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 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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Encl: (1) - Command Chronology, 5th Marines  
 (2) - Command Chronology, Headquarters Company, 5th Marines  
 (3) - Command Chronology, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines  
 (4) - Command Chronology, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines  
 (5) - Command Chronology, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines

1. The Command Chronology of the 5th Marines is hereby submitted for the period 1 August to 31 August, in accordance with references (a) and (b).

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## COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 5th MARINES

1. Organizational Data

a. Designation and Location. 5th Marine Regiment, CHU LAI, RVN

b. Period Covered. 1 August through 31 August 1966

c. Command and Staff Officers

(1) CO	Colonel C.F. WIDDECKE
(2) XO	Lieutenant Colonel W.C. AIRHEART
(3) S-1	Second Lieutenant R.G. PONTILLAS
(4) S-2	Major P.M. JOHNSON
(5) S-3	Major G. HUBBARD
(6) S-4	Captain L.E. JOHNSON
(7) Civic Action Officer	Captain G.R. FRANK
(8) ALO	Major N.F. SCHNIPPEL
(9) Comm O	Major C.R. BRINDELL
(10) Chaplin	Lt Cmdr F.B. BAGGOT (USN)
(11) Medical Officer	Lt M.H. DAVIS (MC) (USN)
(12) CO Hq Co 5th Marines	Captain G.K. YOUNG

2. Commanders Narrative Summary

a. Organization. During the month of August the 5th Marines operated with three Battalions of the 5th Marines, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

b. Summary of Significant Events. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines arrived in Vietnam on 2 August 1966. The entire Regiment conducted Operation Colorado from 060001H to 221200H August 1966, with elements of the 2nd ARVN Division utilizing supporting arms from the 1st Marine Division and 1st Marine Air Wing. Tab 1 is the After Action Report for this operation. Operation Colorado was to be followed by Operation Jefferson which was postponed. Upon completion of Operation Colorado the 3rd Battalion began preparations for assuming control of the TAOR then controlled by the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. On 301800H August, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines assumed control of the TAOR, and was assigned associated missions by this

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Headquarters. First, and Second Battalions held "County Fair" Operations in or near their Tactical Area of Responsibility. "Wrap Up" reports for these operations are Tab 4, Tab 5, and Tab 6.

c. Personnel and Administration. With the arrival of 3/5 in country, the average monthly strength was 119 Marine Officers, 3122 Marine Enlisted, 11 Navy Officers, and 152 Navy Enlisted. Over 215 replacements were received, while losing only 166 due to normal rotation. Personnel and Administration during Operation Colorado is enumerated in Tab 1.

d. Intelligence. During this period, the S-2 Section continued normal daily intelligence functions of collecting, processing and disseminating intelligence information on Viet Cong strength, locations, capabilities and intentions. For Operation Colorado, 6 to 22 August, the Section, less two enlisted men who remained at 5th Marines (Rear), moved with the forward Command Post to Tam Ky, RVN, in order to better provide the Commander and subordinate Commanders with intelligence information, counter-intelligence capability, interrogator-translator sub-teams, and aerial observation of the battle area. Activities of these elements are covered in the After Action Report, Tab 1.

In addition, this section operates an AN/TPS-21 radar set as part of the Regimental CP perimeter defense.

e. Training. Section III of the Combat Readiness SOP for this Regiment was rewritten to adapt to conditions in Vietnam, see Tab 9.

f. Special Operations. See Tab 1, 4, 5, and 6. A contingency plan for a Special Forces Camp, Kham Duc, was promulgated, see Tab 10.

g. Nuclear, Biological and Chemical or other special types of Warfare. Regimental Order P3400.1D, the SOP for NBD Defense for this Regiment was rewritten, see Tab 8.

h. Close Combat. See Tab 1.

i. Fire Support. See Tab 1.

j. Logistics. During the month of August the following Logistical functions were performed:

(1) The debarkation of 3/5 commenced on 2 August and was coordinated by the S-4 Officer.

(2) On 4 August the plans for Operation Colorado, Tab 2, were finalized and Administrative Plan 322-66, Tab 3, was issued on 5 August. For further details on Operation Colorado see Tab 1.

(3) 5th Marines received the following new radio equipment during August:

AN/PRC-25      AN/MRC-109      AN/GRC-29  
 AN/GRC-125      AN/MRC-110

There are no logistical problems at this time that adversely affects the Combat Readiness of this Command.

Captain L.E. JOHNSON reported to the Regiment on 27 August as S-4, replacing Major O'LEARY who was transferred.

k. Air Defense. None

1. Combat Air Support. A total of 905 troops and 45,300 lbs of supplies were lifted during August, excluding the period of Operation Colorado, see Tab 1.

m. Civil Affairs. Civil Affairs Activities during August consisted of both the pacification effort within the TAOR and a major effort in the evacuation of refugees during Operation Colorado. A report on Operation Colorado is included in Tab 1. Within the TAOR the battalions continued the clearing and securing phases of the pacification program. Significant improvement was noted in the western sector of 2/5 TAOR around the hamlet of Than My Trung (1), (BT 447023). The presence of a Marine Company there has enabled the hamlet chief to remain in the hamlet and has prompted the people to reopen their school and dispensary.

The following "County Fairs" were conducted within the 5th Marines TAOR:

- (1) County Fair 5-5 was conducted by 1/5 at Phu Vinh Hamlet, Ky Chanh Village, BT 435149 on 24 August 1966.
- (2) County Fair 5-6 was conducted by 2/5 at No Name Hamlet, Ky Sanh Village, BT 445053, on 28 August 1966.
- (3) County Fair 5-7 was conducted by 1/5 at Bich Ngo (3) Hamlet, Ky Bich Village, BT 345172 on 30 August 1966.

All the County Fairs were conducted in coordination with the appropriate District Chief, Vietnamese Psychological Warfare Teams, and local popular forces. Civic Action activity during these operations consisted of medical treatment for the assembled villagers at each location. During "County Fair" 5-6 on 28 August, the 1st Marine Division Band played for the villagers after they had assembled.

n. Medical and Dental. During the month of August, the personnel of the Regimental Aid Station participated in Operation Colorado, see Tab 1. The Regimental Aid Station personnel were attached to the Shock and Resuscitation Team from 1st Medical Battalion. In addition, they saw about sixty (60) patients of "MEDCAP" conducted in the refugee village at Tam Ky.

(1) The following number of patients were seen at the Regimental Aid Station during the month of August:

(a) Headquarters Company	262	48.8%
(b) 5th Marines Units	88	16.3%
(c) Others	<u>189</u>	<u>34.9%</u>
TOTAL	539	100%

(2) A total of 278 dental military patients and 381 MEDCAP patients were treated during the month of August.

o. Chaplain Services.

(1) Protestant

Sunday Worship	4	78 attended
Bible study	2	7 attended

(2) Catholic

Sunday Mass	5	180 attended
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(3) Catholic coverage for the Regimental Headquarters was made by Chaplains EDWARD KANE, ROBERT FLANAGAN, and EDWARD TONER.

(4) Significant Events:

(a) Chaplain G.M. HINDERER was transferred to U.S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California on 4 August 1966. He was relieved by Chaplain F.B. BAGGOTT.

(b) The Regimental Chaplain gave comfort and spiritual support to all casualties of Operation Colorado who were evacuated through the Shock and Resuscitation Team located at Tam Ky.

p. Inspections. On the 19th and 20th of August an FSAO team conducted a supply inspection on the Headquarters Company account.

DOCUMENTATION

1. The following documents are submitted in support of enclosure (1):

- Tab 1: After Action Report, 5th Marines - NIF. → *Perd sup 22-1-66*
- Tab 2: 5th Marines Operation Order 322-66
- Tab 3: 5th Marines Administration Order 322-66
- Tab 4: County Fair 5-5
- Tab 5: County Fair 5-6
- Tab 6: County Fair 5-7
- Tab 7: 5TH Marines Unit Journal
- Tab 8: 5th Marines Regt Order P3400.1
- Tab 9: Section III, Combat Readiness SOP

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APPENDIX A  
TO ENCLOSURE (1)

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# FIFTH MARINES



# OPERATION COLORADO

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5th Marines (Rein), FMF  
 CHU LAI, Republic of Vietnam  
 041200H Aug 1966

Operation Order 322-66 (Operation COLORADO)

- Ref: (a) Maps: AMS Series L701, Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheets  
 6657 III, 6658 II, 6757 IV  
 (b) Maps: AMS Series L7014, Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheets  
 6639 I, 6640 II, III, IV, 6739 IV  
 (c) CG 1st MarDiv Planning Directive 300540Z of July 1966  
 (d) CG 1st MarDiv Frag Order 8-66 Operation COLORADO  
 030700Z of August 1966  
 (e) 5th Marines OpOrder 301-66  
 (f) DivO 3480.1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence)
- (2) Current INTSUMS

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 1st MarDiv provides forces to 5th Marines for conduct of offensive operations in Quang Tin and Quang Nam Provinces.
- (2) 2nd ARVN Division conducts operations in coordination with 5th Marines in Quang Tin Province.
- (3) 1st MAW furnishes fixed wing and helicopter support as required.
- (4) III MAF provides forces to 1st MarDiv for conduct of offensive operations in Quang Tin and Quang Nam Provinces.

c. Assumption. III MAF provides one Bn (rein) on eight hour alert.

2. MISSION. Conduct coordinated ground reconnaissance, search and destroy operations in Hiep Duc-Song Ly Ly Valley, Quang Tin and Quang Nam Provinces with ARVN forces to locate capture and destroy enemy forces, supplies and equipment.

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3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept of Operation. Annex F Operation Overlay. 5th Marines conducts ground reconnaissance, search and destroy operations in assigned zone of area of operations in coordination with 2nd ARVN Division operations. Reinforced rifle companies are helo lifted at predetermined time intervals into selected objective areas to search out and engage the enemy. When contact is made, additional rifle companies (Rein) and Bn Command group on five minute alert, with helicopters standing by, will be landed to exploit the situation. If contact is not made in any objective area within a predetermined time, the rifle company in that area will be extracted and lifted to another selected objective area. This procedure will be repeated throughout the entire zone of action.
- b. 1st Bn (-)(Rein) 5th Marines
- (1) At L-Hour on D-Day assume the following missions as the reserve Bn:
    - (a) Provide security for the units located at Tam Ky.
    - (b) Be prepared to reinforce either of the other Bns or to exploit any advantage gained by them.
    - (c) Be prepared to assume the mission of either of the other Bns.
  - (2) At L-Hour on D+1, upon being released as reserve Bn, land a reinforced rifle company in the designated LZ in objective area 4. Conduct reconnaissance and search and clear operations in the objective area with particular emphasis on the southern portion.
  - (3) On order land one reinforced rifle company in the designated LZ in objective area 5. Conduct reconnaissance and search and clear operations in the objective area, with particular emphasis on the southern portion.
  - (4) Be prepared, on order, to extract the rifle company from objective area 4 and land in the designated LZ in objective area 5 to reinforce the unit located therein.
  - (5) Be prepared to land a Bn Cmd Group in the designated LZ in objective area 5 to control the units located therein.
  - (6) On order, extract the cmd group and units from objective area 5.
  - (7) On D+4 be prepared to assume a blocking position astride the Thang Binh-Hiep Duc road (BT 133367) to perform the following missions:

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- (a) Block any enemy movement in the assigned area of responsibility.
- (b) Provide security for the artillery elements located in the vicinity of the blocking position.
- (c) Provide one rifle company for security of the task force elements located at Que Son.
- (d) Be prepared to exploit any advantage gained by the assault Bn either by helicopter or by utilizing the capabilities of the mechanized units in general support.

c. 2nd Bn.(-)(Rein), 5th Marines

- (1) At L-Hour on D-Day land a reinforced rifle company in the designated LZ in objective area 1. Conduct reconnaissance and search and clear operations in the objective area with particular emphasis on the northern and eastern portions.
- (2) On order, (Approx L+1) land a reinforced rifle company at the designated LZ in objective area 2. Conduct reconnaissance and search and clear operations in the objective area, with particular emphasis on the northern and western portions.
- (3) On order (Approx L+2) extract the rifle company (rein) from objective area 1 and land it in the designated LZ in objective area 3. Conduct reconnaissance and search and clear operations in the objective area with particular emphasis in the southern portion.
- (4) On order, (Approx L+3) extract the rifle company from objective area 2 and land it in the designated LZ in objective area 3 to reinforce the unit located therein.
- (5) On order land a Bn Cnd Group in the designated LZ in objective area 3 to control the units located therein.
- (6) Be prepared to assume the missions of the 1st Bn set forth para b(7) above.
- (7) On order, (Approx D+2), be prepared to assume the missions of the reserve Bn as follows:
  - (a) Provide security for the units located at Tan Ky.
  - (b) Be prepared to reinforce either of the other Bns or to exploit any advantage gained by them.
  - (c) Be prepared to assume the mission of either of the other Bns.

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d. 3d Bn (-)(Rein), 5th Marines

- (1) At L Hour, D-Day establish a blocking position astride the Thang Binh - Hiep Duc road at coordinates BT 133367.
  - (a) Provide security for the artillery units located in the vicinity of the blocking position.
  - (b) Provide one rifle company for the security of the Task Force units located at Que Son.
  - (c) Block any enemy movement in the assigned area of responsibility.
  - (d) Be prepared to exploit any advantage gained by the assault Bn either by helicopter or by utilizing the capabilities of the mechanized units in general support.
- (2) At L Hour on D+4 land a reinforced rifle company in the designated LZ objective area 6. Conduct reconnaissance and search and clear operations in the objective area.
- (3) On order, (Approx L+1), land a reinforced rifle company in the designated LZ objective area 7. Conduct reconnaissance and search and clear operations in the objective area.
- (4) On order, extract the rifle company from objective area 6 and land it in the designated LZ in objective area 7 to reinforce the rifle company located therein.
- (5) On order, land a Bn Cnd Group in the designated LZ in objective area 7 to control the units located therein.

e. 2nd Bn 11th Marines (Rein). Annex G (Supporting Arms)f. 1st Recon Bn (-)(Rein). Provide recon as assigned.g. Logistic Support Unit. 5th Marines Admin Order.h. 5th Marines (Rein) Reserve. Bn reserve be prepared on 8 hour alert for employment anywhere within the 5th Marines area of operations.i. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) L-Hour 061000H
- (2) D-Day: Tentative 5 Aug
- (3) Boundaries. Annex F (Operation Overlay).

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- (4) Rules of engagement. 1st MarDiv Op Order 301-66
  - (5) Annex E (Psychological Warfare)
  - (6) Annex C (Supporting Arms)
  - (7) Reporting. CG 1st MarDivO 3480.1
  - (8) Use of CS-CW agents authorized. Report use to this Headquarters as soon as possible. 1st MarDivO 003400.9A applies.
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. 5th Marines Admin Order 322-66
  - 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.
    - a. Annex D (Comm-Elec)
    - b. C.P.'s 5th Marines located vicinity Tam Ky coordinates BT 298227.

BY COMMAND OF COLONEL WIDDECKE



W. C. AIRHEART

Lieutenant Colonel U. S. Marine Corps  
Executive Officer

ANNEXES:

- A - Task Organization
- B - Intelligence
- C - Supporting Arms
- D - Communications-Electronics
- E - Psychological Warfare
- F - Operation Overlay

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 CHU LAI, Republic of Vietnam  
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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 322-66  
 (Operation Colorado)

Ref: (a) CG 1stMarDiv Planning Directive 300540Z of July 1966

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All attachments effective 051300H Aug 1966

5th Mar (-)(Rein)

Col WIDDECKE

HqCo (-)  
 Det, Comm Co, HqBn (Rad Rel)  
 Det, 9th IIT  
 Det, 7th CIT  
 Det, MP Co  
 B Co (-) 1st ATBn  
 A Co (-)(Rein) 1st TkbDn  
 B Co (-) 1st EngrBn  
 Det 7th CommBn  
 Det Psy War Tm, 2d ARVN Div  
 Det Intell Tm, 2d ARVN Div  
 Det, 1st SPBn

1stBn (-)(Rein), 5thMar

LtCol COFFMAN

1stBn 5thMar (-)  
 \_\_\_Plat B Co, 1st EngrBn  
 Det, 1st SPBn (HST)

2dBn (-)(Rein), 5thMar

LtCol MOORE

2dBn 5thMar (-)  
 \_\_\_Plat B Co, 1st EngrBn  
 Det, 1st SPBn (HST)  
 107 Mortar Btry, 2dBn 11thMar (Attached)

3dBn (-)(Rein), 5thMar

LtCol BRONARS

3dBn (-), 5thMar  
 \_\_\_Plat B Co, 1st EngrBn  
 Det, 1st SPBn (HST)  
 \_\_\_and \_\_\_Plats B Co, 1st ATBn  
 \_\_\_and \_\_\_Plats A Co, 1st TkbDn

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2dDn (-)(Rein), 11thMar

LtCol STRIBLING

Hq Btry (-) 2dDn 11thMar  
 \_\_\_ Btry (155) 4thDn 11thMar  
 \_\_\_ Btry (105) 2dDn 11thMar  
 \_\_\_ Btry (105) 2dDn 11thMar  
 \_\_\_ Plat 8" How (SP)  
 \_\_\_ Plat 155 Gun (SP)  
 \_\_\_ Btry (105) 3dDn 11thMar  
 107 Mortar Btry 2dDn 11thMar (Detached)

Log Spt Unit

Maj FISHER

Det FLSG-B  
 Det, 1st SPBn  
 Det, 1stMedBn (SandR Tms)

C Co (Rein), 1stReconBn

Capt GERAGHTY

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 322-66

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(b) Maps: AMS Series L7014, Vietnam, 1:50,000; Sheets 6639 I, 6640 II, III, IV, 6739 IV

(c) 1st Marine Division Intelligence SOP 3800.1F

(d) Annex B (Intelligence) to 1st MarDiv Operation Order 301-66

Time Zone: Hotel

1. Summary of Enemy Activity

- a. See Appendix 1 (Summary of Enemy Situation)
- b. See Intelligence Summaries, periodic and special intelligence reports, as issued.

2. Essential Elements of Information

- a. Determine the locations, strength and identity of enemy facilities, installations, and forces.
- b. Determine location and type of field fortifications, observation posts, and lines of communications.
- c. Determine the enemy capability to jam or intrude on our communications.
- d. Determine the military objectives of regular and irregular forces operating in the area of operations.
- e. Determine if the enemy will defend vital areas. If so, what areas and in what strength.
- f. Determine if tree canopy and foliage in the area of operations are of such height and density to hamper friendly tactical air support, air logistical support, and air observation missions as required.
- g. Determine enemy capability of employing .30 or .50 caliber machine guns or Chicom 12.7mm AA weapons against helicopters in or around the proposed landing zones.
- h. Determine if enemy possesses mortars (60, 81, 82, or 120mm) and recoilless rifles (57, 75, or 106mm) which could adversely affect the operation.

