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To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division, FMF, (Attn: SC-3)

Subj: Command Chronology

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Ref: (a) Division Order 5750.1
 (b) Battalion Order 5750.1

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- Encl: (1) Overlay of locations of all units (S-3)
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 (10) Close Combat (S-3)
 (11) Fire Support Coordination (FSCC)
 (12) Logistics (S-4)
 (13) Air Defense (S-3)
 (14) Combat Air Support (Air Officer)
 (15) Medical and Dental Support (Bn Surgeon)
 (16) Chaplain Support (Bn Chaplain)
 (17) Civil Affairs (Civil Affairs Officer)

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1. In accordance with references (a) and (b), the Command Chronology for December 1965, is hereby submitted.

PART I

1. Reporting Unit: 3d Battalion, 4th Marines
2. Command Post: See overlay
3. Period Covered: 1Dec65-31Dec65
4. Date of Submission: 7Jan66
5. Average monthly strength:

	<u>3/4</u>	<u>USN</u>
a. Officers	31	3
b. Enlisted	843	60

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6. Commanding Officer: LtCol S. A. VALE

7. Principal Staff:

S-1	1stLt. J. D. EVERROAD
S-2	GySgt. D. E. DECKER
S-3	Mag. W. C. RUTHAZER
S-4	Capt. R. S. DROST
CommO	1stLt. R. A. DICKINSON

8. Subordinate Units:

H&SCo	1stLt. B. A. NORTH
Co I	1stLt. D. P. USHER
Co K	1stLt. H. GONZALES
Co L	1stLt. D. H. MC ENEA
Co M	Capt. R. E. AKINS

9. ATTACHMENTS:

Commanding Officer, 4th Battalion, 12th Marines: LtCol E. M. RUDZIS

Plt Commander Company A, 3d Engineer Battalion: 1stLt T. E. PISTELLI

Plt Commander Company C, 3d Recon Battalion: 1stLt G. K. HUDDLESTON

Plt Commander Company A, 3d Anti Tank Battalion: 1stLt R. M. JAROCK

Plt Commander Company A, 3d Tank Battalion: 1stLt: G. A. PETERSON

9. EMBARKATION: On 24 December 1965 3d Battalion, 4th Marines was activated as BLT 3/4 with below listed units and strengths. Embarked aboard USS Valley Forge (IPH-8), USS Monticello (LSD-35), and USS Montrose (APA-212) on 24 December 1965; arrived and disembarked White Beach, Okinawa, RI on 29 December 1965. Arrived Camp Hansen Okinawa, RI under ADCOM, OPCOM of CG 1st Marine Division:

UNIT	STRENGTH	
	Officers	Enlisted
	Marine-Navy	Marine-Navy
BLT 3/4	54 4	1366 75
BLT H&SCo	14 3	351 60
Co I	4	128
Co K	4	132
Co L	4	125

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1. Enemy Situation at the Beginning of the Period. The only confirmed unit in the vicinity of our TAOR was the P-18 Local Force Company located at vicinity of (YD 789076). The strength of this company averaged eighty-five personnel. There were numerous reports of an unidentified battalion in the vicinity of (YD 755107) but this was never confirmed.

2. Enemy Incidents During the Period.

a. 011930 Dec. Company M, 1st Platoon in ambush vicinity (YD 814183) sighted 6 man VC patrol which came to left flank of ambush. Marines and Popular Forces opened fire on VC. VC did not return fire. Two rounds of illumination were fired by artillery. Two Marines and 4 PF's observed 2 VC fall into rice paddy. A thorough search of the area was made, but the bodies were gone. Marines pulled back temporarily from ambush site and then started combat patrol. As patrol was going back in vicinity of ambush site they saw at 012145H approximately 6 VC moving east towards patrol on railroad tracks. Marines fired on VC and VC turned around and ran in a westerly direction. Search was made of area and the following was found: 1 Chicom 7.62 Carbine, 1 bottle cough medicine, 1 bottle quinine, 1 tin box with medicine, 2 tubes of aspirin, 1 small bottle alcohol, 4 M-26 grenades, 1 poncho, 1 carbine magazine pouch, 1 pouch (unknown) and 3 7.62 shells.

b. 012130 Dec. Combined Action Company-4 sighted 3 to 4 VC vicinity (YD 926107). CAC-4 fired and VC moved in southeast direction. Negative results.

c. 032115 Dec. Company M, 2nd Platoon, while in ambush vicinity (YD 908089) spotted 15 to 25 VC in a very close column moving north carrying small arms. Approximately 15 VC passed ambush position when Marines opened fire, but VC did not return fire but dispersed in many directions. Five VC came on left flank of ambush and left flank opened fire on them. VC, after being fired upon moved north along river bank. Patrol from ambush was sent to search killing zone with negative results. 2nd Platoon, Company M moved 25 to 30 yards, spotted 2 VC believed to be looking for weapons or bodies. Marines opened fire upon VC, VC fled east. The following morning a search was conducted and the following was found: 1 Chicom 7.62 Carbine, 3 long stem frag grenades, 1 canteen pouch and 1087 pisatres. One Marine moved to check brush, spotted 1 VC WIA trying to pull string of grenade, Marine opened fire on the VC, result 1 VC KIA. Platoon leader stated that signs indicated that 7 to 10 bodies were dragged off in a northerly direction.

d. 032215 Dec. Company M, 2 Alpha, while in ambush vicinity (YD 908089) right flank spotted 1 VC trying to cross in front of their position. Marines and VC spotted each other approximately at the same moment. Marines opened fire and VC disappeared.

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e. 052155 Dec. Company K, 3rd Platoon made contact with 6 VC at vicinity (YD 818176). After brief fire fight VC broke contact. Platoon searched area with negative results.

f. 110150 Dec. Company M, 2nd Platoon while in ambush YD 792150 made contact with 9 VC moving from north to south. Second platoon opened fire and fired 60mm Mortars as a blocking fire. Second platoon moved carefully and aggressively into killing zone and cleared area. Search was made of area results as follows: 3VC KIA, 2 VCC, 2 M-1 Carbines, 2 MAT-49, 2 MASS-36, 1 cartridge belt U.S., 2 MAT-49 magazine pouches, 1 tube of salve (Tetracycline), 1 canteen pouch, 5 carbine magazines, 56 30 Cal carbine rounds, 4 MAT-49 magazines, 66 rounds MAT-49 (7.62 short), 3 grenade pouches VC, 2 VC cartridge belts, 2 carbine magazine pouches, 2 short stem frag grenades, 1 pair black trousers, 2 pair blue shorts, 1 dyed green shirt, 1 pair khaki trousers, 923 piasters, 1 pair trousers green, 5 bags of rice. The 2 VC KIA were wearing black shorts and khaki shirts, 1 VC KIA wore khaki shorts with green utility jacket.

g. 150050 Dec. Combined Action Company-3 while on patrol met unknown number VC at YD 906109. CAC-3 immediately opened fire and VC dispersed 4/12 Artillery fired mission. CAC-3 made search of area at first light with negative results.

h. 150250 Dec. B Recon with 4 man team of Battalion S-2 Scouts in ambush YD 786126 received a short burst of automatic weapons fire approximately 50 meters from 7 VC. Recon immediately returned the fire and 4/12 Artillery fired mission. Recon at the first light made thorough search of area and found footprints.

i. 160416 Dec. B Recon received 1 grenade incoming at 0345H vic YD 786126 from 4 VC moving south towards river.

j. 171234 Dec. Company K, 3rd Platoon reports that one 6x6 truck hit land mine at YD 818179. One friendly casualty.

k. 182158 Dec. Combined Action Company-1 fired upon 2 boats approximately 100 meters. Shot illumination YD 883165 but couldn't see anyone. Boats were too far out to check. PF called to boats for them to answer. Negative answer.

l. 182221 Dec. Combined Action Company-4 reports receiving 5 rounds at night position YD 929091. Negative casualty.

m. 182246 Dec. Combined Action Company-3 reports approximately 3 VC moving north through PHU BAI-3 vicinity YD 908123. Marines opened fire but didn't receive any rounds.

n. 182330 Dec. Combined Action Company-3 reports 1 VC attempted to cross road from south to north 100 meters from their position YD 908123. CAC-3 fired, VC headed north. Negative results.

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Co M	1	128	
Det HqCo 3d Marines		3	
Det HqBn 3d Marine Division	1	1	
Btry I (Rein), 3dBn 12th Marines	7	114	22
Whiskey Btry, 2dBn 12th Marines	3	58	
SFCP, HqBtry, 4thBn 12th Marines	2	12	
M107 Mortar Btry, 2dBn, 12th Marines	3	66	2
3dPlt(Rein), CoA, 3d AT Bn	1	35	
3dPlt(Rein), CoA, 3d Engr Bn	1	31	
3dPlt(Rein), CoA, 3d Tank Bn	1	23	
3dPlt(Rein), CoC, 3d Recon Bn	1	20	
Logistic Support Unit		9	
Det, CoA, 3d Med Bn		1	7
Det, 3d Serv Bn	1	45	4
Det, 3d FSR	1	5	
Det, 3d SP Bn	1	45	
TrkPlt, CoB, 3d Mt Bn	1	34	

9. Mission assigned to occupy and defend the assigned TAOR and to defend the Airport and the 8th RRU Compound located in the TAOR.

