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To: Commander, U. S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam

Via: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force

Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report (Operation GRANITE)

Ref: (b) MACV Dir 355-8

- 1. Readdressed and forwarded in accordance with reference (b).
- 2. The desirability of maintaining heliteam integrity is recognized, however, the limited availability of helicopters, coupled with their varied lift capacities, may sometimes preclude attainment of the ideal. Detailed pre-operational planning and coordination is required in order to obtain the optimum unit integrity within the lift capability.

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Commanding Officer From

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

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Operation Map

- Operation GRANITE (Search and Destroy).
- 2. Dates of Operation: 251610H October 1967 to 061700H November 1967.
- 3. Location: PHONG-DIEN District, THUA-THIEN Province. Boundaries of the area are described in paragraph 6.c (Intelligence).
- Task Organization:

uth Marines (-) (Rein)

Hq Co (-)

1st In beh lar

BLT 1/3

Col Wh. L. DICK

Capt J. P. WILLIAMS

L'COL E. A. DEPTULA

LtCol A. I. THOMAS

1st in 3d Mar

Btry A lst 3n 12th Mar

Ist Plat Co A 3d Recon In

Ist Plat Co A 3d Engr

2d Plat Co A 3d MT Ba

2d Bn (-) 1st Mar (26 to 30 ect 67)

LtCol A . VANWINKLE

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Co I (Nein) 34 May 24th Mar

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5. Supporting Forces:

- a. Units
 - (1) 1st May
 - (2) 3d M (-) (物址) 经的 编定
 - (3) PMG_1
 - (b) Co A 3d Med Bo
 - (5) Co A (-) 3d 多字 強
 - (6) Co B 3d Engr Ma
 - (7) Co B 3d Mr Pa
 - (8) Det 214th Frygra Co (264) (AB Tin)
- b. Detailed discussion of the appoint provided is as follows:
 - (1) Artillery suppose ager and league (2).
- (?) hir support: Dering Generation William amongs types of aircraft were utilized, to include fixed wing attack aircraft, flareships, he licopter gunships, direct wing gunships and observation aircraft in support of the industry battalians. Mederac and resupply he licopters performed a commendable job extering difficult limiting generate hoist out wounded and to lower supplies. A total of the life was all minutes were lifted in for resupply of the battalians.
- (5) Civic action Asymptotic and American appears of Operation GRANTE where were five the production and an new of broadcasts permitted. The same of broadcasts permitted and the carrier bearing and acrial broadcasts were variations in the carrier bearing.
 - (4) For detailed discussion of the support provided see Faragraph 11.



6. Intelligence:

a. Enemy situation

(1) Disposition and strength

(a) Intelligence acquired prior to Operation GRANITE indicated that the below listed units were utilizing Base Area-114 for an operating, supply and training area.

TRI_THIEN Military Region

WIII	STRENGTH
Headquarters Flement C-11 Intelligence Company C-12 Sapper Company C-13 Communications Company C-14 Ingineer Company C-15 Anti-Aircraft Company C-16 Mortar Company C-17 Recoiless Rifle Company	150 150 100 150 110 80 70 90
TOTAL STRUCTH	930

6th INA Regiment

IN II.	STRENGTH
Regimental Headquarters 800th Pettalion 802d Battalion	300 300 300
806th Pattalion TOTAL STREWTH	300
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- (b) While it was believed the above units were using Base Area-114 as their logistical focal point, it was felt a substantial portion of these forces would be deployed outside the limits of Base Area-114 on resupply missions.
- (c) The 810th Main Force Battalfon was located within reinforcing distance of 48 hours forced march.
- (2) Mission. The cherry's mission during the period immediately prior to Operation GRINITE appeared to be the acquisition and the storage of rice and other comestibles to last through the winter monsoon season. As secondary missions the energy was to continue attempts to interdict





friendly lines of communication, and disrupt RD programs and government control in THEM_THIEN Province.

b. Enemy activity during the period

- (1) Prior to Operation GRANITE intelligence reports indicated that the enemy had been building defensive positions, bunkers, training areas, and storage facilities in Base Area-114.
- (2) During Operation GRANITE, attacking marine units ran into well-constructed and camouflaged defensive complexes comprised of log bunkers with connecting tunnels and communication trenches. Also encountered were several well-camouflaged tree platforms commanding excellent observation and fields of fire covering approaches into the operating area. It is estimated that marine forces made contact with at least two enemy companies of approximately 200 NVA.
- (3) Through documents taken from the enemy dead and found in huts and bunkers it was determined that elements of the 800th Pattalion, 802d Battalion and the C-IS Anti-Aircraft Company were among those forces encountered.

c. Description of the Areas of Operation

- (1) The area of operation was bounded on the north by east-west gridline 24, on the east by north-south gridline 63, on the south by east-west gridline 13 and on the west by north-south gridline 14.
- (2) Cover and concealment. Concealment was excellent throughout the operating area. The operation was conducted in dense jungle with a canopy from 50 to 90 feet high. The jungle canopy, coupled with the bunker systems emplaced on the key terrain, afforded the enemy excellent cover.
- (3) Key terrain. Key terrain was the ridge lines and hill complexes extending throughout most of the operating area.

(4) Observation and fields of fire

- (a) Observation was extremely limited throughout the operating area due to the canopy and heavy undergrowth. Aerial observation was poor to non-existent in most of the operating area except for the areas along streamlines and the few cleared areas used for HLZ's.
 - (b) Fields of fire were poor for all weapons.
- (5) Avenues of approach. The primary avenues of approach were the extensive trail networks found throughout the area.

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- (6) Weather. Temperatures ranged from a high of 88 degrees during the day, to a low of 68 degrees at might. Scattered showers were experienced the first three days of the operation. For the remainder of the operation the weather was summy and mild.
- (7) Civilian population. There were no indigenous personnel encountered in the operating area.
- 7. Mission: The 4th Marine Regiment was assigned the mission of conducting a combat operation in cooperation/coordination with elements of the 1st Infantry Division (ARVN) in the VC/NVA Base Area-114 vicinity Hill 674 (YD 5121) to capture/destroy logistics caches, installations, and equipment; obtain intelligence; and to kill or capture enemy encountered.

8. Concept of Operation:

- a. While the 4th Marines was to conduct a search and destrey mission with two battalions in the vicinity of Hill 674, a 1st Infantry Division (ARVN) Task Force would perform a similar operation east of Hill 674 with three battalions.
- b. The 4th Marines' scheme of maneuver was to move the 1st En (-) 4th Mar (command group and three companies) into an assembly area north of Hill 674 during the night of D-1. Early on D-Day the 1st En (-) 4th Mar would then commence search and destroy operations south while ALT 1/3 conducted a helicopterborne assault into the area west of Hill 674 to search and destroy south then east. Concurrently the 2d En (-) 1st Mar was to have moved into an operating area northwest of Camp EVANS and west of MY-CHAPH to conduct search and destroy operations along known exfiltration routes from Base Area-114. A forward artillery base was established between Camp EVANS and Hill 674 where 105mm and 155mm howitzers of the 3d En (-) (Rein) 12th For could better support the operating forces.

