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Regimental Landing Team-26
9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, FMF
FPO, San Francisco 96602

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2. Downgrade at 3 year intervals; declassified after 12 years.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Designation

Battalical Landing Team 1/3

Commander

LtCol P. A. WICKWIRE

Subordinate Units

H&S Company

Company A

Company B

Company C

Company D

Capt J. H. MACK

Capt P. N. HENDRIX (1 Apr - 6 May 67) Capt C. G. JORDAN

(7 May - 13 May 67)

Capt J. C. SHIRLEY

Capt G. F. RECZEK

Capt E. P. ALDOUS Jr.

(Attached Units)

Det HqCo, 9thMAB (Radio Hollay)

Det 15th Med Bn

Det Postal Section Hq Bn 3dMarDiv

Det Photo Section Hq Bn 3dMarDiv

Det Disbursing Soction Hq Bn 3dMarDiv

Det Hq Bn RLT-26 (Radio Relay)

Btry A (Rein), 1stBn, 12thMar

107mm MtrBtry, 2dBn, 12thMnr

1stPlt (Rein), CoB 1stAmTracBn

1stPlt (Rein), CoA 3dATBn

3dPlt (Rein), CoC 3dTankBn

2dPlt (Rein), CoA 3dEngrBn

Cpl J. N. MAGGI

Lt D. M. MC GINN

Sgt W. A. LEDFORD

Cpl G. F. ORSZAG

Capt C. B. YELLIG

Cpl K. K. FROST

Capt D. J. HARRINGTON

Capt A. M. PATTERSON

1stLt D. J. BROWN

2dIt W. M. HAYES

2dLt L. D. DOBBIN

2dLt F. G. WENTWORTH





1stFlt, Coll 3dReconBn

1st Clearing Plt (Rein), CoB 3dMedBn

Det 3dServEn (Provided by FLC)

2dPlt (Rein), CoB 3dSPBn

1stPlt (Rein), CoB 3dMTBn

2dLt R. H. FREEMAN

Lt R. G. SCHEIBE, USN

Lt F. J. HAUCH

2dLt K. A. WYMER

2dLt D. M. BYSTEDT

2. Location

a. 1-4 Apr 1967 - Camp Schwab, Okinawa

b. 5-19 Apr 1967 - Aflost with CTG 79.4

c. 20-23 Apr 1967 - SLF Camp, Subic Bay Philippines

d. 24-27 Apr 1967 - Afloct with CTG 79.4

e. 28 Apr - 12 May 1967 - Operation Beaver Cage, RVN

. 13 May 1967 - Afloat with CTG 79.4

3. Staff Officers

Executive Officer

S-1

S-2

S**-**3

S-4

Moj B. D. THORNBURY

2dLt E. W. STERLING

CWO P. B. MURPHY

Maj R. C. OSSENFORT

Capt C. G. JORDAN (1 Apr - 6 May 67) Capt P. N. HENDRIX (7 - 13 May 67)

Other

None

90

4. Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		USN	
Officers	Enlisted	<u>Officers</u>	<u>En</u>
60	1660	8	





PART II

Narrative Summary

During this reporting period Battalion Landing Team 1/3 conducted Special Operations in the Republic of Vietnem and training therefore.

The first part of the reporting period was spent training for Spec Ops. A LEX was held on Okinawa with conditions and circumstances approximating those of RVN as closely as possible. The LEX was aborted one day early because of inclement weather; and advanced party to the SLF Camp at NB Subic Bay was detached, and the BLT backloaded, and set sail on board the ships of TG 76.4.

During the next 10 days the BLT conducted training at sea. The BLT, except those units embarked on LPH-3, USS Okinawa and AKA 104, USS Seminole, received three days of upkeep at Kau Chung, Taiwan.

Then orders were received, the advance party was withdrawn from MB Subic and TG 79.4 sailed for the territorial waters off RVM. Two days later new orders were received, and the BLT sailed for and off loaded at the SLF Comp MB Subic. After three days training at Subic Bay, new orders were again received and the BLT returned to the territorial waters off RVM.

On 28 April 1967 the BIT commonced Operation Beaver Cage. The first four days were in support of Operation Union. "D" Company operated on the beach in the vicinity of BT 305361 while "A", "B", and "C" Companies and the BIT command element operated inland, approximately 27 miles SSE of Da Nang AB. During this time only light enemy contact was made, however the BIT suffered heat casualties and more than 100 personnel were medevaced during this period.

After four days the BIM shifted 5 miles north and set up Headquarters in vicinity of BT 128388, at Landing Zone Cardinal. Companies were assigned individual TAOR's and enemy contact began to increase in size and frequency.

On 2 May, both "A" and "C" Companies made contact with enemy units of platoon size, or greater.

On 4 May "D" Company, while consisting a valley East of Hill 65, BT 094392 encountered intensive enemy resistance and had elements pinned down. Air and artillery support were called, and "C" Company was moved to Hill 65 to be in a position to support. Air and artillery continued into the night and "D" Company elements in contact with the enemy withdraw to Hill 65 under cover of darkness.

On 5 May "B", "C", and "D" Companies conducted extensive search and destroy operations in the valley, coordinates BT 0904 west, to BT 2041. That evening lecal Viet Cong attacked ELT supporting elements in the process of extracting from Landing Zone Cardinal came under enemy morter and small arms fire. H&S Company and W/2/12 personnel in the zone reacted and supporting arms assistance was requested. Two hundred men and 3000 pounds of emmunition were evacuated in one and one half hours of gathering darkness under con-





stant enemy fire without any friendly casualties. Enemy casualties were 10 VC KIA confirmed and 20 VC KIA probable.

The command elements with "A" Company in reserve moved to Que Son, and "B", "C", and "D" Companies commanded to sweep the valley west of Hill 65 in the vicinity of BT 060390. As the Companies swept up the valley to the West, enemy mortar attacks became frequent and small arms resistance was encountered. After four days the companies reached the upper end of the valley and turned and began to sweep back down the valley to the East.

On 10 May "B" and "Q" Companies, leading the sweep in the vicinity of BT 030390, met intense small arms was stance. Both companies were unable to either advance or break contact. Supporting arms were called in, but were hampered by the closeness of contact. Additional help was requested and "C" Company, 1st Dattalian, 5th Marines moved down the southern ridgeline and into the valley at DT 046384 to cut off enemy units moving either into or out off the battle area. "D" Company split its personnel, sending two plateons to "B" Company and one plateon to "C" Company. Forty personnel of Sparrow Hawk Plateon were inserted, however the plateon met such resistance on landing that further use of belicopters in the area became impractical. Supporting arms continued to strike at enemy contact whenever possible. By evening the backbone of the enemy attack had been broken, contact had lessened and resupply and medevac helicopters were able to reach the friendly units. May 10th, the most active day of Operation Beaver Cage had cost BLT 1/3 22 KIA and 88 WIA, and the enemy 181 KIA (confirmed), 136 KIA (probable), and 66 VC prisoners and detainees.

During the next two days "B", "C" and "D" Companies continued speeping the valley to the west. On 12 May they arrived at helicopter Landing Zone Quail in the vicinity of BT 060395 which had been secured by elements of 3d Battalion, 5th Marines. On this day all elements of BLT 1/3 were extracted from this zone or from Landing Zone Magpie at Oue Son, to the ships of TG 76.4. After 15 days, Operation Beaver Cage was completed.



PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1. Sequence of Events:
- 3 April BLT 1/3 boarded the ships of TG 76.4
- Rohearsal for Landing Exercise conducted aboard ships
 - 6 April BLT 1/3 commenced a Landing Exercise in the vicinity of Kin Village, Okinava
 - 7 April BrigGon METZGER visited BLT 1/3. Lending Exercise completed. BLT 1/3 backlended on board the ships of TG 76.4
 - 17 April BLT 1/3 arrived in the territorial waters of the Republic of Vietnam
 - 19 April BLT 1/3 left the territorial waters of the Republic of Vietnam for NB Subic Bay
 - 20 April BLT 1/3 off loaded at the SLF Camp, NB Subic Bay
 - 23 April BLT 1/3 beckloaded on board the ships of TG 75.4
 - 25 April BLT 1/3 arrived in the territorial waters off the Republic of Vietnam and prepared for forthcoming Amphibious Operations
 - 28 April Operation Desirer Cage commenced in support of Operation Union at 0700 (200) the landing of "C" Company at BT 186294, followed by "A" Company at BT 196265 by helicopter. "D" Company, with Commenced tanks and onto's commenced amphibious landing at BT 305361 by LVT at 0800. A/1/12 landed at Hill 29 while W/2/12 and the BLT Command Group landed at BT 186294. Search and destroy operations were conducted in each company's TACR with light resistance encountered. No friendly casualties were sustained while 5 VCS were captured.
 - 29 April Special Medistroy of regions were conducted throughout the day while """ and "C" Companies proceeded to BT 165277 to establish a new C.P.

 "A" Company was helitified to BT 149234. Lending Zones in the new TACR were secured and W/2/12 and the BLT Command Group were helolifted to the new C.P. Light resistence in the form of sniper fire was encountered with 2 VC KIA, 2 VC WIA and 9 VCS captured. No friendly casualties were sustained.
 - Josel search and destroy operations were conducted with light resistance oncountered. Mortars were used against various targets with unknown results. Tanks and Onto's were backloaded aboard ship by LVT while "B" Company helolifted to BT 128388 and "D" Company helolifted to 132399. One VC was bunded and captured, one killed, five probable VC KIA and one U. S. VIA sussessment.



