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To: Commanding Officer
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Via: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Reinf) FMF
Commanding General, III MAF
Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for period 1 December 1966 to 31 December 1966

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) FMFPACO 5750.8
(c) Division O 5750.1A

Enclosure: (1) 3d Marines Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a), (b), and (c),
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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

1 December 1966 to 31 December 1966

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

3d Marines (Reinf)

COMMANDERColonel E. B. HAMMERBECK (1-12 Dec)
Colonel J. P. LANIGAN (13-31 Dec)SUBORDINATE UNITS

Hq Co, 3d Marines

Captain W. A. BYRNE (1-16 Dec)

2d Battalion, 3d Marines

1st Lieutenant W. J. PETTIS (17-31 Dec)

3d Battalion, 3d Marines

Lieutenant Colonel V. CHAMBERS (1-31 Dec)

2d Battalion, 9th Marines

Lieutenant Colonel E. R. DIXON (1-31 Dec)

Major J. J. PEPPER (1-4 Dec)

2. LOCATION

1-31 December: QUANG TRU Province, (West of DONG HA). RVN (YD 066543)

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

Lieutenant Colonel L. C. SHEPHERD III (1-31 Dec)

S-1

2d Lieutenant L. PARRETTI (1-31 Dec)

S-1 (Forward)

WO C. W. CHRISTENSEN (1-31 Dec)

S-2

Major W. V. FORBES (1-31 Dec)

S-2A

2d Lieutenant J. L. WEISBRECHER (1-31 Dec)

S-3

Major G. W. RIFLEY (1-31 Dec)

S-3A

Major M. K. SHERIDAN (1-5 Dec)

S-3B

Captain A. P. SCHAFFNER (5-31 Dec)

S-4

1st Lieutenant R. E. BEERS (1-31 Dec)

S-4A

Captain R. W. ORTIS (1-31 Dec)

Supply Officer

Captain T. A. LAMPHIER (1-31 Dec)

ALO

1st Lieutenant W. E. FUOSS (1-31 Dec)

CEO

Major A. E. STARK (1-31 Dec)

Assistant CEO

Captain C. G. ARNOLD (1-31 Dec)

CAO/MTO

2d Lieutenant C. D. CLARKE (1-31 Dec)

Chaplain

1st Lieutenant E. R. ECRMENT (1-31 Dec)

Surgeon

Commander P. LIONBERGER, CHC, USNR, (1-26 Dec)

Lieutenant Commander P. C. OLIVER, CHC, USN

(21-31 Dec)

Lieutenant S. C. SMITH MC, USNR (1-31 Dec)

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC	
OFF	Enl
85	2465

USN	
Off	Enl
7	113

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

During the month of December the Third Marines accomplished troop redeployments which significantly extended the area of operations and altered the concept of operations. USMC forces relieved ARVN units at CA LU and D-5 outposts, thus permitting the ARVN forces to redeploy in full support of the Revolutionary Development program.

The most significant enemy actions during the month were the two mortar attacks on Third Marines positions in the THON SON LAM area.

The effects of the December monsoons influenced many regimental functions. Rain and limited visibility generally hampered operations, particularly helicopter support, logistics efforts, and efforts to improve living conditions. Construction and improvement of the defensive perimeter and cantonment area of Camp CARROLE continued, although weather conditions slowed activities. Much of the construction effort was directed toward facilities which would alleviate the effects of the monsoon. Road resurfacing, to cope with monsoon trafficability problems, received priority in the Camp CARROLE area. Helicopter resupply to the THON SON LAM area was curtailed much of the time.

Difficulties were experienced in other areas not necessarily as a result of the monsoon. Stages existed in selected items of food resupply and office equipment.

The RAO VINH/CUA Valley reconnaissance in force operation continued into the month of December. The operation entered the CUA Valley in the second phase with the Third Battalion sweeping the populated areas and the First Battalion, Second Regiment, 1st ARVN Division providing blocking forces. In the MAI LOC/MAI DAM area USMC forces surprised 6 NVA, killing 5 and capturing 1. Inclement weather forced retention of forces in the operating area for several extra days due to helicopter unavailability. The operation terminated on 3 December, 3/3 was helolifted to its THON SON LAM positions, and the ARVN forces withdrew to DONG HA by foot and truck.

During the period 2-4 December the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines assumed responsibility for the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines area, and 2/9 was placed under the operational control of the Fourth Marines.

During the first week of December enemy activity in the RAZORBACK/ROCKPILE area increased. The L/3/3 position at the base of the ROCKPILE was fired upon by enemy small arms and recoilless rifles on 4 December, damaging two helicopters and a tank.

A company reconnaissance in force operation, planned for 6 December along the top and to the west of the RAZORBACK, was delayed by weather and helicopter unavailability until 070900H December when the company commenced a foot march to the objective area. M/3/3 moved into a base camp to the northwest of the ridgeline on 8 December and commenced patrolling the area in conjunction with a platoon of Company L which was attached and patrolling on the top and eastern slope of the RAZORBACK. On 9 December M/3/3 received fire throughout

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the day from the RAZORBACK sustaining 2 KIA and 14 WIA. The company returned fire, prepared to advance to the top of the ridge, but was ordered to disengage and move to a position to the west of the RAZORBACK, to allow saturation of the area with artillery and air strikes on 10 December. However, on the night of 9 - 10 December, M/3/3 withdrew to the north of the RAZORBACK in order to evacuate casualties taken on the afternoon of the 9th. The L/3/3 platoon withdrew to the southern tip of the ridgeline.

During an air strike on the RAZORBACK on the afternoon of 10 December, an aircraft making a south to north run on the target area released two 250 lb bombs which missed the target, went over the ridge, and landed in M/3/3 area. The company sustained 17 KIA and 11 WIA. After completing medevac of the casualties, M/3/3 continued its return to the CP and terminated the operation at 110229H.

On 13 December Colonel J. P. LANIGAN relieved Colonel W. D. HAMMERBECK as Commanding Officer of the Third Marines. The change of command ceremony was conducted at Camp CARROLL.

A reconnaissance in force operation was conducted by H/2/3 during the period 15 - 17 December to detect enemy activity in the high ground east of Camp CARROLL. There was no significant contact.

On 20 December the 3d Marines again conducted search and destroy operations in the CUA Valley in conjunction with the 2d ARVN Regiment. With 2/3(-) sweeping north, and ARVN forces providing blocks to the south, the operation produced 10 KIA (Conf) and 5 KIA (Prob). In addition, enemy food, supplies, munitions, and documents were captured. Several enemy mines and booby traps were encountered, two of which wounded 6 USMC. Ralliers were employed during the operation to assist in the location of enemy caches and several were found. The operation terminated on 21 December with the return of 2/3(-) to Camp CARROLL.

During dusk of 20 December 3/3 was mortared by enemy units located in the vicinity of the RAZORBACK. Approximately 60-70 rounds of 81/82 mm mortar fire was received. Suppression fire was undertaken immediately by tanks, ontos, 81 mm mortars, and artillery. Artillery fired 106 105 mm HE rounds during this period. H&I fires were conducted throughout the night along the approaches to the RAZORBACK to cut off the withdrawing enemy.

From 240700H to 260700H the Christmas truce prevailed. Extensive local security patrols were conducted, but there was no enemy contact. All personnel at Camp CARROLL received liberal amounts of mail. 3d Marine Division Christmas cards, 3d Marine Division engraved wallets, and a Red Cross gift were the highlights of the Christmas period. A Christmas party for the children of CAM 10 and the CUA Valley was conducted in CAM 10.

Operations were resumed on 26 December with E/2/3 conducting a search for a suspected enemy base camp on the southern edge of the CUA Valley. The camp was located with the assistance of a rallier, destroyed, and the operation terminated on 28 December.

A mortar attack on 3/3 positions on 28 December was the third such attack in two months, and the second during December. Differing from previous attacks, the enemy fired from two widely separated positions,

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and 120 mm mortars were employed for the first time. A total of 100 - 110 rounds were received in the battalion area north of THON SON LAM, consisting of primarily 81/82 mm projectiles with 7 or 8 120 mm projectiles. Countermortar fire was quickly returned, and two of the three enemy mortar positions were observed and brought under fire. The 120 mm enemy mortar position was later determined to be west of the RAZORBACK and was not detected during the attack. Artillery fired 102 105 mm HE and WP rounds during the period. Throughout the night, 981 rounds of all calibers were fired as artillery attacked targets along the entire length of MUTTER RIDGE from which the enemy fire had predominately originated. On the following morning 421 rounds of 105 and 175 mm artillery were fired at the MUTTER RIDGE approaches to spoil any enemy buildup for an attack on 3/3's positions.

From 310700H December 1966 to 020700H January 1967 the New Year's truce was in effect. The regiment again conducted extensive security patrols, but without enemy contact.

During the truce period a redeployment of forces in the Third Marines AO, and beyond it, was made. The 1st Battalion, 2d Regiment, 1st ARVN Division was relieved at CA LU and D-5 outposts to free these forces for employment in the Revolutionary Development program. K/3/3 (Reinf) and the 123d Regional Forces Company moved over Route 9 to CA LU outpost on 30 and 31 December and assisted the overland withdrawal of the ARVN forces from that location. E/2/3 (Reinf) and the 122d Regional Forces Company moved to D-5 overland and over Route 558 on 31 December and assisted the withdrawal of the ARVN units via Route 558. K/3/3, separated from the control of its parent unit, remained under the operational control of the regiment. G/2/3, which had been operating in the CAM LO area with the Fourth Marines, returned to its parent unit on 31 December.

The redeployment of forces in late December increased the Third Marines operating area by 42 square miles. The inclusion of D-5 and the populated areas of CUA Valley and CAM LO significantly increased the civilian population in the Third Marines AO. Civic action and PsyWar programs are in progress in these areas.

At the end of the period, Third Marines was conducting operations to consolidate the recently acquired portions of its A O.

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PART IIISEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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A. Combat Missions Assigned.

(1) Basic Mission. 3d Marines conduct 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.

Ref: CG, Third MarDiv 160350Z Oct66 (Frag 0 Assigning OPCON)

(2) 30 November 1966: Deploy 2/9 (-) to DONG HA base and to OPCON 4th Marines and assume OPCON of 2/3 (-) at Camp CARROLL on 2, 3, and 4 Dec 66; on order deploy remaining elements 2/9 to 4th Marines; deploy Battery (Reinf), 1/44 Arty, USA in defense of Camp CARROLL on or about 5 Dec66.

Ref: CG, Third MarDiv (Fwd) 280547Z Nov66 (3d MarDiv Frag 0 7-66)
CO, Third Marines 300605Z Nov66 (Opn Prairie Frag 0 8-66)

(3) 18 December 1966: USMC forces move by night foot march from Camp CARROLL to establish blocking positions north and east of MAI DAM (YD 1051) and MAI LOC (YD 1151). ARVN forces establish blocking positions as indicated. USMC forces conduct Search and Destroy operations moving south toward block.

Ref: CO, Third Marines 070400Z Dec66 (Opn Prairie Frag 0 9-66)
CO, Third Marines 180710Z Dec66 (Opn Prairie Frag 0 11-66)

(4) 28 December 1966: 3d Marines conducts operations to relieve 1/2/1 ARVN at GA LU and D-5. Extends AO to include GA LU area and eastern CUA Valley and conducts operations therein in coordination with RVNAF forces as directed.

Ref: CG, Third MarDiv 290136Z Dec66 (3d MarDiv Frag 0 13-66)
CO, Third Marines 281636Z Dec66 (Opn Prairie Frag 0 12-66)

(5) 6 December 1966: Be prepared on order to deploy Camp CARROLL defense battalion by helicopter, fixed wing aircraft, or foot march to KHE SANH. Be prepared on order to provide for the defense of Camp CARROLL from the assets available at that location. Be prepared on order to reinforce Camp CARROLL with one company from THON SON LAM. Be prepared on order to deploy Regimental Command Group by helicopter or fixed wing aircraft to KHE SANH.

Ref: CG, Third MarDiv 021305Z Dec66 (Planning Guidance for December)
Third MarDiv (Fwd) 060550Z Dec66 (Planning Guidance for Dec)
CO, Third Marines 141420Z Dec66 (Opn Plan 10-66)
CO, Third Marines 141425Z Dec66 (Support Requirements)

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B. Significant Operations Conducted:

(1) Command Group A and Companies I and M, in coordination with 3/1/1 ARVN, continued the RAO VINH/CUA Valley reconnaissance in force operation into December. All elements of the operation moved into the MAI DAM/MAI LOC in order to sweep the area. At 030605H Dec, USMC elements surprised 6 NVA eating breakfast in MAI LOC; the ensuing action resulted in 5 NVA KIA (Conf) and 1 PW (NVA). Inclement weather delayed the heli-lift of 3/3 elements until 3 December when that unit was lifted back to THON SON LAM; the ARVN units returned to DONG HA by foot and vehicle. The only contact of any significance occurred on the final day of the operation, and total enemy casualties for the operation were 5 NVA KIA and 1 PW (NVA).

Ref: CO, Third Marines 300605Z Nov66 (OTM PRAIRIE FRAG O 8-66);

(2) At 041515H December, the Company L 3/3 CP at the base of the "ROCKTILE" received automatic weapons and recoilless rifle fire from the "RAZORBACK". The results were 8 USMC WIA, 2 damaged helicopters one of which was forced to land at the Camp CARROLL LZ EAGLE, and 1 tank damaged by recoilless rifle rounds. Fire returned resulted in 1 enemy KIA (Conf). Sporadic incidents continued in the 3/3 area throughout the night.

(3) As a result of increased enemy activity in the area of the "RAZORBACK" an operation was planned on top of and to the west of the ridgeline. Inclement weather delayed the operation for a day, and at 070900H Dec Company M, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines departed the 3/3 CP by foot march, after determining that helicopters would again be unavailable. A platoon from L/3/3 moved to the top of the ridgeline in conjunction with the operation, having been attached to Company M for that purpose. On 9 December, Company M was hit twice by enemy small arms fire from the "RAZORBACK" sustaining a total of 2 USMC KIA and 14 WIA. The company returned fire on both occasions but was too distant to ascertain the results immediately. Moving into the areas from which the fire originated, Company M discovered the firing points; the VC, however, had withdrawn on both occasions. Company M withdrew to positions north of the "RAZORBACK" on 10 Dec to evacuate casualties and so that artillery and close air support could be called in on the enemy. At 101245H December an aircraft making a south to north run on the northern dogleg of the "RAZORBACK" released 2 250 lb bombs which missed the target and passed over the ridgeline and into the Company M position, resulting in 17 USMC KIA and 11 USMC WIA. Participating elements returned to the 3/3 CP by 110229H, December.

(4) At 150630H December, H/2/3 commenced a reconnaissance in force operation in an area east of Camp CARROLL. There was no contact, and the operation was secured at 171155H.

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(5) At 192315H December Command Group A and Companies E and H commenced movement to the CUA Valley for a combined operation with ARVN forces at D-5. USMC forces were to act as the sweep force moving from the north through the MAI LOC/MAI DAM area east of Rte 558, and ARVN forces were to be the blocking force to the south of the operating area. The operation was completed by 211130H when the rear elements of 2/3 returned to Camp CARROLL. Results of the operation were 3 enemy KIA (Conf) and 5 enemy KIA (Prob), in addition to the capture of enemy munitions, supplies, and documents. Several mines and booby traps were discovered in the area, two of which resulted in the only USMC casualties of the operation, 6 WIA.

REF: CO, Third Marines 070400Z Dec (FRAG 0 9-66)

(6) At 201810H December L/3/3 received 40-50 rounds of 82/82 mm mortar fire from the "RAZORBACK". Shortly thereafter M/3/3 received 25-30 rounds of the same. Total results were 3 USMC KIA, 15 USMC WIA.

Countermortar fire was returned by tanks, mortars, 82 mm mortars and artillery. Enemy action terminated by 1840H. Artillery H and I's by 155 mm howitzers on the "RAZORBACK" and further west continued throughout the night.

(7) 3d Marines operations during the Christmas Truce period 240700H to 260700H December were conducted using maximum recon patrols and ambushes.

REF: CO, Third Marines 210635Z Dec66)

(8) At 260715H December F/2/3 commenced a reconnaissance in force operation in the foothills to the south of the CUA Valley. In the only significant contact F/2/3 received sniper fire resulting in 3 USMC WIA; returned fire resulted in 1 enemy KIA (Prob). The operation secured at 281915H.

(9) At 281705H December, the 3/3 battalion position received 100-110 mortar rounds, primarily 82/82 mm with approximately 7 or 8 120 mm. A patrol from K/3/3 to the northeast of the battalion CP was mortared during the same period. Friendly casualties were 2 USMC KIA, 2 USMC DOW, and 21 USMC WIA. Artillery missions were undertaken at suspected enemy mortar positions, both observed and unobserved. Crater analysis on the following day determined that two of the three enemy mortar positions were fired upon during the attack. Only the enemy 120 mm mortar position was not fired upon. Artillery fire continued throughout the night and into the following day to cut off enemy withdrawal and prevent any buildup for an attack.

(10) 3d Marines operations during the New Year Truce period

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310700H December to 020700H January were conducted using maximum recon patrols and ambushes.

REF: CO, Third Marines 301140Z Dec66

(11) At 300945H December K/3/3 commenced movement to CA LU. By 311130H the move had been completed, and K/3/3 and 123d RF Company relieved ARVN units at CA LU.

REF: CO, Third Marines 281636Z Dec66 (FRAG O 13-66)

(12) At 310920H E/2/3 departed for Outpost D-5, arriving there at 311120H. At 311300H E/2/3 and 122d RF Company relieved ARVN units at D-5.

REF: CO, Third Marines 281636Z Dec66 (FRAG O 13-66)

(13) During the month of December 3d Marines conducted the defense of the Marine Corps - Army supporting arms complex at Camp CARROLL. Several probing incidents occurred, however there were no enemy attacks. On 15 December Battery C, 1st Ln, 44th Arty (AWSP) (USA) arrived at Camp CARROLL and added 16 twin 40 mm automatic weapons and 4 Quad. 50 cal MG's to the defensive fires of Camp CARROLL. These weapons are being employed along the edge of the perimeter for maximum effectiveness. During the entire month improvement of the defensive position continued with supporting units working in their own defensive sectors.

Ref: All entries, Third Marines (Opn Prairie SITREPS No. 180 - 303 from 010600H .. 312400H Dec66)

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C. Casualties Inflicted on the Enemy.

(1) At 030605H, 3/3 blocking force (YD 107507) located approximately 6 NVA in hut. The ensuing fire fight resulted in 5 NVA KIA (Conf) and 1 NVA captured. Search of the area revealed signs that 1 NVA was also wounded.

(2) At 031000H, M/3/3 located body of 1 NVA KIA (Conf) in shallow grave.

(3) At 041515H, L/3/3 (XD 974568) received automatic fire from unknown number of enemy at (XD 967567). Fire was returned at the enemy and a search of the area revealed 1 enemy KIA (Conf).

(4) At 071055H, G/2/3 patrol observed 4 VC at (YD 065528). The VC were taken under fire. Search of area revealed signs of 2 NVA KIA (Prob).

(5) At 120130H, THON SON LAM OP (XD 979559) observed and fired at movement south of position. Search of area revealed signs of 1 enemy KIA (Prob).

(6) At 160630H, M/3/3 OP observed 5-7 NVA. The NVA broke contact and fled. K/3/3 patrol pursued and in the ensuing fire fight 5 NVA KIA (Conf).

(7) At 191425H, L/3/3 platoon on "RAZORBACK" observed 5 VC at (XD 960574). Scout-sniper team attached to L/3/3 delivered fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (Conf) and 1 VC WIA.

(8) At 200915H, E/2/3 (YD 112515) observed and engaged 14-16 VC. Results of the engagement were 3 VC KIA (Conf) and 5 VC KIA (Prob).

(9) At 201300H, M/3/3 located 6 freshly dug graves at (XD 989599). The graves contained 6 VC KIA (Conf).

(10) At 261610H, F/2/3 located a grave at (YD 032515) containing 1 VC KIA (Conf).

(11) At 270953H, F/2/3 (YD 031518) received small arms fire from 2 VC at (YD 029515). Fire was returned which resulted in 1 VC KIA (Prob).

(12) At 271705H, M/3/3 observed 2 VC at (XD 965577). 2 106 mm RR rounds were fired resulting in 2 VC KIA (Conf).

Enemy casualties for the month of December:
 25 KIA (Conf): 9 KIA (Prob): 1 WIA: 1 PW (NVA)

Total Enemy casualties; (Operation FRAIRIE)
 95 KIA (Conf): 45 KIA (Prob): 4 WIA: 1 PW (NVA)

Enemy casualties are documented in 3d Marines Daily SITREPS.
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D. Casualties Sustained.

(1) On 2 December, K/3/3 Med-evacuated 2 non-battle casualties, 1 USMC back trouble; 1 USMC possible malaria.

(2) At 041515H, L/3/3 (XD 974568) received automatic weapons fire in CP area from unknown number of VC at (XD 967567). 8 USMC were WIA, including 2 members of the helicopter crew.

(3) At 041730H, L/3/3 (XD 978584) received 81 mm mortar short round during fire mission resulting in 6 USMC WIA.

(4) At 041835H, K/3/3 platoon (XD 986589) enroute to ambush site, received small arms fire from unknown number of VC resulting in 1 USMC KIA and 2 USMC WIA.

(5) On 6 December, L/3/3 Med-evacuated 1 USMC non-battle casualty (convulsions)

(6) On 8 December, M/3/3 Med-evacuated 2 USMC non-battle casualties. 1 USMC burns on hand and leg; 1 USMC malaria.

(7) At 090830H, M/3/3 received small arms fire from estimated enemy squad in cove at (XD 954587). Result of action: 1 USMC KIA and 6 USMC WIA.

(8) On 9 December, E/2/3 Med-evacuated 1 USMC non-battle casualty, broken foot.