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3. Reconnaissance and Observation Missions.
  - a. Orders to Subordinate Units.
    - (1) Battalions. Conduct normal reconnaissance missions as required.
  - b. Request to Higher, Adjacent, and Supporting Units.
    - (1) 1st MarDiv is requested to provide:
      - (a) Aerial photography as requested.
      - (b) Information, as obtained, on enemy within or adjacent to the area of operations.
    - (2) MAG 12 and MAG 36 are requested to provide information, as obtained, of enemy sightings in the area of operations.
  - c. Coordinating Instructions:
    - (1) Report all reconnaissance operations to this Headquarters, Attention S-2, prior to execution.
    - (2) Submit patrol reports as soon as possible after completion of missions.
    - (3) It is essential that the relationship between civil and military authorities be closely coordinated.
4. Measures for Handling Captives, Captured Documents, and Captured Material.
  - a. See section VIII of reference (c).
  - b. Ensure evacuation of captives to the POW collection point located at the LSA.
5. Maps, Charts, and Photographs. References (a), (b), and (c) apply.
6. Counterintelligence
  - a. Reference (d) applies.
  - b. Password and countersign to be issued separately.

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7. Reports and Distribution. Referen (1) & files for intelligence reporting.

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- APPENDICES:
1. Summary of the Enemy Situation.
  2. Characteristics of the Area of Operations.
  3. Light Data.
  4. Enemy Defence Overlays

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Appendix 1 (Summary of the Enemy Situation) to Annex B (Intelligence) to  
 Operational Order 322-66

1. Enemy Situation

a. General. Enemy forces in the area of operation are composed primarily of units of the 620th Division. The 1st and 3rd Regiments of this Division are presently located along the eastern approaches to HIEP DUC and the 21st Regiment is located Southeast of TIEN PHUOC. The 21st Regiment could reinforce the HIEP DUC area in one to two days. Recent intelligence reports indicate that there is probably another regiment which has recently moved to the HIEP DUC area from the west. This unit has been identified as the 7th Regiment and is reported to have three (3) subordinate battalions; the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

b. Composition: Unit composition, location, and strengths within the area of operation are as follows:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
620th Division	BT0922	UNK
Military Staff	UNK	UNK
Political Staff	UNK	UNK
Rear Service Staff	UNK	UNK
RQ 20th Bn (Recon)(GK)	AT925254	UNK
RQ 21st Bn (AA 18 12.7mm AA MG)	AT925223	400
RQ 22nd Bn (RR, 6 75mm RR's)	AT935208	400
RQ 23rd Bn (Mort, 6 120mm Mort)	AT885246	400
RQ 24th Bn (Engr)	UNK	120+
U/I Security Bn	UNK	UNK
U/I Med Bn	UNK	UNK
U/I Trans Bn	UNK	UNK
U/I Signal Bn	UNK	UNK
1st Regiment (VC)	BT0629	2000
H100 Regimental Hqs	UNK	UNK
H101 Staff Section	UNK	UNK
H102 Political Section	UNK	UNK
H103 Service Section	UNK	UNK
60th Bn (3 60mm Mort, 2 57mm RR's 1 AA MG, 2 MG's)	BT0736	300
80th Bn (2 81mm Mort, 3 60mm Mort, 6 57mm RR's, 6 LMG's, 3 AA MG's)	BT1136	400
90th Bn (3 81mm Mort, 3 57mm RR's, 2 LMG's, 1 AA MG)	BT0934	400
3rd Regiment (NVA) (64th)	BT0823	3000
1st Bn (Binh Minh)(4 82mm Mort, 2 57mm RR's, 4 MG's)	BT1726	700
2nd Bn (Binh Da)(4 82mm Mort, 2 57 mm RR's, 4 MG's)	BT0720	700

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
3rd Bn (Binh Thien) (6 60mm Mort, 3 57mm RR's, 5 50 cal MG's)	BT2020	700
21st Regiment (NVA) (6th, 36th)	BT2704	200
1st Bn (11th) (12 81mm Mort, 9 12.7 AA MG's, 4 57mm RR's)	UNK	600
2nd Bn (22nd) (2 81mm Mort, 3 60mm Mort, 3 57mm RR's, 4 30 cal MG's)	UNK	250
3rd Bn (33rd) (5 82mm Mort, 3 60mm Mort, 4 30 cal MG's, 4 57mm RR's)	UNK	600
7th Regiment Hqs (Poss)	UNK	UNK
1st Bn	AT9823	UNK
2nd Bn	BT0416	UNK
3rd Bn	AT9921	UNK
400th Bn (MF) (1 81mm Mort, 1 60mm Mort, 2 57mm RR's, 3 MG's)	BT2406	200
72nd Bn (4 57mm RR's, 3 81mm Mort, 3 LMG's, 4 HMG's, 9 AR's)	BT2527	450
70th Bn	BT1835	500
57th Bn	BT0224	UNK

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Appendix 2 (Characteristics of the area of operations) to Annex B  
 (Intelligence) to Operation Order 322-66

1. Characteristics of the area of operations.

a. Weather.

(1) The climate of the area is dominated by the prevailing monsoons: The northeast monsoon from October to March and the southwest monsoon from May through August. Due to the differences in exposure and elevation, there are variances in the climatic element throughout the country.

(2) The climate in the vicinity of HIEP DUC is classed as humid and the temperature as tropical in nature. During the month of August, temperatures may reach as high as 110 degrees F. and humidity 70-80 per cent. Although August is considered a "dry" month for this area, thunder-showers can be expected in the afternoons between 1500 and 1900 hours. During rain showers, visibility is drastically reduced; particularly in higher elevations. Otherwise, visibility will be excellent for all types of operations. The effects of short periods of extensive precipitation on the terrain should restrict vehicular traffic, and limit the majority of movement in the area to foot troops. Periods of high humidity can be expected to limit physical endurance.

b. Terrain.

(1) Existing Situation. In the northwest, southwest, south-central and southeast portions of the area, hills rise to heights of approximately 400 meters and are covered by dense jungle and extensive forests. The heavy vegetation and dense canopy provides excellent concealment for deployed units. The extensive trail network throughout the forested and heavily-vegetated areas offer concealed routes for enemy movement. The remainder of the area to the northwest, north-central, and center consists primarily of cleared areas, areas under cultivation and numerous low hill masses. During periods of heavy precipitation, most streams cannot be forded and the low ground is inundated. There are two principal roads in the area, and the following is a brief discussion of their present condition.

(a) Road running northeast to southwest from #1 at Huong Kuan (1), BT144462, to BT970360: From BT144462 to QUE SON, extensive engineer effort before it could support military traffic. No information is available from QUE SON to the southwest, but it is presumed that this portion is also impassable.

(b) Road running northeast to southwest from #1 at THANG BINH, BT175418, to BT970268: The first 7 kilometers from BT175418 appears sufficiently good that it would probably support military traffic. The 14 kilometers from BT135370, to VIET AN, BT 017280, is in very poor con-

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dition. It has an unimproved earth surface, four meters wide, and it appears that it has not been used for a year or possibly longer. There are two tank traps in the vicinity of BM135370, and many culverts and bridges have been destroyed. Some of the bridges can be bypassed, but others will require complete replacement as bypasses may not be available nearby. With the proper engineer effort and equipment, this portion of the road would probably be passable to one way traffic after one or two days of work, provided the area was secure of VC activity. No information is available from VIET AN to the southwest, but it is presumed that this portion is also impassable.

(2) Effects on Enemy Operations. The terrain and natural cover provided by vegetation in the northwest, southwest, south-central and southeast portions of the area favor guerrilla tactics over those normally associated with conventional warfare. The terrain compartmentation facilitates guerrilla ambushes by channelizing movement of friendly forces, but limits good fields of fire. In the remainder of the area, the enemy is afforded good fields of fire and observation.

(3) Effects on our Operations. The rugged terrain, dense vegetation and extensive forests in the northwest, southwest, south-central and southeast portions of the area will severely restrict movement, maneuver capabilities, helicopter operations, supporting arms fire, and observation. The terrain in the remainder of the area provides good fields of observation and fire, and should allow effective movement and maneuver, except during periods of extreme precipitation. During relatively dry periods, a good portion of this latter area can be used for helicopter operations.

2. Enemy Situation. See Annex B (Enemy Situation).

3. Enemy Capabilities.

a. Enumeration.

(1) The Viet Cong have the capability of attacking any target at any time at any place within the area of operations with a force of 1 Division Headquarters, 3 subordinate Regiments, and 1 possible Regiment.

(2) The Viet Cong have the capability of attacking multiple targets simultaneously at times and places of their choosing with a Regimental size force, a battalion size force, or any combination of forces.

(3) The Viet Cong have the capability to conduct extensive small scale attacks, ambushes, harrassments, terrorism and sabotage in the area of operations.

(4) The Viet Cong have the capability to introduce 4 battalions into the area of operations commencing at any time within 12-14 hours.

b. Analysis and Discussion.

(1) Capability (1): Indications which favor this capability are:

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The Viet Cong knowledge of the terrain, to include avenues of approach, routes of withdrawal, reinforcement routes, favorable and unfavorable terrain, river and stream fordings, and natural obstacles. The Viet Cong knowledge of the local populace; the Viet Cong capability to keep targets under surveillance at close range; and the availability of sufficient and adequate areas for the scrupulous preparation of the attack, to include gathering of pre-attack intelligence, and the establishment of communications, training and logistical bases. Another indication which favors this capability may be the willingness of the Viet Cong to trade losses for the psychological victory of showing determination against Marine combat power. Indications which militate against this capability are the reluctance of the Viet Cong to mass forces, thereby presenting a lucrative target to friendly supporting arms, and the heavy casualties they would most likely suffer.

(2) Capability (2): Indications which favor this capability are the same as for capability (1). Plus the Viet Cong knowledge that multiple attacks complicate friendly forces ability to provide sufficient supporting arms fire and possible reaction forces to all areas under attack. Indications which militate against this capability are the Viet Cong command and control problems involved in multiple attacks, the undesirable requirement to move and mass multiple forces, and again, the reluctance of the Viet Cong to mass forces, thereby presenting a lucrative target to friendly supporting arms fire.

(3) Capability (3): Indications which favor this capability are: The Viet Cong knowledge of the terrain, to include avenues of approach, routes of withdrawal and ambush sites; the Viet Cong knowledge of the local populace; the Viet Cong capability to keep targets under surveillance at close range; the availability of relatively secure bases from which to operate; the Viet Cong knowledge that actions of this nature tend to tie down sizeable friendly forces to static defense and reaction missions; and the Viet Cong knowledge that actions of this nature steadily wear down friendly forces. At present, there are no indications that militate against this capability.

(4) Capability (4): Indications which favor this capability are: The Viet Cong knowledge of the terrain, the Viet Cong capability to keep friendly units under surveillance and the possible presence in the area of key Viet Cong Headquarters or base areas. Indications which militate against this capability are the reluctance of the Viet Cong to "stand and fight", except under conditions of his choosing, the availability of supporting arms fire from friendly forces and the Viet Cong knowledge of Marine reinforcement capabilities in close proximity.

#### 4. Conclusions.

a. Probable Courses of Action. Based on the analysis in paragraph 4, the capabilities of the enemy are summarized in order of probable adoption, as follows:

(1) Against initial friendly operations in the cleared portions of the area, the Viet Cong would probably execute capability (3) and conduct extensive small scale attacks, ambushes, harrassments, terror-

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ism and sabotage.

(2) Against initial friendly operations in the mountainous portions of the area, the Viet Cong would probably execute capability (3), with particular emphasis on ambushes and harassments. In the event, however, vital installations were threatened, the Viet Cong would probably execute capability (4) and defend tenaciously.

(3) Against later friendly operations in the cleared portions of the area, the Viet Cong would probably continue to execute capability (3), and, if felt worthwhile, commence execution of capability (2) and possibly execute capability (1).

(4) Against later friendly operations in the mountainous portions of the area, the Viet Cong would probably continue to execute capability (3), and possibly execute capability (2).

(5) Within 24 hours after commencement of friendly operations, the Viet Cong can complete execution of capability (5), and reinforce the area with one Regimental Headquarters, one battalion and two companies.

b. Vulnerabilities. Viet Cong forces, when concentrated, are vulnerable to air attacks and to counterattacks by friendly forces whose air mobility provides the means to bring superior forces to bear. The Viet Cong are vulnerable to friendly artillery, and his base areas are vulnerable to air attacks. Moreover, they are vulnerable to sustained combat and aggressive pursuit, and will normally attempt to break contact when meeting a superior force or when the circumstances of the engagement are not of their choosing.

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Appendix 3 (Light Data) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 322-66

AUGUST-1966	SUNRISE	SUNSET	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOON PHASE
1	0627	1915	1928	0606	FULL
2	0627	1915	2010	0659	
3	0628	1914	2048	0748	
4	0628	1914	2125	0836	3/4
5	0628	1914	2158	0922	
6	0628	1913	2232	1008	
7	0628	1913	2303	1054	
8	0629	1912	2340	1142	1/2
9	0629	1912		1231	
10	0629	1911	0020	1322	
11	0629	1911	0101	1420	
12	0630	1910	0149	1520	1/4
13	0630	1910	0247	1622	
14	0630	1909	0350	1722	
15	0630	1909	0453	1820	NEW
16	0630	1908	0600	1914	
17	0630	1908	0707	2003	
18	0631	1907	0808	2051	1/4
19	0631	1907	0907	2135	
20	0631	1906	1005	2218	
21	0631	1905	1103	2301	
22	0631	1905	1200	2344	1/2
23	0631	1904	1259		
24	0631	1903	1356	0030	
25	0631	1903	1453	0121	3/4
26	0632	1902	1548	0215	
27	0632	1901	1637	0309	
28	0632	1901	1728	0402	
29	0632	1900	1809	0454	FULL
30	0632	1859	1847	0544	
31	0632	1859	1924	0633	

TWILIGHT: AUGUST  
MORNING CIVIL TWILIGHT SUBTRACT 22 MINUTES  
EVENING CIVIL TWILIGHT ADD 22 MINUTES

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Annex C (Supporting Arms) To Operation Order 322-66 (Operation COLORADO)

Ref: (a) Map: AMS Series L701, Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheets 6657 III,  
 6658 II, 6757 IV, Series L 7014, Vietnam, 1:50,000, Sheets  
 6639 I, 6640 II, III, IV, 6739 IV.

Time Zone: Hotel

1. SITUATION. Basic Order
2. MISSION. Basic Order
3. EXECUTION.
  - a. Concept of Operation. Basic Order
  - b. Air Support
    - (1) Air Support will be furnished by the 1st MAW.
    - (2) Air Support Available.
      - a. Prescheduled escort, area preparation and other early D Day requirements.
      - b. 4 VMA/VMFA aircraft on station from L hour to as needed
      - c. TAC (A) aircraft on station from L hour to as needed.
      - d. 6 VA aircraft on condition 3 (15 minute strip alert) throughout the hours of daylight; these aircraft will have mixed ordnance loads. During hours of darkness 2 VA aircraft on condition 3.
      - e. A command and control aircraft available from L hour to sunset for the use of the Regimental Commander.

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- f. A command aircraft will be available to each Battalion Commander on request.
- g. TPQ strikes through the tactical air request net.
- h. Smoke aircraft available for screening on request one hour prior to desired time on station.
- i. Flare ship available on request.

c. Artillery Support

- (1) General. Artillery support provided by 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, Artillery Group. Additional Artillery support required may be provided by III MAF.
- (2) Organization for Combat.

- a. Annex A (Task Organization)

- d. Naval Gunfire Support. One cruiser (CA) and one destroyer (DD) in general support.

e. Coordination Instructions

- (1) D DAY 6 August 1966
- (2) L Hour to be Announced

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. Admin Order 322-66
- b. LSA established Vicinity TAM KY
- c. Available artillery ammunition supply rate

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RNDS/GUN/DAY</u>
105 MM	100
107 MM	100
155 MM	80

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. Annex E (Communications-Electronics)
- b. Command Posts. 5th Marines-BT 2923 (TAM KY)  
2nd Bn, Artillery Group, 11th Marines-BT 1336

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APPENDIXES:

- 1-Fire Support Coordination
- 2-Artillery
- 3-Air Support
- 4-Naval Gun Fire

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Appendix 1 (Fire Support Coordination) to Annex C (Supporting Arms)  
 to Operation Order 322-66 (Operation COLORADO).

Ref. (a) Maps: Annex C (Supporting Arms)  
 (b) FMFM 7-4  
 (c) FMFM 7-1  
 (d) DivO P3000.1D

Time Zone. Hotel

1. SITUATION. Basic Order
2. MISSION. Basic Order
3. EXECUTION
  - a. Concept. Fire Support Coordination will be in accordance with references (b) and (c).
  - b. Infantry Battalion FSC's
    - (1) Coordinate Fires within own Zone of Action.
    - (2) Recommend Restrictive Fire plans to 5th Marines FSCC as applicable.
    - (3) Recommend Fire Coordination Lines to 5th Marines FSCC as required.
    - (4) Establish No Fire Lines in own Zone of Action as required. Report location to 5th Marines FSCC and 2-11 FDC.
  - c. FSCC. 5th Marines
    - (1) Coordinate fires within Regimental Area of Operations.
    - (2) Establish No Fire Lines, FCLs and other control measures as required.
    - (3) Coordinate fires of attached artillery units.
    - (4) Coordinate fires in support of RVNAF operations.
  - d. Coordination Instructions
    - (1) Supporting Arms will not be fired into any populated area except when the infantry commander on the ground personally determines that the area is hostile, that such action is necessary to save Marine Lives, and that there is no alternative to such course of action.

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- (2) All supporting arms missions, with the exception of barrages, preplanned and unobserved fires, will be controlled by an airborne or ground FAC forward observer, NCF Spot Team or RVNAF Observer. All observed and unobserved fires except barrages, must be approved at the appropriate FSCC prior to the employment of the supporting arms.
- (3) Hamlets or villages not associated with ground operations will not be attacked without prior warning (by leaflets and/or loud speaker system or other appropriate means) even though light fire is received therefrom.
- (4) Hamlets and villages may be attacked with/prior warning<sup>out</sup> if the attack is in conjunction with a ground operation involving the movement of ground forces through the area and if, in the judgement of the ground commander, his mission would be jeopardized by such warning.
- (5) None of the foregoing is intended to deny the application of force against the source of hostile fires. Enemy forces engaging friendly troops will be destroyed by utilization of any available means.

4. TARGET INFORMATIONa. Target List

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence)
- (2) Targets of Opportunity will be passed immediately to the unit in whose sector the target appears.

b. Restricted Targets

- (1) Every effort will be made to preserve religious, cultural, medical, and public utility installations.
- (2) Other restricted targets specified by the local RVNAF Commander.

