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Encl: (1) Command Chronology for Headquarters, 7th Marines (-)(Rein)  
(2) Command Chronology for 1st Battalion, 7th Marines (Rein) } *filed sep.*  
(3) Command Chronology for 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines (Rein)

1. In accordance with instructions set forth in references (a) and (b), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted as the Command Chronology for the 7th Marines (-)(Rein). The chronology covers the period for 1-30 September 1965.

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Encl: (1) S-1 Journal  
(2) Operation PIRANHA After-Action Report *[See app. rpt for more complete copy]*  
(3) Operation PIRANHA Operation Order 324-65; *Adm O. 324-65, Comd O 324-65*  
(4) Daily Intelligence Summaries for September 1965, #18-48, *[21 HIC]*  
(5) Weather Summary for September 1965  
(6) Enemy Situation for September 1965 *(Overlay)*  
(7) S-2 Journal  
(8) Weekly Operations Summaries and Overlays  
(9) Regimental Frag Order 3-65  
(10) Regimental Frag Order 4-65  
(11) S-3 Journal  
(12) Regimental Frag Order 2-65  
(13) Change to Operation Order 327-65; *added ch 2 = Basic O/14467*  
(14) Counterattack Order 328-65  
(15) Standard Reference Maps: AMS L701, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Sheets 6657 I-IV, 6756 I-IV, 6757 II, III

NOTE: *Opplan 329-65 f/w Oct 65*

## PART I

1. Reporting Unit: Headquarters, 7th Marines (-)(Rein)
2. Period Covered: 1-30 September 1965
3. Date of Submission: 10 October 1965
4. Commanding Officer: Colonel O. F. PEATROSS  
Executive Officer: Lieutenant Colonel N. M. HANSEN  
S-1: Captain R. A. OLSEN  
S-2: Major G. H. GENTRY  
S-3: Major E. N. SNYDER  
S-4: Major F. J. JOHNSON  
Communications Officer: Major H. G. ILLG  
Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines (Rein): Lieutenant Colonel J. P. KELLY

ENCLOSURE (1)

Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines (Rein): Lieutenant Colonel  
C. H. BODLEY

Commanding Officer, Company B (-)(Rein), 1st Tank Battalion:  
Captain A. W. LAMB

Commanding Officer, Company A (-)(Rein), 3rd Amtrac Battalion:  
Captain E. M. BAIR

Commanding Officer, Company C (-)(Rein), 1st Engineer Battalion:  
Captain W. A. RENNER

Commanding Officer, Company C (-)(Rein), 1st Antitank Battalion:  
Lieutenant W. F. SNYDER

5. Command Post: CHU LAI, Vietnam in the vicinity of (BT 560048). At 060900H September 1965, the RLIT-7 CP embarked aboard the USS BAYFIELD (APA-33). On the 7th of September RLIT-7 established a CP ashore in the vicinity of (BS 771851) on the CAP BATANGAN Peninsula in order to carry out the mission assigned in Operation PIRANHA. On the 10th of September, the RLIT-7 CP was re-established within the CHU LAI enclave at (BT 560048).

6. Average Monthly Strength:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
Headquarters Company	27	245	2	2
1st Battalion, 7th Marines	42	1028	2	49
3rd Battalion, 7th Marines	38	1034	2	52
Company B, 1st Antitank Battalion	5	130	0	1
Company A, 3rd Amtrac Battalion	5	179	0	1
Company C, 1st Engineer Battalion	5	166	0	1
Company C, 1st Antitank Battalion	4	81	0	2

Part II

1. Personnel. The S-1 section processed a total of 30 Battle Casualty Reports to Division and processed a total of 60 Permanent Change of Station Orders on personnel within the Regiment. A total of nine Special Orders, affecting re-assignment of personnel within the Regiment, were issued. Nineteen Marines and three Navy replacements were ordered to the 7th Marines during the month of September.

2. Administration. The administration is considered good on a day-to-day basis, but will become more effective when the S-1 Section is established in adequate working spaces. The largest current administrative project is the processing of awards via Division Headquarters. During the month a total of 38 recommendations for personal decoration were processed by the 7th Marines Decoration Board. See enclosure (1), S-1 Journal.

3. Intelligence. Intelligence operations and activity throughout the month of September were relatively routine. No particular problem areas existed that required action by other than the local command and the next senior command and these were of a relatively minor nature.

See enclosure (2), Operation PIRANHA After-Action Report. Intelligence planning for Operation PIRANHA commenced on 1 September 1965 with the Intelligence Annex and estimate published and in the hands of the staff and troops by 4 September 1965. See enclosure (3), Operation PIRANHA Operation Order 324-65. For significant chronological intelligence events pertaining to, and reported by this command, see enclosure (4), Daily Intelligence Summaries for September 1965. Weather during the month did not seriously hamper intelligence collection activities, although, for a period of 18 days it rained a total of 17.54 inches. The rain did not limit the use of aerial observers. However, during periods of the heaviest rain falls, observation was limited. The normal collection of intelligence through patrol and OP activity continued without interruption. See enclosure (5), Weather Summary for September 1965. The enemy's activity during this period, other than during Operation PIRANHA, was relatively quiet and consisted mainly of two to six man harassments and infiltration attempts through our lines. The enemy's main activity was directed at retaining control over the civilian populace in areas adjacent to our TAOR and collecting a rice tax from the people. Known and suspected enemy locations and dispositions at the end of September are shown in enclosure (6), Enemy Situation as of 30 September 1965. Also see enclosure (7), S-2 Journal.

4. Training. Due to the mission assigned and the limited training facilities, training was limited and oriented towards preventive instructions. These instructions dealt with the safe handling of fire arms, rules of engagement, and the proper use of the challenge and password. The 81mm Mortar platoons conducted gun drill and the supporting arms, Tanks, Antracs and Ontos conducted line firing. A great deal of "on the job" training was conducted.

5. Special Operations. During the month of September there were three Special Operations conducted. Operation PIRANHA was a regimental landing team operation in which RLT-7 executed a combined amphibious and helicopterborne assault in conjunction with RVN forces on the CAP BATANGAN and AN KY Peninsula to destroy Viet Cong forces and positions. See Part III, Enclosure (2), Operation PIRANHA After-Action Report. The 1st Battalion, 7th Marines conducted two operations; Operation ZIPPER and Operation HARDROCK. Operation ZIPPER began on the 13th of September. The 1st Battalion established a reinforced company sized combat base in the vicinity of TAN HY (1) (grid square BT 6200) and conducted exhaustive search and clear operations in the village and surrounding areas. The company maintained surveillance over VC activities and movements and attacked, destroyed or captured all VC forces encountered. Operation HARDROCK began where Operation ZIPPER ended on the 25th of September. Operation HARDROCK had the mission to search and clear the northeastern portion of the TRUNG PHAN Peninsula and to destroy any caves, tunnels or fortifications encountered. See the Command Chronology of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines for further details on both of these operations.

6. Nuclear, Biological, Chemical and other special types of warfare. During the month of September, there were many occasions in which tear gas/riot control agents could have been employed in clearing tunnels, caves, and enemy trenches. A retrospective study of Operations PIRANHA, ZIPPER and HARDROCK discloses many specific instances in which lives could have been saved, casualties avoided, and risks reduced.

At present, the current method employed for searching and clearing tunnels is a dangerous one. Despite the obvious risk, small groups of Marines must enter dark tunnels and caves with flashlights in order to determine whether the occupants are civilian or VC. Despite the precautions taken these Marines became a target for any VC with a weapon. In many caves the VC used civilians as shields and unfortunately when Marines are forced to shoot, unnecessary casualties may be produced among civilians and Marines.

Tear gas/CS is ideal for use in tunnels and caves. VC, who are subjected to tear gas, will be rendered incapable of resisting attempts to capture them and will be flushed out of their hiding places. There are no lasting effects from tear gas and any civilians who are hiding in tunnels or being used as shields will quickly recover.

7. Command and Control. Throughout the month of September, the active aggressive patrolling, conducted within the TAOR by the 1st Battalion and 3rd Battalion, was controlled almost exclusively by the company commanders and their subordinate leaders. The 3rd Battalion did, however, conduct patrols which penetrated to the extreme boundaries of the TAOR and which were controlled by the Battalion Commander. Operation PIRANHA demonstrated the excellent results a regimental landing team size operation can achieve when good coordination exists between supporting arms and the infantry. This operation was conducted in a populous area and was highly successful in that no buildings were destroyed and very few civilians injured. During Operation PIRANHA, as the small, separate search and clear operations developed, company commanders and their subordinate leaders gained experience in small arms coordination and combat leadership.

Operation ZIPPER, conducted by the 1st Battalion on the TRUNG PHAN Peninsula, saw a company establish a remote combat outpost and conduct search and clear operations for several days with good results. See Command Chronology for the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.

Again on the TRUNG PHAN Peninsula, the 1st Battalion conducted a two company search and clear operation, Operation HARDROCK. One company provided the blocking force and a reinforced squad from Reconnaissance Group Alpha with an FO Team attached established an OP to report VC activity and call artillery/mortar fire on targets of opportunity and escaping VC. The Battalion Commander employed LVT's to lift one company from its positions on the MLR and throughout the operation employed his supporting arms in such a manner as to give maximum support to the rifle companies involved. During the operation, company commanders and subordinate leaders made effective use of their men and equipment to conduct successful search and destroy missions.

8. Communications-Electronics. Communications-electronics elements of RLT-7 were engaged in planning and preparation for Operation PIRANHA during the period 1-7 September 1965. Operation PIRANHA was conducted during the period 7-11 September 1965 and normal communications facilities were provided for this operation. These facilities included a covered RATT circuit and a ship-to-shore (Rear CP) radio relay circuit. A battery charger for the BB-451 and maintenance facility was established in the Beach Support Area by RLT-7 Headquarters communications personnel. Several experiments were conducted with different types of antennas on the SSB radio equipment.

No significant improvement was noted on the RATT circuit through the use of different types of antennas.

The period from 15-30 September 1965 was occupied with the repair and preventive maintenance of equipment and training of personnel. Significant training events were:

- 25 September: Instruction in Communications Security was presented by Det. "J", 1st Radio Battalion for Headquarters, 7th Marines communication personnel.
- 29 September: Headquarters, 7th Marines communications personnel participated in a Provisional Battalion exercise.
- 30 September: Communications Security instructions presented to Headquarters, 7th Marines officers by Officer-in-Charge, Det. "J", 1st Radio Battalion.

9. Close Combat. On the 2nd of September, Company A conducted a platoon size, daylight combat patrol. The platoon was informed by local militia in VINH AN (1) of four VC and one VCS in the vicinity of (BT 614010). All five men were apprehended and brought to the Battalion POW Compound. At 021030H two men approached the MLR positions of Company B. One of the two men was apprehended and the other escaped. One hour after Company A left the hamlet of VINH AN (1) at (BT 614010), a platoon from Company B conducted a search and clear of the same village and captured three VCS who were pointed out by Lt Long of the Popular Forces. This platoon from Company B suffered one KIA and two WIA, when a fire team leader stepped on a release type grenade booby trap at 021745H, when leaving the village of VINH AN (1).

On the 5th of September, patrolling was secured in the 7th Marines TAOR to enable the battalions to prepare for Operation PIRANHA.

At 060900H September, RLT-7 displaced from the CHU LAI enclave to assigned shipping for transportation to CAP BATANGAN where Operation PIRANHA would take place. See enclosure (8), Weekly Operations Summaries and Overlays.

Operation PIRANHA commenced at 070635H when companies A and C with B in reserve landed on WHITE Beach and secured it to the dune line. At 070650H, the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines landed by helicopter in assigned landing zones to establish blocking positions and protect the RLT west flank. Company B searched and cleared CHAU THUAN (1) in CAP BATANGAN, where they killed three VC and captured six VCS in a cave.

On the 8th of September, Company A searched and cleared the village of PHU QUI (BS 785845) and AN HAI (1) (BS 777833). The company found numerous caves and tunnels and captured two weapons, ammunition, grenades, trip flares, documents and medical supplies. Company B conducted search and clear operations moving south on the coastal side of CAP BATANGAN. At 081145H, the company found a few caves with weapons, ammunition and medical supplies.

Company A killed one VC in the vicinity of coordinates (BS 789845). Company B found a cave at (BS 791848) and killed seven VC with demolitions when they destroyed the cave (081600H). Later, Company A took 21 VC bodies out of the cave and counted 31 VC bodies remaining in the cave complex. The company also sent 15 VCS and one VCC to the Battalion CP for interrogation. Company C found one home-made land mine in the vicinity of (BS 785847). See enclosure (2), Operation PIRANHA After-Action Report for more details of this operation.

Company A departed on Operation ZIPPER at 130529H September and established a combat base on a hill at (BT 623004). Company A found one booby trap, consisting of a hand grenade and a short trip wire, on the northwest slope of the hill with mine detector equipment.

At 132200H, Company K received a probe of its lines at (BT 529009). An illumination grenade and one round from a rifle was fired at two VCS who were seen fleeing the area.

On the 14th of September, a platoon from Company B, while on a daylight combat patrol, picked up six VCS in the vicinity of (BT 608004). They were all young males without ID cards and looked suspicious. Company C, having relieved Company A on Operation ZIPPER, apprehended five VCS and one VCC in the vicinity of (BT 624003). Company C found an unoccupied cave at (BT 625004) which contained one M-1 carbine, one WP rifle grenade, one cartridge belt, communications wire, one PRC-10 battery and small arms ammunition.

Company C interrogated the villagers in TAN HY (1) and apprehended one VCS at 151000H. At 151800H a platoon from Company B on a daylight combat patrol captured three VCS. Two of the VCS were captured at (BT 611015) after a warning shot halted them. The third VCS was found at (BT 613983) through routine checking of people in the area.

At 161700H, when Company A found an M-14 grenade (in a cave in the vicinity of BT 622012) they were fired on by a sniper with a high powered rifle. At the same time the Company CP and resupply helicopters, both located at (BT 624007) also received rifle fire.

At 161800H Company C captured one wounded VC being carried by villagers on a stretcher covered by woven mats near (BT 623014).

On the 18th of September at 0900H, a reconnaissance patrol from Company I captured a VCS at (BT 533988). Company C apprehended 17 VCS at (BT 620018) and found one pair ARVN boots, one ARVN shirt, and one PF shirt in a cave at (BT 623015). Company C also destroyed several caves, fighting holes, tank traps and bunkers in the area of their operations. At 182200H, a patrol from Company K received an enemy hand grenade near (BS 541009). The patrol fired 70 rounds in return without effect and there were no Marine casualties. At 182335H, Company C apprehended one VC woman cadre leader and two VCS at (BS 620012).

At 190015H, a squad from Company D, that was proceeding to a night ambush site was fired upon by six VC as it left the company defensive perimeter at (BT 556013). The squad immediately returned fire and assaulted the VC position. One Marine was later found to have a slight scalp wound and was attended by a corpsman. At 190700H, while returning from BINH SON, a Marine from Company I was seriously wounded when he opened a booby trapped gate in the vicinity of (BS 572962). At 192345H, the 2nd Platoon of Company K saw two VCS with a flashlight in the vicinity of (BT 539001). The platoon fired at the two VCS and fire was returned. There were no friendly or enemy casualties and pursuit was impractical in the dark.

At 200740H, four Marines from Company I, including the Company Commander, were injured by booby trapped grenade at (BT 522971). Company A, having relieved Company C earlier in the day, apprehended one VC at (BT 622091) at 201500H.

On the 21st of September a Marine in Company C was slightly wounded by an air burst from a friendly artillery round that prematurely exploded.

Company A captured four VCS at (BT 651033) around 211100H. At the same time, a patrol from Company A received sniper fire from (BT 655035) and again at 211130H from (BT 664035). The patrol returned fire and observed one wounded VC being helped away by his comrades. At 211200H, the patrol encountered automatic weapons fire from across the river at (BT 600027). The patrol returned fire and observed two wounded VC being helped away by their comrades. At 211228H three VC fired upon a patrol, from Company A, from a rock pile at (BT 647017). The patrol killed one VC and captured six rifle grenades, two home-made demolition charges and one document. At 211515H, another company patrol ran into a VC patrol, killed one VC and captured four.

At 221100H, Company B sent out a patrol to meet and accompany Mr Lam, Security Chief of BINH NGHIA, to apprehend 15 known VC. At 221300H in the vicinity of (BS 613983), the patrol apprehended four women, one child and five men, all VCS.

At 232215H, the Company D roadblock, at (BT 554014), had one hand grenade thrown into its area. There were no casualties and no enemy found.

At 241530H, a patrol from Company D found a carbine magazine with nine rounds at BT 567984.

During Operation HARDROCK at 251600H, Company A patrol captured one VCS in a house at (BT 685034). See enclosure (9), Regimental Frag Order 3-65 to Operation Order 327-65. At 251705H, Company A received heavy sniper fire from an automatic weapon and several small arms at (BT 663028). At 261345H, Company B encountered and destroyed a cave and entrenchments in the vicinity of (BT 668023). During the day while searching and clearing grid squares 6701, 6702 and 6703, Company B picked up nine VCS. At 261850H, a Company D patrol chased two VCS with negative results. They had been observing Company D's outpost at (BS 554492).

At 261845H, a platoon sized patrol from Company K received small arms fire at (BS 556992). They returned fire and the VC fled. Distance and terrain precluded chasing the VC.

At 271130H, Company B captured six VCS hiding along the sea cliffs. At 271630H, Company B apprehended two VCS who were hiding in a rock pile at (BT 678025). A platoon size patrol from Company K received small arms fire from five or six armed men, dressed in black and wearing straw hats (BS 511973). The patrol returned fire and the VC fled leaving behind a wallet, an overlay, documents and sandals. There were no casualties sustained on either side. At 282245H, in the vicinity of (BS 510995), trip flares were set off and one Vietnamese male was sighted and taken under fire, but he escaped.

At 290930H in the vicinity of (BS 548974), a Company K patrol was fired at by an undetermined number of VC in a nearby village. Fire was not returned because of the proximity of many civilians. A Company B patrol received sniper fire at 291035H from six VC at (BT 669009). The patrol pursued the VC but lost contact. At 291825H, a platoon from Company L was helilifted to (BS 479966) in order to reinforce a platoon from Company C, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, which had reported that it was surrounded. Another platoon from Company L was immediately helilifted in and a perimeter defense was established for the night. No VC were encountered and there were no friendly casualties. See enclosure (10), Regimental Frag Order 4-65 to Operation Order 327-65. Also see enclosure (11), S-3 Journal.

10. Fire Support and Fire Support Coordination. The primary role filled by artillery during this month within the TAOR was that of firing harassing and interdiction fires in support of 7th Marines. The following significant events occurred.

a. From the 5th of September to 10 September, Operation PIRANHA. See enclosure (2), Operation PIRANHA After-Action Report.

b. 21 September. Artillery fired 12 rounds of HE in support of an ambushed reconnaissance patrol at (BS 510939).

c. 25 September. Artillery fired three preparations for the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines in support of Operation HARDROCK.

d. 26 September. Artillery fired 18 rounds of HE in support of ARVN forces at AN HOA in the vicinity of (BS 463873). There were four VC KIA's confirmed as a result of these rounds.

No significant or serious problems arose during this period.

11. Logistics. During the month of September several problems developed. The operations conducted, depleted the mountout blocks of repair parts. Adding to this problem was the backlog of unfilled requisitions for repair parts, therefore, higher than normal deadline percentages will occur in October. Critical shortages of common items caused excess deadline rates, e.g., brake shoes for M-422's, tire tubes for mechanical mules and tire patching material. Routine maintenance was performed with excellent results. However, the lack of proper maintenance facilities, such as strong-backed tents and cement decks presented a problem. With care and ingenuity these can be overcome. Maintenance tents are now on order to help alleviate this problem. Headquarters Company has picked up the supply accounts of attached units. These include the following.

- (1) Co C, 1st Engineer Bn
- (2) Co B, 1st Tank Bn
- (3) Co A, 3d Amtrac Bn
- (4) Det, Hq Bn, 3rd MarDiv

This has proven to be an administrative burden beyond the capabilities of organic Headquarters Supply personnel alone. Therefore, attachments are now augmenting personnel to Headquarters Company in order to handle reports and the administrative work load.

The logistics status of this Regiment at the present time is considered excellent. Although there are shortages of supplies in some areas, this organization can support logistically its mission.

12. Air Defense. Air Defense by the 7th Marines was entirely passive during the month of September.

13. Combat Air Defense. The primary mission for air support during September was troop movement, resupply, medical evacuation and AO support. The following significant events occurred.

a. 5 September to 10 September, Operation PIRANHA. See enclosure (2), Operation PIRANHA After-Action Report.

b. 21 September. MAG-36 provided armed helo and helo support for an ambushed reconnaissance patrol at (BS 510939).

c. 23 September. MAG-11 and 12 conducted TPQ-10 and Close Air Support missions against positions on the TRUNG PHAN Peninsula.

d. 25 September. MAG-36 provided troop lift and AO support for the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines during Operation HARDROCK.

14. Medical and Dental Support. From the 1st through the 5th of September 1965 there was treatment for 17 cases of mild gastroenteritis, probably of oral etiology, characterized by nausea, vomiting, diarrhea (non-bloody), chills, fever, and malaise. All symptoms and signs were gone within a 24 to 36 hour period. From the 6th to the 11th of September support was given to Operation PIRANHA. From the 12th to the 20th of September treatment was given to five cases of gastroenteritis, as described above. During the period 23-29 September, symptomatic and supportive treatment was given to 30 cases of mild gastroenteritis.

15. Chaplain Support. The support for 7th Marines during the month of September was highlighted by the Chaplains' coverage of Operation PIRANHA. One Catholic and two Protestant Chaplains participated in the assault landings, both by LVT and helicopter. Chaplains accompanied the rifle companies throughout the operation providing a vital spiritual ministry to Marines and assisting with Civil Affairs activities.

In garrison, Chaplain support included 32 Protestant and 12 Catholic Divine Services on the four Sundays of the month. Four Memorial services for Marines killed in action; eight Protestant and 26 Catholic weekday services; 8 Protestant Bible Studies and 24 lay Rosary services and extensive correspondence and counseling activities. The Chaplains continue to improve the facilities over which they have cognizance, i.e., chapels, offices, etc.

The Regimental Chaplain continues to coordinate the activities of the 13 Chaplains in the CHU LAI enclave through a weekly meeting of all the Chaplains.

16. Civil Affairs/Military Government/Community Relations. During the month of September 1965, the civil affairs program of the 7th Marines was occupied mainly with combat operations and coordinating with the District Chief at BINH SON in establishing a regular medical assistance program within our TAOR and occasionally out of the TAOR. The Regimental Civil Affairs Officer attended a three day Civil Affairs briefing in DA NANG the first of the month. Operation PIRANHA began on September 7, 1965, and lasted until September 10, 1965. During this time the regimental and battalion civil affairs officers were engaged in aiding and controlling the civilians within the operational area. Sick call and emergency medical aid was given to approximately 1,000 people during this period. Medcap supplies were taken and used by the Civil Affairs teams. In addition, QUANG NGAI Province provided two Civil Affairs teams to accompany the operation. Each team was composed of a medic, interpreter, police element, security element and a psychological warfare element. Operation HARDROCK, a battalion size operation conducted by the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, used a civil affairs team from District Headquarters in BINH SON. Medical services were provided to civilians within the area of operation.

Captain Long, the District Chief at BINH SON, was contacted on two occasions in the latter part of September. His help was solicited in selecting hamlets within our TAOR which were in most need of medical assistance, keeping in mind added factors of security and control. The hamlet of TRUNG AN was selected by the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines as their first objective for providing medical services on a regular basis. The 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines have selected the hamlet of THANH TRA (1). It is anticipated our medical assistance program will be more extensive during the next month.

17. In accordance with instructions in reference (b), enclosures (12) through (15) have been included.

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Chu Lai, VietNam

0001 7Sep65 2400 7Sep65

0035	1	070830H	3/7 Spot Report	F
	0650	2	070650H To 1/7 Interrogatory enemy contact	F
	0655	3	070650H To 3dMarDiv "L" hour on schedule	
0743	4	070720H	Fr TACLOG BT 040 through 047 & 050 have landed. 048, 049, 050 loaded; awaiting call from beach	F
	0750	5	070750H To 3dMarDiv H-hour, L hour on time	F
	0757	6	070757H To 3dMarDiv 1/7 on beach; negative contact	F
1500	X	7	071535H Fr Stbd Rear casualty Rpt 1 WIA VMO 2	F
0735		8	070735H Fr CG 3dMarDiv weather Forecast	F
0840		9	070840H Fr 3/7 Captured weapons document	F
0905		10	070905H To CG 3dMarDiv 1/7 reported 1 AA gun and personnel at BS 755855	F
	1030	11	071030H To CG 3dMarDiv 1/7 rpts LVTE's blew up 3 AT mines	F
1530		12	071530H Fr 3/7 Captured personnel, weapons	S-3
	1247	13	071247H To CG 3dMarDiv Captured personnel documents	F
1302		14	071302H Fr CG 3dMarDiv Units in Danang TAOF submit requirements for pro to type Danang photo	F
	1325	15	071325H To CG 3dMarDiv 1/7 rpts VC come to BINHSA	F
	1630	16	071630H To CG 3dMarDiv captured personnel & doc.	F
1445		17	071445H Fr AO Traffic along road fr 627837	F
1450		18	071450H Fr AO VN body at 790863 Marines in area	F
	1518	19	071518H To CG 3dMarDiv Map requirements	F
1510		20	071510H Fr AO 30 pers moving SW fr road Junc 6979	F
1615		21	071615H Fr Stbd Rear ASAP 1 effective immed	F
	1635	22	071635H To CG 3dMarDiv No contact with enemy	F
1636		23	071636H Fr 1/7 No change in 4 hour RECAP	F
1640		24	071640H Fr 3/7 Captured pers, wpns, doc, & materiel	F
1650		25	071650H Fr AO Received auto wpns fire fr vill	F
1855		26	071855H Fr 1/7 Captured & killed VC at coor 789864	F
1902		27	071902H Fr AO Search area around outside Stbd TAOR	F
	2240	28	072240H To 1/7, 3/7 Request Spot report	F
2230		29	072230H Fr 3/7 Sit Report	F
	2150	30	072150H To: CG 3dMarDiv Sit Report	F
2305		31	072305H Fr 1/7 A Co reached obj J coord (Code)	F
2250		32	072250H Fr 1/7 C Co will have security patrols	F
0700		33	Fr 1/7 New CP location	S-3
1950		34	071950H Fr 3/7 Lest Marine Found	S-1
	2005	35	072005H To 1/7 3/7 We req SITREP	F
1740		36	071740H Fr 1/7 CCo rec small arms fire	S-2
	1840	37	071840H To 1/7 3/7 Frag Order	F
1955		38	071955H Fr Positions of Friendlies	S-3
1635		39	071635H Fr 3/7 Position Rpt	S-3
	1235	40	071235H To 1/7 Req Plat ldr BSA SecPlat Rpt Stbd	F
1535		41	071535H Fr 1/7 CP location	S-3
1350		42	071350H Fr 7thMar (Rear) How long before comm in	Comm

ENCLOSURE (1)

HQ RLTT-7

Chu Lai, VietNam

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1745	43	071745H	Fr 3/11 Position Rpt	S-3
	1230	44	071230H To 3dMarDiv Have assumed control ashore	F
1745	45	071745H	Fr 55 Station location VC Contact	S-2
	1220	46	071220H To 1/7 3/7 Land all remain units	F
		47	To 7thMar CP location	
	1300	48	071300H To 1/7 3/7 Req Position Rpt	F
1657	49	071657H	Fr Unique Rec fr Monroe Req info <del>is</del> on US & ARVN	S-3
1625	50	071625H	Fr 3/7 SITREP 1	S-3
1635	51	071635H	Fr 3/7 Rpt on company locations	S-3
2110	52	072100H	Fr 1/7 Req for info on squad leader	S-3
1505	53	071657H	Fr Unique Info on US and ARVN troop	S-3
	1215	54	071220H Fr 7thMar land remaining troops	S-3
1535	55	071535H	Fr 1/7 Location of CP	S-3
1500	56	071500H	Fr 3/7 Estab ambushes	S-3
1415	57	071415H	Fr 3/7 Movement of M Co on search and clear	S-3
1740	58	071740H	Fr 1/7 AO info C Co of small arms fire	S-3
	2145	59	072145H To 3/7 1/7 Sitreps immediately	S-3
2333	60	072200H	Fr 1/7 Sitrep	S-3
	1700	61	071700H To STBD 55 Info 7thMar of location	S-3
	2240H	62	071840H To 3/7 3 incoming mortar rounds	S-3
	1800	63	071800H To 3dMarDiv Sitrep	S-3
	2145	64	071910H To Unique SitRep #2	S-3
2210	65	072150H	Fr 1/7 Reached objective	S-3
0245	66	070245H	Fr 3dMarDiv requesting recap on Sitreps	S-3
0245	67		Fr 3/7 Kilo Viet moving North	S-3
	68		To STBD product Send LVT's	S-4
	1233	69	071233H To 1/7 Req Plt leader for BSA Security	S-3
	1840	70	071840H To 1/7 3/7 3 incoming mortars	S-3

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0300		1	80300H	Fr	Indicate weather prev rpt	S-2
	1200	2	80005H	To	1/7 Req to know if LVT's can deliver	S-3
	0130	3	80130H	To	3dMarDiv Regt Tact net down	Comm
0150		4	80115H	Fr	3/7 Sitrep 5	S-3
	0245	5	80245H	To	1/7 Req Sitrep	S-3
	0258	6	80245H	To	1/7 Req Sitrep	S-3
0256		7	080246H	Fr	1/7 Sitrp	S-3
	0400	8	080310H	To	3dMarDiv Sitrep	S-3
0456		9	080500H	Fr	1/7 Position and situation	S-3
	0555	10	080555H	To	3dMarDiv Sitrep 5	S-3
2030		11	082030H	Fr	1/7 At objective	S-3
1800		12	071800H	Fr	1/7 NBC Newsmen on way	S-3
0700		13	080700H	Fr	Unique Majof US and ARVN units coord	S-3
0710		14	080710H	Fr	3/7 Pass infor to STBD 6 my msg 071820H	S-3
0721		15	080721H	Fr	1/7 Helo resupply req	S-4
	0700	16	080700H	To	3/7 Negative on req for Recon Aircraft	S-3
0642		17	080642H	Fr	3/7 Req for recon aircraft	S-3
	0820	19	080820H	Fr	To Unique 1/7 location as of 0800	S-3
	0712	20	080712H	To	3/7 1/7 Req operational overlay	S-3
	0734	21	080721H	To	STBD 55 Req for Operational overlay	S-3
	0801	22	080801H	To	STBD Location	S-3
	0840	23	080835H	To	3/7 Cupply groups	S-3
0805		24	080905H	Fr	1/7 Position overlay	S-3
	0850H	25	080850H	To	Unique Position and location	S-3
	0900	26	080900H	To	STBD 55 1/7 position as of 0800	S-3
0920		27	080920H	Fr	3/7 Operational summary	S-3
0925		28	08925 H	Fr	3/7 Situation and locations	S-3
0930		29	080930H	Fr	STBD 55 Req to present CP location	S-3
0933		30	080933H	Fr	STBD 55 In ref to your 080900H	S-3
0940		31	080940H	Fr	3/7 Req location of Prom Faze line plum	S-3
	0930	32	080930H	To	1/7 3/7 Submit PDS ASAP	S-1
	1000	33	081000H	To	3/7 Location of line plum	S-3
	1000	34	081050H	To	STBD 55 Affirmative on your 080930H	S-3
	1150	35	081150H	To	3dMarDiv Situation Rpt #1	S-3
1030		36	081030H	Fr	1/7 BT Pos report	S-3
1010		37	081010H	Fr	1/7 B Co moved out commencing search	S-3
1032		38	081032H	Fr	3/7 Pos report No change	S-3
0900		39	080900H	Fr	CG 3dMarDiv return this CP tonight	S-3
0145		40	080145H	Fr	USS PRINCETON AK FISCHBAUGH HB Med	S-3
0100		41	080100Z	Fr	USS WHITEFIELD Marine retained due to injury	S-3
	2305	42	082305Z	To	CG 3dMarDiv RLT-7 ISUM	F
1340		43	081340H	Fr	Stbd rear Cas rpt no change	F
1313		44	081313H	Fr	Unique Request my observer for operation	F
1120		45	081120H	Fr	3/7 K Co observed 6 VC's wpns	F
	0637	46	080637H	To	CG 3dMarDiv 1st Wave of troops touchdown	F

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	1700	47	081700H	To Stbd 55 Promince postion is (Code)	F
	1309	48	081309H	To 3/7 Permission denied to fire on VC's	F
	1330	49	081330H	To 1/7 3/7 2 Helo on way to each of your psns	F
1450		50	081450H	Fr 1/7 Ref 081336H was sent your Hqs	S-3
1453		51	081453H	Fr 3/7 Req 6 Helo at Sk 6 CP	S-3
1520		52	081520H	Fr Unique int your 1400 posrpts	S-3
	1515	53	081515H	To 3/7 using chopper at present	F
1508		54	081141H	Fr CG 3dMarDiv Req complete enemy wrap up	S-3
	0615	55	080100H	To USS Bay field Non battle casualty	S-1
0430		56	080430H	Fr Warehouse Line A add 1 line B no change	S-3
0945		57	080945H	Fr 1/7 Sprain ankle of PFC Gerald L. Hill	S-1
1026		58	081010H	Fr 7thMar Rear Casualty Rpt	S-1
	1045	59	081040H	To S-1 Casualty Rpt	S-1
0633		60	080633H	Fr 3/7 POS Rep no change	S-3
1040		61	081040H	Fr 3/7 Battale Casualty	S-3
1042		62	081042H	Fr 3/7 Spot report	S-3
	1058	63	081058H	To 3/7 request send all traffic via D-1	F
1229		64	081229H	Fr 1/7 Sit report	S-3
	1528	65	081528H	To CG 3dMarDiv Sit Report	F
	1610	66	081610H	To 1/7 Put priority on Sitreps	F
1611		67	081611H	Fr 3/7 Do we have friendly troops 746849	S-3
	1620	68	081620H	To 1/7 Req CCo Position	F
	1620	69	081620H	To 1/7 Submit front lines psns.	F
1645		70	081645H	Fr Stbd 55 Arvn now at 751816	S-3
1700		71	081700H	Fr 1/7 B Co develivered 1 VC this CP	S-3
	1701	72	081701H	To 1/7 3/7 Request 081700H Sit Rept	F
1700		<del>73</del> 73	081700H	Fr Stbd 55 Arvn has entered obj D	S-3
1725		74	081725H	Fr 3/7 Sit Rep	S-3
	1730	75	081730H	To 1/7 3/7 are not keeping Co front line psns	F
1816		76	081816H	Fr Unique Req send CP coord Stbd	S-3
1819		77	081819H	Fr 3/7 Req aProm psns	S-3
	1825	78	081825H	To 1/7 Request SitRpt CANCELLED	F
1923		79	081923H	Fr Stbd 55 Req to know if Flarship tonight	S-3
1622		80	081622H	Fr 1/7 Sit Report	S-3
1750		81	081750H	Fr 3/7 WIA & KIA rpt	S-3
1855		82	081855H	Fr 3/7 Present positions	S-3
1907		83	081907H	Fr 3/7 Present positions	S-3
1940		84	081940H	Fr ADC 3dMarDiv search for false bottom	S-3
	2015	85	082015H	To Unique request inform of action Ref A	F
2037		86	082037H	Fr Unique Bullhorn directed to return CP	S-3
2110		87	082110H	Fr Stbd Rear Cas Report	S-3
		88		To 1/7 Frag Order 2-65	F
		89		To 3/7 Frag Order 3-65	
1630		90	081630H	Fr 1/7 Have 1 confirmed VC medic	S-2
	1945	91	081750H	To Unique Position Rpt	F
	1920	92	081920H	To Unique Movement of 3/3	F