(9) At 091540H M/3/3 received small arms fire from unknown number of enemy at (XD 952592). Results of action: 1 USMC KIA and 8 USMC WIA.

(10) On 10 December, M/3/3 Med-evacuated 2 non-battle casualties. 1 USMC malaria and 1 USMC heel injury.

(11) At 101245H, M/3/3 (XD 958592) received 2 250 lb bombs from friendly aircraft which missed target area and landed in M/3/3 position, resulting in 17 USMC KIA and 11 USMC WIA.

(12) At 101850H, K/3/3 platoon received short 81 mm WF mortar round (XD 991589) resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

(13) On 12 December, 3/3 Med-evacuated 4 non-battle casualties. 2 USMC Gastroenteritis and 2 USMC Arthritis.

(14) On 15 December, H/2/3 Med-evacuated 3 non-battle casualties. 2 USMC cramps, 1 case unknown.

(15) On 16 December, 3/3 Med-evacuated 2 non-battle casualties. 1 USMC wounded cleaning pistol, 1 USMC, hemorrhoids.

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(16) On 17 December, 3/3 Med-evacuated 4 non-battle casualties. 1 USMC, swollen lymph nodes, 1 USMC possible fracture, 1 USMC unknown test, 1 USMC cause unknown.

(17) On 19 December, 3/3 Med-evacuated 5 non-battle casualties. 1 USMC orthopedic consultation; 1 USMC rectal abscess; 1 USMC X-Ray of ankle.

(18) At 200915H, E/2/3 observed and engaged estimated 14-16 VC at (YD 112513) which resulted in 3 USMC WIA.

(19) At 200727H, E/2/3 patrol detonated a booby trap at (YD 114524) resulting in 1 USMC WIA.

(20) On 20 December 3/3 Med-evacuated 1 non-battle casualty. 1 USMC X-Ray of arm.

(21) At 201200H, H/2/3 patrol detonated an unknown type mine at (YD 102509) resulting in 5 USMC WIA.

(22) At 201810H, L/3/3 position (XD 976576) received small arms fire and approximately 27 rounds of mortar fire. At 201820H, M/3/3 received approximately 40-50 rounds of mortar fire and L/3/3 received small arms and automatic fire from (XD 966565). The enemy fire resulted in 3 USMC KIA and 15 USMC WIA.

(23) On 22 December, 3/3 Med-evacuated 2 non-battle casualties. 1 USMC, cause unknown, 1 USMC fungus infection.

(24) On 23 December, 3/3 Med-evacuated 1 non-battle casualty. 1 USMC rat bite.

(25) On 25 December, 3/3 Med-evacuated 1 non-battle casualty. 1 USMC possible fractured leg.

(26) On 27 December, 3/3 Med-evacuated 2 non-battle casualties. 1 USMC burns; 1 USMC leech in urethra tract.

(27) At 270953H, F/2/3 (YD 031518) received small arms fire from (YD 029515) resulting in 1 USMC KIA, and 2 USMC WIA.

(28) At 281705H, Companies I, M, and K and 3/3 CP received 107 mortar rounds resulting in 2 USMC KIA, 2 USMC DOW, and 21 USMC WIA.

(29) On 30 December, 3/3 Med-evacuated 6 non-battle casualties. 1 USMC asthma; 1 USMC wound; upper arm; 1 USMC slight face wound; 1 USMC foot trouble; 1 USMC rabies shot; and 1 USMC slight elbow wound.

Final battle casualties for December as reported through the casualty reporting system:

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KIA 25, WIA 105, DOW 2

Cumulative casualty figures for Third Marines for Operation
PRAIRIE

KIA 40, WIA 176, DOW 2

Total casualties for the month of December are adjusted to reflect those casualties reported operationally and administratively. These figures include personnel with slight wounds who report to aid stations later than the submission of an initial operational casualty report.

Non Battle Casualties (Med-evac) for December: 37

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2. New Techniques Employed.

(1) On 6 December 1966, a new water purification facility for Camp J. J. CARROLL was completed. The water point was relocated at the north edge of Camp adjacent to the road in order to take advantage of a water source located below the hill. The water is pumped from the source to the top of the hill where it is purified and pumped into a 21,000 gallon tank for storage and then dispensed by a gravity feed system into water trailers and cans. The project was completed in cooperation between Mobile Construction Battalion (MCB) 7 and 3d Engineer Battalion units.

Water usage for drinking and shower water has been as high as 18,000 gallons per day on certain days during the month since completion of the new water facility. The system eliminated the use of trucks to transport raw water from the CAM 10 river near the KHM DIA bridge to the water point at Camp CARROLL some 4 miles away.

(2) The probability of mortar attacks against 3d Bn, 3d Marine's positions required new countermortar techniques. Likely mortar attack positions were actively patrolled, placed under ground surveillance, and subjected to artillery H and I fires. During periods of limited visibility, particularly pre-dawn and pre-dusk periods, countermortar plans were exercised. These exercises included firing selected portions of pre-planned countermortar fires.

(3) Because of the uncertain accuracy of Psy War leaflet drops from aircraft and because of prohibitive flying weather, the 3d Marines employed a new method of leaflet distribution by having patrols saturate their patrol routes with leaflets during normal patrolling activities. Point targets particularly emphasized were trail junctions, harboring sites, and enemy fighting positions.

(4) Expendable artillery ammunition canisters have been employed in a number of construction requirements including: drainage ditches, siding for built-up walkways, improvised warming stoves, and bunkering in the Camp CARROLL area.

(5) See my ltr 3/GHR/dm, 3480 dated 28 Dec 1966, LESSONS LEARNED in Supporting Documents.

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F. Command Relations.

- (1) At 020950H, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of H/2/3.
- (2) At 021330H, H/2/9 chopped to 4th Marines.
- (3) At 030936H, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of G/2/3.
- (4) At 031101H, G/2/9 chopped to OPCON 4th Marines.
- (5) At 041140H, 2/3 reported OPCON of 3d Marines.
- (6) At 041230H, 2/3 assumed OPCON E/2/9.
- (7) At 041230H, 2/3 assumed responsibility for 2/9 AO.
- (8) At 041230H, Command Group A and F/2/9 chopped to OPCON of 4th Marines.
- (9) At 080815H, G/2/3 departed for CAM 10 and chopped to OPCON of 4th Marines.
- (10) At 111130H, 4th Marines chopped OPCON of H/2/3 to 3d Marines.
- (11) At 111200H, E/2/9 chopped to OPCON 4th Marines.
- (12) At 121235H, C/1/44 Arty, USA, arrived at Camp CARROLL and reported OPCON of 3d Marines.
- (13) At 131400H, Colonel J. P. IANIGAN relieved Colonel E. E. HAMMERBECK as Commanding Officer, 3d Marine Regiment.
- (14) At 301045H, 3d Marines assumed OPCON of K/3/3.
- (15) At 311140H, G/2/3 returned to Camp CARROLL and chopped to OPCON 2/3.

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G. Equipment

Two Army Armored Personnel Carriers were used for emergency resupply of two companies and a command group of 3d Battalion, 3d Marines on 2 December 1966 in the CUA Valley. The vehicles were able to traverse paved roads, mud, and washed out stream beds in their journey with no difficulty.

On 13 December 1966 three Otters were assigned in direct support of 3d Marines by their parent unit (3d Motor Transport Battalion).

These vehicles have been used for resupply of units at the "ROCKPILE", CUA Valley, combat reconnaissance missions, and general housekeeping duties in the Camp area. The vehicles are satisfactory for mud and rough terrain use, but have a tendency to break tracks when used on paved roads. The CAM LO River has proved to be a barrier to the operation of the Otters because they cannot cross the swift stream during the monsoon season when the water level is high. (See article on Otters from SEA TIGER in Supporting Documents.)

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H. Logistics

Message traffic and reports were handled in a routine manner during the month. Administratively the separate OPCON Battalions and Headquarters Company continued to report directly to Division.

(1) Supply

The overall supply situation in December remained good. Significant shortages still existed in consumable supplies such as straw brooms, stationary items, ditto fluid, ball point pens and 1967 calendars.

Canned vegetables, except for beets and carrots, and powdered milk were in short supply during the month. No bread has been received from FLSU DONG HA since 21 December. Mayonnaise was not available during the month. In general the food has been excellent in quality and sufficient in quantity as witnessed by the Christmas menu herewith enclosed.

Certain Class II items were considered critical during this period. Among these items were body armor, upper torso; wrist watches; towels; jungle utilities; and jungle boots in sizes 8, 9, and 10. A large influx of replacement personnel in December further complicated the problem in that one OPCON battalion (2d Battalion, 3d Marines) was in excess of T/O during the last few days of the month.

Generators (PU-278), multimeters, tool kits telephone TK-122/UG, and various other Comm-Elec gear were considered as critical items in the Logistics Summary Report #31 submitted by Headquarters Company. Sandbags and long barbed wire stakes were in limited supply and rationed during the month.

(2) Movement

The following troop movements were accomplished:

(a) Company K, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines was transported by helicopter from its position by the "Rockpile" to an initial point on Route 9 and from there by foot march to CA LU on 30 December 1966. An RF rifle company and a motorized resupply convoy joined Company K at the initial point and accompanied it to CA LU. This was the first time during Operation FAIRIE that a motorized convoy had traversed this road. The movement was completed on 31 December 1966, and the ARVN Force at CA LU was withdrawn by the same route.

(b) Company E, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines moved by foot march to CUA Valley on 31 December 1966. It was accompanied overland by two Otters. An RF rifle company joined it at the D-5 position by utilizing Route 558 from CAM LO. This represented the commencement of a concerted effort to open Route 558 for military and civilian traffic. The ARVN Force was withdrawn from D-5 by truck transportation on 31 December 1966 over Route 558 to DONG HA.

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(3) Containment and Camp Facilities

Headquarters Company continued to improve its living area by constructing sand and gravel sidewalks bordered by 175mm powder canisters, by continuing the sandbagging of living spaces, and by the construction of a grease pit for the messhall. During the period 3d Engineers constructed a bunker for use by the Message Center of the 3d Marines. A diagram of the 3d Marines Command Post is included.

A new water point was completed on 6 December. (See Paragraph 2 above.) In addition a sentry booth was constructed at the entrance to Camp CARROLL. A diagram of the police areas of units at Camp CARROLL is included. The units are generally billeted in the area of police responsibility.

Bunkers, heads, hardbacks, and tent decks were again requested during the month of December. As of this date, only seven heads and one bunker have been received by Marine units at Camp CARROLL through official channels. Most construction has been accomplished by using wood packing boxes for artillery rounds.

(4) Engineers

Engineer support was furnished by the 3d Engineer Battalion at Camp CARROLL. The 11th Engineer Battalion arrived in the ~~DO~~ HA area in late December and provided some assistance in the form of dump trucks for the construction of gun pads for the Army's 175mm guns. The Sea Bees were assigned the responsibility for the construction of these gun pads in late December.

(5) Motor Transport

During this period no vehicles were combat-doadlined for repairs. The only significant repair parts shortages were inner tubes and repair patches. Due to rugged driving conditions and the old age of the rubber, a high number of flat tires occurred - sometimes as many as four or five a day. Many tubes were patched a half dozen times because replacement tubes were not available.

(6) Transportation

Third and Ninth Motor Transport Battalions continued to furnish three household trucks a day for Headquarters Company. Ninth Motors took control of dispatching all such trucks during the month although Army and Artillery units of Camp CARROLL were called upon for transportation in emergency situations.

Trafficability of roads in the Camp CARROLL area has been hindered by the monsoon rain. Holes as deep as three feet developed in the road in front of Headquarters Company and 2d Battalion, 3d Marines area. Alleviation of this condition was partially accomplished by 3d Engineer Battalion, by the use of a rock-gravel base applied to the road.

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(7) Ordnance

Claymore mines (M-18) have not been available during December. The firing device used with this mine was found to be defective, and as a result all M-18 Claymore Mines have been returned to the Ammunition Supply Point at CONUSA. Claymore Mines (M-18A1) with firing devices are satisfactory, but are not available.

(8) Medical

The dechlorination of water trailers and cans was accomplished during this period. This project was undertaken on the Camp Level, and supervised by the Regimental Surgeon. When checking water cans, it was found that over 75 percent of the cans in Headquarters Company lacked lids and as a result were unserviceable but had to be used because of lack of replacements.

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I. Civic Action.

December 1966: A timber cutting project was started in the vicinity of (YD 0557) and (YD 0658). Approximately 200 Montagnard Refugee woodcutters are working in the area at the present and the project is progressing smoothly. The site was picked because it is within easy walking distance of the Refugee Hamlet at GAM LO. USAID is the coordinator of the project and the timber will be transported to the sawmill at QUANG TRI by civilian trucks. The woodcutters will be paid with the proceeds resulting from the sale of the lumber.

24 December 1966: A Christmas party was held at GAM LO District Headquarters for 500 school children of the CUA Valley. The party was a complete success. The District Chief explained the meaning of Christmas for the benefit of the non-Christian children present. The 3d Marines Commanding Officer spoke briefly on the theme of Christmas and friendship. Passages from the Bible were read in both Vietnamese and English by the local ministers and the Regimental Chaplain. A high point of the program was a choral group of Marines and soldiers from Camp J. J. CARROLL, who sang Christmas songs for the children. Toys, cookies, and Kool-Aid were passed out to the children at the end of the program.

December 1966: A daily MEDiAP program was conducted at GA LU (YD 0145), CAM PHU Village. A total of 480 patients were treated throughout the month. This type of program continues to be well-accepted and appreciated by the Vietnamese people.

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J. Administration.

(1) Awards: Two Marine Officers, one Navy Officer, and three Marine Enlisted were recommended for the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry during this period.

(2) Promotion: One promotion to Gunnery Sergeant was effected by the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

(3) Legal Matters: Six "office hours" were conducted during this period.

(4) Special Services: Christmas gifts of wallets donated by the Division Special Services; and Christmas gifts donated by the American Red Cross were distributed to members of the Regimental Headquarters. Christmas cards made available through Division Special Services were also distributed for use by members of the Regimental Headquarters for mailing. Movies were commenced, during the month of December, for all members of Headquarters Company at Camp CARROLL.

(5) Liberty: There was no liberty authorized in the DONG HA - Camp CARROLL area during this period.

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K. Personnel:

a. Gains: During this period two Marine Officers, thirty-nine Marine Enlisted and one Navy Officer replacements were received.

b. Losses: Headquarters Company, 3d Marines sustained one hostile casualty, wounded in action. During this period three Marine Officers, seventeen Marine Enlisted, and one Navy Officer were transferred out of Headquarters, 3d Marines.

c. Emergency Leaves/Humanitarian Transfers: None

d. Administrative Discharges: None

e. R&R TAD Trips: Twenty-six out of country and eleven in country R&R trips were allocated to Headquarters Company, 3d Marines during this reporting period.

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L. INTELLIGENCE

1. The overall total of incidents for the month of December decreased by 26%. Significantly, small arms fire, mining, and grenade incidents decreased in frequency while mortar/artillery incidents increased. The most significant incident was the mortar attack on 3/3 on 28Dec when 107 rounds of 81/82mm mortar fire were received. Just prior to this attack on 3/3, their 81mm radio net was jammed.

2. Contact Incidents -- 46 (13 at night)

(a) Small arms/sniper fire -- 27 (6 at night)

- (1) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 0
- (2) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 4 (1 at night)
- (3) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 9 (5 at night)
- (4) Other -- 14 (0 at night)

(b) Grenades -- 1 (1 at night)

- (1) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 0
- (2) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (1 at night)
- (3) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
- (4) Other -- 0

(c) Booby Traps -- 1 (1 discovered)

- (1) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 0
- (2) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (1 discovered)
- (3) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 0
- (4) Other -- 0

(d) Mines -- 5 (3 discovered)

- (1) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 0

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(2) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 2 (0 discovered)

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

(4) Other -- 1 (1 discovered)

(e) Moving or probing action where VC did not fire or return fire

-- 2 (2 at night)

(1) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 0

(2) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (1 at night)

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

(4) Other -- 0

(f) Mortar/Artillery fire -- 4 (1 at night)

(1) 2d Bn, 9th Mar -- 0

(2) 2d Bn, 3d Mar -- 1 (1 at night)

(3) 3d Bn, 3d Mar -- 3 (0 at night)

(4) Other -- 0

(g) Communications Interference -- 3

(h) Miscellaneous -- 3

(a) Lights observed and fired on -- 3

3. Enemy Losses

(a) Personnel

(1) Confirmed

1 KIA -- 25

2 WIA -- 2

3 VCC -- 0

4 VCS -- 0

5 NVAC -- 1

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6 Rallier -- 0

(2) Probable

1 KIA -- 9

2 WIA -- 0

(b) Material

(1) Weapons

3 U.S. M-1's

7 CHICOM AK-47's

3 Russian 7.62's with sniper scopes

1 Russian SKS

1 U.S. M-3A1 SMG

1 French MAT-49 SMG

(2) Weapons Accessories

3 U.S. M-1 MAG's

3 U.S. M-3A1 SMG MAG's

1 French MAT-49 SMG MAG

16 AK-47 MAG's

1 Carbine MAG

1 Unidentified mortar base plate

1 Circular CHICOM LMG MAG with ammunition

2 Thompson MG MAG's with ammunition

1 Incident of assorted MAG's

(3) Ammunition (Rounds)

100 .50 caliber rounds

4 82mm mortar rounds

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2 DUD grenades

40 CHICOM grenades

2 CHICOM stick grenades

1 M-26 grenade

15 rounds of Carbine ammunition

1 250 pound bomb

1 Incident of assorted ammunition

(4) Food

580 pounds of rice

2 sacks of rice (weight not reported)

1 sack of beans (weight not reported)

(5) Medical Supplies

3 bandages

3 Incidents of assorted Medical Supplies

(6) Clothing

1 pair tennis shoes

6 pair trousers

1 jacket

2 hats

1 shirt

2 Incidents of assorted clothing

(7) Documents

25085 Pictures

14 Pictures

3 books

1 Incident of assorted letters

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1 Incident of propaganda material

5 Incidents of assorted documents

(8) Miscellaneous

9 packs

1 pair binoculars

1 pair eyeglasses with case

4 hammocks

1 empty U.S. rice bag

1 canteen

4 NVA belts with buckles

3 ammunition pouches

3 food pouches

1 battery

1 incident of assorted 782 gear

1 incident of assorted eating utensils

(9) Fortifications Discovered/Destroyed

5 mortar positions

1 base camp

2 reinforced caves

1 tunnel

5 bunkers

25 fighting holes

78 lean to's

4. Enemy units reported and/or sighted during period.

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1 VC REG (2000 STR)	XD885615	27 Nov
30 VC	YD035525	7 Dec
1 VC CO	YD075513	8
1 VC PLT	YD028538	12
1 VC PLT	YD045615	13
1 VC PLT	YD045605	14
1 NVA CO	XD965428	15
1 EN CO	YD068507	19
1 VC SQD	YD105506	20
30 NVA	XD969618	21

5. Trends

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

<u>CONTRACTS</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
SA Fire	23	19	4
Booby Traps	6	6	0
Mines	18	18	0
Grenades	1	1	0
Mortars/Artillery	4	4	0
Enemy movement w/o fire	7	7	0
Assassinations	0	0	0
Sabotage	0	0	0
Conn Interference	0	0	0
Kidnappings	0	0	0

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Demonstrations	0	0	0	0	0
Intimidations	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous**	<u>31</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Total incidents	90	66	24	62	46

* D--DANANG Area, P--PRAIRIE (QUANG TRI) area.

** Includes incidents of lights being observed and fired on.

(2) The enemy situation at the end of the month is marked by sporadic ambushes, sniping, and mortar/artillery 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.

Identification of other elements of the 31st Regiment of 341st NVA Division indicates the presence of this unit in the CHA VALLEY and the ROCKPILE area, apparently replacing elements of the 324B NVA Division.

6. For documentation of the summarized data, see 3d Marine Intsums for the month of December.

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M. Communications.

2 December - Camp Power, both PU-239 and 60 KW generators down. PU-239 evacuated to DONG HA.

4 December - Covered voice not utilizing KY-8 activated with Third MarDiv (Fwd). Will be activated daily at 0900h for radio check. If no traffic, will be secured.

Ref: CG, Third MarDiv 040350Z Dec 66

8 December - CG Third MarDiv assigned Mounting Kits for AN/PRC 41/47 radios to this headquarters for test and evaluation. Dirlauth with Comm. Co.

Ref: CG, 3d MarDiv 080825Z Dec 66

13 December - Received PU-346/G vice PU-348. PU-346 utilized as primary power for all AN/PRC 27/B shots in CP. (DOC. # 4026). Change of Command Ceremony.

15 December - AN/PRC 27B Radio-relay shot to 12th Mar Regt CP established. This headquarters furnishes both ends of shot.

Ref: CO 3d Mar 160830Z Dec 66

15 December - Contact Team from FLSU 2, PHU BAI inspected 60 KW generator. Indicated needed repair. CO, Third Mar requested assistance of 3d MarDiv.

Ref: CO, 3d Mar 151430Z Dec 66

Radar Set, AN/TPS-21 turned over to 2d Bn, 3d Marines for employment in defense of Camp CARROLL.

18 December - Mounting Kits for AN/PRC 41/47 arrived this CP. Installed in vehicles. Began radio test IAW CG, Third MarDiv 080825Z Dec 66.

19 December - CO Third Marines msg 191100Z Dec 66 stated this headquarters unable to support portable HF and UHF Comm due to insufficient supply of monoblocks and electrolyte. Listed requisitions submitted.

Ref: CO, 3d Mar 191100Z Dec 66

PU - 239 generator returned this CP.

27 December - Received 16 monoblocks and 4 electrolyte kits via critipak.

28 December - Three PU -278's, 1 antenna, 1 RT - 252 cover for AN/PRC 27B were destroyed by hostile mortar fire at 3/3 CP. Combat loss submitted Doc # 11880.