5. AIRCRAFT SAFETYa. Air Sentries and Lockouts

- (1) Air sentries will be positioned at artillery firing positions who will command cease fire when friendly aircraft are observed approaching the danger area.
- (2) Artillery forward observers and naval gunfire spotters will cease/check fire when it appears that the projectile trajectories of artillery and support ships may endanger friendly aircraft.

SECRETb. Restrictive Fire Plans

- (1) Units requesting an air support mission will recommend a restrictive fire plan if required. Higher echelons will not impose a restrictive fire plan contrary to the recommendation of the requesting unit unless the need is clearly indicated.
- (2) SAV-A-PLANE. Transmitted in accordance with provisions set forth in reference (d).

c. Landing Zone Preparation. Helicopter landing zones will be prepared by artillery and/or air delivered fires, as required, prior to their use by helicopters executing a tactical lift.

6. SAFETY OF GROUND FORCES. No supporting arms will be fired without prior approval of the ground forces commander in whose sector/area the fire is required.
7. COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. Annex E (Communications-Electronics).

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Appendix 2 (Artillery) to Annex C (Supporting Arms) to Operation Order  
 322-66 (Operation COLORADO)

Ref: (a) MAPS: Annex C (Supporting Arms)

Time Zone: Hotel

1. SITUATION. Basic Order

2. MISSION Basic Order

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Artillery Employment. 2nd Battalion, Artillery Group, 11th Marines provides artillery support for U.S. Marines and GVNAF units throughout the operation.

- (1) Two 105 MM Howitzer Batteries to be lifted by CH-46 Helicopters to area vicinity QUE SON (BT 0334) on D-Day.
- (2) One 107 MM Mortar Battery attached to 2nd Bn. 5th Marines On Order for employment by sections, each section composed of two 107 MM Mortars (M-30) with an inherent fire direction capability.
- (3) The 107 MM Mortar Battery will be attached to 1st Bn. 5th Marines On Order.
- (4) Two platoons 3rd 155 MM Gun Battery (SP) and one platoon 8" Howitzer (SP) occupy position area vicinity coordinates BT 227320.
- (5) The 2nd Bn. 11th Marines Command and Control Group, one 105 MM Howitzer Battery and one 155 MM Howitzer Battery occupies position area vicinity coordinates BT 131362. An ARVN Battery consisting of four 105 MM Howitzers, and two 155 MM Howitzers together with a Command and Control Element will be co-located at this position area.
- (6) One 105 MM Howitzer Battery (-) from present position vicinity TIEN PHOUC, prepared to support USMC operations as required.

b. 2nd Battalion Artillery Group, 11th Marines

- (1) Displace two light artillery batteries by Helo to QUE SON (BT 0334).

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- (2) Displace one light and one medium artillery battery by road to vicinity (BT 1336).
- (3) Displace two 155 MM Gun Platoons (SP) and one 8" Howitzer platoon (SP) to position area vicinity BT 227320.
- (4) Attach one 107 MM Mortar Battery, by section if necessary, to a appropriate infantry battalion of the 5th Marines as required by the tactical situation.
- (5) Provide artillery support for U.S. Marines and GVNAF forces in area of operations.

c. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Position Areas and Fire Capabilities. Report to 5th Marines FSCC ASAP and as changes occur.
- (2) Survey. Survey information provided by 2nd Bn. 11th Marines.
- (3) Counter-Battery Policy. Active.
- (4) Resupply. LSA established at TAM KY.
- (5) Reports
  - (a) Fire Reps - to 5th Marines FSCC and 11th Marines FDC as soon as practicable.
  - (b) SAV-A-PLANE - to 5th Marines FSCC.
  - (c) Mission/Ammunition expenditure - to 5th Marines FSCC by 0500 daily.
  - (d) Significant Missions. Report ASAP to 5th Marines FSCC.

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Appendix 3 (Air Support) to Annex C (Supporting Arms) to Operation Order  
 (Operation COLORADO)

Ref. (a) Maps: Basic Order  
 (b) 5th Marine Regt. Operation Order 301-66

Time Zone H

1. PROCEDURE.

- a. Tactical air support coordination responsibilities and procedures will conform to existing doctrine contained in reference (b) and as set forth herein.
- b. All preplanned mission requests will be submitted to this headquarters not later than 0900 on the day preceding the air support requirements. These requests will be reviewed, consolidated, and coordinated prior to submission to the Direct Air Support Center.
- c. On call and emergency Tactical Air Support requests will be transmitted directly to the DASC and monitored by the appropriate FSCC using the Tactical Air Request Net.
- d. UTM Grid Coordinates will be used to designate and locate targets for all air support missions.
- e. Sensitive information such as coordinates, times, numbers of troops to be transported, which are transmitted over insecure circuits will be encrypted using the current KAC- 138.
- f. All air to ground operations in the objective area, including landing zone preparation, close air support, interdiction and TPQ IO strikes must be under positive control. Controlling agency may be the reconnaissance team leader (FAC, TAC(A), FAC, FAC(A), or ASRT). All strikes will conform to the rules of engagement stated in the basic order.
- g. Front line panels and or smoke will be displayed prior to calling an air strike or to mark landing zones. Radio confirmation of front line or landing zones is desired. Use of signal mirrors is encouraged.
- h. Targets for air strikes will be marked with white phosphorous, white smoke and red smoke, in that order of desirability, and by the most suitable means.
- i. Night operations require landing zones/sites to be identified using flashlights, a minimum of three flashlights will be employed encompassing an area in which a UH34 can safely approach and land. Illumination or flashing strobe beacons will be used to provide visual guidance.

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- j. Air support requests will be in accordance with Tabs A through G of 1st Mar Div Op Order 301-66, Appendix 4 (Air Support) to Annex D (Supporting Area).
- k. Helicopter approach and retirement lanes found in Op O 322-66 (Tab A to Appendix 3 to Annex C).
- i. Landing Zone designators are as follows:
  - Objective Area 1 - AT 883229 ASH
  - Objective Area 2 - AT 916253 PINE
  - Objective Area 3 - AT 979238 WALNUT
  - Objective Area 4 - BT 038208 APPLE
  - Objective Area 5 - BT 128225 BEECH
  - Objective Area 6 - TBA
  - Objective Area 7 - TBA

2. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

- a. Annex E (Communications - Electronics).
- b. All aircraft will report to DASC (Landshark Alpha on TATC 2 Net).
- c. CAS/CAP aircraft RIO and remain on TATC-2 until directed by Landshark Alpha to contact TAC(A) or FAC.
- d. FAC and TAC(A) will control on TAD 3 or TAD 4.
- e. Helo lifts will use net assigned by Landshark Alpha.
- f. FAC's will control on targets that can be observed.
- g. TAR #2 will be the air request frequency.
- h. AO's use DAO or artillery Spot Net, as directed.

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TAB: A. Helicopter approach and retirement lanes (to be issued separately).

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TAB ~~h~~ to Appendix 3 to ANNEX ~~C~~ to Operation Order 322-66

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APPENDIX 4 (Naval Gunfire) to Annex C (Supporting Arms) to Operation  
 Order 322-66 (Operation COLORADO)

Ref: (a) Maps: Annex C (Supporting Arms)  
 (b) FMM 7-1  
 (c) Appendix 3 to Annex E to 1st MAR DIV OPO 301-66

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization:

- a. CTG 70.8 - COMCRUDESGRP 7th Fleet  
 b. CTG 70.8.9 - NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT UNIT

<u>SHIP</u>	<u>HULL NUMBER</u>	<u>CALL SIGN</u>
St. Paul	CA-73	Tornado
Morton	DD-948	Downwind

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy forces. See Annex B (Intelligence)  
 b. Friendly Forces. See Annex A (Task Organization)

2. MISSION

TG 70.8.9 will provide supporting fires for 5th Marines during search and destroy operations in the Hiep Duc area.

3. EXECUTION

- a. General. A radar beacon team will be pre-positioned by NGF Section, 1st MAR DIV to provide navigational aid. A Naval Gunfire Liaison team will be initially attached to 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.
- b. Allocation. Direct support or general support missions will be assigned as Naval Gunfire Support ships are made available to 5th Marines.
- c. Coordination Instructions
- (1) Fire support areas and stations, boundaries and zones of responsibility of fire support ships will be assigned by the 5th Marines FSCC.
- (2) Priority of target
- (a) Preplanned, unobserved, D-Day and D+1 schedule of fires.

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- (b) Artillery sites (mortars)
- (c) Anti-Aircraft guns
- (d) Bunkers
- (e) Other on-call targets.

(3) Coordination of Air, Artillery, and Naval Gunfire support accomplished in accordance with Appendix 1 (Fire Support Coordination)

(4) Restrictions

(a) Coordination must be effected with adjacent units for all fire missions when in proximity to common boundaries.

(b) Normally VT fuzes will not be used when line of fire passes over friendly troops. If tactical situation requires the use of VT fuzed projectiles under these conditions, approval of highest agency exercising fire support coordination must be obtained.

(c) Sav-A-Planes must be submitted for each mission to be fired.

(d) Support ships will not attack targets of opportunity without first obtaining clearance from the supported unit commander via the Naval Gunfire Support net.

(5) Reports. Support ships will submit consolidated reports of targets fired on, ammunition expended, and damage assessment for each 6-hour period beginning at 1200H on D-Day.

4. Communications-Electronics

a. Radar Beacon: Ships (send) 9310 KCS  
(receive) 9340 KCS  
Radar Beacon Local Net-- M-403 43.3 MCS

b. Naval Gunfire Nets:

(p) M-68	3271 KCS
(s) M-144	6229 KCS
(P) M-440	47.5 MCS
(S) M-438	47.2 MCS

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5th Marines (Rein)  
 1st Marine Division (Rein)  
 Chu Lai Republic of Vietnam  
 041200 August 1966

ANNEX C (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Order 322-66  
 (Operation Colorado).

Ref: (a) 1st MarDiv Order P02000.2B  
 (b) 1st MarDiv Msg 030700Z AUGUST 66

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 1st MarDiv provides communication support as required.
- (2) Airborne radio retransmission available from III MAF.

2. MISSION. Communication-Electronics elements of 5th Marines (Rein) install, operate and maintain communications in support of Operation Colorado.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Communication Platoon HqCo 5th Marines (Rein)

- (1) Provide communication support for this Headquarters in extension of installed 1st MarDiv facilities while in the CHU LAI Combat Base.
- (2) Provide command and control communications for the Headquarters on deployment.
- (3) Be prepared to provide equipment and personnel to augment subordinate and attached units as directed.
- (4) Provide manual radio retransmission at QUE SON and TIEN PHUOC.

b. 1st Bn (Rein) 5th Marines (Rein)

- (1) Install, operate and maintain communications in support of assigned mission.
- (2) Be prepared to operate HF radio to LSA.
- (3) Be prepared to employ VHF retransmission or HF radio to assault company.

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- (4) Provide Arty FO's and LNO's w/PRC-25 (total of 5 radios).
  - (5) Assault companies be prepared to enter regimental nets as required.
- c. 2nd Bn (Rein) 5th Marines (Rein)
- (1) Install, operate and maintain communications in support of assigned mission.
  - (2) Be prepared to operate HF radio to LSA.
  - (3) Be prepared to employ VHF retransmission or HF radio to assault company.
  - (4) Provide Arty FO's and LNO's w/PRC-25 (total of 5 radios).
  - (5) Assault companies be prepared to enter regimental nets as required.
- d. 3rd Bn (Rein) 5th Marines (Rein)
- (1) Install, operate and maintain communications in support of assault company.
  - (2) Be prepared to operate HF radio to LSA.
  - (3) Be prepared to employ VHF retransmission or HF radio to assault company.
  - (4) Provide Arty FO's and LNO's w/PRC-25 (total of 5 radios)
  - (5) Assault companies be prepared to enter regimental nets as required.
- e. Coordinating Instructions
- (1) Communication Center
    - (a) See Reference (a).
    - (b) Operations, Numerical and Authentication Codes.
      - 1 KAC J Series.
      - 2 Staff sections draw sufficient copies from S&C.
      - 3 Radio operators will not encode or decode numerical or operations codes.

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(c) Messages "OEF C COMBAT" will be inserted following the classification.

(d) Teletypewriter. Hq 5th Marines (Rein) establishes HDUX to 1st MarDiv.

(e) Messenger Service

1 Foot messenger as required.

2 Scheduled helicopter service not planned.

(2) Radio

(a) Call signs and frequencies in accordance with reference (a).

(b) Appendix (Radio Guard Chart)

(3) Wire

(a) Normal in Combat Base.

(b) Internal CP only on deployment.

(4) Radio Relay. Appendix 2 (Radio Relay Plan).

(5) Visual and Sound. Reference (a).

(6) Naval Gunfire. Appendix 4 (Naval Gunfire) to ANNEX C (Supporting Arms).

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

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b. Battalions provide LSA with one charged BB-451 battery per AN/PRC-41 or 47 deployed to objective area. In addition provide LSA with two PP-3240 battery chargers. Units will mark all batteries with unit tactical markings. It is recommended that Battalions provide the LSA with one Marine familiar with the charging and maintenance of BB-451 batteries.

c. Comm-Elect maintenance of maintenance float available at LSA.

d. Wire and dry batteries available at LSA.

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- (1) All wire will be retrieved from objective area.
- (2) All expended dry batteries will be completely demolished or returned to LSA.

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APPENDIXES:

1. - Radio Guard Chart
2. - Radio Relay Plan

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 1st Marine Division (Rein)  
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APPENDIX 1 (Radio Guard Chart) to Annex C (Communication-Electronics)  
 to Operation Order 322-66 (Operation Colorado).

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Ckt Desig	Title	Emsn	FREQ		FREQ DESIGS		CG 1st MarDiv	5th Marines	1/5	2/5	3/5	LSA	NAG 36	2/11
			Pri	Sec	Pri	Sec								
A-116	DivTac #1		38.7	45.9	M-357	M-428	C	X						
A-101	DivTac #2		3228	22118	M-65	M-249	C	W						
W-5/13	TAR #2		2812	4182	M-44	M-95		W	W	W				
W-144	HD #2 (Red)		328.2		M-597			W	W	W	W		W	
A-315	Regt Comd		4066	11427	M-93	M-238		C	O	O	O	W		W
A-309	Regt Tac #1		50.9	57.8	M-713	M-832		C	X	X	X	W	W	W
A-318	Regt Tac #2		2482	9448	M-23	M-215		C	O	O	O	W		
W-128	TAD #3 (Purple)		314.6		M-578			W	W	W	W			
W-117	TAD #4 (Brown)		283.3		M-556			W	W	W	W			
A-311	TACP LOCAL		46.7		M-661			W	W	W	W		W	
A-14	HST LOG		2264		M-16				X	X	X			

LEGEND: C - Net Control  
 X - Guard

O - When ordered  
 W - When required

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TAB A (Radio Frequency Plan) to Annex C (Communication-Electronics) to  
 Operation Order 322-66

Ref: (a) 1st MarDiv Order PO2000.2B

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1. Frequency Assignments

<u>CKT</u> <u>DESIG</u>	<u>CIRCUIT TITLE</u>	<u>1st MarDiv (Rein)</u>		<u>FREQ</u> <u>DESIG</u>
			<u>FREQUENCY</u>	
A-166	Division Command #1	(P)	9446 KCS	M-205
		(S)	12440 KCS	M-234
A-116	Division TAC #1	(P)	38.7 MCS	M-357
		(S)	45.9 MCS	M-428
A-101	Division TAC #2	(P)	3228 KCS	M-65
		(S)	22118 KCS	M-249

AIR NETS

W-5	TAR #2	(P)	2812 KCS	M-44
W-13	TAR #2	(S)	4182 KCS	M-95
W-144	HD #2 (Red)		328.2 MCS	M-597
W-128	TAD #3 (Purple)		314.6 MCS	M-578
W-117	TAD #4 (Brown)		283.3 MCS	M-556
A-14	HST LOG		2264 KCS	M-16

NGF NETS

A-187	DIV NGF SUPPORT		3271KCS	M-68
A-167	DIV SFCP LOCAL		47.5 MCS	M-440
A-188	NGF AIR SPOT #1		239.9 MCS	M-522
A-78	NGF AIR SPOT #2		265.3 MCS	M-543
A-32	SFC SPOT # 1		2075 KCS	M-5
A-146	SFC SPOT # 2		2300 KCS	M-17
A-134	SFC SPOT # 3		6229 KCS	M-144

5TH MARINES

A-315	Regimental Command	(p)	4066 KCS	M-93
		(S)	11427 KCS	M-238
A-309	Regimental Tact #1	(P)	50.9 MCS	M-713
		(S)	57.8 MCS	M-832
A-318	Regimental Tact #2	(P)	2482 KCS	M-23
		(S)	9448 KCS	M-215
A-311	TACP LOCAL		46.7 MCS	M-661
A-308	106 R Rifle Command		61.4 MCS	M-906

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1st Bn 5th Marines

A-296	Bn Tactical #1	9270 KCS	M-210
A-284	Bn Tactical #2	(P) 57.5 MCS	M-826
		(S) 46.3 MCS	M-659
A-287	81MM Mortar COF	42.15MCS	M-575
A-282	Co "A" Tactical	56.0 MCS	M-796
A-295	Co "B" Tactical	58.5 MCS	M-846
A-293	Co "C" Tactical	69.6 MCS	M-1082
A-290	Co "D" Tactical	64.6 MCS	M-974

2nd Bn 5th Marines

A-3	Bn Tactical #1	6723 KCS	M-164
A-88	Bn Tactical #2	(P) 66.5 MCS	M-1016
		(S) 49.0 MCS	M-692
A-104	81MM Mortar COF	48.45 MCS	M-684
A-79	Co "E" Tactical	58.2 MCS	M-840
A-135	Co "F" Tactical	61.9 MCS	M-916
A-169	Co "G" Tactical	67.3 MCS	M-1032
A-179	Co "H" Tactical	61.1 MCS	M-898

3rd Bn 5th Marines

A-313	Bn Tactical #1	9871	M-219
A-317	Bn Tactical #2	(P) 63.5 MCS	M-948
		(S) 43.3 MCS	M-595
A-310	81 MM Mortar COF	44.45 MCS	M-626
A-316	Co "I" Tactical	59.3 MCS	M-862
A-312	Co "K" Tactical	67.9 MCS	M-1044
A-319	Co "L" Tactical	65.1 MCS	M-984
A-314	Co "M" Tactical	64.8 MCS	M-978

2nd Bn 11th Marines

A-322	Bn Command/FD#1	35.6 MCS	M-331
A-320	Bn Command/FD#2	(P) 37.5 MCS	M-349
		(S) 29.1 MCS	M-311
A-297	Btry "D" COF	(P) 37.9 MCS	M-352
		(S) 36.2 MCS	M-337
A-83	Btry "E" COF	(P) 29.2 MC	M-312
		(S) 27.8 MCS	M-301
A-321	Btry "F" COF	(P) 36.8 MCS	M-343
		(S) 35.3 MCS	M-328
A-341	Mortar Btry COF	(P) 28.0 MCS	M-303
		(S) 27.5 MCS	M-298

