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3d Marine Division (rein). FMF
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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO3D)
Via: (1) Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (rein)
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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

Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) MIFPACO 5750.8

Encl: (1) 2nd Battalion, 3d Marines' Command Chronology.

1. In accordance with the provisions of references (a) and (b),
enclosure (1) is submitted.


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PART I

ORGANIZATION DATA

1. DESIGNATION

COMMANDER

2d Battalion, 3d Marines

Lieutenant Colonel V. ORANESIAN

SUBORDINATE UNITS

| | |
|-------------|--|
| HQS Company | 2d LT. R. H. JENKINS, USMC, 1-31 December 1966 |
| Company E | Captain J. E. RAGSDALE JR., USMC, 1-31 December 1966 |
| Company F | Captain R. C. MCCONNA, USMC, 1-31 December 1966 |
| Company G | Captain C. E. DUCKEWITZ, USMC, 1-31 December 1966 |
| Company H | Captain J. T. CARROLL JR., USMC, 1-31 December 1966 |

ATTACHED UNITS (Direct Support 4-31
December 1966)

Company A (-), 3d Tank Battalion Captain A. W. FACKLAN, USMC,
1-31 December 1966

Company A (-), 3d Anti-Tank Battalion Captain A. A. COMPTON, USMC,
1-10 December 1966
Captain R. HASTINGS, USMC,
11-31 December 1966

Company C (rein), 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery
U. S. Army, Captain R. E. NEELY, USA, 1-31 December 1966

2. LOCATION

| | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 1-4 December 1966 | DONG HA Combat Base, RVN |
| 5-31 December 1966 | Camp J. J. CARROLL, RVN |

3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| Executive Officer | Major T. J. WILLIS, USMC |
| S-1 | 2dLT. C. E. HURST, USMC |
| S-2 | 2dLT. F. MAYNARD, USMC |
| S-3 | Major R. F. SHERIDAN, USMC |
| S-4 | Captain A. E. LYON, USMC |
| Comm O | Captain J. C. RIVERA JR., USMC |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| <u>USMC</u> | <u>USMC</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> |
| 30 | 1100 |

| <u>USMC</u> | <u>USMC</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>OFFICERS</u> | <u>ENLISTED</u> |
| 3 | 54 |

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PART II

INTERIM SUMMARY

The 1st of December 1966 the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) continued to provide security for the Dong Ha Combat Base and the CAU VIET fuel storage facility. Company F remained OPCON to 3d Battalion, 4th Marines until 4 December. On 2 December the Battalion initiated displacement to Camp J. J. CARROLL and by nightfall of 4 December Companies E, F, and G, in addition to Command Group "A" had arrived at Camp CARROLL and relieved the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines. This Battalion assumed the mission of 2/9 for the defense of the Camp CARROLL Complex at 1100 hours. 2/9 assumed the mission of the defense of Dong Ha Combat Base at 1600 hours. Company H was placed OPCON to 2/9 and continued the defense of the CAU VIET fuel facility. Company E, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines was placed OPCON to this Battalion and provided security for the KHE GIA Bridge. Command Group "B" displaced to Camp CARROLL on 5 December. On 8 December Company G was placed OPCON to 3d Battalion, 4th Marines for operations in the CAM LO AREA. On 11 December Company H returned OPCON to this Battalion and Company E, 2d Battalion, 9th Marines returned OPCON to its parent unit. Company H conducted a reconnaissance in force operation for a three day period commencing on 15 December in the mountains west of Camp CARROLL. There were no enemy contacts or reportable incidents during this operation. 192300 Command Group "A" with Companies E and H commenced a two day combined operation with the 1st Battalion, 2d ARVN Regiment in the GUA Valley. The ARVN forces provided the blocking elements along the southern portion of the valley and the Battalion units conducted a search and clear operation from the northern portion of the valley sweeping to the south. Contact was made with an estimated enemy squad. VC suffered 3 KIA, confirmed, and 5 KIA, probable. The VC command center and living quarters were pointed out by a rallier that accompanied the assault units and were destroyed. 500 pounds of rice were uncovered and returned to the D-5 ARVN outpost for redistribution to the refugees in the area. The Christmas truce was observed without incident. 260700 Company F initiated a reconnaissance in force search and destroy operation in the mountains south-west of Camp J. J. CARROLL. Company F found one VC body buried along a trail and accounted for one VC, KIA, probable during a fire fight with a VC squad. The mountain range was completely searched and a total of 116 enemy lean-to huts were found in three base camps and were destroyed. Company F returned to Camp CARROLL 28 December. On 11 December Company G returned OPCON to this Battalion. 310900 Company E displaced to the GUA Valley to replace the 1st Battalion, 2d ARVN Regiment and establish a Company Patrol Base. The New Year's truce commenced at 0700 the 31st of December. The highlights of the month were the displacement of the Battalion from the DONG HA/CAU VIET area to Camp J. J. CARROLL and the Company and Battalion size reconnaissance in force operations conducted in the new Area of Operation.

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SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. COMBAT MISSIONS ASSIGNED

1. Period 1-4 December 1966

(a) Execute defense (LTC OP'0 305-66) for Dong Ha Combat Base and defend bulk Fuel installation at mouth of CUA VIET River. Minimum requirements for bulk fuel installation are as follows: Designate an officer to act as Officer-in-Charge of all activities at bulk fuel installations to include patrolling and listening posts; the consolidation and submission of logistic needs; the general police and maintenance of the entire complex. Defensive forces at bulk fuel installation to include a Rifle Company (-) reinforced with a section of 81 mm mortars.

(b) Maintain at Dong Ha Combat Base a reinforced rifle platoon as reaction force on 15 minute alert.

(c) Conduct operations in Area of Operation to the south and southeast of Dong Ha Combat Base.

(d) Coordinate and conduct the defense of Dong Ha Combat Base to include artillery, motor transport and other installations.

(e) Be prepared to conduct other operations as directed.

Ref: 4th Mar msg 191405Z Nov 66

2. Period 4-31 December 1966

(a) Conduct reconnaissance in force operations to detect, attack, and destroy enemy forces in Area of Operation.

(b) Conduct operations to maintain security of MSR (Route #9) in Area of Operation.

(c) Conduct operations to defend and ensure security of Camp J. J. CARROLL. (YD 0654)

(d) Conduct operations to defend KHE GIA Bridge (YD 027561).

(e) Provide security for Camp J. J. CARROLL water point, water source, and water pipe.

(f) Be prepared, on order, for deployment by air or surface means for operations anywhere in the Operation PRARIE Area of Operation.

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B. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED

11-13 December 1966. Company U (rein) conducted reconnaissance in force, search and destroy operation in area bounded by grid squares YD 0857, YD 1157, YD 0155 and YD 1155.

Ref: 2d Bn, 3d Mar Operation Order 24-66

19-21 December 1966. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) (rein) conducted a reconnaissance in force, search and clear operation in the CUA Valley with the 1st Battalion, 2d Regiment, 1st ARVN Division.

Ref: 2d Bn, 3d Mar Operation Order 26-66

26-28 December 1966. Company F (rein) conducted a reconnaissance in force, search and destroy operation in area bounded by grid squares YD 0253, YD 0553, YD 0250, and YD 0550.

Ref: 2d Bn, 3d Mar FragO 357-66

31 December 1966. Company E (rein) displaced to CUA Valley to replace the 1st Battalion, 2d ARVN Regiment.

Ref: 3d Mar msg 281552Z-Dec 1966

C. CASUALTIES INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY.

a. Personnel

| | | | |
|-------------|---|------------|---|
| KIA (conf) | 4 | WIA (conf) | 0 |
| KIA, (prob) | 7 | WIA (prob) | 0 |

b. Weapons

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| U. S. M-1 Carbines | 2 |
| U. S. 45 M3A1 SMG | 1 |
| French MAT-49 SMG | 1 |

c. Munitions

Mines 3 (2 detonated, 1 destroyed)
Small arms ammo 150 rounds

d. Other

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|--|-----|
| Loose-to structures | 116 | Documents (assorted) | |
| Eating Utensils (assorted) | | Clothing (assorted) | |
| U. S. M-1 Carbine Magazines | 4 | U. S. M3A1 Magazines | 3 |
| Eye Glasses with case | 1 | 1 Empty rice bag donated through U. S. aid orgn. | |
| Tunnels | 4 | Caves | 2 |
| Packs | 3 | Barrels | 4 |
| Rice | 530 lbs. | Plasters | 100 |

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~~REASON: 25X~~

- (1) KIA: 12 USMC enlisted
- (2) KIA: 2 USMC enlisted
- (3) Non-battle casualties: 1 USMC officer
2 USMC enlisted

E. NTI TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED.

- (1) Otters have been effectively utilized during this period for resupply of outlying positions and have been used in a standby status for medical evacuation if helicopter support was precluded by weather conditions.
- (2) Bellies have accompanied assault units to point out known minefields, booby traps and VC locations.
- (3) A joint command post was established to include U. S. Marine and ARVN personnel for fire support coordination of all forces operating in the area of Operation during the GUA Valley operation.
- (4) Liaison personnel were exchanged by U. S. Marine and ARVN forces during the GUA Valley operation that resulted in an excellent exchange of information concerning the exact location of forces and future intentions of units. The Marine liaison team consisted of a Liaison Officer, radio operator with AN/PRC-25, and an interpreter.

F. COMMAND RELATIONS.

- (1) Period 010001-041000 December 1966.

2d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) was OPCON to the 4th Marines and ADCON to 3d Marine Division (rein). 010001-041000 Company F was OPCON to 3d Battalion, 4th Marines and ADCON to 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

- (2) Period 041000-312400 December 1966

041000-312400 December, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines (-) was OPCON to 3d Marines and ADCON remains with 3d Marine Division (rein). 010001-111130 December, Company H was OPCON to 4th Marines and ADCON to 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

080815-311730 December, Company G was OPCON to 3d Battalion, 4th Marines and ADCON to 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

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G. EQUIPMENT:

1. General: Battalion Equipment status is good overall. Individual equipment and clothing shortages became a problem during the first part of December. The problem is again anticipated during the first part of January with personnel influx putting the Battalion in excess of T/O strength. Sufficient major items of equipment are on hand in both the electronics and motor transport areas.

2. Individual Clothing and Equipment: Jungle utility trousers and jungle boots have remained in short supply due to the rapid rate of deterioration for the items when used in rugged terrain. Most items of equipment have withstood the effects of monsoon conditions excellently. Upper body armor has been in short supply, and is considered an essential item of individual equipment.

3. Special Equipment:

(a) The Battalion received two charcoal space heaters on 18 December.

(b) Participation in tests of vehicle mounts for the AM/PRC-47 and AM/PRC-41 are not complete at this time. Tests were begun on 26 December.

4. Communication/Electronics: Parts for electronics equipment repair have remained difficult to procure. The PU-832 30 KW generator has been inoperative since 24 December due to lack of replacement parts.

5. Motor Transport: The Battalion has not received the Steam Trailer which has been on order for some time. The lubrication trailer was repaired during the first part of the month, but is declined again due to cracked engine head. All vehicles are on hand with the exception of two M274A1 Light Infantry Weapons Carriers. Although second echelon repair increased due to monsoon weather the number of serious vehicle maintenance problems has not increased.

6. Moss: Galley equipment has continued to perform excellently. The Battalion remains short several burner units for the range cabinets. Of two reefers held by the Battalion, one was declined as a result of the early December move to Camp CARROLL and the second is in a generally warped condition and needs gaskets. It is presently used for fresh meat storage.

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H. LOGISTICS:1. Supply

(a) Battalion Supply has remained in Dong Ha with a separate supply and administrative rear, physically separated from the Battalion forward by 15 road miles. Class I, III, IV, and V items have been available from FLSU. The supply rear is located near FLSU. Class I, III, IV, and V items have been available at FLSU and transported directly to forward distribution points. Limited Class II has been available from FLSU. It has been either distributed at Company supply rear or, in some cases, distributed from a forward supply distribution point.

(b) Daily runs to FLSU, as required, were made for the repair of ordnance and office machines.

(c) Requisitions were hand carried to Fleet Stock Account. Priority 02 requisitions were approved by Division Supply prior to submission.

2. Maintenance:

(a) The following quantity of items by category were taken to FLSU for maintenance:

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| General supply..... | 41 |
| Ordnance..... | 3 |
| Motor Transport..... | 3 |
| Comm/Elec..... | 1 |

(b) Second echelon repair has remained adequate although monsoon conditions have been destructive on motor transport parts such as brake shoes and wheel cylinders.