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Local conrel and destroy operations conducted by all companies. "A" Company another 75 - 100 VC noor DT 169240. An artillory mission on of the state of excellent target coverage but when results. Groups of 10 - 10 VO wore engaged by "D" and "D" Companies in fire fights and mounter attacks with unknown results. In late afternoon "A" Company, W/2/12 and the BIM Command Group were helolifted to BT 128338 Wile MC Company was belolifted to BT 132399. One VCS was captured, one William and one wounded.

2 May

Entendive despots and destroy operations conducted by all companies with light contact with small groups of VC throughout day. At 1930 "C" Company, digging in at BT 098385, come under heavy 82mm mortar, 77mm recoilescrifle, automatic weapons and small arms fire. 105mm and 107mm artillery fire was called in on targets at BT 166384 and BT 110374. Ancestor Flareship, Spooky Gunship, Huey Gunships and fixed wing airatribos called in on the same targets. The heavy fire and the advance were sustained during the battle while 2 VC KIA were confirmed. A the eres was not conducted due to operational dormitments assigned by higher headquarters.

3 May

Med-cyte and energency resupply of "C" Company conducted at first light. Spermon Howk force inserted at DT 120384 to extract Recommissance element and attack area of pessible VC mortars. Seauch and destroy operations were embined in all companies with little contact. At 1030 an "A" Company water patrol ando centeet at DT 094356 and recaived horvy automatic weapons and small cams fire. Artillery sad FUTE Gunships were utilized to suppress the fire and four a rade were sent to assist the water patrol. This action leaded into the lete evening hours with the situation remaining unclear until the following day.

4 May

Search and destroy mission of TACE scatinued by all comparies. "A" Company's cosmulties from the previous night were med-evaced. The final count should 14 KIA, 8 WMA and 1 WIAME. Enemy casualties were 6 KIA confirmed and 6 KIA probable. "A" Company called in an artillary mission on 60 to 70 VC at DE 085360, with unknown results. DE CP was visited by Driggen LAFUE. "D" Company spotted and engaged groups of approxinately 20 VC at BT 096404 and BT 095405. Mortar and small arms fire wer received during senttored fire fights. "D" Company reported entensive tunnel complemes throughout their operating ores. Total consulties for the day included 11 U.S. KIA, 20 VIA, 6 WIAHE. Enemy cosualties were unlenown.

5 May

"B" Company belolifted to DT 094392 to link up with "C" and "D" Companies to conduct a secreb and destroy sweep of the area. Helolift of A/1/12, W/2/12 and Eravo Command Group to BT 031341 began at 1500. At 1615 the LZ at BT 128308 came under heavy attack by 82mm mortars, automatic and small arms fire. Klondiko Gunships directed airstrikes by F-9's and a Spooly Gunship to suppress the fire and used it's realests and machine



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gund to destroy the mortar. Results were 19 VC KIL confirmed, 20 VC KIA probable with no U.S. casualties.

- Search and destroy operations encountered light resistance in the form of apparatic ships fire throughout the day. The positions of the companies at the end of the day were "B" Company DT 072395; "C" Company DT 062397; "B" Company DT 057395. 4 U. S. WIA were sustained further the priod with 3 probable VC KIA.
- Search and destroy operations continued with light resistance. The companies set up right defensive positions as follows: "D" Company DT 021383; "C" Company BT 023399; "D" Company BE 030385. After setting in for the night "C" and "D" Companies reserved approximately 12 rounds of 82mm morter fire. Only. S. KIA, six U. S. WIA sustained in the attack. An artillery mission was fired on a reported VC Dettalion at Transfer of 55371 which resulted in a secondary explosion.
- Search and destroy sweep by "D", "C" and "D" Companies continued with moderate resistance from small arms and sporadic mortar attacks. 5 VCS were captured and 5 VC KIA confirmed were counted. U.S. casualties were 3 KIA and 10 VIA. Airstrikes by Klandike and fixed with nimeraft dastroyed one mortar.
- 9 May Sourch and destroy sweep continued to the west. Companies a countered spondic small sums and mortal fire. Kloudike Curclips, fixed wing air strikes and small arms fire were used to controlize unery fire. 7 VOS were captured and 1 VO KIA confirmed.
- The direction of the search and destroy successed and proceeded to the east from a north-south hims through ET 0.41. "By, "C", and "D" Companies are under intensive attack by morters, automatic and small area fire from hill 110 to the south, from the slopes to the north and trenchlines to the east. Four airstrikes by fixed wing aircraft and five by Klondike Gunships against various VC emplacements, along with coordinated attacks by the Companies effectively silenced enemy opposition. LyU. S. essuelties were 22 KIA and 80 MIA. Honey essuelties were 181 (KIA confirmed), 136 KIA (probable), and 66 VC prisoners and detaileds.
- 11 May Movement of "D", "C", and "D" Companies to LZ Tunil at E 060377 for back-loading to chips of ARG 76.4 continued the outsite the day with so energy contact.
- 12 Hey Backload of all BLT waits completed by 1900, and Operatio Heav r Care ended.
- 13 May Proposition of personnel and equipment for future operations communeed.
- 2. Personnel

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- a. Replacements: no suplacements were received
- b. Casualties: 55 MIA, 151 WIAE, 50 WIANE, 5 deaths due to loss of helicopter in transferring personnel between ships.
 - c. Awards: 8 Purple Hearts
 - d. Postel, promotions and personnel accounting remain satisfactory.
- 3. Administration. Company administration is functioning smoothly under the supervision of Company Company First Sergeants.
- 4. Command Relations. Battalion Landing Team 1/3 is OPCON to CTG 79.4 and ADCON to CG, 9thMAB.

5. Intelligence

Initial enemy contact on Operation Beaver Cage consisted of herrossing/sniper Circ with two morter attacks. Search and Destroy operations uncovered numerous caches of rice and extensive tunnel complemes.

Intelligence we parks reversed the possible reverset of an unidertified bettalion into the vicinity of 16 055370 on 7 May; three artillary missions were fired resulting in two secondary emplosions. Significant energy centect for the period was made with major elements of the 105th MF Batt Mark in the vicinity of BT 033385. Enony losses for this engagement were sizable; 40 VC/NVA KIA confirmed and 70 KIA probable. Major items of captured equipment were 2 - 60mm mortar sights, one 7.62 heavy machine gum, 2 SKS semicutematic rifles and one 7.62 AK-47 assault rifle. Of this gear, one mortar sight and the heavy machine gum were destroyed. Captured material consisted of 2 MVA disries, 3 wallets containing NVA pictures and anti-American literature, 1 VC/NVA medical bag. Numerous small arms ammunition, mortars and grenades were destroyed.

6. Close Air Support

During the period at sea only minimal air support was needed, and air operations were limited to belicopter sorties of an administrative and logistical nature.

The tactical nature of both operations dictated extensive use of air support.

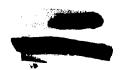
During operation Beaver Cage (28 April - 12 May) belicanter support was provided by our brother unit in the S.L.F., May-263, which files 4420 MW-34 sorties and 389 UM-1E Gunship and TACA sorties; and 1stMAW belicanter squadrens which flew occasional medevace. Fixed wing support was provided by elements of the 1stMAW and 7th Air Force who flew 21 O1E observation, spotting, and TACA sorties; 30 fixed wing strike sorties; 4 C-47 gunship sorties; and 1 C-130 flareship sortic in support.





7. Logisties

- a. <u>Supply</u>. During this period, approximately 101 requisitions were placed through FSR with only 3% completed. For Operation Beaver Cage amondable supplies were furnished from ISA Tam Ky, RVH.
- b. <u>Maintenance</u>. During this period limited 3rd echelon maintenance was provided for engineer and communications equipment by an attached LSU detachment from 3d Service Battalian under shipboard and combat conditions.
- c. <u>Transportation</u>. On 3 April transportation to assigned shipping was provided at Carp Schwab, Okinawa by RLT-26. From 20 to 23 April at SLF Camp Subic Bay, transportation was provided by U. S. Haval Station, Subic Bay.
 - d. Fiscal. Project 24 funds expended during this period amounted to \$20,162.00.
- e. Emberkation. BLT 1/3 emberked from Okinawa aboard UNS Okinawa LFH-3, USS Bayfield APA-33, USS Point Defiance LED-31 and USS Seminole AKA-104. On 20 April personnel from assigned shipping were debarked to SLF Calabi State Bey and on 23 April were reemberked aboard assigned shipping. On 28 April personnel and equipment of BLT 1/3 were disemberked RVM to perticipate in Operation Desver Cage and reemberked on 12 May.





PART IV

Supporting Documents

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 αF^{-2} . BLT 1/3 Administrative Plan 5-67

3. - BLE 1/3 Frog Order No 1 to OpOrder 5-67[Added]

V4. BLT 1/3 After Action Report Operation Beaver Cage





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FRAG ORDER TUMBER 1 NO OPERATION ORDER 5-67

Ref:

(a) CTG 19.4 Op Plan 120A-67.

(b) CTG 79.4 Frag Order Number 1 to Op Plan 120A-67

(c) BLT 1/3 Op Order 5-67.

(d) Operations Overlay ALFA (Enclosure (1) to BIT 1/3 Frag Order Num 1 to Operation Order 5-67).

(e) Operations Overlay BRAVO (Enclosure (2) to BIT 1/3 Frag Order Nu 1 to Operation Order 5-67).