9. Execution:

- a. On 25 October 1967 the 1st Dr (-) 4th Mar moved with Co's C and D from Camp EVANS under cover of darkness to an assembly area which had been previously secured by Co D. After arriving at the assembly area the battalion consolidated its forces and prepared for the following day's operations.
- b. On 26 October the 1st Bn (-) Lth Par commenced search and destroy operations south towards its initial objectives at 0615 with Co C on the right, Co B pn the left followed by the battalion Cmd Gro and Co D. Co A had been tasked with the mission of providing security for the forward artillery position along with a platoon each of tanks from Co C 3d Tk Bn and ontos from Co B 3d AT Bn. At 1115, after a delay due to weather, BNT 1/3

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commenced its heliborne assault into it Maltard. Rollowing a thorough fixed Wing and articles as sampleted with no problems or enemy opposition. A temporary check fire was imposed on the artillery supporting the 1st in 1th Mar during the trooplift due to helicopter activity. At 1100 the 2d Bn (-) 1st Mar (command group and Co H) and Co D 1st In 1st Mar commenced search and destroy operations west of MY-CHANH chopping OPCON to the 1th Marines at 1100. There was only scattered contact with the enemy on the 26th with Co D 1st In 1th Mar taking seven FR/WIA (Nedevac).

- c. On 27 October RIT 1/3 and the 2d Bh (-) 1st lar continued search and destroy operations with only minor contact. The major contact of the day and of the operation occurred in the 1st En 4th Mar zone of action. Foving south with Co B on the left, Co C on the right, the battalion command group and Co D following in trace, the battalion met increasingly heavy delaying actions by small groups of enemy armed with semi-automatic weapons. Co B was advancing up a draw towards a saddle between Hill 674 and 300 with Go C moving towards Hill 300 as its objective when at 1120 Co B made the first contact. As Co B pushed up the draw, the enemy sniper and small arms fire intensified during a series of small contacts which resulted in one NVA/KIA and a captured AK-LD. Co C on the right met small groups of enemy employing grenades and small arms fire on the steep slope leading to the crest of Hill 300. At 1145 to B came under intense automatic weapons, small arms (including sniper) and anti-tank rocket (B-40) fires from well fortified bunkers on their flanks and to their front. Over the course of the next several hours Co B fought valiantly to remove the dead and wounded under support of machine gum, artillery and helicopter gunships fire. Two platoons of Co D were committed to assist Co B to withdraw after darkness under artillery illumination. Helicopters were called in to extract the critically wounded. Due to the lack of adequate LZ's and the inability of the H-32 to hover, the majority of the wounded had to be moved approximately 1000 deters to the battalion CP where there was an aid station and a prepared LZ. Co C consolidated in a perimeter halfway up Hill 300 while the remainder of the battalion assisted Co D. Losses for the days action were five FR/KIA, four FR/MIA and 31 FR/WIA.
- d. On 28 October the 1st In 1th Mar evacuated the remaining dead and wounded and called in artillery and fixed wing air strikes on the saddle where Co B had made contact with an estimated NVA company. Co A was helilifted to reinforce the 1st In 1th Mar while Co C continued to advance cautiously up Hill 300 reaching the crest that afternoon. BIT 1/3 ran into scattered groups of NVA while continuing to search and destroy in its assigned zone of action.
- e. On the 29th, the lst En Lth Mar resumed its advance on the NVA bunker complex in the saddle between Hills 674 and 300. The movement was a closely controlled ground attack coordinated with a heavy volume of artillery and fixed wing air support. Immediately Co D and A received well-

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aimed small arms fire from snipers located in concealed tree platforms and bunkers. Having taken eight KIA and 16 WIA, Co A held their ground on the slope of Hill 674 while Co's C and D moved in through the bunker complex. At 1730 Co D made contact with Co A and searched the area where Co B had been heavily engaged two days previously. All the missing bodies and equipment of Co B were found, recovered and evacuated. The 20-30 energy bunkers discovered had been pulverized by the heavy artillery fires and air ardnance delivered in the area - leaving only traces of evidence of energy presence. BLT 1/3's search and destroy operation during the day resulted in seven FR/WIA and two NVA/KIA (ONF) in scattered minor contacts.

- f. The 1st in 4th Mar, having taken its initial objective, commenced search and destroy operations south around Hill 674's western slopes finding only scattered bamboo huts and campsites. BLT 1/3's contacts with the enemy increased as the companies moved slowly through the thick vegetation in small unit actions, receiving small arms and 60-mm mortar fires. A Co B patrol made contact with an undetermined size MVA unit resulting in four NV4/KIA (CONF) and three captured AK-147's.
- g. Continuing its advance on a ridgeline (YD 4822) elements of BLT 1/3 found convincing evidence of an extensive NVA defensive position in depth on 1 November 1967. 1st h 4th Mar continued to search out the enemy installations, finding tunnels containing assorted equipment. Scattered contact was made by both battalions during the day.
- h. On ? and 3 November, both battalions turned north to move out of the mountainous canopy in preparation for return to Camp EVANS. Co D 1st En 4th Mar took four FR/WIA in a minor contact with 8-10 MVA firing small arms and anti-tank rockets. AT 1/3 moved north along the trace of the SONG-Rep-CAO River with Co's A and D and the battalion command group leading, Co C on the left flank and Co D left behind to ambush any enemy moving into a described LZ at (YD 486240). The plan was quite successful as Co D caught an MVA platoon in the open killing 10 MVA (OMF) and 15 MVA (PROB) with well coordinated machine gun, mortar and artiflery fires.
- i. On the 4th of November both the 1st En 1th Mar and HIT 1/3 cleared the mountains and swept north across the CO-BI THANH-TAN Valley arriving at Camp EVANS by nightfall. The forward artillery position manned by elements of the 3d in (...) (Rein) 12th Mar closed station and moved to Camp EVANS with security provided by Co I 3d En 26th Mar.
- j. On 5 November two companies of the 1st In 4th Mar occupied blocking positions in the Vacinity of MY-CHANN in conjunction with a short 1st Infantry Division (AWN) operation. On 6 November BLT 1/3 moved by truck from Camp EVANS to CAVLIC chapping OPON to the 9th Marines. At 1900 Operation CRANTED was perminated.

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10. Results:

a. The following friendly casualties were incurred during the period 25 October to 6 November 1967.