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1930	93	To 3dMarDiv	SITREP #7	F
2011	94	082011H	To 3/7 Position Rpt	F
2030	95	082030H	Fr Stbd 55 Req Co Positions	S-3
2045	96	082045H	Fr Stbd 55 ARVN Rpt rec fire	S-3
2100	97	082100H	To Stbd 55 Flareship in area	F
2130	98	082130H	Fr Stbd 55 ARVN req flares	S-3
2305	99	082117H	Fr 3dMarDiv Req for rpt	S-3 2
2132	100	082132H	Fr 3/7 SITREP #10	S-3
2245	101	082245H	Fr 1/7 Position Rpt	S-3

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	0002	1	090002H	To 3dMarDiv SITREP #8	F
0105		2	090105H	Fr 1/7 Sitrep	S-3
0130		3	090130H	Fr 3/7 S4trep #11	S-3
	0217	4	090215H	To 3/7 Req you correct your coupled	S-3
0241		5	09024 1H	Fr 3/7 Correction to 091130H	S-3
0230		6	090230H	Fr 3/7 Element of unit are near assemble area	S-3
	0245	7	090245H	To 3dMarDiv SitRep #9	S-3
	0315	8	090315H	To 3/7 Req coord of blocking positions	S-3
2300		9	082300H	Fr 3/7 Message was issued to Co I K L M	S-3
	0350	10	090350H	To CG 3dMarDiv Ref my 090245H	F
0544		11	090544H	Fr 3/7 PDS report	S-1
	0635	12	090635H	To 3/7 Submit Spot report as to psns	F
0654		13	090654H	Fr 3dAmTracBn PDS remains the same	S-1
	0700	14	090700H	To CG 3dMarDiv Sit Report	F
	0745	15	090745H	To stbd rear Req name KIA	F
<del>0745</del>	0705	16	090705H	Fr CG 3dMarDiv Acknowledge my 082118H	S-3
0730		17	090730H	Fr 3/7 Sit Report	S-3
	0815	18	090815H	To CG 3dMarDiv Your 082118 my 082330	F
0010		19	090010H	Fr ADC 3dMarDiv Req coord of pres location	S-3
0812		20	090812H	Fr Unique Warehouse returned to Base	S-3
0813		21	090813H	Fr CG 3dMarDiv Req you shift to D-31	S-3
0825		22	090825H	Fr Stbd Rear Lt Green 1/7 DOW Suffocation	S-3
0835		23	090835H	Fr Stbd Rear Cas rpt No change	S-3
0840		24	090840H	Fr Stbd Rear Req provide VN interp	S-3
	0840	25	090840H	To ADC 3dMarDiv Stbd CP (MKMHSS)	F
No DTG		26	No DTG	Fr 1/7 Sitrep	S-3
	0905	27	090905H	To 3/7 Req you reshackle	S-3
0912		28	090912H	Fr STBD 55 Unit location remain unchanged	S-3
	0920	29	090920H	To Unique Req status of Bullhorn ASAP	S-3
0928		30	090921H	Fr Unique Req authority hold Bullhorn	S-3
0945		31	090945H	Fr 3/7 Non Battle casualties	S-1
	0950	32	090950H	To 3/7 STED 55 Req Disposition of units	S-3
1110		33	091110H	Fr Stbd 55 rpts VNMC contact w/enemy	S-2,3
0732		34	090732H	Fr CG 3dMarDiv To 3dMarDiv (Net) 090600 to 091800H	S-3
0830		35	090830H	Fr 3/7 Captured personnel wpns	S-3
	1008	36	091008H	To 3/7 1/7 Req your 090900H	F
	1015	37	091015H	To 1/7 Continue count no. type fortification	F
	1045	38	091045H	To 3dAmTracBn Accidental discharge	F
1055		39	091055H	Fr S4bd 55 This station req 3/7 locations	S-3
1110		40	091110H	Fr Stbd 55 VNMC advanced element report	S-3
1115		41	091115H	Fr Stbd Rear 3d ITT rpt VC radio station	S-3
	1120	42	091120H	To Stbd 55 advised info req was relayed	F
1000		43	091000H	Fr 3/7 Phase lines	S-3
	1150	44	091150H	To 1/7 Rpt VC radio Station	F
	1200	45	091200H	To CG 3dMarDiv Situation Report	F

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	1215	46	091215H	To 1/7 Disregard my 091150H	F
	1220	47	091220H	To Reported VC radio station	F
	1305	48	091305H	To 3/7 Co psns	F
	1315	49	091315H	To 1/7 psns report	F
	1140	50	090250Z	To CG 3dMarDiv PDS Report	F
	1148	51	091148H	To Stbd Collective Weather forecast	F
	1245	52	091228H	To Monroe Captured document & material	F
1230		53	091230H	Fr 3/7 Rpt of captured personnel, weapns	S-3 2
	1240	54	091240H	To 1/7 & 3/7 Req Civil affairs info	F
	1326	55	091250H	To 4thMar Req ITP place hold on WIA VC	F
1324		56	091324H	Fr STBD 55 Kick off search and destroy	S-3
1335		57	091330H	Fr 1/7 To much traffic on Bn net	F
1400		58	091400H	Fr 1/7 Position Report	S-3
	1440	59	091440H	To 3dMarDiv SitRep #12	S-3
	1445	60	091446H	To STBD 55 Resubmit cupples in your 091324	F
1505		61	091505H	Fr 7thMar(Rear) Cas Rpt	S-1
1542		62	091542H	Fr 7thMar Cas Rpt	S-1
1700		63	091700H	Fr Stbd 55 Req to know what support needed	S-3
	1800	64	091800H	To Bayfield Trans all personnel to CP	F
1805		65	091805H	Fr Stbd 55 ARVN rpt on VC casualties	S-2
1805		66	091805H	Fr Stbd 55 Req VC cas and POW	S-2
1840		67	091840H	Fr BAYFIELD Personnel to Stbd CP	S-3
1845		68	091845H	Fr Stbd 55 Req all USMC cas today	S-1
	1905	69	091905H	To Stbd 55 Cas rpt	F
1930		70	091830H	Fr Stbd 55 Req VC cas rpt	S-2
1930		71	091930H	Fr Stbd 55 L-19 Committed tomorrow	S-3
2000		72	092000H	Fr Stbd 55 L-19 will be flown tomorrow	S-3
0130		73	090130H	Fr 3/7 SITREP #13	S-3
1601		74	091601H	Fr BAYFIELD Req summary of operations	S-3
1640		75	091640H	Fr BAYFIELD Intend to detach PRINCETON	S-3
	1650	76	091650H	To BAYFIELD SITREP	F
	1750	77	091750H	To 3dMarDiv Spot Rpt	F
	1815	78	091815H	To 3/7 Frag Order 4-65	F
1825		79	091825H	Fr 3/7 Movement of companies	S-3
	1830	80	091830H	To 1/7 Frag Order 4-65	F
	1845	81	091845H	To 3dMarDiv SITREP	F
1910		82	091910H	Fr BAYFIELD Do you need Bullhorn tonite	S-3
	1957	83	091957H	To BAYFIELD Bullhorn no longer required	F
	2020	84	092020H	To 3/7 Modifying Frag Order 4-65	F
		85		Fr 1/7 SITREP	S-3
2020		86	092020H	Fr Stbd rear 2 personnel to rejoin units	S-1
	2125	87	092125H	To Stbd 55 CP Position	F
	2230	88	092230H	To 3dMarDiv SITREP NO 14	F
2200		89	090622Z	Classified Message	F
2135		90	091206Z	Classified Message	F

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0830	1	092310Z	Deadline combat essential equip report	S-4
0830	2	110036Z	Mine Fields	S-3
0830	3	<del>0830</del> 110505Z	Organization operating with balance of \$1500	S-4 S-1
NTG	4	100330Z	Advise status civil chg	F
NTG	5	080816Z	Flight departure and evacuation	F
NTG	6	081547Z	Flight departure and NBattle cas	F
NTG	7	101325Z	Rpt of Sup Off and Sup NCO	F

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0830	1	100043Z	Missing Government Property	S-4
0830	2	101430Z	Issue and Furn of Combat trop boots	S-4
NTG	3	110849Z	Conduct of R&R personnel	F
NTG	4	111131Z	Flight Departure	F

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2400 14Sep65

0900	1	112236Z	Garrison Property	S-1,4
0800	2	110002Z	Semi-an list of MT equipment	S-1,4
0800	3	110008Z	Missing Government property	S-4
0830	4	110010Z	Missing property	S-4
NTG	5	130140Z	Req list for sole surviving son	F
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0900	1	131348Z	Req rpt this Hq for portable amplifiers	S-4
0900	2	140006Z	Rec entries in SRB personnel in Op Pir	F
0700	3	142323Z	Welrep case of GSgt M J. JACQUES	F
NTG	4	010200Z	Report by confidential ltr to this Hq	Comm
NTG	5	022116Z	Promotion	F
1130	6	030632Z	Loc machine req control measures	S-4
1200	7	150006Z	Challenge and passwords	S-2

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0001 16Sep65

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1600	1	150044Z	Rep of Cas arrivals	F
1615	2	160008Z	Welrep case of GSgt M J JACQUES	F
1200	3	141640Z	Rep of Cas arrivals	F
NTG	4	141640Z	Non Battale Cas	F
1230	5	141640Z	Rep of Cas arrivals	F
NTG	6	141700Z	Pyment of unused lv of dead personnel	F
NTG	7	141745Z	Rep of Battale Cas	F
1615	8	142130Z	Welrep case of GSgt MJ JACQUES	F
0715	9	100432Z	Missing Government	S-4
1630	10	160208Z	Mag of your superior performance	F

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2400 17Sep65

0800	1	160235Z	Rep of equipment	S-4
NTG	2	140548Z	HOS receipt	F
0800	3	140720Z	Quang Tin ceremonies of Op Starlite	F
0800	4	160435Z	Stock level of lumber	S-4
1100	5	160638Z	Flight departure	F
0800	6	160710Z	Ref you 150452Z	F
0800	7	161046Z	NGI Disposal	F
10 30	8	160029Z	Ref for city 1 ea final drive	S-4
NTG	9	150228Z	Quan Tin ceremony	F
NTG	10	150230Z	info third anti tank Rn	F
0800	11	150348Z	Radar Set an/tps-21	S-4
0800	12	160348Z	Radar Set an/tps	S-4

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2400 18Sep65

0830	1	171010Z	Quantin ceremony	F
0830	2	171436Z	Challenges and passwords	S-2
0830	3	152308Z	Det of Off to meet req	F
1400	4	132214Z	Req flamethrowers	S-4

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0945	1	170514Z	Declassification	F
1030	2	140024Z	Missing government property	F
1045	3	140029Z	Missing government property	F
0815	4	180021Z	Flight departure	F

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2400 20Sep65

0815	1	180824Z	Combat equipment rpt	S-4
0815	2	180826Z	Combat equipment rpt	S-4
1200	3	180828Z	Combat equipment rpt	S-4
0830	4	180830Z	Combat equipment rpt	S-4
0815	5	181228Z	Addressograph equipment	S-4
0815	6	142042Z	Involuntary extension of enl	F
0815	7	181229Z	Addressograph equipment	S-4
1200	8	191552Z	Challenge and password	S-2

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0800	1	190330Z	Conduct survey for operator/mechanic	F
NTG	2	190515Z	Field jackets req rpt	F
0830	3	190630Z	Case of Sgt B L MOLINA	S-1
0815	4	180728Z	Missing government property	S-4
1115	5	210103Z	Req for Off and Staff NCO	F
0815	6	180526Z	NBC equipment	S-4
0815	7	180554Z	First tracer reply	F
0915	8	180719Z	Rpt of Cas arrivals	F
0815	9	180719Z	Non Battle Cas	F
0815	10	180806Z	Off limits area for Marines	F
NTG	11	171553Z	Cpl D E HAMMER	F
0830	12	172255Z	Captain Staff Corps selections	F
0815	13	190330Z	Survey for operator / mechanic	F
0815	14	172007Z	Direct Lt HOWARD to reopen acct	DisO
0800	15	190834 Z	Formation for patients evacuated	F
1115	16	200711Z	Battle Cas	F
0800	17	200300Z	Found government property	F
0815	18	200302Z	Missing government property	S-4
NTG	19	150453Z	Req auth to pay 3/7 for Jun65	F
NTG	20	150524Z	Tool sets amphibious cargo carrier	F
NTG	21	151106Z	Ltr of superior performance fr CG	F
NTG	22	151406Z	Stock level number	F
0815	23	141659Z	Basegram section 3 of 3	F
0815	24	152117Z	Your 131050Z (NOTAL)	F
1330	25	202344Z	Generators PU 482	S-4

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1530	1	210540Z	Relocation of FLSU Laundry	F
NTG	2	162334Z	Gas evacuati n	F
1515	3	170150Z	Encampment garrison property	S-4
1515	4	210657Z	Rpt of Field jackets	S-4
0800	5	211428Z	W. L. VICKRY Cpl USMC	F
1030	6	181116Z	Personnel effects of Gas	F
1030	7	181206Z	Readdress of Mag 130455Z	F

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Readdress Msg 110849Z

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2400 24Sep65

0800	1	220106Z	Req for invoice second msg	S-4
0800	2	210746Z	Patients evacuated aboard flight NBR 252	F
0800	3	200907Z	Hos receipt	F
0800	4	200540Z	Found property	S-4
0800	5	200712Z	Flight departure	F
0745	6	201342Z	Organic property inspection	F
1515	7	041734 Z	Flight Duty hazardous pay	F
0800	8	220502Z	Radar sets an/tps 21	S-4
NTG	9	201817Z	Report of receipt	S-4
0800	10	201342Z	Organic property inspection	S-4
0800	11	230108Z	Comm elect equipment	S-4

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0001 25Sep65

2400 25Sep65

0730	1	222356Z	Replacement program for vehicles	F
0730	2	232035Z	Ambassordar visit to SE Asia	F
1235	3	240952Z	Flight departure	F
0730	4	211958Z	Open on Wasie	F
0745	5	222356Z	replacement program for vehicles	S-4

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Chu Lai, VietNam

0001 26Sep65

2400 26Sep65

0930	1	240544Z	Malaria Chemoprophylaxis	F
0930	2	240044Z	Flight Departure	F
0930	3	231350Z	Recovery of airfield matting	S-4
0930	4	250130Z	Generators Pu 482	S-4
0930	5	250240Z	ISUM 18 251200H	S-2

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Chu Lai, VietNam

0001 27Sep65

2400 27Sep65

0745	1	260123Z	Deadlined Engineer Equipment	S-4
0745	2	260124Z	Comm Elect Equipment	S-4
NTG	3	240615Z	ISUM 17 3/7	S-2
0745	4	240708Z	Recovery of airfield matting	S-4
0745	5	240710Z	Recovery of Airfield matting	S-4
0745	6	240714Z	Log Sum rpt	S-4
0745	7	240046Z	From to LCpl & Cpl 2nd Quarter FY 66	F
0745	8	232036Z	Rpt of Civilian employees	F
0745	9	230810Z	Flight departure	F
0745	10	230857 Z	Rpt of NonBattle and Battle Cas	F

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0001 28Sep65

2400 28Sep65

0800	1	260840Z	Dunnage Control	S-1,4
1430	2	270235Z	CG III MAF 220300Z	S-4
0800	3	271120Z	Missing weapon	S-1,4
0800	4	132214Z	Poncon btwn Ltcol STINGLEY & Maj CRAIG 11Sep	S-4
NTG	5	230108Z	Comm elect equipment	S-4
1515	6	240615Z	3/7 ISUM 17	F
NTG	7	250240Z	ISUM 18	S-2
0800	8	251142Z	Flight Departure	F
0800	9	260240Z	Recovery of airfield matting	S-4
0800	10	261004Z	Battle and NonBattle Cas	F
0800	11	230212Z	Personnel baggage	F
0800	12	132214Z	Poncon btwn Ltcol STINGLEY & Maj CRAIG 11Sep	S-4

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0800 1 280242Z Personnel Baggage F

No significant activity during  
this period.

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Chu Lai, Viet Nam

0001 30Sep65 2400 30Sep65

0745	1	290620Z	Replacement of M-422 vehicles	F
0745	2	280241Z	Personnel baggage	F
0745	3	<del>280934Z</del> 280934Z	Challenges and passwords	S-2
0745	4	272103Z	Complaint suspension defective material	F
0745	5	270822Z	Currency conversions	F
0745	6	280756Z	Flight departure	F
0745	7	190650Z	Missing government property	S-4
0745	8	281037Z	Missing seabags	S-4
0745	9	280754Z	Flight departure	F
0745	10	281125Z	Generator PU 482	S-4
0745	11	290236Z	Utilization of priority designator system	S-4
0745	12	281138Z	Missing Cal. .45 pistol	S-4
0745	13	281125Z	Generator PU 482	S-4
0745	14	290620Z	Replacement of M-422 vehicles	F
0800	15	272103Z	Complaint suspension defective material	F
0745	16	282230Z	LCpl J. JOEL 2020438 USMC	F
1400	17	290915Z	Req reorg of MP's unit in Chu Lai	F

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3rd Marine Division (Rein)  
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California

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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Fwd), FMP

Subj: RL7-7 After-Action Report 2-65 (Operation PIRANHA)

Ref: (a) 3rdMarDiv OpOrd 321A-65

Encl: (1) Concept of Operations Overlay  
(2) D-day Operations Ashore Overlay  
(3) 1st Bn, 7th Marines After-Action Report (Limited distribution)  
(4) 3rd Bn, 7th Marines After-Action Report (Limited distribution)  
(5) D+1 Operations Ashore Overlay  
(6) D+2 Disposition of Units Overlay

1. Name of Operation. PIRANHA
2. Dates of Operation. 070630H September 1965 to 101500H September 1965
3. Location. Cap Batangan, AN KY Peninsulas and immediate vicinity  
Maps: AMS Series L701, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Sheets 6756 I, II, III, IV.
4. Command Headquarters. RL7-7, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMP
5. Reporting Officer. Colonel O. F. PEATROSS, Commanding Officer RL7-7  
(See paragraph #6 for unit commanders of U.S. Forces)
6. Task Organization.

RL7-7

Col PEATROSS

HqCo (-)(Rein), 7thMar

Capt THOMAS

Det, HqBn, 3rdMarDiv  
Det, Comm Co, HqBn  
Det, IIT  
Co C (-)(Rein), 1st AT Bn

BLT 1/7

LtCol KELLY

1st Battalion, 7th Marines  
1st Plat, Co B, 1st Tank Bn  
1st Plat, Co C, 1st AT Bn  
1st Plat, Co C, 1st Engr Bn  
Det, 3rd Bn, 11th Mar  
Det, Hq Btry, 2d Bn, 12th Mar  
Det, Btry G, 3d Bn, 11th Mar  
Det, ARVN

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BLT 3/7

LtCol BODLEY

3d Battalion, 7th Marines

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3d Plat, Co C, 1st Engr Bn  
 Det, 3d Bn, 11th Mar  
 Det, Hq Btry, 3dBn, 11th Mar  
 Det, Btry I, 3dBn, 11th Mar  
 Det, ARVN  
 Det, Co C (-) (Rein), 1st SP Bn  
 Det, EOD Sec

3rd Bn (-) (Rein), 11th Marines  
 Hq Btry (-), 3d Bn, 11th Mar  
 107mm Mortar Btry, 3d Bn, 11th Mar  
 107mm Mortar Btry, 3d Bn, 12th Mar

LtCol PECK

Co B (-) (Rein), 1st Tank Bn  
 Co B (-), 1st Tank Bn  
 Det, H&SCo, 1st Tank Bn

Capt LAMB

Co A (-), 3rd Amtrac Bn  
 Co A (-), 3rd Amtrac Bn  
 Det, H&SCo, 3rd Amtrac Bn  
 Det, H&SCo, 1st Amtrac Bn

Capt BAIR

Det FLSU #1  
 Co C (-) (Rein), 1st SP Bn  
 Co C (-), 1st SP Bn  
 Det, H&S Co, 1st SP Bn  
 1st MP Plat

Maj POPPE

Co C (-) (Rein), 1st Engr Bn  
 Co C (-), 1st Engr Bn  
 Det, H&SCo, 1st Engr Bn

Capt RENNERT

RIT Reserve

BLT 3/3 (-)  
 3rd Bn (-), 3rd Marines  
 Det, 3d Plat, Co C, 3d Tank Bn  
 Det, 3d Plat, Co B, 3d AT Bn  
 Det, 3dBn, 12th Marines  
 Det, Hq Btry, 3d Bn, 12th Mar  
 Det, Btry C, 3d Bn, 12th Mar  
 Det, 3rd Plat, Co C, 3rd Engr Bn

LtCol MUIR

7. Supporting Forces.

a. Artillery. Two 107mm Mortar Batteries were employed in general support, one each from the Third Battalion, Eleventh Marines and the Third Battalion, Twelfth Marines. They were landed in LVT's beginning at 0930H on D-day and took up positions at coordinates 757859 and 760856 respectively. Artillery was available throughout the operation and there was no shortage of ammunition. There were no displacements required as possible target areas outside the Zone of Action that were beyond the range of mortars were within range of Naval Gun Fire.

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Artillery activity consisted mainly of firing illumination and H&I fires. From 071200H to 081200H, eight H&I missions (96 rounds for U.S. Forces) and two illumination missions (14 rounds) were fired for RVN Forces. One illumination mission (6 rounds) was fired for BLT 1/7. (Note: The RVN Forces had one four-gun howitzer battery of 105's and a two-gun platoon of 155 howitzers.) From 081200H to 091200H, artillery fired one HE mission (51 rounds) and three illumination missions (60 rounds) for BLT 3/7. Although all artillery fire was timely, H&I fires cannot be accurately measured as to their effectiveness. There was no artillery fired the third day.

The relatively few artillery missions fired can be attributed to the fact that there was a small impact area containing a high population density; this coupled with announced target restrictions resulted in few artillery targets being available or required.

b. Naval Gunfire. Naval Gunfire Support for Operation PIRANHA was provided by an initial assignment of one CLG, two DD's and one APD. The combatants were subsequently relieved by one CLG and two DD's. Of the seven fire support ships participating, only three were actually requested to fire, expending a total of 1052 rounds on eight missions. Two illumination missions were requested and fired by RLT-7 units. All destructive missions fired in this operation were in support of ARVN units. Complete shore fire control parties were attached to BLT's 1/7, 3/7, as well as 3/3 (-) in reserve. Spotter services for RVN units were accomplished through an ANGLICO airborne spotter with an ANGLICO Liaison Team located at the ARVN Quang Ngai Headquarters. Seventh Fleet units providing fire support were utilized as follows:

(1) USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5) was initially assigned direct support of BLT 3/7 and stationed in grid squares BS 7691 and 7692. The USS OKLAHOMA CITY relieved the USS ORLECK (DD-886) about 082100H to provide direct support to ARVN units, but did not fire any missions prior to being relieved by the USS GALVESTON (CLG-8) about 090945H.

(2) USS PRICHETT (DD-561) was assigned direct support of BLT 1/7 and stationed in grid square BS 7688. The USS PRICHETT fired one illumination mission totaling nine rounds prior to being relieved by the USS GALVESTON (CLG-8) about 092115H when it was apparent BLT 1/7 no longer required a direct support ship.

(3) USS ORLECK (DD-886) was initially assigned direct support of ARVN units and stationed in grid squares BS 7980. The USS ORLECK fired a total of 527 rounds of high explosive on two missions and an additional 118 rounds of illumination in direct support of BLT 3/7 after having been relieved by the USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5). The spotter reported eleven huts destroyed and 35 damaged in the ARVN Zone of Action on one mission following an expenditure of 96 rounds. The USS ORLECK (DD-886) was relieved by the USS BRAINE (DD-630)

(4) USS DIACHENKO (APD-123) was assigned in general support of RLT-7 because it could conduct only direct fire missions. It was therefore stationed in grid square BS 7688.

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(5) USS GALVESTON (CLG-8) relieved the USS OKLAHOMA CITY about 090945H to provide direct support to ARVN units. The GALVESTON expended 285 rounds 5"/38 illumination on two missions, and on three subsequent missions fired additional 133 rounds 6"/47 high capacity.

(6) USS WATKINS (DD-723) was available for direct support of ARVN units during the afternoon of 9 September but was never requested to fire.

(7) USS BRAINE (DD-630) relieved the USS ORLECK about 091330H to provide direct support to BLT 3/7, but it too, was not requested to fire.

In summary, the lack of suitable targets during Operation PIRANHA prevented the extensive use of Naval Gunfire.

c. Air. For Operation PIRANHA the USAF provided C-123 flare planes. The USA provided O-1F observation aircraft and UH-1B escort helicopters. VMG(R) 142 furnished the KC-130F for the airborne DASC. MAG-11 and MAG-12 flew close air support and MAG-16 provided UH-34D helicopters for troop lifts, resupply and medical evacuation missions. UH-1E helicopters also from MAG-16, flew escort, observation, command and psychological warfare missions. DASC personnel were provided by MASS-2.

From H-35 to H-15 MAG-12 aircraft prepared WHITE Beach under air dropped flares. The beach preparations consisted of strafing runs with 20mm HE in an attempt to detonate mines and booby traps on the landing beach. Investigation upon landing revealed that the beaches were not mined. At L-30 MAG-11 and MAG-12 aircraft commenced preparing LZ OAK and lifted their fire upon the arrival of 40 UH-34D helicopters with the first elements of BLT 3/7 aboard. After the initial trooplift, 16 of the UH-34D's went to Quang Ngai to begin lifting the RVN forces into LZ BIRCH and PINE. The remaining 24 helicopters returned to Chu Lai to complete lifting BLT 3/7. The UH-34D's were provided escort by Army and Marine armed UH-1E helicopters. LZ BIRCH received 20 minutes of preparation commencing at L-hour. Preparation of LZ PINE for 20 minutes began at L+60 and ended with the arrival of the first helicopter trooplift of RVN units into that LZ. During the assault phase, aircraft in the objective area were controlled by an airborne DASC in the modified KC-130F. The close air support aircraft remained on station during the daylight hours of the first 2½ days of the operation. Marine AO's in Army O-1F aircraft were on station throughout the operation with the capability of Tactical Air Controller, Airborne (TAC(A)), and Artillery/Naval Gun spot capability as well as aerial observation. The support provided by AO's was considered excellent throughout the operation. With the exception of the second day of PIRANHA, a command helicopter was on station during daylight hours for use by the CO of RLT-7. Upon completion of the troop lift, 12 UH-34D helicopters remained on standby for resupply and medical evacuation missions. After the pre-planned beach and LZ preparations and pre-planned troop lifts were completed, all requests for air support were submitted on the TAR net. Since the tactical situation did not call for any close air support for U.S. Forces except for one landing zone preparation for BLT 3/7 on D+1, all requests were for helicopter observation support. When DASC had complete control of the HD system and when enough helicopters were available, the reaction time and effectiveness was good. During the first two days the USS PRINCETON (LPH-5) was controlling helicopter part of the time and this slowed reaction time and effectiveness.

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A shortage of helicopters caused delays in reaction time on the third day. The USAF flare plane was on station or strip alert each night all night. Although the flares were dropped accurately and timely there were a large number of flares that did not ignite. During a night sweep and clear operation conducted by BLP 3/7, the intended constant illumination for its operation in the area was interrupted by periods in which flares failed to ignite.

8. Intelligence.

a. Estimate of VC Strength, Location, Disposition and Situation Anticipated in Objective Area.

(1) Forces anticipated in immediate Objective Area.

(a) <u>Main Force</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Tactical Disposition</u>
90th Bn	BS 7378	350	Unknown
3d Co, 80th Bn	General Area NE of Objective	100	Unknown
(b) <u>Local Force</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Tactical Disposition</u>
Quang Ngai Prov CP	BS 7585	180	Unknown
25th Recon Co	BS 7585	130	Unknown
27th LU Co	BS 7585	25	Unknown
24th Eng Plt	BS 7585	30	Unknown
135th Trans Plt	BS 7086	30	Unknown
52nd Bn	BS 7086	500	Unknown
Guerrillas	General Area East	1000	Unknown
	Total	2395	

b. Source of intelligence on VC units in area was considered valid as of 27 August 1965 and was obtained from 3rd MarDiv Operation Order 330-65.

c. VC Strength and Situation actually found as Operation was conducted.

(1) No actual organized resistance as such was found during the period of operations. VC activity consisted initially of light sporadic fire in the ILLZ and light sniper fire on the beach. As the operation proceeded south on the cape of Phu Qui and An Hai villages, brief encounters with small groups of VC were made while searching out and destroying caves and bunkers.

d. VC Units Identified. No VC units were identified. However, when the detailed interrogation reports on the VC are completed by III MAF ITT and are made available, it is quite possible that some VC unit identification will be made.

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e. Significant Intelligence Gained.

(1) Through the initial tactical interrogation reports of VC it was determined that the bulk of VC units in the area fled approximately 3 to 4 days prior to landing. Civilians (women) in Chau Me (2) stated that 3 days prior to our landing that all the fishermen, some of which were VC, left in boats and had not returned. This activity coincided with the increased activity of Junk Force 15, and the increase of ship movements in the Chu Lai area. In view of the above, it is apparent that attention must be given to the security aspects and tactical deception in the planning and in conduct of future operations involving amphibious forces.

(2) There was sufficient evidence found in the area of operation to definitely establish the area as a VC training area, supply area, hospital area and a probable point of infiltration. Without the detailed interrogation reports it is impossible at this time to definitely establish the mode and direction from which the infiltration occurs. It is believed, however, that the infiltration occurs by land generally from a northwest direction and from the north by sea. The infiltration from the sea could be controlled more efficiently by checking the numerous fishing boat movements, particularly night movement. These fishing boats carry VC from one fishing village or hamlet to another with boats making short and numerous stops for the VC on the way to their final destination. Additionally, closer observation as to the influx numbers and activity of these fishing boats could probably give an indication as to possible VC unit and supply movements.

(3) Further information was gained as to possible VC communications when in Chau Me (2) approximately 30 to 40 pigeons were discovered. It appears that the VC are using this as a method of communications.

f. Terrain.(1) Critical Terrain Features.

Hill 38 (BS 7784)  
 Nui A Linh (BS 7285)  
 Hill 108 (BS 6982)  
 Bridge (BS 763834)  
 Bridge (BS 737820)  
 Bridge (BS 740810)  
 Bridge (BS 743805)  
 Arms Factory (suspected) (BS 735844)  
 Arms and Ammunition cache (suspected) (BS 743865)  
 Arms and Ammunition cache (suspected) (BS 753865)  
 Radio Station (suspected) (BS 793857)

(2) Observation and Fields of Fire.

(a) The high ground on the rocky headlands southeast of National Intelligence Survey (NIS) Landing Beach 12 afforded excellent observation of sea approaches and the beach. Long range fields of fire for direct fire weapons were excellent and enfiladed the beach along its entire length.

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(b) Observation and fields of fire over NIS Landing Beach 13 were excellent from the headlands at the northeast end of the beach.

(c) The high ground on the peninsula proper provided excellent observation and fields of fire over the eastern approaches. Observation and fields of fire over beach exits from NIS Landing Beach 12 were limited due to shrub growth and scattered pines.

(d) Nui A Linh (BS 7285) provided excellent observation and fields of fire over the northwestern, central and southwestern approaches to the peninsula.

(e) Hill 108 (BS 6982) afforded excellent observation and fields of fire over the western approaches but was partially hindered by roughly dissecting terrain and shrub growth in the vicinity of BS 6681 and BS 6781.

(f) Hill 144 (BS 7686) provided excellent observation and fields of fire over western and northwestern approaches to the peninsula.

(3) Cover and Concealment.

(a) The pine and shrub growth to the south of NIS Landing Beach 12 afforded concealment for individuals and small units. Some cover was provided from direct fire weapons by the dunes paralleling the beach.

(b) Built up areas provided concealment for individuals and small units.

(c) The terraced paddies on the peninsula proper provided protection from direct fire weapons.

(4) Avenues of Approach.

NIS Landing Beach #12

NIS Landing Beach #13

Helicopter Landing Zones

Overland from northwest parallel to NIS Landing Beach #12.

Overland from southwest along ridge of Hill (BS 6982).

(5) Weather. The weather throughout the period of operation was generally clear and fair and in no way hampered air or ground operations.

9. Mission. In order to destroy Viet Cong forces and positions, RLT-7 executed a combined amphibious and heliborne assault on Cap Batangan in conjunction with heliborne RVN forces landing on the An Ky Peninsula.

10. Concept of Operation.

(1) Operation PIRANHA was divided into two phases. During Phase I, RLT-7 in conjunction with two RVN battalions was to execute a search and clear operation on Cap Batangan and An Ky Peninsula at H-hour on D-day. To implement this, BLT 3/7 was to be landed by helicopters on the high ground at (BS 7285) (BS 729849) (BS 727858) at L-hour. Initially they were to occupy blocking positions and protect the RLT-7 west flank.

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At H-hour BLT 1/7 was to execute an amphibious landing over WHITE Beach in the vicinity of (BS 760866) and then sweep through the dune line to search and clear CHAU ME (2), CHAU THUAN (1), CHAU THUAN (2), CHAU ME (1), and, on order, AN THINH (2). One platoon of BLT 1/7 was to be left as security for the Beach Support Area (BSA).

The 3rd Battalion, VMMC, was to execute a helicopter landing in the vicinity of (BS 700809) and establish a blocking position. At the same time the 2nd Battalion, 4th Regiment, 2d Division ARVN, was to execute a heliborne landing in the vicinity of (BS 716781) to carry out a search and clear operation on the An Ky Peninsula and secure the causeway located to the southwest. They were also to search and clear CON CHIEU-DONG XUAN Village area complex to the Northeast.

During both phases BLT 3/3 (-) was to be embarked aboard amphibious shipping as the RLT-7 reserve.

## II. Execution.

### a. Planning. See enclosure (1).

(1) On 26 August RLT-7 received a warning order that it was to participate in Operation PIRANHA. This warning order started the planning stage of the operation that culminated on 6 September 1965 when the RLT boarded amphibious shipping.

b. D-day, 7 September. The 7th of September was designated as D-day. During the night of the 6th and early morning of the 7th the shipping and the junk fleet screen moved into positions around Amphibious Objective Area (AOA). By 0550H on D-day, the USS PRICHETT (DD-531), in direct support of BLT 1/7, was on station northwest of the promontory left of WHITE Beach. At 0555H aerial flares illuminated WHITE Beach for preparatory air strikes. The beach was strafed from 0555H to 0615H to detonate mines along the water's edge and to deny the VC the opportunity to plan additional moves. At 0620H planes laid a smoke screen across the promontory on the south flank of the beach.

### (1) BLT 1/7 on D-day. See enclosure (2).

(a) From 0625H to 0635H the second wave of LVT's sprayed the beach with machinegun fire in order to protect the two LVTE-1's in the first wave. At 0628H the first wave, consisting of two LVTE-1's, landed. The left LVTE-1 fired a line charge on an azimuth of 180 degrees magnetic but the charge failed to detonate. This failure also rendered the second line charge inoperative. Both discharges were salvaged and used for demolition charges. The second LVTE-1, also firing on 180 degree azimuth, was successful in firing and detonating both of its charges.