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PERSONNEL (S-1)

1. Number of replacements received: 2 Marine Officers
1 Marine Enlisted
1 Navy Enlisted
2. Number of Personnel rotated: 1 Marine Officer
24 Marine Enlisted
3. Breakdown of personnel lost other than rotations:
 - a. Wounded in action: 5
 - b. Died of wounds: 1
 - c. Killed in action: 1
 - d. Humanitarian/Emergency Transfers: 2
 - e. Non battle injuries: 8
 - f. Intra Division/Regimental Transfers: 7 Marine Officers
130 Marine Enlisted
4 Marine Officers
130 Marine Enlisted
(Reasgnd from 1st Bn,
7th Marines)
4. R & R Trips: 39

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ADMINISTRATION (S-1)

1. Personnel Accounting: Nothing to report.
2. Awards:
 - a. 7 Purple Hearts
 - b. 15 Cross of Gallantry
 - c. 1 Honor Medalist Class
 - d. 1 Social Medal 2nd Class
3. Promotions
 - a. to Private First Class - 9
 - b. to Lance Corporal - 1
 - c. to Sergeant - 20
 - d. to Master Sergeant - 11
4. Postal: \Very poor postal service was received during the month of December.
5. Pay: Nothing to report.
6. PX: Nothing to report
7. Legal and Discipline
 - a. Courts Martial Pending: 1 Special Court Martial
 - b. Courts Martial Held: 2 Special Courts Martial
 - c. Non Judicial Punishment Awarded: 1

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o. 190005 Dec. Combined Action Company-3 reports approximately 2 VC traveling east along railroad tracks vicinity YD 903123. CAC-3 fired and VC returned fire. 1 friendly WIA.

p. 211408 Dec. Hill 225 reports security patrol sighted 2 VC vicinity YD 845083. Patrol fired on VC and VC moved south. 4/12 Artillery fired mission with negative results.

3. See paragraph 2.

4. Significant Trends During Period. During the period there was a total of 83 Viet Cong sighted by either Observation Posts or Visual Reconnaissance flights in or near the Tactical Area of Responsibility as compared to 144 the previous month.

5. Enemy Situation At End of Period. The P-18 Local Force Company was Headquartered vicinity of YD 798076 but was operating in GIA-LE Village and PHU VANG District.

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1. Objective. To increase the combat efficiency and readiness for the individual Marine.

2. Training Highlights.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type Training</u>	<u>Unit</u>
1 Dec	Demonstration of Protective Fire	1 Plat, Co L
2 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, L, & M
3 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, L, & H&S
4 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, L, & M
5 Dec	Small Arms FIREX	H&S Co
5 Dec	81mm Mortar FIREX	81 Plat
5 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's L, M, & H&S
6 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, L, & H&S
6 Dec	Military Sanitation and Hygiene	Tanks and AT's
7 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, L, & M
8 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's L, M, & H&S
9 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, M, & H&S
10 Dec	M-72 LAW	Co K
10 Dec	First Aid, Rubber Boats, and Throwing of Hand Grenades	Recon
10 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, L, & H&S
11 Dec	M-72 LAW FIREX	Co M
11 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, L, & M
12 Dec	81mm Mortar FIREX	81 Plat
12 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's L, M, & H&S
12 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, L, & H&S
13 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, L, & M
14 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's L, M, & H&S
15 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, M, & H&S
16 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, L, & H&S
17 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, L, & M
18 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, L, & H&S
19 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, L, & M
20 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, L, & H&S
21 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's K, L, & M
22 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	1 Sqd, Co's L, M, & H&S
23 Dec	Night Firing Techniques	Co's I, K, L, M, & H&S
30 Dec	Clothing and Equipment inspection	

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS

1. See enclosure (10).

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NBC DEFENSE

1. Nothing of significance to report concerning NBC Defense during December 1965.

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COMMAND AND CONTROL

1. There were no unusual Command and Control events during this period.

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1. It is recommended that limited third echelon parts such as battery plugs for PRC-6, AFC stages, battery cables for PRC-10 and switches for PRC-6 be authorized for battalions in order to keep the communications equipment deadline percentage down. The AN/URM-48 Signal Generator and the AN/PSM⁴ multimeter are sufficient to handle the increased capability.

2. In order to provide a base camp with the necessary power that is required, a heavy duty, high output, continuous operating diesel generator of 30KW capability is needed, along with a sufficient amount of heavy duty electrical wire, about 10,000 feet.

3. Guerrilla Warfare also brings about the necessity to dispatch a technician to outlying companies that are divorced from a base camp. In order for the technician to diagnose trouble and make on the spot repairs, an increase of one (1) AN/USM15 is required.

4. A problem that also arose, particularly in the rainy season, was the need of protecting the radios. Each company was issued an ample supply of waterproof bags. However, the line companies were reluctant to use these bags, because the "whitish" color would give away their ambush and patrol positions and pin-point the units CP group. A green or camouflaged bag, with a non-reflective surface, would be ideal in place of the white, CW-436 and CW-437 bags, that are now in use.

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CLOSE COMBAT

- 1 Dec The 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company K conducted a security patrol from Hill 225. The 1st Platoon, Company M established a night ambush at YD 814183. The 3d Platoon, Company L established two night ambushes at YD 907110 and YD 891116. The 1st Platoon, Company M sprung night ambush at YD 814183. There were no casualties on either side. After contact, the 1st Platoon, Company M moved to YD 815183 and set in for the night. After contact the 1st Platoon Company M searched area of contact and found 1 CHICOM 7.62mm rifle, and different types of medicine. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.
- 2 Dec The 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company K conducted security patrol from Hill 225. The 1st Platoon, Company M established two night ambushes at YD 816179 and YD 821177. The 3d Platoon, B Recon established a night ambush at YD 928057. Scouts established a night ambush at YD 797140. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.
- 3 Dec The 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company K conducted a security patrol from Hill 225. The 2nd Platoon, Company M made contact with the enemy at YD 908089. Friendly casualties none. Known enemy casualties, 1 KIA. The 2nd Platoon, Company M checked out area after contact and found 1 CHICOM 7.62mm rifle, also found markings where 7-10 bodies had been dragged away. The 2nd Platoon, Company M established two night ambushes at YD 908094 and YD 913094. The 3d Platoon, Company K established night ambush at YD 808166. The Combined Action Company continued operations in Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.
- 4 Dec The 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company K conducted a security patrol from Hill 225. The 3d Platoon, Company K established a night ambush at YD 814175. The 1st Platoon, Company M established a night ambush at YD 891155. The 3d Platoon, Company M established two night ambushes at YD 909077 and YD 909071. B Recon and Bn Sniper Team conducted operations in Nam Hoa Sub-Sector. The Combined Action Company continued operations in Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.
- 5 Dec The Combined Action Company conducted a combined operations with ARVN. The 3d and 4th Platoons of CAC were in blocking position from YD 926106 to YD 945135. The ARVN swept from Southeast to Northwest, starting at the 02 grid line. B Recon and Bn Sniper Team conducted operations in Nam Hoa Sub-Sector. The 3d Squad,

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2nd Platoon, Company K conducted a security patrol from Hill 225. The 3d Platoon, Company K established a night ambush at YD 817183. The 3d Platoon, Company K made contact with the enemy at YD 818176. No friendly casualties. No known enemy casualties. The 1st Platoon, Company M established two night ambushes at YD 909098 and YD 914095. The Combined Action Company continued operations in Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.

- 6 Dec The 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company K conducted a security patrol from Hill 225. The 3d Platoon, Company K conducted a daylight security patrol in grid square YD 8115. The 3d Platoon, Company K established a night ambush at YD 807163. The 2nd Platoon, Company M established two night ambushes at YD 913097 and YD 905091. The 3d Platoon, B Recon and Bn Sniper Team returned to Bn CP at 1800. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.
- 7 Dec The 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Company L conducted a security patrol from Hill 225. The 3d Platoon, Company K conducted a daylight security patrol in grid square YD 8316. The 3d Platoon, Company K established two night ambushes at YD 833162 and YD 811183. The 3d Platoon, Company M established two night ambushes at YD 912103 and YD 905105. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.
- 8 Dec The 3d Platoon, B Recon, Scouts, and Bn Sniper Team conducted a combined operations with ARVN. At 080530H 3 platoons of the 921st RF Company crossed river at YD 756134 in boats, and set up blocking force at YD 748146. At 0730 one platoon of PF and one Platoon of PAT along with Recon, Scouts and Bn Sniper Team crossed river at YD 742168. They conducted a sweep down the west bank of river to YD 750148. At 1100 a civic action team along with a mine detector team helilifted to the village of Hai Cat, YD 742165. They worked with some 300 villagers at that time. The 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company L conducted a security patrol from Hill 225. The 3d Platoon, Company M established a night ambush at YD 885156. The 1st Platoon, Company M established two night ambushes at YD 913095 and YD 915094. The 3d Platoon, Company K established two night ambushes at YD 833164 and YD 837165. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.
- 9 Dec The 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Company L conducted a security patrol from Hill 225. The 3d Platoon, Company K established two night

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ambushes at YD 825164 and YD 823170. The 2nd Platoon, Company M established two night ambushes at YD 909089 and YD 913094. The 1st Platoon, Company M established a night ambush at YD 903143. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.

- 10 Dec Company M departed for combined operation with ARVN. The 3d Platoon, Company K established night ambush at YD 903142. The 1st Platoon, Company K established two night ambushes at YD 912093 and YD 907088. The 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company L conducted a security patrol from Hill 225. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.
- 11 Dec At 0150 Company M made contact with 9 Viet Cong at YD 792150. Company M had 1 WIA. Known enemy casualties, 3 KIAs. Company M captured 2 VC and 1 VCS. Company M also captured 6 weapons: 2 MAT-49's, 2 U.S. Carbines (M-1), 2 MAS-36. Around 0957 Company M joined up with the 2 platoons of the 921st Company, one platoon of PF, and one PAT platoon, and Civic Action Team. At that time they conducted a search of village with aid from the two VCC's. The search was complete at 1537 and Company M helilifted back to Bn CP. The 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Company L conducted a security patrol from Hill 225. The 3d Platoon, B Recon established two daylight OP's at YD 808072 and YD 807077. They returned to Bn CP at 1800. The 2nd Platoon, Company M established two night ambushes at YD 801154 and YD 801146. The 3d Platoon, Company M established a night ambush at YD 883157. The 1st Platoon, Company K established two night ambushes at YD 907088 and YD 912093. Scouts established a night ambush at YD 841155. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.
- 12 Dec The 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company L conducted security patrol from Hill 225. The 2nd Platoon, Company M established two night ambushes at YD 809166 and YD 815159. The 3d Platoon, Company M established a night ambush at YD 891156. The 2nd Platoon, Company K established two night ambushes at YD 927114 and YD 928113. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.
- 13 Dec The 1st Squad, 1st Platoon, Company L conducted a security patrol from Hill 225. The 3d Platoon, Company K established two night ambushes at YD 934075 and YD 929066. The 2nd Platoon, Company M established two night ambushes at YD 820165 and YD 810163.