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29 December - Test and evaluation report on mounting kits for AN-PRC
41/47 submitted to CG 3d Mar Div.
Ref: CO 3d Marines 291050Z Dec 66

29 December - Message center opns commenced in bunker.

30 December - Destroyed elements on AN/TMC 27 B replaced at 3/3 CP.
Communications restored.

31 December - The message center handled a total of 1394 messages.
There were 1095 incoming messages and 299 outgoing messages.

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N. Weather

(1) During the month of December, QUANG TRI Province was completely under the influence of the northeast monsoon. From 1-10 December, the weather was either rainy or typically "crachin", i.e., prolonged periods of fog, and drizzle or light rain accompanied by low-level strata phenomenon. From 11-21 December, the weather was fair to partly cloudy with temperatures ranging from 76 degrees Fahrenheit to 89 degrees Fahrenheit. The period 22-31 December was characterized by rainy periods and "crachin" weather.

(2) Average temperature for December was 71 degrees. Total rainfall for the month was 10.5 inches.

(3) The periods of rainfall and reduced visibility seriously affected operations during the monsoon period. Operations scheduled, utilizing helicopter transport of personnel, had to be cancelled in many instances or secondary plans instigated using other means of inserting troops into the objective area. In addition, alternate means of resupply were used when helicopters could not fly during adverse conditions.

(4) Detailed daily weather conditions are documented in 3d Marines Daily INTSUMS.

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0. Fire Support(1) Significant Events

(a) Battery E, 2/12 departed Camp CARROLL for relocation in the PHUBAI area on 12 December.

Ref: 12th Marines Msg O P 121803Z Dec.

(b) Battery A, 1st Bn, 40th Arty (USA) displaced to Camp CARROLL (YD 0654) to augment the fires of the 1st Bn, 12th Marines on 19 Dec and remained there until 28 Dec, being replaced by Battery A, 1/12.

Ref: 12th Marines SITREP 280001-282400H.

(c) On 6 Dec Battery C (-), 1st Bn, 12th Marines displaced forward to the vicinity (YD 023564) in support of a company-size operation conducted by 3/3. It returned to its permanent position on 11 December.

Ref: 12th Marine SITREPS 060001-062400H and 110001-112400H.

(d) On 12 December, Battery C, 1st Bn 44th Arty (AWSA)(USA) was placed under the OPCON of the 3d Marines and on 15 December it was integrated into the defensive and countermortar fire plans of Camp CARROLL, and that evening commenced interdiction fires.

Ref: 3d Marines OF O 8-66.

(e) On 12 December, this unit began a program of grid square saturation, utilizing general support artillery. This program was continued throughout the month with unknown results.

Ref: 12th Marines SITREPS of Dec66.

(f) During the latter part of the period, increased emphasis was placed upon the refinement of countermortar plans throughout the AO, and their subsequent rehearsal.

(2) Artillery Units Providing Support(a) Direct Support

1st Battalion, 12th Marines (-)(Reinf)

Battery A, 1st Bn, 12th Marines (28-31 Dec)

Battery A, 1st Bn, 40th Arty (USA)(19-28 Dec)

Battery C, 1st Bn, 12th Marines (1-31 Dec)

Battery E, 2nd Bn, 12th Marines (1-12 Dec)

(b) General Support, Reinforcing 1st Bn, 12th Marines

Battery M, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines

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2nd Battalion, 94th Artillery (USA).

(3) Naval Gunfire Support - Negative

(4) Other Units Providing Support

(a) Direct Support

Company A, 3d Tank Battalion

Company A, 3d Antitank Battalion

(b) Operational Control

Battery C, 1st Bn, 44th Artillery (AWSF)

(5) Number and Types of Missions Fired

Artillery Missions Fired

Observed	171
Unobserved	3592
Registrations	3
Harrassing and Interdiction	964
Neutralization	21
Prep Fires	17

(6) Ammunition Expended by Type

(a) Direct Support Artillery

	<u>HE</u>	<u>WP</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
105mm	9905	637	249

(b) General Support Artillery

	<u>HE</u>	<u>ILLUM</u>
155 mm	1496	39
	<u>HE</u>	
175 mm	3915	

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(c) Tanks

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90 mm 221

(d) Ortcs

106 mm 581

(e) Automatic Weapons, Self Propelled

40 mm 5300

7. Surveillance

(a) Generally, all observed missions provided excellent target coverage.

(b) Positive results were; One (1) WIA (Conf), Two (2) huts destroyed, and One (1) VC base camp severely damaged.

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P. Air Support

a. Elements of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, primarily MAG-16 and MAG-12, provided rotary and fixed wing aircraft in support of logistical supply, medical evacuation, administration, and aerial reconnaissance.

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

Type Mission

1. Logistical Support	15
2. Medical Evacuation	2
3. Reconnaissance	5
4. Administrative (including troop movements in support of Regt. Hq)	16

c. During December the Regimental Tactical Air Control Party controlled approximately 1400 aircraft missions, within the AO. These aircraft missions were either flown in support of the Regimental Headquarters and subordinate battalions, or were over-flying the AO enroute to other destinations. During periods of peak activity, over 112 missions were controlled within a ten hour time frame.

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Q. Activations/Deactivations/Redesignations. None.

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R. Psychological Operations.

(1) On 13 December, during daylight hours, a psychological leaflet drop was conducted in the area bounded by (XD 9052), (XD 9047), (YD 0948), and (YD 0842). 500,000 leaflets were dropped. The theme of the drop was CHIEU HOI, NVA Hardship, and Safe Conduct Passes.

(2) At 161800H, a C-47 aircraft conducted a psychological leaflet drop in grid squares (XD 9052), (XD 9047), and (YD 0842). Leaflets dropped were: 175,000 CHIEU HOI; 250,000 NVA Hardship; and 75,000 Safe Conduct Passes.

(3) On 19 December, during daylight hours, a psychological leaflet drop was conducted in the areas bounded by:

(a) (XD 9763), (XD 9759), (YD 0063), and (YD 0059). Leaflets dropped were: 10,000 Safe Conduct Passes; 45,000 CHIEU HOI; and 45,000 PAVN Appeal.

(b) (XD 8853), (XD 8851), (XD 9655), and (XD 9651). Leaflets dropped were: 10,000 Safe Conduct Passes; 45,000 CHIEU HOI; and 45,000 PAVN Appeal.

(c) (XD 9144), (XD 9142), (XD 9947), and (YD 0045). Leaflets dropped were: 10,000 Safe Conduct Passes; 45,000 CHIEU HOI; and 45,000 PAVN Appeal.

(d) (YD 0447), (YD 0345), (YD 1145), and (YD 1142). Leaflets dropped were: 10,000 Safe Conduct Passes; 45,000 CHIEU HOI; and 45,000 PAVN Appeal.

(4) On 20 December, a psychological operation was conducted in the area bounded by (YD 1353), (YD 1348), (YD 1753), and (YD 1748). A one hour taped message (CHIEU HOI) was broadcast, in addition to the following leaflets dropped: 350,000 NVA Hardship, and 150,000 Safe Conduct Passes.

(5) On 24 December, 6,000 Vietnamese newspapers were distributed in CAM LO District. The newspapers were printed in SAIGON by the GVN.

(6) During the period 25-31 December, 10,000 leaflets (CHIEU HOI and NVA Hardship) were hand distributed on trails and at campsite areas in the 3340. The area was bounded by (XD 9960), (XD 9760), (XD 9957) and (XD 9757).

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S. Training.

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

(2) Highlights.

3 December - One Marine from 3d Bn, 3d Marines attended Basic Ammo Tech School conducted on OKINAWA.

Ref: CG Third MarDiv 180859Z Nov 66

6 December - Four members of the Regimental Scout-Sniper Platoon conducted familiarization firing of sniper weapons.

10 December - One Marine from Headquarters Company, 3d Marines and one Marine from 3d Bn, 3d Marines attended the Basic Infantry Weapons Repair School conducted on OKINAWA.

Ref: CG, Third MarDiv 180901Z Nov 66

12 December - Four Marines from Headquarters Company, 3d Marines, ten Marines from 2d Bn, 3d Marines, and ten Marines from 3d Bn, 3d Marines attended M-16 Training conducted at PHU BAI, RVN.

Ref: CO, Third Marines 060400Z Dec 66

19 December - The Regimental Civil Affairs Officer attended the MACV/USAID/JUSPAO Advisor Course conducted in SAIGON, RVN.

Ref: CG, Third MarDiv 101439Z Dec 66

19 December - The Regimental Training Officer attended a Division Training Conference conducted at PHU BAI, RVN. Topics discussed were: M-16 Training, Indoctrination Training, and FMP PAC Training Inspection.

Ref: Third MarDiv 150340Z Dec 66

20 December - Seven members of the Regimental Scout-Sniper Platoon conducted familiarization firing of sniper weapons.

22 December - A Rifle Range was completed at Camp CARROLL. The range enables shooters to fire known distances of 300, 500, and 600 meters.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS
AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

File 1
1. ✓ Staff Journals, 01 December 1966 ~ 31 December 1966.

✓ 2. ✓ 3d Marines Operation Prairie SITREPS No. 180 ~ 303 as of 010600H Dec 1966 to 312400H Dec 1966.

✓ 3. ✓ 3d Marines INTSUMS No. 341 - 365 as of 010800H to 310800H Dec 1966.

✓ 4. ✓ Regimental Order 3000.6B (Rules of Engagement)

✓ 5. ✓ Lessons Learned, December 1966.

✓ 6. ✓ CO, 3d Marines 011500Z Dec66 (OPSTAT 001 as of 011500Z DEC66)

✓ 7. ✓ CO, 3d Marines 011501Z Dec66 (Task Organization, correction of)

✓ 8. ✓ CO, 3d Marines 020445Z Dec66 (Change of OPCON)

✓ 9. ✓ CO, 3d Marines 030330Z Dec66 (Change of OPCON, Corrected Copy)

✓ 10. ✓ CO, 3d Marines 030600Z Dec66 (Breaches of Comm Security)

✓ 11. ✓ CO, 3d Marines 030615Z Dec66 (Col. HAMMERBECK sends "well done to 3/3.")

✓ 12. ✓ CO, 3d Marines 040620Z Dec66 (Change of OPCON)

✓ 13. ✓ CO, 3d Marines 040850Z Dec66 (OPSTAT 002 as of 041500Z DEC66)

✓ 14. ✓ CO, 3d Marines 051525Z Dec66 (Allowance List for Rotational BLT's)

✓ 15. ✓ CMC 061443Z Dec66 (Commandant's Christmas Message ~ 1966)

✓ 16. ✓ CO, 3d Marines 080155Z Dec66 (Change of OPCON)

✓ 17. ✓ CO, 3d Marines 080715Z Dec66 (Recon Insertions)

✓ 18. ✓ CG, 3d MarDiv 080825Z Dec66 (Veh Mounting Kits for AN/PNC-41/47 Radios)

✓ 19. ✓ CO, 3d Marines 081616Z Dec66 (Pyro Light and Smoke Signal Code)

✓ 20. ✓ CG, 3d MarDiv 101439Z Dec66 (MACV/USAID/JUSPAO Advisors Course)

✓ 21. ✓ Camp GARDOLL Commander 110100Z Dec66 (Change of Command, 3d Marines)

✓ 22. ✓ CO, 3d Marines 110105Z Dec66 (AN/PP6-6 Radar Set)

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23.✓ CO, 3d Marines 110456Z Dec66 (Change of OPCON)
24.✓ CO, 3d Marines 121220Z Dec66 (OPCON of Btry C/1/3d Arty, USA)
25.✓ CO, 3d Marines 130755Z Dec66 (OPSTAT 003 as of 131500Z DEC 66)
26.✓ CO, 3d Marines 131250Z Dec66 (Request for Operational Clearance)
27.✓ 3d MarDiv 150340Z Dec66 (Division Training Conference)
28.✓ CO, 3d Marines 151430Z Dec66 (Generator Repair)
29.✓ SECNAV 160010Z Dec66 (SECNAV Christmas Message)
30.✓ CO, 3d Marines 161625Z Dec66 (Arc Light Strikes)
31.✓ CO, 3d Marines 170315Z Dec66 (Arc Light Strikes)
32.✓ CG, 3d MarDiv 170540Z Dec66 (Combat Reporting)
33.✓ CO, 3d Marines 171515Z Dec66 (Arc Light Strikes)
34.✓ CO, 3d Marines 181300Z Dec66 (Ops in CUA Valley)
35.✓ CO, 3d Marines 190235Z Dec66 (Possible Enemy Attack on Present Psns)
36.✓ CO, 3d Marines 190455Z Dec66 (Importance of Captives)
37.✓ CO, 3d Marines 210635Z Dec66 (US Christmas Policy)
38.✓ COMUSMACV 241240Z Dec66 (Christmas Greetings)
39.✓ CO, 3d Marines 250720Z Dec66 (Planned Operations)
40.✓ CO, 3d Marines 280300Z Dec66 (Mine Removal, D-5 Fort)
41.✓ CO, 3d Marines 281637Z Dec66 (Support Requirements)
42.✓ CO, 3d Marines 291050Z Dec66 (Veh Mounting Kits for AN/PRC 41/47)
43.✓ COMUSMACV 300633Z Dec66 (US New Years Policy)
44.✓ CO, 3d Marines 300920Z Dec66 (Reply to SICK D-1E2-15526)
45.✓ CG, 3d MarDiv 301015Z Dec66 (US New Years Truce Policy)
46.✓ CO, 3d Marines 301140Z Dec66 (US New Years Policy)
47.✓ CO, 3d Marines 310436Z Dec66 (Change of OPCON)

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48. ✓ CG, 3d MarDiv 310620Z Dec66 (New Years Truce Policy)
49. ✓ Overlay of 3d Marines 40 as of 30 Dec66.
50. ✓ CG, 3d MarDiv Christmas Message dated 17 Dec 1966
51. ✓ CG, 3d MarDiv Christmas Message, 20 Dec 1966
52. ✓ Christmas Message from CO, 1st Infantry Division, 11th DTA
53. ✓ Christmas Menu - Vietnam - 1966
54. ✓ Article from "Sea Tiger" concerning Amphibious "OTTER"
55. ✓ Unit Police Responsibility - Camp J. J. CARROLL
56. ✓ Lay-out of 3d Marines area, Camp J. J. CARROLL
57. ✓ Third MarDiv 280547Z Nov66 (Frag 0 7-66)
58. ✓ CO, Third Marines 300605Z Nov66 (Opn Prairie Frag 0 8-66)
59. ✓ CO, Third Marines 021305Z Dec66 (Opn Prairie Frag 0 9-66)
60. ✓ Third MarDiv (Fwd) 060550Z Dec66 (Planning Guidance)
61. ✓ CO, Third Marines 070400Z Dec66 (Opn Prairie Frag 0 10-66)
62. ✓ CO, Third Marines 141420Z Dec66 (Opn Prairie Opn Plan 10-66)
63. ✓ CO, Third Marines 141425Z Dec66 (Support Requirements)
64. ✓ CO, Third Marines 180710Z Dec66 (Opn Prairie Frag 0 11-66)
65. ✓ CO, Third Marines 281635Z Dec66 (Opn Prairie Frag 0 12-66)
66. ✓ Third MarDiv (Fwd) 290136Z Dec66 (Frag 0 13-66)

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

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3/GHR/ju
3 December 1966

REGIMENTAL ORDER 3000.6B

From: Commanding Officer
To: Distribution List

Subj: Rules of Engagement

Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv OpnO 377-66
(b) DivO 03443.1
(c) CG 3d MarDiv Ser: 03A26666

1. Purpose. To provide information and guidance concerning rules of engagement.

2. Cancellation. RegtO 3000.6A

3. Information.

a. Annex J of reference (a) sets forth rules of engagement for 3d Marine Division units.

b. Reference (b) contains information and extracts from COMUSMACV rules of engagement.

c. Reference (c) provides guidance for the use of Riot Control Agents and Munitions within the 3d Marine Division.

d. This order consolidates the information pertaining to rules of engagement published in references (a) through (c).

4. Action. Unit commanders under the operational control of this Regiment will insure that the rules of engagement prescribed by references (a) through (c) and set forth herein are enforced. Troop indoctrination briefings will be held before each operation to emphasize both the short and long range importance of minimizing non-combatant battle casualties.

a. Individual.

(1) Rounds will not be chambered in individual weapons unless contact with the enemy is imminent. The senior Marine present will determine if this measure must be taken to preserve the lives of friendly personnel. Initiation of any offensive or defensive formation implies contact with the enemy.

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(2) Magazines will not be inserted in weapons in a camp area unless engaged in action with the enemy or on order of competent authority.

(3) During the hours of darkness, the sequence of engagement will be:

(a) Challenge

(b) If the person challenged makes an overt attempt to avoid apprehension, opens fire or commits any other hostile act and therefore endangers the life of the challenger, the challenger may fire.

(c) Unit commanders may prescribe illumination prior to firing if local circumstances allow.

(d) The requirement for challenge may be waived by the local commander if required by the tactical situation and friendly forces are known not to be in the operating area.

b. Units

(1) Hamlets or villages not associated with ground operations will not be attacked without prior warning (by leaflet and/or speaker systems or other appropriate means) even though light fire is received from them.

(2) Hamlets or villages may be attacked without prior warning if the attack is in conjunction with a ground operation involving the movement of ground forces through the area, and if in the judgement of the ground commander, his mission would be jeopardized by such warning.

(3) All supporting arms fire missions on hamlets or villages will be controlled by an airborne or ground forward observer (FO) and will be executed only after positive FSCC approval. Close air support missions that involve strikes on hamlets or villages always must be controlled by a FAC and executed only after FSCC approval.

(4) Supporting arms will not be fired into any populated area except when the infantry commander on the ground personally determines the area to be hostile and such action is necessary to save Marine lives and that there is no alternative to such a course of action.

(5) All supporting arms missions, with the exception of barrages and preplanned unobserved fires, will be controlled by an airborne or ground FAC, forward observer, NGF spot team or RVNAF observer. All observed and unobserved fires, except barrages, will be positively approved at the appropriate FSCC level prior to the use of supporting arms.

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(6) In areas exclusive of villages and hamlets, supporting arms may be directed against VC forces in contact in accordance with normal procedures. However, unobserved fires will be directed only at targets or target areas declared hostile by GVN, VN liaison personnel, observers or forward air controllers (FAC).

(7) None of the foregoing is intended to deny the application of force against the source of hostile fire. Enemy forces engaging friendly troops will be destroyed by any means available.

c. Destruction of Dwellings and Livestock.

(1) Civilian dwellings will not be burned, nor will private property including livestock be destroyed except as an unavoidable consequence of combat actions.

(2) The destruction of Vietnamese dwellings and livestock as a means of denying their use to the enemy is left to RVNAF units. Requests from Vietnamese authorities for employment of Marine forces to perform such destruction will be referred to this Headquarters.

d. Restricted Targets. Every effort will be made to preserve religious, cultural and public utility installations.

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3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF
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28 December 1966

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein) FMF (Attn: G-3)
Subj: Lessons Learned, December 1966
Ref: (a) CG 3d MarDiv 271438Z Apr66

1. In accordance with reference (a), the below listed Lessons Learned are submitted.

a. Item 1 Monsoon Operations.

Discussion: The effects of monsoon weather on combat operations are so significant that they dominate virtually all aspects of both planning and operations. The successful accomplishment of a mission will depend upon the preparation of detailed primary and alternate plans which are designed to accomplish missions under the most unfavorable weather conditions, and exploit short periods of advantageous weather, rapidly and effectively.

Normally, the primary plan will be based on courses of action which can accomplish the task in any weather. This precludes reliance on air support in any form. With the limitation imposed by loss of aerial lifts, resupply, medevac, reconnaissance, and observation, the range and scope of the primary plan is reduced. The staying power of a deployed unit becomes an important consideration. The duration of an operation is calculated on the unit's ability to sustain itself without resupply, to care for and move casualties without evacuation, and to accomplish its mission without reinforcement. Thus, plans for monsoon operations must allow for increased combat loads and provide for the combat power necessary to compensate for loss of flexibility.

Time - space factors vary widely. For example, a movement to the objective area may be made in 15 minutes by helicopter in good weather, 5 hours by foot in marginal weather, and 24 hours by foot in bad weather, which requires a circuitous route to avoid impassable terrain and extends the movement into darkness.

A more ambitious alternate plan must be prepared which will capitalize on the use of air support when weather conditions permit. Deploying units must be prepared to exploit the advantage of brief periods of

good weather during any phase of the operation. In dense canopy or other unfavorable terrain the location and availability of helicopter landing zones becomes a vital concern. Deployed units may use possible LZ's for tactical objectives, maintaining their readiness to increase the range and scope of their operations by keeping "one foot in an LZ" at all times.

Recommendation: That the primary plan for combat operations during the monsoon season provide for the accomplishment of the mission under the limitations of the most adverse weather, and that the alternate plan provide for extension of operations during any phase of the operation whenever favorable weather permits.

b. Item: Sav-a-plane.

Discussion: On all artillery fire missions, it is the responsibility of the battalion or regimental FSCC to initiate the Sav-a-plane system. This is done by sending five elements to Division FSCC; location of target, location of unit firing, time firing commenced, time firing ceased, and the maximum ordinate of the trajectory. From the observer's fire request and the subsequent message to observer sent by the firing unit, the FSCC can extract all the elements necessary for the Sav-a-plane except the maximum ordinate. To obtain this information a separate radio transmission from the FSCC to the firing unit is required.

Recommendation: That the maximum ordinate be added to the message to observer when given by the firing unit, eliminating the necessity for the separate, time-consuming transmissions described above.

c. Item: Fire Support Coordination.

