THIRD MARINES  
INFO ZEN/CAMP CARROLL COLLECTIVE  
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**C O N F I D E N T I A L**  
SUBMISSION OF HELO SUPPORT REQUESTS

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 071431Z (NCTAL)

1. INACCORDANCE WITH REF A REQUESTS FOR PREPLANNED HELO SUPPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THIS COMMAND(ALO) BY 0900H OF THE DAY PRIOR TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE SUPPORT IS REQUIRED. HELO LIFT REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-PLANNED OPERATIONS OF A NON-EMERGENCY NATURE INVOLVING COMPANY OR LARGER FORCES MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE LIFT. THE 0900H DAY- PRIOR DEADLINE APPLIES TO ROUTINE AND PRIORITY REQUESTS. EMERGENCY REQUESTS MAY BE SUBMITTED ANYTIME.

2. CATEGORIZATIONS OF REQUESTS ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

A. ROUTINE: ADMINISTRATIVE OR TACTICAL LIFT OF PERSONNEL, MATERIAL, OR EQUIPMENT, WHERE TIME IS NOT A CRITICAL FACTOR AND DELAY WILL NOT ENDANGER LIVES OR LOSS OF MATERIAL. RECON MISSIONS PRIOR TO AN OPERATION ARE INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY.

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B. PRIORITY: TACTICAL MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL, MATERIAL, OR EQUIPMENT WHERE EXCESSIVE DELAY WILL JEOPARDIZE THE SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF MISSION. THIS CATEGORY ALSO INCLUDES CARGO OPERATIONS WHERE DELAYS WILL RESULT IN EXCESSIVE LOSS OF MATERIAL BY SPOILAGE OR SEIZURE BY THE ENEMY.

C EMERGENCY: MISSIONS INVOLVING SAFETY OF HUMAN LIVES INCLUDING THE TRANSPORT OF VITAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. AIR SUPPORT OF UNITS UNDER ATTACK INCLUDING RESUPPLY OF AMMUNITION OR MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARE EXAMPLES OF EMERGENCY MISSIONS.

IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT IT IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE TO FORSEE THOSE EVENTS, WHICH MAY OCCUR AFTER THE 0900H DEADLINE, THAT GENERATE HELO SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY. REQUIREMENTS PROPERLY CLASSIFIED AS PRIORITY GENERATED BY UNFORESEEABLE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS OF THE DAY MAY BE SUBMITTED AS LATE AS 1600H ON THE DAY BEFORE.

4. ADDRESSES WILL EXERT CONTINUING COMMAND ATTENTION TO THE TIMELY DEVELOPMENT AND SUBMISSION OF HELO SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. EVERY EFFORT SHALL BE MADE TO SUBMIT TO THIS COMMAND (ALO) BY 0900H THOSE HELO SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY WHETHER THEY BE CLASSIFIED AS PRIORITY OR ROUTINE.

5. OBSERVE STRICTLY THE DEFINITIONS REITERATED IN PARA 2 FOR CLASSIFICATION OF HELO REQUESTS.

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TO CAMP CARROLL COLLECTIVE  
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DEFENSE OF CAMP CARROLL

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1. THE RESULTS OF MY INSPECTION TO DAY OF THE DEFENSE PERIMETER ITS FIGHTING HOLES AND BUNKERS, INSPECTION OF AMMO, QUESTIONING OF THE MEN ON DUTY, AND OBS OF THE METHODS AND MEANS OF COMM, AVAILABLE OR NON-EXISTENT, INDICATE TO ME THAT MOST OF THE ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED DO NOT APPRECIATE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE THREAT TO CAMP CARROLL.

2. IMMEDIATE STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE, CLEAN UP AND SAND BAG IN PRESENT POSITIONS, CONSTRUCT ALTERNATE AND SUPPLEMENTARY POSITIONS TO PERMIT RAPID REINFORCEMENT OF THE PERIMETER, ORIENT AND INSTRUCT PERSONNEL AS TO THEIR DUTIES, INSURE JUNIOR LEADERS ARE AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ABOVE ALL SUPERVISE; REPEAT, SUPERVISE.

3. CMDRS WILL TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO IMPROVE THE DEFENSE AND WILL GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER, 2D BN, 9TH MAR, IN HIS JOB OF ORGANIZING THE DEFENSE OF THE CAMP.

4. COLONEL E. E. HAMMERBECK SENDS.  
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OPERATIONAL REPORTS

A. DIVO 3100.1B CH4

1. PENDING PRINTED CHANGE TO REF A THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:  
SUMMARIZATING OF NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES EVACUATED SINCE THE PREVIOUS  
REPORT PERIOD ARE TO BE LISTED BY BATTALION OR SEPARATE COMPANY IF  
APPLICABLE.

2. PRESENT METHOD OF REPORTING TOTAL CAUALTIES EVACUATED DOES NOT  
PERMIT THIS HQ TO EVALUATE AND ACT ON PERSONNEL SITUATION FOR UNITS  
CONCERNED.