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The 3d Platoon, Company M established a night ambush at YD 889154. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.

14 Dec The 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company L conducted security patrol from Hill 225. The 3d Platoon, B Recon established daylight OP at YD 764127 and a night ambush at YD 786126. The 2nd Platoon, Company K established two night ambushes at YD 932075 and YD 933073. The 2nd Platoon, Company M established two night ambushes at YD 809169 and YD 812167. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.

15 Dec At 0042 the 3d Platoon, CAC made contact with two known VC at YD 906109, estimated group of ten. CAC-3 called in blocking fires at YD 905105 and YD 905099. I Btry fired six HE rounds at each coordinate with fuze quick. CAC-3 expended 200 M-14 and 2 M-79 rounds, they had one concussion grenade thrown at them. CAC-3 had no casualties. Known enemy casualties, none. At 0246, the 3d Platoon, B Recon made contact with the enemy at YD 786126. The 3d Platoon, B Recon received one small burst of AR fire. The 3d Platoon, B Recon expended 300 rounds of 7.62mm M-14 and 6 M-26 and 200 M-60 rounds. The 3d Platoon, B Recon called in blocking fires at YD 794125. I Btry fired 3 Ill., and 4 HE rounds with fuze quick. The 3d Platoon, B Recon had no casualties. Known enemy casualties, none. The 2nd Squad, 1st Platoon, Company M conducted a security patrol from Hill 225. The 1st Platoon, Company K established two night ambushes at YD 815155 and YD 817158. The 3d Platoon, Company L established night ambush at YD 911091. The 3d Platoon, B Recon established a night ambush at YD 795124. At 152115, CAC-3 made enemy contact at YD 908101. Estimated group of 5 VC. CAC-3 called in blocking fires at YD 892093, YD 894103, and YD 895096. I Btry fired 4 rounds at each coordinate. CAC-3 had no casualties. Known enemy casualties, none. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.

16 Dec At 0345, 3d Platoon, B Recon made contact at YD 796124. They had no friendly or enemy casualties. The 1st Platoon, Company L established a night ambush at YD 921074. The 1st Platoon, Company K established two night ambushes at YD 835161 and YD 836166. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.

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- 17 Dec The 2nd Platoon, Company M conducted a security patrol from Hill 225. The 2nd Platoon, Company L established two night ambushes at YD 904096 and YD 906094. The 3d Platoon, Company K established two night ambushes at YD 810157 and YD 819155. Scouts established a night ambush at YD 841155. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.
- 18 Dec Company K established 6 night ambushes at YD 833154, YD 830155, YD 821156, YD 825156, YD 811156, and YD 817157. At 2158 the 1st Platoon, CAC at YD 883165 fired upon 2 boats approximately 100 meters from their position. 4/12 fired illumination in support. At 2221 CAC-4 received 5 rounds small arms at their night position at YD 929091. At 2246 CAC-3 while on patrol made contact with 3-5 VC moving north through Phu Bai at YD 908123. At 2330 CAC-3 reported 1 VC attempted to cross road moving from south to north at YD 908123. CAC-3 fired with unknown results. The Combined Action Company continued operation in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.
- 19 Dec The 2nd Platoon, Company L established two night ambushes at YD 812177 and YD 814174. The 2nd Platoon, Company K established two night ambushes at YD 935074 and YD 934076. The 3d Platoon, B Recon established night ambushes at YD 810126, and YD 816127. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.
- 20 Dec The 2nd Platoon, Company L established two night ambushes at YD 867171 and YD 815184. The 2nd Platoon, Company M established two night ambushes at YD 907095 and YD 913101. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.
- 21 Dec The 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company K conducted security patrol from Hill 225. The 3d Platoon, B Recon established a night ambush at YD 806114. The 1st Platoon, Company M established two night ambushes at YD 884093 and YD 889091. The 2nd Platoon, Company L established two night ambushes at YD 806163 and YD 808161. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security.
- 22 Dec The 1st Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company K conducted a security patrol from Hill 225. The relief of the lines of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines by 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines began. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security. Embarkation aboard shipping for transportation to Okinawa commenced.

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- 23 Dec The 2nd Squad, 2nd Platoon, Company K conducted a security patrol from Hill 225. The relief of the lines of 3d Battalion, 4th Marines by 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines continued, embarkation continued. The Combined Action Company continued operations in the Villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon. Companies K, L, M, and H&S with LSU and 4/12 maintained airfield and CP security. *CO B&T 2/1 relieved CO B&T 3/4 as senior ground commander in PHU BAI TAOR.*
- 24 Dec Relief of lines by 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines completed. Embarkation completed.
- 25-28 Dec Enroute to Okinawa.
- 29-31 Dec Arrived at and debarked on Okinawa. Established Battalion at Camp Hansen.

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1. Significant Events:

(a) Numerous artillery missions were fired at actual and suspected VC targets. ARVN operations also received support from artillery fires. Many illumination shells helped to spot and destroy the enemy.

(b) The 4th Battalion, 12th Marines continued conducting a busy schedule for readiness with both day and night displacements for its units. These displacements enabled fires to be placed at a greater range outside the TAOR on suspected VC positions or targets of opportunity. During one operation all of the units displaced simultaneously. Battery "M" moved one platoon of guns forward, Battery "I" took two platoons out, and Whiskey Battery displaced entirely. These forward units fired, massing fires, reinforcing fires, TOT's, and registrations. Each Battery had its own FDC accompanying it, and, in addition, the Battalion FDC was also in the field.

(c) Battery "I" and Whiskey Battery embarked from Viet Nam with BLT 3/4. Battery "I" had fired 18,688 rounds in combat missions since its arrival in the Republic on the 14th of April 1965.

(d) The Forward Observer for Lima Company and his FO Team were riding in a vehicle near the Vietnamese hospital in Gia Le Thuong when a mine was detonated. Although no one in the team was injured, the driver of the vehicle sustained serious injuries to his foot.

(e) The Forward Observer for India Company accompanied his unit, with his FO Team, to Hill 41, a combat outpost south of Da Nang, and called in two illumination and two HE missions on advancing VC targets during his stay.

2. Artillery Units:

Battery "M", 4/12
Battery "I", 3/12
Battery "W", 2/12
Hq Battery, 4/12

3. Naval Gunfire:

(a) The Naval Gunfire Spot Team journeyed to the village of Thang Binh, south of Da Nang, to lend a hand for Operation Harvest Moon. They helped provide "Security" for the ARVN/American Advisors Command Post.

4. Types of missions fired:

Batteries "M", "I", and "W" fired Unobserved Missions on suspected enemy positions as well as on H&I targets. Observed Missions were fired on actual targets and suspected sites. Registrations and Service Practice Shoots were conducted by each Battery, and a Demonstration was ~~put forth~~ *given* for ARVN soldiers in the area.

LOGISTICS

1. Logistics Status

- a. Appendix a for the period 1-17 December 1965.
- b. 18-21 December 1965 Logistics Status remained the same as indicated in appendix a.
- c. On 22 December 1965 the following items were exchanged or invoiced to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines in order to insure the best possible readiness for that unit.

(1) Exchanged

1 M-274 (Mule)
1 M-100 (Trailer)
6 81mm Mortar mounts
1 M-50 (Ontos)

(2) Invoiced

4 Antenna RC292
12 AN/PRC-6
15 AN/PRC-10
2 AN/PRC-41
5 AN/PRC-47
2 Teleset EE-8
12 Teleset TA-1/PT
1 M-48 (Tank)
1 81mm Mortar Mount

2. Significant Events

- a. Embarkation of BLT 3/4, on 23 and 24 December 1965. (See appendix b and c).

b. Debarkation of BLT 3/4 commenced at 0900, 29 December 1965 at Okinawa. By 2300, 29 December 1965, BLT 3/4 was offloaded and elements positioned at Camp Hansen, Camp Schawb, and Camp Sukiran.

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3d Battalion (Rein), 4th Marines (-) (Rein)
3d Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force
c/o FPO, San Francisco, 96601

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4000
SerNo: 045-65
16 December 1965

From: Commanding Officer
To: Commanding Officer, Third Marines

Subj: Logistic Summary Report

Ref: (a) FO 4000.1A

Encl: (1) LOGSUM #9

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

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1. Unit Designation: 3d Battalion (Rein), 4th Marines (-) (Rein) 3dMarDiv
2. Logistic Increments: N/A
3. Location: Hue Phu Bai, RVN
4. Date of Arrival: 14 April 1965
5. List of Logistic Units enroute from POE: N/A
6. Supply and Distribution

a. General Status. The status of supply for this command is considered to be very good, with the exception of certain problem areas listed below:

b. Arrival of Criti-Pak shipments of supplies during the period of this report has been instrumental in improving the supply support capabilities of this command.

c. Significant problem areas.

(1) As stated in previous reports, shortage of typewriters is still considered to be a major supply problem area. Of the eight (8) typewriters on valid requisition, none have been received to date.

(2) Unavailability of SLIT cards (NAVMC 10493-SD) has created a problem, since this is the required document used to introduce supply demands into the supply system. Since arrival of this battalion in Vietnam, SLIT cards have been in critically short supply on three separate occasions.

(3) Some members of this command are still without such items of individual equipment as air mattresses, knife, fork, spoon, canteen cups, and in many cases do not have sufficient M-14 ammo pouches to house their required basic allowance of ammunition. Some of these items have been on priority 05 requisition since April 1965.