3. Field Services A Battalion field mess has been in operation during December. Two companies and the major part of H&S Company mess at a central facility. Hot rations are transported to one company. Messing facilities for a 150 man rear are provided by the 4th Marines.4. Cantonment and Camp Facilities Development

(a) Positions turned over to the Battalion at Camp CARROLL have been improved and expanded, however, cantonment facilities have not been constructed due to the mission assigned the Battalion at Camp CARROLL.

(b) The supply and administrative rear has utilized existing tin roof buildings and tents for personnel billeting, storage, and office space.

(c) Additional head facilities, tent flooring, and limited material for bunkers have been requested.

5. Transportation

(a) Daily resupply and housekeeping runs were performed by two cargo trucks supplemented by organic vehicles.

(b) Although the water points and trash dump facilities are close to the forward camp area, muddy conditions have made water pick up and trash disposal extremely difficult tasks during rainy periods.

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6. Firearm

- (a) No armed civilian personnel were employed.
- (b) All firearm records are current.

7. Motor Transport

- (a) Monsoon mud and water have caused the second scheduled repair of the M22A1 and M27A1 vehicles to become overbilled. Vehicle usage has been sharply curtailed.
- (b) All vehicles are "on hand" except the Steam Cleaning Pressuro Jet Trailer and two Light Infantry Weapon Carriers (M27A1) which are on requisition.

8. Embarkation

- (a) Embarkation data is current.
- (b) One officer and two enlisted personnel have been formally trained in embarkation.

9. Hospitalization and Evacuation

- (a) Names of Surgeons: R. A. WIVALLA, LT (MC) USMA
J. E. SEVENTKO, LT (MC) USMA
- (b) Significant Events: None
- (c) Medical Trends: Decided decrease in hepatitis, diarrhea, and tonsillitis since last month. Increase in sprains due to slippery footing in rain and mud.
- (d) Number of Battle Casualties Treated: (2)
 - (1) Gunshot: one
 - (2) Shrapnel: one
- (e) Number of Non-Battle Casualties Treated: (296)
 - (1) Admissions to MHS: (1)
 - (2) Emergency Treatment: (4)
 - (a) Heat Casualties: (2)
 - (b) Lacerations: (2)
 - (3) Number of Referrals to "D" Med.: (12)
 - (4) Cases of significant diseases in the area:
 - (a) Malaria: None
 - (5) Cases of VD: (2)
 - (a) Acquired out of Country: (2)
 - (b) Acquired in Country: None

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(f) Preventive Medicine and Sanitation

- (1) Number of inoculations: (1222)
- (2) Malaria prophylaxis administered weekly. The Camp sanitation is considered satisfactory.
- (g) Helicopter evacuation remains the principle method of evacuation for wounded personnel.

10. Movement:

- (a) Movement of elements of the Battalion from Dong Ha to Camp CARROLL was accomplished by truck, organic vehicle convoy, and helicopter.
- (b) Subsequent tactical movement by forward elements of the Battalion has been accomplished by truck convoy, feet, and helicopter.

I. CIVIC ACTION. No Civic Action projects were conducted during December due to displacement of the Battalion and the scarcity of indigenous personnel in the Area of Operation. With the displacement of Company E to the CUA Valley, and its refugee centers, more emphasis will be placed on the Civic Action Program.

J. ADMINISTRATION:

- (1) Personnel Accounting: A shortage of consumable supplies still exists.
- (2) Awards: One Navy Commendation Medal w/Combat Distinguishing Device.
- (3) Promotions: Five to Sergeant, 47 to Corporal, 21 to Lance Corporal, three to PFC.
- (4) Postal: Satisfactory.
- (5) Pay: No problem areas.
- (6) Post Exchange: One Company is being serviced by the Division Post Exchange and four Companies are supplied with sundry packs.
- (7) Legal and Discipline: One Summary Court-Martial, and one Special Court-Martial, and one General Court-Martial conducted. One Summary Court-Martial pending. One Bad Conduct Discharge pending. Four men were confined to III MAF Brig. Two violations of Article 86, one Article 113, and six Article 134, UCMJ, have occurred. There were six Battalion and seven Company NJP's.

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K. REMARKS:

- (1) Number of personnel received: Three USMC officers and 306 USMC enlisted.
- (2) Number of personnel released: One USMC officer and 88 USMC enlisted.
- (3) Intra-Division/Regiment Transfers.
 - (a) Division Transfers. 10 USMC enlisted
 - (b) Regiment Transfers. None
 - (c) Transferred to First Marine Division. 59 USMC enlisted.
- (4) RAF Trips:

| | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Tokyo-----24 | Manila-----4 |
| Bandab-----12 | Taipei-----14 |
| Okinawa-----5 | Hawaii-----5 |
| Hong Kong-----19 | Kuala Lumpur- 6 |
| Singapore-----7 | |
- (5) Religious Services:
 - (a) LEONARD L. AMENSBRAK, LT, CHC, USNR
 - (b) 7 Sunday Services Conducted 202 in Attendance
4 Weekday Services Conducted 94 in Attendance
 - (c) 13 Counseling Sessions
 - (d) Using mess tents as Chapel space.

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L. INTELLIGENCE1. Enemy Situation at Beginning of Period.

- (a) The 808th Battalion, with a strength of 400 men is carried as a confirmed unit in vicinity grid square YD 3362, approximately 7000 meters east of our Area of Operation.
- (b) The HAI LANG Company, with a strength of 80 men is carried as a confirmed unit in vicinity grid square YD 2245, approximately 10,000 meters southeast of our Area of Operation.
- (c) The TRIEU PHONG Company, with a strength of 90 men is carried as a confirmed unit in vicinity grid square YD 3244, approximately 7000 meters south of the Area of Operation.
- (d) 2d ARVN Regiment Liaison Officer, reported that one VC company, commanded by LE LAM, is now being carried as a possible unit in the vicinity of grid square YD 3362. This is the normal operating area of the 808th Battalion.
- (e) One company plus one platoon is now carried as a possible unit, located in the western portion of the Area of Operation, vicinity grid square YD 1757.

2. Significant Trends During the Reporting Period.

- (a) During the reporting period there has been no major contact with enemy forces. Agent Intelligence Reports indicate that VC/NVA forces are possibly reinforcing, resupplying, and recruiting new troops ~~that~~ are being infiltrated to South Vietnam.
- (b) During the reporting period, Counterintelligence devices and Agent Reports indicate enemy forces of platoon size and larger operating within our Area of Operation.
- (c) During the reporting period, friendly forces operations in the CUA Valley, confirmed reports that VC/NVA platoon size and larger forces are operating south of our Command Post and are moving into local hamlets seeking food and shelter.

Rallier and Interrogation reports received during the reporting period, indicate an increase of propaganda teams operating within our Area of Operation. These teams are being instructed by VC/NVA cadre infiltrated into South Vietnam. Reports further indicate that cadre are training the local populace to improve farming methods, for increase in crop production.

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3. Enemy Initiated Activities During the Reporting Period.

- 051800H - Company G: Patrol discovered five red and gray 81mm mortar casings vicinity YD 037537. There were foreign markings written on the casings. Fuse and warhead had been removed, center assembly and body of round remained intact. Casings were determined unuseable and left in place.
- 052125H - Regimental Security: Reported movement in its sector, vicinity YD 064543, followed by reported movement by 2/3 security to the left flank in Sector B. Further movement observed on the right flank by Ontos security in Sector D. 2/3 security reported one incoming round (possibly carbine) and Ontos received one incoming grenade that landed 10 meters inside perimeter wire and 20 meters from position. Area illuminated, small arms fire returned and each of the above sectors reported sighting one to five people in front of their position. Area searched at first light with negative results.
- 060700H - Company G: Radio operator on Company tactical net received interference for approximately 30 minutes. Company G interpreter monitored the traffic and determined it to be a two way conversation in a Vietnamese language, but of an unknown dialect.
- 061550H - Company E: OP, vicinity YD 067574, received three incoming carbine rounds. Small arms fire returned, one VC seen running west on MSR.
- 071055H - Company G: Patrol sighted and fired upon four VC armed with weapons and grenades vicinity YD 065528. VC broke contact and fled. Heavy blood trail and drag marks followed until lost in underbrush, 2 VC/NVA KIA (prob). Captured 2 M-1 carbines with 3 magazines and rounds. One U. S. 45 M3A1 SMG with 3 magazines and rounds, 1 French MAT-49, with 1 magazine and rounds, 1085 Piasters, one pair eye glasses with case, assorted medical gear, 13 personal pictures, approximately 30 lbs. rice, assorted eating utensils, three packs, four hammocks, one empty rice bag (donated through U. S. aid origin), assorted documents and clothing including 1 pair woman's panties and two bras.

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- 062215H - AN/TPS-21 Operator: Operator of (AN/TPS-21 Counterintelligence device) located at YD 068555 detected movement of squad size unit or larger, moving vicinity YD 069578, in an easterly direction. Expended 54 rounds HE 105mm in a sweeping zone fire with good target coverage. No further movement reported by AN/TPS-21 operator.
- 083245H - ARVN Outpost Delta 5: Reported one VC company located at YD 075513. Fired 34 HE 105mm rounds on target. Results: Unknown.
- 101240H - Company F: Patrol discovered unidentified aluminum object vicinity YD 051522. Division G-2 tentatively identified item as 60mm mortar base plate.
- 102010H - AN/TPS-21 Operator: Detected movement of approximately 20 persons moving from east to west vicinity YD 039576 to YD 049572. Artillery fire mission conducted with excellent target coverage. Movement ceased. AN/TPS-21 continued to scan area with negative results. Area searched at first light with negative findings.
- 112045H - AN/TPS-21 Operator: Detected movement, which lasted approximately 45 minutes, of 15 to 20 people. Movement first detected vicinity YD 050579, moved to 052572, 042568, 045575 and 059585. Movement stopped at 042568 and 059585. Moved patrol from ambush site, west to vicinity YD 042566, activated Sparrow Hawk and two tanks put on alert to reinforce patrol. Artillery mission fired vicinity YD 059585, with excellent target coverage, movement ceased. AO checked area at first light, observed canopy blown away and sighted many trails not known to exist.
- 121300H - Company H: Patrol observed suspected 60mm mortar round impact vicinity YD 059521. Artillery mission fired on suspected mortar positions vicinity YD 043509, 050508, 041500 and 036561 with good target coverage. Results: Unknown.
- 121620H - CAM LO Army Advisory Team: District Force VC platoon sighted vicinity YD 028538, with mixed uniforms and 60mm mortar. Artillery mission conducted with good target coverage. Results: Unknown.

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- 121630H - Company E: OP, vicinity YD 060556, observed two Vietnamese males move into foliage, vicinity YD 075569. Heard ~~semi-automatic~~ carbine fire and observed USMC vehicle traveling in a westerly direction. Men were not seen again.
- 122245H - AN/TPS-21 Operator: Operator reported movement vicinity YD 060579 and tracked movement to YD 064574. The line of movement covered the following coordinates; YD 060579, 064578, 067578, 064576, 065576, 064574, 063577, and 064575. The movement was stationary at YD 064574.
- 132000H - Company E: North outpost located at YD 060556, received 6-10 sniper rounds from 2 weapons (possibly carbines) from vicinity YD 058556. Returned fire with approximately 40 rounds of M-14 and 3 to 4 rounds M-79. Illumination was also fired. Area searched at first light with negative results.
- 142215H - Company E: OP, vicinity YD 068554, detected movement near their defensive wire. Movement was northwest of position, approximately 50 meters from wire. Four to five rounds of M-14 were fired at area. Area was searched with negative results.
- 162120H - Company H: FPB observed lights vicinity YD 097575 and YD 103576. One light at each coordinate, both stationary.
- 162120H - Perimeter Defense: Observed movement, lights and heard bamboo drums in front of positions, also trip flares were set off by unknown sources. At 2330 lights were still seen in front of Battery C, 44th Artillery Regiment positions. 3rd Marines perimeter defense fired five M-79 rounds at drum noises. Battery C, fired 50 caliber machine gun at lights. 81mm mortar fired one round, illumination, vicinity YD 055555, bamboo drums ceased. No further lights reported as of 0015 17 Dec.
- 181225H - 81mm Mortars: Reported vehicle, traveling approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from main gate of Camp J. J. CARROLL vicinity YD 055555, received 8 to 10 rounds of sniper fire from vicinity YD 055554. Vehicle continued toward camp, and when away from fire, returned to area to observe. Negative results due to the distance and high brush and grass.