Discussion: In many operational areas it is necessary to rely on helicopters to accomplish a variety of vital missions. Heavy and continuous helicopter traffic competes with supporting arms for air space. On many occasions the requirement for artillery fire support and helicopter support is simultaneous and equal. In these cases it is necessary to provide a system under which both missions can be accomplished without delay.

A method of coordinating both missions is for the FSCC to direct the aircraft under the artillery trajectory. To accomplish this the FSCC must be provided firing charts as well as the maximum ordinate. The range and maximum ordinate can be determined from the message to observer. With these two factors the actual trajectory can then be determined from the firing charts. Coordinating this information with the known flight path of the aircraft, FSCC can direct the aircraft to a safe altitude to pass under the flight of the projectile. This procedure is safe and practical and can be used in an emergency.

Recommendation: That this procedure be adopted for the control of emergency missions in which it is necessary to conduct both helicopter and artillery missions simultaneously.

d. Item: Cutting trails through bamboo.

Discussion: Bamboo tree lines can impose a difficult barrier to movement. Experience has shown that there is only one way to cut them quickly: one inch below or above the joint of the stem. A cut in any other place simply shatters the stem and delays clearing the tree.

Recommendation: That inexperienced personnel be advised of the proper method of cutting trails through bamboo.

e. Item: Employment of Provisional Reconnaissance Units.

Discussion: During the past sixty days, this organization has employed members of the Provisional Reconnaissance Unit in two locations on two separate occasions. Results were profitable; however better utilization could be made through better control and coordination. The language barrier, and unfamiliarity with reporting procedures and information required, limited the effectiveness of these units.

Recommendation: That a Marine from a Division or Force Reconnaissance unit and a qualified interpreter be assigned to each patrol to insure proper control and reporting. The indigenous personnel will extend our reconnaissance capabilities, but must be augmented to gather and report the intelligence information accurately and timely.

f. Item: Incorrect reporting of intelligence information.

Discussion: On many occasions the rapid and accurate identification of captured enemy weapons and equipment will enable the commander to determine the strength and mission of the enemy so that he may take prompt, effective action. However, many Marines are not familiar with typical items of enemy equipment and are slow or incorrect in identifying such items in the field.

Recommendation: That additional training in recognition and identification of VC/NVA weapons and equipment be conducted at platoon and company level. Sets of typical items should be made available to infantry battalions for training and demonstration at company/platoon level.

g. Item: Radio communications using the KY-8 equipment.

Discussion: Bringing this sophisticated equipment into initial operation can be facilitated by putting the auxiliary receivers on the

operating frequency. Monitoring communications "in the clear" with the auxiliary receiver allows operators a channel of communication to determine remedies if trouble develops in attempting to communicate in cipher.

Recommendation: That auxiliary receivers be used to assist in establishing initial communications with the above equipment.

h. Item: Utilization of 7.62mm ball, tracer rounds by an infantry squad to mark targets.

Discussion: In a guerrilla warfare situation in which the Viet Cong/North Vietnamese Army continually establish ambushes from well-concealed positions, and in which the enemy frequently uses sniper or "hit and run" tactics, it many times becomes extremely difficult for a friendly squad or larger size unit, when receiving incoming fire, to locate the enemy and direct effective fire to bear on the exact enemy position. Experience in 3d Battalion, 3d Marines demonstrated that the above problem can be significantly decreased by distributing at least one magazine of 7.62mm tracer rounds to each fire team leader and the point man in each squad; so that when enemy fire is received from a concealed position, the location of the target can be marked by one of the fire team leaders or the point man (in the case of an ambush from the front) with tracer rounds, and the squad leader can quickly direct all his organic and attached firepower to the exact target location. The advantages of this practice are:

a. It saves time - Once the target is marked by someone firing a tracer round, the complete firepower capability of a squad and its attachments (M60 MG, 3.5 RL, and M72 LAW) can be immediately directed at the target, thus precluding the normal delay and initial lack of control when unexpectedly fired upon from a well-concealed or camouflaged position.

b. It provides a better chance for an enemy kill - Against sniper "hit and run" tactics, such as experienced in the Da Nang sector where the enemy would frequently fire 10-100 rounds at friendly forces, and then vacate his position, the full firepower of the reinforced rifle squad could seldom be brought to bear quickly and effectively. By the utilization of tracer rounds, a target could quickly be marked, and substantial firepower (M79, M60, 3.5 RL, M72 LAW, and rifle) could be directed at the enemy before he was able to slip away.

In the Dong Ha sector where the enemy establishes well-organized ambushes and fights from well-fortified emplacements and bunkers, it becomes extremely important to be able quickly to locate and to destroy the enemy. In situations similar to those experienced by 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, and 3d Battalion, 3d Marines on "Mutter Ridge", where the enemy occupied well-camouflaged and well-fortified bunkers on the hill tops, reinforced by mutually supporting bunkers on the flanks of the trail leading to the hill top, one of the main problems encountered was that of trying to pin-point the bunker aperture or exact point from which enemy automatic fire was originating. Failure to locate the exact origin of enemy automatic

fire resulted in heavy friendly casualties; however, being able to locate the origin of enemy fire and to direct fire to bear upon it by utilizing tracer rounds to mark the target, would enable the friendly forces to withdraw under the cover of effective, voluminous, and accurate fire to a safe position from which artillery could be directed against the enemy fortifications. The disadvantage of revealing friendly positions would be minimized since the primary intent of the use of tracers would be to bring heavy fire to bear on the enemy.

Recommendation: That twenty rounds (one magazine) of 7.62mm tracer ammunition be issued to each fire team leader and the point man of each squad for patrols and operations to mark enemy targets.

That 7.62mm tracer ammunition be made available in the form of individual rounds boxed in the same manner as 7.62mm ball ammunition is currently packaged.

5. Item: Use of expended powder canisters.

Discussion: Expended powder canisters can be used for a variety of purposes; culverts for access roads, drainage ditches, drainage pipes, palleting, and when filled with earth, bunkering.

Recommendation: That expended powder canisters be made available for the described purposes.

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THE RETENTION OF THE RATING OF CRPER C2 AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

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A. CG THIRD MARDIV LTR SER: 003A31066 DATED 6 NOV 1966.
B. IAW REF A, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

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FM: CO THIRD MARINES
TO: THIRD MARINES DIVISION (FWD)
INFO: FOURTH MARINES

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A. FOUR FRAGO 7-66.

B. MY FRAG O OPEN PRAIRIE 8-66.

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TO THIRD MARDIV FWD
INFO FOURTH MARINES
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2. WEATHER CONDITIONS. YOU HAVE DONE
A FINE JOB AS COULD BE EXPECTED OF 3/3.
2. YOU ARE MARINES IN EVERY SENSE.
REST & BE READY.
3. COL HAMMERBECK SENDS.

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 INFO 4TH MARINES
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B. MY OWN PRAIRIE FRAG O 8-66.

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 REGT CALIBER AND F/2/9 AND CMD GRP 2/9 CHOPPED TO 4TH MARINES
 AT 041230H. E/2/9 REMAINS OPCON 2/3.

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THIRD MARINES
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B. CG 3D MARDIV 242235Z NOV 66

C. CG 3D MARDIV 261105Z NOV 66

1. IAW REF (B) AND REF (C), FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE SUBMITTED CONCERNING
 LINE "L" OF REF (A):1. THE ASSIGNMENT FOR A REGT HQCO TO FURNISH 2 AN/TRC-27
 19 CONSIDERED PROPER.B. THE ASSIGNMENT FOR A REGT HQCO TO FURNISH THEM TELEPHONES
 TA-312 IS CONSIDERED EXCESSIVE. THE INFANTRY BATTALION IS AUTHORIZED
 AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF TELEPHONES TO MEET IT'S COMMAND POST
 REQUIREMENTS. AN EMBARKED BLT WOULD NOT HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT
 FOR MORE TELEPHONES. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE ATTACHED RADIO RELAY
 TEAM SHOULD FURNISH ONE (1) TELEPHONE IN ORDER TO HAVE A
 LOCAL TO THE BATTALION SWITCHBOARD.

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COMMANDANT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - 1966

1. TO MARINES, TO ALL FREE WORLD FIGHTING MEN, AND TO
YOUR FAMILIES I EXTEND MY WARMEST WISH FOR A JOYOUS
CHRISTMAS. MAY THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS, WHICH YOUR
SERVICE AND SACRIFICE PROVIDES FOR ALL, BE YOURS THROUGH
THE COMING YEAR.

WALLACE M. GREENE, JR., GENERAL, USMC, COMMANDANT OF THE
MARINE CORPS

BT

TOR: 08/0440H/DEC 66/RCI/CCN 338

061443Z DEC 66

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O 080155Z DEC 66
FM CO THIRD MARINES
TO THIRD MARDIV (WD)
INFO FOURTH MARINES

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CHANGE OF OPCON

A. YOUR FRAG O 9-66

B. MY OPN ~~PAIRIE~~ FRAG O 10-66

1. IAW REF A AND B, G/2/3 CHOPPED TO 4TH MARINES

083811H DEC 66

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FM CO THIRD MARINES
TO THIRD MARDIV FWD
INFO FOURTH MARINES
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RECON INSERTIONS

1. PROV RECON UNIT TEAMS WILL BE INSERTED 090300H AND
EXTRACTED 130300H IN FULL AREAS:

A. 0051, 0151, 0252, 0152
B. 0453, 0553, 0459, 0559

2. COORDINATION WITH FOURTH MARINES HAS BEEN
ACCOMPLISHED. NFZ ESTAB THESE AREAS.

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R 080825Z DEC 66
 FM CG THIRD MARDIV
TO THIRD MARINES
FOURTH MARINES
SECOND BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES
THIRD RECON BN
INFO CG III MAF
COMM CO HQ BN
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THIRD MARINES
COMM CENTER

UNCLAS E F T O
VEH MOUNTING KITS FOR AN/PRC-41/47 RADIOS
 A. CG III MAF 030006Z NOV 66 (NOTAL)
 1. REF A ASSIGNED SUBJECT KITS TO THIS HQTRS FOR TEST
 AND EVALUATION.
 2. SUBJECT KITS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE ACTION ADDRESSES AS
 FOLLOWS:

	MOUNTING KIT AN/PRC-41	MOUNTING KIT AN/PRC-47
THIRD MARINES	3	5
FOURTH MARINES	3	5
SECOND BN TWENTY-		

SIXTH MARINES 1
 THIRD RECON BN 1
 COMM CO, HQ BN 1

2.
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3. ACTION ADDRESSES PLACE KITS IN OPERATIONAL USE FOR FIELD EVALUATION, REPT FINDING AND RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING PROPOSED ALLOWANCES, BY MSG NLT 23 JAN 67.
 4. KITS PRESENTLY LOCATED COMM CO, HQ BN (BOGART 6).
 5. COMM CO EFFECT TRANSFER WITH ACTION ADDRESSES OF SUBJECT KITS

DIRLAUTH.

REF: A. 030006Z NOV66(NOTAL) CG. III MAF . . . NOT HELD THIS COMM CO NEVER
 TOR: 08/1930H/DEC 66/CCN#20/VPT 080825Z DEC 66

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THIRD MARINES
COMM CENTER

O 081616Z DEC 66
FM CO THIRD MARINES
TO ZEN/SECOND BN THIRD MARINES
THIRD BN THIRD MARINES
ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES
INFO FIRST BN (-), FORTY-FOURTH ARTY USA

BT

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PYROTECHNIC LIGHT AND SMOKE SIGNAL CODE (U)

At CG 3D MARDIV 070301Z DEC 66

1. YOUR ATTN IS DIRECTED TO REF A FOR IMPLEMENTATION, EFF
010001H JAN 67. INSURE DISSEMINATION TO SUBORDINATE UNITS
CONTENTS OF REF A.

BT

TOD: 09/0213H/DEC 66/RPI/CCM12

081616Z DEC 66

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P 101439Z DEC 66
 FM CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO CG III MAF
 INFO THIRD MAR
 FOURTH MAR
 FIRST BN TWENTY SIXTH MAR
 THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR
 BT

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 ACTION

UNCLAS E F T O

MACV/USAID/JUSPAO ADVISORS CRS

A. CG III MAF 260314Z NOV 66 NOTAL

1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS ARE NOMINATED TO ATTEND SUBJECT COURSE CONVENING 19DEC66 AT SAIGON.

CAPT C. W. KAPPELMAN 077453/0302 TS S-2 1/26
 → 1STLT E. R. ECREMENT 089490/3502 S CAO THIRD MAR
 2NDLT R. H. MULLEN 093323/0302 S CAO FOURTH MAR

2NDLT R. L. PORTER 087133/0802 TS CAO 3/12

2. PERSONNEL REPORT TO III MAF LIAISON OFFICER 164 PHAN THANH GAIN, SAIGON.

3. CLASS CONVENES 190730H DEC 66 AT JUSPAO AUDITORIUM (ENTRY THRU 143 NGUYEN HUE).

BT

REF: A 260314Z NOV 66.....NOTAL..... SUBJ: NOT HELD IN THIS COMM CENTER
 TOR: 111000H/DEC66/CCN#2/HAW

101439Z DEC 66

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AOPCH	OK
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Trng NCO	
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COMM CENTER

P 110100Z DEC 66

FM CAMP COMMANDER
TO CAMP CARROLL COLLECTIVE

UNCLAS

SUBJ: CHANGE OF COMMAND, 3D MARINES

COL J. P. LANIGAN WILL RELIEVE COL E. E. HAMMERBECK AS CO 3D MARINES
131400H AT 3D MAR C.P., CAMP CARROLL. ADDRESSEES AND/OR THEIR REPRE-
SENTATIVES CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

TOD: 0910H/11DEC66/GMM/CCW 02

110100Z DEC 66

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P 110105Z DEC 66
FM CO THIRD MARINES
TO CG THIRD MARDIV
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(ATTN: SCI-10)

AN/PP6-6. RADAR SET

RE: CG 3D MARDIV LTR 10C/CWK/PTM OVER 10551.1/4 OF 4 DEC 1966

1. REF A DIRECTED 1ST BN, 3D MAR TO INVOICE SUBJECT RADAR SERIAL NUMBER 5 AND 7 TO THIS UNIT.
2. BE ADVISED RADAR RECEIVED 12 DEC. SERIAL NUMBERS 7 AND 9.
3. SUBJECT RADAR NOT RECEIVED IN TIME TO CONDUCT TEST AND SUBMIT RPT REQUIRED BY REF A.
4. REQ RPT BE WAIVED FOR THIS QUARTER AND SUBMITTED END OF NEXT QUARTER AFTER TRAINING OF PERSONNEL CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED AND ADEQUATE TIME TO ACCOMPLISH TEST.

BT

TOD: 11/1031H/DEC66/CCN#3/HAN

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ALO	<i>✓</i>
OpCh	<i>✓</i>
AOPCH	<i>✓</i>
Trng NCO	<i>✓</i>
NONCO	<i>✓</i>

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O 110456Z DEC 66
FM CO THIRD MARINES
TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
INFO FOURTH MARINES

THIRD MARINES
COMM CENTER

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CHANGE OF OPCON

A. YOUR FRAG O 8-66

B. MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 8-66

1. IAW WITH REF A AND B H 2/3 ARRIVED AT CAMP CARROLL AND CHOPPED
TO 3D MARINES 111132H AND E/2/9 DEPARTED CAMP CARROLL AND CHOPPED
TO 4TH MARINES AT 111200H.

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TOD: 1402H/12DEC66/JJC/COM# 05

110456Z DEC 66

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COMM CENTER

O 121220Z DEC 66
 FM CO THIRD MARINES
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO FOURTH MARINES
 TWELFTH MARINES
 ZEN/SECOND BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD BN THIRD MARINES
 ZEN/FIRST BN TWELFTH MARINES
 FIRST BN(-) FORTH-FOURTH ARTY, USA
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
 BT

S E C R E T

OPCON OF BTRY C (REINF), 1ST BN(-) 44TH ARTY

A. YOUR FRAG O 7-66

B. MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 3-66

1. IAW REF A AND B BTRY C (REINF), 1ST BN (-), 44TH ARTY,
USA ARRIVED AT CAMP CARROLL AND CHOPPED TO 3D MAR 121235H.

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THIRDMARINES
COMM CENTER

O 130755Z DEC 66
FM CO THIRD MARINES
TO CG THIRD MARDIV
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ATTN: (G-3)

COMMAND OPSTATS 023 AS OF 131500Z DEC 66

1. DIV O PG3000.5
Re FMFPAC O PG3000.5A

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A AND B THE FOLLOWING OPSTAT
IS SUBMITTED.

3D MAR

PART I

COMDR COL. LANIGAN J P

PART II

COMMT: COL. LANIGAN J P ASSUMED COMMAND OF THIRD MARINES
ON 13 DECEMBER 1966.

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TOD: 13/1655H/DEC66/CCN/08/VPT

130755Z DEC 66

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Trng NCO	
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COMM CENTER0 131250Z DEC 66
FM CO THIRD MARINES
TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
INFO SECOND BN THIRD MARINES

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REQUEST FOR OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE

1. OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE IS REQUESTED FOR AREA ADJACENT TO 3D MAR AO DURING PERIOD 142400H TO 190800H DEC 66 AS FOLLOWS: FROM PRESENT BOUNDARY EAST TO GL 12, NORTH TO RTE 9, AND SOUTH TO GL 54.
2. INTEND CONDUCT CO (REINF) RECON IN FORCE OPN COMMENCING 150500H DEC 66. WILL ESTAB CO PB VIC HILL 158 (YD 092561) AND CONDUCT PLT RECON OPNS IN DESIG AREA FOR 3 DAY PERIOD.

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TOD: 132145H/DEC66/CON#14/VPT

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O 150340Z DEC 66
FM THIRD MARDIV
TO THIRD MARDIV
THIRD TK BN
THIRD AT BN
FIRST AMTRAC BN
THIRD MED BN
THIRD MT BN
INFO CG III MAF
BT

UNCLAS E F T O
DIVISION TRAINING CONFERENCE

1. A ONE DAY DIVISION TRAINING CONFERENCE WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR ALL REGT/BN TRAINING OFFICERS ON 19 DEC. CONFERENCE TO START AT 1100 DIV HQ. PERSONNEL ARRIVING PHU BAI WILL CALL G-3 TRNG FOR TRANSPORTATION.
2. AGENDA ITEMS
 - A. DIVISION TRNG SOP.
 - B. RESULTS OF FMFPAC INSPECTION.
 - C. M-16 TRANSITIONAL TRNG

- D. MINE WARFARE, BOOBY TRAP TRNG
- E. THIRD QTR, FY 67 SCHOOL QUOTA ASSIGNMENTS
- F. AVAILABLE RANGE FACILITIES
- G. NEW ARTILLERY FO PROCEDURES TRNG
- H. CONTACT TEAM INSTRUCTION.

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Date: 15/1600H/DEC66/CCN12/JRV

150340Z DEC 66

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 FM CO THIRD MARINES
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
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GENERATOR REPAIR

A. MY 201235Z OCT 66

1. REF A STATED GENERATOR REQUIREMENT THIS HEADQUARTERS. ON 2 DEC 66-20KW-PU 239 BECAME INOPERABLE AND EVACUATED FLSG FOR REPAIR.

ALSO ON 2 DEC 66- 60 KW GENERATOR BECAME INOPERABLE.

2 DEC 66 ENGR CONTACT TEAM DONG HA INSPECTED 60KW GENERATOR AND STATED SLIP RINGS AND NEW BRUSHES NEEDED FOR REPAIR. THIS HEADQUARTERS UNABLE TO OBTAIN REQUIRED PARTS IN DA NANG.

3. ON 6 DEC 66 CONTACTED DIVISION (FWD) ORDNANCE/ENGINEER OFFICER FLSU DONG HA FOR ASSISTANCE.

4. ON 15 DEC 66 CONTACT TEAM FLSU 2 PHU BAI INSPECTED 60KW GENERATOR AND INDICATED THE FOLLOWING PARTS NEEDED FOR REPAIR 60KW GENERATOR LOCATED THIS CP:

60KW STEWART & STEVENSON SERVICE MODEL 57730

PART	ITEM NR.	MFG NO.	PART NO.	QTY
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BRUSHES	33	32770	050-10361-04	1 SET
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SLIP RINGS	11A		013-00024-03	1 SET
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PRESENTLY OPERATING WITH BOORROWED 20KW-PU239. REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING PARTS AND CONTACT TEAM TO REPAIR GENERATOR AS REQUIREMENT OF REF (A) STILL APPLICABLE.

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FM SECNAV
TO ALNAV
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CHRISTMAS OFFERS MAN AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REFLECTION AND FOR HOPE. IT IS A TIME WHEN THE TROUBLES OF DAILY LIFE GIVE WAY TO LARGER THOUGHTS. IT IS THE HOPE OF PEACE REMEMBERED AND PROMISED.

TO THE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, TO THE SAILORS AND MARINES OVER THE WORLD WHO DO NOT ALWAYS HAVE THAT PEACE, TO ALL WHO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY, I EXTEND BEST WISHES AT CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR. MAY 1967 BRING PEACE TO ALL.

PAUL A. NITZE, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

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Z 161625Z DEC 66.
 FM CO THIRD MARINES
 TO THIRD MARINE DIV (FWD)

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A. ARC LIGHT STRIKES
 A. YOUR 161545Z DEC 66
 L. STRIKES PLANNED BY REF A
 APPROVED.

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TO THIRD BN THIRD MARINES
SECOND BN THIRD MARINES

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ARC LIGHT STRIKES

A. 3D MARDIV (FWD) 161545Z DEC 66

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1. REF A ADVISED FOLLOWING ARC LIGHT STRIKES
 - A. TGT 322, (YD 019614), (YD 026601), (YD 045629), (YD 052616)
AT 180200H DEC 66.
 - B. TGT 323 (YD 024649), (YD 050666), (YD 058654), (YD 032637)
AT 181230H DEC 66.
2. ENSURE ALL UNITS ARE AT LEAST 3000 METERS FROM
TARGET BOX AT TOT.