(4) Outstanding Requisitions.

<u>FSN</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>DDD</u>	<u>DCC#</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>PRI</u>
6115-682-3414	Generator Set PU-348 A/G	5222	01915	1	02
		5265	02735	1	05
8340-543-7788	Tent G.P.	5277	03049	80	05

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<u>FSN</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>DDD</u>	<u>DOC#</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>PRI</u>
7240-242-3767	Can, Water	5091	11090	45	12
		5118	11693	11	12
		5139	12150	100	12
		5177	13395	91	12
1005-731-2737	Knob, Windage M-14	5206	01368	112	05
		5165	13001	15	12
		5263	02509	15	12
		5272	02926	7	12
		5299	03208	15	17
8465-254-2887	Mattress, Pneumatic	5090	11071	93	12
		5092	11397	72	12
		5170	13179	103	12
		5201	01324	356	05
		5208	01528	163	05
		5209	01529	29	05
		5323	04547	185	17
8465-823-6936	M-14, Magazine Pouch	5292	03807	936	05
		5234	04563	277	12
6135-194-9352	Battery, BA-270	5254	02455	600	02
		5266	02792	600	05
		5285	03624	600	05
		5236	02094.1	515	02
6135-240-3200	Battery, BA-279	5266	02792	600	12
		5244	02267	700	05
		5292	03819	600	05
		5317	04464	600	02
8465-242-7843	Cup, Canteen	5170	13177	206	12
		5201	01323	85	05
		5271	02870	50	05
		5323	04546	14	12
6840-753-4963	Insect Repellent	5094	11428	1200	12
		5144	12303	4000	12
7310-559-5214	Immersion Burner	5197	01287	5	05
7310-379-2510	Tube Generator	5205	01442	12	12
		5223	01849	12	12
		5265	02600	12	05
		5265	02608	12	12
		5268	02812	8	17
5935-813-4722	Battery Plug	5112	11529	3	02
		5123	11791	1	02
		5177	13405	2	02
		5278	03108	1	05
6135-120-1005	Battery BA-51	5266	02782	6	17
		5281	03378	3	12
7340-240-7436	Knife Field Mess	5268	02821	173	12
		5271	02367	50	05
7340-243-5340	Spoon Field Mess	5268	02822	157	12
7340-243-5391	Fork Field Mess	5271	02868	50	05
		5268	02823.1	127	12

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<u>FSN</u>	<u>NOMENCLATURE</u>	<u>DDD</u>	<u>DOC#</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>PRI</u>
6140-981-5864	Kit, Electrolyte	5300	04126	24	5
6140-981-5865	Battery, Four Cell	5300	04124	96	5
6140-981-5867	Connector	5300	04127	288	5
6140-952-3543	Protector, Single	5300	04129	36	5
6140-952-3544	Protector, Terminal	5300	04128	240	5

7. Maintenancea. General Status.

(1) Electronics. The general status of equipment is reaching the critical stage. More than 40% of our T/E of both types of radios AN/PRC-6 and AN/PRC-10 are in FLSU #2 for repair. Deadlining of radios at second echelon for tubes is becoming prevalent.

(2) Ordnance. The general status is good at this time. Outstanding documents for replacement items still exist. These are for two M-60 Machine Guns and three M-79 Grenade Launchers.

(3) Motor Transport. General status is fair with exception of certain problem areas listed below.

b. Significant Problem Areas

(1) Electronics. Seemingly small problems have now become acute. Splices have to go untaped because there is no electrical tape available. Due to shortage of tubes radios cannot be checked. Only two BB-451's are left, the remainder of which have been used to the point of unserviceable. A sufficient amount of BB-451's are on requisition, but have not been received. Wireman tools, TE-33, remain a large demand item. If parts for radios are not received shortly, operational commitments will have to be curtailed considerably. Combat Essential Equipment on deadline is as follows:

AN/MRC-23	2
AN/TPS-21	1
AN/PRC-41	1
AN/GGC-3	1
TT-297	1
AN/PRC-6	19
AN/PRC-10	14

(2) Ordnance. Windage knobs and hand guards for the M-14 rifle, bolt plugs for the M-60 Machine Gun, magazines for the .45 Cal. pistol, lubricating oil and bore cleaner are problem items. Combat Essential Equipment deadlined is as follows:

Gren Launcher	6
M-60 Machine Gun	4

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60mm Mortar 1
Compressor AN/M4 1

(3) Motor Transport. Brake shoes and wheel cylinders for the M-422 are the main problem areas, other areas remain as previously reported. Dead-lined Combat Essential Equipment is as follows:

M-274 Mule 10
M-422 Mite 7

8. Development of Logistic Units. N/A

9. Base Development. Base development is progressing at a rapid rate. Strongbacking is 85% complete and could be 100% complete if adequate tentage was available. Construction of the Battalions 500 man standard galley has begun with an estimated completion date of 15 January 1966. The lack of an adequate water source for Marine units in this enclave is a continuous problem. CO 3d Bn, 4th Mar Letter 4/rjw over 4235 of 8 December 1965 was submitted to the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division setting forth the background and recommendations of this subject.

10. Organic Engineer Projects. Construction of strongbacks, heads and road maintenance.

11. Medical

- a. General Status. Medical status is considered good.
- b. Evacuation. 4 personnel have been evacuated since last reporting period
- c. Significant Problem Areas.

(1) Medical Supplies - Shortages are on order.

(2) Organic Supply - Adequate with the exception of battle dressing for "jungle kits" and sanitation supplies.

12. Embarkation. N/A.

13. Port Operations. N/A.

14. Advance Planning.

a. A team from this unit conducted a liaison visit from 28 November to 1 December with 1st Marine Division, 3d Force Service Regiment and 1st Service Battalion representatives, concerning the rotation of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines to Okinawa.

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b. On 10 December a liaison team from the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines arrived in Hue' Phu Bai, received briefings from all staff and special Staff Officers, an SOP on operations in this enclave, and a turn over folder.

c. On 15 December 142 Tactical Equipment Repair Orders with attached limited Technical Inspections were forwarded to the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division (Attn: G-4) as the first increment of advance information concerning repairs and replacements required while in Okinawa.

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 Embarkation Group "A"
 200800 December 1965

Embarkation Plan 401-65 To Accompany Operation Plan 401-65

- Ref: (a) FMFM 4-2 (Embarkation)
 (b) Administrative Plan 401-65
 (c) Division Order P4600.1 w/Ch 1 (SOP for Embarkation)
 (d) Operation Order 401-65

Time Zone: H for Embarkation
 I for Debarkation

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 3d Battalion, 4th Marines (Rein)

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1. Organization for Embarkation

a. General

- (1) This plan provides information and instructions for the embarkation/debarkation of the 3d Battalion, 4th Marines (Rein) aboard assault shipping.
- (2) The Battalion, designated Embarkation Group Alpha, is organized for embarkation into 3 Embarkation Teams.

b. Assignment to Shipping. See Annex A (Organization for Embarkation and Assignment to Shipping).

c. Advance Parties

- (1) Advance parties to Okinawa will be assigned by separate directive and will function in accordance with the instructions of the advance party.
- (2) Advance parties including ships platoon will be assigned by separate directive and will function in accordance with reference (a). Embarkation Team Commanders ensure that the earliest possible liaison is effected with their respective ships to facilitate loading and to coordinate troop requirements during movement to Okinawa.

2. Material to be Embarked

a. Organic Equipment. Class II in accordance with reference (b).

b. Types and Amounts of Supplies

- (1) Class I--Prescribed load; Class III--Prescribed load; Class IV--None; Class V--Prescribed load in accordance with reference (b).

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- (2) All Class V will be turned in to receiving unit. Units departing from Col Co Causeway turn Class V in prior to boarding litterage. Units acting as working parties or security on litterage traveling the Song Hue River Turn Class V in prior to boarding assault shipping.

c. Responsibility for Providing Supplies and Equipment. In accordance with reference (b).

d. Preparation

- (1) All supplies and equipment will be prepared, packed, and marked in accordance with reference (c).
- (2) The BLT Supply Officer ensure maximum palletization of supplies and equipment not to be mobile loaded.
- (3) Chocking, dunnage, lashing lines and special slings, as required will be prepared or requisitioned by the using units through normal supply channels.
- (4) The BLT MTO will ensure:
 - (a) That adequate chocking materials at least two chocks for each vehicle to be embarked are obtained and placed on each vehicle prior to departing 3/4 campsite.
 - (b) That vehicles are embarked clean.
 - (c) That all bows and canvas tops are removed.
 - (d) That windshields of vehicles to be embarked are encased in protective wooden covers.
 - (e) That required lifting bolts are installed and tested.
 - (f) That vehicles, including trailers, are marked on the hood or front as appropriate to indicate:

Hull Number	Example: APA -106
Hold and Hold Level	#3 - 2 nd Deck
Priority Number and Marriage	(64) - 23
Echelon of Repair Required	13 ECH

Grease pencil on 2" strips of masking tape is suitable. Ensure legibility. Chalk is not to be used as a substitute. Use the following color scheme: LPH--Red; APA--Black; LSD--Green. Identical information will be placed on a tag which will be tied around the steering column or affixed to a readily observable spot on other vehicles.

- (g) That the height of vehicle loads does not exceed the highest point of the vehicle except where direct coordination has been effected with the Battalion Embarkation Officer.

(h) That vehicles are marked as follows: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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(h) That vehicle gas tanks are 3/4 full upon arrival at Embarkation Points and that each vehicle is equipped with a full 5 gallon expeditionary can.

(i) That if possible, vehicles which have been driven through salt water are rinsed off with fresh water once loaded aboard assault shipping.

e. Allocation of Supplies. In accordance with reference (b).

f. Movement

(1) In accordance with Annex C to be published separately.