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- 182115H - AN/TPS-21 Operator: Reported squad size unit or larger, moving from YD 061583 to YD 069579. Fired 16 rounds of 81mm mortar, HE with good target coverage. Results: Enemy movement ceased.
- 200727H - Company E: Lead elements sweeping south, activated small pressure detonated type mine vicinity YD 114524.
- 200915H - Company E: Elements vicinity YD 112515, received small arms and automatic weapons fire from estimated 14 to 16 VC/NVA vicinity YD 112513. Small arms fire returned. UH-1E gunships spotted/strafed 8 to 9 VC/NVA. Three enemy KIA (conf), five enemy KIA (prob).
- 200930H - Company H: Elements discovered/destroyed booby trapped CHICOM grenade rigged with trip wire vicinity YD 162517. Immediate area searched with negative results.
- 200945H - Company E: Elements discovered two reinforced caves 8'X8'X6' vicinity YD 111515. Caves were blown in place.
- 201010H - Company E: Elements discovered one carbine magazine with 15 rounds, assorted medical supplies and documents vicinity YD 116512.
- 201200H - Company H: Elements detonated unknown type mine rigged with trip wire vicinity YD 102500. Mine emplaced in a ditch.
- 201250H - Company H: Elements discovered approximately 500 pounds of rice vicinity YD 105503. Rice disposed of by ARVN's.
- 212140H - AN/TPS-21 Operator: Operator reported enemy movement approximately 200 meters in length from vicinity YD 065575 to YD 073582. Fire mission fired, expending 100 rounds 40mm HE, 24 rounds 105mm HE and 16 rounds 81mm mortar HE. Patrol searched area at first light with negative results.
- 251717H - Defensive Perimeter: Outpost "B" vicinity YD 058557, heard 6-10 rounds pass over position. Outpost observed Vietnamese bus stopped vicinity YD 063572. Bus later continued enroute towards CAM LO.
- 261220H - Company F: Elements received automatic and small arms fire from approximately 10 VC/NVA vicinity YD 029519. Returned small arms fire, artillery and mortars fired, expending 56 rounds 105mm HE, six rounds W. P. Area search uncovered excellent escape route in form of stream bed. vicinity YD 032522.

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261400H - Discovered one VC/NVA body in grave. Body had been [REDACTED] 5 to 7 days. Man was wearing black pajamas and no unit markings or documents were found. Unable to determine age.

270935H - Company F: Lead elements engaged estimated VC/NVA squad. VC/NVA were firing small arms and automatic weapons. Small arms and automatic fire returned vicinity YD 029515. Artillery mission conducted and enemy broke contact.

271100H - Company F: 1st Platoon found nine two man lean-to type shelters constructed of banana tree leaves and bamboo vicinity YD 030519, showing signs of recent occupancy. Complete area was destroyed.

281325H - Company F: Discovered enemy camp at YD 028509, consisting of approximately 57 lean-to type structures made of wood which would shelter two or three men. Six fighting holes were found along trail leading into camp. (Note) Camp could not be observed from air due to canopy. Camp was destroyed.

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281350H - Company F: Discovered enemy camp at YD 031507. Camp contained 50 lean-to type structures which would house two to three men. Five fighting holes were also discovered. Camp was destroyed.

4. Enemy Situation at the End of Reporting Period.

- (a) Captured documents confirms the K-6 Company of the 2d Battalion, 31st Regiment, 341st Division, North Vietnamese Army as operating within and adjacent to our Area of Operation vicinity grid square YD 0159, approximately 7000 meters northwest of our Command Post. Reported strength and armament is 120 men with MG's, B-40's, AK's and individual small arms.
- (b) The K-7 Company of the 2d Battalion, 31st Regiment, 341st Division, North Vietnamese Army is a confirmed unit operating approximately 7000 meters northwest of our Command Post, vicinity grid square YD 0159, with a strength of 110 men, armed with three 82mm mortars, AK's, CKC's and individual small arms.
- (c) The K-5 Company of the 2d Battalion, 31st Regiment, 341st Division, North Vietnamese Army, is being carried as a confirmed unit, operating 4000 meters southeast of our Command Post, vicinity grid square YD 1081.

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- [REDACTED]
- (d) One unidentified company with headquarters and support company is being carried as a probable unit (headquarters and support company a possible unit), operating 4000 meters east of our Area of Operation, vicinity grid square YD 1153. The company has a reported strength of 40 men, headquarters and support company strength unknown.
 - (e) One unidentified company is being carried as a probable unit, operating 3000 meters east of our Area of Operation, vicinity grid square YD 1052.
 - (f) One company (designated as the "YELLOW STAR" Company) is being carried as a possible unit, operating 5200 meters south-south-east of our Area of Operation, vicinity grid square YD 1049.
 - (g) The 6th Battalion of the 812th Regiment, 324B Division, North Vietnamese Army, (AKA K.6-D.6, THU BON Battalion or CUU LONG Battalion) is being carried as a possible enemy force operating within our Area of Operations, vicinity grid square YD 0752, 4200 meters south-southeast of our present Command Post. The 6th Battalion has a strength of 520 men armed with 3X82mm mortars, 3X57mm recoilless rifles, 9XB-40's and 12 machine-guns.
 - (h) The K-8 Company of the 2d Battalion, 31st Regiment, 341st Division, North Vietnamese Army is carried as a possible unit, operating 5600 meters northwest of our Command Post, vicinity grid square YD 0158.
 - (i) One unidentified Company is carried as a possible enemy force, operating within our Area of Operation, vicinity grid square YD 0158.
 - (j) One unidentified Regiment is being carried as a possible enemy force operating vicinity grid square YD 0347, approximately 2000 meters south of our Area of Operation.
 - (k) One unidentified Battalion is being carried as a possible enemy unit operating approximately 7000 meters west of our Command post, vicinity grid square YD 9954.
 - (l) One unidentified Company is carried as a possible enemy force operating within our Area of Operation vicinity grid square YD 0553, approximately 3000 meters south of our Command Post.
 - (m) One unidentified Company (Possible) is reported to be operating in the CUA Valley (immediately south and southeast of our Area of Operation) with a night assembly area vicinity grid square YD 0650.

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H. COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS:

1. General. During the current period, the Battalion moved from Dong Ha Combat Base to Camp J. J. CARROLL. The move affected communications repair and resupply since the repair shop is far removed from Battalion supply and transportation has of necessity been administratively curtailed. This arrangement has created a repair lag which increases "down" time on communications equipment.
2. Wire. Problems in this area during December included:
 - (a) Frequent wire cuts by friendly tracked and wheeled vehicles.
 - (b) The equipment repair lag previously mentioned has resulted in no backup switchboard being presently available for immediate installation in the event of further switchboard failure. We have borrowed a switchboard operator's pack from the 3d Regiment in order to continue present operations. There are five operator's packs "down" for repair.
3. Radio. Problems in this area during December included:
 - (a) The continuing breakage of AN/PRC-25 antennas and handsets. No replacements are available through the supply system and these items are becoming critical items of supply.
 - (b) Sufficient waterproofing materials are not available in the supply system. AN/PRC-10 battery bags are used to waterproof handsets. The specific items in short supply are waterproofing tape, caulking compound, machine gun bags, pistol bags, and desiccants.
 - (c) The turn-in to Division of two RC-292 antennas for use by Combined Action Companies has required the installation of field expedients.
 - (d) Present contingencies, if executed simultaneously, will impose an austere communications capability at each employed command post. Augmentation from higher authority may be necessary.
 - (e) The shortage of wattmeter URM-43 continues to cause an equipment test problem.
4. Radio Relay. No radio relay equipment is presently assigned to this Battalion.
5. Message Center.
 - (a) Presently, the message center is functioning by courier with Regiment. No Electrical machines are employed at this time.
 - (b) Equipment deficiencies in T/E presently consist of one reproducing machine which is essential for independent operation. The one reproducing machine held by this Battalion for message center use has been in repair since 23 November.

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N. WEATHER

1. Weather conditions for the reporting period consisted of cloud coverage, with heavy overcast, intermingled with scattered and broken clouds. Precipitation was heavy, with rain extending throughout most of the reporting period. The average temperature was 73 degrees with humidity at 88%, however during the latter part of the reporting period, temperatures remained in the upper 50's.
2. Winds were variable with some gusting, ranging from five to 25 knots. Fog was a principal limiting factor during the reporting period, ranging from light to heavy. Visibility was from three to seven miles during most of the reporting period.
3. The climatic conditions for the reporting period were normal for this region.

O. FIRE SUPPORT AND FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

1. Significant Events: During the period 1-4 December, the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines was responsible for the security of the Dong Ha Combat Base, and was assigned to operational control of the 4th Marines. On 4 December, the Battalion displaced to Camp J. J. CARROLL (YD 063551), where it assumed the responsibility for defense of the Camp CARROLL Complex. During the entire month of December, this Battalion has had no direct support artillery assigned. However, at Dong Ha Combat Base Battery K, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines and the 1st Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Regiment, U.S. Army, and Battery H, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines fired in support of all units in this vicinity. On 11 December, Battery C, 1st Battalion, 44th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment, U.S. Army was emplaced at Camp J. J. CARROLL. On 11 and 19 December, respectively, Battery E, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines displaced from Camp J. J. CARROLL and Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, this Battalion's normal support artillery, was emplaced at Camp J. J. CARROLL. During the entire month of December, this Battalion was participating in Operation PRARIE.

2. Artillery Units Providing Support

- (1) Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines-six 105 mm Howitzers
- (2) Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines-six 105 mm Howitzers
- (3) Battery E, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines-six 105 mm Howitzers
- (4) Battery K, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines-six 155 mm Howitzers
- (5) Battery H, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines-six 155 mm Howitzers
- (6) Battery A, 1st Battalion, 40th Field Artillery Regiment U.S. Army-six 105 mm Howitzers (SP)
- (7) Battery C, 1st Battalion, 44th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment, U.S. Army-sixteen 40 mm dual guns (SP)
four 50 cal. quad mounts (SP)
- (8) 1st Battalion, 40th Field Regiment, U.S. Army-eighteen 105 mm Howitzers (SP)
- (9) 2d Battalion, 94th Field Artillery Regiment, U.S. Army-twelve 175 mm Guns (SP)
3. Naval Gunfire: There were no Naval Gunfire requests by this Battalion.

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6. Maintenance.

(a) The monsoon weather continues to cause the major problems to communications equipment. Waterproofing and 1st echelon preventive maintenance are continually stressed. Waterproofing classes have been held for all communications personnel in the Battalion and available materials have been distributed.

(b) The distance between the radio repair facility and the Battalion supply causes additional lag time in the repair of communication equipment.

7. Supply. Items in short supply are:

(a) Waterproofing Materials

(b) Generator Filters

(c) AN/TPS-21 Gas Tanks

8. Power. Difficulties encountered during December were as follows:

(a) The PU-482 developed numerous radiator leaks, broke a fan belt, and the line voltage regulator has become inoperable. The voltage regulator has been turned-in to ELSU for repair and will be "down" for approximately two weeks.

(b) The PU-348 is still on deadline at ELSG awaiting parts and has been on deadline since 28 September. There is no information available on when it will be repaired.

(c) The PE-95 has an inoperable governor, burned out circuit breaker, bad voltage drop resistor, and constant difficulty with timing and points as a direct result of the bad resistor. However, it continues to function with an improvised external circuit breaker and voltage regulation is accomplished by throttle manipulation. Lights continue to be provided for the cantonment, the COC, and the mess hall.

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4. Type and Number Of Missions Fired:(a) Artillery

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| (1) Observed fire mission | 15 |
| (2) Unobserved fire mission | 2 |
| (3) Groups of fire | 11 |
| (4) Harassing and Interdiction | 1546 |
| (5) Neutralization | 1 |
| (6) Preparation Fires | 8 |
| (7) Registrations | 0 |
| (8) Training | 0 |
| (9) Total | 1583 |

(b) Naval Gunfire: None

(c) 81 mm Mortars:

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| (1) Observed fire mission | 6 |
| (2) Unobserved fire mission | 0 |
| (3) Harassing and Interdiction | 420 |
| (4) Neutralization | 0 |
| (5) Preparation Fires | 0 |
| (6) Registrations | 0 |
| (7) Training | 5 |
| (8) Total | 431 |

(d) Ammunition Expended by Type and Caliber:(1) Direct support artillery

105 mm Howitzer HE-2560

WP-144

ILLUM- 16

(2) Anti-Aircraft Artillery

40 mm Gun HE- 3300

(3) General support artillery

155 mm Howitzer HE-3029

WP- 87

ILLUM- 210

175 mm Gun HE-9

(4) Naval Gunfire: None

(5) Tanks, 90 mm HEAT-429

(6) 81 mm Mortar HTL-715

HEI-892

WP-0

ILLUM-75

(7) 60 mm Mortar HE-1200

(8) 106 mm Recoilless Rifle HEAT-17 HEP-T-3

.50 Cal. spotting rds.-40

(5) Surveillance: From all fire missions, and H&I's conducted this month, we have had no surveillance other than "Good" to "Excellent" target coverage.