(b) The second wave of LVT's, carrying the assault elements of Companies A and C, landed at 0635H. The troops dismounted at the water edge and deployed. A few rounds of sniper fire were received at the center of the beach but there was no organized resistance. As the assault elements moved inland, the LVTE-1's ploughed a safe passageway for following troops from the beach to the Assembly Area. The reserve elements of Companies A and C landed in the third wave at 0610H and proceeded to their Assembly Area.

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(c) The fourth wave of LVT's, consisting of Company B (-) and the 81mm Mortar Platoon, landed at 0648H. One LVT, loaded with Company B personnel, had mechanical failure and did not reach the beach. However, the intact elements of Company B proceeded inland to the Assembly Area (BS 759863).

(d) At 0652H the fifth wave, consisting of elements of Company B, Command Group Alpha, and two Ontos landed. At the same time the free boat LVT, carrying the BLT Commander landed. The BLT CP was then established at (BS 759864).

(e) By 0741 on D-day, Companies A and C seized Battalion Objective A (BS 760857), without enemy contact. They did, however, encounter approximately 190 civilians from CHAU ME (2). Two civilians, who had been wounded during the air strikes, were evacuated for medical aid.

(f) At 0842H Company D with two tanks was landed by an LCU. After reaching the Battalion Assembly Area, Company D began a search and clear operation of CHAU ME (2). One male, suspected of being a VC, was detained. At 0846H Company C was ordered to seize Battalion Objective C (BS 772852), which they secured without incident by 0915H. At the same time Battalion Objective C was secured, Company B was ordered to seize Battalion Objective B (BS 778665) which they found forty or fifty carrier pigeons at (BS 777858). Company B secured Battalion Objective B by 1230H and was ordered to seize and secure Battalion Objective F, (BS 782862).

(g) At 1030H a LVTE-1 detonated two explosive charges (BS 765860), damaging one of the teeth on the LVTE-1's plow. Then at 1200H, in the same general vicinity, a Vietnamese male, suspected of being a Viet Cong, emerged from a cave and was captured. Company B secured Bn Objective F (BS 782862), by 1353H and was ordered to seize Bn Objective I (BS 790858), which they accomplished without incident by 1420H. Company D was moved by LVT to an attack position (BS 752864), from which they were to seize Battalion Objective D (BS 753854). While clearing and searching CHAU ME (1) in the vicinity of Battalion Objective D, Company D destroyed three small tunnels. The Battalion Objective was secured by 1536H and the 3rd platoon was detached in order to provide security for the Beach Support Area (BSA).

(h) At 1430H Company B found nine VC in a cave in the vicinity of Battalion Objective I (BS 790858). After a short fire fight, three VC were killed and six captured. Simple Viet Cong training aids such as wooden rifles and manuals were also found in the cave. Between 1500H and 1600H the company encountered radio jamming in the form of music and jabbering. Company D occupied Battalion Objective G relieving Company C in order that Battalion Objective G could be searched and cleared. Battalion Objective G, (BS 772848), was secured by 1809H. In doing so, Company C found some French medical supplies consisting of vitamins, antibiotics and syringes in a man-made tunnel (BS 773848). While searching CHAU THUAN (2), an elderly man told Company C that 90% of the young men in the village were VC and frequently went out at night on VC missions. He also stated that some young men armed with Russian bolt rifles had left the village that morning.

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(i) After securing ~~Battalion Objective G~~, Company C was ordered to advance and seize Objective H (BS 778847). Enroute to Battalion Objective H the company found many fresh foxholes and a number of punji traps along the road between CHAU THUAN (1) and (2) and beside the trail up to Battalion Objective H. Between 1700H and 1800H the BLT 1/7 CP and the 81mm Mortar platoon were displaced to a new location at (BS 772854). At 1709H an air observer (AO) spotted and received fire from VC at (BS 776847).

(j) At 1707H Company A displaced from Battalion Objective A (BS 760857), to Battalion Objective J (BS 782862) via the new BLT CP where they were resupplied with rations and water. After sunset their march route was illuminated by 81mm mortars. They reached Battalion Objective J at 2150H and tied in with Company C. During the night Company B and C conducted security patrols of assigned sectors but no contact was made.

(2) BLT 3/7 D-Day See enclosure (2).

(a) At 0620H thirty minutes of preplanned preparatory air strikes were conducted on Landing Zone OAK, paving the way for the first wave of BLT 3/7. At 0650 the first elements of Company K landed by helicopters at Landing Site ROBIN (BS 731840), to set up a blocking position on Hill #42. The remainder of the company landed at 0829H and strengthened the position. No enemy resistance was encountered.

(b) After the landing of the first wave of BLT 3/7, sixteen helicopters were used to transport the 2d Battalion, 4th Regiment, 2d Division ARVN to coordinates (BS 716781) and the 3rd Marine Battalion VNMC to coordinates (BS 700809). The two Vietnamese Battalions began landing at 0715H and immediately set up defensive blocking positions before conducting search and clear operations in a northeasterly direction.

(c) Company I commenced landing at Landing Site SPARROW (BS 727852) at 0720H. They immediately set up a blocking position and spent the rest of the day improving their position. At 1800H a two platoon ambush was set up in the vicinity of (BS 731842).

(d) Elements of Company M landed at Landing Site KIWI, (BS 727859) at 0700H, followed by the rest of the company at 0930H. A fire team reconnaissance patrol which was sent to make a reconnaissance of LEIN QUANG (3) at 0800, returned at 1000H and reported that they had received 10 rounds of sniper fire from the village. There were no casualties.

(e) A reinforced platoon was sent to search and clear LEIN QUANG (3) at 1145 but met with no enemy contact nor obtained anything of intelligence value.

(f) At 1330H the 3rd platoon of Company M was helilifted to coordinates (BS 745875) to conduct a sweep of a heavy timber area on which a ten minute air strike had been conducted prior to their landing. Two Vietnamese, hiding in a likely ambush sight, were fired on when sighted. They both fled, apparently unharmed and with no visible weapons. At 1800H, Company M set up night blocking positions at coordinates (BS 734874), (BS 734875) and (BS 732865). At 1830H the 2nd platoon of Company M reported finding the body of a Vietnamese male at coordinates (BS 732865). He had apparently died of shrapnel wounds.

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He appeared to be about twenty years old and had nothing in his possession except clothing and a rice bag which was tied around his neck.

(g) At 2200H the 2d platoon of Company I set up a blocking position overlooking PHU MY (2), (BS 728834).

(h) Company L landed in two heliborne waves at Landing Site EAGLE (BS 724855) at 0800H and 0845H. At 1330H the company conducted search and clear operations in villages PHUOC SON (2) and LIEN QUANG (2). A French carbine and material for constructing booby traps were found during the search.

(i) At 1200H Company L returned to the landing site to set up a night blocking position from (BS 721851) to (BS 729860).

c. D+1, September 1965.

(1) BLT 3/7 on D+1 See enclosure (5).

(a) On D+1 at 0200H Company I's ambush rejoined the company after encountering no enemy. At 0630H two platoons of Company I began a search and clear operation from the northwest side of PHU NHIEU (4). After destroying three small, empty, L-shaped tunnels, they found a major tunnel network in the southeast portion of the village. The cave had at least eight entrances, was four to six feet wide, three to six feet high and was about 200 feet long. Three male VCS were captured and evacuated. The tunnels were only partially destroyed because of their size and the lack of sufficient demolitions within the company.

(b) The rest of Company I joined the two searching platoons and set up a defensive perimeter southeast of the village. They remained in this position for the rest of the day. At 0700H, D+1, Company K (-) began sweeping through PHU MY toward the blocking position that the 2d platoon held on the other side of the village. One fleeing VC was killed when he refused to halt after repeated attempts were made to stop him. Several large cave systems were searched and destroyed but nothing of intelligence value was uncovered. At 1600H, Company K moved into a defensive position in the vicinity of (BS 733838). The 1st platoon set in a night defensive position in the vicinity of (BS 728857) at 2000H. Companies L and M remained in their blocking positions throughout D+1.

(2) BLT 1/7 on D+1

(a) At 0945H on D+1 Company B and accompanied by Associated Press United Press and other news reporters began search and clear operations in the company zone. At 1230H six VCS were captured in a cave in the vicinity of (BS 789847). From this cave four VC were captured immediately. Other VC started firing from the mouth of the cave. After a futile effort to get the occupants of the cave to cease fire and surrender, demolitions were exploded in the mouth of the cave. Sixty-six VC were killed with none surviving the explosion. The cave contained a quantity of Chinese medical supplies, twenty five grenades, VC uniforms, two M-1 rifles, small arms ammunition, 6000 plasters and some packs. During the search of the cave a lieutenant and eight Marines were overcome by the lack of oxygen. The lieutenant did not recover and died of asphyxia. Near the cave Marines from Company B exchanged fire with two snipers in spider holes. The snipers were wounded and captured.

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(b) At 0927H BLT 1/7 CP was moved from the CP position to coordinates (BS 783847). At about 1300H, while searching and clearing a portion of PHY QUI at (BS 788449), Company A received machine gun fire from a tunnel which was excavated in a zig zag pattern. The cave was four feet in diameter enabling only one person room enough to operate freely. The leading Marine of the search party returned the VC fire with an automatic rifle and grenades. After several minutes of fire fight, four VC were coaxed out of the cave with the aid of an AN/PIQ-5 bullhorn. Two of them were wounded. A sub-machinegun with six rounds and a U.S. Carbine with eighteen rounds was captured. One of the newly captured VC led Company A to another cave nearby and coaxed ten VC to surrender, three of which were women. The cave also produced VC uniforms, medical supplies, five grenades and four trip flares.

(c) At 1830H Company A evacuated the 14 prisoners and set up a defensive perimeter at (BS 780825). At 1300H when Companies A, B, and C began to commence a coordinated sweep, Company C received sniper fire at (BS 785844) and encountered a booby trap which was disarmed. The trap consisted of a grenade to be electrically detonated surrounded by two 60mm Mortar rounds and an eight inch Naval shell. While sweeping through the village of AN HAI (1), Company C received fire from six VC who disappeared into a cave. When the VC refused to come out, the cave was assaulted resulting in the death of four VC and three young women. It appeared that the VC had used the women as a human protective wall from the blast of the grenades. The men were apparently killed by the concussion, and the women by shrapnel. Two more VC were captured at another entrance to the cave, one of them wounded.

(d) Company C then established a night defensive position at coordinates (BS 766832). At 0940H Company D relieved Company C on Battalion Objective H (BS 779842), and assumed the mission of supporting A and C Companies by fire. At 1830H Company D and the Battalion OP group moved out to set up a defensive position on Hill #32 at (BS 785828). Enroute they encountered five VC one of which was armed with a carbine. A fire fight ensued in which two VC were killed and three Marines received light wounds from a grenade. It was later learned that one of the dead VC was a warrant officer with 11 years of service. Company D left one platoon at coordinates (BS 775833) to provide security for three mechanical mules which were temporarily broken down. The rest of the company set up a defensive position for the night.

d. D+2, 9 September 1965. See enclosure (6).

(1) BLT 1/7 on D+2

(a) On D+2 Company B continued search and clear operations. Several caves were found and destroyed. One extremely large cave was built in a horse-shoe shape around a slope (BS 790845). It has at least four entrances and was large enough to billet approximately 500 persons. It was estimated that at least 500 pounds of demolitions and 100 feet of detonating cord would be necessary to destroy the cave. The cave was empty but contained numerous sleeping compartments. The cave was roughly 500 feet long and was not fully destroyed because of lack of sufficient demolitions.

(b) At 1230H, a VC threw a grenade from a cave at coordinates (BS 788839). A fire fight ensued and the VC was killed. Two .45 caliber U.S. pistols were captured. At 1300H a VC was killed by Company B while trying to escape from a cave at (BS 788839).

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At 1615H a VC was killed, (BS 792841), after he fired on members of Company B. Marines retaliated by tossing a white phosphorous grenade into the tunnel. As the VC occupying the cave came running out, fifteen of them were subdued in 'hand to hand' combat and 16 were shot trying to escape. At dusk Company B established a defensive position on the northern one-third of a three company battalion perimeter on Hill #38 at grid square (BS 7784).

(c) Company A captured fifty-one VCS in AN HAI (1) while searching their Zone of Action. The company administered first aid to the people of the village as a gesture of good will, however, the villagers became hysterical when the fifty-one VCS were marched away. At 1800H Company A established a night defensive position on the southeastern portion of the battalion defensive perimeter, Hill #38.

(d) On D+2 Company C conducted search and clear operations simultaneously in TAN DUC, northern AN HAI (1) and AN HAI (2). During the search, Company C discovered several unoccupied caves containing medical supplies, packs, flags, food, and a French carbine. One cave extending 660 feet, (BS 767829) to (BS 765832), was found in the village of AN HAI (2). It had two levels with airfield panels and barbed wire hatches between the levels.

(e) Approximately 125 young men from AN HAI (2) were rounded up and screened. From this group one ARVN deserter, one Chinese citizen, and one VC squad leader were identified. These three and twenty-five other suspects were evacuated. About 1830H while moving back to a night defensive position, Company C encountered sniper fire. In the ensuing assault one Marine was wounded slightly by an M-79 fragment in the shoulder. Company C took a position in the south portion of the battalion perimeter.

(f) On D+2 Company D (-) searched and cleared grid squares (BS 7782) and (BS 7882). Several large caves were destroyed and one VCS captured. The 3rd platoon of Company D, still guarding the BSA, killed one VC and captured a carbine from a group of five VC escaping from within the BSA perimeter. At 1600H Company D (-) began moving to the BLT perimeter, where security was established for BLT 1/7 CP.

(2) BLT 3/7 on D+2

(a) At 090345H a coordinated three company search and clear operation was conducted in the village of CHAU BINH (1) and CHAU ME (1) by BLT 3/7. Company M on the left, Company I in the center, and Company L on the right moving from northeast to southwest. Illumination from Naval Gunfire artillery, and air provided light in the initial stages of the search.

(b) At 0915H Company I completed its search, apprehending three VCS. At 1000H Company I swept back across its zone uncovering several tunnels which were unoccupied. At 1430H Company I assumed a security role for RLT-7 CP at coordinates (BS 759859).

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(c) At 090700H Company K finished its sweep with negative results. At this time the 3rd platoon was sent to search the river banks as they proceeded to company assembly point at (BS 768843). At 1500H the 3rd platoon rejoined the company in the assembly area and reported one VC KIA and nine VCS captured. At 1600H Company K swept eastward to the vicinity of (BS 784853) where a defensive position for the night was established.

(d) Company L completed their initial sweep at 090530H. At 1450H Company L became the left flank of a coordinated battalion sweep eastward to the night defensive position. Company M was in the center and Company K on the right flank during the 1530H coordinated sweep through the 3/7 Zone of Action.

(e) At 091330H the BLT 3/7 CP displaced by helicopter to (BS 762855).

e. D+3, 10 September 1965

(1) On D+3 the search and clear operations in the 3/7 Zone of Action were completed and retraction to the CHU LAI area began at 101200H. During the movement to the assembly area, a Lance Corporal from Company M was killed by the accidental explosion of his rifle grenade. By 101715H all elements of BLT 3/7 had been helilifted back to CHU LAI.

(2) BLT 1/7 began returning to WHITE Beach at 0800H on D+3 in order to commence backloading on the USS BAYFIELD (APA-33). All elements of the battalion were on board by 1430H and returned to the CHU LAI defensive position by 102100H.

12. Results. The following table is a summary of enemy casualties and equipment losses which were visibly confirmed by U.S. Forces.

a. <u>PERSONNEL</u>	<u>FROM U.S. FORCES</u>	<u>FROM ARVN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
VC KIA	112	66	178
VC WIA	4	0	4
VCC/VCS	249	111	360
b. <u>EQUIPMENT</u>			<u>QUANTITY</u>
Weapons captured by U.S. Forces:			
.45 Caliber Pistol			2
M-1's			2
MAS 36			2
Carbines			4
M-49 Sub-machinegun			1
Captured by ARVN			<u>11</u>
TOTAL			22

(1) Several caches of medical supplies were captured consisting of medicine, cotton gauze, syringes, surgical instruments, drugs and first aid kit

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c. The following is a summary of friendly forces casualties and equipment losses.

U.S. FORCES	KIA	1	Non-battle	
	DOW	1	Death	1
	WIA	13	Injury &	
	WIANE	1	Sick	22
	Total	16	Total	23

ARVN FORCES	KIA	5
	WIA	33
	Total	38

- (1) U.S. equipment and material losses due to enemy action - None.
- (2) ARVN equipment and material losses due to enemy action - None.
- (3) All areas hit by air prep fires were searched by ground forces.

### 13. Administrative Matters.

#### a. Supply and Logistics.

(1) General - Upon receipt of the warning order from 3rd Marine Division, the Administrative Order with a Medical annex, Shore Party annex, and Landing Force Supplies annex was prepared and issued. The order fully supported the operation.

#### (2) Supply.

##### (a) Methods of Supply.

1 Prior to the establishment of Shore Party on the beach, the Landing Force was supplied from a floating dump located on the USS CABILDO (LSD-16). As soon as the beach was cleared the Shore Party established its facilities ashore and the Landing Force was supplied from that organization.

During this operation RLT-7 was operating approximately 24 miles from its normal source of supply. Roads from that source of supply to the objective area were not sufficiently secure for supply convoys; therefore, it was necessary to establish a Beach Support Area (BSA), manned by a Shore Party organization. Another benefit derived from the BSA was in turn-around time saved on helicopters. Turn-around time for helicopters to CHU LAI was 28 minutes not including loading time. By establishing the BSA, supplies were available to any means of transportation in a matter of very few minutes. Additionally, the availability of supplies in the objective area allowed assault units to carry a lighter prescribed load, a most important consideration in view of the heat.

2 Approximately 90% of resupply to the BLT's was done by helicopters. This was necessary because of uncovered routes to the BLT's for wheeled and tracked vehicles. Terrain also prohibited the use of tracked or wheeled vehicles to a great extent.

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3 As in Operation STARLITE, the greatest difficulty was in the availability of helicopters for resupply at the particular time they were needed. There are many reasons why helicopters must be locally available to the commander in this type of operation. Companies are spread out searching and clearing villages making resupply or medical evacuation difficult. There are not enough doctors, nor is it practical to send a doctor with each of these companies, consequently the reaction of helicopters to these needs must be instantaneous.

The separation of companies from battalions and battalions from regiment brings with it a requirement for frequent conferences of unit commanders with subordinate commanders. Because of the terraced terrain, flooded paddies, and poor roads, the primary means of getting these things done is by helicopter. It is felt that the only solution to this problem is to assign two helicopters for these purposes to each battalion. The DASC is reluctant to release helicopters to battalions because of their possible exposure to the dangers of friendly fire. However, this danger can be overcome and the safety of the aircraft assured, in that they could be dispatched by the Battalion Air Liaison Officer who would report their route and destination to the DASC making their location known at all times. Regardless of the system to be used, a solution to this problem must be forthcoming. In both this operation and Operation STARLITE there were sufficient supplies available and staged for delivery but delivery frequently was delayed because of helicopters not being timely available for transportation.

4 Water Supply. The Engineer Company established a water point in the Beach Support Area that provided water in adequate quantities and quality for the RLT.

HqCo, 7th Marines, including attachments, carried 150 five-gallon water cans, one lister bag and five 400-gallon water trailers on this operation. The average consumption of water was  $1\frac{1}{2}$  gallons per man per day.

1st Battalion, 7th Marines carried 244 five-gallon water cans and one 400 gallon water trailer. This battalion consumed an average of two gallons per man per day.

3rd Battalion, 7th Marines carried 250 water cans and consumed an average of two gallons per man per day.

Some difficulty was experienced in keeping enough water cans for resupply. It is recommended that each battalion carry 300 five-gallon water cans on future operations of this nature. It is further recommended that more lister bags and water trailers be utilized by Headquarters and CP units in order to free additional water cans for use by assault units.

(3) Transportation. As mentioned above, most transportation was accomplished by helicopter. When helicopters were available no significant transportation problems were encountered.

The use of Amphibian Tractors and wheeled vehicles was seriously hampered by terrain and poor routes. It was found that on this operation almost all the roads led through the middle of villages.

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They were so narrow that no supply vehicle could get through without destroying civilian property. Additionally, many roads led into flooded paddies or into terraced hills or fields making it impossible for wheeled or tracked vehicles to negotiate.

(4) Maintenance. Only first and second echelon maintenance was performed in the field because of the short duration of the operation. End item replacement was made from the RLT rear, and the FLSU at CHU LAI met third and fourth echelon requirements.

(5) Medical. Because of the light casualties sustained on the operation there was no real test of the hospitalization and evacuation plan. The same can be said of the treatment of casualties in the field. However, it is judged that the medical plan would have been quite adequate even had greater casualties occurred.

(6) Embarkation.

(a) RLT-7 was assigned one LPH, two LSD's, three LST's, three LCU's, and two LCMS's for this operation. Although there was much unused space, all of the shipping was needed to support the Landing Plan and the scheme of maneuver ashore. Loading plans were drawn up by the RLT and approved by each ship's commanding officer. RLT-7 commenced loading at 041904H and completed loading at 061800H.

(b) During loading it was found that the seaward section of the causeway could not support M-48 tanks. The recommended solution is to load all heavy equipment into LCU's/LCMS's during high tide, causing them to ford only two feet of water.

(c) Unloading at the objective area was accomplished during high tide. Boats grounded out and the troops that came ashore by this means had to wade through approximately four feet of water. All one-half ton and one-fourth ton vehicles were removed from LCU's and LCM's, after grounding out by loading them into LVT's and shuttling them ashore. If unloading could have been accomplished at low tide, the boats could beach on the sand bar thereby causing troops and equipment to ford only three to six inches of water.

(d) Backloading of troops and equipment commenced at 100715H and proceeded at a steady and smooth rate. Naval Beach Group and PHIBRON-7 personnel controlled the lighterage while Shore Party regulated the loading. All ships were administratively loaded and backloading was completed at 101740H. No significant problems were encountered during the backloading phase.

(e) Unloading commenced at CHU LAI at approximately 101740H. Tanks were able to unload over the causeway, as they obtained enough speed coming off the LCU's to get off the end section of the causeway before it sank. The tank commander requested not to load or unload by an at-sea marriage. Unloading was completed at 110730H.

(f) Summary. The overage of shipping was necessary due to the following factors:

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(a) The amount of tracked vehicles precluded the use of the weather decks on the LST's.

(b) The LPH was required as the principal point of casualty evacuation.

(c) The APA was required for the number of troops which participated and the communications requirement for the RLT-7 Command Group during the ship-to-shore phase, and during the tactical withdrawal of troops from the objective area.

Overall the entire embarkation/debarkation phases of Operation PIRANHA proceeded smoothly and the only problems encountered were minor in nature and easily solved.

(7) Communications.

(a) Communications during the embarkation and movement to the objective phases were normal and no difficulties were encountered.

(b) On D-day, no communications problems were encountered during the assault phase.

1 The RLT Command Post displaced by normal echelon and all circuits were activated and operating ashore, with the exception of Division Command #1, by H+3½ hours. The Division Command #1 did not become operational ashore until about 2100H on D-day due to failure of both KW-7 (On-line Crypto equipment) and AN/GGC-3 teletype equipment. This problem of equipment failure was amplified by the difficulty in obtaining circuit time to conduct the necessary alignment and synchronization tests with the USS BAYFIELD (APA-33), which was the closest station. An inordinate amount of circuit time was pre-empted by 3rd Marine Division Headquarters in sending queries to RLT-7 (Forward) as to the status of communications.

2 The PU-348 Generator brought on the operation for a battery charging facility broke down in the first hour of operation ashore. It was replaced with the spare PE-75 from the Communications Center. The battery re-charging and maintenance facility was completely satisfactory throughout the operation.

(c) On D-day plus one, radio communications were still not established on a continuous basis with Division Headquarters and in many instances messages were relayed through the USS BAYFIELD (APA-33) and units in the CHU LAI area. Long wire and "V" type antennas were experimented with but did not appreciably improve communications.

(d) On D-day plus two, the PE-75, providing power for the Communications Center failed and was evacuated to FLSU #1. An immediate replacement was obtained. A shortage of battery, BA-414 developed and none was available through the logistical sources although they had been requested prior to the operation. Sufficient assets were available at the RLT-7 Rear CP to provide for austere operations and these batteries were obtained and used. Additional experiments were conducted with antennas with no success.

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(e) On D-day plus three, the RLT commenced backloading and no unusual problems developed during the retraction.

(f) The radio-relay terminal installed aboard the USS BAYFIELD (APA-33) received little use during this operation. An AN/MRC-62 radio-relay terminal ashore would have been feasible and could have carried a large amount of the communications load to higher headquarters if the equipment had been available. It is recommended that future operations of this type contain provisions for the attachment of a radio-relay team from the Communications Company of the Division Headquarters Battalion.

(g) In some instances, SITREPS and INTSUMS were delayed in submission to 3rd Marine Division Headquarters because of queries from that Headquarters with an "Immediate" precedence for the identical information that was contained in Regimental SITREPS and INTSUMS that were being attempted to send out simultaneously with only a "Priority" precedence.

(8) Engineers.

(a) The company headquarters was in general support of the RLT and assigned the mission of supplying potable water for the RLT. The two platoons were attached to the BLT's.

(b) The mission of the 1st platoon was initially mine clearing of the beach and assembly areas and all roads leading into and out of the assembly area. This was to be accomplished thru the use of the LVTE-1's and mine detector teams. Additionally, the engineers attached to the companies were to be used in the destruction of all caves, tunnels and booby traps encountered.

(c) The employment of the LVTE-1's was very effective. The line charges that were fired cleared a path twelve feet to sixteen feet wide, three feet deep and approximately three hundred feet long.

(d) The 3d platoon (-) was used as a general supporting element to Battalion Landing Team 3/7. The ultimate breakdown of the platoon was as follows: seven man demolitions teams were attached to India, Kilo, Lima and Mike Companies and the coordinating or headquarters portion of the platoon, also a seven man team, was attached to H&S Company.

(e) The various missions of the demolitions teams were: destruction of enemy caches, strongholds and caves; destruction of captured food stores and ammunition; mapping and plotting of caves using grid coordinates and providing of reconnaissance patrols for the location of mines and boobytraps.

(f) The company used a total of 3,227 pounds of Composition C4 and ten 40 pound cratering charges during the operation for destroying a total of forty-four caves and/or tunnels. Four projected line charges, M-125, were used on the operation.

A total of 18,000 gallons of potable water were issued during the operation. The water was obtained from an open well that was cleared and excavated by a TD-18. The water needed only chlorine treatment.

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(g) Recommendations.

- 1 Battle lanterns be provided for those people searching the tunnels.
- 2 Demolition teams be allowed enough time to adequately set their charge.
- 3 Automatic weapons such as the .45 Cal sub-machine gun be used by searching teams.

(9) Summary. The logistics effort on this operation was satisfactory. The use of Shore Party on the beach provided an excellent means for water supply, resupply to the BLT's and temporary prisoner of war detention. The only significant problem encountered was the occasional non-availability of helicopters for resupply missions.

14. Special Equipment and Techniques.

a. This was the first combat operation in which the LVTE-1 was used. Of the two LVTE-1's used only one fired both its charges without difficulty. When the second fired its line charge, rockets for both line charges ignited causing the bottom pallet and line charge to be useless. The top line charge fired but failed to detonate. Both LVTE-1's were used in ploughing passageways for troops, vehicles, and other LVT's. One LVTE-1 had its blade slightly damaged when it detonated an explosive charge which the VC had buried in the sand.

b. Two Civil Affairs teams, composed of ARVN from QUANG NGAI, accompanied RL7-7 on Operation PIRANHA. One team was composed of eight members and the other team of seven members. Each team had a medic, interpreter, police element, security element, and psychological warfare element. BLT 1/7 and BLT 3/7 each had one of these teams to use at its discretion. On D-day, BLT 1/7 encountered approximately 250 civilians in their landing area. The Civil Affairs team was employed in controlling, caring for, and questioning them. The refugees were kept at a collection point where they were provided with food and water. They were adequately controlled by a small group of MP's throughout this operation.

c. A sick call was held on D+1 and D+2 for approximately 500 civilians. MEDCAP supplies were used in treating the sick and injured. Soap was dispensed to the people with instructions on how to use it. It was noted that there was a noticeable change in the attitude of the people after receiving medical aid. They became more receptive and cooperative, making the civil affairs operations quite rewarding.

15. Commander's Analysis.

a. The basic tactics employed during Operation PIRANHA were sound and proved effective. The lessons learned were connected with the implementation of tactical doctrine rather than the tactics themselves.

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b. The success of Operation PIRANHA revolved around the locating, searching and destruction of the numerous well-hidden tunnels throughout the area. In carrying out these operations, it was apparent that the searching units will have to be furnished with additional equipment such as battle lanterns, rope, lightweight telephone communications from the searching party to the mouth of the cave, Navy Oxygen Breathing Apparatus (Type A-3 with canister), and tear gas. Although tear gas has been prohibited, its use would save the lives of civilians and Marines alike and provide a more discriminatory method of clearing enemy positions than does the use of WP or HE grenades.

c. Air Observers over the battle area were very helpful in both observing the enemy activity and aiding in the coordination of friendly units.

d. The junk fleet screen to the seaward around the peninsula was particularly effective.

e. Problems arose in the timely availability of helicopters for resupply purposes. If two helicopters were given the single mission of supporting a battalion the battalion would be capable of timely accomplishing its own resupply and evacuation. A helicopterborne battalion, that relies entirely on helicopters for resupply, needs to have helicopters available constantly.

#### 16. Recommendations.

a. It is recommended that infantry platoons be provided with battle lantern rope, Navy Oxygen Breathing Apparatus (Type A-3 with canisters), and a lightweight telephone communication capability to be used in the search and clearing of caves. It is also recommended that tear gas be used in conjunction with field protective masks while clearing caves.

b. The administrative requirement of paragraphs 6. and 8. of enclosure (1) to Division (Forward) Order 3040.2 are impractical in that paragraph 6. requires Statements of Recognition in triplicate on all deaths and paragraph 8. requires a certification in triplicate that a Class "A" uniform for the deceased is not available. To implement paragraph 6., each company needs at least two men from each company (total of ten) at the evacuation point to identify the remains of deceased members of their unit. For an RLT Operation this could tie up 42 men for the identification remains at the evacuation point. It is recommended that both paragraph 6. and 8. of the aforementioned order be deleted and identification of KIA's be accomplished by ID tags, fingerprints or dentures and that the identification be accomplished by qualified graves registration, or other qualified personnel.

c. Because of the complications of poor telephone connections and the time consuming process of calling through five telephone exchanges with the constant problem that one is down or busy, it is recommended that the field phone be used for serious injuries and deaths while non-serious casualties be reported through a courier.

d. It is recommended that a receipt system be established to ensure accurate accountability of POW's between RLT and Division Collecting Points.

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e. In future operations of this type, more time should be made available to clearing units so that they may more thoroughly search and destroy tunnels and trenches. In cases where this is not possible, Naval Gunfire can be called in to destroy the positions if they are not in the vicinity of villages.

f. Because of frequent contacts with Vietnamese by small units during search and clear operations, it is recommended that each rifle platoon be provided with at least one interpreter.