KIA (Hostile)	25
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b. Encay personnel losses:

(J)	MV 4	KIA	(COMF)	34
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c. Enemy weapons and equipment losses:

(1) Weapons

(a)	Individua 1	weapons	7
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11. Administrative matters:

a. Supply. The primary source of supply for Operation GRANITE was FLSG-A at PHU-BAI. Supply point distribution from the LSA at Camp EVANS was utilized. A shortage of 105-mm and 155-mm HE and illum fuzes did occur; however, immediate action was taken and requisite stocks were procured.

(1) Major issues during Operation GRANITE:

MCI		15,823 rations
Sundry packs		132
AVGAS	2	6,067 gallons
J_C→;		9,892 gallons

b. Resupply. The 1st Plat Co A 3d SP En directed helicopter resupply to the infantary battalions from the LSA at Camp EVANS. Minor problens were sneed or electronical by battalions sending their requests for resupply via the Tactical Adm Request Met instead of the Helicopter Support Team Net and not ancelling resupply requests in time to prevent untimely delivery.

(1) Mesupply ia	Gái
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UNIT	TOTAL WE	uo of likts	no of measis	CANCELLATIONS
1/4	20,800	93	2°	6
1/3	55,735	16	7	4

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(2) Maintenance - N/A

c. Evacuation and hospitalization. Casualties were evacuated by helicopter either directly to Co A 3d Med Bn in PHU-BAI or temporarily evacuated to the Regimental Aid Station for immediate medical attention.

(1) Evacuation Data

Total Medevac's	137
KIA	25
DOA	ž
AIW	110
Processed by RAS	31

- (2) The lights in the regimental LSA LZ were used on two cocal lons for Medevace.
- d. Transportation. The 3d Plat Co A 3d MT Bn and the motor transport platson attached to RLT 1/3 provided necessary vehicles for routine logistical runs and tactical moves.

30 October 1967 - Transported 2d Bn (-) 1st Mar from MY-CHANH to IA-VANG and Co D 1st Bn 1st Mar from Camp EVANS to QUANG-TRI.

4 November 1967 - Transported let In 4th Mar/Co I 3d In 26th Mar from FFSB to Camp EVANS.

- e. Engineer. Co B 3d Engr En previded general combat support for Operation GPARTE. The engineers swept the road to the FFSB daily, cleared LZ's for resupply and medevacs and destroyed energy ordnance, supplies and positions.
- f. Routine communications were maintained during the operation. A manual retransmission facility was established on Hill 674 and operated throughout the operation with effective results. A Radio Relay Link was established as a backup communication capability from 3d In 12th Mar to the forward artillary position.
- 12. Special apploment and techniques: None.

13. Communidate's Analysis;

a. However to too that is and cleared routes of advance was sure to invite not note and a wars and mortar fires from a well-equipped and mobile enemy the registral facilitar with the terrain. HIT 1/3's movement was characterized by a day's patrolling ahead, believed to the flanks. This method produced a firm intelligence plature and remained the number of casualties incurred.

- b. Operation GRANITE confirmed the presence of elements subordinate to the TRI-THIEN or Northern Front Headquarters. The enemy employed delaying tactics utilizing the terrain and vegetation to his advantage. The system of bunkers discovered by RII 1/3 to the southwest of Hill 674 inducated a defended strong point possibly guarding enemy installations located deeper in the mountains to the south.
- c. In order not to encumber the progress of an advancing unit with its wounded or extra supplies, it is necessary to utilize helicopters extensively for medical evacuation and resupply purposes. Units must, therefore, always have the capability to expeditiously establish an LZ in the thick canopy. To establish, maintain and secure the LZ detracts from forces available to seek and destroy the enemy. Therefore, procedures and plans for LZ preparation and functioning must be firmly established prior to any operation in mountainous canopy.
- the Decommendation: That, in order to ensure integrity and a controlled build-up of forces in an LZ, a standard sized helitean should be employed throughout the helicopterborne assault. During Operation GRANITE, HLT 1/3 experienced some confusion in the loading zone due to the varied capacities of helicopters which shifted personnel from the planned flow of five-man heliteans. Had there been opposition to the landing in LZ Mallard this confusion could have multiplied the seriousness of the situation.

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(b) hth Mar OPORD 100-67

(c) 4th Mar ADMIN 03D 100=67

(d) Divo P2000.2E (COII)

(e) Divo P2000 dc (COMMSOP)

TIME ZONE: H

TASK ORGANIZATION

4th Marines (-) (Reinf)

Col DICK

Hq Co (-)

1st Bn (-) 4th Mar

LtCol DEPTULA

BLT 1/3 (-)

LtCol THOMAS

lat En (a) 3d Mar Btry A, lat En, 12th Mar lat Plat, Co A, 3d Recon En lat Plat, Co A, 3d Engr En 2d Plat, Co A, 3d MT En

Regtl Reserve

Co Co 1st Bng 3d Mar

Capt OSGCOD

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1. SITUATION

a. Enemy forces

- (1) Current INTSUMS and PERTINTREPS
- (2) Intelligence Estimate (PASEP)

b. Friendly forces

- (1) 3d Marine Division continues penatrums in sesigned TAOR to destroy VC/NVA main and guerrilla forces.
- (2) let Infantry Division (NEWN) elements will participate in similar operations in adjacent area

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- (3) 3d Bn (-) (Reinf) 12th Mar DS 4th Mar; on D-Day will displace one 105-mm battery and one 155-mm battery and establish forward artillesy position (vic YD 193293).
- (h) let Marine Aircraft Wing provide fixed wing and belicopter support.
- (5) 3d Recommanderance Battalion in GS 3d Mar Div with priority of effort to 4th Marines during Operation GRANITE.
 - (6) 2d Plat (...) (Reinf) Bury D, let Bn, hith Arty (USA)
 - (a) M-42s DS 3d An 26th Mar (Operation FREMONT)
 (b) M-55s DS 4th Mar
 - (7) Co B (-) 3d AT Bn. DS lat Ba Lith Mar
 - (8) Co C 3d TK Ba.
 - (a) Co (...) DS 3d Bo 26th Mar (Operation FREMONY)
 - (b) Plat DS 1st Bn (=) 4th Mar.
 - (9) Co B, 3d Engr Ro, DS hth Mar.
- (a) Provide nexted support for road clearance to 3d An 26th Mar (Operation FREMONI).
 - (b) Provide Plat (-) DS let Ea (-) 4th Mer
 - (e) Provide LZ clearing team to let Inf Div (AKVN)
- (d) Maintain LZ clearing tesm on 30 minute standby common sing L-Hour, D-Day.
 - c. Attachments and detachments. None
- 2. Mission. 4th Marines, while continuing assigned missions, commencing at H and L Hours, D-Day, in esoperation/coordination with lst Infantry Division (ARVN) forces, will conduct combat operations in the VC/NVA Bass Area likevicinity HILL 674 (YD 5121)-to capture/destroy logistics capture installations, and equipment; obtain intelligence; and to kill or capture enemy encountered.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of operation. Ath Marines will conduct search sist destroy operations in the vicinity of HILL 674 with two battaliens. Concurrently,

lat Infantry Divisio (ARVN) will conduct similar opology to the wast of HILL 674 with three battalions.