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P. AIR SUPPORT

1. During the reporting period, air support was provided by MAG-16, 1st MAW. This air support included close air support, medical evacuations, and resupply.
2. During the reporting period, no fixed-wing air support was used by this Battalion.
3. The following is a listing of missions flown in support of this Battalion during the reporting period:

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|---|
| Close Air Support | (UH-1E Gunship) | 1 |
| Medevacs | | 5 |
| Resupply | | 1 |
| Troop lifts | | 3 |

Q. ACTIVATIONS/DEACTIVATIONS/REDESIGNATION.

None.

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2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines
Camp J. J. CARROLL, RVN (YD063551)
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Operation Plan 24-66

Ref: (a) Map: CAM LO, 1:50,000, Sheet 6342 I, Series 47014

Time Zones: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly forces.

(1) 3rd Marines continues operations in assigned Area of Operation.

(2) 1st Battalion, 12 Marines, D/S 3rd Marines

(3) Company A, 3rd Tank Battalion, D/S 3rd Marines

(4) Company A, 3rd Anti-Tank Battalion, D/S 3rd Marines

(5) Air Support. CAS, helicopter, aerial observation, and service support available on call.

c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A (Task Organization).

d. Assumptions

(1) That forces currently deployed have returned OP CON to this Battalion.

2. MISSION. 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines will conduct a reconnaissance in force operation in an area bounded by grid squares YD 0857, YD 1157, YD 0855, and YD 1155 to destroy or capture all enemy forces, equipment, and supplies.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of operations. The 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines will conduct a reconnaissance in force operation for a three day period in area bounded by grid squares YD 0857, YD 1157, YD 0855, and YD 1155 with a Rifle Company (reinf) to destroy or capture all enemy forces, equipment, and supplies. One Rifle Company and a Command Group will be prepared to reinforce the committed Company and/or act as a reaction.

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- b. Command G p. Be prepared to displace on [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED] Operation in conjunction with the commitment of the Battalion Reserve.

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c. Company E

- (1) Continue to provide security for assigned sectors of the Camp J. J. GARRONE perimeter and water point.
- (2) Maintain observation posts on North Hill and Hill #250.
- (3) Conduct normal patrols, ambushes, and listening posts throughout assigned sector.

d. Company F

- (1) Continue to provide security for the KHE GIA Bridge with two Rifle Platoons and a Company Headquarters.
- (2) Continue to provide a Rifle Platoon (reinf) as a reaction force on 30 minute alert. (Sparrow Hawk)
- (3) Conduct normal patrols, ambushes, and listening posts throughout assigned sector.

e. Company G (reinf)

- (1) Commencing at H-Hour move overland by foot to conduct a reconnaissance in force operation for a three day period in the area bounded by grid squares YD 0857, YD 1157, YD 0855, and YD 1155 to destroy or capture all enemy forces, equipment and supplies.
- (2) Establish a Company Patrol Base in the vicinity of Hill #158. (YD 092561)
- (3) Conduct platoon size reconnaissance in force patrols throughout Area of Operations Annex D (Operation Overlay)
- (4) Conduct extensive night ambushes throughout Area of Operation.
- (5) Be prepared to resume presently assigned missions upon completion of this operation.

f. Battalion Reserve(1) Company H (reinf)

- (a) Be prepared to reinforce the committed Company in the Area of Operation.

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- (b) Be prepared to assumed the mission the committed Company.
(Paragraph 3. e. above)
- (c) Be prepared to resume presently assigned missions upon completion of this operation.

g. Coordinating instructions

- (1) Annex A (Task Organization)
- (2) Annex B (Intelligence)
- (3) Annex C (Fire Support)
- (4) D-Day: 13 December 1966 (tentative); H-Hour: 0500
- (5) Duration of Operation: Approximately three days.
- (6) Rules of Engagement apply.
- (7) Use of Riot Control Agents (RCA) authorized.
- (8) Carry yellow air panels and yellow smoke to mark friendly front lines for air strikes.
- (9) If an air strike is requested, be prepared to mark the target with white phosphorous.
- (10) Capabilities of supporting arms will be fully exploited.
- (11) Effective Division passwords and countersigns will be used.
- (12) Situation Reports will be submitted hourly; Spot Reports as they occur.
- (13) Flak jackets will be worn.
- (14) Medical supplies and facilities, foodstuffs, religious and cultural buildings will not be intentionally destroyed.
- (15) This plan is effective for planning on receipt and for execution on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Supply

- (1) Battalion Supply is the primary source of all classes of supply.

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(2) Prescribed loads

(a) Class I

Rations: Three rations, MCI

Water: Two canteens and halizone/salt tablets for five days.

(b) Class II

(1) Minimum required.

(2) Batteries for three days.

(3) Four pair of socks, wrapped in individual plastic bags.

(4) Two ponchos and one field jacket.

(5) One can of foot powder.

(c) Class III. Minimum required.

(d) Class IV. Request as required.

(e) Class V. Basic allowance, plus one day of small arms ammunition.

b. Control and distribution

(1) Control. Battalion S-4 will coordinate requests for logistical support.

(2) Distribution. Unit distribution.

c. Resupply

(1) Resupply requests will be submitted over Battalion Tactical Net until such time as the Battalion Reserve is committed and the Helicopter Logistic Support Net is activated.

(2) A block of resupply items will be established by the S-4 for possible emergency resupply.

(3) Resupply will be accomplished from the Camp J. J. CARROLL Landing Zone.

(4) Only emergency resupply will be accomplished as units will carry sufficient supplies to the field for the duration of the operation. Climatic conditions preclude the use of helicopters for normal resupply of units.

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d. Evacuation and hospitalization

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- (1) Medical evacuation will be requested over the Tactical Air Request Net (TAR). If for any reason the TAR is not available, Battalion Tactical Net will be used.
- (2) Immersion foot is preventable and proper care and supervision will eliminate it as a cause of non-battle casualties. Frequent changes of socks, liberal use of foot powder and exposure of feet to the air will prevent immersion foot. Commanders will ensure that these preventive measures are taken.
- (3) Due to adverse weather conditions helicopter evacuation of casualties will be extremely difficult and at times impossible. Ensure equipment is available for the carrying of casualties if helicopter support is not available.

e. Transportation

- (1) Request for helicopter support will be submitted over the Battalion Tactical Net.

f. Service

- (1) Unserviceable and items will be evacuated and "in kind" replacements will be issued.
- (2) Preventive maintenance will be performed as required.

g. Personnel

- (1) No replacements can be expected except for combat support and combat service support personnel.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. Command. Command Posts and subordinate unit locations will be reported to this Headquarters when established.
- b. Communications - Electronics. Annex B (Communications - Electronics)

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ANNEXES:

- A - Task Organization
- B - Intelligence
- C - Fire Support
- D - Operation Overlay
- E - Communications - Electronics
- F - Distribution

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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Plan 24-66

Time Zone: H

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2d Battalion, 3d Marines

Company A (-), 3d Tank Battalion

Company A (-), 3d Anti-Tank Battalion

Company E

Capt RAGSDALE

Company F

Capt MADONNA

Company G (reinf)

Capt BOCKWITZ

Company G

FO Team, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

FAC Team

Scout Sniper Teams (2), 3d Marines

Battalion Reserve

Company H (reinf)

Capt CARROLL

Company H

FO Team, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

FAC Team

Scout Sniper Team, 3d Marines

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2d Battalion 3d Marine Division
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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 24-56

Ref: (a) Maps: Ans L7014, 1:50,000, Sheets 6342 I, 6342 II, 6442 III,
and 6442 IV.
(b) BnO 3800.1C

Time Zone: H

1. ENEMY SITUATION

- a. Intelligence reports have not indicated or confirmed any enemy units within the objective area.
- b. Units that could materially effect our mission consist of one unidentified company located vicinity GS (1153) approximately 1500 meters southeast of the objective area. This company has been rated as probable. The CAM LO advisors relayed on 25 November that one VC company was sighted and engaged at vicinity YD 095588, approximately 1500 meters north of the objective area.
- c. The most significant VC/NVA activity during the past month has been encounters with a VC/NVA company in the MAI LOC area south of the objective area. On 26 November, contact was made with one VC company vicinity YD (1152) with NVA Cadre. Also significant was that bunkers and fighting holes were used in the MAI LOC area. It can be expected that if contact is made with VC/NVA within the objective area, that the possibility of fighting holes and bunker fortifications could be encountered.
 - (1) It is to be noted that Main Force units will be armed with 60mm mortars, 57 recoilless rifles, and assorted automatic weapons. The enemy is quite adept in the use of camouflage, making themselves nearly invisible in the jungle areas. NVA soldiers have proved to be well led, skillful fighters, with high morale. Morale in the Main Force units is considerably lower.

2. TERRAIN

- a. This area is covered by either grass or shrub, more often it is heavily forested with closely spaced trees and heavy undergrowth. There would be some difficulty in finding helicopter landing zones in parts of the objective area. Some canopy can be expected. Secondary growth at ground level ranges from thin to heavy in some places.

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- b. The northern part of the objective area should level out to be rolling type terrain with low shrub. There are some trails leading into the objective area and should provide some ease in navigating.
- c. The principle man made features include Highway #558, east of the objective area and running north and south with the northern point intersecting Route #9. Route #9 north of the objective area runs east and west.
- d. Military Aspects
 - (1) Observation - Overall observation is limited, especially in areas of heavy foliage. An added observation problem during this period is the reduced visibility which can be expected as a result of fog and rains.
 - (2) Fields of Fire - In the objective area, fields of fire will be poor at times. In the low land part of the objective area, fields of fire can be excellent. Cover and concealment will be good in the heavy foliage/canopy area. There is little man made cover except in areas of prior troop concentrations.
 - (3) Obstacles - Major obstacles to troop movement is dense foliage, and steep slopes made slippery by the rain and existing stream beds.
 - (4) Key Terrain Features - Routes #9 and #558. Hill #158 on the objective area and the high ground east and west of the objective area.
 - (5) Avenues of Approach - Generally along the valleys and stream beds. There is one infiltration trail route/avenue of approach running parallel to Route #558 south into the objective area. It is noted that NVA infiltration routes are following ridge lines rather than the valley.

3. WEATHER

- a. Temperatures: Temperatures may be expected to range from a high of 78°, to a low of 74°. Humidity 80%.
- b. Precipitation: Cloudiness and rain showers to continue.
- c. Astronomical Data: See Appendix (1) (Astronomical data)

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4. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION (EEI)

- a. Are there any bunkers, caves, tunnels or trench lines? If so, where and what size? Do they have signs of recent occupancy? (Give detailed description if found).
- b. Are there any NVA units within the area of operation? If so, where, how many, and what type? Identifications?
- c. Does the enemy possess mortar or artillery weapons? If so, where, how many, and what type?
- d. Determine if there is any information in the area of operation on routing, warning and advisory signs.
- e. Determine the location and capacity of food and weapons storage areas.
- f. Determine routes of entrance and egress utilized by the enemy in the area of operation.
- g. Does the enemy possess an NBC capability? If so, what type? How will they employ it? What will be means of delivery?
- h. What map corrections should be made of this area? Specifically, what paths and trails exist?

5. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS

- a. Request to higher headquarters for the following assistance:
 - (1) Aerial observation and photo reconnaissance.

6. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PRISONERS, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND CAPTURED MATERIAL

- a. In accordance with reference (b).
- b. All captured personnel, documents and materials will be forwarded through channels.
- c. Units will not broadcast in the clear, the fact that a VC/NVA has been taken prisoner, in order that any intelligence obtained from such prisoners may be exploited before his comrades become aware of the danger of this compromise.

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- d. Capturing units will interrogate all prisoners immediately upon capture for information of immediate tactical value, but will not delay the transfer of prisoners.
- e. Rallyers/returnees, will be transported immediately to Camp J. J. Carroll Main Gate without interrogation.

7. MAPS, CHARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

- a. Reference (a) will be the standard maps for the operation.
- b. Additional maps are available from the Battalion S-2.

8. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

- a. Command Posts will be thoroughly policed before they are abandoned to ensure that no material that would aid the enemy has been left behind.
- b. Immediately inform this Headquarters of the capture of any friendly personnel who have access to **SECRET** or higher materials. Include in the priority report, the most recent access the captured/missing person had to operation plans, orders, or decisions.
- c. Sign and Countersign: Appendix 2 (Sign and Countersign)

9. REPORTS

- a. Spot reports will be submitted by the most expeditious means as soon as possible after a contact or significant intelligence finding occurs.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL OHANESIAN

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Astronomical Data (issued)
- 2 - Sign and Countersign (issued)

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Annex C (Fire Support) to Operation Plan 24-66

Ref: (a) MAP: CAM LO, 1:50,000, Sheet 6342 I, Series L7014
(b) FMFM 7-4

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly forces.

(1) 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, D/S 3d Marines

(2) 12th Marines, D/S 3d Marine Division

(3) 1st Marine Air Wing provides CAS and helicopter support.

2. MISSION. Fire Support Coordination Center (FSCC), 2d Battalion, 3d Marines will exercise overall responsibility for planning and coordinating all fires supporting the operation, thereby ensuring maximum effective fire support and troop safety to all units.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation

(1) All supporting arms in support of the operation will be controlled by the Company Commander, Company G, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines until such time as the Battalion Reserve is committed. Supporting arms will then be controlled by the Command Group.

(2) All fire missions, observed and unobserved, must be approved by the Fire Support Coordinator (FSC), 2d Battalion, 3d Marines and by the FSC, 3d Marine Regiment.

(3) On call concentrations will support the scheme of maneuver. Appendix 1 (Artillery Fire Plan).

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4. TARGET INFORMATION

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a. Restricted targets

- (1) Every effort will be made to preserve religious, cultural, medical and public utility installations. Rules of Engagement apply throughout the operation.

5. AIRCRAFT SAFETY

- a. Air sentries and lookouts. Aircraft sentinels will be assigned during the employment of artillery and mortar supporting arms. Forward observers conducting fire missions will assume responsibility for aircraft safety. Cease fire when it appears that the trajectories of supporting fires may endanger friendly aircraft.

6. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- e. Battery M, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines Conduct of Fire Net (COF) will be monitored by FO's and FSCC.
- b. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines 81mm Mortar COF will be monitored by Mortar FO's and FSCC.
- c. Tactical Air Request Net (TAR) will be monitored by Forward Air Controllers and FSCC.

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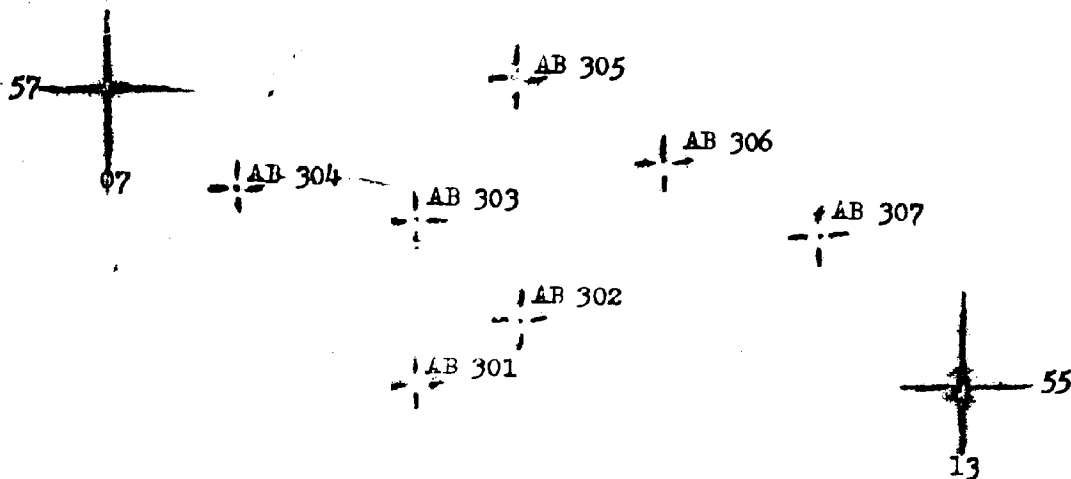
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(Fire Support) to Operation Plan 24-66

| <u>Target</u> <u>Conc No</u> | <u>Target</u> <u>Coordinates</u> | <u>Target</u> <u>Description</u> | <u>Target</u> <u>Altitude</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| AB 301 | 09195500 | Ave of Approach | 130 |
| AB 302 | 09875543 | Assembly Area | 130 |
| AB 303 | 09175610 | Objective | 158 |
| AB 304 | 07905632 | Observation Post | 150 |
| AB 305 | 09875708 | Ave of Approach | 25 |
| AB 306 | 10895657 | Ave of Approach | 50 |
| AB 307 | 12005600 | Assembly Area | 35 |

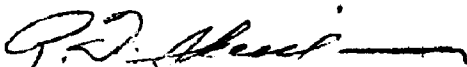
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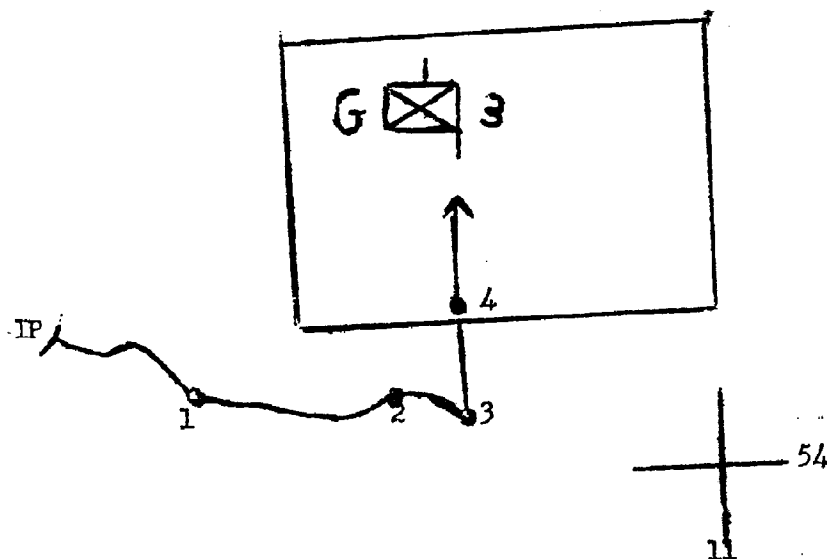
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Annex B (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 24-66

Ref: (a) DivO 02000.2E
(b) DivO P2000.4B
(c) FMFM 10-1
(d) Current 2d Battalion, 3d Marines Communications Plan
(e) CG 3d MarDiv 070801Z December 1966

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence)
- (2) The enemy possesses an electronic countermeasure capability which includes radio intercept, traffic analysis, jamming, direction finding, and wire tapping.
- (3) Abandoned enemy communications electronic equipment may be booby trapped.
- (4) The enemy will cut and booby trap friendly land lines whenever possible.

b. Friendly forces

- (1) Annex A (Task Organization)
- (2) Command Posts
 - (a) Report CP locations as established.

2. MISSION. Communications-electronics section will provide communications for command and control of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines as directed.

3. EXECUTION

a. Communications Platoon

- (a) Furnish personnel and equipment for the command post, command group, forward air controllers, and helicopter support team communications as directed.

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- (b) Provide coordinated communications logistic support to the committed elements of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines to include battery resupply and inoperative radio equipment replacement.

(2) Wire Section

- (a) Operate/maintain existing command post land line facilities.
- (b) Provide additional support to the committed forces as directed.

(3) Message Center

- (a) Operate/maintain present command post message center facilities.
- (b) Provide expeditious handling of operation traffic. Incoming operation traffic will be delivered immediately to the routing officer. Outgoing operation traffic will be transmitted without delay.

(4) Communications-Electronic Maintenance

- (a) All repair and battery charging will be accomplished at the presently established communications-electronic repair facility.
- (b) Repair of all inoperative equipment will be expeditiously performed and returned to the pertinent unit.

b. Supporting Arms Communications. Annex C (Fire Support).c. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) KAC-QT 30 will be used as directed from Company to Battalion.
- (2) KAC 181 (operations code) will be used only as directed by the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines S-3 officer.
- (3) Only tactical traffic will be passed on the Battalion Tactical Net.
- (4) All administrative and logistical traffic will be passed over the Helicopter Logistical Support Net. Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) Each company will enter this net in addition to the Battalion Tactical Net.
- (5) Appropriate distances between radios at the same location will be maintained in order to preclude mutual interference.

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- (6) The long range logistical net will be used for all administrative traffic from the Command Group to the Rear Command Post. Appendix 1 (Radio Plan).
- (7) Radio call signs are assigned in accordance with references (a), (d), and Appendix 1 (Radio Plan).
- (8) Communications procedures are in accordance with references (b) and (c).
- (9) Yellow panels or yellow smoke will be used to mark front line positions. Other pyrotechnics as listed in reference (e).
- (10) Each committed company and the Command Group will employ an HC-292 antenna at its CP location.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Refer paragraph 4 of basic plan; Administration and Logistics.
- b. All committed units commence operation with three days supply of batteries.
- c. Requests for communication resupply (e.g. batteries, wire) will be made via the Helicopter Logistical Support Net to the Command Group. The S-4 will consolidate these requests and transmit the total requests to the rear Command Post.
- d. Casualty reporting will be accomplished via the Helicopter Logistical Support Net.
- e. Equipment requiring repair will be evacuated to the Battalion CP.
- f. Each unit will provide appropriate security for all classified material taken to the field to include a continuous chain of receipts in the handling of RPS distributed materials.
- g. Classified matter will not be transmitted in the clear at any time. This includes unit size, location, movement, frequencies, and total losses.
- h. All radio equipment and handsets will be kept dry. Every effort will be made to waterproof radios prior to departure.

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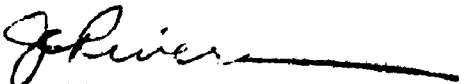
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| ORGANIZATION | VOICE CALL | COLUMN | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | NET TITLE | FREQUENCY | PERF | MIKE | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 3RD MARDIV | SUDDEN DEATH | 1ST TAC #1 | 20.7 MCS | M-520 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3RD MARINES | STARBOARD | 2ND TAC #2 | 20.1 MCS | M-517 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2ND BN, 3RD MARINES | PYGMALION | 3RD TAC #3 | 20.0 MCS | M-702 | | | | | | | | | | |
| TACP 2ND BN, 3RD MAR | PYGMALION 14 | 4TH TAC #4 | 19.3 MCS | M-623 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 81 MORTARS | PYGMALION WHISKEY | 5TH TAC #5 | 19.25 MCS | M-507 | | | | | | | | | | |
| E BTRY 2ND BN, 3RD MAR | PIED PAPER ECHO | 6TH TAC #6 | 18.1 MCS | M-708 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CO E 2ND BN, 3RD MAR | PYGMALION ECHO | 7TH TAC #7 | 18.0 MCS | M-635 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CO F 2ND BN, 3RD MAR | PYGMALION FOXTROT | 8TH TAC #8 | 17.5 MCS | M-588 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CO G 2ND BN, 3RD MAR | PYGMALION GOLF | 9TH TAC #9 | 17.2 MCS | M-523 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CO H 2ND BN, 3RD MAR | PYGMALION HOTEL | 10TH TAC #10 | 17.0 MCS | M-500 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2ND BN, 3RD MAR (REAR) | PYGMALION REAR | 11TH TAC #11 | 16.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 12TH TAC #12 | 15.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 13TH TAC #13 | 14.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 14TH TAC #14 | 13.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 15TH TAC #15 | 12.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 16TH TAC #16 | 11.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 17TH TAC #17 | 10.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 18TH TAC #18 | 9.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 19TH TAC #19 | 8.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 20TH TAC #20 | 7.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 21TH TAC #21 | 6.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 22TH TAC #22 | 5.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 23TH TAC #23 | 4.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 24TH TAC #24 | 3.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 25TH TAC #25 | 2.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 26TH TAC #26 | 1.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 27TH TAC #27 | 0.2 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 28TH TAC #28 | 0.1 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 29TH TAC #29 | 0.0 MCS | M-700 | | | | | | | | | | |
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Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly forces.

(1) 3d Marines continues operations in assigned Area of Operation.

(2) 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, D/S 3d Marines

(3) Company A, 3d Tank Battalion, D/S 3d Marines

(4) Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion, D/S 3d Marines

(5) Battery C, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery, U. S. Army,
D/S 3d Marines.