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TOD: 17/1142H/DEC66/CCNO2/JRV

170315Z DEC 66

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 FM CG THIRD MARINES
 TO ZEN/SECOND BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD BN THIRD MARINES
 INFO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
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COMBAT REPORTING

- A. REGT O 3120.1B
- B. DIV O 3100.1B
- C. FORCE O 3430.1A
- D. DIV O 3300.1A

E. CG 3D MARDIV 210520Z APR 66

F. CG III MAF 151000Z JUL 66
 3D MARDIV (FWD) 151100Z DEC 66

1. THE REQUIREMENT FOR TIMELY AND ACCURATE COMBAT REPORTS FOR THE PROPER CONDUCT OF PLANNING, ANALYSIS OF OPNS CONDUCTED, AND AS THE BASIS FOR SIMILAR REPORTS TO HIGHER HQS IS FULLY STATED BY REF A, B, AND C. REF D PRESCRIBES THE SPOT REPORT FORMAT.

2. REF C ADVISES, "THE ONLY SOLUTION TO THE REPORTING REQ IS FOR EVERY CMD TO ESTAB PROCEDURES WHICH OBTAIN FROM THE LOWEST ECHELONS A RAPID

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REPORT OF SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONAL OR ADMIN EVENTS. THROUGH EACH ECHELON THESE REPORTS MUST BE PROCESSED BY MATURE, KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONNEL IN ORDER TO INSURE TIMELY AND ACCURATE REPORTING. WE HAVE BEEN HERE LONG ENOUGH TO RECOGNIZE THE PATTERN AND THE ROLE WHICH REPORTING HAS ASSUMED IN THIS WAR. WE MUST STOP FLAILING AT REPORTING AND PUT OUR ENERGY INTO IMPROVING THE REPORTS."

- 3. REF E ADVISES "THE ABILITY TO SUBMIT TIMELY, ACCURATE AND COMPLETE REPORTS AND TO FOLLOW UP WITH POSITIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIONS IS THE HALL MARK OF A WELL-TRAINED, PROFESSIONAL MILITARY ORG."
- 4. REF F ADVISES "IN COUNTER INSSURGENCY OPNS, BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE ENEMY, THE FAILURE TO REPORT FULLY AND ACCURATELY DEPRIVES THE CMDR OF INFO THAT IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF HIS MSN AND UNDULY DELAYS REACTION TO THE SITUATION", AND "THE REPORTING OF INCIDENTS AND ACTIONS HAS NOT IMPROVED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS."
- 5. REF G ADVISES THAT NUMEROUS INCOMPLETE SPOT REPORTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED, AND DIRECTS CORRECTIVE ACTION.
- 6. CMDRS WILL REVIEW REF A THROUGH G AND TAKE IMMEDIATE AND CONTINUING ACTION TO MAINTAIN HIGH STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN COMBAT REPORTING. SUCH ACTION WILL INCLUDE:

(1) INSTRUCTION IN THE PROPER PROCEDURES AND FORMAT FOR COMBAT

REPORTING AT ALL ECHELONS OF ALL PERSONNEL CONCERNED.

(2) THE DIRECTION OF COMMAND INTEREST IN THE QUALITY OF COMBAT REPORTS EMANATING FROM EVERY ECHELON.

(3) SUPERVISION AND REVIEW OF COMBAT REPORTING PROCEDURES BY MATURE, KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSONNEL TO INSURE TIMELY, ACCURATE, COMPLETE AND CONSISTENT REPORTS, TO INCLUDE FOLLOW-UP ACTION AS REQUIRED.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF COMBAT REPORTING PROCEDURES AND FORMATS AS DEVELOPED WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THIS HQTRS NLT 1 JAN 67.

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 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)

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ARC LIGHT STRIKES

A. YOUR 171425Z

1. STRIKES INDICATED BY REF A APPROVED.

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 FM CO THIRD MARINES COMM CENTER
 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 INFO ZEN/SECOND BN THIRD MARINES
 THIRD BN THIRD MARINES
 ZEN/PTRY C FIRST BN FORTY FOURTH ARTY USA
 ZEN/CO A THIRD TK BN
 ZEN/CO A THIRD AT BN

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S E C R E T

OPNS IN CUA VALLEY

A. MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 11-66

B. OPN OVERLAY (PASEP)

1. EXECUTION REF A COMMENCES WITH NIGHT FOOT MARCH BY
 CMD GRP A, G AND E/2/3 FROM CAMP CARROLL TO LOD AT 200001H
 DEC66. SEE REN B.

2. H-HOUR 200646H DEC66. ESTIMATE CONCLUDE OPN AND RETURN
 CAMP CARROLL NLT 211800H DEC 66.

3. REQUEST OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE FROM PRESENT BOUNDRIES
 EAST TO GL 15, NORTH TO GL 55 AND SOUTH TO GL 47 FOR PERIOD
 192400H TO 212400H DEC66.

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TOD: 18/2205H/DEC66/CON#007/JHJ

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POSSIBLE ENEMY ATTACK ON PRESENT POSITIONS

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 171355Z DEC 66
 B. CG THIRD MARDIV 181351Z DEC 66

1. REF A ADVISED OF PROBABLE ENEMY ATTACK ON AIRFIELDS/MAJOR INSTALLATIONS PRIOR TO 20 DEC 66.
2. IAW REF B ALL ADDDEES WILL IMPLEMENT ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS POSITIVE ALERTNESS AND SECURITY POSTURE TO DETECT ENEMY ACTIVITY, AND TO INITIATE IMMEDIATE COUNTER-ACTION.

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SUBJ: IMPORTANCE OF CAPTIVES
A. CG 3RD MARDIV 170747Z
1. REF A QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:(A) CAPTIVES COMPRIZE AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT SOURCE OF INTELLIGENCE.
THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE WHEN LACK OF CONTACT PRELUDES ADEQUATE COMBAT
INTELLIGENCE.(B) WHEN AN ENEMY HAS BEEN WOUNDED OR STUNNED BY SUPPORTING ARMS
FIRE, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO RETURN HIM ALIVE FOR INTERROGATION.
SIMILAR EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE WHEN SMALL NUMBERS OF THE ENEMY ARE
SURPRISED BY A SUPERIOR FORCE. ALL UNIT COMMANDERS SHOULD STRESS THE
IMPORTANCE OF TAKING CAPTIVES WHENEVER POSSIBLE.2. INTELL CONCERNING OOB OF VC/NVA IS INSUFFICIENT IN THIS AO.
REQ ALL HANDS BE MADE AWARE OF THE ABOVE AND THE NEED FOR TAKING
CAPTIVES.

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 TO ZEN/THIRD MARINES CAMP CARROLL COLLECTIVE
 INFO CG THIRD MARDIV
 THIRD MARDIV (FWD)

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S E C R E T

US CHRISTMAS POLICY

A. CG 3D MARDIV 180315Z DEC66.
 B. CUMUSMACV 131015Z DEC 66.

1. THIS MSG AMPLIFIES REF A AND B FOR 3D MARINES AND CAMP CARROLL RELATIVE TO CURTAILMENT OF MILITARY OPNS DURING CHRISTMAS TRUCE PERIOD 240700H DEC66-260700H DEC66.

2. CMDRS WILL COMPLY WITH THE SPIRIT AND THE LETTER OF THE GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REF A AND B. IN THIS REGARD:

A. SUBMIT DETAILED PLANS TO THIS HQS NLT 231200H DEC66 FOR THE CONDUCT OF SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AND CONTINUATION OF DEFENSIVE MEASURES DURING THE TRUCE PERIOD. SUCH PLNS WILL INCLUDE INTENSIFIED RECON PTLS AND AM ALONG AVENUES OF APPROACH AND PROVISIONS FOR REACTION

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FORCES PREPARED FOR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO ANY VC/NVA INITIATIVE.

B. REPORT IMMEDIATELY:

(1) ANY ENEMY INITIATIVE ENDANGERING SAFETY FOR FRIENDLY FORCES.
 (2) ANY ENEMY HOSTILE ACT.
 (3) ANY OBSERVED ENEMY PROPAGANDA ACTIVITY.
 (4) THE INITIATION BY FRIENDLY FORCES OF ANY OFFENSIVE ACTION TAKEN TO PROTECT THEM.

C. CONDUCT INDOCTRINATION AT ALL ECHELONS OF THE GUIDANCE IN REF A AND B AND HEREIN.

3. CMDRS RETAIN FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR FORCES AND FULL AUTHORITY TO PROTECT THEM. HOWEVER, RECOMMENDATIONS TO TAKE OFFENSIVE ACTION AGAINST ENEMY ACTION WHICH DOES NOT INVOLVE DANGER TO FRIENDLY FORCES, OR IN CASES NOT COVERED BY CURRENT GUIDANCE, WILL BE REFERRED TO THIS HQS FOR DECISION.

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241240Z DEC 66

FM COMUSMACV
TO VHAC

UNCLAS 63/66 MACJ03

SUBJECT: CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE IS FORWARDED
FOR DISSEMINATION TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMAND."NOT ONLY I, BUT EVERY CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTRY IS INDEBTED
TO YOU AND TO YOUR MEN FOR YOUR MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE AND THE PRO-
TECTION YOUR PROVIDING TO OUR NATION."

"MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES"

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PLANNED OPNS

A. 3D MARDIV (FWD) 171530Z DEC 66

1. 3D MARINES CONDUCTS COMPANY (REINF) RECON IN FORCE OPS
VIC WESTERN END OF CUA VALLEY 26-28 DEC 66 TO DETECT AND
DESTROY SUSPECTED VC/NVA FORCES AND FACILITIES AS INDICATED
BY REF A.2. CO F (REINF) 2/3 MOVES TO OBJ A (YD 045528) 260700H
ESTABLISHES BLOCKING PSN X (YD 026527) TO (YD 033526),
Y (YD 036525) TO (YD 041521), AND Z (YD 045520) TO (YD
045515), AND CONDUCT NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES. 270630H
OCCUPY BLOCKING PSNS WITH ONE PLAT AND MOVE REMAINING FORCES TO
OBJ B (YD 039516), C (YD 029508), D (YD 024514), AND E
(YD 029519).ESTIMATE CONCLUSION OF OPN AND RETURN TO CAMP CARROLL NLT
DARKNESS 28 DEC.3. WILL ESTAB SQUAD (REINF) W/ARTY FO VIC (YD 035506) DURING
OPN. HAVE REQ RALLIER IDENT BY REF A FOR ASSIST IN LOCATING
TRAINING AREA (YD 029519) AND CP (YD 045528).

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 MINE REMOVAL, D-5 FORT

1. INFORMAL LIAISON WITH 1/2/1 ARVN AT D-5 REVEALS NO PLANS FOR REMOVAL DEFENSIVE MINEFIELD EMPLACED BY RVNAF AT THAT LOCATION.
2. IMPENDING CHOP OF EASTERN CUA VALLEY TO USMC CONTROL WILL REQUIRE OCCUPATION OF D-5 FORT, PENDING REMOVAL OF SUBJECT MINES, TO PREVENT LOSS TO VC/NVA, THUS IMMOBILIZING ONE RIFLE COMPANY. CONCEPT OF OPERATION WILL BE TO MAINTAIN RIFLE COMPANY IN CUA VALLEY CONTINUOUSLY, BUT TO HAVE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND NOT TO BE TIED TO D-5 FORT.
3. IN VIEW OF THIS CONCEPT IT IS REQUESTED THAT ACTION BE TAKEN TO REMOVE SUBJECT MINES PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF FORCES WHICH EMPLACED THEM.

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TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)INFO ZEN/SECOND BN THIRD MARINES
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SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

A. MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG 0 12-66.

1. FOLLOWING SUPPORT REQUIRED TO EXECUTE REF A.

A. HST D/S K/3/3 (REINF) 300300H DEC 66 AT IP (XD 991556).

B. ENG SUPPORT

(1) PROVIDE MINE CLEARANCE, BRIDGING AND ROAD REPAIR, AS REQ, ALONG RTE 9 FROM IP TO CALU 300300H DEC 66 TO RETURN ETD CALU 31 DEC 66

(2) PROVIDE MINE CLEARANCE, BRIDGING AND ROAD REPAIR, AS REQ, ALONG RTE 553 FROM RTE 9 TO D-5. REQUEST OPEN RTE 553 BEGINNING 31 0900H DEC 66 FOR MOVEMENT RF COMPANY CAM LO TO D-5 AND CONTINUE RTE

IMPROVEMENT TO DEVELOP RTE 553 AS D-5 MSR.

C. TRANSPORTATION

(1) HELOLIFT RIFLE COMPANY (REINF) FROM 3/3 LZ'S (XD 931532)

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TO IP (XD 991556) 300700H DEC 66.

(2) TRUCK RF COMPANY FROM CAM LO TO IP ETD CAM LO 300300H DEC 66.

(3) TRUCK RF COMPANY EQUIP AND SUPPLIES IP TO CALU 300300H DEC 66.

(4) TRUCK PRELOADED SUPPLIES FOR K/3/3 FROM DONG HA TO CALU ETD DONG HA 300600H DEC 66.

D. AO AND GUNSHIPS ON STATION IP TO CALU DURING MOVEMENT. CAS AS REQ

(1) REQUEST REVISED BOUNDARIES OF 3D MAR AO TO INCLUDE CALU AND D-5 REAS.

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VEH MOUNTING KITS FOR AN/PRC-41 AND AN/PRC-47

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 030305Z DEC 66
 B. CG THIRD MARDIV 151305Z DEC 66

1. IAW REF A AND AS MODIFIED BY REF B. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED CONCERNING SUBJECT KITS.

2. GENERAL.

ON 13 DEC 66 SUBJECT KITS WERE RECEIVED BY THIS CMD. THEY WERE INSTALLED IN M-422/A'S AND OPERATIONALLY TESTED AND EVALUATED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS. 2D BN, 3D MAR AND 3D BN 3D MAR.

A. BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED, INSTALLATION OF BOTH KITS IS RELATIVELY SIMPLE.

B. THE DC POWER CABLE SUPPLIED IN THE AN/PRC41 MOUNTING KIT HAD A FEMALE CONNECTOR VICE A MALE. A MALE CONNECTOR WAS SUPPLIED LOCALLY.

3. OPERATIONAL TESTING:

A. CLEAR, RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS WERE MAINTAINED IN BOTH A MOBILE AND STATIC POSTURE. FIFTEEN MILES WAS THE LONGEST DISTANCE INVOLVED. DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS AIRCRAFT WERE NOT AVAILABLE TO TEST THE AIR-GROUND LINK HOWEVER, GROUND TO GROUND COMM WAS EFFECTIVELY ESTABLISHED ON UHF.

B. THE TUNING AND OPERATION OF BOTH RADIOS IS CONVENIENT FOR THE OPERATOR. HOWEVER, THE ANGLE OF THE MOUNTS OF BOTH SETS ACTUALLY REDUCES OPERATOR AND/OR PASSENGER ROOM.

C. THE ANTENNA MOUNTING BRACKET FOR THE AN/PRC 47 KIT IS NOT FLEXIBLE ENOUGH (NOR IN OUR OPINION, STRONG ENOUGH) TO ACCOMODATE THE 15 FT, EIGHT SECT ANTENNA. THE ANTENNA MUST BE DISMANTLED WHEN NEGOTIATING UNCLEARED ROAD NETWORKS.

D. BOTH MOUNTS ARE NOT PROPERLY CUSHIONED TO GUARD AGAINST EXCESSIVE VIBRATIONS TO THE RADIO SETS.

(1) RETAINING SCREWS WITHIN THE RADIO CHASSIS BECAME LOOSE PERMITTING COMPONENTS TO SHORT OUT. NECESSITATING RADIO REPLACEMENT.

(2) CIRCUITRY WAS DISRUPTED DUE TO VIOLENT JARS AND ROAD BUMPS

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4. RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. THAT RUBBER SHOCK MOUNTS, APPROX 1 INCH THICK BE PLACED BETWEEN THE CHASSIS OF THE VEHICLE AND THE RADIO MOUNT.

B. THAT BOTH RADIOS BE MOUNTED FLAT AND THAT A CROSS-MEMBER BE PLACED BETWEEN THE MOUNTING BRACKETS TO ADD STABILITY WHILE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION.

C. THAT SPRING BASE ANTENNA MOUNT (SIMILAR TO AN/GRC-125) BE SUPPLIED FOR THE AN/PRC 47 KIT.

D. THAT A BAG BE FURNISH TO STORE AND PROTECT THE VARIOUS ACCESSORIES WHEN THE RADIO IS NOT IN USE.

E. THAT A CANVAS DUST COVER BE PROVIDED FOR BOTH SETS.

5. WHEN KITS ARE MODIFIED AS RECOMMENDED A PROPOSED ALLOWANCE WOULD BE:

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CONFIDENTIAL 89/66 FROM: MACCOC12

SUBJ: US NEW YEARS POLICY (U)

REF: COMUSMACV MACCOC12 30/66 DTG 131015Z DEC 66

1. (U) THIS MESSAGE PROMULGATES INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CURTAILEMENT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS BY US AND FREE WORLD FORCES DURING THE NEW YEARS HOLIDAY.

2. (U) MILITARY OPERATIONS WILL BE CURTAILED DURING THE PERIOD 310700H DEC 66 - 320700H JAN 67.

3. (C) LIMITATIONS ON OPERATIONS ARE THE SAME AS THOSE SET FORTH FOR THE CHRISTMAS STANDDOWN AND ARE CONTAINED IN REFERENCED VMAC GP-4

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SUBJ REPLY TO SICR D-1E2-15526
 1. A. XD 966570, 2 CAVES

B. GRANITE, AREA COVERED BY VEGETATION
 C. ENTRANCE COVERED BY VEGETATION, HORIZONTAL CAVES, GOOD
 DRAINAGE.

D. N/A

2. A. XD 967570, 1 CAVE
 B. GRANITE

C. PARTIALLY CONCEALED OPENING, HORIZONTAL AND PARTIALLY
 INCLINED TOWARD INTERIOR OF HILL, GOOD DRAINAGE.

D. N/A

3. A. XD 966572, 1 CAVE
 B. GRANITE, ENTRANCE PARTIALLY CONCEALED BY ROCKS
 AND BUSH

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C. 45 DEGREE INCLINED CAVE ENTRANCE, GOOD DRAINAGE
 D. N/A

4. A. XD 968565, 1 CAVE
 B. GRANITE, OPEN ENTRANCE

C. GRADUALLY INCLINED TOWARD INTERIOR OF RAZORBACK,
 GOOD DRAINAGE.

D. N/A

5. A. XD 968565, 1 CAVE
 B. GRANITE, OPEN ENTRANCE

C. GRADUALLY INCLINED TOWARD INTERIOR OF RAZORBACK,
 GOOD DRAINAGE.

D. N/A

6. A. XD 967562, 1 CAVE
 B. GRANITE, INEXCESSABLE (NOT DESTROYED)

C. UNKNOWN

D. N/A

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U.S. NEW YEARS TRUCE POLICY

A. COMUSMACV 300623Z DEC 66 (NOTAL)
 B. CG III MAF 301136Z DEC 66 (NOTAL)
 C. CG THIRD MARDIV 180315Z DEC 66
 D. CG III MAF 211212Z DEC 66

1. REF A ESTABLISHED THE PERIOD 310700H DEC 66 - 020700H JAN 67 AS THE NEW YEARS STANDDOWN PERIOD. REF B FORWARDED INSTRUCTIONS PERTAINING TO THE STANDDOWN TO THIS COMMAND.
 2. GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REFS C AND D, ISSUED FOR THE CHRISTMAS STANDDOWN, IS APPLICABLE TO THE NEW YEARS STANDDOWN.
 3. IN ADDITION TO SPOT REPORTS ON ALL ENEMY TRUCE VIOLATINS, SIGNIFICANT ENEMY LOGISTICAL MOVEMENTS OR BUILDUPS WILL BE REPORTED ASAP TO THIS HQ.

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 TO CAMP CARROLL (COLLECTIVE)
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 US NEW YEAR POLICY

A. MY 210635Z DEC 66
 B. COMUSMACV 300633Z DEC 66

1. REFERENCES A AND B CONTAIN INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE TO CURTAILMENT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS DURING HOLIDAY TRUCE PERIOD.
2. LIMITATIONS ON OPNS REMAIN SAME AS CHRISTMAS TRUCE. SEE REF A.
3. AS DIRECTED BY REF B, TRUCE IS EFFECTIVE DURING PERIOD 310700H DEC 66 - 020700H JAN 67.

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B. MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 12-66
1. IAW REF A AND B, G/2/3 DEPARTED CAM LO 311140
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CHOPPED TO 3D MARINES. ARRIVED THIS CP 311215H DEC 66.
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U.S. NEW YEARS TRUCE POLICY

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 301015Z DEC 66
 B. CG III MAF 310200Z DEC 66 (NOTAL)

1. REF A PROVIDED GUIDANCE FOR NEW YEARS STANDDOWN AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ENEMY TRUCE VIOLATIONS.

2. IAW PROVISIONS REF B, FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO WILL BE REPORTED
 THIS HQ BY SPOT REPORTS:A. WHEN CONTACT IS MADE SUBMIT REPORT ON WHICH FORCE BREAKS CONTACT.
 B. IN THE EVENT AIR REQUEST SUBMITTED ARE DISAPPROVED REPORT COMMAND ECHELON (BN, REGT, DIV, ETC). DISAPPROVING THE REQUEST.

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From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: Christmas Messages

Ref: (a) CG FMFPac msg 150018Z Dec 66
(b) CG III MAF msg 150720Z Dec 66

1. Reference (a) is quoted. Quote

"1. ON THIS CHRISTMAS, 1966, THE WHOLE OF THE FREE WORLD IS UNITED IN A PRAYER FOR PEACE, BUT THERE ARE NONE TO WHOM PEACE CAN HAVE MORE MEANING THAN THE NINETY THOUSAND DEDICATED MARINES OF FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC, MANY OF WHOM ARE RISKING THEIR LIVES DAILY THAT OTHERS MAY SLEEP SAFELY AT NIGHT.