(2) Unit commanders are responsible for the coordination and timely movement of their personnel, vehicles and supplies to designated staging areas as designated in Annex B (Staging, Berthing and Loading Schedule).

(3) FLSU-2 provide wreckers to escort vehicle convoys.

(4) Security:

(a) Company K be prepared to provide a security detachment of 20 men for landing sites from R 1 through R 4.

(b) Company M provide 20 men for security of the Col Co Causeway and Hue Ramp from R 1 through R 4.

(c) Engineer Platoon provide adequate security for the Hue Ramp from R 1 minus through R 4.

(d) Battalion ALO arrange air coverage for litterage traveling Song Hue River and for truck convoys traveling from Phu Bai to Hue Ramp and Col Co Causeway on R 1 through R 4.

(e) Battalion Liaison Officer to 1st ARVN Division arrange for PF's to act as route security.

3. Personnel

a. Uniform, Equipment and Baggage

(1) Embarkation/debarkation:

(a) Wear utilities, helmet, body armor, normal arms and equipment

(b) Carry components of field transport pack mounted on a packboard if packboards held; otherwise substitute field transport pack.

(2) Uniform aboard ship Utilities

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(3) Baggage:

- (a) Field Grade Officers: 2 Suitcases/Seabags and 1 Footlocker.
- (b) Company Grade Officers: 1 Suitcase/Seabag and 1 Footlocker.
- (c) Staff NCO's: 1 Suitcase/Seabag and 1 Footlocker.
- (d) Sgt. and Below: 1 Seabag and 1 other container, if necessary, either Seabag, Willie Peter Bag or "Beer Can" Footlocker.

(4) Marking--All items of troop baggage, including packboards, seabags, willie peter bags, and footlockers will be legibly marked with individuals name, rank, service number, and unit designation down to platoon level. "Beer Can" footlockers must be serviceable and capable of being secured.

(5) Only 1 Seabag will be transported. This seabag will accompany personnel to landing sites and aboard shipping. The second containers will be stored in accordance with Annex B (Staging, Berthing and Loading Schedule).

b. Advance Details

- (1) Working parties, and security details will be removed to respective embarkation points prior to the movement of any materiel or vehicles.
- (2) Embarkation Team Commanders will make arrangements for billeting and messing of advance details.
- (3) Company I provide 1 platoon for working party on an as required basis.

d. Movement of the Main Body

- (1) In accordance with Annex C to be published separately.
- (2) Commencing on R 3 and thereafter commensurate with reference (d), troop convoys will be formed at designated staging areas (Annex B) and shuttled to embarkation points.
- (3) S-4 office will be the convoy control and coordination point.

e. Embarkation Rosters. S-1 will promulgate instructions for submission of embarkation rosters.

4. Embarkation Areasa. Assignment of Areas and Embarkation Points

- (1) In accordance with Annex B (Staging, Berthing and Loading Schedule).

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- (1) The Staging Control Officer (BLT MTC) will prepare all vehicle cargo staging areas at 3/4 campsite, Col Co Causeway, and Bay Ramp.
- (2) Engineer Platoon provide support as required, eg., barbed wire for securing staging areas, matting for muddy areas.
- (3) Staging Control Officer ensure that all vehicles and cargo are staged by Hull Number, Hold and Deck level in all staging areas to facilitate loading.
- (4) Staging Control Officer prepare adequate signs to aid in staging control.
- (5) Annex B (Staging, Berthing and Loading Schedule) indicates where and when vehicles and supplies will be staged.

c. Material Handling Equipment

- (1) ELSU-2 provide maximum cargo handling equipment at Embarkation Points and staging areas as required.
- (2) Supply Officer provide extra pallets, banding materials, and banding tools at Embarkation Points.

d. Security

- (1) In accordance with paragraph 2(f)(4) this plan.
- (2) Barration Liaison Officer to 1st ARVN Division arrange for National Police to aid in civilian control at embarkation point.

5. Embarkation Schedules

- a. Limiting Dates. Loading will commence as soon as the relieving Battalion has completed offloading. Total relief will be accomplished in 96 hours. The days during which the cycle will take place have been designated as R 1, R 2, R 3, R 4 in reference (d).
- b. Berthing and Loadings Schedule. Annex B (Staging, Berthing and Loading Schedule).

6. Controla. Traffic Circulation and Control

- (1) Convoy routes and traffic control points are indicated in Appendix 1 and 2 of Annex B to reference (b).
- (2) FIC, provide personnel to man traffic control points and to ensure continuous, smooth traffic flow to and from staging areas in accordance with Annex B.

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- (1) The primary control office will be located at Col Co Causeway.
- (2) A secondary control office will be located at the Hue Ramp.
- (3) S-4 office will be used as a convoy control point.

c. Communications. Communications Officer provide continuous communications between Phu Bai, Hue Ramp, Col Co Causeway, air coverage, and litterage as required. Establish separate net as required.

7. Miscellaneous

- a. Loading Plans. Individual Ship Loading Plans will be prepared and distributed in accordance with reference (a).
- b. Loading Reports. Each Team Embarkation Officer will be provided with a package of required reports. He will be responsible for their accurate and timely submission to the headquarters indicated.
- c. Debarcation. In accordance with Annex D.

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- B. - Staging, Berthing and Loading Schedule (To be Published Separately)
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Annex "A" (Organization for Embarkation and Assignment to Shipping-Modified) (a) To Embarkation Plan 401-65

Battalion Embarkation Officer Lt. P. S. JONES

Battalion Embarkation NCO Sgt H. N. WIGGINS

Embarkation
Team:

ALPHA # I

ALPHA # II

ALPHA # III

SHIP:

LPH - 8
Valley Forge

LSD - 35
Monticello

APA - 212
Montrose

CO Troops
Tm Embark Off.
Tm Embark NCO
Ships Plt Off.
Ships Plt
Billeting Off.
Messing Off.
Guard Off.
Police Off.
Laundry Off.
Troop Units Embarked:

LtCol S. A. VALE
Lt J. R. WEIBEL
Sgt. R. G. LAUGHLIN
Lt. MORIARTY
EK! Co 20 Men
Lt. G. K. HUDDLESTON
Lt. L. E. SEETSMA
Lt. "D" A. GRANT
Lt. S. J. EK
Lt. S. A. WELD

Lt. W. P. SCHAEFFER
Lt. B. H. GUSTAFSON
Sgt. W. T. LITTLE
Lt. G. A. PETERSON
"I" Battery 20 Men
Lt. R. M. JAROCK
Lt. G. R. CROSS
Lt. W. G. TOWSON
Lt. W. O. TOWSON
Lt. R. M. JAROCK

Capt R. E. AKINS
Lt. J. G. SALAH
Sgt. A. J. BORAWSKI
Lt. F. C. TERMO
"L" Co 20 Men
Lt. D. L. LAPHAM
Lt. D. L. LAPHAM
Lt. J. J. (HENRY)
Lt. J. H. HENRY
Lt. A. R. VANSINGLE

H & S Co, 3/4
I Co, 3/4
K Co, 3/4
3d Plt(Rein), Co B, 3d Rec Bn.
Det 1st Force Rec Co
Mortar Btry, 2/12
3d Plt(Rein), Co A, 3d Eng Bn.

Btry I(Rein), 3/12
DetHqBtry, 4/12
SFCP, HQBTRY, 4/12
Trk Plt, Co B, 3d MTBn
3d Plt(Rein), Co A, 3d Tank
3d Plt(Rein), Co A, 3d AT Bn.
3d Plt(Rein), Co A, 1st Antk Bn.
LSU (-)
Det, 3d SP Bn
(2.0-2 already embarked)

L Co, 3/4
M Co, 3/4
Det, HQ Co, 3rd Marines
Det, HQ Bn, 3rd MarDiv
LSU (-)
Det, Co A, 3d MadBn
Det, 3d SerBn
Det, 3d FSR