(f) Intelligence Estimate for Operation Beaver Cage (Enclosure (3) t BIT 1/3 Frag Order Number 1 to Operation Order 5-67).

(g) Maps: Viet Nam AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6640I, II, III and IV.

Time Zones H

TASK ORGANIZATION

BIT 1/3

H&SCo(-)(Rein)

Det. (-) HqBn 3rdMarDiv

Det. Disbursing Section

Det. Postal Section

Det. 9thMAB (Radio Relay)

Det. HqCe 26thMar (Radio Relay)

Det. Btry A 1stBn 12thMar (InTm)

Det. HqBtry 1stBn 12thMar (NGF InTm)

1st Clearing Flat(Rein) Co B 3dMedBn

Logistical Support Unit

Det. 3rd ServBn

Sqd. 2ndPlat(Rein) Co A 3rd EngrBn

Sec. AirDelPlat H&SCo ProvServBn 9thMAB

1stPlat Co B 3rdReconBn

Det. 15th Dental Co

Beach Jumper Unit # 1

Co A (Rein)

Co A

Det. HqBtry 1stBn 12thMar (NGF SpetTm)

FO TM Btry A 1stBn 12thMar

Det. 2ndPlat(Rein) Co A 3rd EngrBn

Det. 2ndPlat(Rein) Co B 3rdSPBn (HST)

Det. H&SCc

1stSec 81mm Mort Plat

Det. Intel Sec

Det. Comm

Det. TACP

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LtCol WICKWIRE Lt MACK

Capt YELLIG

Lt PHILLIPS

Ens MCCORMICK (USN)

Lt SCHEIBE (USI)

Lt HAUCH

Lt FREEMAN

Lt MCGINN (USN)

Ltig CAMPBELL (USN)

Capt HENDRIX

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ENCLOSURE (3)



Co C FO TM Btry A 1stBn 12thMar

Det. 2ndPlat(Rein) Co A 3rd EngrBa Det. 2ndPlat(Rein) Co B 3rd SPBm (HST)

Det. H&SCe

3rd Sec 81mm Mort Plat

Det. Intel Sec.

Det. Med Plat

Det. Comm Plat

Det. TACP (FACTm)

Det. HqBn 3rdMarDiv (Photo Sec)

Co D (Rein)

FO TM Btry A 1stBn 12thMar

Det. 2ndPlat(Rein) Co B 3rdEngrBm Det. 2ndPlat(Rein) Co A 3rdSPBn (HST)

Det. HqBtry istBm 12thMar (NGF SpotTm)

Det. H&SCo

4th Sec 81mm Mort Plat

Det. Intel Sec

Det. Med Plat

Det. Comm Plat

Det. TACP

Sqd. MP Plat MPCo HqCo 9thMAB

4th Plat(Rein) Co A 5thAmTracBn

1st Plat(Rein) Co A 3rdATBn

3rd Plat(Rein) Co C 3rdTkBn

Btry A (-)(Rein) 1stBn 12th Marines

Btry A

Det. HqBtry 1stBn 12thMar

107mm Mertar Btry 2ndBn 12th Marines

2nd Plat (-)(Rein) Co A 3rd EngrBn

2ndPlat Co A 3rd EngrBn

Det. H&SCo 3rd EngrBa

Det. Engr SuptCo 3rdEngrBn

1stPlat (Rein) Co B 3rdMTBn

1stPlat Co B 3rdMTBn

Det. H&SCo 3rdMTBm

2mdPlat (-)(Rein) Co B 3rdSPBn

2dPlat Co B 3rdSPBm

-Det. H&SCo 3raSPBn

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Capt RE

L. ALDOUS

Lt BROWN

Lt HAYES

Lt DOBBINS

Capt HARRINGTON

Capt PATTERSON

Lt WENTWORTH

Lt BYSTEDT

Lt WYMER





Capt SHIRLEY

Co B

FO TM Btry A 1stBn 12thMar Det. 2ndPlat(Rein) Co A 3rdEngrBn

Det. 2ndPlat(Rein) Co B 3rdSPBa (HST)

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Det. H&SCo

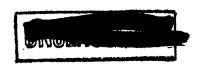
2nd Sec 81mm Mort Plat

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Det. Comm Plat

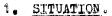
Det. TACP

Provided from Navy sources. Becomes a part of the Task Organization when the Shore Party Team is activated.









- a. Enemy Forces.
 - (1) Current Intsums.
 - (2) Reference (f).
- b. Friendly Forces.

See reference (f).

c. Attachments and Detachments.

Task Organization.

- 2. MISSION. BLT 1/3 conducts an amphibious assault commonding which a Lambour, D-Day in Thang Binh and Tam Ky Districts, Quang Tin Frontisco, but destroy enemy forces by:
 - Ph is Selving a designated beach area and approaches the strong designated helicopter landing zones and surrounding beautice.
 - Ph 2: Coordinating search and destroy operations simultaneously within the designated TAOR (and the additional ZOA election the AOA).
 - Ph 38 Conducting an amphibious withdrawal on order.

3. EXECUTION.

- company will land over Red Beach, seizing and securing teach approaches thereto and conducting search and destroy openations in designated TAOR. At L-Hour on D-Day, two observations will conduct helicopterborns assaults into LZ Thrush and Oriols, satisfactions in assigned ZOA. One rifle company will be established as SLF Reserve aboard LPH to include Sparrow Hawk Forces action in control of BLT 1/3. On order the BLT will conduct applicate withdrawal.
- b. Company "C" (Rein)

t to seize Landing Zone Oricle.

(2) On order conduct search and destroy operations in designated ZOA. Seize BLT Objectives 2,62,4,6,8, and 10. DECLASSIFIED



(3) Be prepared to conduct amphibious withdrawal on order.

c. Company "A" (Rein) be "A", 3d (Rein) (-) (dein) (-)

- (1) Commencing on order on D-Day, conduct a helicopterborne assault to seize Landing Zone Thrush.
- (2) On order conduct search and destroy operations in designated ZOA. Seize BLT Objectives 1,3,61,5,7, and 9.

111 Constant Support.

(3) Be prepared to conduct amphibious withdrawal on order.

d. Company "D" (Rein)

- (1) Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day conduct a waterborne assault by LVT's over Red Beach. This over Red Beach.
- (2) Seize BLT Objective 11.
- (3) On order commence search and destroy operations in North one-half of designated TAOR. Seize BLT Objective 12.
- (4) On order continue search and destroy operations in South one-half of designated TAOR, Seize BLT Objective 13.
- (5) Be prepared to execute helicopterborne linkup with BLT on order, mortuper shall a camelon to

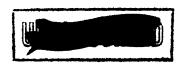
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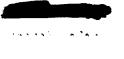
- (1) On order commence helicopterborne movement to vicinity 5th Marines Command Post. (Hill 35) evidous do
- (2) Establish position and provide direct support fires in support of assault elements of BLT 1/2 form.
- (3) Priority of fires to heliconterborne assault forces.
- (4) Be prepared to displace and/or conduct amphibious withdrawal on order.

f. 107mm Morter Bettery. 2nd Bn. 12th Merines.

- (1) On order conduct helicopterborne movement to designated landing zone. Provide direct support fires in support of sessult elements of BLT 1/3 or MVE
- (2) Priority of fires to helicopterborne COLASSIPED

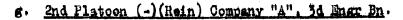












- (1) General Support.
- (2) On order land over Blue Beach, provide engineer support for Company "D".

h. 106mm Recoilless Rifle Platoon.

- (1) General Support.
- (2) On order land in designated landing some/objective area.
- (3) Be prepared to provide anti-personnel support fires in designated 20A.

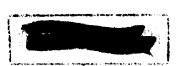
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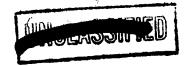
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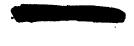
- (1) Provide one plateon (Rein) for Sparrow Hawk Reaction force while aboard LPH, in accordance with Annex N of reference (c).
- (2) Upon release of Sparrow Hawk requirements by SLF Commander, be prepared to be helilifted ashore to function under direct control of BLT 1/3 Commander.
- (3) On order land by helicopterborne means in designated landing zone/objective.
- (4) Be prepared to assume the mission of assault companies in assigned TAOR's.
- (5) Be prepared to conduct search and destroy operations as directed.

j. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Notify CLF of BLT Reaction Force location and readiness posture on continuing basis.
- (2) Establish and maintain liaison with 2nd ARVN Div and 6th Regiment, 2nd ARVN Div as of 1600, D-1.
- (3) Operations Overlay (issued separately).