Co "B" 1st AT Bn

A-324	Co "B" Command	27.1 MCS	M-294
A-307	1st Plt Command	20.1 MCS	M-255
A-92	2nd Plt Command	23.0 MCS	M-271
A-339	3rd Plt Command	23.6 MCS	M-274

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Co "A" 1st Tank Bn

A-113	Co "A" Command	27.1 MCS	M-282
A-124	1st Plt Command	25.8 MCS	M-286
A-152	2nd Plt Command	26.4 MCS	M-289
A-203	3rd Plt Command	24.7 MCS	M-279

Co "C" 1st Recon

A-208	Co "C" Command #1	4424 KCS	M-101
A-183	Co "C" Command #2	43.1 MCS	M-401

Co "B" 1st Engr Bn

A-23	Co "B" Command	46.9 MCS	M-436
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ARVN UNITS

	2ND ARVN DIV FWD CP	43.2 MCS	
A-7	6th ARVN REGT HQ	43.0 MCS	
A-14	ARVN MARINE TF HQ	56.75 MCS	
A-6	RANGER TF HQ's	68.15 MCS	
A-71	37th RANGER BN	42.8 MCS	

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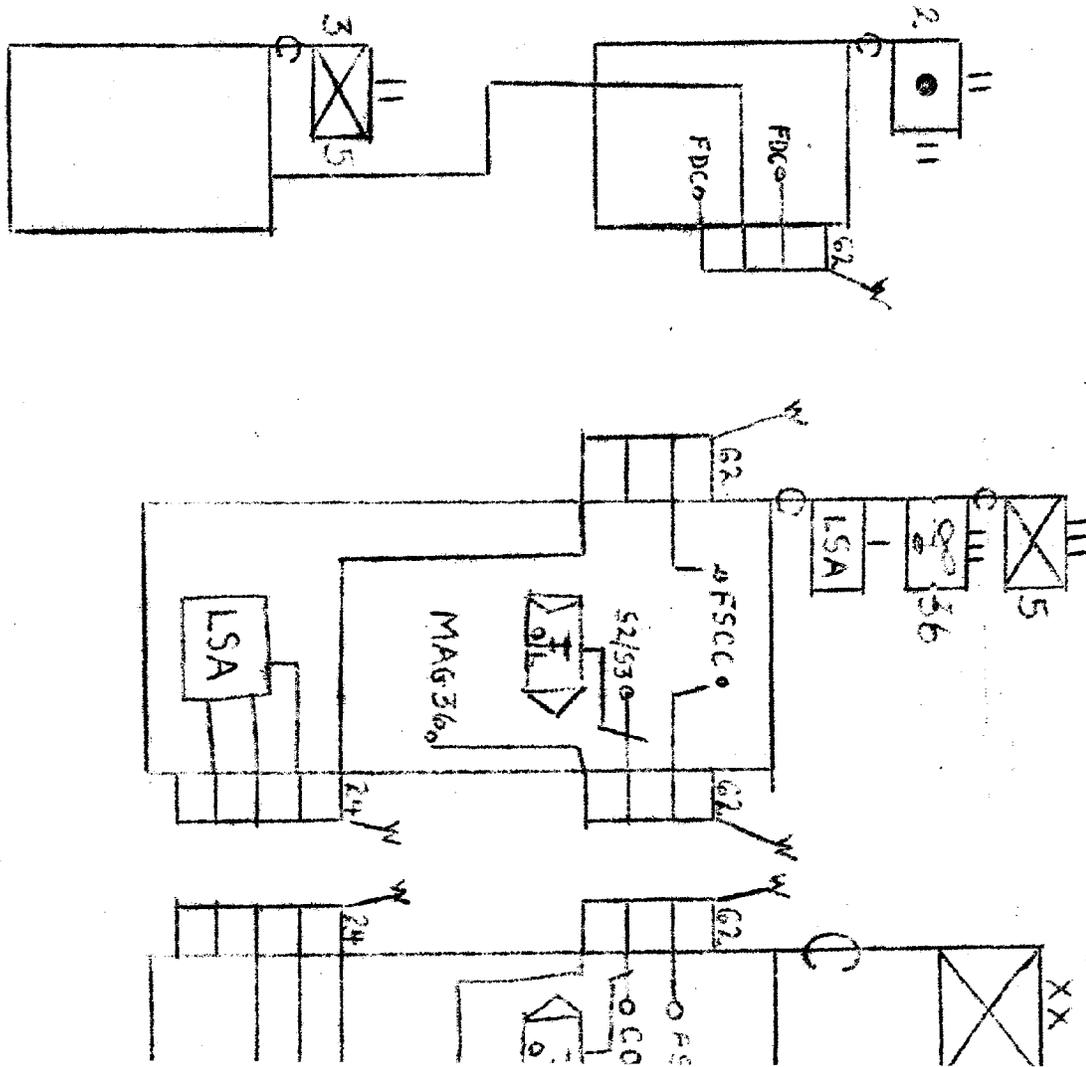
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 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF  
 Chu Lai, Vietnam  
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ANNEX E (Psychological Warfare) to Operation Order 322-66

Reference: (a) MAP:AMS series L701 Vietnam, 1:50,000, sheets 6657III, 6658II, 6757IV; series L7014 Vietnam 1:50,000 sheets 6639I, 6640II, III, IV 6739IV

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1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence)

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Detachment Two, 244th Psychological Operations Company, Quang Ngai. Capable of developing and reproducing printed media on request. This unit has available two ground loudspeaker teams which may be useful for control of the local populace.

(2) Fifth Air Commando Squadron, Nha Trang, provides fixed wing aircraft equipped with loudspeakers, available for broadcasts and leaflet drops.

(3) 21st ARVN Psychological Warfare Company has available psy war teams for face to face communications.

2. Mission. Fifth Marines conducts psychological operations to:

a. Instill in enemy respect for allied might.

b. Encourage enemy to rally to GVN through Chieu Hoi (Open Arms) program.

c. Cause dissension among enemy elements and between enemy and the population.

d. Induce in the people a belief that allied forces have come for their benefit.

e. Convince the populace that they must not support the Viet Cong.

3. Execution

a. Concept. Psychological Operations will commence only after such times as friendly troops have been committed overtly and in force. After such a commitment has been made, and on order of the Regimental Commander, aerial broadcasts and air dropped leaflets will be disseminated. The initial broadcasts and leaflets will warn the inhabitants of the danger of harboring VC and will warn them of the fact that their villages will be destroyed if they allow the VC to use them to fire at Marines or our aircraft. Subsequent

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broadcasts and leaflets to be disseminated on call will be utilized to convince the enemy that his forces will soon be destroyed and offer him the opportunity to surrender to the Government of Vietnam under the Chieu Hoi (Open Arms) program. Further broadcasts and leaflets will be available on call as additional intelligence is received. Ground psychological operations teams will be placed on standby at Quang Ngai for helilift into the area to develop isolated psychological opportunities exploitable by ground loudspeaker operations, to control large numbers of people, and to exploit opportunities for personal contact.

b. Tasks. Units will be alert for situations exploitable by psychological operations and report the same to this headquarters. Exploitable situations to be reported include VC atrocities, dissatisfaction with communist rule noted among civilians, allied acts of kindness, low enemy morale, and situations where the enemy is in an untenable position which leaves surrender as the only alternative to destruction.

c. Coordinating Instructions. Units will insure that their troops are instructed in the procedures for handling enemy personnel who give themselves up under the Chieu Hoi program or who utilize Government of Vietnam safe conduct passes. These personnel will be evacuated to ITT for further return to government rehabilitation centers.

4. Administration. Requests for psychological operations will be submitted to this headquarters. Requests will include the following:

- a. Type support desired; e.g. leaflet drops, aerial broadcasts, loudspeaker teams, etc.
- b. Brief description of theme to be used or purpose of request.
- c. Date/Time desired.
- d. Report to: (grid coordinates, hamlet name)
- e. Target area for leaflet drop or aerial broadcast. Give 4 coordinates to enclosed area.

5. Command and Communications-Electronics

- a. Aircraft flying psy ops missions will maintain radio contact with the units being supported. The psy ops aircraft call sign is "Speak".
- b. Psychological warfare officer will be in the Regimental Command Post.

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CO, 7thMar	1
CO, 11thMar	2
CO, MAG-12	2
CO, MAG-36	3
CO, HqBn, 1stMarDiv	4
CO, 1stBn 5thMar	10
CO, 2dBn 5thMar	10
CO, 3dBn 5thMar	10
CO, 2dBn 11thMar	5
CO, 3dBn 11thMar	2
CO, 4thBn 11thMar	2
CO, 1st TkBn	1
CO, CoA, 1st TkBn	2
CO, 1stEngr <sup>Bn</sup>	2
CO, 1stATBn	2
CO, CoB, 1stATBn	2
CO, 1stSPBn	2
CO, 1stReconBn	2
CO, HqCo 5thMar	2
CO, FLSC-B	1
CO, 1stMedBn	1
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Administrative Order 322-66 to accompany Operation Order 322-66

Ref: (a) Maps; AMS Series L701, Viet Nam, 1:50,000; Sheets 6657 III, 6658 II, 6757 IV, AMS Series L7014, Viet Nam, 1:50,000; Sheets 6639 I, 6640 II, III, IV, 6739 IV.

(b) 1st MarDiv Admin Order 301-6.

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1. SUPPLY

a. General

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(1) Supply Sources

(a) Prior to operation. Force Logistic Support Group Bravo is initial source of supply for all classes.

(b) During Operation. The Logistic Support Area will be the source of supply for all units. The LSA will be established at TAM KY grid coordinates 293299.

b. Prescribed Loads

- (1) Class I-4MCI's w/fuel bar, trioxane, per individual.
- (2) Class II-Combat essential T/E and T/A items. Three (3) days salt tablets. Three (3) days water purification tablets. Units will carry spare parts and accessories in sufficient amounts to support end items.
- (3) Class III-Vehicle tanks full; 5 gal fuel can mounted on vehicles. Packaged lubricant as required. One (1) four ounce can of rifle oil per two individuals.
- (4) Class IV-None except as determined absolutely essential by unit commanders.
- (5) Class V-Basic allowance.
- (6) Water-Two (2) full canteens per individual.
- (7) Medical Supplies-Initial allowance plus 3 days high usage items.

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- c. Supplies and Equipment Available
- (1) Prescribed loads from unit held supplies. Reference (b) applies.
  - (2) Logistical Support Area. See Annex A
- d. Control and Distribution
- (1) **Unit distribution from LSA.**
- e. Supply Levels
- (1) Units maintain prescribed loads.
  - (2) Logistic Support Area. Four (4) day level initially available from LSA.
- f. Resupply
- (1) All units request resupply from LSA. Request for resupply through the Helicopter Support Team (HST). The HST will request resupply direct from LSA.
  - (2) Emergency resupply anytime. Unit Commanders will consolidate routine request for delivery on daily resupply. Request to LSA prior to 1500 daily.
- g. Aerial Delivery. See Annex B.
- h. Transportation of Supplies
- (1) Units desiring prepositioned equipment at the LSA will transport them to FLSG-B 24 hours prior to D-Day.
  - (2) All supplies from LSA to the area of operations will be by helicopter.
- i. Captured Material. All captured material will be tagged and forwarded to LSA for further evacuation through intelligence channels.
- j. Salvage
- (1) Units advise LSA of location, nature, and amount of salvage for collection.
  - (2) No material of potential use to enemy will be left abandoned or unguarded.
- k. Excess Material. Any materials in area of operations, determined to be in excess of units needs will be returned to LSA.

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2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

- a. Evacuation of all casualties will be by helicopter. Shock and Resuscitation (S&R) team, located at the LSA, will evacuate casualties further as required. Until the establishment of the LSA, all casualties will be evacuated to 1st Medical Battalion.

3. TRANSPORTATION

- a. Highway. Initial movement of troops to helicopter pick up points will be by truck convoy. Request for transportation should be made to Regimental S-4.
- b. Security. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions, 5th Marines will provide 1 platoon each to their respective convoy commanders to provide security for convoys return trip.
- c. Movement Schedule. See Annex C
- d. Air. Helicopters will be available for movement and resupply of infantry units in forward areas.

4. SERVICEa. Logistic Support Unit

- (1) Provides supplies required in support of operations.
- (2) Establishes LSA at coordinates 293229 (TAM KY) on D-Day and becomes operational D-Day Plus 1.
- (3) Provides following services therein:
  - (a) 2d and limited 3rd echelon electronics and ordnance repair capability.
  - (b) Maintains limited float of Comm-Elect and Ordnance items
  - (c) EB-451 battery recharging capability.
  - (d) Operates water point.
  - (e) Provide security of captives.
  - (f) Requests and coordinates aerial delivery of supplies when directed.

5. PERSONNEL. See Annex D6. CIVIL AFFAIRS. See Annex E

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7. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Request for special supplies and non T/E items of equipment to support operations will be forwarded to this Headquarters.
- b. Security of LSA will be provided one (1) platoon from \_\_\_ Battalion, 5th Marines.
- c. Battalions will turn in 200 water cans, two (2) battery chargers and five (5) EB-451 batteries to allow replacements as recharging is accomplished, to the LSA on D-Day. Units will attach five supply representatives, corporal and below, to the LSA on D-Day. Personnel assigned to LSA for custody of supplies can serve to collect individual equipment and weapons of evacuated personnel.
- d. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, and Regimental Command Post will furnish one water trailer each to the LSA. 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines will move and keep one water trailer.
- e. Return empty water cans to LSA as soon as possible.
- f. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battalions, 5th Marines will furnish 2 M-274 and drivers to the LSA on D-Day.

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ANNEXES:

- A - LSA Supplies
- B - Air Delivery
- C - Movement Schedule
- D - Personnel
- E - Civil Affairs

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1. The following supplies will be available through the Logistical Support Area and are computed as a four day level for three infantry battalions with attachments.
- a. Class I - 42,000 meals (3500) cases Meals, Combat, Individual  
 42,000 bars, fuel, compressed triozane  
 50 boxes, Sundry Pack

b. Class II

(1) General

	<u>FSN</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Cleaner compound, rifle 2 oz can	5850-224-6658	800 cans
Cleaner, rifle bore, 1 gal can	6850-224-6663	120 gal
Patch, rifle, MK	1005-288-3565	16MK
Foot Powder	NSN	1800 cans
Tablets, sodium chloride	6506-126-3407	480 btls
Tablets, water purification	6850-250-2620	800 btls
Book, field msg	0000-000-9203	240 bks
Blanket, wool	7210-282-7950	40 ea
Poncho	8405-290-0550	100 ea
Insect, Repellant, 2 oz btl	6840-274-5415	2000 btls
Battle Dressing, Small	6510-200-3180	600 ea
Battle Dressing, Medium	6510-200-3185	600 ea
Battle Dressing, Large	6510-200-3190	600 ea

(2) Comm-Elect

Wire, WD 1/TT MX 306 A/G	6145-160-7796	40 ea
Wire, RL-159		20 ea
Wire, DR-8	6145-226-8812	20 ea
Antenna, AT-271	5820-242-4967	10 ea

(3) Batteries

BA-30	6135-120-1020	2000 ea
BA-270	6135-194-8352	500 ea
BA-279	6135-240-3200	1000 ea
BA-386	6135-858-5712	400 ea
BA-414	6135-125-5256	150 ea

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(4) <u>Clothing</u>	<u>FSN</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Boots, pr	<u>LIMITED</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Shirts, utility	"	"
Socks, cushion sole	"	"
Trousers, utility	"	"

c. Class III

MOGAS, drummed	9130-240-8204	30 drums
Diesel, drummed	9140-286-5297	10 drums
Kerosene, drummed	9140-242-6751	1 drum
Oil, OB30, drummed		1 drum
Oil, rifle, 2 oz can	9150-231-2360	800 cans
Brake fluid, 1 gal can	9150-231-9071	2 cans
Grease, GAA, pail	9150-190-0907	1 pail
Oil, GP, 5 gal can	9150-231-2356	2 cans

d. Class IV

Concertina, roll	5660-371-9494	150 rolls
Barbed wire, roll	5660-542-3197	10 rolls
Post, 5'	5660-270-1587	50 ea
Post, 2'	5660-174-8824	100 ea
Sandbags	8105-965-2509	5000 ea
Recebags		1500 ea

c. Class V

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DODAC</u>	<u>QTY</u>
<u>(1) Demolition Materials</u>		
Charge, assy, demo, M37	M756	50 ea
Charge, demo shaped, 15 lb	M420	5 ea
Charge, demo shaped, 40 lb	M421	5 ea
Charge, cratering, 40 lb	M039	10 ea
Demo kit, bangalore torpedo	M026	5 ea
Igniter, blasting fuze, M2	M766	250 ea
Cord, detonating	M455	2000 ft
Fuze, blasting time	M670	1500 ft
Cap, blasting, non-electric	M131	250 ea
TNT	M032	1000 ea

(2) Ammunition and Pyrotechnics

Ctg, 7.62mm Ball, M80	A130	135,872 rds
Ctg, 7.62mm Tracer, M62	A124	13,928 rds
Ctg, Grenade, rifle, M64	G839	160 rds
Ctg, 7.62mm Ball, M80 link	A127	61,600 rds
Ctg, Cal .45 Ball M1911	A175	4,704 rds

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Ctg, 40mm HE, M406	B568	560 rds
Ctg, 81mm HE M362 w/f PD	C222	4096 rds
Ctg, 81mm Smoke, WP, M57	C230	512 rds
Ctg, 81mm Illum, M301A1	C226	512 rds
Ctg, 60mm HE w/fuze PD	B626	2144 rds
Fuze, VT, N517	N417	1024 ea
Fuze, VT, M513A1	N412	3318 ea
Ctg, 105mm HE, M1	C444	215 rds
Ctg, 105mm HE	C443	386 rds
Ctg, 105mm HEP-T, M327	C448	16 rds
Ctg, 105mm Smoke, WP, M60	C454	264 rds
Ctg, 105mm Smoke, HC, BE	C452	24 rds
Ctg, 105mm Smoke, Green	C451	4 rds
Ctg, 105mm Smoke, Red	C453	4 rds
Ctg, 105mm Smoke, Yellow	C455	4 rds
Ctg, 105mm Illum, M314A1	C449	1320 rds
Fuze, CP, M78	N200	200 ea
Rocket, 3.5" Heat, M28A2	H600	616 rds
Rocket, 3.5", Smoke WP M30	H602	152 rds
Ctg, 106mm Heat, M344A1	C650	280 rds
Ctg, 106mm HEP-T, M346A1	C651	305 rds
Ignition Cylinder Flame Thrower M1	M680	40 ea
Thickner, Incondiary oil, M1 can, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs	K910	8 ea
Rocket, 66mm Heat w/launcher M72	H555	80 rds
Grenade, Hand Frag, M26	G890	1072 rds
Grenade, Hand Illum, Mx-1	G895	144 rds
Grenade, Hand Incendiary	G900	96 rds
Grenade, Hand Smoke, WP	G935	400 rds
Grenade, Hand Smoke, Green	G940	32 rds
Grenade, Hand Smoke, Red	G950	32 rds
Grenade, Hand Smoke, Yellow	G945	32 rds
Grenade, Rifle Smoke WP	H030	160 rds
Flare, surface, trip, M49	L495	128 ea
Signal, illum, ground, white star parachute, M127	L312	192 ea
Signal, illum, ground green star cluster, M125	L314	16 ea
Signal, illum, ground, red star parachute M126	L311	16 ea
Signal, smoke ground, green parachute, M128	L324	16 ea
Signal, smoke, ground red parachute, M329	L323	16 ea
Ctg, 4.2" HE, M329	C704	1200 rds
Ctg, 4.2" Smoke WP, M328	C708	120 rds
Ctg, 4.2" Illum, M335	C706	350 rds
Ctg, .30 cal. Linked	A209	60000 rds
Ctg, .50 cal. Linked	A574	3000 rds

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Annex B (Aerial Delivery) to Administrative Order 322-66

Ref: (a) 1st MarDiv Admin Order 301-66

Time Zone: Hotel

1. GENERAL. This annex provides instructions for preparation of and requesting procedures for aerial delivery of emergency supplies from Danang to committed forces of Operation COLORADO.
2. ORGANIZATION. Aerial delivery organization consists of 3rd Aerial Delivery Platoon, 3rd FSR supported by aircraft of VMGR, 1st MAW.
3. OPERATING PROCEDURES.
  - a. Elements of 3rd Aerial Delivery Platoon, operating from Danang, establishes packing and handling facilities for aerial delivery of supplies as directed by CG, 1st MAW.
  - b. Request for aerial delivery of supplies. See Appendix 1 (Aerial Delivery Request).
  - c. Establish drop zone in rectangular area approximately 300-800 yards in size, clear of villages, trees and troop positions.
  - d. Maximum effort will be made to salvage parachutes and delivery containers. Evacuate, on returning helicopters, to USA.
4. SUPPLIES AVAILABLE. There will be two (2) Infantry company packages, one (1) Headquarters Company, Infantry Regiment package, one (1) 105 Battery package, one (1) 4.2 Battery package, and one (1) 81mm Mortar package available from Aerial Delivery on 6 hour notice.
5. CODE NAMES. The following are code names for requesting resupply by aerial delivery. The list of items for each code can be found in ref (a).