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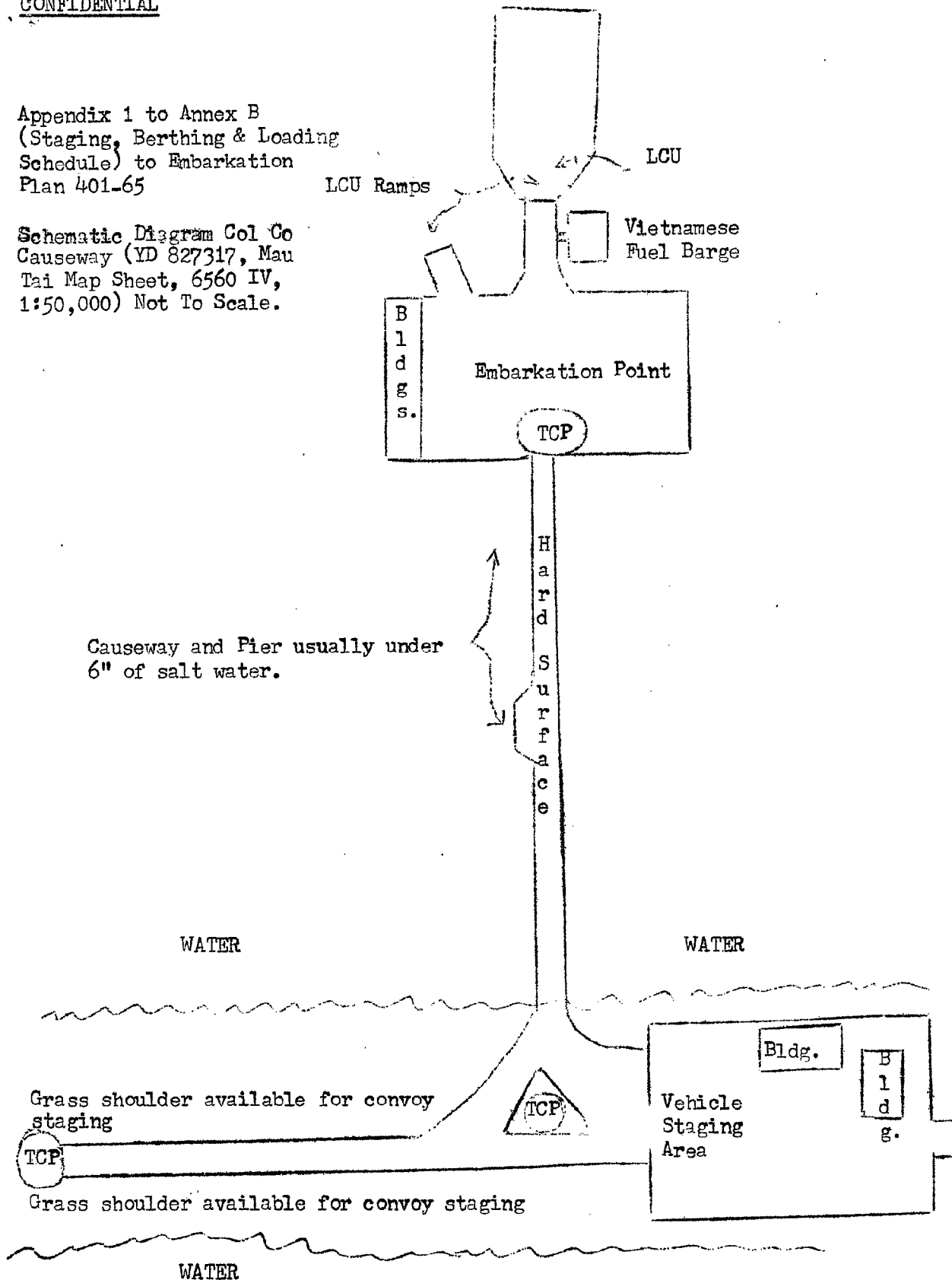
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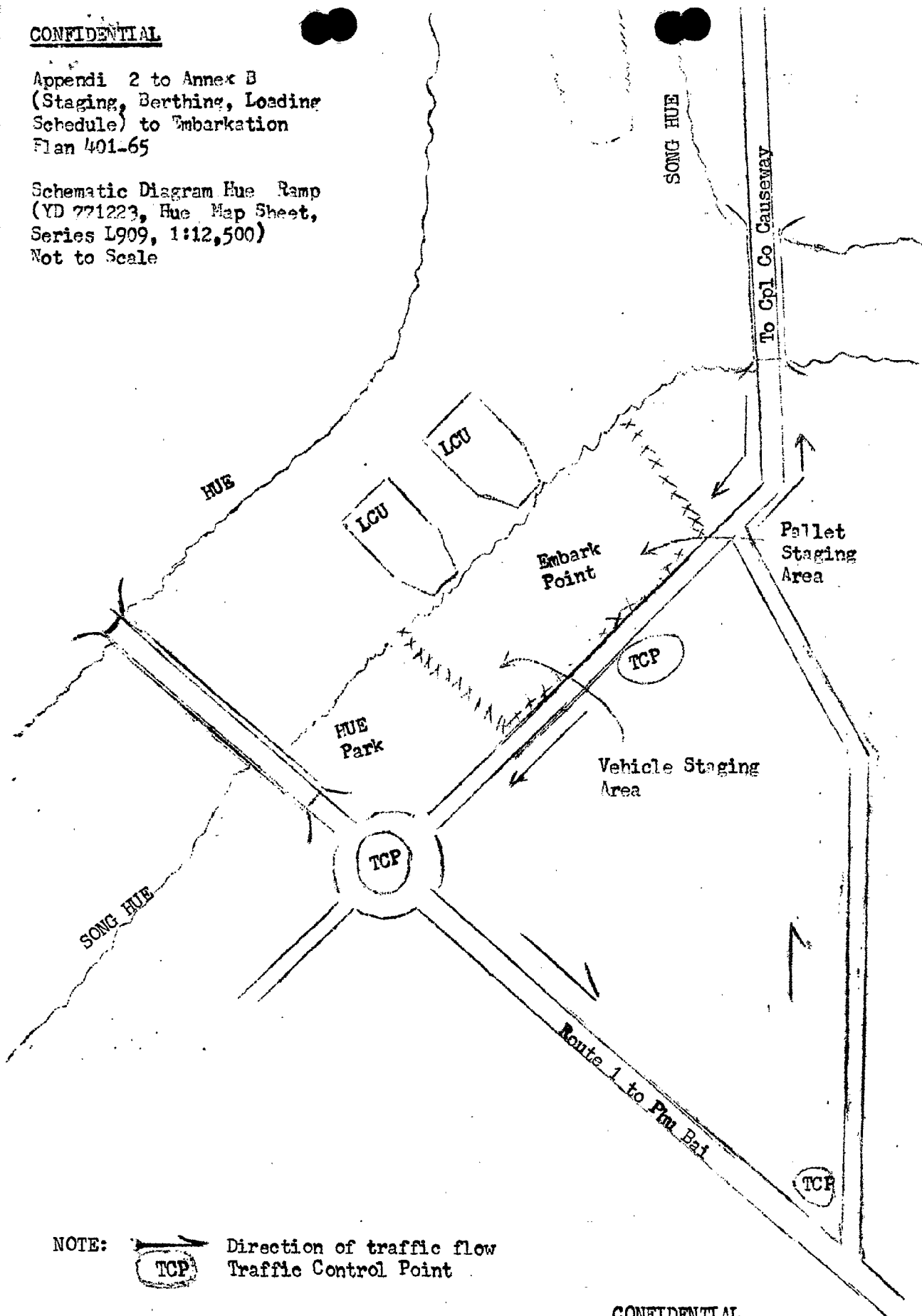
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 Causeway (YD 827317, Mau
 Tai Map Sheet, 6560 IV,
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Schematic Diagram Hue Ramp
 (YD 771223, Hue Map Sheet,
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NOTE:  Direction of traffic flow
 Traffic Control Point

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Annex D (Debarkation) To Embarkation Plan 401-65

Time Zone: I (Upon Arrival Point of Debarkation)

1. General

- a. Debarkation will commence on order of CTG 76.7 upon arrival in Okinawa.
- b. Sketches of the primary routes of march on Okinawa and of the White Beach area are included as Appendixes 1 and 2 to this Annex.

2. Advance Partiesa. Advance parties will:

- (1) Make arrangements for debarkation and inform BLT 3/4 by message of any significant events which would effect debarkation.
- (2) Arrange for transportation of troops and equipment to respective camps.
- (3) Make liaison with 3rd FSR and 1st Service Battalion to pick up vehicles and equipment requiring third and fourth echelon repair.
- (4) Coordinate the timely arrival at POD of representatives from the parent organizations of the units attached to BLT 3/4.
- (5) Construct signs to indicate where units/vehicles/cargo should stage for further transportation to respective camps.
- (6) Provide guides from POD to camps.

3. Debarking Unitsa. Troops

- (1) One representative from each major unit to debark (Company, Battery, Attachment or Detachment) report to Embarkation Control point (Appendix 2) immediately upon arrival debarkation area to coordinate transportation requirements. Reporting individual must know the number of personnel and amounts and types of supplies requiring transportation.
- (2) Debarking troops must not become detached from their packs and seabags. If conditions permit, troops will be loaded immediately on trucks with their gear stacked in an attached trailer. This will minimize troop baggage "losses".

b. Vehicles

- (1) Operable vehicles will be offloaded and formed into convoys at points to be established by the advance party.

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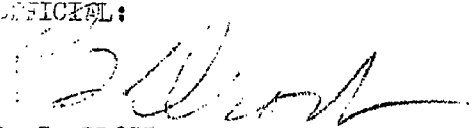
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- (2) Deadlined vehicles will be offloaded and staged according to the echelon of repair required in areas to be established by the advance party.
- c. Cargo. Cargo will be offloaded and staged in areas to be designated by the advance party for further transportation.
4. Ships Platoons, Working Parties, and Security
- a. Ships Platoons will continue to function in accordance with reference (a) and until the ships have been unloaded. Ensure complete police call throughout the ship. Coordinate with CCO's before debarking.
- b. Company I provide 15 man working party immediately upon arrival PO NCOIC report the detail to Embarkation Control Point.
- c. Company K provide 20 man security detail immediately upon arrival POD. NCOIC report the unit to Embarkation Control Point.