- (1) Maneuver On the night of D-1, one taltelles will move unlike cover of darkness from Camp EVANS to an assembly area north of Hill 671; and at H-Hour, D-Day enduct search and destroy operations to the south of Hill 671; At L-Hour, D-Day one battalion will be hell/diffed into the objective area to secure the landing zone and conduct search and destroy operations to the east. Annex A (Operation Overlay).
- (2) Fire Support. B-52 and AN/TPQ-10 referentrolled air strikes will be conducted deep in the operating area early on D-Day. Pre H-Mour and pre L-Mour preparation of landing mones and initial objectives will be accomplished by pre-planned air strikes and artillery firse. Annex B (Fire Support).

b. lat Bn (-) uth Marines.

- (1) On D-1 under cover of darkness move by foot from Comp EVANS along ROUTE OF ADVANCE ALFA to an assembly area vicinity YD 520250.
- (2) At HaHour, DaDay advance south along AXIS OF ADVANCE to conduct search and destroy operations toward OBJECTIVE A (vic ID 510210).
- (3) On D-Day provide a minimum of one company (-) with a tank platoon and one ONTOS section as security for forward artillery position (vic YD 501289).
- (4) On order, continue search and destroy operations toward OBJECTIVE C (vic YD 526230).

c. BIT 1/3 (-)

- (1) On D-1 provide one reinforced company as regimental reserve.
- (2) At L-Hour, D-Day conduct a helicopter borne argult to seize and secure LANDING ZONE BUZZARD (vic YD 465217). Upon reorganisation, conduct search and destroy operations toward OBJECTIVE B (vic YD 485218).
- (3) On order, conduct search and destroy operations toward OBJECTIVE D.
- (h) Locate Btry A, let Bn 12th Mar at forward artillery position (vic YD 501289) on D-Day; security to be provided by 1st Bn. 4th Msr.
- d. Regimental reserve. Company C (Reinf), let Bn (-) 3d Mar. Commencing H-Hour, D-Day be prepared (on 30 minute alert) for employment in either battalion some of action.

e. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) Unclassified code name: GRANITE
- (2) D_Day: 2h October 1967
- (3) H-Hours 0630H
- (h) 1-Hours 0730H
- (5) RCA utilization authorized
- (6) Maximum use of supporting arms preparation fires, with emphasis on observed fire and preparation fires in valleys and along streams.
- (7) Psycological warfare operations will be conducted and coordinated by this Headquarters.
- (8) Absolute maximum dispersion of personnel at all times. Maintain no more than visual/audible contact between individuals when moving in canopy or close terrain where possibility of amough greatly increased. Flank security analytics, whenever possible. Recon by artillery/mortar fire along flanks of routes of advance in particularly heavy canopy to provide moving envelope in which troops can advance and from which they can attack. Night positions employ maximum LP²u₀ minimum illumination.
 - (9) Reports in accordance with reference (b).
 - (10) Thrust points effective:

QUEBEC	TID	5327
ROMEO	TID	1925
STERRA	TD	5423
TANGO	YD	5826
UNIFORF	ID	4622
VICTOR	TD	5218
WHISKET	AD	5821

- (11) Reference (b).
- (12) This order effective for planning upon receipt and execution on order.
- h. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. In accordance with reference (b) and the following.
 - a. Supply
 - (1) The following Class II items are available:

Mosquito Repellent Salt Tablets Foot Powder Comm Wire WD 1/TT Chap Stick
BA 30
BA 386 (limited supply)
Halizone Tablets (limited supply)

- (2) All critical Class II shortages will be reported to the Regimental Sala
 - (3) Prescribed loads. As prescribed by unit commanders to include:
- (a) Minimum two days Class I and V. Insure that adequate quantities of salt and halisone tablets are carried by all hands.
 - (b) 60 ft length of climbing rope per rifle squad.
 - (h) Control and distribution.
- (a) Sundry Facks will be issued on the basis of one per hundred men/per day convencing D=2.

b. Resupply

- (1) All resupply requests will be submitted to the LSA no later than 0930 the morning prior to resupply.
- (2) Due to the nature of the terrain it is necessary for requesting multisto give a full discription of the LZ and surrounding terrain, including the height of canopy. The LSA has several methods of delivering supplies and the appropriate choice can be made only after the typography of the area is ascertained.
- (3) Emergency IZ clearing temms will remain on standby and be equipped with two power saws and demolitions.
- (h) Resupply of the forward artillery position will be accomplished utilizing organic artillery vehicles with augmentation from the motor transport platoon attached to 4th Marines, when required. 3d En. 12th Marines will be responsible for consolidating and coordinating all resupply for units located at the forward artillery position.

c. Hospitialisation and evacuation.

- (1) 1st Bn. 4th Marines heat casualties will be evacuated to the Regimental Aid Station. If possible all HLT 1/3 casualties will be hospitilized aboard USS OKINAWA.
- (2) All other Marine casualties will be hospitilized at Co A 3d Medical Pn. PHU BAI. The Regimental Aid Station will be prepared to

treat critical cases where expeditious handling terrearward medical facilities is considered not essential. Hemorrhaging casualties or head wounds will not be evacuated to the Regimental Aid Station.

(3) Civilians, prisoners and casualties will be brought to the Regimental CP for interrogation. After initial treatment civilians will be evacuated to the HUE Nospital.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

a. References (d) and (e); 4th Marines COI (issued separately).

b. Radio

(1) Activate radio retransmission stations on HILL 674 (YD 516219) at H-Hour, D-Day as follows:

NEI	FREQ	UNIT PROVIDING
Regtl Tac Regtl TACP HST Log 1/3 Arty C of F 1/14 Arty C of F U.S. Advisors Net	68.30/10.15 36.20 33.10 37.25 31.20 39.80/56.75	Hq, lith Mar Hq, lith Mar Co A, 3d SP Bn 3d Bn, 12th Mar 3d Bn, 12th Mar U.S. Advisors

- (2) Radio retransmission station call sign is the call sign of the net control station plus the word "RELAY".
 - (3) Units will maintain UHF ground-to-air radio capability.
- (h) TACP Local Radio Net will be utilized in addition to 16th Marines TACP Local; 1st Bn 16th Mar, BLT 1/3 and 16th Mar will maintain stations on this net.

e. Crypto.