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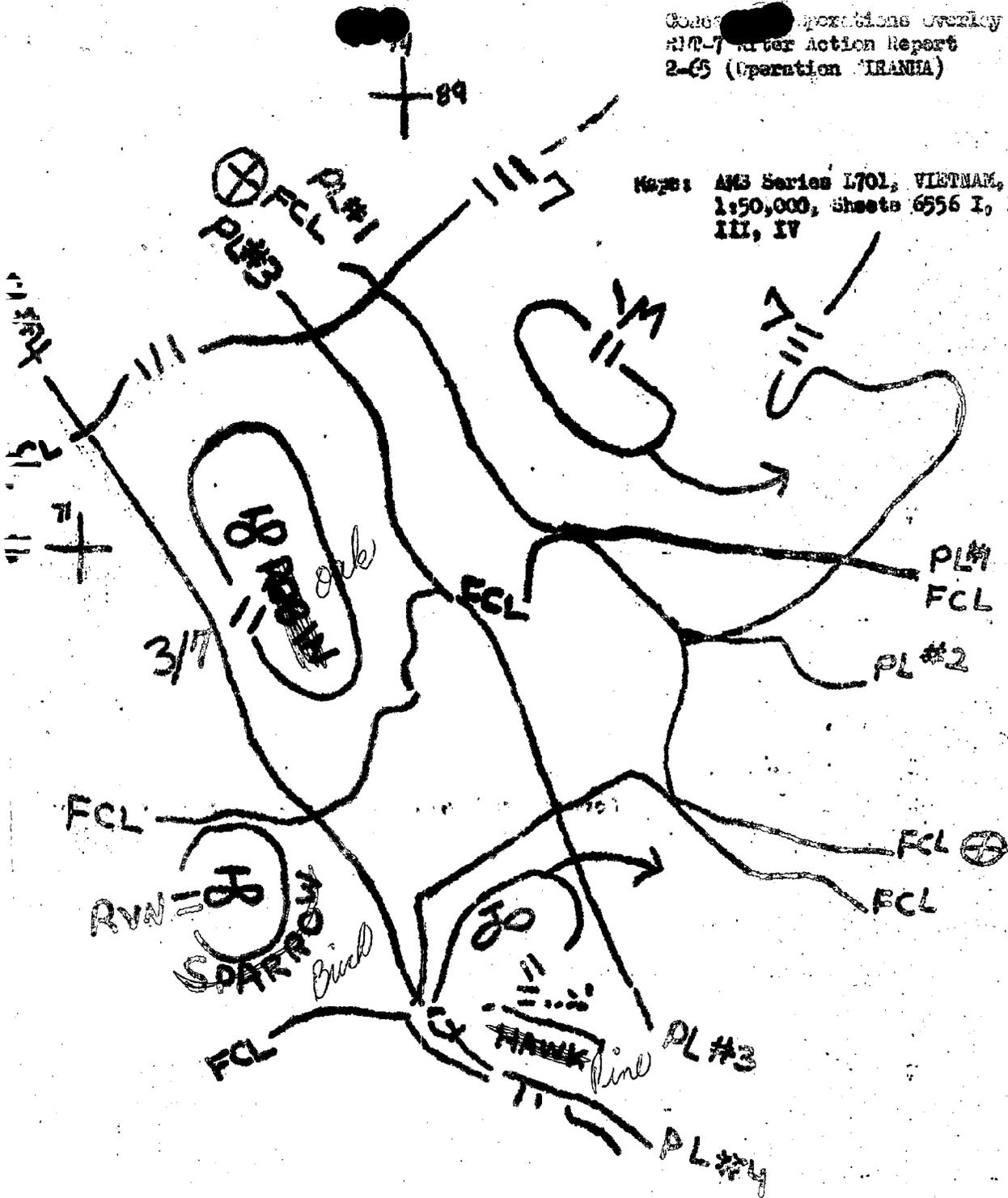
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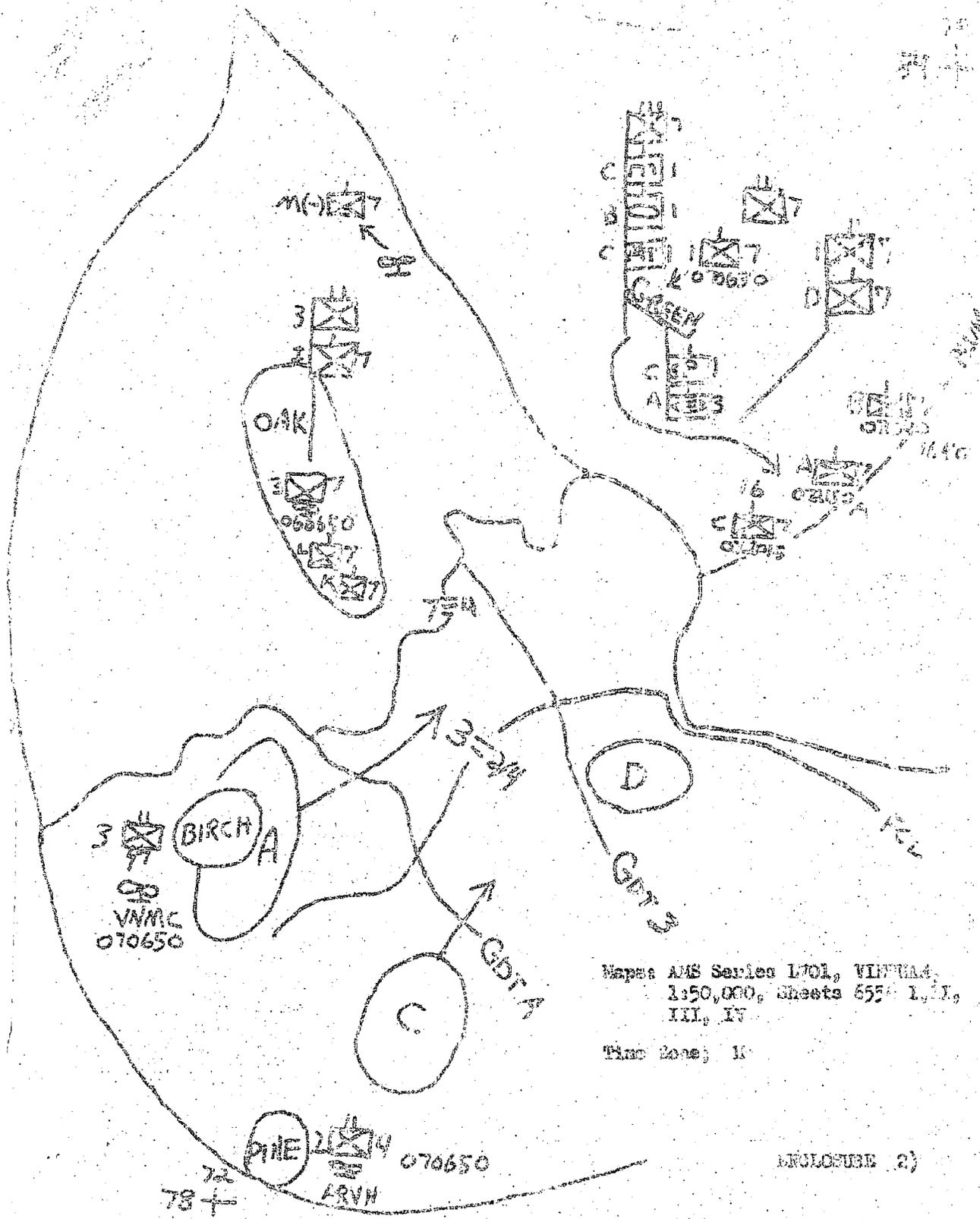
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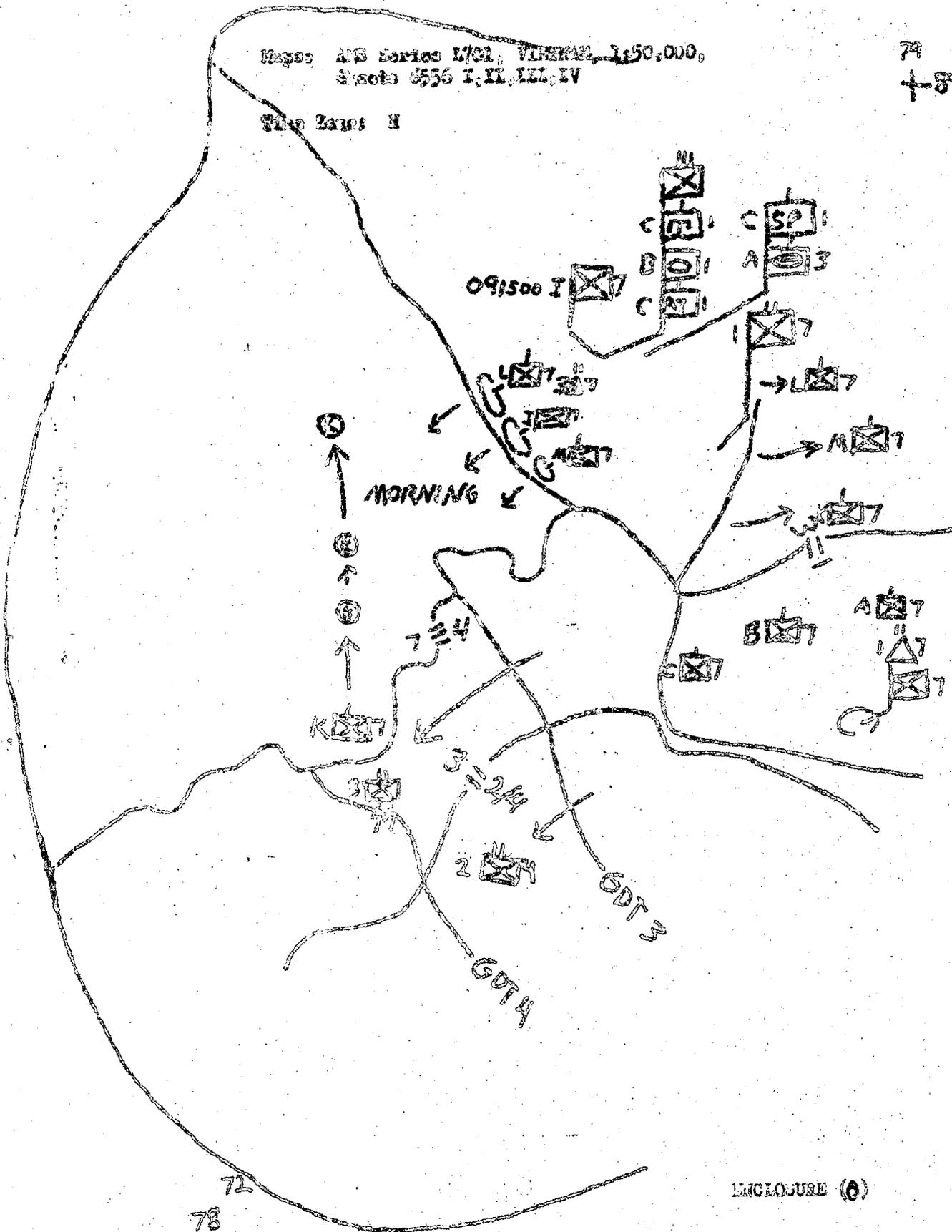
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 CG FMAL  
 CG THIRD MAW  
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 COMBIBRON SEV  
 USS RYFIELD  
 USS OKLAHOMA CITY  
 USS PRINCETON  
 USS ORLEANS  
 USS PRICHETT  
 USS DIAPHENKO  
 ZEN/BLT 4/7  
 ZEN/BLT 3/7  
 BLT 3/T  
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 MAG 16  
 MAG 11  
 MAG 36  
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 PGE PARAGRAPH CHANGE

- 1. 1.B.(4) CHANGE BS 75719 TO 725819
- 1.B.(5) DELETE SECOND LINE, SUBSTITUTE "VICINITY (BS 717.17)"
- 2 3.W.(1) DELETE LINE 10, SUBSTITUTE "LANDING VICINITY (BS 717817) TO ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS."  
 LINE 11. CHANGE BS 75784 TO BS 725819

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- 3 3.B.(2) CHANGE "UPON LANDING" TO "AFTER LANDING, ON ORDER,"
  - 3 3.E.(2) INSERT "RT H-5" WAFTER LVTE-1; DELETE REMAINDER OF SENTENCE AFTER BLADE
  - 6 3.H.(2) CHANGE "BE PREPARED TO EMPLOY" TO "FIRE"; CHANGE "PRIOR TO H-HOUR" TO "BY H65 MINUTES"; ADD "AS DIRECTED" AFTER THE SECOND "AND"
  - 4 3.J.(2) CHANGE TO "63FH"
  - 4 3.J.(3) CHANGE TO "65FH"
  - A-1 UNDER HQ CO (-), 3TH MAR, ADD COC(-)(REIN), 1ST AT BN  
UNDER BLT 3/7, WDD HST, COMPOSED OF DET, COC(-)(REIN), 1ST SP BN  
UNDER 3D BN (,) (REIN), 11TH MAR, DELETE MAJ ALEXANDER, WDD LT COL PECK
  - A-2 UNDER DET, FLSU 1, DELETE DET, FOD SEC; YDD 1ST MP PLY
- CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS OVERLAY, PHASE I, DELETE FOL UNDER EAST END OF PL 1  
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- F (1) 1.B.(3) DELETE ASS HENRY W TUCKER (006805), SUBSTITUTE ASS PRICHETT (00-5:1)
  - 3.C DELETE "( TO BE ANNOUNCED)", SUBSTITUTE "GRVN" AFTER SHORE PARTY, DELETE RIDGEREBN
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1. Make the following changes to Landing Zones wherever they appear in Operation Order 324-65.

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 (b) 3rd MarDiv Operation Order 321A-65  
 (c) 3rd MarDiv Operation Order 330-65

Time Zone: H

Task Organization. See Annex A (Task Organization).

1. SITUATION.a. Enemy forces. Annex B (Intelligence) and current INTSUMS.b. Friendly forces.(1) Air.

- (a) MAG-11 and MAG-12 supports RLT-7 with preparatory strikes prior to L-hour and close air support and interdiction missions on call.
- (b) MAG-16 will provide helicopters for the helicopterborne assault, reactions, medical evacuation, supply and resupply and retraction as required. MAG-36 will provide peripheral helicopter support, i.e., embarking the RLT-7 reserve aboard the LPH and medical evacuation from LPH and BSA.
- (c) FMAW provides observation aircraft and flare planes and other support type aircraft as required.
- (d) Third Marine Division provides a DASC to operate with RLT-7 FSCC.

(2) Artillery. Chu Lai Artillery Group will provide two 107mm Howtar Batteries and a headquarters.(3) Naval Gunfire. Two DD's and one CL.

(4) ARVN Battalion (to be designated) executes a helicopterborne landing vicinity (BS 750819) and conducts a search and clear mission from that point easterly to the end of AN KY PENINSULA (See Annex C - Concept of Operation Overlays I &amp; II).

(5) ARVN Battalion (to be designated) executes a helicopterborne landing at (BS 724819) secures the causeway and bridge to the east and establishes blocking positions to the northeast and southwest, then will conduct a search and clear mission to the northeast. (See Annex C - Concept of Operation Overlays I &amp; II).

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- (6) PsyWar. 3rd Marine Division has requested an aircraft with loud speaker and leaflet capability to be employed after H-hour.
- (7) Screening Force. The RVN Junk Fleet will provide in the 404 small boat screening force.

2. MISSION. RLT-7 executes a combined amphibious and helicopterborne assault in conjunction with RVN forces on the CAP BATANGAN and AN KY PENINSULA to destroy Viet Cong forces and positions.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation.

(1) During Phase I, RLT-7 at H-hour on D-day in conjunction with two ARVN Battalions, executes a search and clear operation on CAP BATANGAN, AN KY PENINSULA and immediate surrounding area. BLT 3/7 executes a helicopterborne landing on the high ground at (BS 732840) (BS 729849) (BS 727858) at L-hour to initially occupy blocking positions and protect the RLT west flank. BLT 1/7 executes an amphibious landing over WHITE Beach vicinity (BS 760866) at H-hour sweeping through the dune line then conducting a search and clear operation of CHAU ME (2), CHAU THUAN (1), CHAU THUAN (2), CHAU ME (1) and AN THINH (2) leaving one platoon for BSA security. \_\_\_\_\_ ARVN Battalion executes a helicopterborne landing vicinity (BS 724819) and secures the causeway and bridge to the northeast. \_\_\_\_\_ ARVN Battalion executes a helicopterborne landing vicinity (BS 750819) to carry out a search and clear operation on AN KY PENINSULA and secure the causeway to the southwest. During PHASE II, BLT 1/7 conducts a search clear mission to the east. ARVN Battalion executes a search and clear mission on the CON CHIEU - DONG XUAN Village area complex to the northeast. During both phases, BLT 3/3 (-) will be embarked aboard amphibious shipping as the RLT-7 Reserve. (See Annex C - Concept of Operation Overlays I & II).

b. BLT 1/7

- (1) On D-day at H-hour execute an amphibious landing over WHITE Beach, conduct a sweep to PHASE LINE I, search and clear CHAU ME (2), CHAU THUAN (1), CHAU THUAN (2), CHAU ME (1), AN THINH (2) and assigned Zone of Action.
- (2) Upon landing, one company (less one reinforced platoon) sweeps the beach to the northwest and conducts a search and clear operation of AN THINH (2). One platoon remains at beach to provide security for the BSA. (See Annex C - Concept of Operation Overlay I).
- (3) Sweep beach of mines in Zone of Action.
- (4) Be prepared to conduct a search and clear operation to the southwest on order.

SECRETc. BLT 3/7

- (1) On D-day at L-hour execute a helicopterborne landing on the high ground (BS 732840) (BS 729849) (BS 727858) to establish blocking position and protect the RLT west flank.
- (2) Be prepared to conduct, on order, a search and clear mission to the east (See Annex C - Concept of Operation Overlays I & II).

d. 3d Bn (-)(Rein), 11th Marines

- (1) Provide general support for the RLT.

e. Co A (-)(Rein), 3d Amphib Bn

- (1) Direct support initially to BLT 1/7 for landing.
- (2) Position two LVTE-1's for beach/minefield clearance by linecharge and blade prior to H-hour and during subsequent operations. Line charges will be fired initially over BLT 1/7 landing beach in area prescribed by CO, BLT 1/7.
- (3) Upon completion of landing, be prepared to provide general support to the RLT less one platoon and LVTE-1's in direct support of BLT 1/7.

f. Co B (-)(Rein), 1st Tank Bn.

- (1) Be prepared to assume control over the tank platoon attached to BLT 1/7 after completion of landing and provide general support to the RLT.

g. Det, FLSU #1

- (1) Establish a BSA in vicinity (BS 750870) and provide general support to the RLT.

h. Co C (-)(Rein), 1st Engr Bn

- (1) Sweep WHITE Beach for mines and eliminate road obstacles and traps as required.
- (2) Be prepared to employ line charges from LVTE-1's for mine and fortifications breaching prior to H-hour and during subsequent operations. (See 3.e. above).

i. BLT 3/3 (-) (RLT Reserve)

- (1) Be prepared to land on order within the AOA.

Coordinating instructions.

- (1) D-day: 7 September 1965

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- (2) H-hour: 0600H
- (3) L-hour: 0620H
- (4) FSOC procedures as per reference (b) and Annex D (Supporting Arms Coordinating Instructions).
- (5) Illumination as per Annex D (Supporting Arms Coordinating Instructions)
- (6) Restricted targets.
  - (a) No indiscriminate firing into populated areas.
  - (b) Firing into villages or populated areas only on order of cognizant commander, and only then when receiving fires from organized resistance in the village or area.
- (7) No villages or houses will be burned as a retaliatory measure.

All personnel will be instructed on the foregoing.

- (8) Rehearsal for LVT's during afternoon of 6 September. R-hour to be announced.
- (9) Air-support and preparatory missions - Annex E (Air).
- (10) Naval Gunfire - Annex F (Naval Gunfire).
- (11) Artillery - Annex G (Artillery).
- (12) Reports - Annex I (Reports)
- (13) Distribution - Annex Z (Distribution)
- (14) Unclassified code name of this operation is "PIRANHA".
- (15) BLT 1/7 will provide its own landing plans with 4 copies to this Hqts. CO, HqCo, 7th Marines will provide the landing plan for BLT-7 Hq. When completed, furnish copies as required to this Headquarters and appropriate representatives.
- (16) (a) BLT 3/7 provide their own Heliteam Wave and Serial Assignment Tables.
- (b) BLT 3/3 will be prepared to provide Heliteam Wave and Serial Assignment Tables when required.
- (17) This order effective immediately.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. See Admin Plan 324-65.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS.

a. Communications Electronics - See Annex H (Communications-Electronics).

SECRETb. Command Posts.

- (1) Afloat - USS BAYFIELD (APA-33)
- (2) Ashore - to be announced.

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ANNEXES:

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Det, Hq Bn, 3rd MarDiv  
 Det, Comm Co, Hq Bn  
 Det, ITT

Col PEATROSS

Capt THOMAS

BLT 1/7

1st Battalion, 7th Marines  
 1st Plat, Co B, 1st Tank Bn  
 1st Plat, Co C, 1st AT Bn  
 1st Plat, Co C, 1st Engr Bn  
 Det, 3d Bn, 11th Mar  
 Det, Hq Btry, 2d Bn, 12th Mar  
 Det, Btry G, 3d Bn, 11th Mar  
 Det, ARVN

LtCol KELLY

BLT 3/7

3rd Battalion, 7th Marines  
 3d Plat, Co C, 1st Engr Bn  
 Det, 3d Bn, 11th Mar  
 Det, Hq Btry, 3d Bn, 11th Mar  
 Det, Btry I, 3d Bn, 11th Mar  
 Det, ARVN

LtCol BODLEY

Bn (-)(Rein), 11th Mar

Hq Btry (-), 3d Bn, 11th Mar  
 107mm Mortar Btry, 3d Bn, 11th Mar  
 107mm Mortar Btry, 3d Bn, 12th Mar

Maj ALEXANDER

Co B (-)(Rein), 1st Tank Bn

Co B (-), 1st Tank Bn  
 Det, H&SCo, 1st Tank Bn

Capt LAMB

Co A (-)(Rein), 3d Amtrac Bn

Co A (-), 3d Amtrac Bn  
 Det, H&SCo, 3d Amtrac Bn  
 Det, H&SCo, 1st Amtrac Bn

Capt BAIR

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Maj POPPE

Co C (-)(Rein), 1st SP Bn  
 Co C (-), 1st SP Bn  
 Det, H&SCo, 1st SP Bn  
 Det, EOD Sec

Co C (-)(Rein), 1st Engr Bn

Capt RENNER

Co C (-), 1st Engr Bn  
 Det, H&SCo, 1st Engr Bn

RLT ReserveBLT 3/3 (-)

LtCol MULR

3d Bn (-), 3rd Marines  
 Det, 3d Plat, Co C, 3d Tank Bn  
 Det, 3d Plat, Co B, 3d AT Bn  
 Det, 3d Bn, 12th Marines  
 Det, Hq Btry, 3d Bn, 12th Mar  
 Det, Btry C, 3d Bn, 12th Mar  
 Det, 3d Plat, Co C, 3d Engr Bn

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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 324-65

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 III and IV  
 (b) 3d MarDivO P3800.1E

Time Zone: H

1. SUMMARY OF THE ENEMY SITUATION.

- a. Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 324-65.
- b. Current intelligence reports and ISUMs as issued.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION.

- a. How and when are the VC infiltrating into the objective area?
- b. Will the enemy defend HLZ ROBIN? If so, in what strength and what means?
- c. Will, the enemy defend the landing beach? If so, in what strength? With what type weapons and from what positions?
- d. Will the enemy attack friendly forces while landing in the HLZ ROBIN and over WHITE Beach? If so, in what strength and at what time during the landing?
- e. Will the enemy attempt to reinforce their units in the area of operations? If so, with what units? In what strength and from where?
- f. What enemy combat units, headquarters units, communications and supply units are located in the area. Where are their locations, and what is their strength? What is their unit identification?
- g. Where and what type of supply caches are in the area. What is their size and quantity of supplies?
- h. Will the enemy attempt to extricate himself from the area during our landing? If so, by what route and by what means?
- i. Where is the location, what is the strength and identity of enemy forces immediately outside the area of operations?
- j. Will the entire civil population in the area of operations be hostile to friendly forces? If so, what manner will this hostility manifest itself?
- k. Will the enemy attempt to counterattack our forces at anytime during the period of operations? If so, in what strength, where, and at

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what time?

1. Is there a major command post located in the objective area? If so, where and of what organization?
- m. Is there a major military communication installation in the objective area? If so, where and of what organization?
- n. Is there a major military supply installation in the objective area? If so, where and containing what?
- o. Is there a coordinated anti-aircraft defense weapons system in the objective area? If so, where, in what strength and by what means is it coordinated?

3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS.

a. Orders to subordinate units.

(1) BLT 1/7.

- (a) Search out all supply caches and command and communications installations in assigned zone of responsibility; reporting location, type and quantity of supplies, equipment, and documents located there-in to this headquarters.
- (b) Be prepared to conduct reconnaissance and observation missions on order.

(2) BLT 3/3

- (a) Search out all supply caches and command and communications installations in assigned zone of responsibility; reporting location, type and quantity of supplies, equipment, and documents located there-in to this headquarters.
- (b) Be prepared to conduct reconnaissance and observation missions on order.

(3) BLT 3/7.

- (a) Search out all supply caches and command and communications installations in assigned zone of responsibility; reporting location, type and quantity of supplies, equipment, and documents located there-in to this headquarters.
- (b) Be prepared to conduct reconnaissance and observation missions on order.

(4) Tactical Air Observers.

- (a) Be prepared to conduct aerial observation missions as directed.
- (b) In lieu of specifically directed missions perform general area search of objective area; reporting all observations to this headquarters.

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(c) See Appendix 2 (Coordinating Instructions) to Air Annex.

(5) All units RLT-7.

- (a) Report to this headquarters attitudes and degree of any passive hostility shown towards friendly forces.
- (b) Thoroughly search out assigned areas of responsibility for hidden food, arms, and other types of supply caches reporting the location, type of cache and quantity of supplies to this headquarters.

b. Requests to higher, adjacent, and supporting units.

(1) CG 3d MarDiv.

- (a) Provide current and predicted weather reports to this headquarters daily during the period of operations.
- (b) Provide aerial photo coverage and IR's as requested.
- (c) Provide information on enemy units and movements outside the objective area that are capable of reinforcing units in the area of operations.

(2) ARVN Battalions. Request search results of all supply caches and command and communications installations in zone of operations. Request report of location, type, and quantity of supplies, equipment, and documents located there-in to this headquarters.

c. Coordinating Instructions. See Appendix 2 (Coordinating Instructions) to this Annex.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PRISONERS, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND MATERIALS.

a. Prisoners.

- (1) Reference (b) applies.
- (2) ITT personnel with each battalion will initially screen all captives at battalion level.
- (3) Captives will be evacuated under guard from battalion collection points by the most expeditious transportation available to the Regimental Collection Point in the BSA. Coordinates to be announced upon establishment of compound.
- (4) Specific attention will be given to insure compliance with the Geneva Convention in the treatment of POW's.
- (5) POWs will be bound with rope and blindfolded prior to evacuation to Regimental compound.

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- (6) All prisoners will be tagged showing the capturing unit, location, time, and circumstances of capture.
- (7) IIT personnel will rescreen all captives at the regimental collection point, evacuating the more important captives immediately to the CHU LAI compound for detailed interrogation.
- (8) Every effort will be made to induce captives to cooperate in assisting friendly units in locating hidden supply caches, command installations, and arms factories.
- (9) All POWs will be accompanied by a guard from the capturing unit. Guards will be returned to their units ASAP.

b. Captured documents.

- (1) Documents found on prisoners will be tagged, identified with and evacuated with the prisoners.
- (2) Other documents will be tagged showing time, date, location and circumstances of capture, and evacuated to the regimental collection POW compound.

c. Captured Material.(1) Captured Weapons.

- (a) A spot report will be made immediately to this headquarters of the time, date, location, capturing unit, type, make, and quantity of weapons captured.
- (b) Weapons will be tagged showing the date, time, location of capture and the capturing unit or individual.
- (c) All captured weapons, (Repeat, all weapons), will be evacuated to the Regimental headquarters with guard. The guard will carry an inventory of the weapons he is escorting. Upon receipt of weapons the guard will be furnished a receipt for them and be returned to his unit.

(2) Captured Material.(a) Food Stuffs.

- 1 All captured food stuffs will be reported to this headquarters telling type, quantity and location.
- 2 Caches of foods stuffs of sufficient quantity to justify evacuation will be evacuated to the BSA for redistribution by the Civil Affairs Team.

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- (b) All other captured material. All captured material of a nature and size allowing for helicopter evacuation will be evacuated by land to this headquarters telling location, type, quantity, and capturing unit.

5. MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.a. Maps.

- (1) Reference (a) is designated the standard tactical map for this operation.
- (2) Battalions and supporting and attached units will utilize their own supply of maps in-so-far as possible. This headquarters will issue a limited number of maps to units as requested.

b. Photographs.

- (1) Photographs will be distributed as available.
- (2) Requests for aerial photographs will be made to this headquarters.

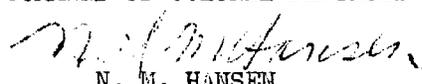
6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE.

- a. Reference (b) applies.
- b. CI Personnel will assist IIT personnel at the CHU LAI POW Compound in screening POWs for captives of counterintelligence value.
- c. Password and Countersigns. See Appendix 3 (Password and Countersigns) to this Annex.

7. REPORTS DISTRIBUTION.

- a. Battalion, and major supporting units will submit ISUMs as of 1100 daily by 1200 to this headquarters. Format for ISUM contained in Reference (b).
- b. Spot reports will be followed up with an amplifying report.
- c. See Appendix 3 (Coordinating Instructions) to this Annex.
- d. See Annex I (Reports)

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- 1 - Intelligence Estimate
- 2 - Coordinating Instructions
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Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation  
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 and IV  
 (b) Annex B (Intelligence) to 3d MarDiv OpOrder 330-65  
 (c) 3d MarDiv O P3800.1E

Time Zone: H

## 1. MISSION

- a. Basic Mission. To destroy Viet Cong Forces in the CAP BATANGAN and AN KY Peninsula.
- b. Previous decisions. To conduct a combined amphibious and helicopter assault on the objective.
- c. Purpose of this estimate. To furnish this command known basic intelligence on the weather, terrain and the enemy in the objective area in order to facilitate planning and operations in the objective area.

## 2. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS.

### a. Weather.

- (1) See weather forecasts as issued.
- (2) During the period of operations the weather is not expected to affect the enemy's capabilities. Prolonged heavy rains would limit our use of helicopter and close air support and would seriously affect the trafficability of tracked and wheeled vehicles.
- (3) Astronomical Data for period of operations.

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5Sep	0634	1857	1510	0145	1/2
6Sep	0634	1856	1558	0226	3/4
7Sep	0635	1856	1644	0317	3/4
8Sep	0635	1855	1728	0409	3/4
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13Sep	0635	1850	2131	0818	FULL
14Sep	0635	1850	2109	0907	3/4
15Sep	0636	1849	2150	0959	3/4

b. Terrain.

(1) Relief, Drainage, Vegetation. See references (a) (Maps) and Appendix 1 (Terrain overlay) to reference (b).

(2) Critical terrain features.

- (a) Hill 38 (BS 7784)
- (b) NUI A LINH (BS 7285)
- (c) Hill 108 (BS 6982)
- (d) Bridge (BS 763834)
- (e) Bridge (BS 737820)
- (f) Bridge (BS 740810)
- (g) Bridge (BS 743805)
- (h) Arms Factory (suspected) (BS 735844)
- (i) Arms and ammunition cache (suspected) (BS 743865)
- (j) Arms and ammunition cache (suspected) (BS 753865)
- (k) Radio Station (suspected) (BS 793857)

(3) Observation and Fields of Fire.

- (a) The high ground on the rocky ground headlands southeast of NIS Landing Beach 12 affords excellent observation of sea approaches and the beach. Long range fields of fire for direct fire weapons are excellent and enfilade the beach along its entire length.
- (b) Observation and fields of fire over NIS Landing Beach 13 are excellent from the headlands on the northeast end of the beach.
- (c) The high ground on the peninsula proper provides excellent observation and fields of fire over the eastern approaches. Observation and fields of fire over beach exits from NIS Landing Beach 12 are limited due to scrub growth and scattered pi.
- (d) NUI A LINH (BS 7285) provides excellent observation and fields of fire over the northwestern, central, and southwestern approaches to the peninsula.
- (e) Hill 108 (BS 6982) affords excellent observation and fields of fire over the southwestern approaches to the peninsula. Observation and fields of fire over the western approaches partially hindered by roughly dissected terrain and scrub growth in the vicinity of BS 6681 and BS 6781.

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(f) Hill 144 (BS 6786) provides excellent observation and fields of fire over western and northwestern approaches to the peninsula.

(4) Obstacles.

- (a) See reference (a) and Appendix 1 (Terrain Overlay) and Appendix 2 (Obstacle Overlay) to reference (b).
- (b) The SONG CHO MOI is an obstacle to east-west and north-south movement from the mainland to AN KY Peninsula (BS 7581).
- (c) The pine growth paralleling NIS Landing Beach 12 is an obstacle to vehicular movement south from the beach.
- (d) The wet rice paddies in the neck of the peninsula are obstacles to track and wheel vehicles.
- (e) The numerous road cuts would impede wheeled and track vehicle movement.

(5) Cover and concealment.

- (a) See reference (a) and Appendix 1 (Terrain Overlay) to reference (b).
- (b) The pine and scrub growth to the south of NIS Landing Beach 12 affords concealment for individuals and small units. Some cover is provided from direct fire weapons by the dunes paralleling the beach.
- (c) Built up areas provide concealment for individuals and small units.
- (d) The terraced paddies on the peninsula proper provide protection from direct fire weapons.

c. Hydrography.

- (1) NIS Landing Beach 12.
- (2) NIS Landing Beach 13.

d. Helicopter Landing Zones. See Appendix 3 (Helicopter suitability overlay) to reference (b).

3. ENEMY SITUATION.a. Composition, strength, disposition, and armament.

- (1) Viet Cong forces in the objective area consist of Main and Local Forces, supported by an undetermined number of guerrillas.

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Forces within the objective area are disposed as follows:

(a) Forces in immediate objective area.

<u>1</u>	<u>MAIN FORCE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>WEAPONS</u>
	90th Bn	BS 7378	350	1x81mm mortar 2x60mm mortar 2xHMG 12xAR 1xAAA Gun
	3d Co 80th Bn	General area NE of Obj area	100	unk
<u>2</u>	<u>LOCAL FORCE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>WEAPONS</u>
	QUANG NGAI Prov CP	BS 7585	180	unk
	25th Recon Co	BS 7585	130	unk
	27th Liaison Co	BS 7585	25	unk
	24th Eng Plt	BS 7585	30	unk
	135th Trans Plt	BS 7086	30	unk
	52nd Bn	BS 7086	500	2x81mm mortar 8x60mm mortar 3x57mm RR 6xBAR 4xMG 23xAR
	T 18 Co	BS 6887	50	unk

TOTAL....1395

Guerrilla forces in the  
Objective area.....1000

TOTAL FORCES IN AREA.....2395

(b) Morale and combat efficiency.

- 1 90th Bn - Combat efficiency is excellent. Most highly decorated unit of the 1st VC Regiment. Morale is assumed to be poor to fair due to recent defeat of its parent unit.
- 2 52nd Bn. Unknown, however its strength and weapons indicate that it is a strong force and it must be pre-

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sumed to enjoy wide support from local populace in the objective area.

- 3 3d Co. 80th Bn. Combat efficiency and morale is poor due to recent losses at VAN TUONG.
- 4 Other Forces. Unknown.

b. Recent and present activities.

- (1) 90th Bn. This unit had been identified in the VAN TUONG Village complex just prior to the commencement of Operation Starlight, however, reports subsequently received indicate the 90th had moved south to the CAP BATANGAN Area on 15 August. It is believed this unit escaped intact and still possess its full combat potential.
- (2) 3d Co 80th Bn. A VCC captured by the 11th Ranger Battalion (ARVN) stated that the 1st and 2nd companies suffered only 20-30 casualties. This company attempted to exfiltrate the battle area, but was turned back by ARVN blocking forces along Route #1. VCC claims the 3d Company is presently operating in the area immediately northwest of CAP BATANGAN.
- (3) 52nd Battalion. This battalion was not identified in the VAN TUONG battle area. This battalion has always operated in the general area south of CHU LAI and east of Route #1.
- (4) T 18 Company. Little is known of this unit, but it is believed that it operates in the same general area as the 52nd Battalion.
- (5) QUANG NGAI Province Local Force Headquarters and other Local Forces and guerrillas. It is believed the QUANG NAI Province Local Force Headquarters has been directing the fortification of the CAP BATANGAN Peninsula and environs. Initially, defenses were oriented westward, but recent photography indicates that during July and especially early August, Viet Cong has extended his fortifications to include sea approaches.

c. Time and Space and Reinforcements.

<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TIME SPACE</u>
300	104th	BS5694	NOI A LINE BS 7285	8 hours
150	302DocLap Co	BS5761	-do-	10 hours
150	307DocLap Co	BS7563	-do-	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
100	210DocLapCo	BS5684	-do-	6 hours
120	T 19th Co	BS 5392	-do-	7 hours

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<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TIME SPACE</u>
80	T 20th Co	BS 5082	NOI A LINH	9 hours
90	206th Co	BS 5771	-do-	8½ hours
90	89th Co	BS 5865	-do-	5½ hours
100	C 17th Co	BS 6660	-do-	8 hours

1180 TOTAL

Note: Times are approximate and computed for foot movement at 2½ mph. Also, not included above are an estimated 1000 guerrillas capable of reinforcing. Armament and number of weapons of above units is unknown.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.

a. Enumeration.

- (1) Capability 1. To exfiltrate present forces in the objective area, fighting rear guard actions as necessary from combat villages, fortified positions and strongpoints, destroying his supply caches and other installations while withdrawing to the southwest, west or north at any time of his choosing.
- (2) Capability 2. To defend from combat villages, strongpoints and fortified positions where located with the 90th battalion and 3d Company 80th battalion, the 52nd Local Forces Battalion and the 25th Recon Company supported by CP, transportation, service elements, and in the objective area.
- (3) Capability 3. Attack our forces at any time during our initial landing or immediately thereafter, in the HLZ and over the beach with the same strength and units as in Capability 2
- (4) Capability 4. Reinforce his forces in the objective area with one Main Force Battalion and 8 Local Force Companies supported by an estimated 1000 guerrillas or elements thereof in a time period ranging from 5½ hours to 10 hours.

b. Analysis and discussion.

- (1) Capability 1. The enemy could choose to affect this capability at any time prior to the completed landing of friendly forces, however, after blocking forces have linked up he would be unable to successfully exfiltrate his forces in their entirety from the objective area. Further in attempting to accomplish this capability, the Viet Cong would most certainly lose any and all control of the population in the objective area for an extended period of time causing almost as much harm to his cause as a defeat on the battlefield. If he were to affect this capability it would only partly affect the accomplishment of our mission in that we could not completely destroy his forces in the objective area.