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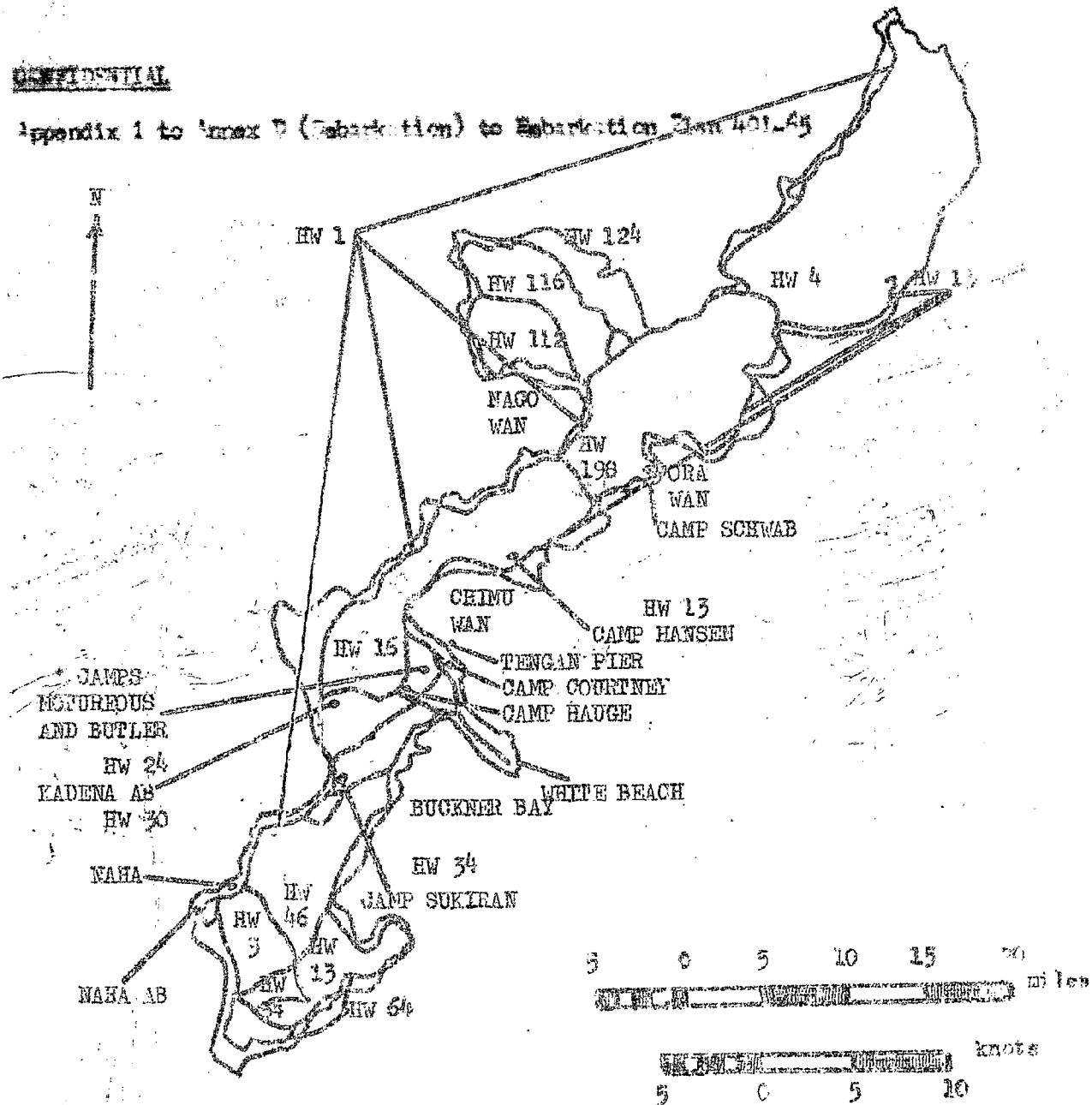

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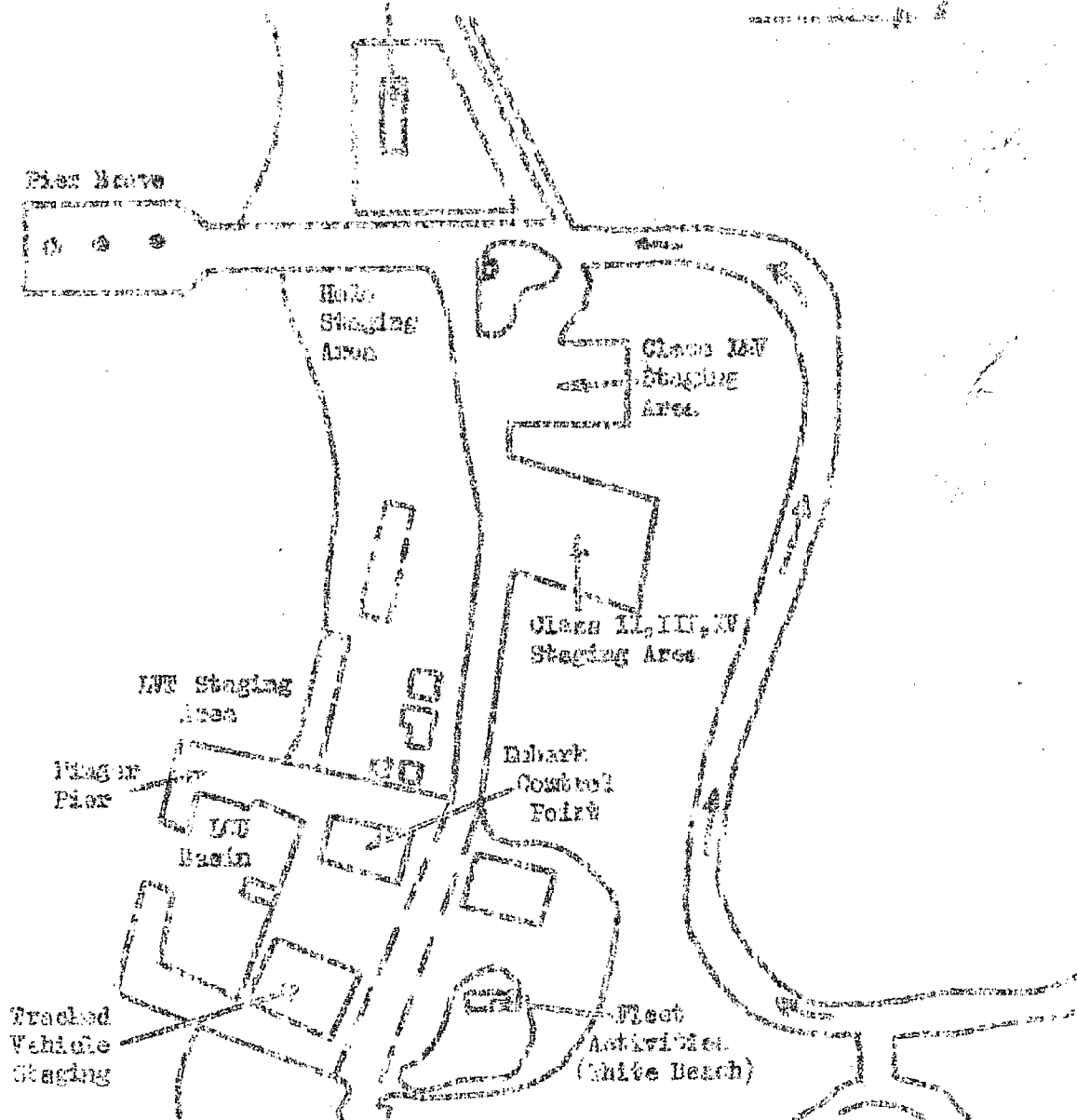
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Administrative Plan 401-65 to Accompany Operation Plan 401-65

- Ref: (a) Map: INDOCHINA 1:50,000, Sheet 6560 IV (MAU TAI)
 (b) BLT 3/4 Embarkation Plan 401-65
 (c) BLT 3/4 Operation Plan 401-65
 (d) Division Order P4600.1
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Time Zone: HOTEL

1. Supply

a. General

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 HEADQUARTERS
 3d Battalion, 4th Marines (Rein)

(1) Source

- (a) Utilize normal supply channels. Copy 18 of 36 Copies

(2) Prescribed loads

(a) Class I

1. One day MCI w/fuel trio-ane (issued individual).
2. Two full canteens per individual.

(b) Class II

1. Minimum essential for accomplishment of normal administrative matters.
2. Communications platoon will embark with two (2) days of batteries.

(c) Class III

1. Vehicle tanks 3/4 full.
2. One full expeditionary can per organic vehicle.

(d) Class IV. None

(e) Class V.

1. M-14 and M-14 (Mod) Basic Allowance.
2. Basic allowance for all crew served weapons, except as follows:

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appendix (c) Encl (12)

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- a. Tanks - 2000 rds .30 Cal. Only
 - b. Ontos - 1000 rds. .30 Cal. Only
 - c. 3.5" - None
 - d. 105mm Howitzer - None
 - e. 4.2" Howtar - None
 - f. M-35 w/.50 Cal. MG - 200 rds .50 Cal.
3. All Class V will be turned in prior to embarking from Hue, with the exception of the river security detail which will turn in Class V upon completion of assier mission.

(f) Medical

- 1. Unit 1's will be carried by all aid men.
- 2. Anne. A (Medical) to this plan.

b. Supplies and Equipment Available(1) Supplies and equipment to be embarked(a) Class I

- 1. Water 100 five-gallon cans palletized - carried by service platoon.
- 2. Units turn in all 5 gal water cans to battalion supply prior to departing area.
- 3. Rations prescribed load only.

(b) Class II

- 1. Units will embark all T/E and T/A items except encampment garrison and special allowances authorized for Republic of VietNam.
- 2. All items which cannot be carried by units on their assigned transportation, will be turned into battalion supply prior to 20 December 1965. All gear will be prepared for embarkation at time of turn in (Boxed, tactically marked, and manifested). Tent stoves (all types), cots, mosquito nets and frames will be left in place for exchange. Service Platoon will embark all palletized gear.

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CONFIDENTIAL(c) Class III

1. Prescribed load only.

(d) Class IV. None.(e) Class V. None.c. Control

- (1) Normal.

d. Plan for landing

- (1) Offloading in accordance with reference (b).
- (2) Unloading will commence on order by CATG.

2. Evacuation and Hospitalization

- a. In accordance with annex A (Medical) to this plan.

3. Transportation/Embarkation

- a. In accordance with reference (b).

b. Highway(1) Control measures

- (a) Travel at night will be restricted to that of operational necessity. Movement of a single vehicle is not permitted and armed protection will be afforded all convoys.

(b) Special movement measures

1. Convoys will provide their own protection. Interval between vehicles will normally be 50 meters. It is important that vehicles move sufficiently close to each other to render mutual assistance in case of emergency, but not so close that an ambush is likely to catch several vehicles. Helicopter or observation aircraft should be assigned for reconnaissance.

2. Traffic control points (TCP's) along route to landing sites in accordance with Annex B to reference (b).

(2) Restrictions

- (a) Vehicle speed limits will be as follows:

1. Thirty (30) MPH on hard surface roads.
2. Ten (10) MPH within city limits of Hue.

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- (b) If necessary to drive at night, vehicles will have headlights on.
- (c) Tracked vehicles without rubber pads will not operate on hard surface roads.