(6) Air Support. CAS, helicopter, aerial observation, and service
support available on call.

c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A (Task Organization)

d. Assumptions.

(1) That forces currently deployed will return to the operational
control of this Battalion.

2. MISSION. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines in conjunction with CAM LO District
Forces, will conduct a reconnaissance in force operation in an area
bounded by grid squares YD 0953, YD 1353, YD 0948, and YD 1348 to destroy
or capture all enemy forces, equipment and supplies. Subsequent to
the reconnaissance in force operation conduct a search and clear operation
in the vicinity of the THON BANG SON Refugee Camp (YD 100530)

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation.

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(1) Phase I. The 2d Battalion, 3d Marines will conduct a two day combined reconnaissance in force operation with two Rifle Companies and a Command Group as the sweep force moving south from the northern portion of the Area of Operation and the CAM LO District Forces providing the blocking force along the southern portion of the Area of Operation.

(2) Phase II. Upon completion of the reconnaissance in force operation the combined forces will conduct a night overland movement to encircle the THON BANG SON Refugee Camp. At first light conduct a detailed search of the Refugee Camp to destroy or capture all enemy forces, supplies, and equipment.

Command Group. At H-Hour follow in trace of Company E (reinf) and move to Area of Operation.

c. Company E (reinf)

(1) At H-Hour conduct a night overland movement to assigned sector in the Area of Operation.

(2) Prior to first light occupy Blocking Position X with one platoon (reinf) to screen the eastern portion of the Area of Operation.

(3) Be prepared at first light to attack, seize, and defend Objective 1. On order, attack, seize, and defend the left portion of Objective A and be prepared to conduct subsequent operation against Objective 3.

(4) Upon completion of Phase I, continue to occupy Blocking Position X and be prepared to conduct a search and clear operation in the vicinity of the THON BANG SON Refugee Camp (Phase II).

(5) At the conclusion of Phase II of this operation be prepared to resume presently assigned missions.

d. Company F (reinf)

(1) Continue to provide security for KHE GIA Bridge.

(2) Continue to provide one platoon (reinf) as a Battalion Reserve/ reaction force. (Sparrow Hawk).

(3) Continue to conduct extensive patrols, ambushes, and listening posts in assigned sector.

e. Company G (reinf)

(1) At H-Hour conduct a night overland movement following in trace of the Command Group to assigned sector in Area of Operations.

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- (2) Be prepared at first light to attack, seize, and defend Objective 2. On order, attack, seize, and defend the right portion of Objective A and be prepared to conduct subsequent operations against Objective 3.
- (3) Upon completion of Phase I be prepared to conduct a search and clear operation in the vicinity of the THON BANG SON Refugee Camp. (Phase II).
- (4) At the conclusion of Phase II of this operation be prepared to resume presently assigned missions.

f. Battalion Reserve(1) Company H

- (a) Continue to provide security for assigned sector of Camp J. J. CARROLL perimeter and water point.

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- (b) Maintain observation posts on North Hill and Hill #250.
- (c) Conduct normal patrols, ambushes, and listening posts throughout assigned sector.
- (d) Be prepared to provide two rifle platoons and a Company Headquarters as a reaction force.

- (2) Sparrow Hawk. One Rifle platoon (reinf) available on 30 minute alert from Company F (reinf).

g. CAM LO District Forces

- (1) At H-Hour conduct a night overland movement and establish blocking positions along the southern portion of the Area of Operation.
- (2) At the completion of Phase I, commence a night overland movement to the THON BANG SON Refugee Camp to conduct a search and clear operation.

h. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) Annex A (Task Organization)
- (2) Annex B (Intelligence)
- (3) Annex C (Fire Support)

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- (4) D-Day: 20 December 1966 (tentative); H-Hour: 0001

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- (5) Duration of Operation: Approximately three days.
- (6) Rules of Engagement apply.
- (7) Use of Riot Control Agents (RCA) authorized.
- (8) Carry yellow air panels and yellow smoke to mark friendly front lines for air strikes.
- (9) If an air strike is requested be prepared to mark target with white phosphorous.
- (10) Capabilities of supporting arms will be fully exploited.
- (11) Effective Division passwords and countersigns will be used.
- (12) Situation Reports will be submitted hourly; Spot Reports as they occur.
- (13) Fire Coordination Line (FCL). Annex D (Operation Overlay)
- (14) Flak jackets will be worn.
- (15) Medical supplies and facilities, foodstuffs, religious and cultural buildings will not be intentionally destroyed.
- (16) This plan is effective for planning on receipt and for execution on order.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICSa. Supply

- (1) Battalion Supply is the primary source of all classes of supply.
- (2) Prescribed loads

(a) Class I

Rations: Three rations, MCI.

Water: Two canteens and halizone/salt tablets for five days.

(b) Class II

- (1) Minimum required.
- (2) Batteries for three days.
- (3) Three pair of socks, wrapped in individual plastic bags.

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(4) Two ponchos and one field jacket.

(5) One can of foot powder.

(c) Class III. Minimum required.

(d) Class IV. Request as required.

(e) Class V. Basic allowance, plus one day of small arms ammunition.

b. Control and distribution

(1) Control. Battalion S-4 will coordinate request for logistical support.

(2) Distribution. Unit distribution.

c. Resupply

(1) Resupply requests will be submitted over the Helicopter Logistical Support Net.

(2) A block of resupply items will be established by the S-4 for possible emergency resupply.

(3) Resupply will be accomplished from the Camp J. J. CARROLL Landing Zone.

(4) Only emergency resupply will be accomplished as units will carry sufficient supplies to the field for the duration of the operation. Climatic conditions preclude the use of helicopters for normal resupply of units.

d. Evacuation and hospitalization

(1) Medical evacuation will be requested over the Tactical Air Request Net (TAR). If for any reason the TAR is not available, Battalion Tactical Net will be used.

(2) Immersion foot is preventable and proper care and supervision will eliminate it as a cause of non-battle casualties. Frequent changes of socks, liberal use of foot powder and exposure of feet to the air will prevent immersion foot. Commanders will ensure that these preventive measures are taken.

(3) Due to adverse weather conditions helicopter evacuation of casualties will be extremely difficult and at times impossible. Ensure equipment is available for the carrying of casualties if helicopter support is not available.

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c. Transportation

- (1) Request for helicopter support will be submitted over the Battalion Tactical Net.

f. Service

- (1) Unserviceable end items will be evacuated and "in kind" replacements will be issued.
- (2) Preventive maintenance will be performed as required.

g. Personnel


- (1) No replacements can be expected except for combat support and combat service support personnel.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. Command. Command Posts and subordinate unit locations will be reported to this Headquarters when established.

b. Communications - Electronics. Annex E (Communications-Electronics)

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Company A, (-), 3d Anti-Tank Battalion
Company C, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery, U. S. Army
Scout Sniper Squad, 3d Marines
Section, 81mm Mortar Platoon
15th CIT, 3d Marine Division
Company E (reinf)

Capt RAGSDALE

Company E

FO Team, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

FAC Team

Scout Sniper Team, 3d Marines

Company F (reinf)

Capt MADCINA

Company F

Section, 81mm Mortar Platoon

Section, Company A, 3d Anti-Tank Battalion

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Company G (reinf)

Capt BOCKEWITZ

Company G

FO Team, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

FAC Team

Scout Sniper Team, 3d Marines

Battalion Reserve

Company H (-) (reinf)

Capt CARROLL

Company Headquarters

Two Rifle Platoons

FO Team, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

FAC Team

Section, 81mm Mortar Platoon

Sparrow Hawk

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Rifle Platoon (reinf) Company F

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CAM LO District Forces

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1st Battalion, 2d Regiment, 1st ARVN Division

U. S. Army Advisor Team

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1. ENEMY SITUATION

- a. Confirmed units within the objective area consist of the K5 Company, 2d Battalion, 31st Regiment, 341st Division NVA, with an estimated strength of 80 to 100 men, possibly armed with one 60mm mortar, automatic and individual weapons. Intelligence reports indicate this company's operating area to be located vicinity YD (1053).
- b. Delta-5 ARVN Outpost, reported one VC Company located at YD 075513, on 8 December 1966. Strength unknown.
- c. Agent report on 25 November 1966, (unrated) reports one enemy company with a strength of 100 men, known as "YELLOW STAR", operates in the CUA VALLEY and believed to be located YD (105497).
- d. ARVN's reported sighting one VC platoon located vicinity YD (0951). No further reports on this platoon.
- e. The Order of Battle dictates, as possible, three companies to be located vicinity YD (1040), YD (1052), and YD (1153) with a possible strength of 40 to 60 men each. It should be noted that there has not been any reports of these units within the past two weeks.
- f. Also reported, as possible, the 6th Battalion, 812th Regiment to be located vicinity YD (0752). This is considered as improbable as there has not been any recent reports of this unit.
- g. The most significant VC/NVA activity during the past month has been encounters with a VC/NVA Company in the objective area. The VC/NVA were utilizing fighting holes and bunker fortifications. It is possible that this encounter was made with the K-5 Company, now carried as a confirmed unit within the objective area.
 - (1) Main Force units will be armed with 60mm mortars, 57 recoilless rifles, and automatic weapons.
 - (2) Our mission could materially be effected by any of the units carried as possible, within the area of operation. It is significant that contact has been made as well as sightings of VC/NVA activity within the area of operation, therefore the possibility of VC/NVA contact exists.

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2. ENEMY CAPABILITIES(a) Enumeration

- (1) Attack any target within the area at anytime with a possible force of up to a battalion and three possible separate companies.
- (2) Attack multiple targets within the area simultaneously or in a coordinated sequence.
- (3) Defend the objective area with a confirmed force of one company, one possible battalion and three possible separate companies.
- (4) Conduct small-scale attacks, ambushes, and harassment within the objective area.
- (5) Evade direct contact with USMC/ARVN forces and resort to small unit attacks, ambushes, and the use of booby traps.
- (6) Infiltrate or egress the objective area before or after the commencement of operations.

(b) Analysis and Discussion

- (1) Capability (1). The adoption of this capability will be favored by: The disposition of the enemy forces. The enemy knowledge of avenues of approach, routes of withdrawal and reinforcement. The enemy knowledge of the local population.
- (2) Capability (2). The adoption of this capability will be favored by: The enemy's knowledge that multiple attacks would complicate USMC/ARVN forces ability to react.
- (3) Capability (3). The adoption of this capability will be favored by: The enemy's knowledge of the terrain; his capability to keep USMC/ARVN forces under surveillance, and his prerogative of selecting the battle area.
- (4) Capability (4). The adoption of this capability will be favored by: The enemy's knowledge of the terrain. The enemy's knowledge that actions of this nature will tie down the friendly forces, to static positions.
- (5) Capability (5). The adoption of this capability will be favored by: This is a basic enemy tactic; the enemy can inflict significant damage on friendly forces; under these conditions the enemy is least vulnerable to supporting arms.

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d. Military Aspects

- (1) Observation: Overall observation should be good to excellent, limitations being hedgerows, small jungle areas and numerous hamlets. Also, reduced visibility may be caused by low ceiling as a result of rain and fog.
- (2) Fields of Fire: In the objective area, fields of fire will be good to excellent, hampered only by overgrown streambeds, small jungle areas and hedgerows. Cover and concealment will be scarce and the open terrain proving advantageous to the defenders. Man made cover is present in and around much of the objective area.
- (3) Obstacles: Major obstacles will be overgrown hedgerows, streambeds, hillsides and heavily foliated areas.
- (4) Key Terrain Features: Route #558, the air strip at YD0951 and heavily foliated hills adjacent to the area of operation.
- (5) Avenues of Approach: Generally, avenues of approach are streambeds, hedgerows and forested terrain which offer concealment for troop movement. Open fields make this area favorable to the defender.

5. WEATHER

- a. Temperatures: Temperatures can be expected to range from a low of 73° to a high of 85°. Humidity: 80%.
- b. Precipitation: Partly cloudy with possible scattered rain showers.
- c. Astronomical Data: Appendix (1) (Astronomical Data)

6. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION (EEI)

- a. Are there any bunkers, caves, tunnels or trench lines? If so, where and what size? Do they have signs of recent occupancy? (Give detailed description if found).
- b. Are there any NVA units within the area of operation? If so, where, how many, and what type? Identifications?
- c. Does the enemy possess mortar or artillery weapons? If so, where, how many, and what type?
- d. Determine if there is any information in the area of operation on routing, warning and advisory signs.
- e. Determine the location and capacity of food and weapons storage

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- (6) Capability (6). The adoption of this capability will be favored by: The record of VC reaction to USMC/ARVN offensive operations; the adoption of this capability would conserve enemy strength.