- (4) RCA authorized for tactical operations within AOA. Down-wind hazard to friendly troops and non-combatants outside the target areas will be minimized consistent with tactical requirements.
- (5) D-Day 28 April 1967 (to be announced).
- (6) L-Hour 0700, H-Hour 0800.
- (7) AOA for operation is the land area contained within a ten nautical mile are centered on Grid Coordinates 299379, AMS Series L7074, Sheet 6640I. The seaward extension of the AOA is contained in a 25 nautical mile are drawn from the same coordinate. Both arcs are terminated and joined by the shoreline. Air space above the land and sea AOA from 25,000 feet mean sea level and tunnels for the passage of civil air traffic will be promulgated by NOTAM as directed by COMUSMACV.
- (8) Fire support coordination IAW reference (c) and as modified below:

- (9) Code name of Operation is "BEAVER CAGE",
- (10) Landing Plan IAW Annex F of reference (c).
- (11) Centered Red Beach Coordinates 299379.
- (12) Centered LZ Coordinates are:

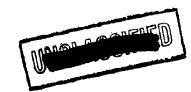
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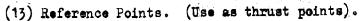
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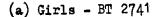
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- (b) Ships BT 2028
- (c) Cigarettes BT 2938
- (d) Months BT 1926
- (e) Boys BT 1727
- (14) Helo Landing Diagram to be issued by SLF ALPHA.
- (15) Amphibious withdrawal code name "Water Lily".
- (16) Each Company be prepared to provide one reinforce platoon as Sparrow Hawk Force on order.
- (17) Marines with Vietnamese language ability will be used appropriately.
- (18) Heliborne assault companies should be prepared to astack or defend to the NE if required.
- (19) Company "B" and "W" Battery should be prepared for a Helilift into any primary or alternate LZ available.
- (20) Company "D" will notify the BLT Commander prior to landing of all desired on-call waves.
- (21) All assault companies will be completely familiar with all primary and alternate LZ's.
- (22) Any H&I fires within 500 meters of battalion boundries must be cleared by the 5th Marine Regiment.
- (23) NGF will be in direct support of Company "D".
- (24) This order is effective for planning upon reciept and for execution upon order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Supply.

) General - - - Redesignate Administration Plan 5-67 as as Administrative Order 5-67.

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- (2) Supply sources - All classes of supplies ashore will be drawn from LSA.
- (3) Distribution - Distribution of supplies will be direct from LSA to using unit.
- (4) Resupply
 - (a) Shore Party will furnish a liaison team of at least 10 men to LSA at Tam Ky. Guard TacLog Net.
 - (b) Resupply of all classes will be requested through BLT S-4 and relayed to LSA.

t. Service.

(1) Maintenance and legistic support will be provided by LSA ashore.

c. Miscellaneous.

- (1) Uniform and Equipment.
 - (a) Field jackets will not be carried ashore.
 - (b) Light Marching Pack w/E-tool vice Marching Pack.

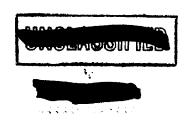
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. Communications Electronics.
 - (1) Annex I to reference (c).
 - (2) Current COI.
 - (3) Visual Communications Plan (issued separately)

b. Command Posts.

(1) The SLF Command Post will be located aboard the USS Okinawa (LPH-3).







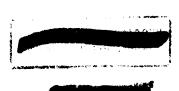


- (2) BLT CP will be located vicinity Hill 29 (coordinates 226322).
- (3) Company and Battery commanders report CP locations ashore when established.

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Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Marine Corps

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- Inclusive Dates and Location of Operation. 28 Apr 12 May 1967. Que Son and Quan Thang Bin Provinces RVN.
- Command Headquarters. CTG 79.4
- Task Organization

BLT 1/3 (H&SCo (-)(ReinF) Det. (-) HqBn 3rdMarDiv Det. Disbursing Section Det. Postal Section Det. 9th MAB (Radio Relay) Det. HqCo 26thMar (Radio Relay) Det. Btry A 1stBn 12thMar (InTm) Det. HqBtry lstBn 12thMar (NGF LnTm) lst Clearing Plat(Reim) Co B 3dMedBn Logistical Support Unit Det. 3rd ServBn Sqd. 2ndPlat(Rein) Co A 3rd EngrBn lstPlat Co B 3rdReconBn Det. 1:5th Dental Co Beach Jumper Unit # 1

LtCol WICKWIRE Lt MACK

Capt YELLIG

Lt PHILLIPS

Ens MCCORMICK (USN)

Lt SCHEIBE (USN)

Lt HAUCH

Lt FREEMAN Lt MCGINN (USN) LtJg CAMPBELL (USN)









Co A (ReinF)

Det. HqBtry 1stBn 12thMar (NGF SpotTm)

FO TM Btry A 1stBn 12thMar

Det. 2ndPlat (Rein) Co A 3rd EngrBn

Det. 2ndPlat (Rein) Co B 3rdSPBn (HST)

Det. H&SCo

1stSec 81mm Mort Plat

Det. Intel Sec

Det. MedPlat

Det. CommPlat

Det. TACP

Co B (ReinF)

Co B

FO TM Btry A 1stBn 12thMar

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Det. 2ndPlat(Rein) Co B 3rdSPBn (HST)

Det. H&SCo

2nd Sec 81mm Mort Plat

Det. Intel Sec

Det. Med Plat

Det. Comm Plat

Det. TACP

Co C (ReinF)

Co C

FO TM Btry A 1stBn 12thMar

Det. 2ndPlat (Rein) Co A 3rd EngrBn Det. 2ndPlat (Rein) Co B 3rd SPBn (HST)

Det. H&SCo

3rd Sec 81mm Mort Plat

Det. Intel Sec.

Det. Comm Plat

Det. TACP (FACTm)

Det. HqBn 3rdMarDiv (Photo Sec)

CoD (ReinF)

Co D

FO TM Btry & 1stBn 12thMar

Det. 2ndFlat (Rein) Co A 3rdEngrBn Det. 2ndPlat (Rein) Co B 3rdSPBn (HST)

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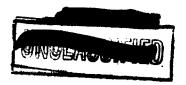
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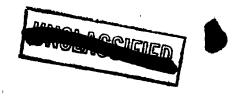
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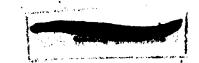
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3rd Plat(ReinF) Co C 3rdTkBn

Btry A (-) (ReinF) 1stBn 12th Marines

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107mm Mortar Btry 2ndBn 12th Marines

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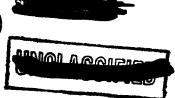
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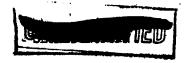
5. Intelligence

a. Information received from higher echelon concerning the enemy's strength. location, disposition, situation, tactics, capabilities and terrain prior to the operation was adequate, however, contact was not made with any unit reported in the area of operations. Significant contact was made with elements of the 105th MF Battalion reported by the Que Son district chief and confirmed by ITT personnel.

The first four days of the operation; the enemy contact consisted of sniper and harassing fire in the vicinity of Landing Zone Oriole and Thrush and objectives









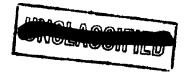


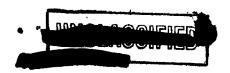
- 11, 12, and 13 on Red Beach. Numerous tunnels and spider traps were uncovered and destroyed in the vicinity of Red Beach (BT 3037). An estimated of rice was discovered in the vicinity of IZ Oriole and Thrush, rice was picked up and redistributed by Popular Forces.
- c. Search and Destroy operations in the vicinity of Landing Zone Cardinal were more active than those reported for Landing Zone Oriole and Thrush. An estimated VC/NVA company was observed in the vicinity of BT 1237 on 1 May. Interrogation of VCS revealed extensive tunnels complexes in the village of Phu Thai (BT 0940) many tunnels were uncovered in that vicinity. Estimated VC/NVA strength in the vicinity of Phu Thai was one company. Interrogation of VCS also revealed (not yet confirmed) that the village of Phu Thai was the location of a VC dispensary staffed by two VC/NVA corpsman and two female nurses, and a 1500 meter tunnel that runs from the center of the village to the mountains NW (approx coord BT 087414). Overall estimate of enemy strength in the vicinity of IZ Cardinal was reported to be two VC battalions observed by CAS and armed Huey aircraft the night of 5 May.
- d. The valley which runs east to west from a MSR (BT 0739 to 0139) contained the 105th VC/NVA MF Battalion. Initial contact consisted of harassing and sniper fire with two mortar attacks. The Que Son district chief reported elements of the 105th MF Battalion were operating in the valley, (later confirmed by ITT personnel). District chief reported that a possible 300 man force was moving to the vicinity of Hill 123 (Br 055370) on 7 May, three artillery missions were fired with two secondary explosions observed, later reports from district chief was the distruction of two large ammunition caches and no further reports of the estimated battalion. Significant enemy contact was made with an reinforced MF VC company (possible two companies) in the vicinity of Hill 110 (BT 033385). Enemy losses for this engagement were sizable 40 VC/NCA KTA by body count and 70 KIA Probable. Major items of equipment captured were two 60mm mortar sights, two SKS Soviet 7.62mm Semiautomatic Carbines, one AK-47 7.62 Assault Rifle, one 7.62 Heavy Machine Gun SG 43 & S.GM and one wooden mock up rifle. Captured Material: 2 NVA diaries, 3 wallets containing pictures of NVA soldiers and anti American literature, 1 VC/NVA medical bag, 1 medical handbook; Equipment Destroyed: 25 rounds of 60mm mortar, 25 CHICOM Gernades, 500 rounds of small arms ammunition, punji traps and sticks and an assortment of VC/NVA 782 Equipment.
- e. The temperature during the operation was hot and humid with temperatures well over 100 degrees during the day and approximately 75 degrees at night with only one day of rain. Psy War leaflets were dropped in the operational area without much success due to rapid movement.

6. Mission

a. <u>Phase I.</u> Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day, land by waterborne assault over Red Beach, and seize and secure the beach and approaches thereto. Commencing at L-Hour on D-Day, land by helicopterborne assault into LZ's Oriole and Thrush,









and seize the IZ's and surrounding terrain.