- (1) Numeral Code = KAC=QX.10 effective day.
- (2) Authentication KAC-QX 10 effective day.
- (3) Previty Code KAC-PX 18 effective day.

d. Visual

- (1) Pyrotechnic signals in accordance with reference (d).
- (2) Smoke
 - (a) White = marking of enemy positions.

- (b) Red = "Area not secure; not safe to land "
- (c) Violet/groen "Area secure/safe to land or drop supplies!"
- (d) Yellow marking of friendly positions.

e. Command troats

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ANNEXES:

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(e) Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines

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* EXECUTION

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H-Hour and pre L-Hour preparation of landing zone and initial objective will be accomplished by pre-planned air strikes and artillery fires. On call artillery and close air support will be available for the duration of the operation.

b. Air

- (1) Strategic Air Command provides B-52 strikes early on D-Day against large area targets deep in the operating area. Targets to be announced.
 - (2) 1st Marine Aircraft Wing provides:
- (a) AN/TPQ-N radar controlled air strikes early on D-Day against small area targets deep in the operating area. Targets to be announced.
- (b) 2 hr preparation of LZ MALLAHD commencing at L=2 hrs. Ordnance to include 200 lb "Daisy Cutters" to clear trees from LZ.
- (c) Protection of helilift into LZMALAND with fixed wing attack aircraft on station and helicopter gunships as escort aircraft.
- (d) Attack aircraft on strip alert to provide on call air support for duration of operation.

c. Artillery

- (1) 3d Bn (-) (Reinf) 12th Marines Direct Support 4th Marine Regiment. Reinforcing fires provided to 1st Infantry Division TF Artillery (ARWN) upon request.
- (2) Fire 1 hr pre H-Hour prep (commencing L-Hoursh hrs and 10 minutes) to support ground attack by 1st En 1th Marines.
- (3) Fire 1 hr prop on LZ MALLARD (commending Lahra) hrs and 10 minutes). End of prop will be signalled by one shell WP. Emphasis will be placed against potential antiaircraft portion overlooking LZ.
 - (h) Artillery Fire Plan see Appendix 1.
 - d. Coordination Instructions
- ref (b) and (c).
- (2) SAVE-A-PLANES issued by hth Marines FSCC in accordance with ref (b).
- (3) All US fires delivered in support of ARVN forces will be coordinated at 4th Marines FSCC.
 - (h) Maximum effort must be made by Infantry Battalion Air InO and

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Artillary into to coordinate air support and artillary fires in their battalian zone of action. This applies in particular to coordination of close air support and artillary with use of MEDEVAC, aerial resupply and air observance.

- (5) Forward Observers make maximum use of air observers to assist in calling for fires, orientation on the ground, and target acquisition.
 - (6) Use of preplanmed targets as soon as possible.
- (7) No Fire Line for DaDay is indicated in Annel A (Operations Overlay) and Appendix 1 Artillery Fire Plan.

4. ADMIN and LOGISTICS

- a. See para 4 OPORD 50-67 (Operation GRANITE)
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5% COMMAND and COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Communications, See para 5 OPORD 50-67 (Operation GRANITE)
- b. 4th Marines FSCC located in COC Camp EVANS.

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J. M. McGEE Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps Executive Officer

APPENDIX

1-Artillery Fire Plan (to be issued)

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1st Bn 4th Mar	(2)			
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A. CHANGE "BLT 1/3(-) " TO READ "BLT 1/3"

1. PAGE ONE, UNDER TASK ORGANIZATION:

B. CHANGE 'IST BN(-) 3D MAR' TO READ 'IST BN 3D MAR'

C. DELETE 'REGTL RESERVE CO C, 1ST BN 3D MAR CAP OSGOOD' D. TO TASK ORGANIZATION ADD: '2D BN (-) 1ST MAR LTCOL VAN WINKLE'

2. PAGE TWO, NO CHANGE

3. PAGE THREE, PAR 3A (1) LINE SIX: DELETE 'EAST' SUBSTITUTE 4. PAGE THREE, DELETE PAR 3C AND SUBSTITUTE THEREFORE:

"C. BLT 1/3

(1) AT L-HOUR, D-DAY CONDUCT A HELICOPTERBORNE ASSAULT TO SEIZE AND SECURE LANDING ZONE MALLARD (YD 470235). UPON REORGANIZATION CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS TOWARD OBJECTIVE B (VIC YD 465217) AND RECONNOITER 2000 METERS SOUTH OF OBJECTIVE B.

(2) ON ORDER, CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS TOWARD

OBJECTIVE D (VIC YD 485218).

(3) ON ORDER, CONTINUE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS TOWARD

OBJECTIVE E (VIC YD 469244).

(4) LOCATE BTRY A, 1ST BN 12TH MAR AT FORWARD ARTILLERY POSITION (VIC YD 501289) ON D-DAY; SECURITY TO BE PROVIDED BY 1ST BN 4TH MAR. 5. PAGE THREE, DELETE PAR D AND SUBSTITUTE THEREFORE: "C. 2D BN(-) 1ST MAR.



C1) ON D-DAY, MOVE BY TRUCK CONVOY FROM PRESENT LOCATION SOUTH ALONG NATL ROUTE ONE. MOVE BY FOOT TO ASSIGNED PORTION OF 4TH MAR OA AND CONDUCT BLOKCING/AMBUSH AND SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ALONG ENEMY INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION ROUTES. ARRIVE IN ASSIGNED PORTION OF OA NLT 1600H ON D-DAY. SEE INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION OVERLAY (PASEP) (NOTAL).

(2) MAINTAIN ONE COMPANY ON 60 MINUTE ALERT TO BE EMPLOYED AS REGIMENTAL RESERVE/REACTION FORCE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN EITHER ASSAULT BATTALION'S ZONE OF ACTION.

6. PAGE FUUR, PAR 3 E (2) CHANGE '24 OCTOBER 1967' TO READ '26 OCTOBER 1967.'

PAGE FOUR, PAR 3 E (4) CHANGE "0730H" TO READ "0900H."

8. PAGE FOUR, PAR 3 E(10) ADD FOLLOWING THRUST POINTS:

XRAY YD 4537 YANKEE YD 4140 ZULU YD 4235

9. REPLACE PRESENT ANNEX A OPERATION OVERLAY WITH ANNEX A OPERATION OVERLAY CH. NO. (PASEP).

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A. LTH MAR OPORD 50-67 (GRANITE)

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1. SITUATION. REF (A)

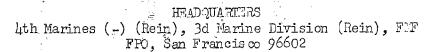
A. 1ST INF DIV (ARVN) CONDUCTS GROUND OPERATIONS IN ZONE TO LOCATE AND DEFEAT VC/NVA FORCES, DESTROY INSTALLATIONS AND CAPTURE ENEMY SUPPLIES.