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SUBJ: REQ FOR RECON INSERTION

1. THIS REGT IS PLANNING OPNS TO EXPLOIT INTELL OF NVA/VC ACTIVITY EAST OF CURRENT OPNS IN CUA VALLEY.
  2. REQ RECON ELEM BE INSERTED ASAP IN AREA YD130520 TO YD 150500 TO YD 130500 TO DETERMINE POSS EN LOC, VITAL AREAS, HLZ'S AND TRAIL NETWORK.
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COMMAND OPSTATS 003 AS OF 171500Z NOV 66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 210529Z OCT 66

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE A THE FOLLOWING OPSTAT  
IS SUBMITTED.

HQ CG 3 MAR

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CCMNT HQ CG THIRD MARINES WAS RELOCATED FROM (AT 947762) TO  
(YD 062548) ON 9 OCTOBER 1966.

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 TO CAMP CARROLL COLLECTIVE  
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 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 EMPLOYMENT OF CLAYMORE MINES  
 A. DIV O P3120.3B  
 B. FM 5-25

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1. IMMEDIATE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE DEF POSTURE OF  
 CAMP CARROLL THROUGH INCREASED USE OF MISAL CLAYMORE MINES.

2. FOR INF BN:

A. DETERMINE REQUIREMENTS & COORDINATE EMPLOYMENT OF ALL  
 CLAYMORE MINES IN CAMP DEF.

B. CONDUCT TRNG PROGRAM FOR ALL CAMP CARROLL PERS INVOLVED  
 IN USE OF CLAYMORE MINES TO INCLUDE SAFETY PROCEDURES, PROPER  
 HANDLING AND INSTALLATION.

C. SUPERVISE INSTALLATION OF ALL CLAYMORES.

D. REPORT CURRENT NR AND LOCATION OF CLAYMORE MINES.

3. FOR ALL:

A. REF A PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT OF MINES IN 3D MARDIV.

B. CLAYMORE MINES WILL BE PLACED ON FR SIDE OF OUTSIDE  
 PERIMETER WIRE IN LOCATIONS WHICH CAN BE OBS AND COVERED BY FIRD.  
 SANDBAG REAR OF CLAYMORE MINES.

C. BLASTING CAPS WILL BE REMOVED DURING DAYLIGHT HRS. SPECIAL  
 PRECAUTIONS DURING ELECTRICAL STORMS ARE PROVIDED BY REF B.  
 REPORT CURRENT AND PLANNED EMPLOYMENT OF CLAYMORE MINES, AND TRNG  
 REQUIREMENTS, TO CO, INF BN.

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TO FIRST BN THIRD MAR  
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CG FIRST MARDIV  
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CRYPTO/COMM SECURITY SCHOOL

A. CG III MAF 220512Z SEP 66 NOTAL

B. CG THIRD MARDIV 250721Z OCT 66 NOTAL

1. IAW REF A AND B THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WILL ATTEND SUBJECT SCHOOL CONVENING 28 NOV 66

2NDLT S.R. DUBE 096572/2502 TS NAC CRYPTO ACCESS AUTH  
7TH ENGR BN

2NDLT M.R. GARDNER 093123/2501 ITS NAC CRYPTO ACCESS AUTH  
HQ BN

GYSGT D.C. SOUSA 1091325/2529 TS NAC CRYPTO ACCESS AUTH  
3D MAR

2. UNITS REQUEST ORDERS THIS HQ (ATTN: SC-7B). SEVENTH ENGR BN REQUEST ORDERS FROM FIRST MARDIV.

3. NOMINEES TO REPORT TO OIC, ;NAVSECDET, COMMAND CAVE (C-39) YOKOSUKA, JAPAN BY 0740 28 NOV 66.

4. ALLOW TRAVEL TIME TO PICK UP WINTER SERVICE UNIFORM ON OKINAWA.  
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SUBMIT MONTHLY LESSONS LEARNED TO THIS HQ NLT 252400H NOV 66  
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FM CO THIRD MARINES

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CO THIRD BN THIRD MAR

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SUBJ: SOP FOR OPERATION DURING TYPHOON CONDITIONS

A. THIRD MAR DIV FWD 220850Z NOV 66

B. CG THIRD MAR DIV 210404Z NOV 66

C. THIRD MAR DIV FWD 220345Z NOV 66

1. ADDRESSEES WILL COMPLY WITH REF A AND B

2. CO THIRD MAR HEADQUARTERS WILL MONITOR DIV FWD TAC 3 M-655 FREQ

46.1 MC IAW REF C. ADDRESSEES THIS MSG WILL MONITOR REGT STORM ALERT

M-468 FREQ 36.30. INFO THIS HQ ON REPORTS REQUIRED BY REF A PARA 4A

AND 4B.

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TO SECOND BN NINTH MARINES  
INFO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)  
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**C O N F I D E N T I A L**  
MONTAGNARD SECURITY

1. SECOND BN, NINTH MARINES WILL PROVIDE SECURITY FOR  
MONTAGNARD WORKING PARTIES IN THE CAMP CARROLL AREA.

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FM: CO THIRD MARINES  
TO: CG THIRD MARDIV (ATTN: G-3)

COMMAND OPSTATS 002 AS OF 101500ZNOV66

- A. DIV O P03000.5  
B. FMFPAC O P03000.5A

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCES A AND B THE FOLLOWING  
OPSTAT IS SUBMITTED.

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PART I

COMDR MAJ PEELER J J

PART II

COMMT: MAJ PEELER J J ASSUMED COMMAND OF SECOND BN,  
NINTH MARINES ON 10 NOVEMBER 1966.

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