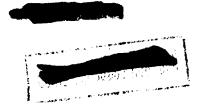
- b. <u>Phase II.</u> On order conduct search and destroy operations within the designated TACR and the additional zone of action within the ACA. Establish reserve rifle company aboard the IPH prepared to land by helicopter to be committed only with the permission of CLF. Within the reserve establish a platoon size Sparrow Hawk Force. If the reserve is committed, constitute and maintain a Sparrow Hawk Force as required by the tactical situation ashore. Establish and maintain liaison with adjacent and supporting units as required.
 - c. Phase III. On order, conduct an amphibious withdrawal.

7. Execution

a. L-Hour was designated as 280700 April 1967, with one company landing in IZ Oriole, Upon completion of this landing, one company landed in IZ Thrush. H-Hour was designated as 280800 April 1967 with one company reinforced by tanks and ontos landing in LVT's over Red Beach. Search and destroy operations were then conducted from both IZ's and Red Beach, on order.

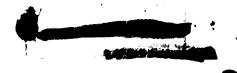
b. Chronological sequence of events from 271620 April 1967 through 121900 May 1967:

271620	CTG 79.4 received Initiating Directive for Operation Beaver
271800	Cage. CTG 79.4 issued Frag Order # 1 to BLT 1/3
271900	BIT 1/3 issued Frag Order # 1 to Operation Order 5-67 to all BIT Units.
280545	Land the Landing Force received from CATF. L-Hour confirmed as 0700, H-Hour confirmed as 0800.
28071 1	First two waves into IZ Oriole at coord 186294. No opposition. Co C securing IZ.
280801	First wave of LVT's touched down on Red Beach carrying assault waves of Co D.
280813	Second wave of LVT's landed on Red Beach with remainder of Co D aboard. 10-15 rounds sniper fire received from VIC.305361. Called for air strike which resulted in good target coverage but negative results.
280847	Co C secured objective # 2 at coord 187293 and established security.
280858	First two waves of Co A into LZ Thrush at Coord 198265. Light sniper fire received.
280900	Tank and Ontos serials requested ashore on Red Beach by Co D.
280900	Co D moving toward Objective 11 at Coord 293371 from Red Beach.
280919	Co A received Small Arms Fire VIC. 185265. Returned fire, killed one VC (Conf).
280935	A-1-12 commenced lift to Hill 29 with two MRC 109's followed by two 105's.



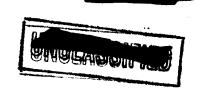


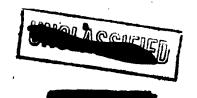




281100	Alpha Command Group landed in IZ Oriole, with recon unit.
281130	Co A uncovered 4,000 lbs of rice VIC. 195263.
281327	Movement of Co B to IZ Oriole commenced.
281435	Co C reported discovery of 3,000 lbs of rice VIC. 183298. Co D
	detained two VCS near Coord 295376. Co A captured 1 VCS.
281 500	W-2-12 commenced move into LZ Oriole.
281555	Co A received small arms fire VIC. 191262. Returned fire with
	unknown results.
281600	Co C apprehended 2 VCS near Coord 183294.
281607	Co A seized Objective # 1 at Coord 191259.
281714	Received CTG 79.4 Frag Order for operations 281700 to 291630.
	Co & reports two tunnels at Coord 199255 and 198254.
281715	Co C captured 2 VCS near 183294.
281730	Co D reached Objective # 11 at 293371. Helo lift commenced for
	Bravo Command Group.
281845	BLT 1/3 Frag Order # 2 issued to BLT Units.
282117	Co D reports 5 VC located 100 meter from Objective # 11.
290440	Co C reports freshly dug fighting holes VIC. 185293.
290450	Co D reports one VC seriously wounded VIC. 293372. VC later
2 - 12	died of wounds.
290600	Co D reports one VC wounded near Objective # 13 Coord 300364.
290700	Co C and Co D have commenced attack on Objective # 14 and # 12
•	respectively.
290820	Co B captured one VC weapon and wounded one VC in fire fight
-	VIC. 195292.
290850	CTG 79.4 ordered S & D ops ceased. Co C and Co B to move on
	Objective # 4 at Coord 165277 with speed and caution.
290855	Co D received sniper fire VIC. 289375. Returned fire with un-
	known results.
290910	Co & seized one VCS at 185265.
291030	Co A ordered to prepare for helilift from Objective # 3 at
	176268 to Objective # 7 Coord 149243. Alpha Command Group and
	W-2-12 helilifted to Objective # 4 at 165277, from IZ Oriole.
2911:50	Co C receiving sniper fire from Objective # 4 Coord 165277.
291:200	First elements Co & seized Objective # 7 Coord 149243.
291244	Co C seized and secured Objective # 4 Coord 165277.
291250	Co C receiving sniper fire at Objective # 4 Coord 165277.
291540	One VC killed by Co D near Objective # 12 at 273393.
29 170 0	8 VCS captured by Co D VIC. 273392.
291856	Frag Order from CTG 79.4 for operations 291930 to 301630.
292330	CTG 79.4 Frag order passed to units.
292340	CTG 79.4 Frag Order modified. Units conduct local S & D ops.
	Back load tanks, ontos and LVT's from Red Beach at 300700.
292345	Co D discovered one spider trap and one Hooch with punji
	stakes concealed under a false deck at 282388. Pestroyed same
301140	SAF delivered against Helos at Coord 159283. Co C fired 60mm
	mission on Coord 159283, with unknown results.



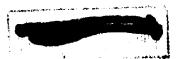


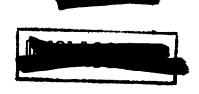




301155	Co C spotted 10 VC in Rice paddy at 438286. Artillery mission fired with 5 enemy KIA probable.
301330	Co A receiving automatic weapons fire from VIC. 143243.
4	Artillery mission fired without results.
301 500	Recon killed one VC (Conf) and capture VC near Coord 159252.
	Also fired artillery mission in that area with unknown results.
301520	Co B receiving SAF during lift out from LZ at 175270. One USMC WIA.
301 538	Co B commenced landing in LZ Cardinal at Coord 128388. Re- ceiving light sniper fire.
301 545	Co D commenced landing in LZ Buzzard at Coord 132399. No
JO: J4J	opposition encountered.
301626	Co A spotted 6 VC in tree line at Coord 148232. Fired 60mm
501020	mortars with unknown results.
301630	Co A fired MG and 3.5 at pajama clad VC near Objective # 7.
301030	
70000	Results unknown.
302200	Received Frag Order from CTG 79.4 on movement of Co A, W-2-12,
	and Command Group to IZ Cardinal at coord 128388 on 1 May.
	Co C to be lifted to IZ Buzzard at 132399. Co A will be lifted
	out of IZ Robin at 163242 Vice Wren at 145240.
010900	Co D received small arms fire from 10 to 12 VC at 144399.
	VC located in caves and tunnels in that vicinity, Co D
	sweeping area.
010920	Co & spotted 75 to 100 VC on trail near 169240. Artillery
	fire mission got excellent target coverage. Results unknown.
	SAF also received from VIC. 165237.
01/0930	Co A captured one VCS at 155278.
011050	First wave of Co A into LZ Cardinal. Receiving SAF on choppers
	out of IZ Robin.
01:1:1:53	Co D had fire fight with approximately 10 VC near 135395. VC
	broke contact and fled with negative results.
01:1230	Co B reported two VC in the open with weapons VIC. 128390.
	Fired and got one VC KIA (Conf) and One VC KIA (Prob).
011:510	Co B reported 15 VC in open at 113394. Fired 81mm mortars
	with unknown results.
01:1:825	Received Frag Order for operations from 011900 to 021800 from
-	CTG 79.4. Continue S & D Ops.
01:1:856	Helilift of Co A and W-2-12 to IZ Cardinal completed.
0121/15	Co B positions at IZ Cardinal probed by 2 VC. Illumination
•	fired. VC fled. SAF produced negative results.
020700	Co's A and C conducting Search and Destroy operations in VIC.
•	1237 and 1239 respectively.
021/005	Co A received sniper fire from VIC. 125376. Fire returned with
	negative results.
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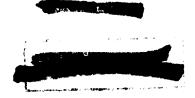