- B. ARTILLERY. THIRD BN TWELFTH MAR D/S AND PROVIDES LNO TO ARVN TF ARTY; 1ST INF DIV (ARVN) TF ARTY PROVIDES HEINFORCING FIRES UPON REQUEST.

 2. MISSION. ON D+10 (5 NOV 67) FOURTH MAR ESTABLISHES BLOCKING FORCES IN CONJUNCTION WITH 1ST INF DIV (ARVN) OPERATION LAN SON 140 PHASE II IN "STREET WITHOUT JOY" AREA.
- 3. EXECUTION.
- A, CONCEPT OF OPERATION. CONTINUING OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A), ON 5 NOV 67 FOURTH MAR PROVIDES ONE BATTALION (=) (TWO RIFLE COMPANIES) TO ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS WEST OF 1ST INF #1DIV (ARWN) OA, VICINITY MY CHANH (YD 1610). SEE OP OVERLAY.
 - B. LST BN (=) LTH MAR
- (1) AFTER ENGINEER ROAD SWEEP OF NAT'L ROUTE ONE ON 5 NOV 67, COMMENCE MOTOR MOVEMENT NORTH FROM CAMP EVANS TO ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITION ANVIL (YD 1611) AND FORGE (YD 1639) WITH ON RIFLE COMPANY EACH.
 - (2) BE PREPARED FOR FURTHER OPERATIONS AS DIRECTED.
 - C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
 - (1) THRUST POINT: KILO LALO
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- 4. ADMIN AND LCGISTICS. REF (A).
- 5. COMMAND AND COMM_ELEC.
 - A. REF A.
- B. REPORT WHEN IN POSITION.
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From: Commanding Officer

To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FIF (SC-3)

Subj: Critique of Operation GRANITE

Encl: J(1) Notes from Operation GRANITE Critique

1. A critique of Operation GRANITE was held at 1430, 4 Nov 67. Commanders and Staffs of the participating units and the Regimental Staff were present.

2. Enclosure (1) summarizes the subject, critique

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NOVES FROM OPERATION GRAVITE CRITIQUE

Place: Toadquarters, 4th Marines (-) (Rein), Camp EVANS

Data: 4 Fovember 1967

Time: 1430H

Participants: Commanders and Staffs of: Headquarters, 4th Marines

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I. Reminental Staff

- a. 3-1 No problem encountered in casualty reporting or other administration areas.
- fir from the presence of C-15 Company, believed to be a subordinate unit of the porthern Front Headquarters, the 800th Battalion and 802nd Battalion. The Could Dattalion was not identified.
- gorden where not received at 4th Marines Headquarters. Materials were placed on helicopters and lost as a result of mishandling.
- star 100, be designated to pick up captured material from units in order to incur. all captured raterial reaches the proper destination.
- J. 3-3 General critique of the operation. No significant problem areas a countered. Some reports not submitted on time. One unit departed an objective without notifying higher and adjacent headquarters.
- D. 3-4 Initial logistics planning proved adequate. Resupply accomplished as acheduled in most cases. Some interference to normal resupply procedures caused by Battalion Air Liaison Officer working directly with the Regimental Air Liaison Officer for resupply of units instead of working through normal S-4 channels. It was also noted that one unit misused the priority " AGENCY" in requesting Class I supplies.
- tions with subordinate units in spite of difficult jungle terrain, lst Battalion with lastices experienced frequent interference on their 81-mm conduct of fire net. In this control of radio relay on Hill 674 proved a valuable asset in maintaining over-all communications.

SECRET ENCLOSURE (1)

- F. Air Liaison Officer: Units must be ready for resupply according to Regimental Logistic SOP, i.e., at 1600-1800. If not possible, must advise somest.
- G. Medical Officer: Augmentation to regimental aid insufficient to handle number of casualties received. In future operations of comparable size, regiment should be augmented by at least two medical doctors and five or six additional corpsment casualties are to be evacuated to regiment.
- II. 3d Battalion 12th Marines: Many instances in which fire support missions were delayed or could not be delivered due to check fires and aircraft interference. Numerous times aircraft caused unnecessary fire support delays and check fires by not following planned air routes and by not checking in on proper radio net on arrival in area. The commanding officer, artillery battalion and both infantry battalion commanding officers believe that the unnecessary fire support delays and check fires caused by aircraft during the operation was to a degree sufficient to warrant command attention. This is not concurred in by the Regimental Commander.
- III. BLT 1/3: No significant problems. One minor point was that fluctuation in capacities of the CH-34 from plane to plane due to the varied fuel loads and engine performance caused some difficulty. The BLT ALO proposed a standard heliteam consisting of five troops. For larger aircraft the basic five man team would be employed in multiples to fill the aircraft. The Commanding Officer BLT 1/3 felt that the number of aircraft was too great to be efficiently utilized in the long narrow landing zone and the planes became so dispersed on landing that it was difficult to reorganize into effective units.
- IV. 1st Battalion 4th Marines: No major problem area other than fire support as discussed by 3d Battalian 12th Marines. Battalian commanding officer believes that overland march into objective area tired troops. Recommended that troops be helilifted into objective area or that more time be allowed for troop rest prior to continuation of operation.

SECRET ENCLOSURE (1)

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

14:LTF:dch 21 Nov 1967

MEMORANDUM

From: Division Air Officer

To: G-3

Subj: Comments on Granite Critique

1. Following items review with proposed action indicated:

a. Loss of Materials Evacuated by Helicopter -

(1) <u>Comment</u> - This comment frequently appears, usually with medevac flights where gear and medevacs are mixed on the same flight.

Past investigation reveals items generally are lost because no point is designated by the operations commander to which all materials or supplies evacuated are to be taken. Also at this point a responsible receiver representing the command should be available.

- (2) Recommendation Add the above to administrative planning instructions for future operations helicopters take loads to where the HST directs them.
- b. Fire Support This is a repeated comment replete with generalities which are not capable of corrective research. Frequently C & C aircraft don't stay in helo lanes because their mission is not in helo lanes. However they are in contact with control agencies thus are cleared into the area in which they are operating. I agree there are unnecessary delays that occur but frequently the delays are established by inexperienced personnel calling check fires that are not necessary.

I will try to find out more specifics from the personnel involved. I cannot make recommendations on the inadequate information on hand.