<u>CODE NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TYPE OF SUPPLIES</u>
BUICK	T/O Rifle Company	CLASS I and II
CADILLAC	T/O Rifle Company	CLASS II and V
LINCOLN	Hq Co Infantry Regt	CLASS I and II
FALCON	Hq Co Infantry Regt	CLASS V
MERCURY	T/O 4.2 Mortar Btry	CLASS I and II
THUNDERBIRD	T/O 4.2 Mortar Btry	CLASS V
RAMBLER	T/O 105MM Btry	CLASS I and II

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<u>CODE NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TYPE OF SUPPLIES</u>
AMERICAN	T/O 105MM Btry	CLASS V
IMPALA	T/O 81MM Mortar Plt	CLASS I and II
PLYMOUTH	T/O 81MM Mortar Plt	Class V

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## APPENDICES:

- 1 - Aerial Delivery Request Format
- 2 - Lay out and Marking of Drop Zone

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Appendix 1 (Aerial Delivery Request Format) to Annex B (Aerial Delivery) to Administrative Order 322-66

Time Zone: Hotel

1. Requests for aerial delivery of supplies will be submitted to the ISA by Battalion through the HST utilizing the following format:

- ALPHA - Support Unit  
 (Unit to provide the materials to be delivered, all supplies normally are provided by FLSG-Alpha)
- BRAVO - Pick-up Point  
 (Normally air freight-Danang for supplies or nearest air freight for vehicles and other heavy equipment)
- CHARLIE- Pick-up Date  
 (Date of pick-up is day of delivery but 1 day earlier for early morning drops)
- DELTA - Drop Time
- ECHO - Drop Zone chart numbers  
 (Map sheet numbers - 1:50,000)
- FOXTROT- Drop Zone Coordinates
- GOLF - Controller frequencies: Primary/Secondary
- HOTEL - Call signs: Aircraft controlling agency  
 (Unit that will control the drop from the ground, FAC)
- INDIA - Vehicles/Class of cargo/cargo weight and cube  
 (Units utilize code names for preplanned and on-call requests. Itemize supplies only on emergency requests)
- JULIET - Drop Zone Markings
  1. Panel color/pattern
  2. Smoke color
  3. Pyrotechnic color (When used)
- KILO - Contact origin and phone number  
 (Name of person at the pick-up point and phone number will be provided by requesting unit when request is for other than supplies from normal sources)

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Appendix 2 (Lay Out and Marking of Drop Zone) to Annex B (Aerial Delivery) to Administrative Order 322-66

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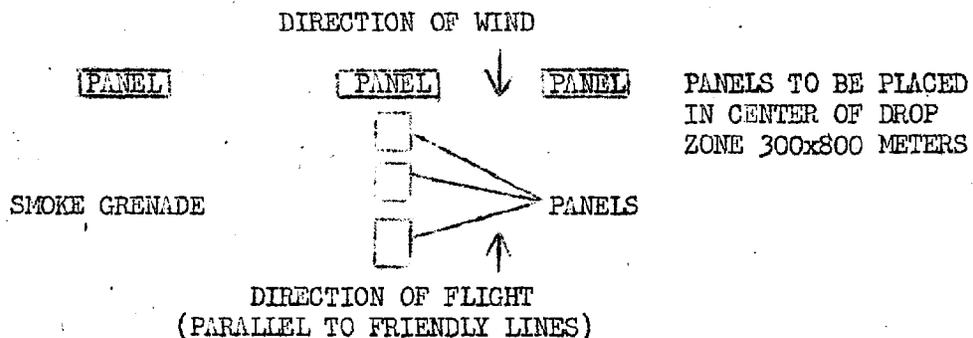
## 1. GENERAL

### a. Considerations given in the selection of a drop zone.

- (1) Terrain immediately surrounding the drop zone should be as clear of obstacles as possible.
- (2) The approach to the drop zone should be straight in and parallel to the front lines and should avoid a pull up over enemy territory.
- (3) The drop zone should allow removal of supplies and equipment without direct enemy fire.
- (4) The drop zone should be large enough to permit dropping the desired supplies from various altitudes.
- (5) The drop zone for low level extraction should be a straight, level, strip of land, 1000 meters long (preferably a road or air strip), free of obstacles.

- b. Drop zones will be marked by using panels or similar expedients. A line of flight parallel to the friendly front lines minimizes loss of supplies to the enemy, and a flight upwind ensures greater accuracy.

## 2. LAY OUT AND MARKING OF DROP ZONE



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Annex C (Movement Schedule)

Time Zone: Hotel

UNIT	COMPOSITION	ROAD TIME COMMENCES	ROAD TIME ENLS	PERSONNEL	DISTANCE	REMARKS
3/5 (Rein)	3/5 Rein plt, Co "B" 1st ATBn  1 Btry 155 SP How 1 Btry 105		060400 BT 130365	850	38 Miles	
Hq 5th Mar	Hq 5th Mar(-)	060001 BT 435079	060230 BT 290229	117	13.4 Miles	
2/5 (-) (Rein)	Hq 2/5 2 co. of 2/5	060400 BT 468069	060700 BT 290229	460	15.5 Miles	
1/5 (Rein)	Hq 1/5 3 Co. of 1/5	060900 BT 396146	061030 BT 290229	675	8 Miles	
FLSG	ISA	060700 BT 530115	061045 BT 290229	N/A	22 Miles	
Arty	1 plt 8" How SP 2 Plts 155 Gun SP					
MAG 36	Class III & V MAG 36	060001 BT 435079	060230 BT 290229			

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 1st Marine Division (Rein), FME  
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Annex D (Personnel) to Administrative Order 322-66

Ref: (a) 1stMarDiv AdminO 301-66  
 (b) DivO 5800.1  
 (c) DivO 5800.2  
 (d) DivO P3040.1  
 (e) DivO 2700.4

Time Zone: Hotel

1. STRENGTHS.

- a. Deploy at on board strength.
- b. Submit Personnel Daily Summary of designated forces, (Annex (Task Organization) to Op Order 322-66) to this Headquarters daily as of 2539 by 1200 the following day. First report due 6 August 1966. Continue submission normal reports to 1st Marine Division as required by reference (a).

2. REPLACEMENTS. None.

3. DISCIPLINE, LAW AND ORDER

- a. In accordance with references (a), (b) and (c).
- b. Subordinate units will be responsible for their own stragglers.

4. PRISONERS OF WAR. Captives will be segregated, interrogated for immediate combat information and delivered as soon as possible to Regimental Collecting Point, to be established in LSA. In event of combat necessity, guards for captives may be requested in conjunction with request for transportation.

5. CASUALTY REPORTING AND GRAVES REGISTRATION

- a. Casualty reporting will be accomplished as set forth in reference (d) and these instructions.

(1) Units will report those personnel wounded in action not evacuated (WIANE), by submission of Casualty Card (NAVMC 10453-PD). Item 24 Remarks of Card will identify cause of injury (Gunshot, grenade, etc.) and specific parts of body affected. Duplicate (heavy) Card will be forwarded to Casualty Data NCO at Shock and Resuscitation (S&R) Team located in LSA as expeditiously as practicable.

(2) The Officer in Charge of S&R Team will cause Casualty Card (NAVMC 10453-PD) to be completed in accordance with reference (d) on all casualties treated, processed or evacuated by that facility. Each completed card will be delivered to Casualty data NCO.

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- (3) The Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine will designate one noncommissioned officer of sufficient grade to duty as a Casualty data NCO. The Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion 5th Marines will furnish 2 Lance Corporals/sergeants as assistants. This NCO will be assigned to S&R Team for duration of operation. He will perform the following duties:
- (a) Collect review and forward to Casualty Report Control Center by most expeditious means, completed Casualty Cards.
  - (b) Casualty Data NCO will verify that intended destination of evacuees is as entered on Casualty Card.
  - (c) Ascertain that a U. S. Field Medical Tag (DD Form 1380) is completed and securely attached to clothing of each deceased. Time and date of death will be entered on the Tag by a medical Officer or medical department representative
- (4) Primary flow of casualty medical information is rearward, from S&R Team to Medical Battalion to Casualty Report Control Center to Organization/unit rear echelon. Upon notification of a casualty, a report will be made to the Control Center in accordance with reference (a).

6. MORALE AND PERSONNEL SERVICES. In accordance with reference (a) and the following:

- a. Postal Service: A Regimental Mail Room will be established in the Forward Command Post. Incoming mail for 5th Marines and units attached for operation COLORADO, (Appendix A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 322-66 will be forwarded to the branch of the 1st Marine Division Post Office, located at the 5th Marines Command Post, Rear.
  - (1) Incoming mail will be delivered to the Regimental Command Post (Forward) for processing and delivery to the Regimental Rear.
  - (2) Outgoing mail will be delivered to the Regimental Command Post (Forward) for processing and delivery to the Regimental Rear.
  - (3) Upon receipt of incoming mail, the Regimental mail room will notify deployed units by message.
  - (4) Units, detachments and sections located in the forward Command Post will appoint a mail orderly, who, will receive and deliver mail to individual addressees only.
  - (5) Strict compliance with current postal regulations is mandatory.
- b. Religious Activities. A Protestant and Catholic Chaplain will be stationed with the S&R Team in ISA. Chaplains within organic sources will be used to administer to casualties.

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## c. LEAVE.

- (1) Emergency only
- (2) Personnel qualifying for emergency leave report to Regimental S-1 for transportation to Chu Lai.

7. INFORMATIONAL SERVICES. In accordance with reference (a).

## 8. PERSONNEL PROCEDURES

- a. Organizations and units will furnish ten copies of a two-line addressograph plate roster of personnel participating in operation to Regimental S-1 not later than 5 August 1966.
  - b. Personnel due to rotate to CONUS during August 1966 will not be deployed on this operation.
9. INTERIOR MANAGEMENT. See Appendix I (INTERIOR MANAGEMENT).

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Appendixes: I - Interior Management

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Appendix I (Interior Management) to Annex D (Personnel) to Administrative Order 322-66

Ref: (a) U. S. Marine Corps Staff Manual, 1955

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1. MOVEMENT OF COMMAND POST
  - a. Command Post will displace in one echelon at 052400H.
  - b. Staging and composition of the command post convoy will be as directed by the S-1 and Headquarters Commandant.
2. LOCATION OF THE TACTICAL COMMAND POST. Coordinates BT291233.
3. INTERIOR MANAGEMENT. Management of the Command Post will be in accordance with reference (a), and as amplified by the Headquarters Commandant.

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Annex F (Civil Affairs) to Admin Order 322-66

Reference: (a) MAP:AMS series L701 Vietnam, 1:50,000, sheets 6657III,  
 6658II, 6757IV, series L7014 Vietnam, 1:50,000 sheets 6639I,  
 6640II, III, IV, 6739IV

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1. Situation. See Operation Order

2. Mission. 5th Marines will conduct Civil Affairs to control the populace in the objective area and give aid to the civilian populace within the availability of local resources and U. S. supplies as necessary.

3. Execution.

a. Concept of Operation. Primary effort will be directed towards providing essential assistance to the populace to maintain order and to meet the minimum needs for survival of civilians left homeless or injured in the course of this operation.

b. Infantry Battalions

(1) Establish Civil Affairs control in combat areas.

(2) Be prepared to execute or assist with the following:

(a) Psychological Warfare Indoctrination (Annex F to OpOrd

(b) Medical assistance to civilians. Civilians will be medically evacuated for emergency lifesaving only.

(c) Operation of assembly areas for displaced persons.

c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Captured rice may be used in the feeding of refugees or turned over to the closest Vietnamese Government official. Questions as to the disposal of captured rice will be referred to this headquarters. Rice bags are available from FLSG upon request. Unit commanders will not destroy captured rice unless it is totally impracticable to evacuate it.

(2) Combat claims arising out of this operation will be settled through GVN channels. The populace should not in any way be given indication that combat claims will be processed through U. S. channels.

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4. Administration and Logistics

- (a) Civic action commodities shall be requested through normal command/logistical channels.
- (b) Minimum MEDCAP supplies for use during the operation will be carried by units to provide required civic medical assistance.
- (c) Care and support of displaced persons will be provided from MEDCAP supplies on hand and held in the FLSG, and other commodities from local ARVN sources.
- (d) Commanders will ensure that troops are especially careful not to damage or violate the premises of property, livestock, religious structures, and other property, such as graves, which hold particular significance to the people. Use of temples, churches, and other religious institutions for military purposes is prohibited.

5. Command and Communications-Electronics

- (a) See annex E (communications) to OpOrd
- (b) Civil Affairs Officer will be in the Regimental Command Post.

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County Fair Operation Order 5-3

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- Ref: (a) Map: Viet Nam, AMS Series 1701, Sheet 6797 IV (1:50,000) Son Nam
- (b) Map: Viet Nam, AMS Series 1701, Sheet 6719 IV (1:50,000) Son Nam
- (c) InO 5000.13 (SOP For Administration)
- (d) InO 5000.1A (SOP For Communications)

Time Zone: Z

Annex A Operations Overlay

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1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current ISIDS.
- b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 1st MAW provides air support as required.
- (2) SVN personnel conducts actual search of Vietnamese property and exercises control over movement of Vietnamese personnel, except as indicated in paragraph 3 of this order.
- (3) 3rd Antrock Bn. provides eight LNHPs and one LNTC.
- (4) 1st III Bn. provides trucks as required.
- (5) 1st Heavy Dog Platoon provides four dog handlers and dogs.
- (6) 5th Command Air Squadron, US Airforce, provides psychological warfare support.

2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-), in conjunction with SVN personnel, conduct "County Fair" operation in the Pin Vang complex on the island of Hoa Vinh Channel.

3. ENCOUNTER

a. Concept of Operations. Commencing at 240500Z on D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-) conducts "County Fair" operation with a Battalion Command Group and two rifle companies.

b. Operation A (-).

- (1) Commencing at 240500Z on D-Day, move by foot and establish blocking positions along lines A, B, and C.
- (2) Do not permit Vietnamese civilians to move in a westerly direction from line A or B or in an easterly direction from line C.

c. Operation B.

(1) Commencing at 240530Z on D-Day, move via LNHPs from Hill 54 and establish blocking positions along lines D and E.

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(2) Do not permit Vietnamese civilians to move in a northerly direction from line D to an westerly or southerly direction from line E.

(3) Commander at 240600Z on D-Day, move one platoon via LVT's from vic 451144 to vic 451135 and provide security for GVN personnel in process of moving Vietnamese civilians and searching Vietnamese property in a northerly direction to vic 440150.

(4) Commander at 240600Z on D-Day, move one platoon via LVT's from vic 451144 to vic 451135 and provide security for GVN personnel in process of moving Vietnamese civilians and searching Vietnamese property in a northerly direction to vic 440150.

4. ~~ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.~~

- (1) D-Day - 24 August 1966.
- (2) Annex A - (Operation Overlay).
- (3) All units have front line/unit identification markers.
- (4) Use of riot control agents CS and CN are authorized but will be employed on authority of this headquarters.
- (5) All trash will be returned to Hill 44 and to Company A position.
- (6) All personnel wear upper torso body armor and helmets.
- (7) All personnel carry 3 meals.
- (8) Normal rules of engagement apply.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See reference (a).
- b. Basic loads - as previously prescribed.
- c. Evacuation - by helicopter to 1st Med Bn.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.

- a. See reference (c).
- b. Command post, initially in vicinity coord 451144.
- c. Units report CP locations when established.

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 1st Marine Division, (Rein) FMF  
 FPO San Francisco, California 96602

3/LEW/dls  
 23 August 1966

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding Officer, 5th Marines

Subj: Execution of "County Fair" Operation "KEY CHAIN" 5-6

Ref: (a) CO 2/5 LTR 3/LEW/ggl of 21 Aug. 66; subj. "County Fair" Operations

1. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. 2nd Bn, 5th Marines conducts a County Fair operation by having 2 Companies (-) (Rein) form blocking positions along East-West grid lines Ø6 and Y5, from North-South grid lines 46 to 43; with one platoon along North-South grid line 43, between East-West grid lines Ø5 and Ø6. One Company of PF's from LY TIN District in conjunction with a Political Action Team will enter the operational area from the East and conduct a County Fair operation in the hamlets of KY SANH (1) and KY LONG (1).

b. Co F (-) (Rein)

(1) Assume blocking positions along East-West grid line Ø6 from North-South grid line 43 to 45 being in position no later than H-Hour minus 30 min.