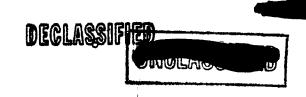






021.030	Co C received sniper fire and sighted three VC VIC 125388.
	Fire returned with negative results. One small tunnel destroyed
	at same location.
021100	Co A patrol blowing numerous caves discovered in vicinity of
021/100	120375.
021305	Co C Killed woman running from advance party at 118397.
	Co C taking automatic weapons fire VIC. 115398. Returned
021445	fire 81 and 60mm mortars and automatic weapons fire.
004740	Co D shot and wounded one VC in VIC. 129382. Three VCS
021640	came out of tunnel and were captured.
	Co & reported point plateon receiving 6 to 8 rounds of SAF
021700	Co & reported point platoon receiving o to o rounds or the
	from VIC. 129358. Are searching area for VC.
021930	Co C under heavy fire from 116384. Co C located at 198385.
	Co C estimated it was hit by a reinforced platoon. 105mm and
	107mm fire was called in, and an emergency air strike re-
	quested.
022100	Action involving Co C continued. Sparrow Hawk Force alerted
	for possible insertion to assist. Artillery missions continue
	firing VIC. 116384 and 110374.
022200	Flareship and UHTE Gunships reported on station to assist Co C.
	Co C receiving mortar fire again. Air strikes on area commenced.
022300	Med-Evac and emergency resupply of ammo called for by Co C.
030645	Med-Evac and resupply commenced for Co C. Friendly casualties
0,004,	were 4 KIA; 14 WIAE; 6 WIANE. Enemy casualties were 2 KIA
	confirmed
030830	Sparrow Hawk Force inserted at 120384 to extract Recon element
0,00,0	and seize possible enemy mortar position.
031830	Co A water patrol killed 2 VC at 094356, then came under attack
051650	from same area. Four squads committed to assist the water patrol
	ran into heavy automatic and small arms fire. Artillery and
	UHiB Gunship support was immediatley available to Co A and
	Unit Gungaria Support was immediately available to do a care
	was utilized throughout the area. All Co A units beyond perimeter at 094362 have returned with
032200	All Co A units beyond perimeter at 074702 have resulted with
	WIA's from action near 094356 except for 14 men still cut off.
032300	Patrol which was cut off near 094356 has returned with WIA's.
040550	Fire mission fired by A-1-12 at 090352 for Co A.
040625	Co A reports 60 to 70 VC at 085360. Artillery Fire mission
	called with unknown results.
040907	Brig Gen LaHue, ADC of 1st MarDiv visited BLT 1/3 CP at IZ
	Cardinal.
040935	Co A Friendly and Enemy casualty report received. Friendly
	casualties 14 KIA; 8 WIAE; 1 WIANE. Enemy casualties 8 KIA
	(Conf): 6 KIA (Prob).
040936	Co D spotted 20 VC at 096404. Fired 81mm mortar mission.
-7-77-	Received SAF same location.
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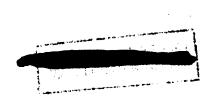








040941	Co D reports 20 VC confined in village at 095405.
040953	Co D requested Med-Evac for one USMC WIA at 098398. Found
1.000	massive tunnel complex at 085398 and 097404. Requested fire
	mission, negative results. Requested air.
041040	Co D receiving mortar fire and SAF from 107405. Requested
• •	Artillery and fixed wing support.
041131	Co D has two WIA for emergency Med-Evac.
041510	Co C moving near 082386 reports one WIA from SAF. Med-Evac
1-5-	Requested
041520	CAS mission for Co D at 085398 reported 100% on target with
	65% coverage of target. Further results unknown.
041800	Co C moving to support Co D near hill 65 at 094393. Has Co D
•,	in visual centact, receiving sporadic sniper fire.
041928	Fire mission at 100403 for Co D. One USMC WIA reported as
,	result of fire mission. Fire mission. Fire was on 50 VC in
	fortified position.
042230	Concept of operations for 5 May received from CTG 79.4.
042325	Co D reports all KIA extracted from Battle Zone to friendly
	lines. One M-60MG with firing mechanism removed, one .45 Cal
	pistol and one M-16 rifle lost in action. Total casualties:
	Friendly 11 KIA; 20 WIAE: 6 WIANE. Enemy Casualties - Unknown.
050120	Co D called artillery illumination mission to observe VC moving
-	in area.
050202	Enemy appears to be slipping away to the SW. Distance too
	great for effective SAF. One Co D patrol still in contact.
050500	VC broke contact with Co D patrol. Continuing to move away
	to the southwest.
050618	Co D receiving SAF and automatic weapons fire from 104403.
	Fire mission called on 15 VC digging in Village at that location.
	Excellent coverage of target.
050955	Co's C and D attacking fortified positions at 116395, receiving
	sporadic fire. Bravo Company manuevering in trace of Co C and
	D after departing IZ Cardinal. Co B lifted to IZ Eagle at
	095392. Co A lifted to LZ Magpie at 031341 from LZ Finch at
	095392.
051405	At 108382 Co B reported one man stepped on surprise firing device
	causing WIA s.
051430	Cots C and B sweeping objective near 097402. Co C reports huge
	tunnel complex at 100402. Requests lights and demo to search



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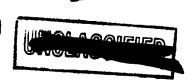
CH-53, CH-46, and UH34D's arrived in IZ Cardinal without prior notification to lift A-1-12 and Bravo Command Group to IZ Magpie

IZ Cardinal under heavy attack from 82mm mortars, and SAF and

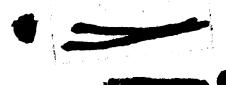
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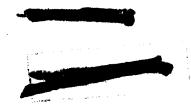
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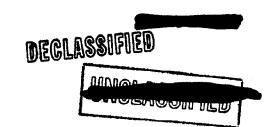




	10 VC KIA (Conf) 20 VC KIA (Preb). One 82mm mortar destroyed.
052000	All elements safely out of IZ Cardinal and into IZ Magpie without casualties.
061000	
06112	Co C receiving sniper fire from 085393. 2 USMC WIA. Returned
061200	fire with 60mm mortars. Co B receiving light SAF near 090392. Returned fire with
00.20	3.5. 2 USMC WIA. 2 VC KIA (Prob).
061730	Co B reports 15 VC opened up on rear element of Company at 070389. Returned fire with small arms and M-79. 5 Enemy KIA (Prob).
06181	Co D reports receiving sniper fire from 060385.
06204	at 0623998. Co D at 057395.
07104	
.=	Returned fire with 81mm mortars.
07121	KIA (Prob).
07134	decrease load.
07154	Co D reported tunnel complex at 035375 containing some items of intelligence value.
07170	
07184	
07205	
072050	
07213	
07222	Co C received six rounds of ineffective mortar fire on positon from VIC. 031391. Fire mission called on that location.
07232	
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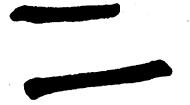
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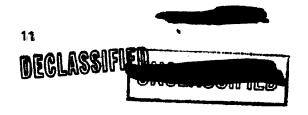
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Co D receiving mortar fire. Co B 81 s moving inte 081102 to assist Co C. Mortars located by recon elements at 032392. Co D reports 3 WIANE, none serious. More incoming mortars on Co C at 023399, UHIE Gunship and fixed 081200 wing attack at 033393 and 033395 got 100% target coverage. One mortar position destroyed, 5 VC KIA (Conf). Friendly casualities 3 KIA; 8 WIAE; 2WIANE. Recon reports 6 VC pinned down at 032379. Fire mission fired 081343 with unknown results. 081620 Heavy punji trap area reported at coord 001371 by recon. Frag warning order received by BLM 1/3 from CTG 79.4 to be 081725 prepared to recrient operations toward IZ Cardinal. 081935 Co B captured one VCS at Coord 002370. 082020 Received intelligence report that one VC company was operating VIC. Coord 002370. Passed to Co B. Received Frag order from CTG 79.4 for operations on 9 May 1967. 082400 Operations are oriented toward LA Cardinal over same route covered to arrive at present locations. Co A and BLT 1/3 CP remain at IZ Magpie. Present positions: Co B Coord 002375; Co C Coord 001370; Co D Coord 009386; Recon element Coord 021380. 090455 BLT 1/3 Frag order issued to units. Co's B, C and D are moving through area Coord 0137, 0138, 0139 090600 on local search and destroy operations. 090640 Co C receiving incoming mortar fire from VIC. 015375 and 012385. Co D firing morters to assist. Request for UHIE Gunship support. Co D also firing 3.5 and M-60's on enemy positions. Co C using mortars to return fire. Co C received one WIANE from mortar attack. CAS on VIC. of mortar positions. results: good target coverage 090730 Enemy casualties unknown. Co B captured 7 VCS VIC. 010385. 090906 Casualties as of 090900 May 1967 for BLT 1/3 KIA 33; WIAE 76; 091005 WIANE 21. Co D spotted 3 VC at 015403. One VC KIA (Prob) from SAF. 091.300 CTG 79.4 issued SitRep on Amphibious Withdrawal, confirming BLT 091730 1/3 sweep to the east toward the coast. Directed to coordinate sweep with 1stBn 5th Marines on right flank. Co D sighted 4 VC at 025403. Ambush in progress. VC escaped 091905 without contact. BLT 1/3 issued Frag Order # 11 to Op Order 5-67 for sweep 092230



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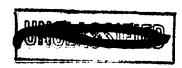


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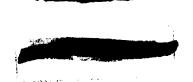
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Co's B and C at Phase line Alpha on north south line from 0241

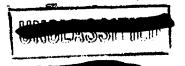
through 020387 continuing sweep to the east. Co D in trace mov-



100740	Bravo Co receiving SAF and automatic wons fire from Hill 110 a 033386.
1.00750	Co C firing mertars on Hill 110, Co B returning fire on Hill 110 with 60 and 81mm mortars, 3.5.rkts and automatic wpns. Request for UH1E Gunship support.
100822	Hill 100 being worked over by Gunships and automatic fire.
1.00830	Co B reports one WIA. Request Med-Evac.
100848	Co B reports VC moving toward Co B from left rear request Co C
	to check it out and assist.
100849	Co D reports Co C, 1/5 is 300 meter west of Hill 110 moving
	east.
1:00852	Co B located at Coord 034387; Co C at 034395; Co D at 025388.
100853	Co B taking heavy sniper fire. Reports 20 VC moving East.
100906	Co C moving 3d Plat to left flank of Co B.
100915	Co B taking mortar fire at a rate of one round per minute.
100921	Co C receiving mortar fire VIC. 3d Platson on Co B right flank.
1100925	Co B pinned down by heavy fire. Suffering unknown number of KIA
*	and WIA. Requesting close air support. Co C attempting to
T	envelope village at 035395 with one platoon to stop enemy fire
ļ	from that vicinity. Enveloping plateen receiving mortar fire.
1.00930	Request from Co B for Co C and D to link up on left and right flanks respectively.
100935	Co C, 1/5 moving toward Hill 110 sweep toward the east. Air
	strike will be run on Hill 110 prior to sweep.
1:00949	Co B reports one company of VC wearing green uniforms and helmets,
- 12	well camouflaged and entrenched on Hill 1/10.
100951	Co C has one platoon pinned down by heavy fire from village at
404005	035395. Air strike run on VIC. 033385. 5 VC KIA (Prob) and a secondary
101025	explosion. Air strike also run at Coord 025384. 5 VC KIA (Conf) KBA.
101030	Current situation has Co B on stream facing Hill 110 with Co C on left flank and Co B on right flank.
101070	Co C, 1/5 sweeping Hill 1:10, has control of objective. Co C
101039	needs help on left flank. Withdrawing platoon from right flank
	to assist left flank plateon pinned down by heavy fire.
1:01:045	One plateon of Co D moving down to left flank to assist Co C.
101045	Co B reports VC moving east away from Hill 110.
404054	Co C has VC in trench line directly in front of position deliv-
101054	ering heavy fire. Units are pinned down.
101010	Heavy contact continuing. Air strike run on Coord 044387. 50%
101210	Coverage of target.
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101259	Co D now has two platoons committed to right flank of Co B.