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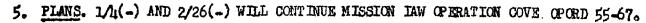
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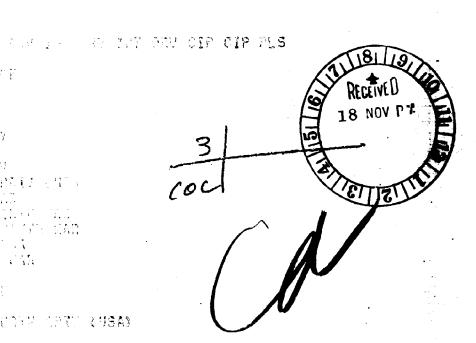
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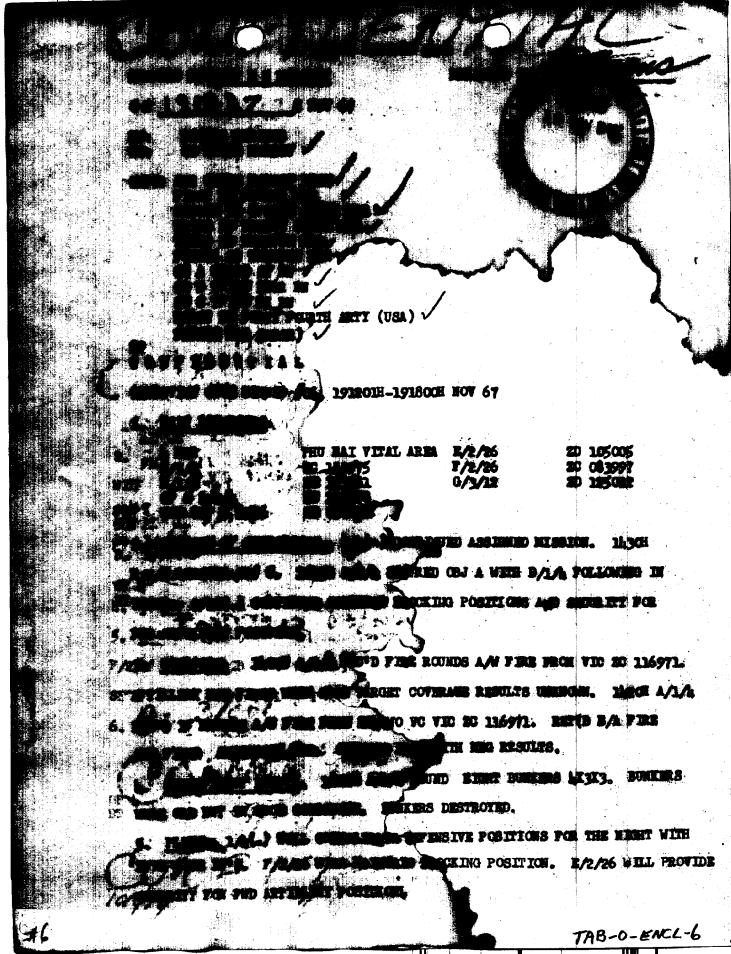
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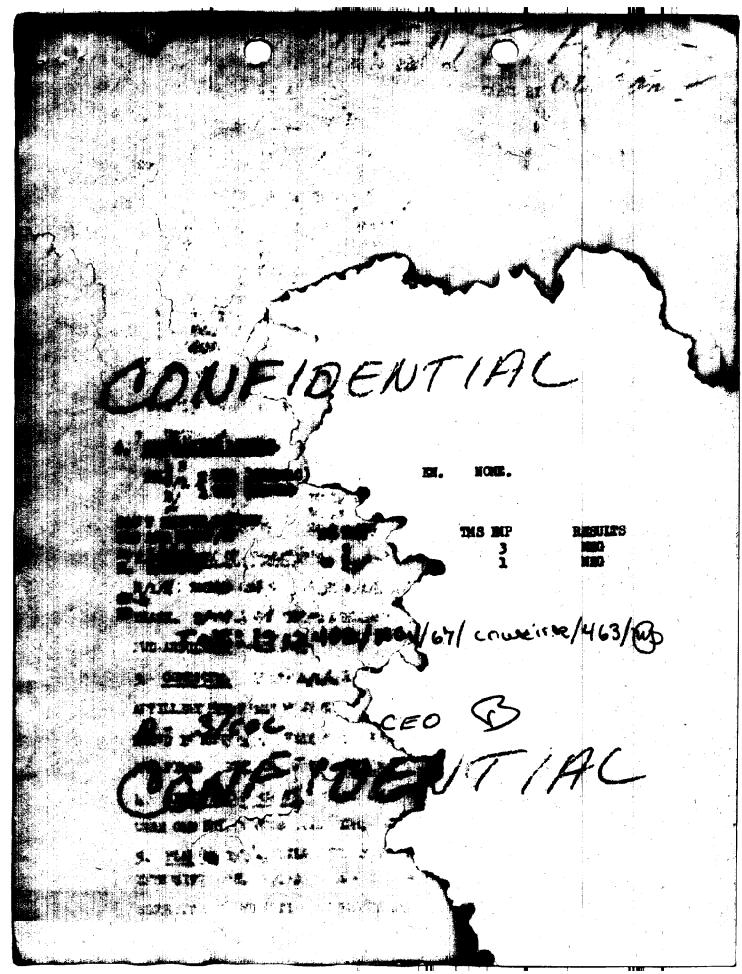
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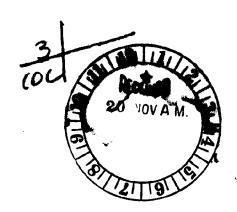
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3. CONTROTS. 1016 3/4/201 ARLA/3/12 RECEIVED APPROX LO INCOMING 820M ROUNDS FFOR VIO ED 1406. ARTY REFORMED FIRE WIR 132 HE ROUNDS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. OTION THE OF MINUTES. 3/4/26 RETURNE: FIRE WITH 50 CAL. RESULTS UNKNOWN. IS MINOTES, NO FR CASUALTIES, SERENT DAMAGE TO ANTENNAS. LIVED AFFROR 25 ROUNDS 8/A AND 6 ROUNDS 60MM FIRE VIC 2C 118966 R OF TO RESELTING 1. FR WIA MEDEVACS. RETURNED FIRE WITH GLIED ATT. ASSEALTED POSITION WITH NEG RESULTS.

L. STEWNEY TOLER 1130 A/1/A FOUND ONE BUNKER 3"XL" 13" AND ONE LOSMY DUD. HER CED AND NOT VAND RECENTUR. DESTROYED BUNKER AND 105MM DUD.

Plane. 1/4(-) WILL CONTINUE ASSIGNED HISSION IAW OPO 56-67. F/2/26 WILL MAINTAIN STOREMS POSITION AND R/2/26 WILL PROVIDE SECURITY FOR FWD ARTY POSITION.

6. CONTLATIVE LOSS

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FM: FOURTH MARINES

TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO: ADC THIRD MARDIV DHCB
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OPERATION COVE SITEEP #16, 201901H-201800H NOV 67

1. UNIT LOCATIONS. NO CHANGE, EXCEPT

A/1/4 ZC 103976 B/1/4 ZC 115976 CP & D/1/4 ZC 117973

2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS. 1/1(-) CONTINUED MOVEMENT ON ASSIGNED SAD MISSION AND ARB PRESENTLY CONSOLIDATING IN THEIR NIGHT POSITIONS. E/2/26 MAINTAINED

SECURITY FOR FWD ARTILLERY POSITION. F/2/26 MAINTAINED ASSIGNED BLOCKING FOSITIONS.