3. CONCLUSIONS**a. Probable Courses of Action**

- (1) The probable course of action for the enemy would be:

- 1 Capability Five
- 2 Capability Four
- 3 Capability Six
- 4 Capability Three
- 5 Capability Two
- 6 Capability One

- b. Vulnerabilities: VC/NVA Forces, when concentrated, are vulnerable to air attacks and to counterattacks by friendly forces. They are vulnerable to friendly artillery, and to sustained combat and aggressive pursuit.

4. TERRAIN

- a. This area is flat lowland, surrounded by rapidly rising hills. Most of the valley being utilized for grazing. Rice patties encountered will be in the southern portion of the area of operation, as well as in and around the villages and hamlets. The abundance of hedgerows and small jungled areas offer many excellent ambush sites, especially along stream beds, trails and foot paths.
- b. Helicopter landing zones will be plentiful with large open spaces for easy troop movement. In the advent of rain, overland trafficability will be hampered by deterioration of roads, swollen streams and flooded rice paddies.
- c. The principle man made features include an airstrip to be located GS YD0951, Route #558, an all weather one lane road running north to south through the objective area and a fair weather east to west loose surface route in the northern sector of the objective area decreasing to a foot trail in the eastern portion of the Area of Operation.

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f. Determine routes of entrance and egress utilized by the enemy in the area of operation.

g. What map corrections should be made of this area? Specifically, what paths and trails exist?

7. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS

a. Request to higher headquarters for the following assistance:

(1) Aerial observation and photo reconnaissance.

8. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PRISONERS, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND CAPTURED MATERIAL

a. In accordance with reference (b).

b. All captured personnel, documents and materials will be forwarded through channels.

c. Units will not broadcast in the clear, the fact that a VC/NVA has been taken prisoner, in order that any intelligence obtained from such prisoners may be exploited before his comrades become aware of the danger of this compromise.

d. Capturing units will interrogate all prisoners immediately upon capture for information of immediate tactical value, but will not delay the transfer of prisoners.

e. Rallyers/returnees, will be transported immediately to Camp J.J. CARROLL Main Gate without interrogation.

9. MAPS, CHARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Reference (a) will be the standard maps for the operation.

b. Additional maps are available from the Battalion S-2.

10. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

a. Command Posts will be thoroughly policed before they are abandoned to ensure that no material that would aid the enemy has been left behind.

b. Immediately inform this Headquarters of the capture of any friendly personnel who have access to SECRET or higher materials. Include in the priority report, the most recent access the captured/missing person had to operation plans, orders, or decisions.

c. Sign and Countersign: Appendix 2 (Sign and Countersign)

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11. REPORTS

- a. Spot reports will be submitted by the most expeditious means as soon as possible after a contact or significant intelligence finding occurs.

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Annex C (Fire Support) to Operation Plan 26-66

Ref: (a) Map: CAM LC, 1:50,000, Sheet 6342 I, Series L 7014
(b) FMEF 7-4

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Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly forces.

(1) 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, D/S 3d Marines

(2) 12th Marines, D/S 3d Marine Division

(3) 1st Marine Air Wing provides CAS and helicopter support.

2. MISSION. Fire Support Coordination Center (FSCC), 2d Battalion, 3d Marines will exercise overall responsibility for planning and coordinating all fires supporting the operation, thereby ensuring maximum effective fire support and troop safety to all units.

3. EXECUTION.

(1) All supporting arms in support of the operation will be controlled by the Command Group, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.

(2) All fire missions, observed and unobserved, must be approved by the Fire Support Coordinator (FSC), 2d Battalion, 3d Marines and by the FSC, 3d Marine Regiment.

(3) On call concentrations will support the scheme of maneuver.
Appendix 2 (Counter-mortar Fire Plan).

4. TARGET INFORMATION

a. Restricted targets

(1) Every effort will be made to preserve religious, cultural, medical, and public utility installations. Rules of Engagement apply throughout the operation.

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5. AIRCRAFT SAFETY

- a. Air sentries and lookouts. Aircraft sentinels will be assigned during the employment of artillery and mortar supporting arms. Forward observers conducting fire missions will assume responsibility for aircraft safety. Cease fire when it appears that the trajectories of supporting fires may endanger friendly aircraft.

6. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. Battery C, 1st Battalion, 13th Marines Conduct of Fire Net (CCF) will be monitored by FO's and FSCG.
- b. 2d Battalion, 3d Marines 81mm Mortar CCF will be monitored by Mortar FO's and FSCG.
- c. Tactical Air Request Net (TAR) will be monitored by Forward Air Controllers and FSCG.

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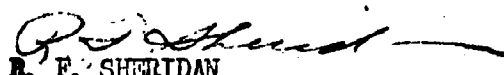
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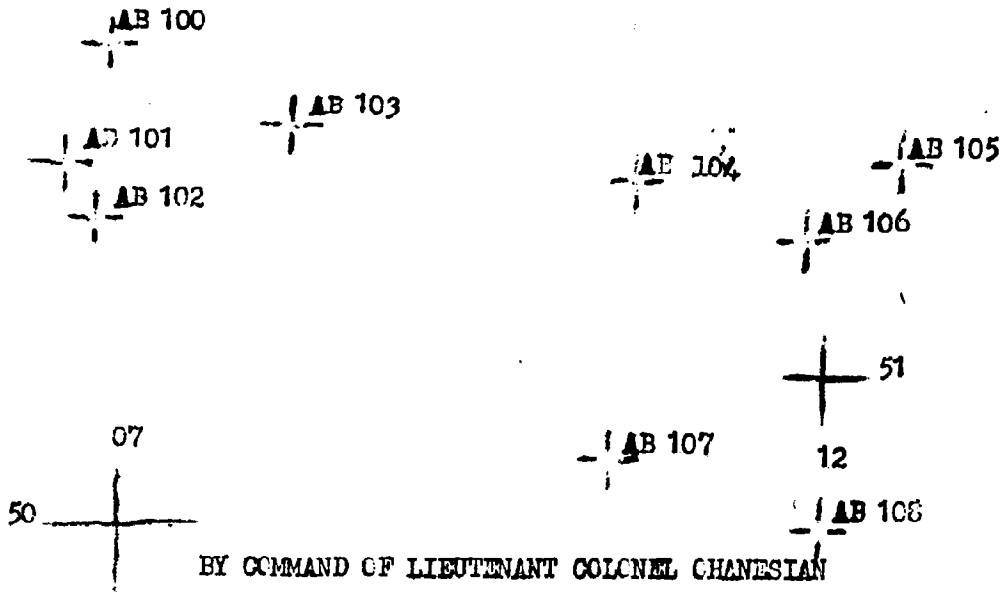
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Tab A (Target List) to Appendix 1 (Artillery Fire Plan) to Annex C (Fire Support) to Operation Plan 26-66

| <u>Target Conc No</u> | <u>Target Coordinates</u> | <u>Target Description</u> | <u>Target Altitude</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| AB 100 | 06945333 | Observation Post | 146 |
| AB 101 | 06615245 | Trail Junction | 20 |
| AB 102 | 06825208 | Assembly Area | 25 |
| AB 103 | 08215274 | Ave of Approach | 25 |
| AB 104 | 10645236 | Observation Post | 100 |
| AB 105 | 12525248 | Observation Post | 60 |
| AB 106 | 11845193 | Trail Junction | 65 |
| AB 107 | 10465044 | Assembly Area | 50 |
| AB 108 | 11935000 | Trail | 30 |


Plus additional on-call concentrations as necessary.

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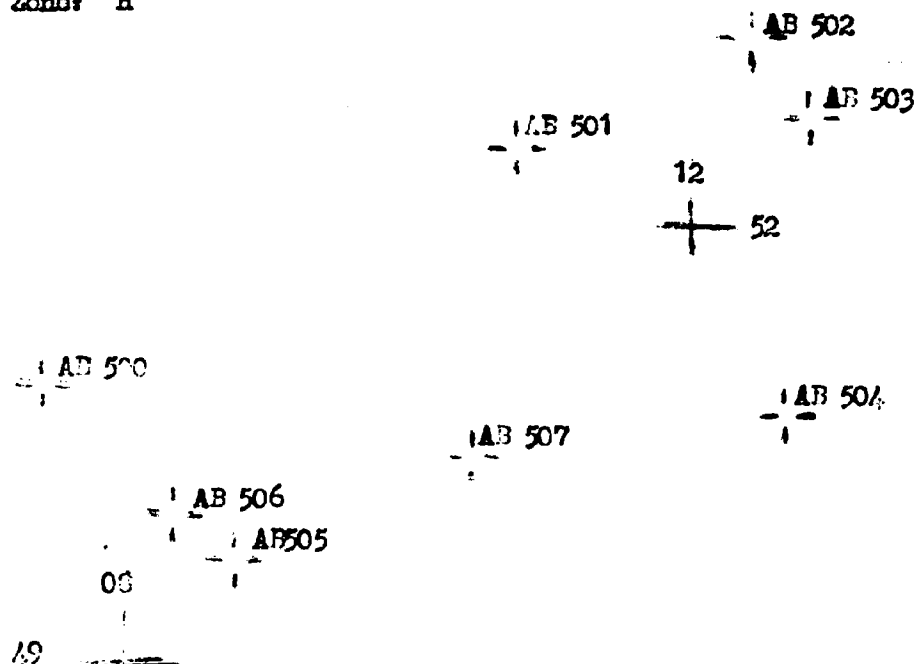
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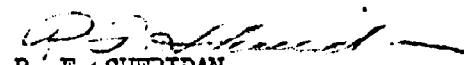
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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| AB 500 | 07415094 | Mortar Position | 100 |
| AB 501 | 10765254 | Mortar Position | 90 |
| AB 502 | 12445325 | Mortar Position | 70 |
| AB 503 | 12845273 | Mortar Position | 75 |
| AB 504 | 12635066 | Mortar Position | 30 |
| AB 505 | 08764974 | Mortar Position | 50 |
| AB 506 | 08315005 | Mortar Position | 70 |
| AB 507 | 10445042 | Mortar Position | 50 |

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Annex D (Operation Overlay) to Operation ~~Plan~~ **26-66**

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Annex E (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 26-66

Ref: (a) DivO 02000.2E
(b) DivO P2000.4B
(c) FMFM 10-1
(d) Current 2d Battalion, 3d Marines Communications Plan
(e) CG 3d MarDiv 070801Z December 1966

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces

(1) Annex B (Intelligence)

(2) The enemy possesses an electronic countermeasure capability which includes radio intercept, traffic analysis, jamming, direction finding, and wire tapping.

(3) Abandoned enemy communications electronic equipment may be booby trapped.

(4) The enemy will cut and booby trap friendly land lines whenever possible.

b. Friendly forces

(1) Annex A (Task Organization)

(2) Command Posts

(a) Report CP locations as established.

2. MISSION. Communications-electronics section will provide communications for command and control of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines as directed.

3. EXECUTION

a. Communications Platoon

(a) Furnish personnel and equipment for the command post, command group, forward air controllers, and helicopter support team communications as directed.

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- (b) Provide coordinated communications logistic support to the committed elements of 2d Battalion, 3d Marines to include battery resupply and inoperative radio equipment replacement.

(2) Wire Section

- (a) Operate/maintain existing command post land line facilities.
- (b) Provide additional support to the committed forces as directed.

(3) Message Center

- (a) Operate/maintain present command post message center facilities.
- (b) Provide expeditions handling of operation traffic. Incoming operation traffic will be delivered immediately to the routing officer. Outgoing operation traffic will be transmitted without delay.

(4) Communications-Electronic Maintenance

- (a) All repair and battery charging will be accomplished at the presently established communications-electronic repair facility.
- (b) Repair of all inoperative equipment will be expeditiously performed and returned to the pertinent unit.

b. Supporting Arms Communications. Annex C (Fire Support).**c. Coordinating Instructions**

- (1) KAC-QT 30 will be used as directed from Company to Battalion.
- (2) KAC 181 (operations code) will be used only as directed by the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines S-3 officer.
- (3) Only tactical traffic will be passed on the Battalion Tactical Net.
- (4) All administrative and logistical traffic will be passed over the Helicopter Logistical Support Net. Appendix 1 (Radio Plan). Each company will enter this net in addition to the Battalion Tactical Net.
- (5) Appropriate distances between radios at the same location will be maintained in order to preclude mutual interference.