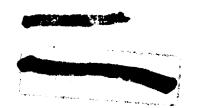


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101340	Co B reports approximately 6 KIA and 23 WIA, all friendly, in Co C zone. Sparrow Hawk arrived in zone with 40 men at approximately 1300. Suffered 5 WIA almost immediately. Remaining personnel planed down in IZ.
1:01 536	Heavy contact continues. Co B reports VC attempting to move out to the east, after air strike throughout the area.
1.01.600	Contact light. Units consolidating positions and establishing perimeter for the night. Co's B, C, and D under control of 1/5. Received Frag order for night activities from 1/5.
102330	Position report of Co's B, C, and D. Co B at 036389; Co C at 036391; Co D at 030389. Units tied together in a perimeter for the night.
111100	Casualties reported for action on 10 May 1967. Friendly: 22 KIA, 62 WIAE, 26 WIANE, Enemy: 86 KIA (Conf)
111645	Co's B, C, D, and Mini Cmd Group moving East toward IZ Quail at 060377.
112100	Position report on all units submitted to CTG 79.4. Co A and BIT 1/3 at Coord 044542; Mini Cmd Group at 044390; Co B at 044390; Co C at 045396; Co D 042392. Perimeter established for night defense.
112200	Frag Order received from CTG 79.4 for Amphibious withdrayal to ships of ARG 76.4.
121400	All elements of Co's B, C, D and Mini Comd Group have departed IZ Quail at 060377. IZ Quail secured by 3/5.
407000	AND THAT IS DIM 4/7 and about the of ABO 76 4. Occupation

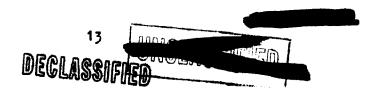
c. Recapitulation of major moves by helicopter of BIT 1/3 during Operation Beaver Cage.

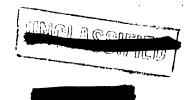
280700 280900	April 1967	C Company landed in LZ Oriole at Coord 186294. A Company landed in LZ Thrush at Coord 198265.
280935		A-1-12 lifted to Hill 29 at Coord 226320 with two 105's and 18 personnel
281100		Alpha Command Group and Recon Platoon landed in LA Oriole at Coord 186294.
281:330		B Company landed in LZ Oriole at Coord 186294.
281530		W-2-12 landed in LZ Oriole at Coord 185294.
281/730		Brave Command Group landed in IZ Oriole at Coord 186294.
291030		Command Group and W-2-12 lifted from IZ Oriole to objective # 4 at Coord 165277.
291030		A Company lifted from objective # 3 at Coord 176268 to objective #7 at Coord 149243 (IZ Wren).

All Units of BLT 1/3 are aboard ships of ARG 76.4. Operation Beaver Cage completed.

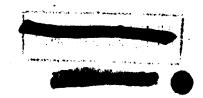


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301530	B Company lifted from 165277 to LZ Cardinal at 128388.
301700	D Company lifted from 284388 to LZ Buzzard at Coord 132399.
011050 May 1967	A Company lifted from LZ Robin at Coord 162242 to LZ Cardinal at Coord 128388.
011300	C Company lifted from 165277 to LZ Buzzard at coord 132399.
01.1,500	Command Group and W-2-12 lifted from 165277 to LZ Cardinal.
020900	A-1-12 lifted from Hill 29 at Coord 226320 and LSD to IZ Cardinal.
050700	B Company lifted from IZ Cardinal at Coord 128388 to IZ Eagle at Coord 095392.
0509 3 0	A Company lifted from LZ Finch at Coord 094358 to
051500	IZ Magpie at Coord 031341. A=1:-12, W=2-12, Command Group (255 personnel) moved
120900	from IZ Cardinal to IZ Magpie at Coord 031341. B, C, and D Companies lifted from IZ Quail at Coord
121200	060377 to ships of ARG 76.4. A-1-12, W-2-12, Company A, and command gorup lifted from LZ Magpie at Coord 031341 to ships of ARG 76.4.
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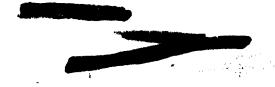
8. Results. Because of the requirement to move very rapidily and to cover large areas of terrain the Battalion could not adequately search and destroy where heavy contact had occurred. Therefore, the enemy losses may have been much higher than these figures listed below.

a. Over all enemy losses

- 181 KIA (Conf)
- 136 KIA (Prob)
- 66 VC prisoners and detainees

b. Enemy Equipment, Material and Weapons Captured:

- (1) Two 60mm Mortar Sights
- (2) Six SKS Soviet 7.62mm Semiautomatic Carbines
- (3) 2 AK-47 7.62 Assualt Guns
- (4) One 7.62 Heavy MG SG 43 & SGM
- (5) Two Carbines US 30 Cal. Mi
- (6) 2 NVA diaries
- (7) 3 wallets containing pictures of NVA soldiers and anti-american literature
- (8) 1 VC/NVA medical bag







(9) 1 medical handbook

(1:0) 25 rounds of 60mm mortar rounds

(11) 25 CHICOM Gernades

(12) 500 rounds small arms ammunition

(13) punji traps and sticks

(14) 6 fuses for 60mm mortars

Enemy Equipment, Material, and Weapons Destroyed:

(1) One 60mm Mortar Sight

(2) One 7.62 heavy MG 43 and SGM

(3) 25 rounds 60mm mortar (4) 25 CHICOM Gernades

5) 500 rounds small arms ammunition

(6) 6 fuses for 60mm mortars

(7) assortment of VC/NVA 782 gear: 22 cartridge belts, 13 entrenching tools and 9 canteens.

d. Friendly Casualties:

54 KIA

1 DOW

151 WIAE

50 WIANE

e. Friendly equipment lost or destroyed.

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7-.45 Cal Pistols

1-M-79

*9-M-16 rifles

1-pr 7.50 Binoculars

3-M1ZZ Tripods

1-TAI telephone

1-M-14 rifle

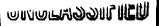
* In addition to the nine (9) rifles known to have been lost on the battlefield, twenty-six (26) are missing and believed to be at points of Medical Evacuation.

9. Commander's Analysis.

a. Problems encountered. The basic BIT concept applied to waterborne elements landed over the beach and helicopterborne elements landed abnormally deep inland intensified the problems of control and at times expended the command and capabilities of the BLT. In effect, two separate operations resulted. The use of a BLT







as a subordinate command where major support units are not fragmented to task organizations unnecessarily burdens the BLT with the problems of providing log tical support and security for numerous elements of the BLT, as well as causin serious distractions from the essential tasks of directing the Infantry Battal m Briefings, particularly with regard to overall missions and general plan were adequate.

b. <u>CA/PsyWar</u>. The CA/PsyWar aspects of the operation were not covered by instructions. Resettlement of refugees, and re-distribution of captured food were not provided for. Except for MedCap activities in the government controlled area of Que Son BT0334 and a very few individual able-bodies males who were able to obtaine sanctuary with a fifle unit nothing constructive was offered nor was feasible. No CA/PsyWar objectives were set forth.

10. Lessons Learned

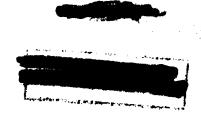
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- 1. Item: Rapid Movement.
- a. Rapid movement through an area which has been occupied by the enemy for a long time permits the enemy to deliver accurate incoming sniper and mortar fire. It is imperative that the maneuvering unit be alloted a reasonable period of time during which enemy emplacements, caves and tunnels can be located and destroyed. On one of several occasions, an area, previously swept, developed into a fortified position when moved through again a day later. The area was known to be heavily tunneled but time could not be spent after the initial discovery because of the requirement to move. Discovered enemy fortifications must be destroyed when first located and the maneuvering element's schedule should be flexible enough to allow this.
- b. The amount of demolitions required to destroy extensive enemy positions cannot be packed by the search and destroy unit. A requirement exists to have a ready supply of demolitions located in the immediate area of the Battalion TAOR/ZOA with additional qualified personnel ready for helilift to the using unit.
 - 2. Item: Movement Patterns and Terrain Utilization.