(2) Assume a blocking position along North-South grid line 43 between East-West grid lines Ø5 and Ø6 also to be in position no later than H-Hour minus 30 min.

c. Co H (-) (Rein)

(1) Assume a blocking position along East-West grid line Ø5 between North-South grid lines 43 and 46 being in position no later than H-Hour minus 30 min.

d. Popular Forces from LY TIN District

(1) LY TIN PF Company accompanied by a political Action Team will move from KY PHU (2) vicinity BT473048 and conduct a County Fair operation from East to West in the area of operations.

2. Planned Date of Operation: 28 August 1966

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1st Battalion, 5th Marines  
by The District, NVA  
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- Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam, AMS Series 1701, Sheet 6757 IV (1:50,000)
- (b) Map: Vietnam, AMS Series 1701, Sheet 6759 IV (1:50,000)
- (c) RMO 5000, 1B (SOP for Administration)
- (d) RMO 2000, 1A (SOP for Communications)

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1. SITUATION

a. Heavy Forces. See current ISURB.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 1st MT Bn provides trucks as required.
- (2) 1st Company Dog Platoon provides four dog handlers and dogs.

(3) CVN personnel will conduct a detailed search of Vietnamese civilians and property, exercise control over movement of Vietnamese personnel, except as indicated in paragraph 5 of this order, and will conduct a census and a check of ID cards.

2. MISSION. 1st Battalion, 5th Marines (-), in conjunction with CVN personnel, conducts "COUNTY FAIR" operations in Eich Ng (3) area.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. On D-Day, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines conducts "COUNTY FAIR" operations, in conjunction with CVN personnel, and two rifle companies, with Battalion Command Group.

b. Company A.

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- (2) Do not permit Vietnamese civilians to move in a southerly or westerly direction from line A.

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(3) Do not permit Vietnamese civilians to move in a northern or easterly direction from line B.

a. Operational Instructions

- (1) D-Day - 30 August 1966.
- (2) Annex A - (Operation Overlay).
- (3) All units have front line/unit identification markers.
- (4) Use of riot control agents CS and CN are authorized but will be employed on authority of this headquarters.
- (5) All trash will be returned to Hill 54.
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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See reference (c).
- b. Basic loads - as previously prescribed.
- c. Evacuation - by helicopter to 1st Med Bn.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

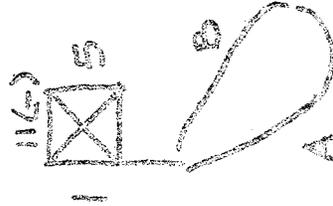
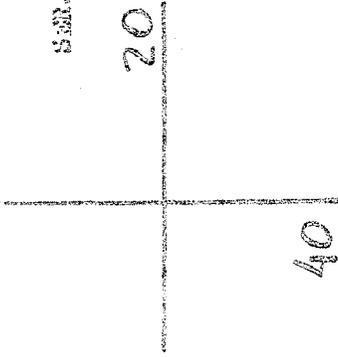
- a. See reference (d).
- b. Command post, initially in vicinity coordinates 337476.
- c. Units report CP locations when established.

  
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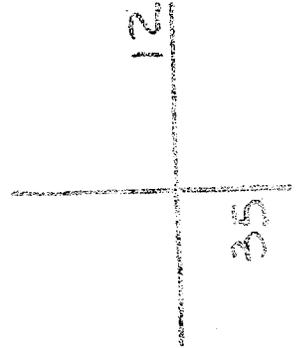
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PLACE	
CHU LAI, SOUTH VIETNAM	
FROM (Date and hour)	TO (Date and hour)
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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
0001		J-1		JOURNAL OPENED	
1455		J-2	021350H	SPT RPT 2/5 H CO, SQD SEC AMTRAC ON RESUPPLY RUN AT BT 441044 APPREHENDED 3 VCS. WHEN PATROL CHALLENGED 3 VCS TO CHECK I.D. CARDS THEY RAN. VCS TAKEN TO CO "B" C.P. FOR SCREENING 02-1	S,F
1910		J-3	021525H	2/5 H Co SQD SEC PATROL W/AMTRACS ON A RESUPPLY RUN. AT BT 443037, found 1 UNEXPLODED 81mm MORT RD. WAS NOT A BOOBY TRAP. BLOWN IN PLACE BY LVT CREW. SPT RPT # <del>02-2</del> 02-2	S,F
<del>1915</del>		<del>J-4</del>	<del>021530H</del>		
1915		J-4	021530H	2/5 H Co SQD SEC PATROL W/AMTRAC ON A RESUPPLY RUN AT BT 444036 FOUND <del>1</del> ONE 105 RD ON RIGHT SIDE OF ROAD GOING SOUTH RD WAS NOT BOOBY TRAP. <del>RD</del> RD WAS POINTED INBOARD & LAYING ON SIDE. RD WAS BLOWN IN PLACE BY LVT CREW. SPT RPT # 02-3	S,F
1934		J-5	021750H	2/5 H Co SQD SEC PATROL W/AMTRAC ON A RE-SUPPLY RUN AT BT 435056 FOUND 1 60mm Mort RD ON TRAIL. SET TO DETONATE A LARGER CHARGE. TYPE OF LARGER CHARGE UNK. MINE WAS BLOWN IN PLACE BY ENGR'S. SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WHERE HEARD . BELIEVED MINE WAS PLACED WITHIN THE LAST 30 MINUTES. AS A RESULT SEC PATROL APPREHENDED 3 VCS. WILL FWD TO ITT.	S,F
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ORGANIZATION <b>CHU LAI, SOUTH VIETNAM</b>	
OPENED (DTG, Month, year) <b>20 AUG 66 0001H</b>	CLOSED (DTG, Month, year) <b>20 AUG 66 2400H</b>

(Classification)

TIME		SER. NO.	DTG	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps	T-Troops
0001		J-1		OPENED JOURNAL		
1245		J-2	200900H	CO G PLT PTL S&D DISC'D BOOBYTRAP M-26 GREN ON TRAIL BT 416086, AREA POSSIBLE MARK WITH PAPER ON GROUND. GRENADE WAS DISARMED. SP-20-1		S, F
1250		J-3	201100H	CO H SQD S&D FOUND 1 US M-26 GREN W/TRIP WIRE. BOOBYTRAPED TO FUNGI STAKE, AT BT 420024. DESTROYED IN PLACE. SP-20-2		S, F
1525		J-4	201500H	2/5 CO G PLT S&D FOUND 1 IO6 & 1 155 RD BOOBYTRAPPED IN BUSH. RDS BLOWN IN PLACE AT BT 422093. SP-20-3		S, F
2400		J-5		JOURNAL CLOSED		

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23 AUGUST 66 0001H	23 AUGUST 66 2400H

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TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0001		J-1		JOURNAL OPENED		
1135		J-2	231110H	1/5 CO C SQD S&D REC'D 10 RDS SA SNIPER FIRE FM BT 352164 FM 3 VC. RET'D 30 RDS SA & 10 M-79 RDS. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. SP-23-1		S,F
1255		J-3	231115H	1/5 CO B PLT OP OBS'D SMOKE COMING FM SUSPECTED VC BASE CAMP AT BT 374092. REQ'D ARTY, FIRED 16 RDS HE. GOOD COVERAGE, AREA NOT CHECKED DUE TO DISTANCE. SP-23-2		S,F
1420		J-4	231350H	1/5 CO C 2D PLT S&D REC'D 2-3 RDS SNIPER FIRE FM BT 337164. RET'D 15 RDS SA FIRE. SEARCHED AREA & FOUND CLASS ROOM COMPLETE WITH CHALK & 1-155 DUD, APPROX 700 LB RICE & APPRE I VCS. AMMO & ALL ELSE TO BN CP IF POSSIBLE 24 AUG, 155MM DESTROYED. SP-23-3		S,F
1639		J-5	231545H	2/5 CO F SQD/SEC W/LVT RESUPPLY RUN AMTRAC HIT UNK TYPE DEVICE CAUSING EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO VEHICLE. SQD SET DEF/POS TILL RETREAVAR ARRIVED. BT 435063 SP-23-4 LVT RETREAVED AT 231755H.		S,F
2400		J-6		JOURNAL CLOSED		
LATE ENTRY		J-6	231527H	RECIEVED WARNING ORDER TO PROVIDE ONE RIFLE CO WITH ONE SECTION 81MM MORTOR TO CLDC NLT 241000H Aug. TWO RIFLE COMPANY AND BN CMD GRP TO 7TH MARINES NLT 241200H, CG 1ST MARDIV 230642Z AUG 66.		
			232110H	2/5 ASSIGNED MISSION REGEMENTAL RESERVE 240800H AUG 66 5TH MARINES 231212Z.		
			232200H	WARNING ORDER TO 3/5 TO PROVIDE ONE RIFLE CO WITH ONE SECTION 81 MM MORTAR TO CLDC NLT 241000H AUG 66, TWO COMPANY AND BN CMD GRP TO 7TH MARINES NLT 241200H AUG 66, 5TH MARINES 231210Z AUG 66.		
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0001		J-1		JOURNAL OPENED	
0134		J-2	242355H	LATE REPORT H-2-5 PERIMETER DEFENSE POS RECV'D ONE GRENADE, CAUSING ONE USMC WIA. 1- VC OBS, POS FIRED 1ORDS S/A, NO FURTHER CON- TACT. HELO-MED-EVAC COMPLETED AT 250135H.	
1535		J-3	251115H	BT 445032 SP-25-1 SPT RPT. At BT 423099 "F" Co. 2/5 Ft Sec PATROL FOUND A SPRUNG BEAR TRAP ON AMPRAC TRAIL. TRAP WAS NOT THERE TWO DAYS AGO. POSSIBLE BOOBY TRAP. BLOWN WITH C-4. 25-2.	S,F
2400		J-4		JOURNAL CLOSED	
		J-4	252307H	LATE ENTRY: WARNING ORDER 1/5 AND 2/5 TO BE PREPARED TO CHOP ON ORDER ONE RIFLE CO EACH TO 7TH MARINES ON ORDER 26 AUG 66 5TH MARINES 251310Z AUG 66	
		J-5	252335H	LATE ENTRY: REVIECED WARNING ORDER TO PROVIDE TWO RIFLE CO OPCON 7TH MARINES NLT 261200H AUG 66 CG 1ST MARINES 251420Z AUG 66	
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IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0001		J-1		JOURNAL OPENED		
0350		J-2	260230H	SPOT REP #26-1 G-2-5 FT/AMB/SEC PATROL ENROUTE TO BN CP, RECV'D 10RDS S/A, DURING MANOUVER TO ENM POS, RECV'D 4RDS S/A. SEARCH OF AREA WAS NEG, NO FURTHER CONTACT. RETURN-		
0800		J-3	251340H	TO BN CP. BT 468077 ENM: BT 467070 LATE ENTRY. MGEN JOHN H. MASTERS & PARTY ARRIVED 5TH MAR CP. BRIEFED BY CO 5TH MAR DEPARTED 251420H.	S, F	
1605		J-4	261520H	SPOT REP #26-4 2/5 "G" Co FT SEC (+) AT BT 457053, TRIPPED UNKNOWN TYPE BOOBY TRAP. SMALL EXPLOSION AND LOTS OF SMOKE. 1 USMC WIA (NON MEDEVAC) SLIGHT CUT ON LEG.		
2100		J-5	261500H	SPOT RPT # 26-9 H-2-5 AT BT 445015 REC'D RPT FROM RECON CP (BAD <del>WHISKEY</del> ACTOR WHISKEY) REQ'D TO FIRE IN 2/5 TACR. 15-30 VC. 2/5 GRANTED PERMISSION. VILLAGERS NEAR THE IMPACT AREA RPT'D RDS MISSED VC. VILLAGERS ESTIMATED ONE COMPANY VC. AT BT 439012. AO WAS CALLED BY 2/5 STAYED IN AREA 5 MIN. NEGATIVE <del>RETX</del> SIGHTINGS. "H" COMPANY SENT PLT INTO AREA WHICH WAS PREP AGAIN BEFORE SEARCH. SEARCH CONDUCTED. NEGATIVE RESULTS.	S, F	
2335		J-6	262300H	SPOT REP #26-5 G-2-5 FT/SEC PATROL RECV'D 2RDS CARBINE FIRE, PRECEDED BY RINGING OF A BELL. SEARCH LOC BELL, WILL FWD. NO FURTHER CONTACT. BT 445061 ENM: BT 447061	S, F	
2400		J-7		JOURNAL CLOSED.		
		J-7	262236H	LATE ENTRY RECIECED WARNING ORDER ONE BN CMD GRP CHOP TO 7TH MARINES NLT 270600H AUG 66 ONE RIFLE CO ON TWO HR ALERT TO CHOP TO 7TH MARINES. NLT270600H AUG 66. STAND DOWN FROM TIEN PHOUC ALERT AS OF 271800H. CG 1ST MARDIV 261350Z Aug 66		
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1020H		J-2	280530H	COUNTY FAIR 2/5 (5-6) COMMENCED OPERATION "KEY CHAIN" 5-6.	S, F	
1020H		J-3	280600H	COUNTY FAIR 5-6 2/5 RPTS CO F & CO H IN BLOCKING POSITION.	M, S, F	
1020H		J-4	280630H	COUNTY FAIR 5-6 2/5 CO F FOUND TWO BOOBYTRAPS (1-60MM MORT) AT BT 437058 & (1-155MM) AT BT 437057. BOTH WERE BLOWN IN PLACE.	M, S, F	
1021H		J-5	280700H	COUNTY FAIR 5-6 2/5 CO F FT SEC PTL FOUND A BOOBYTRAP GRENADE (BLACK CHICOM STICK TYPE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC) AT BT 439056. BLOWN IN PLACE.	M, S, F	
1022H		J-6	280725H	COUNTY FAIR 5-6 2/5 CO F BLOCKING FORCE FOUND 2-155MM RDS NOT BOOBYTRAPPED AT BT 444063. WILL BE BLOWN IN PLACE.	M, S, F	
1023H		J-7	280730H	COUNTY FAIR 5-6 LY TIN DISTRICT HQ CO (PF) STARTED SWEEP OF KY SANH (I)	S, F	
1024H		J-8	280800H	COUNTY FAIR 5-6 MED CAP DEPARTED 2/5 BN CP FOR KY SANH (I) VILLAGE. CIVIL AFFAIRS NGO IS WITH MED CAP.	S, F	
1025		J-9	280845H	1/5 NOTIFIED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPARROW HAWK, DOWN HELO AND REGIMENTAL RESERVE. FM 280800H TO 300600H.	S, F	
1026		J-10	280930H	SITREP #1 BLOCKING FORCE IN POSITION. SWEEPING UNIT LEFT KY SANH (I) NOW ENTERING "NO NAME VILLAGE" AT BT 445055. SWEEPING VILLAGERS BEFORE THEM TO ASSEMBLY AREA AT BT 443050. BAND AT MED CAP ON ROUTE TO ASSEMBLY AREA. NO ENEMY CONTACT. THE AIR PORTION OF DEMONSTRATION HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF AIR CRAFT. REMAINING PORTION OF DEMONSTRATION IS TO GO AS SCHEDULED USING MAXIMUM SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.	M, S, F	
1030		J-11	281015H	COUNTY FAIR 5-6 SITREP 3 OPERATION "KEY CHAIN" MED CAP IS BEING CONDUCTED. BAND IS SET UP PREPARED TO PLAY. APPROX 350 VILLAGERS IN ASSEMBLY AREA BEING SCREENED. PHI WARFARE LEAFLETS DROP BEING CONDUCTED. NO ENEMY CONTACT. CP LOCATIONS REMAINS THE SAME.	S, F	
1032		J-12	280956H	COUNTY FAIR 5-6 2/5 OPERATION "KEY CHAIN" & BAND HAVE LINKED UP WITH SWEEPING FORCE AT ASSEMBLY AREA. SWEEP CONTINUING. SCREENING OF VILLAGERS COMMENCING. NO POSITIVE ENEMY CONTACT. BN CP LOCATED AT BT 436062.	M, S, F	

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## JOURNAL

NAVMC 219-GS (REV. 5-63)  
SUPERSEDES 2-52 AND 8-56 EDITIONS WHICH WILL BE USED

(Classification)

UNIT OR SECTION	
S-3, FIFTH MARINES	
PLACE	
CHU LAI, SOUTH VIETNAM	
FROM (Date and hour)	TO (Date and hour)
30 AUGUST 66 0001H	30 AUGUST 66 2400H

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
0001		J-1		JOURNAL OPENED		
0525		J-2	300525H	300520 1/5 COMMENCED OPERATION COUNTY FAIR, BATTALION COMMAND GRP AND 2 RIFLE CO DEPARTED HILL #54 BT 396145.		S,F
0545		J-3	300540H	AT 300535 1/5 REPORTS LINE ALFA HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.		M,S,F
0610		J-4	300600H	300558H 1/5 REPORTS LEADING ELEMENTS CROSSING LINE OF DEPARTURE.		S,F
0650		J-5	300645H	300640 D 1/5 RECEIVED 3 ROUNDS SNIPER FIRE AT BT 359169. RETURNED 10 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE. SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. CONTINUED MISSION.		M,S,F
0725		J-6	300710H	300715H "D" CO 1/5 AT BT 348172 RECEIVED 4 ROUNDS SNIPER FIRE. RETURNED 15 RDS S/A AND 1 M-79. ONE VC KIA IN FOOT. MED EVAC TO CHU LAI.VC LOCATED AT BT 347172.		
0710		J-7	300710H	RECEIVED CALL FROM DIV COC. DOWN HELO AT BT 508135. "G" CO 2/5 ALERTED.		M,S,F
0716		J-8	300716H	RECEIVED CALL FROM DIV COC. PLAN ON USING ONLY ONE (1) SQD INITIALLY. DESIRE TO HAVE BALANCE OF UNIT STAND BY AT BT 468067 HELO PAD, IN EVENT THEY MAY BE NEEDED.		S,F
0725		J-9	300725H	THREE (3) H-34 COPTERS AT HILL #69 (BT 468-067) LZ FOR PICK UP.		S,F
0729		J-10	300729H	ONE (1) SQD (REIN) LIFTED OFF LZ AT BT 468-067, WITH 21 MEN.		
0737		J-11	300737H	ONE (1) (REIN) SQD FROM "G" 2/5 LANDED AT SITE OF DOWN COPTER AT BT 508135. 21MAN SQD PERIMETER HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AROUND COPTER. ALL SECURE.		
0746		J-12	300746H	RECEIVED CALL FROM DIV COC (GY DUFF) TO SECURE BALANCE OF PLATOON AT HILL#69 LZ (BT 468076) ONE(1) SQD IS ALL THAT WILL BE NEEDED. 2/5 NOTIFIED.		
0840		J-13	300800H	300750H 1/5 STANDING BY WAITING FOR PF TROOPS AT BT 340172.		
0840		J-14	300820H	CHINE 3 C.P. LOCATED AT BT 342169 LATE ENTRY		
0850		J-15	300730H	COL MIDDECKE DIRECTED 3/5 TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR 2/7 TAOR BY 301300H. LAISON WITH 7TH MARINES HAS BEEN EFFECTED.		
1025		J-16	301003H	300930H ONE(1) RIFLE PLATOON FROM 2/5PUT ON ALERT FOR SECURITY OF TWO (2) ELEMENTS TO BE INSERTED AT HAU DUC (BT 047063).		