(3) Maintenance

- (a) The motor transport officer will ensure that vehicles are prepared for deep water fording.
- (b) The motor transport officer will ensure that all vehicles are cleaned thoroughly prior to embarkation.
- (c) Bows and canvas tops for the M-422 will be removed and stored in organic transportation prior to embarkation.
- (d) The motor transport officer will ensure that all vehicles have readable tactical markings..
- (e) The motor transport officer will ensure that windshields of vehicles to be embarked are encased in protective wooden cases.

7. Servicea. Functions(1) Maintenance

- (a) Service Platoon performs 2nd echelon maintenance on organic and attached units equipment as required.
- (b) Third echelon maintenance support will be provided by FIST until departure from the Phu Bai area.
- (2) All deadlined combat essential equipment will be tagged with the appropriate echelon of maintenance required.
- (3) In addition all tracked and wheeled vehicles will be marked with chalk or masking tape indicating the appropriate echelon of maintenance required.
- (4) All tracked and wheeled vehicles will be washed down or steamed clean prior to embarkation.

b. Assignments of Responsibilities(1) Service Platoon, H&C Company

- (a) Prepare and deliver all palletized and excess gear to staging area for embarkation.

(2) 3d Platoon, Co "A", EngineersCONFIDENTIAL

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- (a) Prepare Hue landing site for ~~embarkation/debarkation~~ with available equipment/materials.
- (b) Provide engineer assistance as required at Hue ramp and Col Co causeway.
- (c) Provide 50 man security detail at Hue ramp commencing on 21 December.
- (d) Ensure Battalion trash pit is covered prior to this units departure from the area.

(3) Provost Marshall

- (a) Provide MP's for traffic control at ECP's in accordance with annex B to reference (b).

5. Personnel

- a. In accordance with annex B (Personnel).

6. Miscellaneousa. Unit Commanders

- (1) Ensure security details and working parties have made arrangements for rations and water through Battalion Supply.
- (2) Prior to embarkation cause an inspection of all weapons and personnel to be conducted at the point of embarkation to ensure that no Class V is embarked aboard Landing Craft or ships etc. that necessary for the river security detail embarked aboard landing craft.
- (3) Prior to leaving the CP area ensure that all baggage is inspected for ammunition and other unauthorized items and turned in to ASP or battalion supply as appropriate.
- (4) Police of area. All unit commanders will ensure that their assigned areas are thoroughly policed prior to departure from the Phu Bai area. The Battalion Police Sergeant with a representative from the relieving unit will inspect assigned areas prior to departure of each unit. Discrepancies noted will be corrected at the time of the inspection.

- (a) The Battalion Police Sergeant will ensure that the battalion trash pit is thoroughly policed prior to the battalions departure from the area.

b. Supply Instructions

- (1) Battalion Supply Officer coordinate with assigned detachments the invoicing of equipment being transferred in accordance with reference (a).

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(2) Prepare and box 125 rifles for rebluing to accompany the advance party. Send one representative with rifles on 20 December to 1st Marine Division (G-4).

- c. Special Instructions. The BLT MTO will ensure that all of the BLT vehicles are tagged and marked in accordance with paragraph 4.a.(3).

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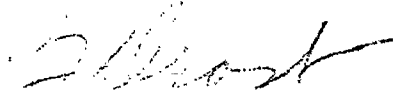
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Time Zone: HOTEL

1. Organization

a. Medical Section, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines

(1) Rifle Companies	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
(a) Company "I"		7
(b) Company "K"		8
(c) Company "L"		8
(d) Company "M"		7
(2) MSG Company		.
(a) BAS	2	28
(3) Advance Party	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u> 60

Mission

- a. Medical sections and company aid men will embark with their parent units.

2. Coordinating Instructions

- a. Be prepared to augment medical facilities of ships on which embarked as requested. Unit medical personnel will ensure that all troops are provided the opportunity for daily sick call.

3. Evacuation

a. Embarkation

- (1) Medical personnel will be prepared to assist and render aid to any actual casualties that may occur.
- (2) Actual casualties will be evacuated to nearest shore medical facility as required.

b. Enroute

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- (1) The health of all embarked troops is the responsibility of the ship's medical department, however, troop medical personnel will assist with medical services as required.
- (2) All medical supplies expended during this phase will be provided by the ship's medical department.

5. Sanitation

- a. The senior Medical Officer of each ship is responsible to the ship's Commanding Officer for the health, hygiene and sanitation of embarked personnel.


6. Administration

- a. Medical and Dental records will be maintained by our administrative unit aboard ship.
- b. Naval service records will be sent with the advance party.

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AIR DEFENSE

1. Nothing of significance to report concerning Air Defense during December 1965.

SECRETCOMBAT AIR SUPPORT

1. HELICOPTER. Inclement weather greatly curtailed Helicopter Support Operations during December 1965. Because of the inclement weather, only an average of approximately one hour per day was flown in support of the Battalion. The support flown, included outpost resupply, reconnaissance flights, airborne Hunter-Killer flights, and small unit lifts. There were no noteworthy events concerning Helicopter Support during December.

2. CLOSE AIR SUPPORT. There were no close air support missions flown in support of the Battalion during December.

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SECRETMEDICAL AND DENTAL SUPPORT1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

a. Ten B.A.S. Personnel were helilifted to ships on 22 December 1965.

b. On 23 December 1965 the B.A.S. personnel completed packing all supplies and records for embarking for Okinawa. Remaining medical supplies, including Morphine Syrettes, were turned over to the Medical Officer of 2nd Battalion 1st Marines with an inventory of the same.

c. The remainder of B.A.S. personnel were helilifted aboard ship on the afternoon of 23 December 1965.

d. On 25 December 1965 the advance party of which two Hospital Corpsman were attached, left by air and arrived in Okinawa 26 December 1965. They drew Sick-Call supplies to be used by the main body, which later landed on White Beach, and then proceeded to Camp Hansen on 29 December 1965 and set up new B.A.S.

e. On 30 December 1965 the B.A.S. received Medical Block and placed it in storage.

f. There were two medical cases that required admitting while aboard ship. One inguinal hernia repair case and one Punji-stick wound case who later came down with measles. Surgical repair of the former was performed on board ship. Both cases were released to duty by 1 Jan 66. There was a moderate increase of foot infections mostly fungi, as a result of the people coming up from the Chu Lai area of operations.

2. MEDICAL TRENDS

a. A maximum effort by all hands to cure all fungi and parasitic infections present or believed to be present in persons returning to the Republic of Vietnam.

b. An intensification on lectures to medical and non-medical personnel alike on first-aid, malaria, V.D., hygiene and sanitation, and lessons learned in RVN prior to deployment.

c. A special lecture to all corpsman pertaining to heli-evacuations and advanced first aid.

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d. Full utilization of the four week course on the Vietnamese language, 2 MedCAP corpsman assigned.

3. BATTLE CASUALTIES

a. All these were treated by A Co., 3rd Medical Battalion.

4. NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES

a. Nine cases were reported for the month of December 1965.

5. PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

a. Twelve new urinals were ordered to be built by "A" Engineers for installation throughout the Battalion area at Hue, Phu Bai, RVN.

b. Ten basket type rat traps were ordered from a civilian store. These weren't ready before the Battalion embarked, However the relieving medical department was informed of this.

c. Twenty-two rodents were caught during the month, from 1 Dec to 12 Dec 1965.

d. A new five-hundred man galley and mess-hall and three new showers were under construction prior to leaving the Hue, Phu Bai area.

6. CIVIL AFFAIRS RENDERED

a. All records of patients treated, medications (by type), and schooling conducted were reviewed with and turned over to the relieving Medical Department, 2nd Battalion 1st Marines, prior to departure of 3rd Battalion 4th Marines.

7. PROBLEM AREAS

a. The Battalion Ambulance continues in a deadline status. Also the lack of a typewriter for the B.A.S. has created many difficulties when trying to maintain Health and service records. Both of these deficiencies should be rectified prior to BLT 3/4 returning to RVN.

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SECRETCIVIL AFFAIRS

1. The Medcap Team visited the villages of Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, Thuy Phu, and Loc Bon once a week and visited the dispensary at Gia Le twice each week. Approximately 1500 patients were examined/treated during the month of December.

2. Christmas Parties for children in the following villages were held on 21 December 1965, with a total attendance of over 3000.

- (a) Thuy Luong
- (b) Thuy Tan
- (c) Thuy Phu
- (d) Loc Bon

3. Parties were also held at:

- (a) Phu Luong School -250 children- by "A" Med
- (b) Phu Luong Refugee Camp -1800 children- by 4/12
- (c) Thua Thien Buddhist Orphanage -250 children- FLSU-2

4. 1500 lbs of soap and 200 lbs of clothing were distributed through CAC, and 4/12, to villagers and refugees. A small amount of captured food was also donated to refugees.

5. A party of 200 high school students from the Hue area were hosted by the battalion on 21 December 1965. The students brought Christmas greetings and gifts to all the troops of the Phu Bai Complex.

6. Combined Action Company continued its program of road construction and the repairing of dikes in the villages of Thuy Phu, Thuy Luong, Thuy Tan, and Loc Bon. The CAC repaired approximately 6 foot bridges in the villages mentioned above.

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Chaplain Support

1. Name of Chaplain: LT Leroy E. Muenzler Jr., CHC, USN
2. Number of Services conducted by type, and number of personnel attending.

Protestant Services

Sunday - 13 services/attendance - 235

Daily - 6 services/attendance - 37

Memorial - 2 services/attendance - 145

TOTAL 21 services TOTAL 417 attending.

Various Catholic records are held at 3rd Medical Battalion, Phu Bai.

3. Number of personnel receiving counselling: 64
4. Significant activities:
 - a. Coordinated visit by 200 students from Hue to the Phu Bai Marine complex for Christmas.
 - b. Construction and dedication of Chapel at Phu Bai Battalion CP.
5. Facilities: Outstanding to Satisfactory in all areas of Phu Bai Complex.

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