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- (6) The long range logistical net will be used for all administrative traffic from the Command Group to the Rear Command Post.
Appendix 1 (Radio Plan)
- (7) Radio call signs are assigned in accordance with references (a), (d), and Appendix 1 (Radio Plan).
- (8) Communications procedures are in accordance with references (b) and (c).
- (9) Yellow panels or yellow smoke will be used to mark front line positions. Other pyrotechnics as listed in reference (c).
- (10) Each committed company and the Command Group will employ an RC-292 antenna at its CP location.

ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Refer paragraph 4 of basic plan; Administration and Logistics.
- b. All committed units commence operation with three days supply of batteries.
- c. Requests for communication resupply (e.g. batteries, wire) will be made via the Helicopter Logistical Support Net to the Command Group. The S-4 will consolidate these requests and transmit the total requests to the rear Command Post.
- d. Casualty reporting will be accomplished via the Helicopter Logistical Support Net.
- e. Equipment requiring repair will be evacuated to the Battalion CP.
- f. Each unit will provide appropriate security for all classified material taken to the field to include a continuous chain of receipts in the handling of RPS distributed materials.
- g. Classified matter will not be transmitted in the clear at any time. This includes unit size, location, movement, frequencies, and total losses.
- h. All radio equipment and handsets will be kept dry. Every effort will be made to waterproof radios prior to departure.

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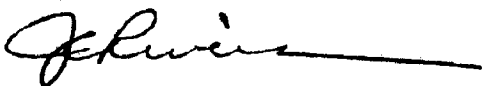
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| 3RD MARDIV | SUDDEN DEATH |
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| TAC 2ND BN, 3RD MAR | PYGALION 84 |
| 81 MORTARS | PYGALION WHISKEY |
| E BTRY 3RD BN, 3RD MAR | PAGE PAPER ECHO |
| CO E 2ND BN, 3RD MAR | PYGALION DEHO |
| CO F 2ND BN, 3RD MAR | PYGALION FOXFOUR |
| CO G 2ND BN, 3RD MAR | PYGALION GOLF |
| CO H 2ND BN, 3RD MAR | PYGALION HOTEL |
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 (b) 2d Battalion, 3d Marines Operation Plan 26-66

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy forces. Refer current INTSUMS and reference (a) which contains a rallier report.
- b. Friendly forces. No change.
- c. Attachments and detachments. No change.

2. MISSION. No change.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of operations. No change.

b. Company E

- (1) Continue to provide security for assigned sector of Camp J. J. CARROLL perimeter and water point.
- (2) Maintain observation posts on North Hill and Hill #250.
- (3) Conduct normal patrols, ambushes and listening posts throughout assigned sector.
- (4) Commencing 260700H December maintain one platoon (reinf) as a Battalion Reserve/reaction force. (Sparrow Hawk)

c. Company F (reinf)

Company F
 Rifle Plt, Company H
 XO team, Battery A, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines
 FAC team
 Scout Sniper Team, 3d Marines

- (1) Commencing 260700H December conduct a reconnaissance in force search and destroy operation for a three day period in the area bounded by grid squares YD 0253, YD 0553, YD 0250, and YD 0550 to destroy or capture all enemy forces, supplies, and equipment.
- (2) Be prepared upon completion of the above operation to resume presently assigned mission.

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 Tab (c)*

- (3) Submit detailed plan to support reconnaissance in force, search and destroy operation, to include objectives and check points, to this Headquarters by 250700H.

d. Company G. OPOON to 3/4

e. Company H (-)

- (1) Commencing 251800H assume defense of KHE GIA Bridge.
- (2) Conduct extensive patrols, ambushes, and listening posts in assigned sector with priority to the ridgelines south and southwest of the KHE GIA Bridge.
- (3) Provide one rifle platoon OPOON to Company F for a three day period effective 251800H.

f. Coordinating instructions. Refer reference (b).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. No change to paragraph 4 of reference (b).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS. Refer Annex E (Communications - Electronics) to reference (b).

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 2d Regiment, 1st ARVN Division

Subj: Operation Conducted in GUA Valley 19-21 December 1966

1. During the period 19-21 December 1966, this unit had the pleasure of conducting a combined operation with your 1st Battalion, 2d Regiment, commanded by Captain CHAT and located in the D-5 area. The night movement of that force through all but impassable terrain in order to assume blocking positions, and the high caliber of the personnel in the liaison team assigned to this Battalion, added to the fine reputation enjoyed by your Regiment.
2. We are sorry that the operation was not as productive as we had hoped, but I wish to take this opportunity to commend your 1st Battalion for an excellent and professional performance. We of the 2d Battalion, 3d Marines look forward to the opportunity of conducting operations with your units in the future.

/S/V. OHANESIAN
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CC 1st Battalion, 2d Regiment, 1st ARVN Division

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, 3d Marines

Subj: Camp J. J. CARROLL Defensive Perimeter Drill; critique of

1. On 21 December 1966 a drill was conducted in two phases to test the reaction of all forces located within the Camp J. J. CARROLL complex and to exercise the Base Defense Net.
2. Phase I consisted of a simulated mortar attack on Camp J. J. CARROLL commencing at 1830 hours. All units were notified by the Base Defense Net and all units, except "C" Battery, 1st Battalion, 44th Artillery, reported that all personnel were in holes or bunkers by 1832 hours. "C" Battery had failed to man the Base Defense Net on schedule and was contacted by land line at 1835. By 1837 "C" Battery had reported all secure.
3. Phase II commenced at 1845 hours and required the manning of all defensive positions and the assembling of reaction forces. All defensive positions were manned by 1846 hours and Company H and a composite platoon from Headquarters and Service Company were assembled as reaction forces by 1850 hours.
4. The drill was secured at 1900 hours and response was considered to be excellent in all respects.
5. In order to decrease reaction time and more realistically evaluate the counter-mortar and counter-attack plans subsequent and unscheduled drills will include the following:
 - a. Counter-mortar fires will be delivered on a predetermined area to increase alacrity in target suppression/acquisition.
 - b. Reaction elements will be deployed to reinforce one of the defensive sectors.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: 3d Marine Division (Rein)
Subj: Lessons Learned; submission of
Ref: (a) DMV 3480.1A

1. In accordance with the instructions contained in reference (a), the subject Lessons Learned for the period 1-31 December 1966 are hereby submitted.

a. (1) TOPIC: Ammunition

(2) ITEM: Loss of the bore riding safety pin on 3.5 inch rocket rounds

(3) DISCUSSION: Troops carrying the 3.5 inch rocket round on a packboard often lose the bore riding safety clips when traveling through dense terrain. Vines and branches will tear off the clip as it protrudes from the side of the round. Thus, a Marine could be carrying a potentially armed round on his packboard without being aware of this danger.

(4) RECOMMENDATION: That the bore riding safety clip be secured to the round with masking tape to prevent undergrowth from tearing it off.

b. (1) TOPIC: Maps

(2) ITEM: Discrepancies in maps used in RVN.

(3) DISCUSSION: Maps of RVN do not reflect the effects of war on man made structures. Whole villages that appear on maps have, in many cases, long since been destroyed and overgrown. Streams and trails found on the ground are not depicted on the maps. Aerial reconnaissance of an area is a must, especially if a night movement through a new area is contemplated. The standard tactical map in use in RVN normally has a scale of 1:50,000 and does not give the detail found on the 1:25,000 scale maps used in most stateide map reading and tactics classes.

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(2) RECOMMENDATION: That personnel in training for deployment to RVN use 1:10, 00 maps in classroom and training exercises. Further, that personnel be made aware of the many discrepancies that are found on the maps presently in use.

a. (1) TOPIC: Listening Devices

(2) ITEM: Combined use of the Seismic Intrusion Device (SID) and Claymore Mines.

(3) DISCUSSION: The Viet Cong will turn Claymore mines around and then emit intentional noise to attract attention. When the Claymore mine is activated it results in friendly casualties. The SID is an excellent detector for determining the approach of enemy forces and should be placed near Claymore mines. When the SID operator detects the approach of the enemy in the vicinity of a Claymore he activates the mine.

(4) RECOMMENDATION: That Seismic Intrusion Devices be used in conjunction with Claymore mines.

a. (1) TOPIC: Pyrotechnics

(2) ITEM: Carrying of pyrotechnics by radio operators

(3) DISCUSSION: Pyrotechnics are being widely used as a means of control and communications and must be readily available to a unit commander for use in moving friendly front lines and landing zones for helicopter medical evacuations. In those instances pyrotechnics are not a substitute for radio communications, but are required to be utilized. By having the unit commander's radiomen carry one each of the required pyrotechnics, reaction time is reduced as the unit commander does not have to search for the individual carrying the proper colored smoke or flare.

(4) RECOMMENDATION: That unit commander's radiomen carry the basic pyrotechnics on their radios.

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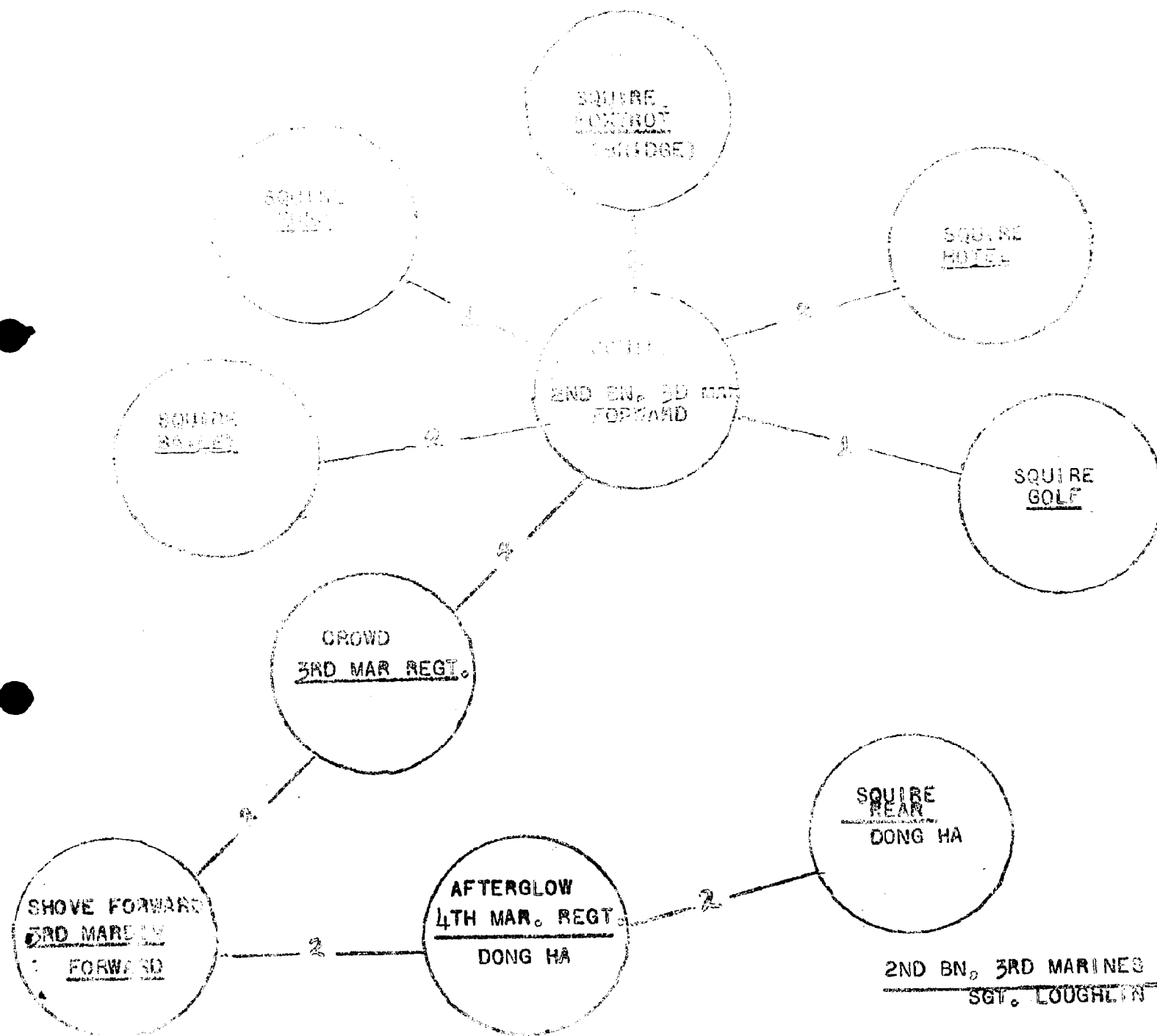
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| 11 | MESSAGE CENTER |
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