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<del>1110</del>		J-17	301104H	DOWN COPTER AT BT 508135 HAS BEEN LIFTED		
				OUT AND TAKEN TO CHU LAI (MAG #36) LZ.		
1130		J-18	301115H	1/5 EN ROUTE BACK FROM BICH NGO (3) TO BT		
				328164 CHECK POINT GREEN, TO BT 371148 CHECK		
				POINTRED TO BT 380141 CHECK POINT BLUE TO HOME		
				BASE.		
1145		J-19	301122H	SQD FROM CO "G" RETURNED TO 2/5 C.P.		
1150		J-20	301141H	CO "E" HAS RETURNED TO 2/5 C.P. CHOP 7TH		
				MARINES.		
1155		J-21	3001140H	"B" CO BACK FROM 7TH MARINES AND ARE IN 1/5		
				CP AT BT 396145		
1600		J-22	301530H	1/5 BACK IN CP AT BT 396145 COUNTY FAIR		
				5-7 TERMINATED.		
2142		J-23	301751H	FR 3/5 TO 5TH MAR PARA # 1 EFFECTIVE		
				301800H HAV ASSUMED OPCON 2/7 H CO. AND		
				2/7 TAOR PARA # 2 FORCES AVAILABLE;		
				M-3-3, K-3-5, H-2-7, AND 3/5 CMD GRU A.	S,F	
2215		J-24	302205H	FROM 3/5 TO 5THMAR POSITION REPORT M-3-5		
				FM BT 487036 TO 494035 TO 494029. M-3-5 CP		
				AT BT 495037. K-3-5 FM BT 508023 TO 513020		
				TO 516010. K-3-5 CP AT 516023. H-2-7 FROM		
				BT 499029 TO 507024. H-2-7 CP AT BT 507030.		
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3/LLT/ptp  
2 Sept 1966

REGIMENTAL ORDER P3400.1D

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Standing Operating Procedure for Nuclear, Biological and  
Chemical Defense

Ref: (a) DivO P3400.4C

Encl: (1) NBC Defense Billet/Team Assignment Report  
(2) NBC Defense Equipment Inventory/Serviceability Report

REPORT REQUIRED: Page 5-1

1. Purpose. To prescribe Nuclear, Biological and Chemical training standards and establish NBCD procedures to be used during training and combat.
2. Cancellation. Regimental Order P3400.1C
3. Certification. Reviewed and approved this date.

  
W. C. AIRHEART  
By direction

DISTRIBUTION "A"

**TAB 8**

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SECTION I

101. SCOPE. This order supplements reference (a) and contains instructions on the following aspects of NBC Defense; assignment of personnel, training and proficiency standards, defensive material individual and unit NBC defense measures, Section IV is this. Regiments Standing Operating Procedure for Nuclear, Biological and Chemical defense in combat and training exercises. Subordinate units will issue SOPs to conform.

102. DEFENSE PERSONNEL.

1. A Regimental NBC Defense Officer and 4 NCO assistants will be assigned in writing. These billets will be additional duty assignments. The NCO'S will be Sergeants or above and graduates of a Division or higher level NBC Defense school.

These NCO'S will be assigned from:

- |                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| a. S-2 Section                     | 1 |
| b. S-3 Section                     | 1 |
| c. S-4 Section                     | 1 |
| d. Headquarters Company Commandant | 1 |

2. Headquarters Company and each battalion within the Regiment will designate in writing an NBC Defense Officer, and one NCO in addition to the existing T/O billet for the NBCD NCO. These assignments will be an additional duty. Graduates from the Division NBCD School or it's equivalent is considered the minimum training for the Officers and NCO'S assigned.

3. Each company size unit, will organize and maintain two monitor/survey teams (2 men each) and one decontamination team (6 men each). The monitor/survey teams will have capability of using all current T/E Radiac equipment and agent detection kits. The decontamination teams will be capable of establishing a personnel decontamination station and operating organic decontaminating equipment.

4. Each battalion aid station will organize one medical shock team consisting of one officer and five hospital corpsmen.

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SECTION III

NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL DEFENSE TRAINING PROCEDURES  
AND PROFICIENCY STANDARDS.

201. PROFICIENCY STANDARDS

a. Individuals must be trained to achieve the standards of proficiency outlined in reference (a). In addition, the individual must be basically familiar with characteristics and capabilities of NBC warfare.

202. TRAINING POLICY

a. As stated in reference (a).

203. SCHOOL TRAINING

1. Units will ensure that assigned monitoring and decontamination teams receive at least four (4) hours instruction per month in their respective areas of interest. This is in addition to individual and unit training.

2. Officers and SNCO'S are responsible for having a working knowledge of the more advanced aspects of NBC defense. Recommended subjects for Officer/Staff NCO Schools include, but are not limited to:

- a. Crossing contaminated areas.
- b. NBC employment.
- c. NBC logistics.
- d. Tactical recovery of personnel, equipment and weapons.
- e. Functioning of unit NBC defense center.
- f. Procedures.

204. TRAINING SUPPLIES.

Unit T/E's provide for certain equipment to be used on NBCD training. The use of CS capsules, grenades and other Class V items connected with NBCD training is encouraged. To supplement these, however, field expedients may be necessary. For example, gypsum or flour to simulate Super-Tropical-Bleach (STB); mustard; red crayon, chalk or other appropriately colored substance to simulate external effects of blood agents. Training aids are limited only by the imagination of the instructor.

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SECTION III

301. NBC DEFENSE MATERIAL

1. INSPECTIONS

a. Units will conduct periodic inspections of stored NBCD equipment in accordance with TI-10010-15/1 w/change 2.

b. A quarterly report will be submitted to this Headquarters (S-3) using the format of enclosure (2). This report will be submitted by the 10th day of the month following the reporting quarter.

2. STORAGE

a. Cool and dry storage of all NBCD equipment.

b. Ventilated spaces for any material capable of omitting toxic or irritating fumes or substances due to deterioration or rupturing of it's container. Ensure that the Lot Number and Manufacture Date are not obliterated on the STB containers.

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SECTION IV

401. NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL DEFENSE STANDING OPERATION PROCEDURES

1. ORGANIZATION

a. The control and direction of NBC defense efforts within the Regiment is a function of the Regimental S-3. The normal command and staff structure will be used in the conduct of NBC Defense.

b. On order of the Commanding Officer, a Regimental NBC Defense Center will be activated. It will be composed of the personnel assigned in accordance with paragraph 102.1 of this order.

2. STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Regimental S-1

(1) Advise the Commanding Officer when units are approaching a predetermined level of radiation dosage and when they may require rotation as radiation casualties.

b. Regimental S-2

(1) Maintains a current estimate of the NBC capability of the enemy.

(2) Disseminates information on enemy NBC material.

c. Regimental S-3

(1) Recommends operation plans/orders in consideration of enemy capabilities.

(2) Prepares plans for the continuation of the Regiment's mission in the event of mass evacuation of a subordinate unit or units.

(3) Supervises the activities of the NBCD Officer.

d. Regimental NBCD Officer (Assistant S-3)

(1) Provides assistance to members of the executive and special staffs on NBCD matters.

(2) Assists in the preparation of the troop safety plan.

(3) Maintains a continuous estimate of vulnerability to NBC attack.

(4) Prepares initial assessment of damage to own units resulting from enemy NBC attack.

(5) Assists in preparation of NBC annex to operation plans and orders.

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(6) Establishes an NBC Defense Center to perform the following specialized functions:

(a) Insure dissemination of Division's NBC warning that the enemy has initiated employment of NBC weapons or employment of such weapons is considered imminent.

(b) From the "Effective Wind Message" and "Fallout Prediction Message" received from Division NBC Defense Center, Prepare and disseminate location of areas of hazard resulting from surface burst nuclear weapons.

(c) Collect, evaluate and disseminate NBC contamination information.

(d) Coordinate NBC surveys when required on Regimental level.

(e) Maintain file on current capabilities of subordinate and reinforcing units to perform mission of NBC monitoring/surveying, decontamination, medical assistance and damage control.

(f) Maintain current NBC contamination overlay for the situation map.

(g) Coordinate initial recovery operations until the Commanding Officer passes control to the area Damage Control Officer.

(h) Be prepared to operate independently.

e. Regimental S-4

(1) Supervises area damage control and mass evacuation.

(2) Recommends the establishment of decontamination stations in conjunction with the NBCD Officer.

(3) Estimates requirements for, and makes recommendations on the distribution of NBCD supplies and equipment.

f. Regimental Communications Officer

(1) Provides enlisted man to serve as recorder and communications operator within the NBC Defense Center.

g. Regimental Surgeon

(1) Supervises the training of all medical personnel within the Regiment in handling, treatment, processing and evacuation of NBC casualties.

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h. Regimental Air Officer

(1) Requests aircraft to conduct rapid radiological survey within the Regimental zone of action as requested by the NBC Defense Center.

i. Regimental Motor Transport Officer

(1) Supervises decontamination of motor transport equipment.

3. SUBORDINATE UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Each Battalion will establish an NBC Defense Center as required by paragraph 102 of this order.

b. Each unit of this command will establish NBCD Teams as required by reference (a).

c. Units will keep abreast of the latest developments in NBC warfare. Direct liaison with Division NBCD Defense is highly desirable.

402. GENERAL DEFENSIVE PROCEDURES

(1) In the event of deployment or emergency, each member will be issued a field protective mask. Selected personnel will be issued self-reading dosimeters on order of the Regimental Commander.

(2) In addition to information published in Section IV of reference (a), the following action will be accomplished by the unit NBCD Officer following an NBC attack.

- a. Submit appropriate reports, in accordance with reference (a).
- b. Commence monitoring and marking of contaminated areas.
- c. Determine what organic equipment is necessary to the mission and perform rough decontamination of it.
- d. Determine the need for personnel decontamination stations, select the sites and supervise their establishment and operation.
- e. Select an area for operations by the Battalion Medical Emergency Detachment (MED).
- f. Receive samples of unknown Biological and Chemical agents for forwarding to the appropriate unit for testing. He will insure samples are identified in accordance with current doctrines.

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SECTION V

501. WARNINGS AND REPORTS

1. Warnings and reports will be in accordance with reference (a).
2. A roster of all personnel filling NBC Defense billets will be submitted to this Headquarters as per enclosure (1), and will be kept updated as changes occur.

UNIT HEADING

NBC Defense Team Assignments

Billet/Team	Name	Rank	Ser No./Mos	School Trained	RTD
HQ CO NBCD Officer					
	NBCD NCOIC				
	NBCD NCO				
Monitoring Team (1)					
Monitoring Team (2)					
Decon Team					
Bn NBCD Officer					
	NBCD NCOIC				
	NBCD NCO				
	COMPANY				
Monitoring Team (1)					
Monitoring Team (2)					
Decon Team					

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ENCLOSURE (1)

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UNIT HEADING

NBC Defense Equipment Inventory

TA TO	Federal Stock No.	Description	U/I	Con Exp	T/O T/E	On Hand	Serv- icable	Unserv- icable	On Order	Date/ Req. no.

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LOCATOR SHEET

Subj: NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL (NBC) DEFENSE INSTRUCTION  
AND PROCEDURES

Location: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate the location(s) of the copy(ies) of this order.

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1st Marine Division (Rein), Fleet Marine Force  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California 96602

RegtO P3500.1A Ch2  
3/JAG/hrb  
30 Aug 1966

REGIMENTAL ORDER P3500.1A CH 2

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Combat Readiness, Standing Operating procedures

Encl: (1) New Page inserts to RegtO P3500.1A

1. Purpose. To transmit new page inserts to the basic order.
2. Action. Remove the present section III and replace it with enclosure (1).

*W.C. Airheart*  
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## SECTION III

Uncommon Valor  
was a Common Virtue

301. GENERAL

1. MISSION. The primary mission of the Infantry Regiment is to locate, close with, and destroy the enemy by fire and maneuver or to repel his assault by fire and close combat in the amphibious assault and subsequent operations.

2. TRAINING OBJECTIVE. The objective of all training is combat readiness.

This section provides guidance to assist commanders and unit leaders at all echelons in ensuring that both the individual and his unit meet this objective.

3. TRAINING POLICIES

A. GENERAL. Marine Corps training policies are set forth in the Marine Corps Manual. These policies are amplified in FMFM 3-2 (Amphibious Training) MCO's 1510.2 - (General Military Training of Enlisted Men), 1510.10 (Orientation of General Military Subjects Training Toward Republic of Vietnam Operations), and related directives published by the Commandant of the Marine Corps. Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, training policies are contained in FMFPacO P1500.3 (SOP for Training). 1st Marine Division training policies are contained in DivO P3000.1 (Procedures for Operations and Training), DivO 1500.30A (Annual Training Directive) and other related directives published by the Commanding General. Training within this Regiment will be in accordance with these policies, this section, and related directives published by the Regimental Commander. Operational commitments of Battalions while in Vietnam sometimes preclude strict compliance with training guidance outlined herein. Reliance must be placed on the small unit leader to pursue continuously the objective of all training: combat readiness. Commanders will insure that Marines are well trained at every unit level to avoid "learning from mistakes".

B. COMBAT READINESS. It is the primary responsibility of every officer staff non-commissioned officer, and non-commissioned officer to ensure that they and the personnel under their charge are as fully prepared for combat as time and circumstances permit. This demands the highest degree of professional standards and a continuing effort for perfection. The striving for perfection must dominate all training efforts. It should develop such momentum that we will in fact be as ready for combat as the combined talent and effort of every member of this command can make it.

C. INDIVIDUAL TRAINING

(1) DEFINITION. Individual training is that training which the individual receives in basic military subjects, and those technical and tactical subjects appropriate to his Military Occupational Speciality.

(2) GUIDANCE. Basic guidance is contained in MCO's 1510.2 and 1510.10, DivO's 1500.30 (GMS and Technical MOS Training) and P3000.1. The policies established in these references and this paragraph must be adhered to if each individual is to receive a sound GMS background and be technically qualified in his MOS.

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(3) GENERAL MILITARY SUBJECTS TRAINING

(a) By their nature, General Military Subjects are broad in scope. They do, however, provide the basic foundation and framework for all other training. Their impact on the individual's understanding of his responsibilities to and relationships with his unit is significant.

(b) Commanders will ensure that staff, headquarters, supply, maintenance, motor transport, and other such personnel whose regular duties, may restrict their receiving adequate GMS training, are in fact, effectively trained.

(c) Periodic testing will be conducted by this Headquarters to measure the effectiveness of the GMS training being conducted in each unit.

(d) Frequent inspections will be conducted by this Headquarters to ensure commanders are complying with the requirements set forth in DivO 1500.30\_.

(4) TECHNICAL MOS TRAINING

(a) Technical MOS training has a vital place in a well organized and directed training program. Such training serves not only to qualify a basic Marine in his MOS, but also enhances the competence of those individuals already assigned a MOS.

(b) Technical MOS training will be accomplished by utilization of both schools and on-the job training.

(c) All battalions and separate company commanders will develop and publish by an appropriate directive the procedures and chain of command by which a basic Marine will be recommended and certified as MOS qualified. The initiating directive will also include the procedures for the establishment and maintenance of individual MOS training records.

(5) RETRAINING. Where possible and desirable, personnel with non-critical MOS's who possess the talent and the interest should be retrained in a critical MOS. Such training will be in accordance with MCO 1220.4\_. All commanders will familiarize themselves with this order and take immediate and aggressive steps to effect such retraining of personnel as may be appropriate.

(6) CROSS TRAINING. Maximum flexibility in combat can only be achieved by the ability of one Marine to do the job of another if the need arises. The heritage of "EVERY MARINE A RIFLEMAN FIRST" has paid untold dividends.

All commanders will, within the scope of their unit's organization and mission, institute a cross training program.

D. UNIT AND COMBINED TRAINING. See DivO P3000.1\_.

4. TRAINING PROGRAM

a. GENERAL. FMFM 3-2 (Amphibious Training), DivO P3000.1\_, and related directives form the basis for the training program established within this Regiment. These directives contain detailed guidance, requirements, procedures, definitions, and references for the conduct of training.

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b. MANDATORY TRAINING. It is mandatory that all personnel receive Landmine Warfare, Demolitions and Boobytrap training as soon after arrival in Vietnam as possible.

c. HEADQUARTERS COMPANY. A considerable portion of the training program will be concerned with GHS and MOS training. Nevertheless, overall training emphasis must be directed toward the development of efficient staff coordination and functioning.

d. INFANTRY BATTALIONS. The training program established for each infantry battalion must be individually tailored to meet its requirements.

e. COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS. All combat support and combat service training will be directed towards providing needed support to the supported infantry units at the proper time, in the proper place, and in the proper quantity.

f. PF UNITS. The training program established for each PF unit will be tailored to accomplish its mission, and meet the requirements set forth in RegtO 04900.1.

### 302. SCHOOLS

1. GENERAL. Schools are considered an integral part of the training program. It is the policy of this Headquarters that maximum advantage be taken of the schools made available to units within this command. The temporary loss of key personnel must be accepted when the end result is the increased efficiency and combat readiness of the individual and the unit concerned.

a. PERSONNEL SELECTION. It is imperative that commanders interview school candidates and then select and nominate only the best qualified personnel available to receive school training. A well motivated, conscientious individual will not only realize the most from a course of instruction, but will provide a bonus effect in the effective instruction he can present upon return to his unit.

b. QUOTA ASSIGNMENTS. Quotas, when received by this Headquarters, will be assigned to units on pro rata basis if current requirements and priorities permit.

c. QUOTA REQUESTS. Commanders may request school quotas at any time by calling this Headquarters (S-3).

d. PROMPTNESS. Commanders will institute procedures to ensure that quota assignments are filled rapidly and accurately.

e. MONITORING. Commanders will establish procedures for the monitoring of individuals assigned to schools on a TAD basis. If personal visits to such persons are impossible then use the U. S. Mail. This will show the individual that his schooling is important. In many instances such command interest will provide the necessary impetus to ensure successful completion, rather than failure, of a course of instruction.

2. FORMAL SCHOOLS. See DivO P1500.30 (Annual Training Directive).

3. UNIT SCHOOLS. See DivO P3000.1. Information concerning unit schools to be conducted by this Headquarters will be published by separate directive.

2. MILITARY CORRESPONDENCE COURSES. See MCO 1550.3 and DivO P3000.1. Use of supervised group study classes is encouraged as one method of meeting technical MOS training requirements.