2. TO EACH OF YOU, WHEREVER YOU MAY BE, I SEND SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, ALONG WITH GRATITUDE FOR YOUR SACRIFICE AND A PRAYER THAT ANOTHER YEAR WILL FIND YOUR COURAGEOUS AND SELFLESS EFFORTS BLESSED WITH THAT PEACE OF WHICH THE ANGELS SANG AT BETHLEHEM SO LONG AGO. LTGEN KRULAK SENDS." Unquote.

2. Reference (b) is quoted. Quote

"CHRISTMAS 1966 COMES AT A SOLEMN AND UNCERTAIN TIME IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE WORLD. TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN IN BETHLEHEM OF JUDEA, THAT ANCIENT WORLD, MUCH AS OUR WORLD TODAY, WAS MARKED BY UNREST, HUMAN STRUGGLE, CONFLICT AND UNCERTAINTY. THIS HOLY SEASON IS A REMINDER THAT GOD HAS A STAKE IN OUR AFFAIRS AND IN THE WAY HUMAN HISTORY DEVELOPS. THE LORD WHO ENTERED HISTORY TO BE ONE OF US ALSO HOLDS AND SHAPES OUR DESTINY. HE REMAINS IN CONTROL.

WE WHO ARE ON DUTY HERE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, SEPARATED THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON FROM HOME AND FAMILY, ARE PARTICIPATING IN ONE OF HISTORY'S GREAT VENTURES IN FREEDOM. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR INVOLVEMENT HERE CONTINUES TO OFFER THE BEST PROSPECT OF DEMONSTRATING TO THE WORLD THAT FREE MEN CAN GOVERN THEMSELVES RESPONSIBLY AND DECENTLY.

TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY, TO ENGAGE IN STRUGGLE, AND TO ENDURE SACRIFICE IS NOT NEW TO PEOPLE OF FAITH. OUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS CONFLICT PROVIDES HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM IN THEIR STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE A MORE SECURE AND PEACEFUL FUTURE.

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THE MESSAGE OF "PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL AMONG MEN" IS NO MERE IDEALISTIC DREAM. FAITH AND LOVE ARE PART OF OUR RELIGIOUS HERITAGE, BUT EVERY GENERATION MUST STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE AND SAFEGUARD THEM. ASSURED THAT GOD IS INTERESTED IN HUMAN AFFAIRS AND IS ACTIVE IN OUR MIDST, WE PARTICIPATE IN THIS DRAMA OF HISTORY IN THE SINCERE HOPE AND PRAYERS THAT OUR PARTICIPATION WILL HELP LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING.

DURING THE PAST YEAR YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED YOUR CONTINUED LOYALTY, DEDICATION, PERSEVERANCE AND PATIENCE IN FULFILLING YOUR DUTIES. IN ADDITION TO CONVEYING MY PERSONAL GREETINGS TO YOU, I SINCERELY HOPE THE BLESSINGS OF THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH SPIRITUAL RESOURCES TO CONTINUE TO SERVE GOD AND COUNTRY IN WHATEVER CAPACITY MAY BE NECESSARY IN THE COMING YEAR.

LTGEN WALT SENDS." Unquote

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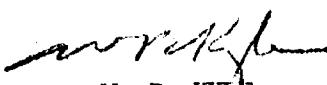
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From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: Christmas Message

1. DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, THOUGHTS OF HOME AND LOVED ONES PREDOMINATE. THE RIGOROUS DAILY ROUTINES OF MARINES AND NAVY MEN OF THIS DIVISION. THE VAST DISTANCE SEPARATING US FROM THOSE WE CHERISH BECOMES MORE EVIDENT AS PLEASANT MEMORIES ARE RECALLED. THOUGH WE PAUSE IN RECOLLECTION, WE CAN DO SO ONLY BRIEFLY. OUR MILITARY REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DEMAND OUR UTMOST PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL EFFORTS. YOU HAVE ALL CONTRIBUTED ADMIRABLY IN THIS REGARD AND I KNOW YOU WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. MAY OUR EFFORTS HERE ULTIMATELY CONTRIBUTE TO THE CHRISTMAS THEME OF PEACE ON EARTH AND GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN. HOLIDAY GREETINGS AND SEASONS BEST WISHES TO YOU AND TO YOUR FAMILIES.


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MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding General
To: All Commanding Officers

Subj: Christmas message from Commanding Officer, 1st Infantry Division,
11th DTA

Encl: (1) Reproduced copy of subject message

1. Enclosure (1) was received from the Commanding Officer, First Infantry
Division/11th DTA.

2. Please disseminate to members of your command.

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J. B. SWEENEY
Chief of Staff

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 1966 FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER
OF 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION/11TH DTA TO THE PEOPLE
AND VIETNAMESE AND ALLIED SOLDIERS

- Compatriots
- Vietnamese and Allied soldiers in the 11th DTA

As far back as 1966 years ago, Jesus Christ arrived on earth in a manger at cold Bethlehem in the middle east to redeem the suffering people... And today, in the year of 1966, at this poor Central lowland of the beloved Vietnam, both Vietnamese and Allied soldiers are greeting the birthday of the mysterious Redeemer. Right at the freedom border bounded the Red hell, fire where ***** in the Communist aggressors destroying the work of God on earth.

Christmas season is coming on all over the world, but particularly in this sensitive land, the anniversary of Infant Jesus birthday brings about finest meanings. Especially in this year, because of the recent political turmoil, there is the presence of mightiest Allied soldiers in the 11th DTA. In order to prevent the Red devils from taking over this Freedom Land and to maintain the basis of religion in the national activities, the Vietnamese and Allied forces are and were fighting the battles, living away from families and native lands. For the Christmas candles to always render the light to the manger, many Vietnamese and Allied soldiers have heroically sacrificed their lives on the battle fields... And, at this very moment, in Vietnam as well as in the friendly nations, many families cannot help being moved in missing the presence of the beloved fathers, husbands or sons to attend the midnight Christmas dinner.

On the occasion of greeting this Christmas, first of all, I would like to pay my tribute to the Vietnamese and Allied soldiers who have bravely sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom in this border tactical area. To the families of these deceased soldiers, I send my best regards and wishes for a very fine Christmas 66 for the glorious sacrifice for the great cause of their next of kin.

The best meaning of Christmas is to continue the work of the Redeemer, to create an understanding atmosphere. Disregarding color, race, religion or social position, all human beings of good will in the world are gathering to celebrate the total victory of love and truth whereas the darkness of devils are fading away. The standing traditions of brotherhood of the Noble Soldier are reappearing in the fighting against the atheist Communists in Viet-Nam. Christmas of this year promotes an occasion to strengthen the relationship between the VN and Allied Soldiers who are fighting side by side on one front in order to carry out a paramount mission: to fight so as to kill the atheist Communists for the Vietnamese people to live in freedom, justice and love.

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In the name of Commander of 1st Infantry Division and 11th DTA, I sincerely wish all compatriots and foreigners of friendly nations who are residing in both Quang Ini and Thua-Thien provinces "A MERRY CHRISTMAS 1966."

For the Vietnamese and Allied combatants who are fighting together to safeguard the border area of the Free World, I warmly wish you to enjoy A MERRY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS IN GOD with an immense confidence for a glorious victory that will be with us.

Good-bye compatriots and soldiers.

Sincerely,

A P O 4895, 24 Dec 1966
Colonel NGO-QUANG TRUONG

Commander of 1st Infantry Division
and 11th Division Tactical Area

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From: Commanding General
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Subj: Christmas Message
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1. Reference (a) is quoted. Quote

"CHRISTMAS OFFERS MAN AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REFLECTION AND FOR HOPE. IT IS A TIME WHEN THE TROUBLES OF DAILY LIFE GIVE WAY TO LARGER THOUGHTS. IT IS THE HOPE OF PEACE REMINISCED AND PROMISED. TO THE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY, TO THE SAILORS AND MARINES OVER THE WORLD WHO DO NOT ALWAYS HAVE THAT PEACE, TO ALL WHO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY, I EXTEND BEST WISHES AT CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR. MAY 1967 BRING PEACE TO ALL. PAUL H. NITZE, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY." Unquote.

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Amphibious 'Otter' proves its versatility

DONG HA--One of the more unusual pieces of machinery to be found at this northern Marine base is proving its versatility even before being committed to its primary duty.

The Otter, a personnel and cargo carrier with amphibious capabilities, has come to the rescue of several 2½ ton trucks mired in mud.

Six of these stub-nosed, tracked, box-like vehicles from "A" Co., 3rd Motor Transport Battalion will be used to carry supplies from command posts to forward elements of units on Operation Crimp.

First designed for use in snow, the Otters were sent to Vietnam for resupplying when helicopter flights are hampered by weather.

The Otters thrive on wet, muddy terrain. Though it weighs 9,000 pounds, it's lighter than other tracked vehicles. Its 30-inch wide tracks prevent it from sinking in mud or soft earth.

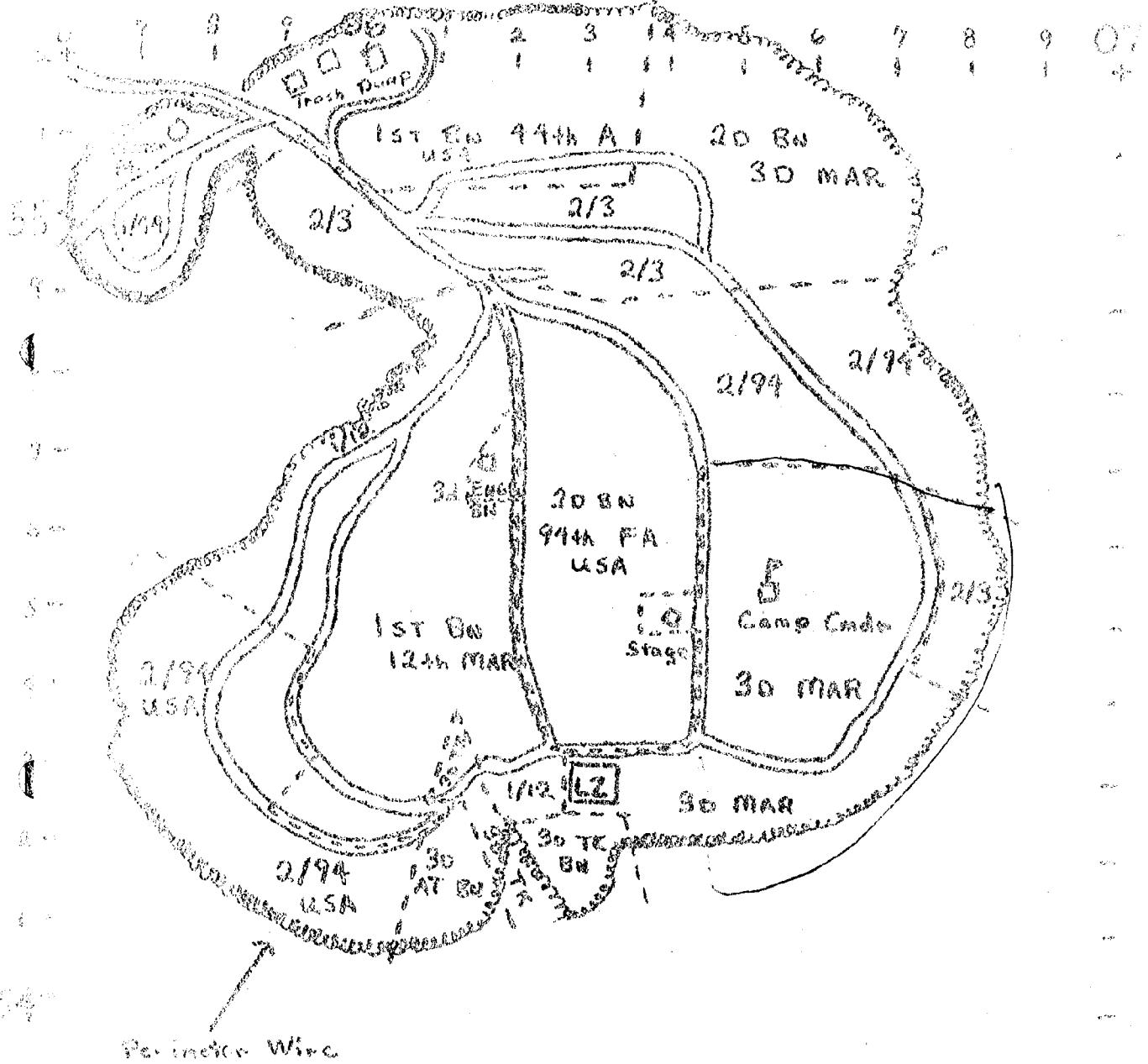
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A hand-drawn map of a perimeter road, likely for a military command post. The map features a large, irregular polygon representing the perimeter road, with the words "PERIMETER ROAD" written along the top edge. Inside the polygon, there are several labels and symbols:

- EEZ:** A label with a bracket indicating a specific area.
- VIP:** A label indicating a visitor point of interest.
- W:** A label with a bracket indicating a specific area.
- Stations:** Numerous small boxes representing stations, labeled with letters and numbers:
 - Front Row: F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F10, F11, F12, F13, F14, F15, F16, F17, F18, F19, F20.
 - Second Row: G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, G6, G7, G8, G9, G10, G11, G12, G13, G14, G15, G16, G17, G18, G19, G20.
 - Third Row: H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H6, H7, H8, H9, H10, H11, H12, H13, H14, H15, H16, H17, H18, H19, H20.
 - Fourth Row: I1, I2, I3, I4, I5, I6, I7, I8, I9, I10, I11, I12, I13, I14, I15, I16, I17, I18, I19, I20.
 - Fifth Row: J1, J2, J3, J4, J5, J6, J7, J8, J9, J10, J11, J12, J13, J14, J15, J16, J17, J18, J19, J20.
 - Sixth Row: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7, K8, K9, K10, K11, K12, K13, K14, K15, K16, K17, K18, K19, K20.
 - Seventh Row: L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, L6, L7, L8, L9, L10, L11, L12, L13, L14, L15, L16, L17, L18, L19, L20.
 - Eighth Row: M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M8, M9, M10, M11, M12, M13, M14, M15, M16, M17, M18, M19, M20.
 - Ninth Row: N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, N6, N7, N8, N9, N10, N11, N12, N13, N14, N15, N16, N17, N18, N19, N20.
 - Tenth Row: O1, O2, O3, O4, O5, O6, O7, O8, O9, O10, O11, O12, O13, O14, O15, O16, O17, O18, O19, O20.
 - Eleventh Row: P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6, P7, P8, P9, P10, P11, P12, P13, P14, P15, P16, P17, P18, P19, P20.
 - Twelfth Row: Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, Q5, Q6, Q7, Q8, Q9, Q10, Q11, Q12, Q13, Q14, Q15, Q16, Q17, Q18, Q19, Q20.
 - Thirteenth Row: R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7, R8, R9, R10, R11, R12, R13, R14, R15, R16, R17, R18, R19, R20.
 - Fourteenth Row: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9, S10, S11, S12, S13, S14, S15, S16, S17, S18, S19, S20.
 - Fifteenth Row: T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, T7, T8, T9, T10, T11, T12, T13, T14, T15, T16, T17, T18, T19, T20.
 - Sixteenth Row: U1, U2, U3, U4, U5, U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17, U18, U19, U20.
 - Seventeenth Row: V1, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, V9, V10, V11, V12, V13, V14, V15, V16, V17, V18, V19, V20.
 - Eighteenth Row: W1, W2, W3, W4, W5, W6, W7, W8, W9, W10, W11, W12, W13, W14, W15, W16, W17, W18, W19, W20.
 - Nineteenth Row: X1, X2, X3, X4, X5, X6, X7, X8, X9, X10, X11, X12, X13, X14, X15, X16, X17, X18, X19, X20.
 - Twentieth Row: Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6, Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10, Y11, Y12, Y13, Y14, Y15, Y16, Y17, Y18, Y19, Y20.

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1. SITUATION

- A. ENEMY CURRENT INTSUMS
- B. FRIENDLY NO CHANGE
- C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS

(1) ATTACHMENTS

- (A) 1ST BN (-) 44TH ARTY USA OA 1 DEC 1966
- (B) PLT 1ST ARMORED AMTRAC CO, FMF OA 1 DEC 1966

2. MISSION NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- (1) CHANGE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF 2/9 FROM THIRD MARINES TO FOURTH MARINES AND DEPLOY 2/9 IN DEFENSE OF DONG HA COMBAT BASE AND FOURTH MARINE TAOR.
- (2) CHANGE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF 2/3 FROM FOURTH MARINES TO THIRD MARINES AND DEPLOY 2/3 IN DEFENSE OF CAMP CARROLL AND IN THIRD MARINES TAOR.
- (3) DEPLOY TWO BATTERIES OF THE 1ST BN 44TH ARTY, IN D/S OF THE DEFENSE OF DONG HA COMBAT BASE AND DEPLOY ONE BTRY IN DEFENSE OF CAMP CARROLL UNDER OPCON THIRD MARINES
- (4) DEPLOY PLT OF 1ST ARMORED AMTRAC CO AT THE MOUTH OF CUA VIET RIVER IN D/S FOURTH MARINES ELEMENTS

B. THIRD MARINES

- (1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION
- (2) ON 2 DECEMBER DEPLOY ONE COMPANY 2/9 TO DONG HA BASE ON RELIEF BY COMPANY OF 2/3. CHOP TO FOURTH MARINES ON DEPARTURE CAMP CARROLL.
- (3) ON 3 DECEMBER DEPLOY ONE COMPANY 2/9 TO CAM LO ON RELIEF BY COMPANY 2/3. CHOP TO FOURTH MARINES ON MINIATURE CAMP CARROLL.
- (4) ON 4 DECEMBER DEPLOY ONE COMPANY AND BN COMMAND GROUP ON RELIEF BY 2/3 COMPANY AND COMMAND GROUP TO DONG HA. CHOP 2D BN (-) 9TH MAR TO FOURTH MARINES

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ON DEPARTURE BN COMMAND GROUP FROM CAMP CARROLL.
 (5) ON ORDER DEPLOY REMAINING ELEMENTS OF 2/9 TO FOURTH MARINES
 TAOR. CHOP TO 2/9 WHEN DETACHED.

(6) DEPLOY ONE BTRY 1ST BN 44TH ARTY IN DEFENSE OF CAMP
 CARROLL. ON ARRIVAL ON OR ABOUT 5 DEC. OPCON PASEP.

C. FOURTH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.
 (2) COMMENCING AT 020800H DEC DEPLOY ONE COMPANY OF 2/3

BY VEHICLE TO CAMP CARROLL. CHOP TO THIRD MARINES ON
 ARRIVAL. CAMP CARROLL.

(3) COMMENCING 030800H DEC, DEPLOY ONE COMPANY 2/3 BY
 VEHICLE TO CAMP CARROLL.

(4) COMMENCING 040800H DEC DEPLOY ONE COMPANY AND THE BN
 COM AND GROUP 2/3 BY VEHICLE TO CAMP CARROLL, CHOP
 2DBN(+) 3D MAR TO THIRD MARINES ON ARRIVAL COMMAND
 GROUP AT CAMP CARROLL.

(5) ON ORDER DEPLOY REMAINING ELEMENTS OF 2/3 TO CAMP
 CARROLL. CHOP TO 2/3 ON ARRIVAL CAMP CARROLL.

D. T. ELEVENTH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION

(2) ASSUME OPCON OF 1LT 1ST ARMORED AMTRAC CO ON ARRIVAL.
 DEPLOY AT MOUTH OF CUA VIET RIVER IN D/S FOURTH MARINES
 ELEMENTS.

E. 1ST BN (~) 44TH ARTY USA

(1) D/S FOURTH MARINES FOR DEFENSE OF DONG HA COMBAT BASE.

(2) PROVIDE FOR ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSE OF DONG HA COMBAT BASE.

(3) CHOP ONE BATTERY AND ONE SECTION QUAD 50 CAL MG BTRY
 TO THIRD MARINES AND DEPLOY TO CAMP CARROLL.

F. THIRD EGR BN

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION

(2) ENSURE RTE 9 HAS MINIMUM CLASS 2 TRAFFIC ABILITY
 DURING MOVE OF ONE BTRY 1ST BN 44TH ARTY FROM DONG HA TO CAMP
 CARROLL.

G. NINTH MOTOR TRANSPORT BN

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION

(2) PROVIDE MT SUPPORT FOR COMPANY MOVES DURING PERIOD

1-4 DEC

H. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) REPORT COMPLETION OF ALL MOVES AND CHANGES OF OPERATIONAL

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(2) DIRLAUTH ALCON

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: NO CHANGE

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

A. CALL SIGN FOR 1ST BN(-). 44TH ARTY USA

(1) RADIO JOAN OF ARC

(2) TELEPHONE DUSTER

B. CALL SIGN FOR 1LT FIRST AMORED AMTRAC CO

(1) RADIO COMBINE ALFA ONE

C. UNITS WILL REPORT OF LOCATIONS WHEN ESTABLISHED

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 FIRST BATTALION (-), FORTY-FOURTH ARTILLERY USA
 INFO THIRD MARDIV (FWD)
 FOURTH MARINES
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 C. MY FRAG O 4-66.

1. SITUATION

- (A) ENEMY. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS
- (B) FRIENDLY. 1ST BN (-) 44TH ARTY AND PLT 1ST ARMORED AMTRAC CO ATTACHED TO 3D MARDIV (FWD) O/A 1DEC66.