Discussion:

Units maneuvering in the field must avoid a set schedule of movement and vary their utilization of terrain.

Companies working in assigned TACR's or as part of a Battalion effort should normally avoid setting in night positions prior to darkness, and should be moving by dawn. Any delay after first light invites incoming sniper and mortar fire. Further, companies should attempt to disguise their direction of movement especially just prior to darkness. Maximum utilization of concealment is mandatory.







The enemy is capable of making "educated" guesses as to possible friendly night positions unless deception is used.

Early daylight and late afternoon resupply by helicopter should be employed infrequently and then only for emergency or to break the midday pattern. Resupply of friendly units should occur between the hours of 1000 to 1400, and should be executed as rapidly as possible. This is especially true in the high temperature/humidity areas of Vietnam when these hours prove to be the least productive period. Intensive patrolling and ambushes must be carried on during the halt.

Night movement of units can be used to deceive the enemy. This must depend on the commanders knowledge of the terrain and a reconnaissance of the area prior to movement.

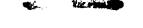
After night positions have been selected, and while the unit is moving toward its night positions, forward observers and forward air controllers should be compiling likely H& I and TPQ-10 targets. The process is a continuous one but achdeves a greater degree of importance in the area of the night position. The Battalion FSCC then can supplement this target list to ensure a balanced night fire plan.

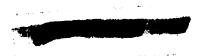
To continuously select highground as final night defensive positions is undesirable. Rice paddies and village positions in the lowground can be used; outposts and patrols attain added importance. In selective lowground positions, care must be taken to ensure the establishment of internal security posts to prevent the enemy's sudden appearance within the perimeter from hidden cave & tunnels. Movement should be held to a minimum after dark within the perimeter and if messenger runs must be made, at least two runners should be sent together.

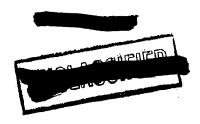
3. Item: General Comments Concerning Air/Infantry Teamwork.

Discussion:

- a. On the company level a definite requirement exists for the landing zone to be supervised by one company representative such as the Company Gunnery Sergeant, First Sergeant, who is current in both the tactical and logistical situations and who can coordinate HST/TACP efforts towards resupply, Med Evac, etc.
- b. Each fire team of a unit <u>must</u> have air panels and display these panels whenever air is to be utilized in support. i.e., resupply, UHIE Gunship support, fixed wing close air strikes.
- c. Smoke signals to make landing zones should be used only when requested by the incoming helicopter pilot. Smoking a zone should not be done automatically.









- d. Rapid moving tactical situations can suddenly preclude the use of CAS already requested. Commanders should, therefore, have secondary targets preselected for his support. The TACP representative with each company can maintain a current list of targets for the commanders.
- e. The selection of landing zones must be made in accordance with the following guidlines:
 - (1) Satisfactory size, clearance, degree of slope.
- (2) Capable of receiving resupply and sending out Med-Evacs even if company is in contact.
- (3) Must not be centrally located to the point of exposing company CP, mortar positions etc. to high volume of incoming fire.
 - (4) IZ must be secured and marked with air panels.
- f. Med-Evac helicopters must be used for Med-Evace only, and should not be directed to accomplish other missions.
- g. Helicopters provide a ready resupply of smoke for front lines units. In an emergency execution can provide a limited supply of smoke grenades.
- h. All air agencies supporting an operation must be aware of the thrust point system in that area. Positions of friendlies are being compromised by the requirement: that positions must be sent in the clear to helicopter elements etc.
 - 4. Item: The Battalion CP.

Discussion: The Battalion Command Post must be flexible enough to adjust its size to meet the tactical situation. A highly mobile command group consists of the following: Battalion CO, Radio Operator for Regt TAC, Radio Operator for Bn TAC, S-3, S-5 assist, FSCC, Radio Operator for Arty Conduct of Fire, Radio Operator for TACP net.

5. Item: Lightening the load.

<u>Discussion</u>: In a moving situation, search and destroy or sweep operation, the additional weight of the second 81mm mortar in the section does not appear to warrant its being carried. A solution to this appears to be to drop the one gun, and utilized the personnel for carrying more ammo for the remaining gun.











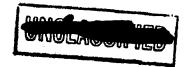
6. Item: Communications.

Discussion:

- a. Because of the operating distances involved between the Battalion and its companies and between the Battalion and higher Headquarters, radio was the primary and the only means of communications. Weather and terrain were generally favorable to good voice communications and consequently communication was reliable throughout the two week deployment.
- b. Post operation limited technical inspection of radios and telephones disclosed no equipment faiures or malfunctions. However loss and break gradios accessories has dropped the availability of PRC-25 radios to a critical low.
- c. From the time that the BLT embarked on Okinawa through the end of Operation Beaver Cage, situations arcse which, as they compounded, threatened the maintenance of adequate communications support of the BLT's mission in the joint operation. For the benefit of future SLF's it is felt they are worthy of mention.
- (1) It became apparent upon embarkation that the troop radio equipment on board the IPH was inadequate to meet even minimum requirements of the SIF. Attempt to rectify this deficiency in the Philippines were not successful because of early deployment to the coast of Vietnam. Out of necessity the BIT and the SIF installed their organic equipment on board to supplement troop radio. A later requirement for the establishment of an SIF command post ashore and communications equipment for three liaison officers to various adjacent organizations began to see the personnel and equipment organic to the SIF and the BIT spread sparsely.
- (2) These last two requirements came to light after the Battalion was deployed so far inland that it had been necessary to establish a two vehicle relay station in order to communicate with the LPH and the other ships which comprised our TACLOG.
- (3) Ultimately it became necessary to utilize message center, wire, and attached radio relay personnel to meet the requirements of manning radios around the clock.
- (4) A suggested solution is to augment the SIF staff with additional communicators and equipment prior to deployment in order to handle TACLOG and liaison communications, rather than tasking the Infantry Battalion to meet all unforseen communications needs which can arise on speculative operations.









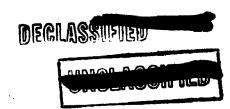


7. Item: Resupply

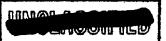
Discussion:

- a. On several occasions resupply was not accomplished when and where desired due to non-availability of the UH-34 support helicopters. These aircraft were being utilized for tactical or Med Evac lifts. A solution to this difficulty would be to provide CH-46 aircraft to augment UH-34's for resupply.
- b. Timeliness of emergency resupply of class V was found to be a problem on one occasion at night. For convenience, the problem was solved by deliveries directly from the LPH support ship. An in country supply source for SLF support is considered highly desirable because of the availability of class I, II. IV and V supplies.
- c. Aircraft availability was not at a level to provide normal resupply on an on call basis. It was necessary that the tactical plan allow for a position of the day set aside for resupply of units. The most successful time for local resupply of companies was during midday between the hours of 1100 1400, mountained due to situational dictates no pattern of resupply was set. Midday resupply was considered to be the best solution because it allows freedom of movement in course morning and evening during the most critical time periods and when the most progress is made.
- d. The problems of resupply communications from the central IZ to units resupplied was solved quite satisfactorily by use of the HST net. Serving as the administrative and logistics net, the HST net relieved the burden from the Battalian Tactical Net.
- e. The most feasible and practical manner of resupply was found to be from the central LZ to the using units rather than direct from in country or ship board sources. This enabled greater positive control and coordination. The pilots may be given current local LZ coordinates, and conditions at the unit LZ'S.
- f. Control and accounting for individual equipment and weapons of KIA WIA personnel was a problem. Our experience indicates that Med Evacuated personnel must be evacuated with their equipment tagged. Personal equipment should not be evacuated via resupply helicopters that are subject to frag orders changing destination and resulting in temporary or permanent loss of equipment. If due to weight limitations of the Med Evac helicopter; personal gear is not evacuated with the casualty, it could be returned via resupply helicopter to the central IZ for further delivery to designated receiving locators.
- g. There were occasions when units requesting resupply experienced difficulty in determining exact requirements due to the changing nature of the tactical situation. Extreme care, forethought and screening must be taken by the requesting unit to boid receiving burdensome excess ammunition or other supplies.







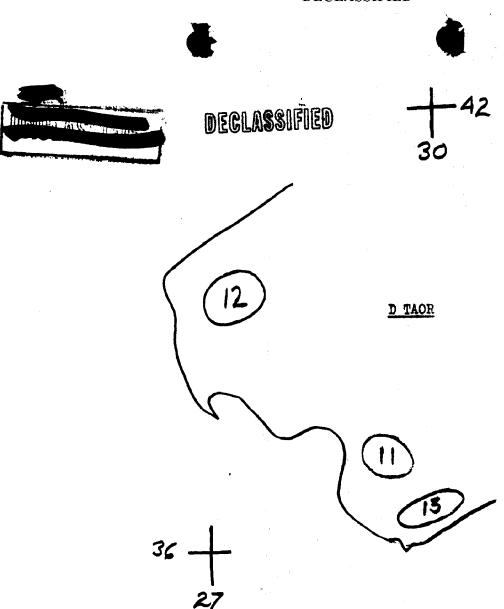


Companies submitting resupply request during the evening prior to delivery the following day were supplied on a "fill or kill" basis. This made the resupply chain function smoother as records of supples requested and those delivered were not necessary. If a company did not receive an item/items, he would resubmit the following day, if the requirement still existed. If the requirement did not exist the following day the item/items were deleted.

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OPERATION OVERLAY B

ENCLOSURE (2)