303. SPECIFIC TRAINING. Each commander must analyze the specific combat mission of his unit as assigned in the T/O, as well as his unit's current training and material status in order to determine what additional training is required.

1. MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING. Ensuring that the individual acquires and maintains the essential level of proficiency and confidence in his weapon is absolutely mandatory. As a very minimum each individual must fire his individual and assigned crew served weapon for familiarization and at night. DivO P3000.1 contains instructions concerning marksmanship training with individual small arms.

2. EMPHASIS. Emphasis will be placed on those subjects and skills essential to operations in Vietnam. Training is to include:

a. Vietnam indoctrination covering the political, economic and religious aspects of the country and the customs and traditions of the people.

b. Mines and boobytraps, ambushes and immediate action drills and scouting and patrolling.

c. Frequent, periodic pacification mission indoctrination to include success achieved to date, the PF and RF program, Combined Action Platoons and Companies, the expansion of GVN control, and the individual Marine's and unit's role in civic action.

d. First aid and sanitation training, with emphasis on tropical sanitation and the effects of sun, heat and rain.

e. Evasion and escape techniques and survival in a tropical environment.

f. T/O weapons marksmanship and fam firing of all other individual and crew served weapons utilized by the unit.

g. Leadership training.

h. Map reading and use of the compass.

i. Supporting arms fire adjustment and control.

j. Sources of intelligence, the intelligence cycle and importance of reporting intelligence information.

k. Fire team, squad, platoon and company tactics.

l. Voice radio procedures.

3. LANDMINE WARFARE, DEMOLITIONS AND BOOBYTRAP TRAINING. See DivO 1500.28.

4. NIGHT TRAINING. Commanders will ensure that all units conduct at least one-half (50%) of their field training at night during individual, unit and combined unit training. Emphasis must be placed on noise and light discipline, silent movement, patrolling, and security measures utilized to guard against infiltration and ambush.

5. COMBAT EXPERIENCE. Other units in combat in the Republic of Vietnam are a constant source of valuable information. Information is made available to all units by the Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, in the form of FMFPac-Bulletins in the 1500 Series. They are entitled "Tactical Trends and Training Tips". Whenever possible this information should be incorporated in all applicable phases of training.

#### 304. TRAINING INSPECTIONS

1. ORGANIZATION AND UNIT TRAINING INSPECTIONS. Commanders will establish and maintain an appropriate training inspection system to ensure the adequacy and efficiency of subordinate unit training. Chapter 7, FM 21-5, will assist in establishing an effective training inspection system.

2. REGIMENTAL TRAINING INSPECTIONS. Frequent informal inspections of scheduled training will be made by the Regimental Commander and members of his executive and special staff. The Regimental S-3, or his designated representative will make informal inspections in order to evaluate the state of training within the Regiment.

a. Training inspections will include all types of training to provide a complete cross-section evaluation.

b. Training inspections will in no way interfere with the progress of training being conducted.

c. Prior to the inspection, the inspection officer will notify the commanding officer concerned. Upon completion of his inspection, he will notify the commanding officer concerned, or his representative, of his evaluation of the training observed.

d. By 0800 of the next day after such a training inspection, the inspecting officer will submit a brief written report to the Regimental Commander (Attn: S-3).

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 (b) Map: VIETNAM, 1: 250,000, Joint Operations Graphic, Series 1501, Sheets ND 48-4 ND 49-1  
 (c) 5th Marines OpOrder 301-66  
 (d) DivO 3480.1  
 (e) Div Op Plan 303-66  
 (f) DivO 3000.1  
 (g) DivO PO2000.2 (CEOI)

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Task Organization: Annex A

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence)
- (2) Current INTSUMS

b. Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam and U.S./Vietnamese Special Forces maintain an outpost at Kham Duc (ZCOO4078) with military population of between 500-900.

c. Assumptions

- (1) That enemy attack of the Kham Duc Special Forces Camp is imminent or the camp is under attack.
- (2) That support from sources outside 1st Marine Division will be provided.

2. MISSION. 5th Marines, on order, reinforce or reestablish the Kham Duc Special Forces Camp and destroy the enemy forces in the area of operation.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations

- (1) 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines will on order, land by helicopter in or near Kham Duc and reinforce or reestablish the camp and destroy enemy forces in the area of operations.

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- (2) When the situation permits and as required, combat support and combat service support units will be provided. See Annex A (Tentative Task Organization).
- b. 3rd Bn 5th Marines. Initiate planning relative to reinforcement or reestablishment of Kham Duc and destruction of enemy forces. Plans to include:
  - (1) One reinforced rifle company on one hour alert.
  - (2) Rapid follow-up for remainder of battalion and supporting arms as required.
  - (3) Search and destroy missions within the area surrounding the camp.
- c. 1st and 2nd Bns 5th Marines: Be prepared to assume mission of 3rd Bn 5th Marines.
- d. Coordinating Instructions
  - (1) Prepare detailed plans and include necessary combat support and combat service support.
  - (2) Where possible, include anticipated air support requests on appropriate forms to facilitate rapid submission.
  - (3) Artillery Support. Annex E to reference (c)
  - (4) Direct liaison authorized with Kham Duc Special Forces Camp
  - (5) Plans will be prepared in detail to ensure prompt execution by Frag Order
  - (6) Rules of Engagement. See Ref (c)
  - (7) Reports. See Ref (d)
  - (8) Provide thirty copies of all plans to this Headquarters
  - (9) Normal TAOR missions of units to be deployed will be reassigned during deployment
- 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. 5th Marines Administrative Order 301-66.
- 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS
  - a. Communication - Electronics
    - (1) Annex G to reference (c)
    - (2) Reference (g)

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b. Command

- (1) Command relationships. Annex B to reference (e)
- (2) Command Posts. Report when established.

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ANNEXES

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 Det ITT  
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 Det Co (-), 1st SP Bn

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Lt. Col. BRONARS

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Ref: (a) Map:

- (1) South Vietnam 1:250,000 Scale, Series AGC/JOG(G),  
 Sheets ND48-4 and ND49-1
- (2) South Vietnam 1:50,000 Scale, AMS Series L701, Sheets  
 6557II and 6557III
- (b) 1st MarDiv OPLAN 303-66
- (c) 1st MarDiv OORDER 301-66
- (d) 1st MarDiv Order P3800.1F (SOP for Intelligence)

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1. SUMMARY OF THE ENEMY SITUATION.

- a. See Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate) to Annex B (Intelligence) to reference (c).
- b. See Appendix 2 (Enemy Order of Battle) to this Annex.
- c. See current Perintreps, Intsums, and Spotreps.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION.

- a. Determine if the enemy will attack the Special Forces Camp enumerated herein. If so, Where? When? In what strength? With what units?
- b. Determine if the enemy will use reinforcements in his attack. If so, When? Where? In what strength? With what units?
- c. Determine if the enemy will employ artillery/mortars in support of his attack. If so, what type and caliber of weapons? Where will gun positions be located? What type fire control will be employed?
- d. Determine combat effectiveness of enemy units that could be employed in an attack on the Special Forces Camp.
- e. Determine avenues of approach the enemy will use.
- f. Determine if the enemy will attempt to infiltrate the Special Forces Camp prior to the attack.
- g. Determine if the enemy will employ sabotage within the Special Forces Camp.

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- h. Determine the tactics the enemy will employ during the conduct of the attack.
- i. Determine the type of tactical communications the enemy will employ.
- j. Determine if the enemy will employ AA Machine Guns in or around the helicopter landing zones and approaches to the airfield.

### 3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS.

#### a. Orders to Subordinate Units:

(1) 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines. When directed, prepare detailed reconnaissance requirements, both air and ground, to support the basic operation plan.

(2) 1st and 2nd Battalions, 5th Marines: Be prepared to assume mission of 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines.

#### b. Requests to Higher, Adjacent, and Supporting Units:

##### (1) 1st Marine Division

(a) Provide intelligence and information on the Kham Duc Special Forces Camp as available.

(b) Provide aerial observation and photo reconnaissance to support operations in the Kham Duc area.

### 4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PRISONERS, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS, AND MATERIAL.

a. See Section VIII of reference (d).

### 5. MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

a. Maps are specified in reference (a).

b. Photographs will be requested in accordance with paragraph 402 of reference (d).

c. Map Corrections. All units will maintain a record of map corrections. Corrections will be forwarded via this Headquarters to CG, 1st Marine Division (Attn: G-2) as encountered.

### 6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE.

a. See Section V of reference (d).

### 7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION.

a. Submit standard intelligence reports as prescribed in Section XII of reference (d), and as amplified below.

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b. Intelligence Summary (INTSUM). The reporting period for daily Intelligence Summaries submitted to this Headquarters will be 0600 to 0600. INTSUMs will arrive at this Headquarters by 0800 daily.

c. Special Intelligence Collection Requirements (SICRs). SICRs are promulgated by higher headquarters to direct the collection effort of specific tactical and technical intelligence requirements. Pertinent SICRs will be forwarded to subordinate units for inclusion in their collection efforts. Collection of information responsive to SICRs must be made in a timely fashion.

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ATTACHEES:

- 1 - Characteristics of the Area of Operations
- 2 - Enemy Order of Battle

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Appendix 1 (Characteristics of the Area of Operations) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 303-66.

1. General. The study area is bounded by coordinates (ZC 000010) to (ZC 070080) to (ZC 010150) to (YC 940080). It is situated approximately 130 kilometers (80 miles) west of TAI KY (BT 314223). The area is approximately 12 kilometers east of the Laotian border. The center of the area is a plateau near the NGOK PENG BUM mountains (YC 988093). The DAK MI river, which passes through the east portion of the area serves as a natural avenue of approach from the Laotian border eastward to the coastal area.

2. Weather: The monsoon climatic conditions at KHAM DUC will strongly influence operations. The southwest monsoon season, which occurs from mid-May through mid-October is characterized by extended rainy periods and overcast skies. Heavy rain also falls during the period October through December, the northeast monsoon. The best weather conditions occur in the KHAM DUC area from January through April.

3. Relief and Drainage. The mountains surrounding the area of operations rise in elevation to 1865 meters. Portions of these rugged mountains lay in the area of operations and these rise to 929 meters. The major drainage features in the area are the DAK MI, DAK SE, and DAK CHO rivers. The DAK MI enters the area from the south at (ZC 038047) and exits to the north at (ZC 044110). The DAK SE enters from the southwest at (YC 983029) and joins the DAK MI at (ZC 030076). The DAK CHO drains the northern part of the area and joins the DAK MI at (ZC 036085). Several smaller streams and intermittent streams also drain the area and join the major rivers.

4. Vegetation. The entire area is covered with dense jungle forest interspersed with bamboo thickets and palms, the only cleared areas are the Special Forces Camp complex and a small village area at (ZC 002091).

5. Cultural Features.

a. There is one small rural settlement of approximately 40 houses centered at (ZC 002091).

b. The primary cultural feature is the U.S. Army Special Forces Camp situated in the center of the area of operations at (ZC 003078). The camp is generally rectangular in shape, measuring 800 feet in length and 400 feet in width. It is served by a single runway, asphalt-surfaced airstrip measuring 6,198 feet by 95 feet. There are limited aircraft facilities available.

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6. Lines of Communications. The only line of communication within the area of operations is National Route #14, which enters the area from the northeast at (ZC 040113) and exits to the southwest at (YC 969046). Classified as a fair weather, loose surface road, it appears to be in fairly good repair in the vicinity of the Special Forces Camp, but to the east at (ZC 014108) and southwest at (YC 991071) it is overgrown and unused except as a trail.

7. Defensive Positions.

a. Special Forces Camp. Located in the center of the area of operations, the camp is comprised of billeting facilities, operational and administrative facilities and major weapons positions.

b. Training Camp. Located approximately 200 meters southwest of the Special Forces Camp at (ZC 001077), the training camp is rectangular in shape, measuring 190 feet by 150 feet. It consists primarily of billeting spaces and one 60 MM mortar position.

c. "MIKE" Force Camp. A "MIKE" Force Camp is located at (ZC 003084) on the opposite side of the airfield from the Special Forces Camp. The camp is oval in shape, 750 feet long and 400 feet wide. The camp contains two 81 MM mortar positions, numerous foxholes interspersed with bunkers, and is surrounded by wire. There are also approximately 10 buildings located within the perimeter of this camp.

d. Northeast Outpost. Located approximately 2 kilometers northeast of the Special Forces Camp at (ZC 014094) is a triangle shaped outpost which measures approximately 170 feet on each side. It is surrounded by an earth wall on each of its three sides, and contains numerous weapons' positions and shelters.

e. North Outpost. Located approximately one kilometer north of the northeast end of the airfield at (ZC 010098) is an outpost, triangular in shape, measuring 160 feet on each side. It is surrounded by an earth wall and contains one shelter.

f. Southwest Outpost. Located approximately 1.8 kilometers southwest of the Special Forces Camp at (YC 988070) is a triangular outpost measuring 140 feet on each side. It is surrounded by an earth wall and contains one shelter and numerous weapons positions.

g. Northwest Outpost. Located approximately two kilometers northwest of the Special Forces Camp is a rectangular outpost that measures 100 feet by 250 feet. It contains a surrounding trench system, weapons positions, and shelters.

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8. Airfield Data.

- a. Elevation: 390 meters (1180 feet) (Approximately).
- b. Orientation: Northeast to Southwest (50 degrees - 230 degrees MAZ).
- c. Length: 6,198 feet.
- d. Width: 95 feet.
- e. Facilities. A revotted parking apron 190 feet by 650 feet is located on the northwest side of the airstrip. A loose surface, fair weather road connects the airstrip with the Special Forces Camp.
- f. Overrun. There are overruns of 375 feet on the northeast end of the runway and 250 feet on the southwest end. The northeast overrun terminates at the edge of the forest, and the southwest overrun ends at a small ditch perpendicular to the runway. An additional 250 feet of cleared area exists between the ditch and the forest.

9. Tactical Aspects of the Terrain.a. Cover and Concealment.

(1) Cover: Cover is considered good in the area of operations, afforded by the general relief, ravines, and heavy vegetation.

(2) Concealment: Concealment will be excellent in the area of operations, afforded primarily by the extremely dense vegetation.

b. Observation and Fields of Fire.

(1) Observation: Dense forest and secondary growth in the area of operations limits both short range and long range observation, although from selected points the latter may be excellent.

(2) Fields of Fire: Fields of fire for flat trajectory weapons will be poor in the area of operations due to the forest vegetation and broken terrain, while high angle fire weapons will have poor to fair fields of fire.

10. Key Terrain Features. Within the area of operations, the hills located at (YC 988070), (YC 988090), (ZC 004097), (ZC 010099), and the ridge line from (ZC 019088) to (ZC 025077) provide long range observation of the airfield and Special Forces Camp. The four hills also flank the only road leading in and out of the area. Outposts are situated on the hills at (YC 988070), (ZC 014094), (ZC 010098), and (YC 988090).

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11. Obstacles. The dense jungle-covered terrain is the primary natural obstacle, as there is only one road leading into the area of operations. No artificial obstacles are apparent.

12. Avenues of Approach. The major avenues of approach into the area of operation are the streams, trails and Route 14.

a. Southeast. The major avenue of approach into the area from the southeast is the DAK SE/DAK MI system of river valleys which enter the area at (ZC 037049).

b. South. The DAK SE valley enters the area at (YC 985031) and provides access from the south. Route 14 enters the area at (YC 097046) forming an additional route from the south.

c. Northwest: The DAK SA valley provides access to the area from the northwest, entering the area at (YC 955099). A trail generally follows the course of this valley.

d. North. The DAK CHO valley and a trail which joins it at (ZC 004118) form a good approach into the area from the north. Route 14 is an additional approach route from the north.

e. The DAK MI/DAK CHO river valleys and an unnamed valley entering the area at (ZC 067085) provides excellent entry from the east.

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Appendix 2, (Enemy Order of Battle) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 303-66.

1. RELATIVE COMBAT POINT.

a. Composition. The only known Viet Cong unit in the Kham Duc area is the NAM SON TRANSPORTATION BATTALION. This battalion consists of a headquarters element, three companies, a medical section, a radio/communications cell, a mess cell, a route security guard and five (5) Montagnard Transportation hamlets. Estimated strength is four hundred (400) regulars, and three hundred (300) porters.

b. Disposition. The last known enemy location was in the vicinity of (ZB 0798) on 22 April 1966.

c. Arms and Armament. Although the exact arms and armament of the Nam Son Transportation Battalion are unknown, it can be expected that any attack on the Kham Duc Special Forces Camp would be augmented with 60, 82 and possibly 120 mm mortars as well as 57mm recoilless rifles.

d. Logistical Situation. Enemy forces must establish a logistical support base in close proximity to Kham Duc in order to sustain any operation of consequence. This base could very well be established across the border on Laotian territory.

e. Reinforcements. The enemy is capable of moving reinforcements from the DO KA base area or from staging areas to the north under the concealment offered by the jungle canopy. Once the action is joined, the only enemy reinforcements which could provide an influence are those which have been prepositioned in the immediate area.

f. Enemy Capabilities.

(1) Attack Kham Duc with two (2) or more battalions, at a time favorable to him, and withdraw after destroying the forces and facilities thereat.

(2) Mount harassing attacks on Kham Duc in order to cause deployment of reaction and/or reinforcing forces.

(3) Establish ambushes at possible HLZs and aircraft approaches outside the camp area to destroy aircraft and troops attempting to reinforce Kham Duc.

(4) The enemy is capable of breaking contact once established and withdrawing back into the jungle or across the border into Laos.

2. Additional Order of Battle information will be promulgated by Intsums, Perintreps, and Spot Reports.

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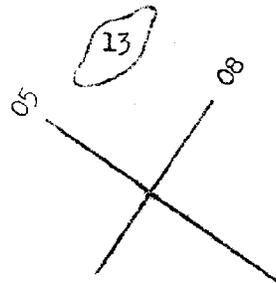
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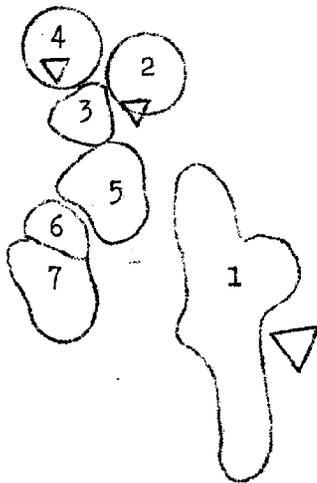
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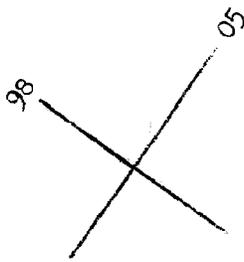
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CO, MAG 36	3
CO, Hq Bn 1st MarDiv	4
CO, 1st Bn 5th Mar	6
CO, 2nd Bn 5th Mar	6
CO, 3rd Bn 5th Mar	6
CO, 2nd Bn 11th Marines	4
CO, 1st Engr Bn	2
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