2. MISSION. 3D MARINES CONTINUES PRESENT MISSIONS AND CONDUCTS RELIEF OF ZLINES BETWEEN 2D BN, 3D MAR AND 2D BN, 9TH MARINES DEPLOYS.

ONE BTRY AA ARTY IN DEFENSE OF CAMP CARROLL.

3. EXECUTION.

(A) CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. DEPLOY 2/9 (-) TO DONG HA BASE AND OP CON 4TH MAR AND ASSUME OPCON OF 2/3 (-) AT CAMP CARROLL ON 2, 3 AND 4DEC66; ON ORDER DEPLOY REMAINING ELEMENTS 2/9 TO 4TH MAR; DEPLOY BTRY (REINF) 1/44ARTY USA IN DEFENSE OF CAMP CARROLL O/A 5 DEC 66.

(B) 2D BN, 9TH MARINES.

(1) ON 2 DEC DEPLOY ONE COMPANY TO DONG HA BASE UPON RELIEF BY COMPANY OF 2/3.

(2) ON 3 DEC DEPLOY ONE COMPANY TO DONG HA BASE UPON RELIEF BY COMPANY OF 2/3.

(3) ON 4 DEC DEPLOY ONE COMPANY TO CAM LO UPON RELIEF BY COMPANY OF 2/3.

(4) ON 4 DEC DEPLOY CMD GRP TO DONG HA BASE UPON RELIEF BY 2/3 CMD GRP.

(5) ON ORDER DEPLOY REMAINING ELEMENTS TO 4TH MAR AO.

(C) 2D BN, 3D MARINES. UPON CHOP TO 3D MARINES 4 DEC ASSUME MSNS AND AO PRESENTLY ASSIGNED 2/9. SEE REF C.

(D) 3D BN, 3D MARINES. NO CHANGE.

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(E) DESIGNATED BTRY (REINF), 1ST BN (-), 44TH ARTY USA UPON CHOP TO 3D MARINES O/A 5 DEC BE PREPARED TO DEPLOY IN DEFENSE CAMP CARROLL. PROVIDE ADVANCE PARTY THIS HQ EARLIEST.

(F) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF A.

(2) RELIEF OF LINES PROCEDURES, REF B.

(3) DIRLAUTH ALCON.

(4) CHOP EACH UNIT UPON ARR/DEP CAMP CARROLL.

(5) REPORT DTG OF OPCON SHIFT, RELIEF, ASSUMPTION OF MSNS AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR AO, AND MOVEMENT OF FORCES, WHEN EFFECTED.

(6) SUBMIT OPSTATS BY PRIORITY MSG NLT 3 HOURS AFTER CHANGE OCCURS.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

(A) 4TH MARINES WILL ARRANGE TRANS IAW REF A. SPECIAL TRANS REQUIREMENTS FOR 2/9 WILL BE COORDINATED WITH S-4, 4TH MARINES, VIA THIS HQ.

(B) TENTAGE PRESENTLY ERECTED WILL BE LEFT IN PLACE. NECESSARY SUPPLY ACCOUNTING BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT CO'S 2/9 AND 2/3.

(C) REF B SECTION XVIII PARA 1806 APPLIES. INCOMING BN CO WILL INSPECT DUMP AREA AND EQUIPMENT TO INSURE SUPPLIES, CANTONMENT TENTAGE, MESSING FACILITIES, CLASS V, SOUND AND SERVICEABLE.

(D) CAMP J. J. CARROLL ASSETS SUCH AS HALF BARRELS, HEADS, SANDBAGS, STAKES, BARBED WIRE WILL BE INVENTORIED BY 2/9 AND ASSETS ON HAND WILL BE LEFT IN PLACE AND REPORTED THIS HQ.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

(A) CMD: OPCON BTRY (REINF), 1/44 ARTY, USA PASEP.

(B) COMM-ELECT:

(1) DIV O P02000.2E

(2) GUARD RADIO NETS ON ORDER

A REGT CMD (P 3322	M-74
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(S) 5189	M-129
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B REGT TAC NR 1 (P) 38.25	M-507
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C CP SECURITY NET 52.05	M-734
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(A) REPORT CP LOCATIONS WHEN ESTABLISHED.

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 B. CAMP J. J. CARROLL OPN O 1-66
 C. REGT O 3000-68
 D. CG 3D MARDIV 221230Z APR 66

THIRD MARINES
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TIME ZONE: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION

3D MARINES (-) (REINF)
 HQ CO (-), 3D MARINES
 2D BN (REINF), 3D MARINES
 2 SQD, SCOUT-SNIPER PLT, HQ CO, 3D MARINES
 1D BN (REINF), 3D MARINES
 3D, SCOUT-SNIPER PLT, HQ CO, 3D MARINES
 BTRY (REINF), 1ST BN (-), 44TH ARTY, USA

COL HAMMERBECK
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 LTCOL OHANESIAN
 LTCOL DELONG

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSIMS
 B. FRIENDLY FORCES.
 (1) 3D MARDIV (FWD) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPN PRAIRIE
 (2) 1ST MAW PROVIDES FIXED WING AND HELO SUPPORT
 (3) UNITS OF 1ST ARVN DIV CONDUCT OPNS IN I CORPS AREA
 (4) 1ST BN, 12TH MAR D/S
 (5) CO A, 3D TK BN D/S
 (6) CO A, 3D AT BN D/S

2. MISSION. 3D MAR CONDUCTS RECON IN FORCE OPNS IN ASSIGNED AREA TO DETECT ENEMY ACTIVITY IN AO; ATTACKS AND DESTROYS

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ENEMY FORCES LOCATED IN AO MAKING MAX USE OF SUPPORTING ARMS; ENSURES SECURITY OF SUPPORTING UNITS AND INSTALLATIONS LOCATED IN ASSIGNED AO; ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION OF ALL UNITS IN AO AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION OF DEFENSE AND ADMIN FUNCTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. SEE OPN OVERLAY ISSUED SEPARATELY TO ACTION ADEES.

B. HQ CO, 3D MAR PROVIDE LOCAL SECURITY AND PERIMETER DEF FOR 3D MAR CP.

C. 2D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE OPNS TO DETECT, ATTACK AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN AO.

(2) CONDUCT OPNS TO MAINTAIN SECURITY OF MSR RTE 9 IN AO.

(3) CONDUCT OPNS TO DEFEND AND ENSURE THE SECURITY OF UNITS AND INSTALLATIONS LOCATED IN CAMP J. J. CARROLL (YD 0654). REF B APPLIES.

(4) CONDUCT OPNS TO DEFEND KHE GIA BRIDGE (YD 027561).

(5) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CAMP CARROLL WATER POINT.

WATER SOURCE AND WATER PIPE.

(6) BE PREPARED, ON ORDER, FOR DEPLOYMENT BY AIR OR SURFACE MEANS FOR OPNS ANYWHERE IN OPN PRAIRIE AO.

D. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE OPNS TO DETECT, ATTACK AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN AO.

(2) CONDUCT OPNS TO MAINTAIN SECURITY OF MSR RTE 9 IN AO.

(3) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR SUPPORTING UNITS AND INSTALLATIONS IN AO.

(4) BE PREPARED, ON ORDER, FOR DEPLOYMENT BY AIR OR SURFACE MEANS FOR OPNS ANYWHERE IN OPN PRAIRIE AO.

(5) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR DIV/REGT OP AND COMM RELAY STATION AT (YD 979559).

E. BTRY (REINF), 1ST BN (-), 44TH ARTY, USA, D/S 2D BN, 3D MARINES.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. SEE REF C.

(2) 3D MAR ASSUMES FSC RESPONSIBILITY FOR AO, INCLUDING FIRES IN SUPPORT OF RECON TEAMS OPERATING IN AO.

(3) AIR SUPPORT NORMAL

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(4) SUBMIT 6 HR SITREPS TO REACH THIS HQ BY 1700-2300,
0500 AND 1100. SUBMIT SPOT REPORTS ON OCCURRANCE.

(5) SUBMIT OVERLAY PLAN SUMMARIES TO THIS HQS WHEN
KNOWN AND NLT 12 HOURS PRIOR EXECUTION.

(6) CIVILIAN CURFES WITHIN AO IAW PARA 4-A OF REF DS
CITY AND VILL 2400-0500; RURAL AREAS 2100-0500.

(7) THIS ORDER CANCELS MY FRAG O OFN PRAIRIE 4-66
AND IS EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING ON RECEIPT AND EXECUTION ON
ORDER.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ALL CLASSES OF SUPPLIES WILL BE DRAWN FROM FLSU LOCATED
AT DONG HA EXCEPT CLASS II T/E.

B. ALL CLASSES II T/E SUPPLIES WILL BE REQUISITIONED
ACCORDING TO NORMAL DIVISION OPERATING PROCEDURES. REQUESTS
WILL BE SCREENED AGAINST ASSETS AVAILABLE AT FLSU AND QUANTITIES
NOT FILLED WILL BE PASSED TO FSA DA NANG.

C. REQUISITION FOR RATIONS, SUNDRY PACKS, CLASS IV AND
ALL PRIORITY II AND V REQUISITIONS WILL BE APPROVED BY G-4
(FWD)/SUPPLY OFFICER PRIOR TO ISSUE.

D. FLSU HAS LIMITED 3D ECHELON MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY.

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E. CONTACT TMS CAN BE REQUESTED THROUGH FLSU FOR 2D AND 3D ECHELON MAINTENANCE.

F. ENSURE THIS HQ IS MADE AWARE IMMEDIATELY OF ANY CRITICAL PERSONNEL, SUPPLY OR MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS.

G. ADVISE THIS HQ IMMEDIATELY OF ANY SERIOUS OR SPECIAL INCIDENTS REQUIRING REPORTS AND FORWARD COPIES OF ALL SUCH REPORTS MADE. REF CG 3D MARDIV 250233Z NOV 66.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- A. CMD. NO CHANGE
- B. COMM-ELECT
 - (1) DIV 0 P02000.2E
 - (2) GUARD RADIO NETS ON ORDER
 - (A) REGT CMD (P) 3322 M-74
(S) 5189 M-129
 - (B) REGT TAC NR 1 (P) 38.25 M-507
(S) 38.7 M-529
 - (C) CAMP CARROLL SECURITY 52.05 M-734
 - (D) REGT STORM ALERT 36.30 M-468
 - (3) COMM SECURITY
 - (A) NUMERICAL CODE KAC - QT 30
 - (B) AUTHENTICATION KAC - QT 30
 - (C) BREVITY CODE KAC - 181

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C. COMMAND POSTS

- (1) HQ 3D MAR (YD 064546)
- (2) 2D BN, 3D MAR (YD 064552)
- (3) 3D BN, 3D MAR (XD 973573)
- (4) 1ST BN, 12TH MAR (YD 062547)

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- (5) CO A, 3D TK BN (YD 063543)
- (6) CO A, 3D AT BN (YD 062543)

(7) BTRY (REINF), 1ST BN (-), 44TH ARTY, USA, TO BE ANNOUNCED

D. LIMITED 1ST AND 2D ECHELON COMM REPAIR CAPABILITY

AVAILABLE THIS CP.

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A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 021407Z DEC66

1. REF (A) PROVIDES PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR THIRD MARDIV UNITS DURING DEC 1966. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES TO THOSE UNITS UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THIRD MARDIV (FWD).

2. REINFORCEMENT OF KHE SANH AND LANG VEI WITH 1 INFANTRY BATTALION AND A REGIMENTAL COMMAND GROUP

A. CONPET

(1) REINFORCE KHE SANH WITH INFANTRY BATTALION CURRENTLY AT CAMP CARROLL. DEPLOY BY HELO/FIXED WING AC OR FOOT MARCH AS SITUATION DI CTATES.

(2) REINFORCE CAMP CARROLL WITH RIFLE COMPANY FROM BN AT THON SON LAM AND RIFLE COMPANY FROM BN AT CAM LO.

(3) DEPLOY REGIMENTAL COMMAND GROUP FROM REGIMENT AT CAMP

CAMP, TO KHE SANH BY HELO OR FIXED WING AC
 (4) HAVE REMAINING REGIMENT ASSUME OPCON ALL BNS IN PRAIRIE OPS AREA LESS KHE SANH TAOR.

B. PLANNING GUIDANCE

(1) FOR THIRD MARINES

(A) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO DEPLOY CAMP CARROLL DEFENSE BN BY HELO OR FIXED WING A/C FOOT MARCH TO KHE SANH.

(B) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR DEFENSE OF CAMP CARROLL FROM OTHER ASSETS AVAILABLE AT THAT LOCATION.

(C) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO REINFORCE CAMP CARROLL WITH ONE COMPANY FROM THON SON LAM.

(D) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO DEPLOY REGIMENTAL COMMAND GROUP BY HELO OR FIXED WING A/C TO KHE SANH.

(2) FOR FOURTH MARINES

(A) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO ASSUME RESPOSIBILITY FOR THIRD MARINES TAOR AND OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF INFANTRY ELEMENTS THEREIN.

(B) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO REINFORCE DEFENSE OF CAMP CARROLL WITH ONE COMPANY FROM CAM LO AREA.

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OPN PRARIE

FRAG O 10-66

A. CG 3D MARDIV (FWD) 061325Z DEC 66

B. MY FRAG O 9-66

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TASK ORGANIZATION. AS DIRECTED BELOW.

1. SITUATION

- A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS.
- B. FRIENDLY FORCES. NO CHANGE.

2. MISSION. NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

- A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. SEE REF A

- B. 2D BN, 3D MAR

- (1) CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS, REF B.

(2) DEPLOY ONE COMPANY BY VEH FROM CAMP CARROLL TO
 CAM LO TO REINFORCE 4TH MAR TO ARR BY 030000H DEC66. CHOP
 TO 4TH MAR UPON DEPARTURE CAMP CARROLL.

- C. COORD INST.

- (1) THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT

- (2) DIRLAUTH FOR PLANNING

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. REQUEST TRANSPORTATION TO
THIS HQ ASAP.

5. COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECT. NO CHANGE

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 C. CAMP J. J. CARROLL OPN O 1-66

D. DIV O P02000.2E

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TASK ORGN: TO BE DESIGNATATED

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTELL ESTIMATES AND INTSUMS.
 B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

- (1) 3D MARDIV (FWD) CONTINUES TO CONDUCT OPN PRAIRIE.
- (2) 1ST MAW PROVIDES FIXED WING AND HELO SUPPORT.
- (3) UNITS OF 1ST ARVN DIV CONDUCT OPNS IN I CORPS AREA.
- (4) 4TH MAR PREPARED ON ORDER TO: ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR 3D MAR AO AND OPCON OF INF ELEMENTS THEREIN; REINF DEF OF CAMP CARROLL W/ONE CO FROM CAM LO AREA.
- (5) 1ST BN 12TH MAR D/S 3D MAR UNTIL EXECUTION PHASE 4 THEN AS DIR BY 3D MARDIV (FWD).
- (6) CO A 3D TK BN D/S 3D MAR UNTIL EXECUTION PHASE 4 THEN AS DIR BY 3D MARDIV (FWD).
- (7) CO A 3D AT BN D/S 3D MAR UNTIL EXECUTION PHASE 4 THEN AS DIR BY 3D MARDIV (FWD).

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C. ASSUMPTIONS

(1) THAT DEPLOYMENT TO KHE SANH BY HELO OR FIXED WING A/C WILL BE BY ADMIN MOVE.

(2) THAT DEPLOYMENT TO KHE SANH BY FOOT WILL BE UNCOVERED MOVEMENT TO CONTACT.

2. MISSION. 3D MAR IS PREP ON ORDER TO: DEPLOY CAMP CARROLL DEF BN BY HELO, FIXED WING A/C OR FOOT MARCH TO KHE SANH; PROVIDE FOR DEF OF CAMP CARROLL FROM OTHER ASSETS AVAILABLE AT THAT LOCATION; REINF CAMP CARROLL W/ONE CO FROM THON SON LAM; DEPLOY REGT CMD GRP BY HELO OR FIXED WING A/C TO KHE SANH; CHOP RESPONSIBILITY FOR 3D MAR AO TO 4TH MAR.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS.

(1) THIS PLAN PROVIDES FOR THE TACTICAL AND ADMIN MOVEMENT OF CURRENT ASSIGNED FORCES IN ORDER TO REINF KHE SANH BY ANY OF THE MEANS DIRECTED. IT REQUIRES THE DISPOSITION OF FORCES IN A READINESS POSTURE THAT WILL PERMIT THE PREPANNED REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES IN FOUR PHASES, BY FRAG O.

(A) PHASE 1. CONDUCT OF NORMAL OPNS LIMITED TO THOSE WHICH PERMIT EXECUTION OF PHASE 2 W/IN 4 HOURS

(B) PHASE 2. CAMP CARROLL DEF BN IS RELIEVED OF CURRENT MSNS AND PREPARED TO REDEPLOY W/IN TWO HOURS.

(C) PHASE 3. CAMP CARROLL DEF BN REDEPLOYS AS DIR. REGT CMD GRP PREPARED FOR RELIEF AND REDEPLOYMENT W/IN ONE HR.

(D) PHASE 4 REGT CMD GRP IS RELIEVED AND REDEPLOYS AS DIR. (2) FIRE SUPPORT TO BE PROVIDED INTIALLY FM CAMP CARROLL, BY DEPLOYMENT OF D/S ARTY WEST TO PSNS W/IN SUPPORTING DISTANCE OF CAMP CARROLL, FROM KHE SANH, AND BY HELOLIFT OF D/S ARTY TO CA LU, AS REQ.

B. HQ CO 3D MAR

(1) PHASE 4A. DEPLOY REGT CMD GRP BY SURFACE MOVEMENT FROM CAMP CARROLL TO DONG HA FOR FURTHER MOVE BY FIXED WING A/C TO KHE SANH.

(2) PHASE 4B. DEPLOY REGT CMD GRP BY HELOLIFT FROM CAMP CARROLL LZS TO KHE SANH

C. CAMP CARROLL DEF BN

(1) PHASE 1. BE PREP TO WITHDRAW ALL FORCES TO CAMP CARROLL AND REDEPLOY W/IN 4 HR.

(2) PHASE 2. WITHDRAW ALL FORCES TO CAMP CARROLL, CHOP RESPONSIBILITY FOR CURRENT MSNS AS DIRECTED AND BE PREPARED TO REDEPLOY W/IN ONE HR.

(3) PHASE 3A. DEPLOY BY SURFACE MEANS FROM CAMP CARROLL TO DONG HA FOR FURTHER MOVE BY FIXED WING A/C TO REINF KHE SANH.

(4) PHASE 3B. DEPLOY BY HELOLIFT FROM CAMP CARROLL LZS TO

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REINF KHE SANH.

(5) PHASE 3C. DEPLOY BY TACTICAL MARCH FROM CAMP CARROLL SOUTHWEST ALONG AXIS OF RTE 9 TO REINF KHE SANH.

(6) BE PREP FOR FURTHER DEPLOYMENT FROM KHE SANH TO LANG VEI.

D. THON SON LAM BN

(1) PHASE 1. CONTINUE PRESENT MSNS. BE PREPARED TO REDEPLOY ONE CO TO CAMP CARROLL W/IN 4 HRS.

(2) PHASE 2. CONTINUE PRESENT MSNS. DEPLOY ONE CO TO CAMP CARROLL.

E. C BTRY (REINF) 1ST BN 44TH ARTY. CONTINUE PRESENT MSNS.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) REF B AND C.

(2) THIS PLAN WILL BE EXECUTED BY FRAG O SETTING FORTH THE EXISTING SITUATION, SUPPORT AVAIL, AND DIRECTING THE DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES AS INDICATED IN PARA 3A. SUBORDINATE UNITS PLANS WILL CONTINUE SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO ENABLE PROMPT EXECUTION BY FRAG O.

(3) DIRLAUTH ALCON FOR PLANNING.

(4) TACTICAL MARCH OJBJS TO THIS HQS FOR APPROVAL.

(5) THIS PLAN EFF FOR PLANNING ON RECEIPT AND FOR EXECUTION ON ORDER.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. SUPPLY

(1) GENERAL: NO CHANGE

(2) SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

(A) CLASS I - CARRY ONE DAY MCI

(B) CLASS III - EXPEDITIONARY CANS WILL BE FULL.

(C) CLASS IV - AS REQUIRED

(D) CLASS V - BASIC ALLOWANCE

(3) CONTROL AND DISTRIBUTION:

(A) FIXED WING MOVEMENT - AIRLIFT 5 DAS: CLASS I, III.
CLASS V; CLASS II AND IV AS REQUIRED.

(B) FOOT OR HELOLIFT - CARRY 1 DAS CLASS I, III; B/A
CLASS V; CLASS II AND IV AS REQUIRED

(4) RESUPPLY: NORMAL

B. TRANSPORTATION:

(1) ORGANIC TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PRELOADED AT CAMP CARROLL AND WILL BE UTILIZED FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PERSONNEL AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

(2) REQUESTS FOR 9TH MT BN ASSISTANCE WILL BE SUBMITTED

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DIRECTLY BY S-4 CONCERNED.

(3) GAS TANKS OF AIRLIFTED VEHICLES WILL BE ONLY 1/2 FULL.

D. SERVICE:

(1) LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO BE REQUESTED FROM LSA KHE SANH AFTER MOVEMENT COMPLETED.

(2) LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR AIR MOVEMENT FROM DONG HA WILL BE REQUESTED FROM FLSU DONG HA.

E. EMBARKATION:

(1) 3D MAR REGT O 4600.2 APPLIES.

(2) WORKING PARTIES TO BE REQUESTED FROM UNITS AS REQUIRED.

F. PERSONNEL:

(1) STRENGTHS, RECORDS AND REPORTS: NO CHANGE

TO UNITS AS REQUIRED ON AS ABAILABILITY BASIS FROM DIVISION.

(3) DISIPLINE, IAW AND ORDER: AS DIRECTED BY CURRENT DIRECTIVES.