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- (2) Capability 2. If he choose to affect this capability he will enhance our mission by allowing us to fix him in place and destroy him in detail. However, by doing so, he will greatly increase his control over the civilian population in areas surrounding the objective by virtue of the fact that he will convince those peoples that he will defend them when required to do so. By the same token, a severe defeat would weaken his recruiting efforts and would undoubtedly cause his surrender and desertion rate to increase greatly. Further failure to defend would cause him the loss of a supply, communication, command and infiltration complex. The enemy's adoption of this capability would allow us to concentrate our superior fire and manpower on his strongest points of defense, allowing us to completely destroy his forces piecemeal and in place.
- (3) Capability 3. If he chooses to affect this capability he will immediately expose his forces to our air and naval gunfire, thus risikg the destruction of his forces without seriously affecting the accomplishment of our mission. The enemy's adoption of this capability would greatly speed up the accomplishment of our mission after the clearing of the HLZ and the landing beach.
- (4) Capability 4. The Viet Cong could accomplish this capability at any time prior to or after our landing, committing his forces piecemeal or concentrating them at any time and point of his choosing. However, in doing so, he exposes his forces while moving to our air power and air observation thus running the risk of the destruction of much of his manpower. Also, in doing so, he would undoubtedly lose much of his control over areas from which he had moved his troops. The affecting of this capability would most certainly enhance our mission by allowing us to destroy more of his forces than are in the immediate objective area. On the other hand if he is sucesaful in concentrating at least 1/3 of his available reinforcements at any one point he could cause a serious time delay although not affect the accomplishment of our mission in the long run.

5. CONCLUSIONS.

- a. Relative probability of adoption of enemy capabilities. It is felt that the Viet Cong will adopt capabilities 2 and 1 in that order and adopt 3 and 4 only as a desperate attempt to maintain control over the objective area and to attempt to inflict as many casualties and as much damage to our forces as possible and utilize the results for propaganda purposes to weaken the cause of the U. S. Forces in other areas of Southeast Asia and to help him maintain control over other areas of the Republic of Vietnam. In affecting capability 1 it would allow him to escape from the objective area with his main forces intact or a good portion thereof, but in doing so, losing his supply, communication, command and infiltration complex and also the loss of his influence in the objective and the surrounding areas. In affecting capability 2,

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he will allow us to destroy his forces in the objective area, but at the same time, greatly increase his image among the local population and that of the surrounding area, also greatly propagandize his cause among other countries of Southeast Asia.

- b. Effect of enemy capabilities on the Commander's mission. In affecting the capabilities as discussed, only capabilities 3 and 4 would seriously hinder the accomplishment of our mission.

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Appendix 2 (Coordinating Instructions) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 324-65

Ref: (a) CG 3d MarDiv Operation Order 330-65

Time Zone: H

1. Reports.

a. ISUMS

- (1) All battalions including 3d battalion 11th Marines will submit ISUMS as of 2400 daily by 0300.
- (2) ARVN Battalions participating in this operation are requested to submit ISUMS on same basis as RLT-7 units.
- (3) Format for ISUMS is contained in 3d MarDiv O P3800.1E. Reporting of enemy KIA's, estimated KIA's and WIA's actual and estimated WIA's, VCS, VCC, captured weapons and equipment and weapons will be in this manner:

Total this period \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Cumulative total to date \_\_\_\_\_.

- b. Spot Reports. Spot reports will answer as completely as possible the following questions.

WHO  
 WHAT  
 WHERE  
 WHEN  
 WHAT ACTION WAS OR IS BEING TAKEN.

Amplifying reports will be submitted detailing information on spot reports when required.

c. Captured personnel, weapons, documents, and material.

- (1) Commencing D-Day at H+2 and every four hours thereafter, all units RLT-7 shall submit a report of captured personnel, weapons, documents, and material to this headquarters. This report will be made in the following message form.

EXAMPLE:

BOOTH Captured Personnel, Wpns, Documents and Material.  
 Rpt No. 2  
 021200H  
 Personnel this rpt, 3. Total to date 10  
 Wpns 4 20  
 Documents 4 10  
 Material: 5 blks TNT, 30 bags rice.

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- d. Supply Caches, Installations, Caves. Each unit shall submit commencing 1200 D-Day a report of all supply caches; installations (specific type of installation) and caves discovered and/or destroyed to this headquarters. This report shall list the above by type, location by coordinates, contents, who discovered or destroyed same, and any other action taken.
- e. ITT Interrogation Reports. ITT personnel shall submit to this headquarters and the capturing unit a copy of all interrogations as soon as possible after each interrogation.
- f. Viet Cong Killed or Wounded Report. All units shall submit a report every four hours commencing 1200, D-Day a report of Viet Cong killed, wounded. This report will be made in the following manner:

## EXAMPLE:

FALSE VC K W Rpt No 2			
021600			
Killed this Rpt	5	Total to date	10
Wounded	4		5
Est Killed	10		20
Est Wounded	30		60

NOTE: Only actual bodies counted shall be used in reporting Viet Cong killed and wounded.

2. CAPTURED VCS AND VCC's.

- a. All VCS and VCCs captured during this operation will be sent to the collection point in the BSA, (location to be announced), after, repeat after, first being screened by battalions.
- b. ITT personnel will rescreen all prisoners at the collection point in the BSA prior to being evacuated to the CHU LAI compound.
- c. Evacuation of VCS and VCC from the CHU LAI compound to III MAF compound at DANANG will be coordinated and accomplished by the S-2 of the 4th Marines.
- d. No, repeat no, VCS or VCC will be sent to any other place other than specified herein.
- e. Wounded VCS or VCC will be evacuated through medical channels with a report to this headquarters on location of capture, time and date of capture, circumstances of capture and place of evacuation.

3. AERIAL OBSERVATION REQUESTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

- a. Aerial observation will be available upon request.
- b. All units will monitor the DAO Net.

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- c. All requests for aerial observation missions or photographs will be made to this headquarters. Upon approval of request the requesting unit will be notified and the AO will report all observations to the requesting unit on the DAO Net.

4. PERTINENT INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL UNITS.

- a. All captured VCS and VCC's shall be tagged, showing the location, a date and time of capture, circumstances of capture and capturing unit.
- b. All captured documents taken from a prisoner shall be tagged and identified with and evacuated with the prisoner.
- c. All other captured documents shall be tagged showing the location, time and date of capture, circumstances of capture and capturing unit or individual.
- d. All captured weapons, and other transportable material shall be tagged showing location of capture, time and date of capture, circumstances of capture, capturing unit or individual.
- e. No captured VCS, VCC, weapon or material shall be evacuated to the compound in the BAS or to this headquarters in cases of weapons and material without being tagged as described in paragraph 4.a through 4.d.

5. INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS.

- a. All battalions including 3d Battalion, 11th Marines shall report answers to the below listed intelligence requirements and/or information pertaining thereto as obtained.
  - (1) What are the strengths and identities of Viet Cong Forces contacted by friendly forces in the CAP BATANGAN area? What other units were reported, but not contacted?
  - (2) What degree of resistance was encountered in the helicopter landing zones and landing beaches? What tactics did the Viet Cong employ?
  - (3) Did Viet Cong attempt to defend in strength? What tactics did he employ? What use did he make of his fortifications?
  - (4) Did Viet Cong attempt to exfiltrate from the battle area? What tactics did he employ? By what routes?
  - (5) Where were Viet Cong command posts located?
  - (6) What communications equipment did the Viet Cong in the battle area possess? What signal systems were employed?

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- (7) What crew-served weapons were employed in the battle area? Where were they located? How employed? (Special attention to anti-aircraft and anti-tank weapons).
- (8) To what extent were mines utilized by the Viet Cong? Where were the mines located? How located? What types? What system was utilized to make the locations?
- (9) What was the status of Viet Cong logistics in the area?
6. INTELLIGENCE RECAPITULATION. On the 3d day following the return of battalions and the 3d Battalion, 11th Marines, each unit shall submit to this headquarters a comprehensive recapitulation of items of intelligence value, developed during the operation, to include any lessons learned, efficiency of captured personnel, documents, and accounting procedures. A critique of intelligence support rendered by higher headquarters; intelligence problems encountered, and recommendations for future operations will be made.

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Appendix 3 (Passwords and Countersigns) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 324-65

Time Zone: H

1. Passwords and Countersigns for period 6 September to 12 September.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CODE</u>
6Sep	16
7Sep	97
8Sep	59
9Sep	41
10Sep	36
11Sep	83

2. Passwords and Countersigns will be in effect for a 24 hour period from 1200 to 1200 daily.

3. Upon compromise or suspected compromise of Password and Countersign, units will immediately switch to the alternate, notifying this headquarters immediately.

4. Passwords and Countersigns for period beginning 1200 12 September 1965, will be issued upon receipt by this headquarters.

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Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Order 324-65

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS series L-701, Sheet 6756 I, II, III, IV  
 (b) 3d Marine Division Operation Order 330-65  
 (c) 3d Marine Division Operation Order 321A-65  
 (d) FMFM 7-1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) Annex B (Intelligence) and intelligence summaries as issued.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) Annex E - Air Support

(2) Annex F - Naval Gunfire

(3) Annex G - Artillery

2. MISSION. RLT-7 FSCC will exercise overall responsibility for coordinating and planning conventional fires supporting the elements of RLT-7 in this operation thereby ensuring maximum effective fire support and troop safety to all units operating within the TAOR and zone of action.

3. EXECUTION. Fire Support coordination will be in accordance with references (b), (c) and (d).

4. TARGET INFORMATION

a. Restricted Targets. Villages and populated areas only on order of cognizant commander and only then when encountering organized resistance.

5. AIRCRAFT SAFETY

a. Air Sentries and Lookouts

(1) Air Sentries will be positioned at artillery units and naval gunfire support ships, and will check fire when friendly aircraft are observed approaching danger areas.

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- (2) Artillery forward observers and naval gunfire spotters will check fire when it appears that the trajectories of artillery and support ships will endanger friendly aircraft.
- (3) Unless special coordination measures are prescribed, fires on helicopter routes in use are restricted to observed fires where the observer is capable of ensuring the safety of helicopters using the route.
- (4) Information on all artillery and naval gunfire missions will be posted to all helicopter and fixed wing control agencies. For this purpose a SAVAPLANE report will be used. This report will include the coordinates of the firing unit, the target coordinates, the time period involved, the maximum ordinate of the projectiles. Example:

SAVAPLANE: A-5404, B4897, C-0900H, D-1100H, E-5000Feet

The artillery battalion FDC will be responsible for passing the SAVAPLANE report to the RLT FSCC. RLT-7 will disseminate the reports to the air control agencies. For helicopter approach and retirement lanes, see Annex E.

- b. Flak Suppression Fires. When required and when time permits, flak suppression fires will be planned in detail to most effectively protect support aircraft from enemy ground fire and to provide a reasonable degree of safety from the suppressing fire.
6. Illumination. The primary means of illumination will be by flare plane as coordinated by the Regimental Air Liaison Officer. Secondary means of illumination will be by artillery, NGF and organic weapons on an "on call" basis.
7. Safety of Ground Forces. No fires will be placed across battalion boundaries without the approval of RLT-7 FSCC. This approval must be voiced - silence does not mean consent. The boundaries between adjacent units are fire coordination lines. No fire will be placed across these lines without the approval of the RLT-7 FSCC. The nature of this operation is such that extreme care must be taken to avoid the accidental attack of friendly forces.
8. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS
  - a. For FSC, see appendix 1, this Annex.
  - b. Other, see Annex H (Communications - Electronics)
  - c. Command Posts, as published.

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APPENDIXES:

1 - Artillery - NCF Comm-Elec Plan

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Appendix 1 (Communication-Electronics) to Annex D (Fire Support Coordination)  
to Operation Order 324-65

Time Zone: Hotel

1. Time zone H(-8) will be used in all messages within the objective area.
2. Radio plan. See Tab A.
3. Call signs. See Tab B.

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TABS

A-Radio Plan

B-Call Signs

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Tab B (Radio & Telephone callsigns) to Appendix 1 (Communication-  
 Electronics) to Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Order  
 324-65.

Time Zone: Hotel

UNIT	RADIO CALLSIGN	SWBD CALL
7th Marines	STARBOARD	BONNIE HERO
1stBn 7th Mar	PROMINENCE	BOOTH
3dBn 7th Mar	SKEPTIC	FALSE
3dBn 3d Mar	WAREHOUSE	SWAIN
3dBn 11th Mar	TANNIC ACID	LAUGH
107MM Btry 3/11	TANNIC ACID WHISKEY	LAUGH WHISKEY
107MM Btry 3/12	PAYABLE WHISKEY	TINGE WHISKEY
USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5)	FIREBALL	
USS HENRY W TUCKER (DD-875)	WILLOW	
USS ORLECK (DD-886)	STAGEDOOR	
USS DIACHENKO (APD-123)	ELBOW "H"	
RLT-7 NGFO	STARBOARD 26	
CATF (SACC)	EXPLICIT	
AIR SPOTTER (NGF/ARTY)	ROSEMOUNT	

CONJUNCTIVE CALLSIGNS

Note: BAILEY is the conjunctive callsign for any FSCC. The proper  
 callsign for the BLT 1/7 FSCC would then be PROMINENCE BAILEY  
 on the radio, and BOOTH BAILEY on the switchboard.

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ANNEX E (Air Support) to Operation Order 324-65

Ref: (a) Map: Series L701, 1:50,000 Sheets 6756 I, II, III and IV  
 (b) FMFM-3, Air Support  
 (c) FMFM 7-1, Fire Support Coordination

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION.

- (a) Enemy forces. See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 324-65.
- (b) Friendly forces.
- (1) See Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 324-65.
  - (2) 1st MAW provides tactical air support to include offensive air support, air assault and an airborne command/control capability as required.

2. PROCEDURES.

- a. Commander, RLT-7 establishes bomblines and/or no-fire lines and publishes changes thereto as they occur.
- b. Air-to-ground strikes within the bomblines must be under positive control of TACP, TAC(A), or ASRT.
- c. Coordination of supporting fires in accordance with references (b) and (c). See Annex D (Supporting Arms) to Operation Order 324-65.
- d. Mark friendly front lines with front line marking panels and/or colored smoke prior to executing air to ground strikes.
- e. Use target designator grid (UTM) contained in reference (a) for all air support missions.
- f. Mission request procedures. See Appendix 1 (Mission Request Procedures).
- g. Control and orbit points for air support flights are contained in Appendix 2 (Air Operations Overlay).
- h. Alert Status of on-call support aircraft as follows:

Condition I - two minutes  
 Condition II - five minutes  
 Condition III - fifteen minutes  
 Condition IV - thirty minutes  
 Condition V - as ordered.

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- i. Aircraft armament codes. See Appendix 5 (Aircraft Armament Codes).
- j. Aircraft accidents or incidents. Report details, including existing weather conditions, to DASC or FSCC by most expeditious means.
- k. Instructions for TACPs see Appendix 3.
- l. RLIT-7 will control airborne illumination.

3. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS.

- a. See Annex H (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 324-65.
- b. Control Agencies. See Appendix 4. If FSCC and DASC are not established ashore by H+6 Hours the offensive phase FSCC and DASC will be located aboard USS BAYFIELD (APA-33), the Amphibious Task Force Commander's Flag Ship.
- c. FSCC and DASC will be in the vicinity of RLIT-7 Headquarters during the offensive phase.

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Mission Request Procedures
- 2 - Air Operations Overlay (to be issued)
- 3 - Instructions for TACP's
- 4 - Air Control Diagram
- 5 - Aircraft Armament Codes (to be issued)

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APPENDIX 1 (Mission Request) Procedures) to Annex E (Air Support) to  
 Operation Order 324-65

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1. CONCEPT. Control of tactical air operations will be exercised by the Tactical Air Commander (Ashore). When RLT-7 is ready to assume responsibility for the coordination of supporting arms, control of both fixed wing and helicopter operations within the bomblines will be exercised by the DASC (FWD) located with RLT-7 Headquarters.

2. PREPLANNED. Requests for both fixed wing and helicopter aircraft in support of pre-planned operations should be submitted via TAR net to reach the Regimental Air Officer or his representative by 1700 each day. In the event additional pre-planned air support is required after submission of daily requirements such request should be submitted via TAR channels to reach the Regimental Air Officer or his representative prior to four hours before the support is required. In the event the four hour lead-time cannot be met, the air support must be considered ON-CALL.

3. ON-CALL:

a. Fixed Wing. Requests for fixed wing air support will be submitted over the TAR net (HF or UHF as directed), to the DASC (Airborne) until coordination of supporting arms is established ashore by RLT-7 at which time requests will then go to the DASC (FWD) ashore. Tab A contains the Tactical Air Request Form to be utilized.

b. Helicopters. Requests for on-call helicopter support will be submitted over the TAR net (HF or UHF as directed) to the DASC (Airborne) until control of helicopter operations is assumed by the DASC (FWD) ashore. Tab B contains the Helicopter Request Form to be utilized. Line 8.g. of Tab B will designate most secure approach route and if LZ is secure.

c. Aerial Reconnaissance. (Visual/Photo). Requests for on-call visual and photo recon mission will be submitted to Division G-2 AO Representative located in the RLT-7 Headquarters via the most direct means.

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TABS:

- A - Tactical Air Request Form (to be issued)
- B - Helicopter Request Form (to be issued)

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TAB A (Helicopter Request Form) to Appendix I (Mission Request Procedures) to Annex C (Air Support)  
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AIRCRAFT MISSION REQUEST FORM REQUEST NO. \_\_\_\_\_

HELICOPTER - OE - FIXED WING TRANSPORT MISSION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1. ACTION ADDE (CALLSIGN) \_\_\_\_\_ THIS IS (ORG CALLSIGN) \_\_\_\_\_

2. THIS MISSION REQUEST FOR:

(A) ( ) HELICOPTER (B) ( ) FIXED WING TRAN (C) ( ) OE / LIAISON

3. MISSION IS: (A) ( ) EMERGENCY (B) ( ) PRIORITY (C) ( ) ASAP (D) ( ) ROUTINE

4. TYPE:

(A) ( ) TROOPS (E) ( ) SPOT / OBSERV (I) ( ) VIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
 (B) ( ) LOGISTIC (F) ( ) PHOTO (J) ( ) EVAC (URGENT OR ASAP)  
 (C) ( ) ADMIN (G) ( ) UNIT CMDR (K) ( ) SAR  
 (D) ( ) RECON (H) ( ) STAFF (L) ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

5. AIRLIFT DESCRIPTION: Number and Weight

A. # OF TROOPS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. DESCRIPTION AND WEIGHT/CUBE INTERNAL CARGO: \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. DESCRIPTION AND WEIGHT EXTERNAL CARGO: \_\_\_\_\_  
 D. REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

6. INSTRUCTIONS: (S-H-A-C-K-L-E - WHEN NECESSARY)

PICKUP COORDINATES	LOCAL DATE/TIME	DESTINATION COORDINATES	CARGO / PASS
A. _____	_____	_____	_____
B. _____	_____	_____	_____
C. _____	_____	_____	_____
D. _____	_____	_____	_____
E. _____	_____	_____	_____
F. _____	_____	_____	_____

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: \_\_\_\_\_

8. LZ/SITE WILL BE MARKED/IDENTIFIED BY:

(A) ( ) UNMARKED (C) ( ) PANELS (E) ( ) LIGHTS  
 (B) ( ) MARKED WITH \_\_\_\_\_ (D) ( ) SMOKE (F) ( ) FLARE  
 (COLOR)  
 (G) ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

9. COMMUNICATIONS: FOR A/C AND LZCP/TACP

A. CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ B. CHANNEL / CIRCUIT \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. FREQUENCY \_\_\_\_\_  
 (DO NOT GIVE FREQUENCY UNLESS NO COLOR CODE OR CIRCUIT DESG)

10. LOCAL DATE / TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ AUTHENTICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

11. ESCORT: ( ) REQUESTED A. NO / TYPE ACFT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ( ) ASSIGNED B. CALLSIGN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 C. COMMUNICATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 D. ARMAMENT CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. LOCATION. TACPs shall keep DASC and FSCC advised of units current positions and dispositions. Forward friendly positions shall be marked with panels and/or smoke when close air support strikes are in progress.

2. Conduct of Strikes.

a. All CAS strikes are to be made parallel to the front lines whenever possible and by single aircraft. Each pilot must acknowledge the sighting of the target. A minimum of 20 minutes will be allowed for conducting a four plane strike.

b. Every effort should be made to mark targets with smoke or WP whenever possible.

c. FACs will locate their position in relation to the target by use of flashing mirror and/or colored smoke.

d. FACs will call target areas using four-digit grid coordinates and then revert to "no-map" control (calling the target in clock code from a known position, e.g., marking smoke, the FAC's position or prominent terrain feature in close proximity.) In this regard, it may be necessary to assist the pilot in establishing an attack heading and target acquisition by advising him when to roll into his run.

e. FACs will not change targets without so advising the strike pilots.

f. FACs will brief strike pilots utilizing the shortened mission briefing form. TAB A contains a Short Mission Briefing Form.

g. FACs will ensure that post-strike damage assessments are given to strike pilots and the DASC. CAS strikes will be stopped by the FAC when any of the following conditions exists:

- (1) The attack aircraft are not on the prescribed heading.
- (2) The attack aircraft is off target.
- (3) Weather conditions do not meet those specified in Annex C.
- (4) The time prescribed for the attack has elapsed.

3. CONDUCT OF HELICOPTER OPERATIONS:

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TAB A (Shortened Pilot Briefing Form) to Appendix 3 (Instructions for TACPs) to Annex E (Air Support) to Operation Order 324-65

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1. GENERAL. It is recommended that the below displayed form be reproduced on 5" x 8" cards for local use.

PILOT BRIEFING FORM

1. CALL SIGN:

2. TGT IS:

IN GRID SQ: FROM: DIST:

MOVING / STATIONARY

TGT ALT (MSL):

3. ATK HDG:

PULL OUT: LEFT RT SA

4. FAC/FRONT LINE IS:

FROM TGT.

5. CAN (NOT) / WILL(NOT) CONTROL

6. REMARKS:

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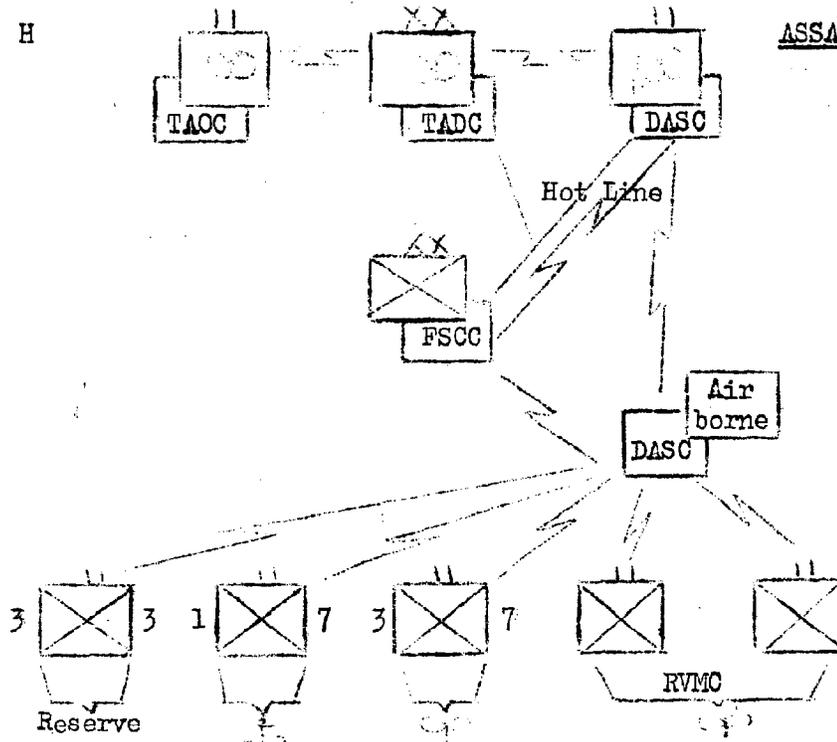
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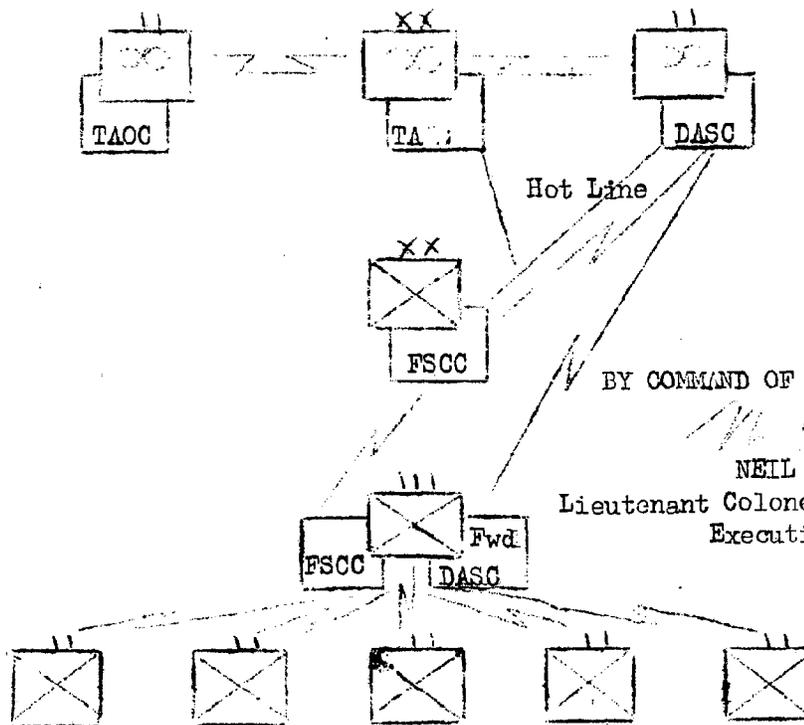
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ASSAULT PHASE



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Appendix 5 (Aircraft Armament Codes) to Annex E (Air Support) to Operation Order 324-65

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>ORDNANCE</u>
D-1	MK 81# 250 Low Drag GP bomb
D-1A	MK 81 250# Low Drag GP bomb w/vt fuze
D-1B	MK 81 Snakeye
D-2	MK 82 500# Low Drag GP bomb
D-2A	MK 82 500# Low Drag GP bomb w/vt fuze
D-2B	MK 82 Snakeye
D-3	MK 83 1000# Low Drag GP bomb
D-3A	MK 83 1000# Low Drag GP bomb w/vt fuze
D-4	MK 84 2000# Low Drag GP bomb
D-4A	MK 84 2000# Low Drag GP bomb w/vt fuze
D-5	Aero 7D Pod 2.75" FFAR
D-6	Aero 7A-2 Pod 2.75" FFAR
D-7	LAU-10A Pod 5" Zuni FFAR
D-8	LAU 33 A/A Pod 5" Zuni FFAR
D-9	MK 77 Fire Bomb 500# napalm
D-9A	MK 77 Fire Bomb 500# napalm w/proximity fuze
D-10	MK 79 Fire Bomb 1000# napalm
D-10A	MK 79 Fire Bomb 1000# napalm w/ proximity fuze
D-11	AN/M A-1 banded lug 250# GP bomb
D-11A	AN/M 57 A-1 banded lug 250# GP bomb w/vt fuze
D-12	AN/M 81 banded lug 260# frag bomb
D-12A	AN/M 81 banded lug 260# frag bomb w/vt fuze
D-13	AN/M 88 banded lug 220# frag bomb
D-13A	AN/M 88 banded lug 220# frag bomb w/vt fuze

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>ORDNANCE</u>
D-14	CBU 1A/A
D-15	CBU 2A/A
D-16	AIM 7E Sparrow missile
D-17	AIM 9B Sidewinder missile
D-18	AGM-12B Bullpup
D-19	AGM-45 Shrike
D-20	20mm Ammunition
D-21	FS Smoke
D-22	Parachute Flare

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Annex F (Naval Gunfire) to Operation Order 324-65

- Ref: (a) Maps: VIET NAM 1:50,000 AMS Series L 701  
 MY LAI Sheet No. 6756 I  
 (b) 3d Marine Division Operation Order 321A-65  
 (c) 3d Marine Division Operation Order 330-65  
 (d) FMFM 7-2 Naval Gunfire Support

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See Annex B (Intelligence) and intelligence summaries as issued.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) Annex E (Air)  
 (2) Annex G (Artillery)  
 (3) NGF Support Ships assigned:

USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5)	1 CLG
USS ORLECK (DD-886)	
USS HENRY W. TUCKER (DD-875)	2 DD
USS DIACHENKO (APD-123)	1 APD

2. MISSION. Beginning at H-hour on D-day, OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5), ORLECK (DD-886), HENRY W. TUCKER (DD-875), DIACHENKO (APD-123) and other fire support ships if assigned, support the landing and operations ashore of RLT-7 and ARVN units ashore in the objective area.

3. EXECUTION

- a. OKLAHOMA CITY assigned CLG 1: Direct Support BLT 3/7.  
 b. HENRY W. TUCKER assigned DD-1: Direct Support BLT 1/7.  
 c. ORLECK assigned DD-2: Direct Support (to be announced)  
 d. DIACHENKO assigned DD-3: General Support RLT-7.  
 e. Scheduled fires for beach neutralization are planned (See Appendix 1) but will be executed only on call by CATF.

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- f. All NGF support will be observed, call missions only.
- g. Initial Fire Support Areas and Stations will be as assigned by CATF. (See Appendix 1)
- h. Unless otherwise requested by the spotter, standard salvos are:  
 5"/38: 8 rds; 2 guns, 4 salvos  
 6"/47: 6 rds; 3 guns, 2 salvos
- i. Requests for direct support ships will be submitted to RLT-7 daily prior to 1700.
- j. Restrictions: In addition to those listed in Annex D (Fire Support Coordination) and reference (c), the following apply:
- (1) Battalion NGFLO's and Spotters will insure direct support ship assigned and RLT-7 are kept current on all friendly front lines including outposts and scheduled patrols.
  - (2) Spotters must fully concur with firing ships first salvo intentions when a DANGER ELEMENT exists prior to ordering "fire". If spotter does not concur, he will request an appropriate offset spot to insure safety of friendly troops.
  - (3) All night illumination will be primarily supplied by the FLARE AIRCRAFT on station and controlled by RLT-7 Air Liaison Officer. NGF illumination will be used only as a secondary method on an on-call basis.
  - (4) Firing Ships have been directed to transmit SAVAPLANE reports to SACC (CATF) or RLT-7 and to receive an ACKNOWLEDGEMENT by same prior firing initial round on all call missions. SAVAPLANE reports will be acted on immediately and will have highest priority on net utilized.
  - (5) SAVAPLANE Report format as follows:  
 ALPHA: 770890 (Firing Ship Location)  
 BRAVO: 778858 (Target Location)  
 CHARLIE: 0915H (Commence Fire Time)  
 DELTA: 0925H (Est Cease Fire Time)  
 ECHO: 2150 ft (Maximum ordinate)
  - (6) Fire Support Ships will not fire on sampans and junks unless confirmed VC are embarked, and as otherwise directed by CATF.
- k. Reports
- (1) CANDI and SUGAR reports will be submitted to MONROE (3d Mar-Div) by all fire support ships via Support Net on a not-to-interfere basis.

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- (2) PEPPER reports as requested and needed by the spotter.
- (3) Spotters will transmit an accurate damage assessment at the conclusion of each call missions. If applicable, it will include known damage and/or an estimate of KLI's and WLI's.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See RLT-7 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

- a. See Annex H (Communication-Electronics) and Appendix I to Annex D (Fire Support Coordination)

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APPENDIX:

1 - Beach Neutralization Plan

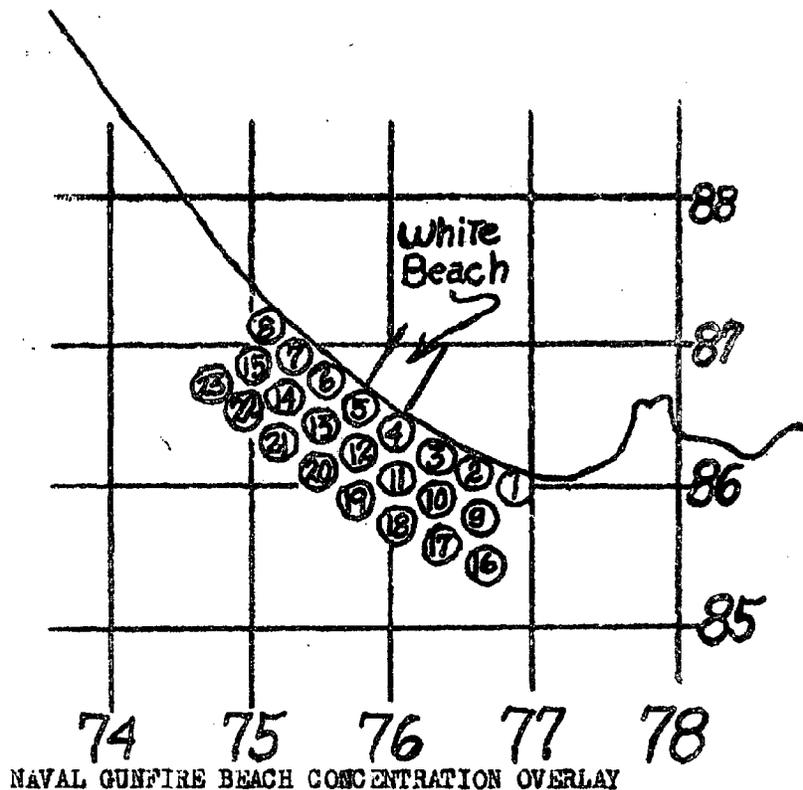
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Appendix 7. (Beach Neutralization Plan) to ANNEX F (Naval Gunfire) to  
Operation Order 722-65

Number      Coordinates

1	769860
2	767861
3	763863
4	761864
5	758866
6	756867
7	753869
8	751872
9	767857
10	764859
11	761861
12	758863
13	755864
14	753866
15	750869
16	767854
17	764856
18	760858
19	758859
20	755862
21	752864
22	749866
23	748867



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NOTES:

1. Coordinates listed above are located in the center of each 200 sq. meter area.
2. Spotter may call fire on any or several concentrations specifying type of ammunition and number of rounds per concentration as the situation warrants.
3. INITIAL FIRE SUPPORT SHIP STATIONS:

CLG-1 Area BS 7691 & 7692  
 DD-1 Area BS 7888  
 DD-2 Area BS 7980  
 DD-3 Area BS 7688

4. CHANGE NO. 1 to ANNEX F:

Delete "HENRY W. TUCKER (DD-875) where appearing  
 on page F-1 and substitute "USS FRICHEPT (DD-561).

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Annex G (Artillery) to Operation Order 324-65

- Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AMS Series L-701, Sheets 6756, I, II, III, IV  
(b) 3d Marine Division Operation Order 330-65  
(c) 3d Marine Division Operation Order 321A-65  
(d) FMFM 7-4

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces
- (1) Annex B (Intelligence) and intelligence summaries as issued.
- b. Friendly Forces
- (1) Annex D (Fire Support Coordination)
  - (2) Annex E (Air Support)
  - (3) Annex F (Naval Gunfire)
- c. Attachments and detachments
- (1) 107mm Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines attachment effective on order.
  - (2) Detachments. None
2. MISSION. Third Battalion (-) (Rein), 11th Marines will land on order, occupy positions to be designated, and provide artillery support for RLT-7 operations.
3. EXECUTION
- a. Concept of artillery employment
- (1) 3d Battalion, 11th Marines will support RLT-7 operation by providing general support fires with two 107mm Mortar Batteries.