3. CONTACTS. AO OBS 3 SAMPANS ZD 158022 MED, 7 AT ZD 161019, AND 1 CAMPUFIAGED

SAMPANS ZD 159025. CAMO FLAGED SAMPAN BELIEVED TO BE MORTARING HILL AT ZI 141021.

A/S DAMAGED 11 SAMPANS WITH 8,000 RDS 762, AND 25 ROCKETS. OBSERVED 10 WC

WAIKING DOWN STREAM. SUSPECTS BELIEVED TO BE SAME CREM THAT MORTARED HILL.

RESULTS 1 VC KIA (CONF) AND 5 VC KIA (PROB). 1215H: D/1/4 RECOD APPROX 60 RDS

S/A FIRE FROM EST TWO VC VIC ZC 119966. RETOD FIRE WITH 150 S/A RDS AND K MA79

RDS. EMEMY BROKE CONTACT. CHECKED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SECURITY ELEMENT

FROM 2/D/1/4 EYCHANGED FIRE WITH AN EST ONE VC. 1/D/1/4 (ZC 119964) RECOD 100

RDS 60PM AND 1 RPG RD. RETEDITIES WITH S/A M-79 ANDARTY INTO SUSPECTED MORTARS

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- L. SIGHT ICANT EVENTS. NONE.
- 1/4(-) WILL CONSOLDIATE NIGHT DEFINISES WITH EXTENSIVE UP OF TPOS AND ANDUSHES. E/2/26 WILL MAINTAIN SECURITY FOR TWO ARTILLESS POSTFECT.

F/2/26 WILL MAINTAIN BLOCKING POSITION.

6. CUMULATIVE LOSSES.

FR. 13 WIA (MEDEVAC) 1 WIA (MINOR) EN. 1 VC KIA (C'NF) 5 VC KIA (PROB)

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OPE ATION COVE STREP #11, 201801H-202400H NOV 67

- 1. UNIT LOCATIONS, NO CHANGE-
- 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS. 1/4(-) MAINTAINED NIGHT DIFFERSIVE POSTITIONS WITH 1874 B POSITION POSITION POSITION AND AMBUSHES. B/2/26 CONTINUED TO PROVID: SECURITY FOR FWD AMBUSHES, 1995 . F/2/26 MAINTAINED BLOCKING PSEITION.
- 3. CONTACTS. NONE.
- L. SIGHIF TOANT EVENTS. NONE.
- 5. Plans. 1/4(-) Wija Maintain Educat Defensive Positions with ip's and Ambushes.

 2/2/26 WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR FWD ARTILLERY POSITION. P/2/26 WILL.

 MAINTAIN BLOCKING POSITION.
- 6. CHULATIVE LOSSES.

PR. 13 WIA (MEDEVAC)

1 WIA (MINOR)

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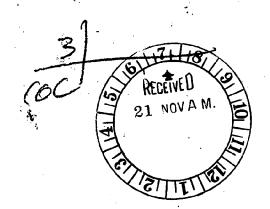
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THIED EN TWELTH MARINES
FOURTH BE TWELTH MARINES
FOURTH HAR INES ("EAR)
OC A THIRD SP EN
CO E TYTE DEROR EN
CO C THERD TK EN



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- 1. UNIT LOCATIONS. NO GHANGE
- 2. SUMMARY OF OPERATORS. 1/4(-) MAINTAINED NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WITH IP'S AND AMBUSHES. 2/2/26 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR FWD ARTILLERY POSITION. P/2/26 REMAINED IN BLOCKING POSITION.
- 3. CONTACTS. NOTE.
- 4. STONEP BOANT EVENTS. NONE.
- AND NOVE TO BLOCKING POSITION. B/2/26 WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR FWD ARTILLERY POSITION. P/2/26 WILL REMAIN IN BLOCKING POSITION.
- 6. CHAMIATIVE DOCUMES.

PR. 13 WIA (MEMBYAC) 1 VIA (MINGE)

1 VC KIA (CONF)

5 VC K.LA (PROB)

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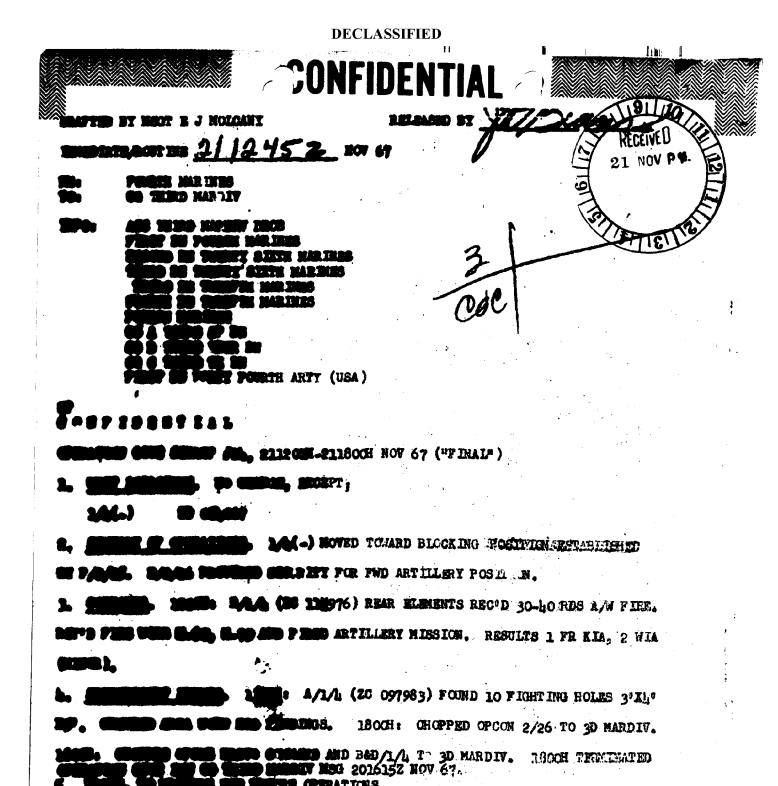
1/4(-) COMENCED NOVEMENT TOWARD BLOCKING POSITIONS ESTABLISHED BY 1/2/26. E/2/26 PLOVIDED SECURITY FOR FWD ARTY POSITION.

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- REIT TOWN STREET, NORTH
- 5. PLANE: 14(-) WILL CONTINUE HOWEST TOWARD P/2/26 BLOCKING POSITION. 3/2/26 WILL MAINTAIN SECURITY FOR PAID ARTY POSITION.

1 KIA VC (CONF) 5 KIA VC (PROB)

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