(4) BURIAL AND GRAVES REGISTRATION: NO CHANGE

(5) MORALE AND PERSONNEL SERVICES:

(A) KEEP TROOPS INFORMED OF CURRENT SITUATION.

(B) EMERGENCY LEAVE WILL BE GRANTED AS NORMAL.

(C) DECORATIONS AND AWARDS, IAW CURRENT DIRECTIVES.

(D) POSTAL SERVICES. TO BE ANNOUNCED.

(E) EXCHANGE SERVICES. TO BE ANNOUNCED.

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- (F) FINANCIAL SERVICES, NO CHANGE.
- (6) PERSONNEL PROCEDURES. IAW MCPM AND CURRENT MAR COR DIRECTIVE IN THE 1080 SERIES.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

A. COMMAND

- (1) FORCES ARRIVING KHE SANH REPORT OPCON SENIOR CMDR PRESENT.
- (2) TACTICAL GROUND CMDR KHE SANH TO BE DESIGNATED.

B. COMM-ELECT

- (1) REF (D)
- (2) GUARD RADIO NETS ON ORDER
 - (A) REGT CMD (P) 3322 M-78
(S) 5189 M-129
 - (B) REGT TAC 1 (P) 38.25 M-507
(S) 56.55 M-107
 - (C) BE PREPARED TO ACTIVATE NESTOR CIRCUIT
 - (D) HIGHER HEADQUARTERS TBA
- (3) HQ CO 3D MAR (REGT CMD GRP)
 - (A) PHASE 3C. ESTABLISH HELI-BORNE RADIO RELAY ON REGT

TAC NET WHEN INTERVENING TERRAIN DOES NOT PERMIT LINE OF SIGHT WITH CAMP CARROLL DEF BN.

(B) UPON ARRIVAL KHE SANH UTILIZE EXISTING AN/MRC-62 TO ESTABLISH COMM TO CAMP CARROLL AND HIGHER HEADQUARTERS.

(4) COMM SECURITY

- (A) NUMERICAL CODE KAC-QT 30 (EFF ED)
- (B) AUTHENTICATION KAC-QT 30 (EFF ED)
- (C) BREVITY CODE KAC-181 (EFF ED)

C. COMMAND POSTS. REPORT AS ESTABLISHED.

D. LIMITED 1ST AND 2D ECHELON COMM REPAIR CAPABILITY AT KHE SANH. EXTENSIVE REPAIR TO BE MADE AT CAMP CARROLL OR EVACUATED TO HIGHER ECHELON.

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SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

A. 3D MARDIV (FWD) 060550Z DEC 66

B. MY OPN PRAIRIE OPN PLAN 10-66

1. THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PLAN AND
EXECUTE REF A AND B.

A. ENG PLT ATTACHED AT PHASE I FOR MOVE BY FOOT MARCH
FROM CAMP CARROLL TO KHE SANH.

B. RECON PLT D/S AT PHASE I FOR MOVE BY FOOT MARCH FROM
CAMP CARROLL TO KHE SANH.

C. HST D/S AT CAMP CARROLL AND KHE SANH FOR HELOLIFT
CAMP CARROLL TO KHE SANH.

D. LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR STAGING AND EMBARKATION FIXED
WING A/C DONG HA.

E. SURFACE TRANSPORTATION AVAILABILITY STATUS. REQUEST

PROVIDE SURFACE LIFT FOR CAMP CARROLL DEF BN AND HQ CO,
3D MARINES FROM CAMP CARROLL TO DONG HA.

F. AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY STATUS. REQUEST PROVIDE FOR
FOLLOWING:

(1) HELOLIFT FOR ONE COMPANY FROM THON SON LAM TO
CAMP CARROLL.

(2) HELOLIFT FOR CAMP CARROLL DEF BN AND HQ CO,
3D MAR FROM CAMP CARROLL TO KHE SANH AS REQ.

(3) FIXED WING A/C LIFT FOR CAMP CARROLL DEF BN
AND HQ CO, 3D MAR FROM DONG HA TO KHE SANH AS REQ.

G. HELIBORNE RADIO RELAY FOR COMM WITH BN MOVING BY
FOOT MARCH FROM CARROLL TO KHE SANH, AS REQ.

H. HELILIFT AND INSTALL OF TACTICAL FOOT BRIDGES ALONG
ROUTE 9 FROM CA LU TO KHE SANH, AS REQ.

2. DETAILED AND FOLLOW ON REQUIREMENTS WILL BE SUBMITTED AS
DEVELOPED.

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 A. MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAG O 9-66
 1. SITUATION
 A. ENEMY FORCES.
 (1) SEE CURRENT INTSUMS

(2) CHIEU HOI, CAPTIVE INTERR AND OTHER RECENT INTELL
 INDICATES VC/NVA FORCES RETURNED TO AND OPERATING IN CUA VALLEY
 E OF RT 558.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

(1) 1ST BN, 2D REGT, 1ST ARVN DIV (D-5) PROVIDES 2 COMPANY
 BLOCKING PSN FROM VIC (YD 093497) E TO (YD 127497) IN
 COORDINATION WITH 3D MARINES.

(2) CIT TM, D/S.

(3) A/V (HB) AND (HE) TMS, 244 PSY OPS CO, D/S.

2. MISSION.

A. 3D MAR CONTINUES PRESENT MSNS AND CONDUCTS S&D OPNS IN
 CUA VALLEY E OF RT 558. IN COORDINATION WITH 1/2/1 ARVN (D-5).

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. USMC FORCES MOVE BY NIGHT FOOT MARCH FROM
 CAMP CARROLL TO ESTAB BLOCKING PSNS N AND E OF MAI DAM (YD 1051)
 AND MAI LOC (YD 1151). ARVN FORCES ESTAB BLOCKING PSNS AS INDICATED.
 USMC FORCES CONDUCTS S & D OPNS MOVING S TOWARD ARVN BLOCK. FIRE
 SUPPORT PROVIDED FROM PRESENT PSNS.

2D BN, THIRD MARINES

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MSNS.

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(2) CONDUCT S&D OPNS IN COORDINATION WITH ARVN FORCES TO DETECT AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES. INFLUENCE AND INSTALLATIONS IN CUÂ LLEY EAST OF RTE 558.

C. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MSNS

(2) PROVIDE COMPANY (-) OPCON 2/3 19 TO 22 DEC66 FOR EMPLOYMENT IN DEF. CAMP CARROLL.

D. C BTRY 1ST BN, 44TH ARTY USA. NO CHANGE

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) REF A

(2) D-DAY 19DEC66

(3) H-HOUR TO BE ANNOUNCED.

(4) COORDINATION OF ALL SUPPORTING ARMS IN AO BY CO.

2D BN, 3D MAR.

(5) RCA AUTHORIZED

(6) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT APPLY. USMC FORCES WILL NOT DESTROY HABITATIONS OR CIVILIAN FACILITIES UNLESS REQUIRED BY TACTICAL SITUATION.

(7) MAKE MAX USE OF AVAILABLE PSYOPS SUPPORT TO INDUCE ALLIERS, TAKE CAPTIVES, AND PREVENT INJURY TO CIVILIANS.

4. ADMINISTRATION/ LOGISTICS. NO CHANGE

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

A. CMD. CMD. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN USMC AND ARVN FORCES ON COORDINATION /COOPERATION BASIS.

B. COMM-ELEC. COMM BETWEEN USMC AND ARVN FORCES PROVIDED BY EXCHANGE OF LIAISON PERSONNEL.

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A. MY OPN PRAIRIE FRAF O 9-66

TIME ZONE: HOTEL TASK ORGANIZATION

3D MARINES (-) (REINF)
HQ CO 3D MARINES

COL LANIGAN
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2D BN (REINF), 3D MARINES	LTCOL OHANESIAN
3D BN (REINF), 3D MARINES	LTCOL DELONG
CO K (REINF), 3D BN 3 MARINES	CAPT GARRETT
BTRY C (REINF), 1ST BN, 44TH ARTY, USA	CAPT NEELY, USA

1. SITUATION.
A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS

A. ENEMY FORCES: SEE CURRENT INTRONS
B. FRIENDLY FORCES: NO CHANGE EXCEPT:

(1) RVNAF PROVIDES ONE RF COMPANY FOR DEF D-5 AND ONE RF COMPANY FOR DEF OF CA LU.

(2) 3D ENGR BN CONDUCTS MINE CLEARANCE, BRIDGING, AND ROAD REPAIR OPS FOR MOVEMENT ALONG RT 9 FROM PRESENT PSNS TO CA LU. AND ALONG RT 523 TO D-3.

2. MISSION. 3D MAR CONTINUES PRESENT MSNS; CONDUCTS OPNS TO RELIEVE 1/2/1 ARVN AT CA LU AND D-5. EXTENDS PRESENT AO TO INCLUDE CA LU AREA AND EASTERN CUA VALLEY AREA AND CONDUCTS OPNS THEREIN. IN COORDINATION WITH RVNAF REGIONAL FORCES, AS DIR.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS.

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(1) SEE OPN OVERLAY TO BE ISSUED TO ACTION ADDDEES.

(2) DEPLOY ONE RIFLE COMPANY (REINF), IN COORDINATION WITH ONE RF COMPANY, TO VIC D-5 BY SURFACE MOVEMENT. RELIEVE ARVN FORCES AT D-5 AND ASSIST IN THEIR MOVEMENT FROM AO VIA RT 553. DEPLOY RF COMPANY IN DEF OF D-5 FORT. EMPLOY USMC COMPANY VIC EASTERN CUA VALLEY AREA. FIRE SUPPORT FROM PRESENT PSNS.

(3) DEPLOY ONE RIFLE COMPANY (REINF), IN COORDINATION WITH ONE RF COMPANY, BY SURFACE MOVEMENT ALONG ROUTE 9 TO CA LU. RELIEVE ARVN FORCES AT CA LU AND ASSIST IN THEIR MOVEMENT FROM AO VIA RT 9. DEPLOY RF COMPANY IN DEF OF CA LU FORT. DEPLOY USMC COMPANY VIC CA LU FORT TO CONDUCT OPNS IN CA LU AO AS DIR. FIRE SUPPORT FROM PRESENT PSNS.

B. HQ CO, 3D MARINES. NO CHANGE

C. 2D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MSNS.

(2) CONDUCT OPNS AS INDICATED IN PARA 3.A.(2).

(3) BE PREP, ON ORDER, TO DEFEND BRIDGE AT (XD 931544)

AFTER INSTALLATION ON 29 DEC UNTIL EXTRACTION APPROX 31 DEC.

(4) BE PREP TO RESUME OPCON G/2/3 O/A 31 DEC.

(5) CONDUCT OPNS TO OPEN AND MAINTAIN SECURITY OF

RT 553 IN AO.

D. 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT PSNS.

(2) HELO LIFT K/3/3 (REINF) TO IP (XD 991556) ETD

333700H DEC 66. CHOP TO 3D MAR ON ARRIVAL.

(3) BE PREPARED, ON ORDER TO MOVE K/3/3 (REINF) BY FOOT MARCH TO IP IF WEATHER PREVENTS HELO LIFT.

E. CO K (REINF), 3D BN, 3D MARINES

(1) CONDUCT OPNS AS INDICATED IN PARA 3.A.(3).

(2) CONDUCT RECON IN FORCE OPNS TO DETECT, ATTACK AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN AO.

(3) CONDUCT OPNS TO MAINTAIN SECURITY OF RT 9 IN AO.

(4) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR SUPPORTING UNITS AND

INSTALLATIONS IN AO.

F. BTRY C (REINF), 1ST BN, 44TH ARTY, USA. PROVIDE TWO DUAL 105MM D/S D/3/3 FOR MOVEMENT TO CA LU AND RETURN WITH ARVN COMPANY.

G. COORD. INSTR. NO CHANGE EXCEPT:

(1) CO K/3/3 ASSUMES ALL FSC RESPONSIBILITY FOR AO AND COORDINATES DEFENSE ALL UNITS CALU AO.

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(2) CO 2/3 ASSUMES ALL FSC RESPONSIBILITY FOR AO
 (3) MOVEMENT FROM IP TO CA LU COMMENCES ON ORDER
 ETD IP 300300H DEC 66.
 (4) MOVEMENT TO D-5 COMMENCES ON ORDER 31 DEC 66.
 (5) RELIEF OF 1/2/1 ARVN UNITS EFFECTED BY MUTUAL
 AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOCAL CMDRS.
 (6) REPORT MOVEMENT BY MARCH OBJ, RELIEF, AND
 ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR AO TO THIS HQS.
 (7) COORDINATION W/CA LU THROUGH 3D MAR CA LU LN
 TM AND WITH D-5 THROUGH US ADVISOR, D-5.
 (8) THIS ORDER EFF IMMEDIATELY FOR PLANNING AND FOR
 EXECUTION ON ORDER.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. SUPPLY GENERAL

(1) INDIVIDUALS CARRY:
 (A) CLASS I- 3 MCI
 (B) CLASS V - 3/A
 (2) K/3/3 SUPPLIES TRANSPORTED BY TRUCK CONVOY TO CALU.
 (A) ALL CLASSES SUPPLY - 5 DAYS ALLOWANCE
 (B) THESE SUPPLIES TO BE TRANSPORTED FROM DONG HA.

(3) 2/3 TRANSPORTED 3 DAYS ALLOWANCE OF ALL CLASSES TO
 D-5 POSITIONS.

(4) ALL UNITS CARRY ONE FIVE GALLON WATER CAN PER
 INDIVIDUALS. BE PREPARED TO TREAT LOCAL WATER FOR
 CONSUMPTION AFTER FIRST DAY.

B. RESUPPLY.

(1) K/3/3 RESUPPLIED BY HELICOPTER. SUBMIT REQUEST
 VIA HST AND ALO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

(2) 2/3 RESUPPLY BY TRUCK OR OTTER, ROADS PERMITTING.

C. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION. NO CHANGE

D. TRANSPORTATION.

(1) RF COMPANY MOVING WITH K/3/3 TRUCKED FROM CAM LO TO
 IP AND FOOTMARCH TO CA LU.

(2) K/3/3 FOOTMARCH FROM IP TO CA LU.

(3) 2/3 COMPANY FOOTMARCH TO D-5.

(4) RF COMPANY TO D-5 WILL USE ARVN TRUCKS FROM CAM LO TO D-5.

E. MISCELLANEOUS.

(1) THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL SUBMIT TRUCK REQUEST FOR:

(A) K/3/3 SUPPLIES TO CA LU.

(B) RF MOVEMENT FROM CAM LO TO CA LU.

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- (2) ENGINEERS REPORT TO IP AT 000300H DECE66.
- (3) 3/3 REAR PROVIDE WORKING PARTY FOR STAGING AND PRE-LOADING SUPPLIES FOR CA LU ON 29DEC66.
- (4) 3/3 REAR PROVIDE SHOTGUNS FOR TRUCK CONVOY FROM DONG HA TO CA LU AND RETURN ON 30DEC66.

F. PERSONNEL:

- (1) STRENGTHS, RECORDS AND REPORTS: NO CHANGE
- (2) REPLACEMENTS: REPLACEMENT PERSONNEL FURNISHED BN AS REQUIRED ON AN AVAILABILITY BASIS FROM DIVISION. BN FURNISH REPLACEMENTS TO COMPANY.
- (3) DISCIPLINE, LAW AND ORDER: AS DIRECTED BY CURRENT DIRECTIVES.
- (4) BURIAL AND GRAVES REGISTRATION: NO CHANGE
- (5) MORALE AND PERSONNEL SERVICES:
 - (A) KEEP TROOPS INFORMED OF CURRENT SITUATION.
 - (B) EMERGENCY LEAVE WILL BE GRANTED AS NORMAL.
 - (C) DECORATIONS AND AWARDS: IAW CURRENT DIRECTIVES.
 - (D) POSTAL SERVICES: MAIL WILL BE DELIVERED TO TROOPS ASAP AFTER RECEIPT FROM POST OFFICE, DONG HA BY BN REAR. BN REAR DIRECTED TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO GET MAIN BN RESUPPLY

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S E C R E T HELICOPTERS OUT OF DONG HA, OR MOTOR VEHICLES, AS THE SITUATION DEMANDS.

(3) EXCHANGE SERVICES: NONE AVAILABLE IN OPERATION AREA. SUNDRY PACKS FOR NECESSARY ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

A. COMMAND

(1) K/3/3 CHOPS 3D MAR UPON ARRIVAL IP. ADCON REMAINS

3/3o (2) CMD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN USMC/ARVN FORCES ON COOPERATION/COORDINATION BASIS.

B. COMM-ELECT.

(1) DIV O P02000.2E

(2) GUARD RADIO NETS ON ORDER

(A) REGT CMD	(P) 3322	M-74
	(S) 5189	M-129
(B) REGT TAC NR 1	(P) 33.25	M-507
	(P) 37.1	M-434 (EFF 31 DEC 66)
	(S) 36.55	M-807
(C) REGT TACP	(P) 42.35	M-537)

(3) COMM SECURITY

(A) NUMERICAL CODE KAC-QT 30 (EFF ED)

(B) AUTHENTICATION KAC-QT 30 (EFF ED)

(C) BREVITY CODE KAC-131 (EFF ED)

C. COMMAND POSTS.

(1) HQ, 3 MAR YD 364546

(2) 3D BN 3D MAR XD 973573

(3) 2D BN 3D MAR YD 364546

(4) CA LU FORT (STBD INDIA) YD 005461

(5) ROCK PILE (STBD RELAY) XD 979559

D. COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) ACTIVATE REGT TAC SECONDARY (M-307) UPON ARRIVAL IP.

(2) TWO WEEKS SUPPLY OF BA 336. FOR CHARGED BB-451. RESUPPLY FROM THIS HQS.

(3) BE PREPARED TO ERECT RC-292.

(4) BE PREPARED TO AUTHENTICATE

(5) 3D MAR CA LU LN TM CALL SIGN STARBOARD INDIA ON REGT TAC NET.

(6) US ADVISOR/D-5 CALL SIGN GRANDBANK 3, FREQ 40.3.

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(5) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY (REIN) WITH ARTY BTRY NORTH OF CAM LO.

B. THIRD MARINES

(1) ON 30 DEC 1966 MOVE ONE COMPANY (REIN) BY FOOT MARCH/MOTOR MARCH AND/OR HELO-LIFT VIA RTE NINE FROM THON SON LAM TO CA LU.

(2) ESTABLISH A COMPANY PATROL BASE IN CA LU AND CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLS UP TO 3000 METERS FROM BASE.

(3) ON 31 DEC 1966 MOVE ONE COMPANY BY FOOT MARCH FROM CAMP CARROLL TO D-5 BASE. ESTABLISH A COMPANY PATROL BASE AND CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLS IN CUA VALLEY IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF FORCES.

C. 3D BN FOURTH MARINES

(1) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION

(2) EFF 30 DEC 1966 MOVE G/2/3 FROM CAM LO TO CAMP CARROLL CHOP TO THIRD MARINES ON DEPARTURE CAM LO.

D. TWELFTH MARINES

(1) ARTY SUPPORT AS REQUIRED

E. THIRD ENGINEER BN

(1) PROVIDE PIONEER EFFORT TO OPEN RTE NINE FROM THON SON LAM TO CA LU IN CONJUNCTION WITH MOVE OF (REIN) COMPANY OF THIRD MARINES.

(2) PROVIDE OTHER ENGR SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.

F. NINTH MT BN

(1) PROVIDE MOTOR TRANSPORT AS REQUIRED

G. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) DIRLAUTH ALCON

(2) OVERLAY PASEP

4. LOGISTICS AND ADMINISTRATION: NO CHANGE

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

A. COMMUNICATIONS: NO CHANGE

B. COMMAND: REPORT CPS WHEN ESTABLISHED

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 TO THIRD MARDIV (FWD) (COLLECTIVE)
 INFO CG THIRD MARDIV
 MAG 16 (FWD)
 2D REGT 1ST ARVN DIVISION
 SENIOR ADVISOR, QUANG TRI PROVINCE

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FRAG ORDER 13-66

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 230341Z DEC 66

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES: SEE CURRENT INTSUMS

B. FRIENDLY FORCES

(1) FIRST ARVN DIVISION CONDUCTS REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND TRANSFERS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CERTAIN AREAS AND OUTPOSTS TO USMC FORCES.

(2) QUANG TRI PROVINCE PROVIDES ONE RF COMPANY FOR CA LU OUTPOST AND ONE RF COMPANY FOR CUA OP.

(3) MAG 16 PROVIDES HELO SUPPORT AS REQUIRED

(4) ELEVENTH ENGINEERS FMF OPENS ROUTE NINE TO CLASS 20 TRAFFIC FROM THON SON LAM TO CA LU.

2. MISSION: NO CHANGE EXCEPT ADD THE FOLLOWING: OCCUPY PATROL BASES AT CA LU AND CUA VALLEY. CONDUCT EXTENSIVE COMBAT AND RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS TO DENY THE ENEMY ACCESS TO OR THROUGH THOSE AREA.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

(1) ON OR ABOUT 30 DEC 1966 MOVE ONE COMPANY (REIN) BY FOOT MARCH/MOTOR MARCH AND/OR HELI-LIFT FROM THON SON LAM TO CA LU OVER RTE NINE.

(2) OPEN FIRE NONE TO WHEELED VEHICLE BY PIONEER EFFORT IN CONJUNCTION WITH COMPANY MOVE.

(3) ESTABLISH COMPANY PATROL BASE AT CA LU AND CONDUCT EXTENSIVE COMBAT PATROLS IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF FORCES UP TO 3000 METERS FROM THIS BASE.

(4) ON OR ABOUT 31 DEC 1966 MOVE ONE COMPANY BY FOOT AND MOTOR MARCH D-5 CUA BASE. ESTABLISH COMPANY PATROL BASE AND CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROLS IN CUA VALLEY IN CONJUNCTION WITH RF FORCES.