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- b. 107mm Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
- (1) Occupy position to be designated in vicinity coordinates 750868.
  - (2) General Support of RLT-7
  - (3) Azimuth of fire:
    - (a) Left platoon - 4200~~μ~~
    - (b) Right platoon - 5600~~μ~~
- c. 107mm Mortar Battery, 3d Battalion, 12th Marines
- (1) Occupy position to be designated in vicinity coordinates 750868.
  - (2) General Support of RLT-7
  - (3) Azimuth of fire:
    - (a) Left platoon - 2400~~μ~~
    - (b) Right platoon - 3100~~μ~~
- d. Battery G, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
- (1) Detach liaison and forward observer teams to 1st Battalion 7th Marines.
- e. Battery I, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
- (1) Detach liaison and forward observer teams to 3d Battalion 7th Marines.
- f. Headquarters Battery, 3d Battalion, 11th Marines
- (1) Occupy position to be designated in vicinity coordinates 750868.
  - (2) Direct support of RLT-7.
- g. Coordinating Instructions
- (1) D-day - 7 September 1965
  - (2) H-hour: ~~0600H~~; L-hour: ~~0620H~~
  - (3) Firing Chart - Grid Sheet, Scale 1:25,000
  - (4) Registration. None, use known Met plus VE correction.
  - (5) Survey. Position area survey by map inspection and direction established by astronomical observation.

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(6) Ammunition Restriction. Units will not expend more than eighty (80) percent of available supply rate without approval of 3d Battalion, 11th Marines.

(7) Concentration Numbers

7th Marines FSCC	EX 1-299
3/11 FDC	EX 300-999
1/7 FO	EG 1-799
1/7 FSCC	EG 800-899
3/7 FO	EI 1-799
3/7 FSCC	EI 800-899
1st ARVN Bn FO	EJ 1-799
1st ARVN Bn FSCC	EJ 800-899
2nd ARVN Bn FO	EK 1-799
2nd ARVN Bn FSCC	EK 800-899

(8) Restriction of Fires. Annex D (Fire Support Coordination)

(9) No fire lines. No artillery and mortar missions will be fired across Battalion boundaries without the approval of RLT-7 FSCC.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. RLT-7 Administrative Order 324-65
- b. 107mm Mortar Batteries will each carry the following ammunition -  
HE - 400, WP - 74, Illumination - 76

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

- a. Appendix 1 to Annex D (Fire Support Coordination)
- b. Annex H (Communications-Electronics)
- c. Command Posts - report location when established.

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ANNEX H (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Order 324-65

Ref: (a) Third Marine Division Operation Order 321A-65 with Change 2  
 (b) Third Marine Division Operation Order 330-65

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION: Annex A

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces. See Annex B (Intelligence), current ISUMS, and references (a) and (b).

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Operation Order 324-65

(2) Command Posts.

(a) Afloat.

CATF (CTG 76.3)	USS Bayfield	APA-33
CLF (RLT-7)	USS Bayfield	APA-33
BLT 1/7	USS Belle Grove	LSD-2
BLT 3/3(-)	USS Princeton	LPH-5
LF Arty (3/11(-))(Rein)	USS Vernon Cty	LST-1161
Co C, 1st AT Bn	USS Bayfield	APA-33
Co A, 3d Amphtrac Bn		
Co B, 1st Tk Bn		
Co C, 1st Engr Bn	USS Bayfield	APA-33
Co C, 1st SF Bn	USS Cabildo	LSD-16

(b) Ashore.

1 BLT 3/7 - Initially vicinity BT 535017

2 All units report locations when established in the objective area.

(3) Task Group 76.3 provides essential communications for Landing Force units during the movement to the objective area.

2. MISSION. RLT-7 communications elements install, operate and maintain communications in support of the landing and subsequent operations ashore commencing at H-4 Hours on D-Day.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Det Comm Co, HqBn, 3d MarDiv. Land on order and establish radio communications for the 3d Marine Division Liaison Team.

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CONFIDENTIALb. Comm Plt. HqCo. RLT-7.

(1) Provide one radio relay team and one AN/MRC-62 Radio Relay terminal to be integrated in the 3d Marine Division telephone system through RLT-4 switchboard. Channelization in accordance with Appendix 4 (Radio Relay).

(2) Provide two radio relay teams with AN/TRC-27 radio relay terminals at RLT-7 forward CP and RLT-4 CP. See Appendix 4 (Radio Relay).

(3) Install, operate and maintain communications facilities for Command Groups Alpha and Bravo while afloat.

(4) Land on order, install, operate and maintain communications facilities for RLT-7 Command Post.

(5) On order, install wire circuits as may be directed.

(6) Provide administrative and logistical support for Det Comm Co, qBn, 3d MarDiv.

c. BLT 1/7. Install, operate and maintain normal internal communications.

d. BLT 3/7. Install, operate and maintain normal internal communications.

e. Landing Force Reserve: BLT 3/3 (-). Install, operate and maintain normal internal communications.

f. Other Landing Force Units. Establish normal internal communications.

g. Air Support Communications. Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) and Annex E (Air Support) to Operation Order 324-65.

h. Artillery Communications. Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) and Annex G (Artillery) to Operation Order 324-65.

i. Naval Gunfire Communications. Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) and Annex F (Naval Gunfire Support) to Operation Order 324-65.

j. Shore Party Communications. Appendix 1 (Radio Plan) and Annex C (Shore Party) to Administrative Order 324-65.

k. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) References (a) and (b).

(2) Communications Center.

(a) Time Zone H (-8) will be used in all messages within the objective area. GMT (Z) will be used on all other messages.

(b) Locally reproduced authentication/numeral cipher/brevity code sheets may be used within the BLT's and separate companies. KAC-138 (numeral cipher) and KAA-60 (Authentication) will be used for all other communications.

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(c) The terms "Couple" and "Uncouple" will be used at the beginning and end of cipher texts using KAC-138. The terms "Shackle" and "Unshackle" will be used at the beginning and end of cipher text using the locally reproduced numeral cipher.

(d) Other cryptographic instructions in accordance with reference (a).

(3) Radio.

(a) Radio Silence in effect until lifted by this Headquarters.

(b) All units guard assigned nets commencing H-4 Hours.

(c) Appendix 1 (Radio Plan)

(d) Appendix 2 (Radio Call Signs)

(e) Report enemy use of jamming or imitative deception to this Headquarters.

(4) Warnings, Visual, Sound and Pyrotechnics. Appendix 3 (Warnings, Visual, Sound and Pyrotechnics).

(5) Code word for this operation is PIRANHA. Unclassified reference using this code word is authorized.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Administrative Order 324-65

b. Limited repair facilities will be located in the Beach Support Area. Equipment requiring repair will be evacuated directly to the Beach Support Area and the evacuating unit should notify this Headquarters if an emergency replacement is required.

c. BB-451 batteries will be evacuated to the Beach Support Area for recharging.

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Radio Plan
- 2 - Radio Call Signs
- 3 - Warnings, Visual, Sound and Pyrotechnics
- 4 - Radio Relay

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C-Net Control X-Guard W- Be prepared to guard L-Listen O-As required		3/11 Bn. Cmd 3/11 BnCmd/Admin FDC 03/12 COFF (BLT 3/3) 03/11 COFF (BLT 1/7) 1 3/11 COFF (BLT 3/7)
EMISSION		3A3J/O.1A1 36F3 3A3J/O.1A1/36F3 36F3 36F3 36F3
FREQUENCY	(P) 7870 (S) 37.5 (P) 11435(S) (P) 27.3(S) (P) 34.4(S) (P) 35.9(S)	28.7 29.7 28.4 29.5
CIRCUIT DESIGNATOR	D-60 D 178 D84 D146 D133 D148 D 152 D140 D163 D147	
PLAN FOR ARTY (3111)	C C O	
FSSC	X X O O O O	

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VOICE RADIO CALL SIGN</u>	<u>CW/TTY</u>
III MAF	MONROE	187L
CG 3d MARDIV	MONROE KILO	
LNO	UNIQUE	BWDF
CATF (CTG 76.3)	CONMAN	
HELO SUPPT UNIT(76.3.1)	HISTORY MAKER	
SURFACE TRANS UNIT(76.3.2)	ASCERTAIN	
GUNFIRE SUPPT UNITS (76.3.3)	STARBOARD	680A
RF/RLT-7	THICKSKINNED	9QF7
RLT-4	STARBOARD 22	
FSCC	STARBOARD PRODUCT	
TACLOG	PROMINENCE	
BLT 1/7	SKEPTIC	
BLT 3/7	WAREHOUSE	
BLT 3/3	TANNIC ACID	
LAN FOR ARTY	SPANIARD	
CO C, 1st AT BN	PLUMTREE	
CO A, 3d AMTRC BN	TROLLING	
CO C, 1st ENGR BN	PLATTSBORG	
CO B, 1st TK BN	RIDGEHAM/LUCKY BAG WHITE	
SHOREPARTY	FUMIGATE	FU94
FLSU #1	JOYRIDE	
TADC	LAND SHARK X-RAY	
DASC(AIREN)	LAND SHARK BRAVO	
DASC (FWD)	GILTEDGE WHISKEY	BWDF
USS BAYFIELD	PULLHORN	
USS PRINCETON	FIREBALL	
USS OKLAHOMA CITY	STAGEDOOR	
USS ORLECK	GLORY	
USS PRITCHETT	ELBOW HOTEL	
USS DIACHENHO	WARDROBE TANGO	
RVN ADVISORS	SKID TANGO	
USS CABILDO	LANDSLIP QUEBEC	
USS BELLE GROVE	PEDRO	
USS VERNON COUNTY		
MEDICAL EVACUATION		

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APPENDIX 3 (Warning, Visual, Sound and Pyrotechnics) to Annex H  
 (Communications Electronics) to Operation Order 324-65

Ref: (a) ACP 136  
 (b) ACP 168  
 (c) Annex G to Third Marine Division Operation Order 321A-65

Time Zone: H(In objective area)

1. General.

(a) See References (a), (b), and (c)

(b) Visual Signals are a supplementary means of Communications and are transmitted by panels, flashing lights, signals flags, and pyrotechnics.

(c) Units tactical CW call signs will be used on all visual circuits.

2. Warning and Alert Signals.

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>HOW DISSEMINATED</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Air Defense Warning "Red"	Air Attack imminent or taking place	Flash message. Short repeated sound of sirens or word of mouth.	Sirens will not be used for any other signal within the objective area.
"YELLOW"	Air attack is probable	Message, word of mouth	
"WHITE"	Air attack is improbable	Message, Telephone word of mouth	May be declared before or after air defense warning "yellow or Red".

3. Miscellaneous Visual Signals.

(a) Flag displayed from tank turret:

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
"RED"	Tank is in distress, require infantry assistance.
"ORANGE"	Tank is low on fuel or ammunition, pulling back to replenish.
"GREEN"	Request contact on telephone at rear of tank.

(b) Aircraft maneuver signals:

<u>AIRCRAFT MANEUVER</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
360 degree left turn	Display CP Identification
360 degree right turn	Mission completed

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\*Alternate dips and climbs  
 Rock Wings  
 \*Yaw right-left  
 Sharp S-Turn  
 Circle Right-rooking wings

Display front line markings  
 Message or Display understood  
 Standby for message drop  
 Will support, you mark target  
 Am trying to contact you by radio

\* It is impractical for jet aircraft to execute these maneuver signals

## (c) Smoke Signals

(1) Smoke signals displayed by ground troops

COLOR      MEANING

"RED"      Enemy position  
 "GREEN"    Please inform us of the enemy direction or position  
 "YELLOW"   This is a friendly front line or of a secured area for an  
                  urgent or normal aircraft landing  
 "VIOLET"   Available for local assignments

(2) One or more white phosphorous shells fired on a target indicate an assigned target.

## (d) Pyrotechnics Signals

(1) See References (b) and (c).

(2) Meanings assigned to pyrotechnics signals will not be altered.

(3) Meanings may be assigned to signals not specifically assigned by higher authority provided coordination with interested commander is effected.

(4) Any red pyrotechnic light displayed singly or in succession is an international signal meaning aircraft in distress.

ILLUMINATION SIGNALSTYPES

Signal, ground, red star cluster  
 (One signal is fired)

Signal, ground, red star cluster  
 (Continuous fire of 3 or more signals)

Signal, Ground, Green star, parachute

Signal, ground, green star M125  
 (Hand Held)

Signal, ground, white star, parachute  
 M12 (Hand Held) or signal, ground,  
 white star ANM44.A1

MEANINGS

Encircled or attacked by the enemy.  
 Request for support (type of support)  
 such as aircraft, artillery, relieving  
 forces, etc. Must be affirmed by radio.

Request for emergency illumination  
 (Radio liaison must be established)

Request for ammunition

Request for evacuation

Radio Breakdown

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Signal, Ground, white star cluster  
(Fire or one signal)

Request for radio communications on  
the air ground frequency

Signal, Ground, white star cluster  
(Continuous fire of 3 or more signals)

Request for cease of illumination  
firing and shelling

Signal, Ground, Red Star, parachute,  
M126 (Hand Held)

We are withdrawing from this position.

SMOKE SIGNALS

Signal, Ground, yellow smoke, M64  
or

Marking of the friendly units position  
or of a secured area for an urgent or  
normal aircraft landing.

Grenade, rifle, yellow smoke  
or

Grenade, hand, yellow smoke, M18

Signal, Ground, Green smoke, M65  
or

Please inform us of the enemy direction  
or position

Grenade, rifle, green smoke M18  
or

Grenade, rifle, green smoke

Grenade, rifle, red smoke

Marking of the enemy position

USED BY AIRCRAFT FOR LIAISON WITH GROUND UNITS

Grenade, Hand, green smoke, M18

Please inform us of enemy direction

Grenade, hand, red smoke, M18

Marking of the enemy position

Grenade, hand, smoke HC(White)  
or

Request for radio communications  
on the air ground frequency

ANM8 signal, air ground, white star  
cluster(Fire of one signal)

4. Panels.

Helicopter pads will be marked in accordance with TAB A to Appendix 3  
to Annex H (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Order 324-65.

5. Sound. Sound devices will be used in accordance with locally prepared SOP's.

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Tab A (Helicopter Landing Point Identification) to Appendix 3 (Warning, Visual, Sound, and Pyrotechnics) to Annex H (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Order 324-65

Ref: (a) FMFPacO 02000.2B (COMPLAN Five)

Time Zone: H (In objective area)

1. Helicopter Landing Points (General Information).

a. Helicopter landing points should be selected which provide helicopter pilots adequate space to maneuver into the wind in order to take advantage of increased performance of the helicopter under a favorable wind direction.

b. All landing points will be at least 180 feet in diameter paying particular attention to ensure overhead wire or antenna do not obstruct the landing areas.

c. Areas of hard ground, solid rock, or grass are the best natural landing points for helicopters. Graveled areas shall never be selected as a helicopter landing point. Dry barren areas should be also avoided since dust clouds created by the helicopter may reveal landing and takeoffs to the enemy.

d. Landing points will be policed of debris and any loose material to avoid damage to aircraft.

2. Safety Precautions. It is mandatory that all landing point personnel be briefed on the following precautions:

a. Personnel will stand clear of the landing and departing aircraft.

b. Approach only after a beckoning signal from the pilot or co-pilot.

c. Approach and depart other type helicopters from the right front of the aircraft.

3. Landing Point Communications.

a. Unit communication officers will install a local telephone from the landing point area to unit switchboards. The telephone will be properly marked and the landing point messengers will maintain a telephone watch on this telephone.

b. To prevent unnecessary landing at the helicopter landing point, when there is no outgoing traffic, the letter "N" will be displayed in the immediate vicinity of the triangle.

4. Helicopter Landing Point Marking System.

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- a. All landing points will be marked with equilateral triangle by using three panels from either panel set AP-30C or AP-30D. The color selection will contrast with the landing point in order to be easily recognized by aircraft.
- b. Prevailing wind directions will be shown by installing a short pole (approximately three feet) with streamers, flag, or pennants of sufficient length to allow the pilot to see the local wind.
- c. The unit designation will be accomplished in accordance with Encl. 1, (Helicopter Landing Zone marking code).
- d. Panel set AP-30C or AP-30D as appropriate in conjunction with panels VS-4/U or VS-6/U provides all the necessary equipment and color arrangements needed to effect the above displays.
- e. Upon receiving an air raid warning/alert the helicopter landing point marking will be removed without delay. The markers will be replaced immediately after "all clear" is sounded.
- f. The senior headquarters designator will be displayed when composite headquarters are established.
- g. Night marking for the helicopter landing point will depend upon the tactical situation, however, satisfactory night markings may consist of three flares placed at the apex of the triangle site marker or vehicle lights flashed from a vehicle parked downwind of the landing point and illuminating the landing area.
- h. Care must be exercised in securing panels to the ground to prevent destruction of the displays each time a helicopter lands or takes off.

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ENCLOSURES:

1. Helicopter Landing Zone Marking Code

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AP 30-C or AP 30-D Panels



BLT 1/7



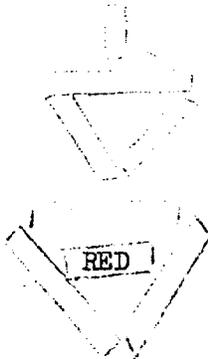
Individual companies will be designated by placing horizontal bars beneath the point of the triangle in accordance with the following code:

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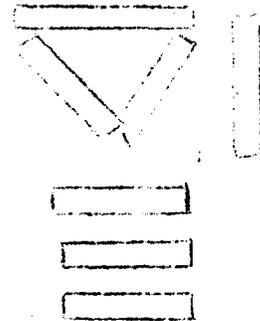
A	E	I	1 BAR
B	F	K	2 BARS
C	G	L	3 BARS
D	H	M	4 BARS

BLT 3/3



EXAMPLE:

"L" CO 3/7



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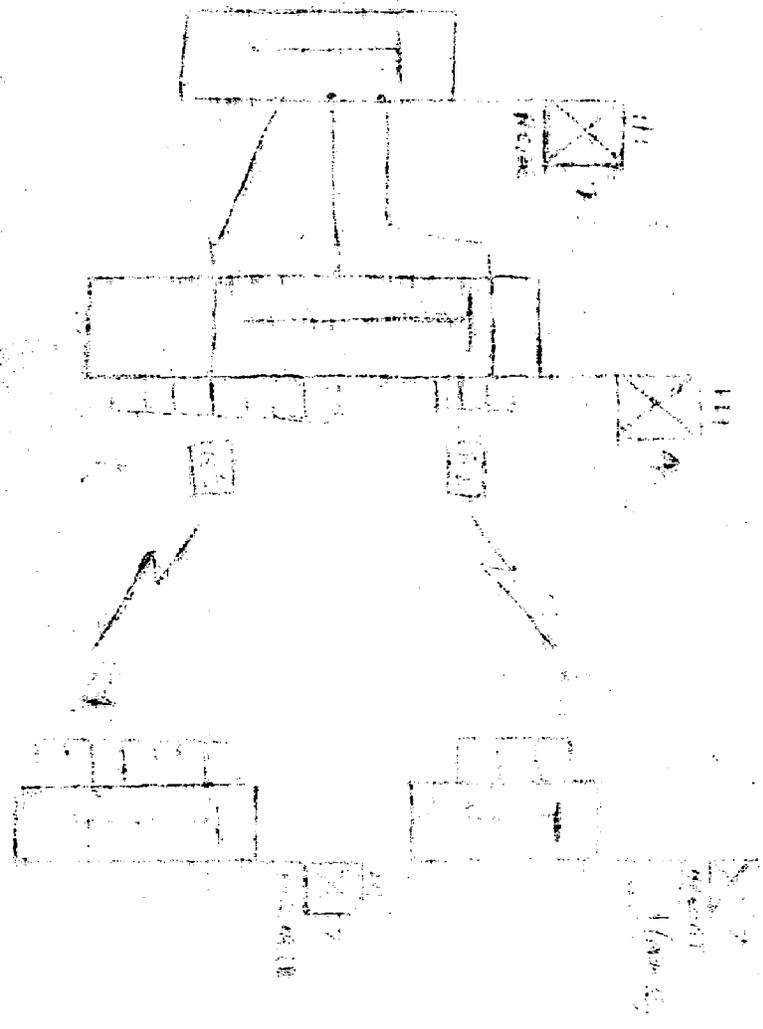
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CIRCUIT	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4
TRANSMIT	65.0	55.0	4B	4A
RECEIVE	55.0	65.5	4B	4A
FOCALIZATION	V	V	T-V	T-H



- NOTES:
1. Vacant channels may be used as required.
  2. Terminals R-3 and R-4 will be activated when HNTY Forward C.P. is established ashore in the objective area.
  3. Terminals R-1 and R-2 will be established H-1 hour.

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ANNEX I (Reports) to Operation Order 324-65

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REPORT	SUBMITTED BY	SUBMITTED TO	WHEN REQUIRED	REFERENCE	REMARKS
Personnel Daily Summary (PDS)	BLT, HqCo, Regt attachments	RLT S-1	Daily 1700H	None	For period 2400H-2400H See Annex E (Personnel) to Admin Plan 324-65
Casualty Report (CASREP)	-do-	RLT S-1	As required	Div(Fwd)O 3040.2	See Appendix 1 to Annex E (Personnel) to Admin Plan 324-65
Spot Report (SPOTREP)	-do-	RLT S-2; RLT S-3;	As Required	RegtO 3120.1	See Appendix 2 (Coordination Instructions) to Annex B (Intelligence); include report when landed, VC captured WIA, KIA; CP displacements; enemy contact; USMC WIA, KIA and position reports as changes occur.
Shell Report (SHELLREP)	-do-	RLT S-2	As Required	None	See Appendix 2 (Coordinating Instructions) to Annex B (Intelligence).
Intelligence Summary (INTSUM)	BLT S-2	RLT S-2	Daily 0300H	None	For period 2400H to 2400H. Appendix 2: (Coordination Instruction) to Annex B (Intelligence).
Cache and Cave Report	BLT S-2	RLT S-2	1250H D-day & every 6 hrs thereafter	None	See Appendix 2 (Coordinating Instructions) to Annex B (Intelligence).

REPORT	SUBMITTED BY	SUBMITTED TO	WHEN REQUIRED	REFERENCE	REMARKS
After-Action Report	BLT, Regt attachments	RLT S-3	72 hours after operation	Div OpOrd 321A-65	See Combat After-Action format issued by this Headquarters (to be issued)
Situation Report (SITREP)	BLT S-3	Regt S-3	Daily 1500H	RegtO 3120.1	For period 1400H to 1400H
Position Overlay and Operational Summary	BLT	Regt S-3	Daily 0700H	None	For period 1900H to 1900H (Operational Summary)
Captured Material Report	BLT, HqCo, Regt attachments	Regt S-4	As Required	DivO 4000.1C para 11-4	
Dump Status Report	FLSU#1	Regt S-4	Daily 1700H	None	For period 1600H to 1600H-Content: a. Location of dump site. b. Types & quantities of supplies on hand. c. Location of water point. d. Location of POW compound. e. Number of POWs interned. f. No & Type of salvaged equip on hand.
Ammunition Expenditure Report	BLT, HqCo, Regt attachments	Regt S-4	72 hours after operation	None	Types and quantities of ammunition expended.

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MCLFDC	1
CG, FMFPAC	1
CG, III MAF	3
CG, FMAW	6
CG, THIRD MARDIV	5
CO, FOURTH M&R	2
COMPHIBRON-7	10
CO, USS BAYFIELD (APA-33)	1
CO, USS PRINCETON (LPH-5)	1
CO, USS OKLAHOMA CITY (CLG-5)	1
CO, USS ORLECK (DD-886)	1
CO, USS PRICHETT (DD-537)	1
CO, USS DIACHENKO (APD-123)	1
CO, BLT 1/7	6
CO, BLT 3/7	6
CO, BLT 3/3	6
CO, MAG-12	2
CO, MAG-16	2
CO, MAG-11	2
CO, MAG-36	2
CO, 3d Bn, 11th Marines	5
CO, 3d Bn, 12th Marines	5
FLSG	1
FLSU #1	2
CO, Co A, 3d Antrac Bn	1
CO, Co B, 1st Tank Bn	1
CO, Co C, 1st AF Bn	1
CO, Co C, 1st SF Bn	1
CO, Co C, 1st Engr Bn	1
CO, Co C, 1st Recon Bn	1
CO, Co C, 1st Med Bn	1
CO, Co B, 3d Med Bn	1
CO, MCB-10	1
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Embarkation Order 324-65 to accompany Operation Order 324-65

Ref: (a) Administrative Order 324-65  
 (b) DivO P4600.1 (3rd MarDiv SOP for Embarkation)  
 (c) FMFM 4-2 (Embarkation)

Time Zone: H

1. ORGANIZATION FOR EMBARKATION

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a. General.

- (1) RLT-7 will commence embarkation of troops, supplies, and equipment on order in accordance with this plan and references (a) through (c) at Chu Lai, Viet Nam by helicopter, causeway and available lighterage.
- (2) Major subordinate units embarked in shipping are as follows:

EMBARKATION UNIT

ORGANIZATION

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2  
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RLT-7, Headquarters  
 BLT-1/7  
 BLT-3/3

- (3) Assignment to Shipping. To be promulgated.

2. MATERIAL TO BE EMBARKED

a. Organic Equipment. See reference (a).

b. Types and Amounts of Supplies. For prescribed loads see reference (a).

c. Preparation.

- (1) Commanding Officer, Force Logistic Support Unit, will prepare Landing Force Supplies for shipping.
- (2) All vehicles and supplies will be prepared in accordance with reference (b).

d. Movement.

- (1) Embarkation Team Commanders contact Shore Party Group, FLSU #1 for assignment to Staging Areas.

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- (2) Embarkation Team Commanders are responsible for the movement of organic supplies and equipment to assigned areas.
- (3) All cargo/vehicles will be in assigned staging areas prior to the commencement of loading, complete with perscribed loads.
- (4) Commanding Officers of each Embarkation Team will submit requests for transportation to this Headquarters (S-4) 24 hours prior to the time required.

3. PERSONNELa. Advance Details.

- (1) Working details and security details in the embarkation areas will be coordinated by the respective Embarkation Team Commander.
- (2) Advance parties will be provided in accordance with references (a) and (b)\* consistent with ships requirements.
- (3) Responsibilities for the provision, composition, functions, movement, billeting, messing and administration of advance parties is assigned Embarkation Team Commanders.

b. Uniform, Equipment and Baggage. See reference (a).c. Movement of the Main Body.

- (1) All personnel to be embarked will arrive at Embarkation Points approximately one (1) hour prior to the completion of loading.
- (2) Transportation will be arranged in accordance with paragraph 2.d. (4) above.

d. Embarkation Rosters. Embark Team Commanders will prepare a minimum of three Embark Rosters and distribute one copy to the ship and two copies to the RLTS-1.4. EMBARKATION ROSTERSa. Assignment of Cargo Assembly Areas and Embarkation Points.

- (1) Vehicles will stage south of the causeway on Chu Lai Beach.
- (2) Cargo will be staged north of the causeway.

b. Preparation.

- (1)\* Commanding Officer, First Shore Party Battalion will arrange for equipment and operators for the preparation of embarkation points and cargo assembly areas.

c. Material Handling Equipment.

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- (1) Commanding Officer, First Shore Party Battalion is responsible for the provision, operation and maintenance of material handling equipment as required.
- (2) Team Commanders must submit their requirements for the aforementioned at least 24 hours prior to commencement of loading to this Headquarters (S-4).

d. Security.

- (1) Embarkation Team Commanders will provide security for organic equipment and supplies during embarkation.
- (2) Smoking is prohibited in all ammo, fuel and loading areas. First Shore Party Battalion will furnish and post appropriate signs.

5. CONTROLa. Traffic Circulation and Control. To be coordinated by RIT-7 Embarkation Officer.

- (1) M.P. Platoon, RIT-7 will control traffic in the beach area and staging areas.

b. Embarkation Control Office.

- (1) The Group Embarkation Control Office will be embarkation control, and will be located at this Headquarters (S-4) (Telephone Bonnie Hero 4).
- (2) Each Embarkation Team Commander will establish and maintain a control office two (2) hours prior to commencement of loading until completion of loading.

c. Communications.

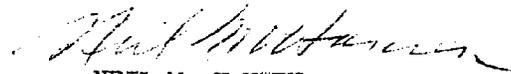
- (1) Embarkation Unit Commanders and Team Commanders will establish necessary communications as follows:
  - (a) Radio Communications from ship to shore.
  - (b) Radio/messenger between beach and staging areas.

6. EMBARKATION SCHEDULESa. Loading Schedules. To be announced.7. MISCELLANEOUSa. Loading Reports.

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- (1) The Unit Embarkation Control Officer will make the following reports to the Group Embarkation Control Officer.
- (a) Initial report in accordance with reference (b).
  - (b) Time loading commences.
  - (c) Report each four (4) hours starting four (4) hours after commencement of loading of each ship in the following form:
    - 1. PAPA - Percentage of personnel embarked.
    - 2. VICTOR - Percentage of vehicles embarked.
    - 3. CHARLIE - Percentage of cargo loaded.
    - 4. TANGO - Estimated time of completion of loading.
  - b. Unit Embarkation Officers will submit requests for dunnage directly to FLSU #1 (S-3).
  - c. Sierra Report. Will be submitted in accordance with paragraph 1004 of reference (b).
  - d. This order effective for planning on receipt and for execution on order.

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Ref: (a) Maps: AMB L709 Sheets 67, 56, I, II, III, IV 1:50,000  
 (b) Embarkation Order 324-65

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. SUPPLY

a. Sources of Supply.

- (1) Prior to embarkation - Parent organization and FLSU #1 for all classes of supply. Notify this headquarters of any critical shortages.
- (2) In the objective area - A Beach Support Area and a floating dump will be established and operated by Company "C" (-)(Rein), 1st Shore Party Bn. This will furnish classes I, III, and V supplies and selected radio batteries.

b. Prescribed Loads.

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Class I - 1 day MCI w/fuel per individual.

Class II - Combat essential equipments as prescribed by unit commanders.

Class III - Vehicle tanks full, 5 gal fuel cans mounted on vehicles full, five day special oils and lubricants.

Class IV - As required by commanders for the protection of sensitive installations.

Class V - Basic Allowance.

Medical

- (1) Supplies - Full initial allowance plus 3 days high usage for all items.

Water - Minimum of two canteens full plus one gallon per individual.

c. Supplies and Equipment to be embarked.

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- (1) Prescribed Loads.
- (2) Landing Force Supplies (to be carried by Co "C" (-)(Rein), 1st Shore Party Bn.) See Annex A: (Landing Force Supplies) to Administrative Order: 324-65.

d. Supplies and Equipment Available.

- (1) Those supplies and equipment embarked.
- (2) Resupply from unit organic assets and the FLSU #1 at Chu Lai by logistics organizations as required.

e. Plan for Landing Supplies.

- (1) Prescribed loads will be mobile loaded in landing vehicles to the maximum extent and landed upon order of RLT Commanders.
- (2) Landing Force Supplies will be staged and landed as recommended by the Shore Party Commander upon order of the RLT Commander.

f. Resupply.

- (1) Units will request resupply directly from the Beach Support area.
- (2) The commander of the Beach Support Area will request resupply of Landing Force Supplies directly from the FLSU #1 located at Chu Lai.

g. Transportation of Supplies.

- (1) The Air Liaison Officer of the RLT will provide on a permanent basis, four helicopters for the sole use of the shore Party commander for the delivery of supplies.
- (2) The RLT 3-4 will provide airtracs as required for the delivery of supplies from the Beach Support Area to using units.
- (3) Requests of additional resupply transportation requirements will be made to the RLT 3-4.

h. Captured Material. All captured material, including weapons, will be evacuated to the RLT CP and turned over to the Intelligence Officer. This material should be clearly marked as to where found, under what circumstances, when, and by whom. At the conclusion of their requirements the intelligence section will turn over this material to the 3-4 section for storage and

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disposition. The S-4 will maintain a record of all enemy material in or passing thru its custody.

i. Salvage. The RLT S-4 will be kept informed of all material requiring salvage. When practicable the material will be delivered to the Beach Support Area. No materials of potential use to the enemy should be left unguarded or abandoned to the enemy.

j. Excess materials. Any materials determined to be excessive to the units requirements should be returned to the Beach Support Area for disposition or evacuation.

k. RLT TAG-LOG.

(1) An RLT TAC-LOG will be established aboard the primary control ship and will operate throughout the operation.

(2) The TAC-LOG will be staffed by one officer from the RLT S-4 section; one Staff NCO from the RLT S-4 section, one representative from each BLT and three radio operators from the RLT Hq.

(3) The TAC-LOG will be responsible for establishing liaison with the naval commander afloat and advising him as to the tactical and logistical situation ashore and as to the requirements of the RLT as they effect the naval forces.

(4) The TAC-LOG will maintain radio contact with the RLT Hq, the Beach Support Commander, the Floating Dump Ship and other stations as required.

2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION - See Annex B (Medical) to Administrative Order 324-65.

3. TRANSPORTATION

a. By sea to the objective area.

b. Helicopters, LVTs and organic transportation in the objective area.

c. See reference (b) Embarkation Order 324-65.

4. SERVICES

a. Co "C" (-) (Rein), 1st Engineer Bn. Perform combat engineer tasks in support of the RLT. Establish and operate one water point in the Beach Support Area.

b. Co "C" (-) (Rein), 1st Shore Party Bn. Establish and maintain a Beach Support Area in a place and at a time to be designated.

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Establish and maintain a floating dump for Classes I, limited II, limited III, and selected V upon an LSD to be designated. Establish a POW collection point in the Beach Support Area. (See Annex C (Shore Party) to Administrative Order 324-65.

- c. Co "A" (-)(Rein), AmTrac Bn. Provide transportation for tactical movement and for logistical support as required by the RLT S-4.
  - d. MAG-16. Provide helicopters for supply, resupply and tactical lifts. Provide four helicopters on a permanent basis to the CO Beach Support Area for the support of BSA.
5. PERSONNEL - See Annex D (Personnel) to Administrative Order 324-65.

## 6. MISCELLANEOUS

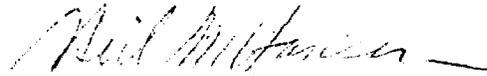
- a. All units requiring supplies and services will keep the RLT S-4 and the Beach Support Area informed of their ~~or~~ coordinates. All requests for supplies and services will include the coordinates for delivery and any landing zone marking instructions.
- b. Unit commanders will provide security as required in sensitive supply and communications installations.
- c. Reports - See Annex I (Reports) to Operation Order 324-65.
- d. Uniform and Equipment for Embarkation. Utilities, marching pack, T/O weapon, helmet with green side out.
- e. In order to make maximum use of helicopters for resupply, all units will insure that sufficient personnel are present at helicopter landing zones to expedite unloading of supplies and equipment.
- f. Empty water cans will be collected, staged and returned to the BSA on the following resupply run. Units having transportation and a covered route to the BSA will return empty water cans whenever sufficient cans are empty to warrant a run.
- g. Units will provide infantry security for all supply runs made by amphibian tractors to and from the BSA.
- h. Make maximum use of lister bags whenever possible in order to free water cans for transporting water.
- i. Military and Personal effects of casualties.

The military and personal effects of persons KIA or WIA will be recovered by the personnel of the casualties' command who are stationed with the casualty clearing

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section aboard the LPH. These items will be inventoried and tagged as to the owner, his status, and organization. Upon completion of the operation these effects will be turned over to the supply officer of the casualties unit who will handle them in accordance with current directives. Every effort will be made to assure that military and personal effects are safeguarded, properly accounted for, and that they remain in the area so as to be properly disposed of by the concerned supply officers.

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## ANNEXES:

- A- Landing Force Supplies
- B- Medical
- C- Shore Party
- D- Personnel

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Annex A (Landing Force Supplies) to Administrative Order 324-65

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. Class I - 45,000 meals.
2. Class II - BA-279/U 1500 ea.  
 - BA-270/U 1000 ea.  
 - BA-414 100 ea.  
 - BA-30 1000 ea.
3. Class III - 20 drums MOGAS  
 - 10 drums DIESEL  
 - The Shore Party Commander will make prior arrangements with the LSD, to be used as a floating dump, to furnish bulk MOGAS and DIESEL as required.
4. Class IV - None.
5. Class V.

a. Demolition Materials.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DOD</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Charge, Assy Demo M37	M756	300 ea.
Charge, Demo, Shaped, 15 lb.	M420	10 ea.
Charge, Demo, Shaped, 40 lb.	M421	10 ea.
Charge, Cratering, 40 lb.	M039	20 ea.
Demo, Kit, Bangalore Torpedo	M026	10 ea.
Igniter, Blasting Fuze M-2	M766	300 ea.
Cord, Detonating	M455	2000 ft.
Fuze, Blasting Time	M670	500 ft.
Cap, Blasting, Non-electric	M131	500 ea.
Demo Kit, Projected Charge		
M125	-	4 ea.
Rkt Mot, MK22 Mod C(modified)	-	4 ea.

b. Ammunition and Pyrotechnics.

Ctg, 7.62mm Ball, M80	A130	158,760 rds.
Ctg, 7.62mm Linked	A127	68,000 rds.
Ctg, Cal .45 Ball, M1911	A475	6,000 rds.
Ctg, Cal .50 API Linked M396	A576	3,200 rds.
Ctg, 40mm HE, M406	B568	720 rds.
Ctg, 81mm HE, M362	C222	576 rds.
Ctg, 81mm HE, M43A1	C225	1,728 rds.
Ctg, 81mm Smoke, WP	C231	288 rds.
Ctg, 81mm Illum, M301A1	C226	288 rds.

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<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DCD</u>	<u>QTY</u>
Ctg, 4.2", Mort, Smoke QP	C708	1,166 rds.
Ctg, 4.2", Mort, HE M329	C704	4,374 rds.
Ctg, 4.2", Mort, Illum	C706	2,916 rds.
Fuze, V.T. M517	N412	1,848 rds.
Ctg, 106mm HEAT, M344A1	C650	330 rds.
Ctg, 106mm, HEF-T, M346A1	C651	546 rds.
Ignition, Cyl, M1	M680	100 rds.
Thickner, Incendiary Oil M-1	K910	18 cans.
Thickner, Incendiary Oil M-2	K922	15 cans.
Grenade, Hand Frag. M26	G890	5,000 ea.
Grenade, Hand Smoke W.P. M15	G935	500 ea.
Grenade, Hand Smoke Green M18	G940	192 ea.
Grenade, Hand Smoke Red M18	G950	32 ea.
Grenade, Hand Smoke Yellow M18	G945	192 ea.
Ctg, Gren rifle M64	G839	920 rds.
Grenade, rifle HEAT, M28	G970	500 rds.
Grenade, Rifle Smoke W.P. M19191	H030	200 rds.
Flare, Surface Trip, M49	L495	64 ea.
Signal, Illum grd WSP, M127	L312	72 ea.
Signal, Illum grd GSC, M125	L314	72 ea.
Signal, Smoke grd, Green M128	L324	36 ea.
Signal, Illum grd RSP, M126	L311	36 ea.
Ctg, Cal .50 spotter tracer	A574	208 rds.
Rkt, 3.5" HEAT M28A2	H600	1,284 rds.
Rkt, 3.5" Smoke, W.P. M30	H602	321 rds.
Fuze, VT, M513A1	N412	1,000 ea.

6. Water - The Shore Party Commander will collect one-fourth of all units' organic water cans prior to embarkation so as to establish an initial resupply capability.

The Shore Party Commander will make prior arrangements with the available shipping to furnish initial requirements plus lesser amounts on a continuing basis. Upon establishment of a water point by the Engineers, that source will be used to the maximum extent possible.

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Annex B (Medical) to Administrative Order 324-65

Time Zone: HOTEL

1. ORGANIZATION

a. Medical Troops.

- (1) Medical section of Hq RLT-7 and medical platoons of BLT 1/7, BLT 3/7, and BLT 3/3.
- (2) Shore Party Medical section of RLT-7.
- (3) NCB-10 medical section.
- (4) Field hospital DAS, MAG-12, 1st MAW FMF.
- (5) Surgical team and ship's medical platoon aboard LPH, USS PRINCETON.
- (6) Co, "B", 3d Medic 1 Bn, 3d MarDiv (Rein), FMF (Chu Lai).
- (7) Co, "C", 3d Medical Bn, 3d MarDiv (Rein), FMF (Da Nang).

2. MISSION

- a. Surgical team aboard the LPH Princeton. Be prepared to treat casualties during initial phase of operation. Casualties are to be helicopter lifted from collecting points in the combat area to the USS PRINCETON where Triage and Resuscitation will be performed.
- b. "B" Co, 3d MedBn, 3rd MarDiv (Rein), (Chu Lai). Be prepared to resuscitate serious casualties evacuated from the USS PRINCETON during the initial phase of the operation and be prepared to treat overload casualties when adequate helicopters become available.
- c. "C" Co, 3d MedBn, 3d MarDiv (Rein), FMF (Da Nang) Be prepared to reinforce "B" Co, 3d MedBn on order.
- d. Medical Platoon NCB-10. Be prepared to treat minor casualties at your DAS after clearance through "B" Co, 3d MedBn.
- e. Medical Platoon MAG-12. Be prepared to treat minor casualties at your dispensary after clearance through "B" Co, 3d MedBn.
- f. Other Medical Sections. Personnel to be designated to assist aboard the LPH or at "B" Med.

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## 3. SANITATION AND PREVENTIVE MEDICINE.

- a. Troop commanders of all echelons require maximum sanitary discipline possible under combat conditions.
- b. Ensure all troops have in their possession anti-malarial prophylaxis for a period of two weeks.
- c. Ensure all troops have in their possession water purification tablets (Halazone) to last for a period of seven days.
- d. Companies and Battalions take all available lister bags for water storage and use. It is recommended that each man drink between 6 and 8 canteens of water daily and take one salt tablet with each canteen.
- e. Ensure all troops have sufficient salt tablets for two days use. Resupply to be on Company level.
- f. Ensure all troops have 2 canteens of water upon debarking. Resupply to areas will be by helicopter.

## 4. EVACUATION

a. Movement.

- (1) After embarkation casualties aboard ship which require care beyond the capability of the ship will be evacuated to either the LPH PRINCETON or to "B" Co, 3d MedBn.
- (2) The health of the embarked personnel is the responsibility of the ship's medical officer, but the troops' medical personnel will render all practical assistance as regards to medical service for embarked personnel.

- b. Assault Phase. During the initial assault phase when the greatest demand is placed on the helicopters to land troops, casualties from the combat area will be helicopter lifted to the LPH PRINCETON. When adequate helicopters become available overload casualties will be evacuated directly to "B" Co, 3d MedBn at Chu Lai.

c. Casualty Overload.

- (1) In the event of mass casualties which exceed the clearing capabilities of the LPH and "B" Med, immediate arrangements will be made by "B" Med for direct air evacuation to "C" Med in DaNang from the Chu Lai airfield.
- (2) In no case will the evacuation of casualties in a situation of serious casualty overload be delayed for lack of complete medical records or other administrative requirements.

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- d. Civilian, ARVN, and POW casualties. They will not be evacuated through the above described evacuation system; rather they will be evacuated to medical facilities in Quang Nai. Priority of evacuation will be afforded the ARVN and civilians then POWs. The POWs must be evacuated under guard.

## 5. HOSPITALIZATION

- a. The LPH and then "B" Med will provide hospitalization for casualties initially.
- b. "C" Med at Da Nang will be prepared to accept the overload from "B" Med.

6. MEDICAL SUPPLY - The LPH and "B" Med will have blood available. Emergency resupply of whole blood will be available upon request from "C" Med in Da Nang.

## 7. MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION

- a. Location of Regimental Medical Officer - Afloat: LPH PRINCETON.
- b. Evacuation and casualty reports. (See Annex D (Personnel) to Administrative Order 324-65.

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Annex C (Shore Party Plan) to Administrative Order 324-65

Ref: (a) Maps: AMS L709 Sheets 67,56 I, II, III, IV 1:50,000

Time Zone: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION: Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 324-65.

### 1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current INPSUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces. See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 324-65.

### 2. MISSION

- a. The Shore Party Commander will establish and maintain a Beach Support Area in a place and time to be designated.
- b. Establish and maintain a floating dump for limited Class I, II, III, and V supplies (see Annex A (Landing Force Supplies) to Administrative Order 324-65) aboard an LSD to be designated.
- c. Establish and maintain a POW collection point in the Beach Support Area.
- d. Establish a limited maintenance capability for Comm/Elect equipment in the Beach Support Area.

### 3. EXECUTION

#### a. Concept of Operation.

- (1) The Shore Party will operate initially from the LSD designated as a floating dump, utilizing helicopters and amphibian tractors to make distribution of water and supplies.
- (2) Upon order of the RIT Commander the Beach Support Area will be established ashore and be used in conjunction with the floating dump for continuing support of the RIT.
- (3) The Beach Support Area Commander will collect POWs in the BSA and transfer them as able to the POW stockade in the Chu Lai Area at coordinates (521046).

- b. Headquarters Shore Party Group. Control the activities of the Shore Party Group and operate a personnel clearance center.

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- (1) Operate a resupply facility initially from the LSD.
- (2) When the beach area is secure move one day of supply to the beach and establish and operate from the BSA.
- (3) Provide a liaison team to the RLT-7, S-4.
- (4) Provide security for the beach area supply dump.

d. Shore Party Communications Section. Establish and maintain communications between the floating dump (LSD), BSA, FLSU #1 at Chu Lai, and RLT-7 CP in accordance with Annex H (Comm/Elect) to Operation Order 324-65.e. MP Platoon.

- (1) Establish and operate a POW collection point in the BSA.
- (2) Evacuate POWs, by available transportation, to the POW stockade in the Chu Lai area.

f. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Empty water cans will be filled immediately upon receipt.
- (2) LVTs will be refueled from the LSD.
- (3) Automatic resupply of one days ration (3 meals) will be furnished to all units by dusk of "D" Day.
- (4) Casualties will be evacuated as prescribed in Annex B (Medical) to Administrative Order 324-65.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS - See Administrative Order 324-65.

## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. See Annex H (Comm/Elect) to Operation Order 324-65.
- b. Command Post afloat - USS BAYFIELD (APA-33).
- c. Command Post ashore (to be announced).

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## ANNEX D (Personnel) to Administrative Order 324-65

- Ref: (a) Marine Corps Personnel Manual  
 (b) FM 27-10 (Geneva Convention)  
 (c) DivO 3800.1 (SOP INTELLIGENCE)  
 (d) DivO (Fwd) 1650.1 (Awards)  
 (e) DivO 5800.9 (SOP Legal)  
 (f) DivO 5000.3 (SOP Administration)  
 (g) RegtO 3000.1 (SOP for Organization of CP) NOTAL

Time Zone: Hotel

1. General. Personnel procedures will be in accordance with references (a) through (g).

2. Strengths.

a. All units will embark at strengths required to carry out the Concept of Operations.

b. All units will provide to the RLT S-1 three copies of updated rosters of personnel participating in the operation prior to embarkation.

c. Casualty Reporting: See Appendix 1.

d. Personnel Daily Summary (PDS) Reporting.

(1) Reporting Units. BLT's 1/7, 3/7, and 3/3 will report to this Headquarters (Attn: S-1) for their entire BLT participating in this operation using format shown below. Headquarters Company, 7th Marines and regimental attachments as shown in Annex E (Task Organization) to Operation Plan 324-65 will report separately to this Headquarters (Attn: S-1) using format shown below.

(2) Reporting Procedures.

(a) Reporting units will submit to this Headquarters (Attn: S-1) a PDS Form with columns A and B completed on the day of their embarkation aboard ship. In the case of units not embarking, but moving by helicopter, this form will be submitted prior to the embarkation of Headquarters RLT-7. Forms may be obtained from Headquarters RLT-7 if needed.

(b) Commencing at 0700H D-1 reporting units will submit a modified PDS to include changes only. These reports may be submitted by message. Reports will be submitted to this Headquarters by 0700H as of the preceding 2400H to 2400H period.

(3) Reporting Format.

(a) General. Lettered (Vertical) columns on the PDS Form are sub-divided into officer and enlisted columns. Reporting units will separate USMC and USN figures by using horizontal lines as shown in the following example:

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## Column A

## 1. CoB, 1st Tank Bn

a. USMC

b. USN

(b) BLT's. BLT's will include total figures for the BLT down by USMC, USN followed by separate figures for each organic company and attached unit. Units will be numbered for reference. Example:

## Column A

## 1. BLT 1/7

a. USMC

b. USN

## 2. H&amp;SCo 1/7

a. USMC

b. USN

## 3. ACo 1/7

a. USMC

b. USN

(Continued on through all organic companies and attached units)

3. Replacements. No replacement of personnel anticipated.

4. Discipline, Law and Order. (In accordance with reference (e)).

5. Prisoners of War.

a. An RLTC POW Compound for holding and evacuation will be established in the BSA (Coordinates to be announced) by the Shore Party representative and Military Police Unit Commander.

b. In administering to POW's the provisions of the Geneva Convention will be observed.

c. Units capturing POW's will ensure that an immediate search is made and where available conducted by IIT personnel.

d. POW's will be blindfolded and bound with rope and escorted by and armed guard during all phases of processing and evacuation.

e. Capturing units will deliver POW's to the RLTC Collection Point in the BSA as expeditiously as possible. After interrogation POW's will be transferred under guard to the Area POW Compound.

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f. POW's will be under the control of the M.P. Platoon, who will be responsible for any emergency first aid, and the issuance of food and water.

g. Seriously wounded POW's will be evacuated to the USOM Hospital in Quang Ngai (Coordinates to be announced) contingent on the availability of transportation. The M.P. Platoon Commander will coordinate the evacuation of POW's with the RIF Air Liaison Officer.

6. Graves Registration. All KIA's will be evacuated to the B Medical Company, Chu Lai.

7. Morale and Personnel Services.

a. Leave. No leave for personnel anticipated.

b. Decorations, Medals and Awards. Recommendations for decorations, Medals, and Awards will be expeditiously processed, within 96 hours after completion of operations in accordance with reference (d).

c. Religious Services. No religious services scheduled. Chaplains will be available to talk to the troops while on line.

d. Informational Services.

(1) ISO personnel will accompany each unit to participate in the timely and accurate reporting of operational action to higher headquarters.

(2) Civilian Correspondents.

(a) Correspondent's participation will be limited to those areas where their presence will not interfere with the success of the operation.

(b) Any incident restricting correspondents activities will be reported to the RIF S-1.

8. Civil Affairs-Military Government. See Appendix 2.

9. Personnel Procedures. Personnel Procedures by the parent organization.

10. Interior Management. In accordance with reference (f). (SOP for Organization of the CP)

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Appendixes:

1. PDS Reporting
2. Civil Affairs

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APPENDIX #1 (Casualty Reporting) to Annex E (Pers) to Admin Order 324-65

Ref: (a) 3dMarDiv Oper Order 330-65  
 (b) 3dMarDiv (Fwd) Order 3040.2  
 (c) 3dMarDiv (Fwd) Order 3040.3  
 (d) NAVMC 10453PD (REV. 12-60) Casualty Card USMC

Time Zone: Hotel.

1. General Information:

a. Casualty reporting will be in accordance with references (b), (c) and (d).

b. The USS PRINCETON (LPH-5) and Collecting and Clearing Company ("B" MED) FLSU#1 have been designated as the evacuation points. The USS PRINCETON will be the primary evacuation point. The Collecting and Clearing Company will be used as the alternate evacuation point.

c. All recording of casualty reporting will initially be done aboard the USS PRINCETON and at the Collecting and Clearing Company.

d. All BLT's and the 3dBn, 11thMar (to include all their respective attachments) will report their casualties to RLT-7, S-1 (Rear). RLT-7, S-1 will report casualties on HQ Co, 7thMar, and all attachments of Headquarters, 7th Marines.

e. All BLT's, 3dBn, 11thMar, and RLT-7, S-1, will have casualty liaison representatives on station aboard the USS PRINCETON and at Collecting and Clearing Company at FLSU# 1.

2. Procedure.

a. Steps in reporting a casualty.

(1) Corpsman completes the field medical card at the Plt, company or battalion level.

(2) Casualty is evacuated to the USS PRINCETON or the Collecting and Clearing Company.

(3) Liaison representative will complete a casualty card-USMC reference (d) on each casualty. The information needed will be taken from the field medical card attached to the casualty and the prognosis of the individual from the medical authorities at the evacuation point.

(4) Casualty liaison representative reports information to their respective rear echelon by the most expedition means of communication.

(5) BLT's, 3dBn, 11thMar and RLT-7, S-1 (Rear) will verify and complete the report and phone information using tabs A, B and C of this appendix; to RLT-7, S-1 (Rear) Casualty Reporting Officers.

(6) RLT-7, S-1 (Rear) records information and phones the casualty report to Division Casualty Reporting Officer.

(7) RLT-7, S-1 (Rear) reports to RLT-7 (Forward) every two hours the casualty totals for information.

Miscellaneous

1. At 1800 each day RLT-7, S-1 (Rear) will pick-up one copy of each casualty card filled out on individuals from the liaison representative at the evacuation points for verification.
2. Upon completion of the Operation all casualty card books of recorded casualties will be turned into the RLT-7 Casualty Reporting Officer.
3. BLT Commanders and 3/11 will report name, rank, serno, MOS, and organization of all WIANE including the time, date and type of wound recieved, daily to Regimental S-1 (Forward). Regimental S-1 (Forward) is responsible for reporting Headquarters Company, 7th Marines.

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APPENDIX 2 (Civil Affairs/Civic Action) to Annex E (Personnel) to Administrative Order and Plan 324-65. This for distribution by the RLT-7 Civil Affairs Officer. Medical supplies will be available for use in all affairs and will be controlled.

Ref: (a) III MAF Order 5800.2  
(b) Div(Fwd) Order 5800.2

Time Zone: Hotel

1. Assumptions.
  - a. There will be multiple contacts between units of RLT-7 and local inhabitants in the area of operations.
  - b. When hamlets are cleared many local inhabitants will be left homeless and without food and water.
  - c. The unit commanders in the area will control the refugees as they deem depending on the military situation.
2. Mission. To support the landing force by assisting in restoring and maintaining law and order, to provide food and water to refugees, and to insure that civilian refugees are not unduly oppressed.
3. Civil Affairs Team. A civil affairs team will be provided by the Army and will include a medic, interpreter, and security to provide control and care for the refugees.
4. Food Stocks and Medical Supplies. Emergency food stocks will be maintained in the BSA for use in civil affairs. Captured food will be turned into the S-4 section and will be available for distribution by the RLT-7 Civil Affairs Officer. Medical supplies will be available for use in civil affairs and will be controlled by the RLT-7 Civil Affairs Officer and will be distributed as required.

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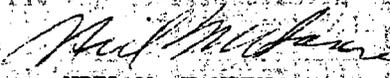
- a. In the event refugees become serious casualties, they will be evacuated to the USOM Hospital in Quang Nhai. The Regimental Civil Affairs Officer will coordinate their evacuation with the RLT-7 Air Liaison Officer.
  - b. Civilians will not be needlessly mistreated and any time there is undue hardship, or they are without food and water the Regimental Civil Affairs Officer will be notified immediately.
  - c. Homes will not be indiscriminately destroyed.
6. Coordinating Instructions.

Local inhabitants will be permitted to return to their homes and hamlets when the military operation permits.

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b. Commanders will insure that troops are especially careful not to damage the premises of religious establishment. The use of churches, temples, and other religious institutions for military purposes is prohibited.

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REPORT OF DEATH (BATTLE)

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
(RANK) (FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST NAME)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SER.NO/MOS) (COMPONENT) (ORGANIZATION)

B. AcDu

C. KIA

D. \_\_\_\_\_  
(APPROX TIME) (DATE) (VICINITY OF)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Cause & Circumstances)

E. \_\_\_\_\_  
(LOCATION AND DISPOSITION OF REMAINS)

F. \_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS OF NOK)

G. NEGATIVE

\* H. \_\_\_\_\_  
(DATE LATEST RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA SIGNED)

I. NEGATIVE

J. (1) Pay grade \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ BP \_\_\_\_\_ SPHF \_\_\_\_\_ FOPDU  
(3) PEBD: \_\_\_\_\_ YRS \_\_\_\_\_ MONTHS \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS  
(4) SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, Relationship and Address of Beneficiaries for Death  
Gratuity)

(6) Negative

(7) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, relationship and address of beneficiary for unpaid

\_\_\_\_\_  
PAY and allowances)

K. \_\_\_\_\_  
(RELIGION, IF CATHOLIC, EASTERN ORTHODOX OR EPISOPALLIAN, HAS LAST RITES  
BEEN ADMINISTERED AND GIVE NAME, AND RANK OF PRIEST)

\* If any changes to Record of Emergency of Data so state in item H.

TAB A

SERIOUS WIA/ILLNESS/INJURY

A. \_\_\_\_\_  
(RANK) (FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST NAME) (SERNO/MOS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(USMC/R) (COMPANY) (BATTALION) (REGIMENT)

B. AcDu

C. \_\_\_\_\_  
(BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WOUND/ILLNESS/INJURY AND PARTS OF BODY AFFECTED)

D. \_\_\_\_\_  
(APPROX TIME, DATE, VICINITY OF) (RECEIVED WHAT TYPE OF WOUND AS

\_\_\_\_\_  
RESULT OF WHAT TYPE OF ACTION I.E. RECEIVED GUNSHOT WOUND BACK WHILE

\_\_\_\_\_  
ON PATROL)

E. \_\_\_\_\_  
(CONDITION) (SERIOUS), (CRITICAL) OR (INCAPICATED)

F. \_\_\_\_\_  
(FULL NAME) (RELATIONSHIP) (ADDRESS)

\_\_\_\_\_  
OF NEXT OF KIN. IF MOTHER AND FATHER SEPARATED OBTAIN NAMES AND ADDRESS OF BOTH. IF MARRIED OBTAIN NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF BOTH WIFE AND PARENTS.

TAB B

WIA'S (NON SERIOUS)

A.

(RANK)	(FIRST)	(MIDDLE)	(LAST NAME)	(SERNO/MOS)
(USMC/R)	(COMPANY)	(BATTALION)	(REGIMENT)	
(WIA)	(APPROX TIME)	(DATE)	(VICINITY OF)	(RECEIVED WHAT
TYPE WOUND)				
(FROM WHAT SOURCE I.E. RECEIVED FRAG WOUND BACK FROM UNKNOWN				
EXPLOSIVE DEVICE)				
(WHILE ON PATROL WHILE ENGAGED IN ACTION AGAINST HOSTILE FORCES)				
(CONDITION	PROGNOSIS	PRESENT LOCATION	EVAC CONTEMPLATED)	
IF EVAC CONTEMPLATED INCLUDE PHRASE WILL ADVISE.)				

TAB C

No. 3  
7TH MARINES

HLT-9

L. H. VAN HEEL

CG 3RD MARIIV

4TH MARINES

G. M. GENTEN JR.

MAG-12

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PRIORITY

1. 7TH MARINES INTSON NO. 18  
 2. 311200H TO 011200H 65  
 3. a. 1/7 REPT. AT 1230H CO A PATROL REPORTED THAT THE VILLAGE VICINITY COORD BY 578019 WAS MOVED. ALL THAT IS LEFT OF THE VILLAGE IS THE FOUNDATIONS. THERE WERE A FEW ANIMALS LEFT AND AN OLD WOMAN AND CHILD STILL THERE. THE FIRST TIME THE PATROL WENT THROUGH THE VILLAGE 17 AUG 65. THE VILLAGE WAS THERE AND THE PEOPLE WERE FRIENDLY. AT 011055H A S-2 SCOUT AND INTERPRETER WAS SENT OUT TO INVESTIGATE THE INCIDENT. AT 011235H THE S-2 SCOUT AND INTERPRETER RETURNED. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED. FARMERS CONTACTED IN THE AREA STATED THAT THE TOTAL POPULATION OF THE VILLAGE HAD MOVED ALL PERSONAL BELONGINGS AND HOUSES TO TRUNG AN (1) BY 290000. THE FOLLOWING REASONS WERE GIVEN BY THE FARMERS: 1. THE PEOPLE WERE AFRAID OF ARTILLERY, THE FARMERS STATED THAT ONE OF THEIR HOUSES HAD BEEN HIT BY ARTILLERY FIRE. 2. BECAUSE A FOURTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL WAS RAPE AND HER FATHER SHOT. 3. TO GIVE MARINES BETTER CONTROL OF THE AREA.

SOME FAMILIES TRACE THEIR ANCESTRY BACK ONE HUNDRED YEARS IN THE VILLAGE. FARMER FURTHER STATED THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF STAYING AWAY PERMANENTLY. PRESENTLY THE FARMERS RETURN FROM TRUNG AN (1) DURING THE DAY TO WORK THEIR FIELDS AND TEND THEIR LIVESTOCK. AT NIGHT THEY RETURN TO TRUNG AN (1)

b. 3/7 NEGATIVE RPT.

4. NEGATIVE  
 5. NEGATIVE  
 6. NEGATIVE  
 7. NEGATIVE

GP-4

010823Z  
 ENCLOSURE (4)

P 020849Z  
 FM RLT-7  
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
 INFO RLT-7  
 4TH MARINES  
 MAG-12

## C O N F I D E N T I A L

1. 7TH MARINES INTSUM NO 19.
  2. 011200H TO 021200H SEP 65
  3. A. 1/7 RPTS AT 011430H CO A PATROL LEADER OBSERVED POSSIBLE AA FIRE COORD 6399 TO 6499. FIFTEEN MUZZLE FLASHES OF APPROXIMATELY ONE YARD IN WIDTH. BURSTS APPEARED IN LINE ACROSS HILL 60 AND 83 AT APPROXIMATELY 1,000 TO 1,500 FT OBSERVATION TOOK PLACE FROM TRUNG AN (1) BT 59100Z. 1/7 CONSIDERS EVALUATION GOOD. PATROL LEADER HAS OBSERVED "AA" FIRE DURING WWII AND KOREA. THIS WAS REPORTED TO MAG-12 S-2 AND RECHECKED BY 1/7 S-2.  
 1/7 OP NO 1 REPORTED OBSERVING MG FIRE TO THE LEFT FRONT OF THEIR POSITION BT 978575 ON AN AZIMUTH OF 2280 MILS FROM THEIR POSITION. ONE HOUR AND A HALF LATER OBSERVED FIRING FROM BT 561979 ON AN AZIMUTH OF 2600 MILS.
  - B. 3/7 NEGATIVE RPT.
  4. NEGATIVE
  - A. 1 VCS. AT 1030H CO B 1/7 OBSERVED TWO VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS IN FRONT OF THEIR LINE VIC COORD BT 566017 WHEN ONE FIRE TEAM APPROACHED TO CHECK THEM ONE RAN AND WAS PURSUED BUT COULD NOT BE CAUGHT. THE REMAINING MAN HAD NO ID CARD AND WAS FORWARDED TO COLLECTION POINT AT 021130H.
  - B. 3/11 RPT THAT AT 011200H A SURVEY TEAM FOUND TWO PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS AT OP ROCK COORD BT 60550164. 3/11 PERSONNEL STATED THAT THEY WERE THERE THREE DAYS AGO AND THAT THERE WERE NO LEAFLETS SEEN AT THAT POSITION.
  6. NEGATIVE
  7. NEGATIVE
- GP-4

TOD: 03/1053H/3SEPT65/C-007/1/BE

RLT-7

CO, SAMARDIV

RLT-7  
4th MARINES  
MAG-12

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PRIORITY

1. 7th MARINES INFANTRY BR. 20
2. 021200H TO 031200H SEPT 1965
3. a. 1/7 BATT AT 1100H "A" COMPANY PATROL DURING A SWEEP OF VINH AN (1) and (2) BY 610010 APPREHENDED FOUR VCS. ONE ADDITIONAL VCS WAS APPREHENDED WHEN MADE A BREAK AFTER BEING ASSEMBLED WITH OTHER CIVILIANS AT VINH AN (2). NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO INTERROGATE THE VCS BECAUSE OF TIME LIMITATIONS VCS WERE DELIVERED BY 1/7 TO COLLECTION POINT AT 1720H.  
AT 1915H "B" COMPANY PATROL APPREHENDED THREE VCS ONE WITHOUT AN ID CARD AT VINH AN (1) and (2) VIC COORD BY 610010. ONE VCS IS HAMLET CHIEF WHO HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN A VC CONTACT FOR VILLAGE AREA. VCS WERE TAKEN TO COLLECTION POINT AT 031120H.  
AT APPROXIMATELY 021715H "B" COMPANY PATROL LEADER STEPPED ON ANTI-PERSONNEL MINE AT BS 614009. MANUFACTURE UNKNOWN. BELIEVED THREE PRONGED TYPE. NO FURTHER BOoby TRAPS WERE FOUND.  
AT 022125H, MEDIUM TO HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS REPORTED AT BS 576595.  
AT 030615H AT VILLAGE OF NAM BINH (2) AT BS 575970 DELTA PATROL AND PF FORCES AT BRIDGE POSTS. BS 577963 RECEIVED AUTOMATIC FIRE FROM BS 575963 AND BS 580962. PF ESTIMATES ONE VC COMPANY. MISSION WAS TO DESTROY BRIDGE.
3. b. 3/7 BATT. RESULTS
4. KIA NONE WIA NONE
5. POW 8 VCS, EQUIPMENT NONE
6. INTERROGATIONS WERE USED ON 1/7 PATROL. HAYOR AND HAMLET CHIEF OF TRUNG AN BY 590000 GAVE ADVICE LEAVING TO CAPTURE OF VINH AN VCS BY NAME AND THAT THEY WERE VC SYMPATHIZERS. VINH AN HAMLET CHIEF HAS BEEN REPORTEDLY A VC AND A VC CONTACT FOR VILLAGE. INFORMATION WAS REPORTED BY PF LT. LONG
7. NEG.

GP-4

9QF7 DE GY99 QRV QR V GA GA AT 326 KKKK

DE 9QF7 NR 326...326  
GY99 DE QRT9 34 34.....34

-T- RLT -4

-T- MAG-12

040354Z

FM RLT-7

TO CG 3D HARDEV

EXE

3/11

(RLT-7 ALL UNITS

INFO RLT-4

MAG-12

MAG-16

C O N F I D E N T I A L

1. RLT-7 INISUM NO 41

2. PERIOD COVERED 031200-1411200H AUG 1965

3. A. 1/7 - AT 1342H "D" CO REPORTED TWO VC COMPANIES LOCATED 3,000 METERS SOUTH OF OP 1. AT 1400H "D" CO ROADBLOCK REPORTED APPREHENSION OF VCS WITH TRANSMITTER AND DRUGS. AT 1440H ONE SUSPECT WAS RELEASED AS PG HAD STATED INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION WAS NOT VCS AND HAD VALID DOCUMENT FROM DISTRICT CAPTAIN GIVING HIM AUTHORIZATION TO HAVE ITEMS IN HIS POSSESSION. TRANSMITTER MENTIONED WAS IN FACT AN AMPLIFIER. AT 2045H OP 1 REPORTED HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE APPROX 3,000 METERS TO THEIR RIGHT VIC COORD BS 556968

B. 3/7 - NEGATIVE

4. NEG

5. NEG

6. NEG

7. NEG

BT

# 252

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DE GY99 WERE QSL YR 326 ZUR 050610H EE SEPT KKK

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RLT-7

CG 3D HARDIV  
RLT-7 (ALL UNITS)  
3/3  
3/11

RLT-4  
MAG-12  
MAG-16

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1. RLT-7 <sup>2</sup>
2. 041200H TO 051200H SEP 65
3. A. 1/7 REPORTS NEGATIVE  
B. 3/7 REPORTS NEGATIVE
4. NEGATIVE
5. NEGATIVE
6. SEE ONE INTERVIEWER TO DANANG
7. NEGATIVE

07-4

P 060945Z  
FM RLT-7  
TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
RLT-7 ALL UNITS  
3/3  
3/11  
INFO RLT-4  
MAG-12  
MAG-16

BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L

1. RLT-7 INTSUM 23 K(REAR)
  2. PERIOD COVERED 051200-061200 SEPT 65
  3. AT 052000H 2 MEN ON TRASH RUN AT RLT-7 TRASH DUMP CLAIM THEY HEARD TWO SMALL ARMS FIRE HIT THE DIRT A FEW YARDS FROM THEM. A FEW MINUTES LATER TWO MORE ROUNDS HIT THE DIRT. DIRECTION OF FIRE UNKNOWN.
  4. NEG
  5. NEG
  6. NEG
  7. NEG
- GP-4  
BT

TOD: 1750Z/06 SEP 65/c - 28/AA/1

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						<b>OXWOOD</b>	
						<b>ROSE ANN</b>	
						<b>THICKSKINNED</b>	
						<b>STSD REAR</b>	
						<b>PINCH HITTER</b>	
<p><b>1. STARBOARD ISUM NO. 23</b></p> <p><b>2. 061200H TO 072400H</b></p> <p><b>3. A. PROMINENCE RPTS VILLAGERS CLAIM TWO OR THREE VC COME TO BINH SA BS 759 863 EVERY FRIDAY TO PROPAGANDIZE. SOMETIMES VC ASK FOR RICE BUT DO NOT FORCE VILLAGERS. 40 VC OBSERVED in</b></p>							
DAY <b>8</b>	MONTH <b>SEP</b>	YEAR <b>65</b>	TIME SIGNED <b>0423H</b>	SIGNATURE AND RANK OF RELEASER <b>KW Johnson, 1st Lt</b>			
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER USE ONLY			COMM CENTER OR RELEASER USE (INSTR - 11)				
TIME FILED	COMM CEN NO.		HOW SENT		DATE - TIME GROUP <b>080425 H</b>		
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				<b>STBD REAR</b>			
				<b>SEPARATE * STBD Collective</b>			
				<b>COPY 9</b>			
				<b>PINCH HITTER</b>			
				<b>26 → PARCHMENT</b>			
<b>1. STARBOARD ISUM NR, 25</b>							
<b>2. Ø824ØØH TO Ø924ØØH</b>							
<b>3. A. PROM RPTD <del>2</del> VILLAGERS CLAIM</b>							
<b>25 TO 30 VC COME AT NIGHT TO BINH</b>							
DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TIME SIGNED	SIGNATURE AND RANK OF RELEASER			
<b>10</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0450</b>	<b>KW Johnson, 1st Lt</b>			
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER USE ONLY				COMM CENTER OR RELEASER USE (INSTR - 11)			
TIME FILED	COMM CEN NO.		HOW SENT	DATE - TIME GROUP			
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COMMUNICATIONS CENTER USE ONLY				COMM CENTER OR RELEASER USE (INSTR - 11)			
TIME FILED	COMM CEN NO.		HOW SENT	DATE - TIME GROUP			
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RLT-7

CG THIRD MARDIV

RLT-7

3/3

3/11

CG III MAF

RLT-4

MAG-12

MAG-16

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- 1. RLT-7 #27
- 2. 091200H to 101200H SEP 65
- 3. NEGATIVE
- 4. NEGATIVE
- 5. NEGATIVE
- 6. NEGATIVE
- 7. NEGATIVE

GP-4

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Capt J*

P. 091742H  
FM RLT-7  
TO RUMFUAQ/CG 3RD MARDIV  
BT  
UNCLAS  
SPOT REPORT  
A. PROM B  
B. 091750H  
C. BS 790841  
D. LARGE FIRE FIGHT  
E. COMPANY RETURNED FIRE  
F. THROUGH M NONE  
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CG THIRD MARDIV

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CG III MAF

RLT-4

MAG-12

MAG-16

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1. RLT-7 - #28
2. 101200H to 111200H SEP 65
3. NEGATIVE
4. NEGATIVE
5. NEGATIVE
6. 1/7 AND 3/7 RETURNED INTERPRETERS TO REGIMENT
7. NEGATIVE

GP-4

HLT-7 9-2

HLT-7  
MAG-12  
MAG-16

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CG THIRD MARDIV

HLT-7

3/3

3/11

CG III MAF

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1. HLT-7 - 29

2. 111200 to 121200H DEPT 65

3. A. 1/7 AT 111700H "A" CO. APPREHENDED 1 VCS WALKING THROUGH FESA/PLM. VIC COORD BT 578033. VCS FORWARDED TO 4TH MAR COLLECTION POINT AT 120930H AT 113040H "B" CO. ROAD BLOCK HEPT'D HEARING PERSON SHOOTING IN FRONT OF THEIR POSITION. PF INTERPRETED VOICE AS SAYING "I WISH TO SURRENDER." NO ACTION TAKEN AS TRAP WAS SUSPECTED NO FURTHER CONTACT WITH PERSON.

AT 120830H "C" CO. ROTORIZED PATROL ENCOUNTERED 1 VC VIC. COORD BT 549025. VC HAD 2 WEPS. VC ESCAPED TO HIGHWAY #1 AFTER FIRE FIGHT.

B. 5/7 NEGATIVE

4. NEGATIVE

5. NEGATIVE

6. NEGATIVE

7. NEGATIVE

P 130702Z  
 FM RL7-7  
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
 RL7-7 (ALL UNITS)  
 THIRD BN ELEVENTH MAR  
 CG III MAF  
 INFO RL7-4  
 MAG-12  
 MAG-16  
 2ND ARVN DIV  
 BT  
 CONFIDENTIAL

1. RL7-7 INTSUM NO. 30
2. 121200H TO 131200H SEP 1965
3. VC ACTIVITY LIGHT DURING PERIOD. THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF OBSERVATIONS OF MOVEMENT OF VCS. AT 1430 3/11 FO REPORTED 12 PEOPLE VIC BS 541011. AT 1640H 1/4 AO REPORTED 10 TO 12 WOODCUTTERS VIC BS 531988 AND BS 542996. BOTH 3/7 AND 1/4 APPARENTLY OBS SAME PEOPLE. A MORE SIGNIFICANT OBS WAS MADE BY 1/7 PATROL FROM "A" CO WHICH REPORTED THAT DURING THE PERIOD 1300 TO 1530, 50 FEMALES WERE OBSERVED BOARDING BOATS VIC BY 594023, CARRYING PERSONAL GEAR. BOATS MOVED

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EAST TOWARDS RIVER MOUTH. THE SAME PATROL ALSO OBS APPROX 88 FEMALES AND 2 MEN CARRYING GEAR AND MOVING CATTLE EAST TOWARD THE SONG TRA BONG RIVER. THESE PEOPLE WERE OBS IN 3 SEPARATE GROUPS. ONE AT 600012 AND AT 590015 NO OBS WAS MADE AS TO WHICH VILLAGE THESE PEOPLE CAME FROM OR AS TO WHAT THEIR DESTINATION WAS DUE TO THE TIME FACTOR OF THE PATROL.

COMMENT: QUITE POSSIBLE VC ARE DISPLACING CIVILIANS FROM AREA OR THAT CIVILIANS ARE MOVING DUE TO FRIENDLY FIRES, HOWEVER THE LACK OF MEN IN THESE OVS COULD INDICATE THAT VC ARE CONTEMPLATING SOME TYPE OF ACTION IN AREA. AT 0800H "A" CO DISCOVERED AN M-26 GRENADE. GRENADE WAS BOOBY-TRAPPED WITH A FISHING LINE EXTENDING TWO FEET IN LENGTH, 10 INCHES ABOVE THE GROUND ON PATH AT COOR BT 623004. GRENADE WAS DETECTED BY MINE DETECTOR.

AT 1120H "A" CO REPORTED DISCOVERY OF 5 CAVES ON HILLSIDE VIC COORD 623004. THEY ARE PRESENTLY BEING SEARCHED.

4. NEG
5. NEG
6. ONE INTERPRETER SENT TO "C" 1/7 FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS.
7. NEG.

GP-4  
 BT

TOR/0010Z/14SEP65/C-76/JV/1/

130702Z/SEP65

RLT-7

CG THIRD MARDIV  
CG III MAF  
RLT-7 (ALL UNITS)  
3/11

RLT-4  
MAG-12  
MAG-16  
MAG-36  
2D ARVN DIV  
CIT(7th)

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140725

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1. RLT-7 INTSUM NO. 31
2. 131200H TO 141200H SEP 65
3. A. 1/7 - AT 141030H "B" CO RPTD THEY HAD 6 VCS AS THEY DID NOT POSSESS ID CARDS. 2 WERE FOUND IN BOAT, 4 OTHERS FOUND IN VILLAGE COORD BT608068. DELIVERED TO BOOTH COLLECTION POINT.
- B. 3/7 - 122330 "L" CO RPTS SEEING 4 MEN MOVING OUTSIDE THEIR LINES BT529009. "L" CO RPTS RECEIVING 5 RDS INCOMING MORTAR BETWEEN 2330 AND 2340H. 21st MORTAR FLT RPTS HEARING ONE RD INCOMING MORTAR BETWEEN 2330 AND 2340, APPROX 200 METERS SOUTH THEIR POSITION. "E" CO RPTS ONE INCOMING MORTAR RD 2330-2340H COORD BT522018. ALL RPTS OF INCOMING MORTAR BETWEEN "2330-2340" WERE CHECKED AND FOUND TO COINCIDE WITH FRIENDLY FIRE MISSIONS AT SAME TIME ~~BT522018~~. *BHJ*
4. NEG
5. NEG
6. NEG
7. 3/7 RPTS LARGE MONKEYS IN AREA, COULD BE MISTAKEN FOR VIETNAMESE IN DARKNESS.

GP-4  
BT

140725

MLT-7

CG THIRD MAR DIV  
III MAF  
MLT-7 (ALL UNITS)  
3/11

MLT-4  
MAG-12  
MAG-16  
MAG-36  
2D ARVN DIV  
7TH CIT

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PRIORITY

1. MLT-7 INTSUM NO. 32
2. 141200Z TO 151200Z SEP 65
3. 1/7 - AT 140945H "C" CO APPREHENDED ONE VCS IN CAVE VIC COORD BT 624001. ALSO CIVILIAN CLOTHING AND ONE W.P. RIFLE GRENADE. AT 141040H "C" CO SEARCHED CAVE COORD 625004 AND FOUND ONE M-1 CARTRIDGE SERIAL 73741167 ONE CARTRIDGE BELT, COMMUNICATIONS WIRE, ONE PRU-10 BATTERY AND 14 MAGS OF 30 CAL AMMO. A TOTAL OF 6 VCS WERE FORWARDED TO 1/7 COLLECTION PT. AT 141615H "B" CO RPTD APPREHENDING 2 VCS NEARBY THEIR LINES. SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 4 STRANDS DEFENSIVE WIRE CUT IN THAT AREA. THE 2 VCS WERE FORWARDED TO 7TH REGT COLLECTION PT, AT 142140H.
- 3/7 - AT 142100H "L" CO RPTD RECEIVING ONE RD TYPE UNKNOWN AT COORD BT521017. ROUND SUSPECTED TO BE 60MM MORTAR, 81MM MORTAR OR POSSIBLY GRENADE.

4. MSG
5. MSG
6. MSG
7. MSG

BT-4  
BT

MLT-7

3rd MARINE DIVISION  
III MAF  
MLT-7 (ALL UNITS)  
3/11

MLT-4  
MAG-12  
MAG-16  
MAG-36  
2ND ARVN DIVISION  
7TH CIT

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1. MLT-7 INTERCOM NO. 33
2. 151200-161200H SEPTEMBER 1965
3. 1/7 - AT 151000H "C" CO APPREHENDED ONE VCS IN VILLAGE BAN HY (BS627005), VCS HAD NO ID CARD. AT 151010H "B" CO APPREHENDED ONE VCS NEAR HY HYE (1) (BS613983). VCS HAD IMPROPER ID CARD. AT 161010H "D" CO RPTD OBSERVING 10 MEN CARRYING 3 RIFLES, ENTERING TRUNG AN (2) (BS577002). PATROLS IN AREA NOTIFIED. 10 MEN BELIEVED TO BE P.F. AT 1630H "B" CO OBSERVED TWO MEN RUNNING (BT611015), THEY WERE CHALLENGED BUT WARNING SHOTS HAD TO BE FIRED TO HALT THEM.
- 3/7 - AT 2300H "M" CO OF RECEIVED 2 BOUNDS S/A FIRE, RETURNED FIRE WITH 2 M-14 ROUNDS AND 1 GRENADE. THEN CALLED FOR ILLUMINATION. WHEN ILLUMINATION WENT OFF OF RECEIVED 2 MORE BOUNDS S/A FIRE. OF RPTD SEEING 3 PEOPLE 50 YDS TO FRONT. AT 152215H "A" CO RPTD SIGHTING 3 OR 4 MEN 50 METERS IN FRONT OF THEIR LINES (BT57003). MEN WERE ILLUMINATED BY 81MM ILLUMINATION MORTAR SHELL AND MOVED AWAY FROM FROM "A" CO POSITION TOWARDS FLATLAND.
4. NEG
5. 1/7 - 4 VCS
6. 1/7's INTERCOMMER AND 7TH ARVN INTERCOMMER ATTACHED TO "C" CO FOR OPERATION.
7. NEG

CF-4  
BT

KLT-7

08 THIRD MARDIV  
08 III MAFHLT-4  
MAG-12  
MAG-16  
MAG-36  
2RD ARVN DIV  
7TH CIT

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1. HLT-7 INTSUM # 34
2. 161200H - 171200H SEPT 65
3. 1/7 AT 161545H "C" Co. RECEIVED 1 BOUND, SMALL ARM. SNIPER FIRE VICINITY (BT 621016)  
AT 161805H "C" CO. REPORTED THAT AT 161700H, THEY FOUND 1 M-19 GRENADE AND 1 WEBB BELT IN CAVE VIC. (BT 622012.) GRENADE FORWARDED TO HOD AT 170725H FOR DISPOSAL.  
AT 161805H "C" CO. REPORTED THAT AT 161715H, CO. G.P. AND HELD RECEIVED CARBINE AND RIFLE FIRE VIC. (BT 624007)  
AT 161824H "C" CO. REPORTED CAPTURING 1 WOUNDED VC, BEING CARRIED BY VILLAGERS AT 161800H VIC. (BT 623014) WOUNDED VC WAS EVACUATED BY HELO TO "B" MED. VC DELIVERED TO REGIMENTAL COLLECTION POINT AT 162305H.  
AT 162115H 1/7 S-2 SCOUT REPORTED THAT 2 CIVILIANS 1 WOMAN AND 1 CHILD WERE WOUNDED DURING FIRE FIGHT BETWEEN "C" CO. AND SNIPER, VIC. (BT 625006) WOUNDED CIVILIANS EVACUATED TO "B" MED. 162030H.  
AT 170740H "C" CO. REPORTED THAT AT 161600H THEY APPREHENDED 3 VCS VIC. (BT 623006) 3 VCS FORWARDED TO REGIMENTAL COLLECTION POINT AT 170810H.  
AT 170740H "C" CO. REPORTED THAT ENGINEERS DISCOVERED 1 BOOBY TRAP, (WITH A PMS-3 MINE DETECTOR) (BOOBY TRAP BLOWN IN PLACE BY ENGINEERS. ALSO CAVE DESTROYED AT FOLLOWING COORDINATES (1) BT 625004, (2) BT 623007, (3) BT 623002, (4) BT 620007, (5) BT 623007, (6) BT 618010, (7) BT 623011, (8) BT 620003, (9) BT 620004, ALSO 40 FIGHTING HOLES ON TRAIL FROM (BT 622008) TO (BT 623008), ALL FIGHTING HOLES WERE 2 FEET IN DIAMETER AND 4 TO 6 FEET DEEP. DESTROYED 1 BUNKER REINFORCED WITH ROCKS VIC. (BT 620004)  
AT 170910H "C" CO. RECEIVED 8-10 BOUNDS SNIPER FIRE THEIR G.P. SHOTS CAME FROM VIC. (BT 615007). FIRE RETURNED BY "C" CO. WITH NEG. RESULTS.  
AT 171145H "B" CO. PATROL REPORTED THAT FP'S FROM TRUNG AN (1) (BT 590000) ARE IN LINE POSITIONS AS THEY EXPECT ATTACK BY 50 VC'S TONIGHT. VC'S REPORTEDLY CAME FROM VINH AN (3) (4) AND (5)  
3/7 "M" CO. DISCOVERED CAVE, VIC. (BT 529023) AT 161230H.

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"K" CO. RPTD 5 PEOPLE AT 161800H OBS FRIENDLY LINES FROM POSITIONS VIC COORD 535965 AND AT 171030H ANOTHER 5 PEOPLE WERE SPOTTED OBS FRIENDLY LINES FROM POSITIONS VIC COORD 538998. A 3/7 8-2 RECON PATROL RPTD 5 SUSPECTED VC ASSEMBLY OR REST AREAS IN VIC COORD 535965. AUTO/WPNS POSITIONS IN EACH AREA WERE WELL CAMOUFLAGED.

AREAS CONTAINED A BAR MAGAZINE, CLEANING ROD, M-1 CLIPS, REMNANTS OF AM/FEC-10 BATTERIES AND FLASHLIGHT BATTERIES. POSITIONS APPEARED TO BE UNUSED FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS. TIME OF DISCOVERY WAS 161400H. ALSO SAME PATROL FIED A ROCK CAVE VIC COORDS 535987 AT 161400H. CAVE WAS 15 FEET WIDE, 10 FEET DEEP AND DRY DESPITE HEAVY RAINS. CAVE WAS EMPTY BUT HAD BEEN USED IN PAST. PATROL FOUND EVIDENCE OF PREPARED AMBUSH POSITIONS ON ALL TRAILS VIC COORD 5396.

4. 1/7, NEG.  
3/7, NEG
5. 1/7, 1 VC, 3 VCS, 1 HAND GRENADE M-19. SETS OF IDENTIFICATION PAPERS FOUND VIC (BT 622022) BY "O" CO AT 160930H.  
3/7 BAR MAGS AND FEC-10 BATTERY
6. 1/7, 1/7'S INTERPRETER AND 7TH BAR REG'T INTERPRETER ATTACHED TO "O" CO FOR OPERATIONS.  
3/7- NEG.
7. 1/7- NEG  
3/7- SCOUTS FOUND EVIDENCE OF PREPARED AMBUSHES ON ALL TRAILS VICINITY BS 5396.

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CG III MAF  
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1. RLT-7 INTSUM NO. 35
2. 171200H TO 181200H SEPTEMBER 1965
3. A. AT 170945H, 1/7 APPREHENDED 17 VCS AT COORDS BT620018. VCS WERE IN FISHING BOATS THAT HAD PULLED IN FROM SONG TRA BONG RIVER. THE 17 VCS WERE DELIVERED TO CHU LAI COMPOUND. ALSO ONE CAVE WAS DISCOVERED AT 171555H VIC COORDS BT624018. CAVE WAS SEARCHED AND DESTROYED. AT 171000H ONE PAIR OF ARVN BOOTS AND ONE ARVN SHIRT WERE FOUND IN A CAVE VIC COORDS BT623015. AT 181130H 7 VC/WPNS WERE OBS HEADING SOUTH VIC COORDS BS634974.
- B. 3/7 - RPTS THAT PATROL CAPTURED ONE VCC AND 2 VCS AT COORD 532995 ON 171700H. ~~VCS~~ VCC CLAIMS HE CAN IDENTIFY OTHER VC IN AREA. ~~SEE THIS REPORT FOR DETAILS.~~
4. NEG
5. 19 VCS, 1 VCC, ONE PAIR ARVN BOOTS, TWO ARVN SHIRTS.
6. BATTALION INTERPRETER AND REGIMENTAL INTERPRETER ATTACHED TO 1/7.
7. A. AO RPTD THAT AT 0705H 10 PEOPLE WERE OBS HEADING WEST VIC COORD BS543988. EACH WAS CARRYING 2 BUCKETS ATTACHED TO P. LES. UPON RETURN TO AREA OF INITIAL SIGHTING AT 0735H, THE 10 PEOPLE WERE NOT OBS, HOWEVER, 2 PEOPLE WERE OBS IN CLUMP OF TREES AT BS486976 AND ON RETURN PASS OF AIRCRAFT THE 2 PEOPLE WERE NOT IN SIGHT. FROM THE INITIAL SIGHTING OF THE ABOVE 10 PEOPLE AT BS543988 TO THE WESTERN END OF VALLEY, ALL VILLAGES APPEARED TO BE DESERTED. ONE EXCEPTION WAS AT BS486976 WHERE PILOT OBS 2 PEOPLE. NO ONE WAS OBS WORKING IN THE FIELDS IN VALLEY. AT 0725H 5 PEOPLE WERE OBS WALKING SOUTH ON TRAIL VIC COORD BT373107. THE AO NOTED THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN HUMAN ACTIVITY IN THAT AREA BEFORE.
- B. AT 181115H 1/7 LNO RPTD THAT THE 936TH RF COMPANY AT AN-HOA RPTD 2 VC REGULAR BATTALIONS DESIGNATED E-180 AND KD/107 COMMANDED BY MR PHU AND MR LANG LOCATED AT BS448825, 443837, 448843, 438845, 465841, AND 464833, WITH ESTIMATED STRENGTH OF 1000 VC WITH 1X81MM MORTAR, 2X57MM RR, 2X30 CAL MG, ALSO BAR'S AND RIFLES. THE RF COMPANY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHERE THE VC CAME FROM OR THEIR INTENTIONS. ALSO SAME SOURCE RPTD ONE VC BATTALION COMMANDED BY MR MAI THONH LOCATED AT BS 425873, 435866, AND 445872. BN HAS 4 CHINESE

ADVISORS AND ITS STRENGTH ESTIMATED TO BE 600 VC ARMED WITH 1X81MM MORTAR, 2X30 CAL MG'S, 2X60MM MORTARS, UNK NUMBER OF BAR'S AND RIFLES. THIS BATTALION HAS 2000 KILOGRAMS OF RICE WHICH THEY ARE TRYING TO GIVE TO THE PEOPLE AROUND AN HOA IN ORDER TO GET THE PEOPLE CLOSE TO THEM AND TO HELP THEM. PRESENTLY THE PEOPLE ARE SEEKING THE ~~SECURE~~ SECURITY OF THE 956TH RF COMPANY AND ARE AVOIDING OVERTURES OF THE VC. UNIT DESIGNATIONS OF E-100 AND KD/107 ARE NOT CONFIRMED. (EVAL F/6)

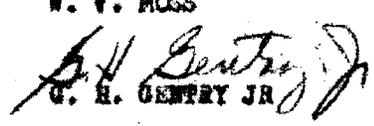
C. 3/7 RPTS THAT THEY FOUND BUNDLES OF SHARPENED STAKES IN SEVERAL PLACES VIC COORD 540001. PATROL RPTS FINDING 4.2 MORTAR ROUND WITH VT FUZE ALONG TRAIL VIC COORD 554005. RPTD EVIDENCE OF FINDING PREPARED AMBUSH POSITIONS AND 1 STRONGPOINT VIC COORD 543996. STRONGPOINT CONSISTED OF 2 TWO-MAN POSITIONS WITH CONNECTING TRENCH 6 FEET DEEP. COULD BE FORMER USMC POSITION. AMBUSH POSITIONS ARE SAME AS DESCRIBED IN RLT-7 INTSUM NO. 34.

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1. RLT-7 INTSUM NO. 36
2. 181200H TO 191200H SEPTEMBER 1965
3. 1/7 - 81MM MORTAR PLATOON REPORTED RECEIVING 2 ROUNDS INCOMING, FROM EITHER 60 OR 81MM MORTAR. ROUNDS RECEIVED AT 181907H COORDINATES (BT559021). AT 181946H "C" CO REPORTED ENGINEER DESTROYED FOLLOWING: ONE 50 FOOT CAVE (BT621016), ONE 30 FOOT CAVE, ONE 40 FOOT CAVE AND ONE 10 FOOT CAVE (BT622016), FIGHTING HOLES (BT621008), TWO TANK TRAPS (BT622008), ONE 4FOOT X 10 FOOT X 3 FOOT CAVE AND ONE 65 FOOT CAVE (BT625005), THREE BUNKERS (BT626007), SEVEN FIGHTING HOLES ON TRAIL, FROM (BT621008) TO (BT625008).
 

"D" CO REPORTED HEARING EXPLOSIONS AT 181900H, IN OR NEAR HOA VAN (BT558014). PATROL SENT OUT MORNING OF 19SEP TO INVESTIGATE, RETURNED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

"C" CO REPORTED RECEIVING 10-20 ROUNDS S. ALL ARMS FIRE, INCLUDING TRACERS, AT 182115H, VIC (BT626006).

"D" CO REPORTED OBSERVING JVC AT 182135H TO 182150H (BT553015). VC SEPARATED INTO 2 GROUPS, ONE GROUP OF JVC RAN EAST, OTHER GROUP OF 4 RAN WEST. VC POSSIBLY ATTEMPTING TO APPROACH USMC LINES, ONE CARBINE OBSERVED.

"D" CO REPORTED AT 182250H, POSSIBLE PROBE BY ONE VCS (BT554016). 10 ROUNDS FIRED AT SUSPECT WITH NO APPARENT HITS.

"D" REPORTED OBSERVING RED FLASHES AT 190020H, APPROXIMATELY 2,000 METERS FROM ROUTE #1 (BT585001).

"C" CO REPORTED APPREHENDING ONE VC WOMAN CADRE LEADER, HER HUSBAND AND SON AT 182300H (BT620012). INFORMATION OBTAINED BY INTERPRETERS.

AT 190015H "D" CO REPORTED #1 PATROL RECEIVED FIRE FROM 6 VC TO THEIR IMMEDIATE FRONT. WHEN PATROL CAME ON LINE TO RETURN FIRE, THEY RECEIVED FIRE FROM CARBINES FROM THEIR RIGHT FLANK. PATROL RETURNED FIRE, RESULTS UNK.

3/7 - "I" CO REPORTS PATROL APPREHENDED ONE VCS AT 180900H, VIC (BS533988) SUSPECT DID NOT POSSESS ID CARD, AND ATTEMPTED TO HIDE FROM PATROL. VCS EVACUATED TO CHU LAI COMPOUND.

"K" CO RPTS CONTACT WITH 3-6 VC, VIC (BT540009). VC THREW GRENADE, "K" CO RETURNED FIRE. RESULTS UNK. ACTION TOOK PLACE 182115H

AT 190600H 3/7 VEHICLE RETURNING FROM BINH SON STOPPED AT BAMBOO GATES VIC (BS581958). SHOTGUN RIDERS OPENED 1st GATE WITHOUT INCIDENT. WHEN OPENED, THE 2ND GATE DETONATED A BOOBY TRAP MADE FROM M-26 FRAGMENTATION GRENADE. BINH SON LNO RPTS BOOBY TRAP HAD BEEN PLACED BY PF WHO FAILED TO REMOVE BOOBY TRAP FROM GATE.

4. NEG
5. 1/7 - 1 VC AND 2 VCS  
3/7 - 1 VCS
6. 1/7 INTERPRETERS AND 7TH REGT INTERPRETER ATTACHED TO "C" CO FOR OPERATION
7. MISC: AT 190200H AT COORD BT 621014 "C" CO PICKED UP A MRS RANG WHO HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPTD BY OTHER WOMEN IN THE AREA AS BEING A VC CADRE LEADER. MRS. RANG'S HUSBAND WHO WAS ALSO PICKED UP ALONG WITH HER SON. A LETTER FOUND ON MR. RANG FROM HER DAUGHTER INDICATED THAT HER DAUGHTER WAS UNDERGOING TRAINING AT A VC SCHOOL. MRS. RANG, HER HUSBAND AND SON WERE FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COMPOUND FOR FURTHER INTERROGATION. MR. RANG HAD AN ID CARD ISSUED TO A TRINH NGOC THOI. AGE 39.

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CG III MARF  
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PRIORITY

1. RLT-7 INTERCOM NO. 37
2. 191200H TO 201200H SEP 1965
3. 1/7 - AT 191550H "A" CO REPORTED LOC BT561027 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM VICINITY HAI BINH (3) BT561027. RETURNED FIRE AND SENT FIRE TEAM TO INVESTIGATE. FIRE TEAM RETURNED WITH NEGATIVE REPORT.  
AT 191555H, "C" CO REPORTED APPREHENDING 3 WOMEN AT VICINITY BT621009 AND 620019. AFTER BRIEF INTERROGATION ONE WAS BELIEVED TO BE VC FINANCIAL CADRE. ALL THREE VCS WERE FORWARDED TO THE LAI COMPOUND AT 201545H.  
AT 192030H OF NO. 1 REPORTED HEARD AND OBSERVED ESTIMATED 50 ROUNDS MACHINE GUN FIRE, VICINITY PP HOKHLOCK (575971).  
AT 192052H "D" REPORTED ONE ROUND SNIPER FIRE (BT559016).  
AT 200415H "A" CO REPORTED RECEIVING 10-15 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE AT 200345H, FIRE FROM VICINITY BT573028. FIRED 5 ROUNDS ILLUMINATION AND RETURNED FIRE, OMS 3 PEOPLE, RESULTS OF FIREUNKNOWN.  
3/7 - "L" CO PATROL LOCATED FOLLOWING: 7 FOXHOLES BS529997, 3 STRANDS OF BARBED WIRE BS543998, PUNJI TRAPS BS537992.  
"M" CO PATROL OBSERVED TWO VIETNAMESE RUNNING AT 192140H, VICINITY BT542025. AT 200100H PATROL HEARD AUTOMATIC FIRE VICINITY BT514028. AT COORD BS543990, PATROL FOUND 5 ONE MAN CAVES AND 10 FOXHOLES.  
AT 192345H "K" CO RECEIVED 4 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM PEOPLE CARRYING FLASHLIGHT, BT539011. RETURNED FIRE RESULTS UNKNOWN.
4. NEG
5. 1/7 - 3 VCS  
3/7 - 1 NET VIETNAMESE I.D. TAGS AND BROWN VIAL FOUND BS543990. ABANDONED MOTORBIKE SIGHTED BT536001.
6. 1/7 INTERMASTER ATTACHED TO "A" COMPANY FOR OPERATIONS, 7TH REGT INTERMASTER SENT TO 3RD MAR DIV
7. NEG

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CG III MAF  
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PRIORITY

1. RLT-7 INSUN NO. 37
2. 191200H TO 201200H 2065
3. 1/7 - AT 191530H "A" CO REPORTED OF LOG BT561027 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM VICINITY HAI NINH (3) BT561027. RETURNED FIRE AND SENT FIRE TEAM TO INVESTIGATE. FIRE TEAM RETURNED WITH NEGATIVE REPORT.  
AT 191555H, "C" CO REPORTED APPREHENDING 3 WOMEN AT VICINITY BT621009 AND 620019. AFTER BRIEF INTERROGATION ONE WAS BELIEVED TO BE VC FINANCIAL CADRE. ALL THREE VCS WERE FORWARDED TO CNU LAI COMPOUND AT 201345H.  
AT 192030H OF NO. 1 REPORTED HEARD AND OBSERVED ESTIMATED 50 ROUNDS MACHINE GUN FIRE, VICINITY OF ROADBLOCK (575971).  
AT 192052H "D" REPORTED ONE ROUND SNIPER FIRE (BT559016).  
AT 200415H "A" CO REPORTED RECEIVING 10-15 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE AT 200345H, FIRE FROM VICINITY BT573026. FIRED 5 ROUNDS ILLUMINATION AND RETURNED FIRE. OBS 3 PEOPLE, RESULTS OF FIRE UNKNOWN.  
3/7 - "L" CO PATROL LOCATED FOLLOWING: 7 FOXBOLTS BS529997, 3 STRANDS OF BARBED WIRE BS543996, PUJI TRAPS BS537992.  
"M" CO PATROL OBSERVED TWO VIETNAMESE BURNING AT 192140H, VICINITY BT542025. AT 200100H PATROL HEARD AUTOMATIC FIRE VICINITY BT514026. AT COORD BS543990, PATROL FOUND 5 ONE MAN CAVES AND 10 FOXBOLTS.  
AT 192345H "K" CO RECEIVED 4 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM PEOPLE CARRYING FLASHLIGHT, BT539011. RETURNED FIRE RESULTS UNKNOWN.
4. HQ
5. 1/7 - 3 VCS  
3/7 - 1 SET VIETNAMESE L.D. TAGS AND SERUM VIAL FOUND BS543990. ABANDONED MOTORBIKE LIGHTED BT536001.
6. 1/7 INTERPRETER ATTACHED TO "A" COMPANY FOR OPERATIONS, 7TH REGT INTERPRETER SENT TO 3RD BATTAL
7. HQ

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PRIORITY

1. RLT-7 INTERIM NO. 38
2. 201000Z TO 211200Z SEPTEMBER 1965
3. 1/7 - AT 201700H "A" CO REPORTED APPREHENDING TWO VIETNAMESE AT BT 622019 ONE IS A CONFIRMED VC YOUTH LEADER GABRE (RECON GROUP) THE OTHER A VCS.  
"C" CO REPORTED RECEIVING AN AIR BURST 210500H AT BT 572029. AIR BURST BELIEVED TO BE RESULT OF FRIENDLY 155 HOW RD DETONATED BY RAIN.

3/7 - AT 210730 "I" CO PATROL DETONATED UNKNOWN TYPE EXPLOSIVE AT BS 522971 UNCONFIRMED RPTS INDICATE IT WAS A TRIP-MINE DETONATED HAND GRENADE.

4. BMA
5. 1 VCG 1 VCS
6. INTERPRETER ATTACHED TO "A" CO 1/7
7. A 1 FOOT BY 6 FOOT SIGN, HAND PAINTED ON BOTH SIDES IN VIETNAMESE WAS FOUND DURING SEARCH OF A CAVE BY "C" CO 1/7 AT BT 622016. TRANSLATION OF THE WRITING REVEALED THE FOLLOWING VC PROPAGANDA:

"IN THIS EMERGENCY ALL OF THE PEOPLE MUST PUT FORTH ALL OF THEIR STRENGTH TO DEFEAT THE AMERICAN EMPIRE AND ITS FOLLOWERS, LIBERATING SOUTH VIETNAM AND DEFENDING NORTH VIETNAM."

"EVERYTHING MUST BE USED TO FIGHT THE ENEMY, EVERYTHING MUST BE USED TO GAIN THE VICTORY. EVERYTHING MUST BE USED TO GAIN THE BIG VICTORY IN THE NEW YEAR".

RLT-7

CO THIRD BATT DIV  
 CG III MAF  
 RLT-7 (ALL UNITS)

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1. RLT-7 ISUM NUMBER 30
2. 211200N THROUGH 221200N SEPT 1965
3. 1/7: "A" CO PATROL OBS 6 VC WITH WEAPONS AT 211100 VIC BT 665033. VC TAKEN UNDER FIRE, PATROL RECV'D RETURN FIRE OF SINGLE RDS, THEN FORCED VC INTO VILLAGE, 4 VCS WERE CAPTURED WITH NO WEAPONS. AT 211130 PATROL VIC OF BT 665035 REC'D SNIPER FIRE FROM VIC BT 664033. RETURNED FIRE, WOUNDED ONE VC WHO ESCAPED UNDER OWN POWER. AT 211200 PATROL IN VIC BT 660027 REC'D FIRE FROM 10 VC WITH TWO AUTOMATIC WPNS FROM AREA SONG OMO RIVER VIC BT 660027. FIRE WAS RETURNED TWO VC WERE WOUNDED. VC WOUNDED WERE PICKED UP BY OTHER VC AND ALL ESCAPED W/WEAPONS. A 211200N VIC BT 624017 3 VC WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE. ONE VC WAS SHOT WHO DROPPED WEAPON, WHICH WAS IMMEDIATELY PICK UP BY OTHER VC AND CARRIED WITH THEM. WHEN PATROL REACHED BODY VC WAS DEAD. VC HAD APPROX 20 POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES WHICH CONSISTED OF SIX RIFLE GRENADES, 6 RIFLE CARTRIDGES, AND TWO HAND MADE EXPLOSIVE CHARGES. DOCUMENT TAKEN OFF DEAD VC WAS FORWARDED TO BRITT ALONG WITH 4 VCS. EXPLOSIVES WERE TURNED OVER TO BOD AT 220000 FM DISPOSAL.

1/7: NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY OR ACTION DURING PERIOD.

4. ONE VC DEAD, 3 VC WOUNDED
5. FOUR VCS, SIX GRENADES, TWO EXPLOSIVE CHARGES AND ONE DOCUMENT.
6. 1/7 INTERPETER ATTACHED TO "A" COMPANY
7. A. AT 211900 3/7 BINH SON LAM REP'D THAT 107 VC BN WAS REPORTED TO HAVE MOVED TO BS 560915 AND 582910 W/800 LAOERS. AT 212115 LEO REP'D VC FORGE AT S.W. BINH SON. BINH TUY BS 556910. 3 VC BN AT BINH-THANH BS 569914 AND 3 LOCAL COMPANIES AT S.W. BINH-LAM BS 648943, BINH-KY BS 680912, 2 VC BNS AND 2 LOCAL COMPANIES AT S.W. BINH-BOANG.

B. (1) AT 211800 SEPT QUANG NGAI LHO REP'D THAT 1st VC REGT WAS REP'D TO HAVE MOVED FROM QUANG NGAI PROVINCE TO SOUTHERN QUANG TIN PROVINCE. CURRENT DISPOSITION BELIEVED TO BE AS FOLLOWS: 8TH REGT OF VIC AT 968122; 45TH BN AT 988130; 80TH BN AT 080094; 60 BN AT 240125; 90TH BN AT 352055. INTENTIONS ARE TO REGROUP, REBUSHLISE AND TO GATHER PORTIONS OF RICE HARVEST. CURRENT DISPOSITION INDICATES POSSIBLE ATTACK OF FISH FROUG. SOURCE INCLUDED RELIABLE AGENT, ARVN RPTS, SMILT R TS AND DEFECTOR'S STATEMENT.

(2) AT 221516H QUANG NGAI LHO REP'D THAT AT 221230 VC MARCHED SPECIAL PLATOON LOC BINH BANH VILLAGE BS 648943. AT 211700 VC 3, 5, 6 STOPPED BUS AT BS 992935

WITH 27 FLT LBR ABOARD. THREE VC WERE WOUNDED AND P.F. FLT LBR WAS KILLED. ON 21 SEPT IT WAS R.T'D THAT THE 90TH VC BN, UNDER HQ NG-HAI-CHAU, ARMED W/ 1 X 60MM MORTAR, 1 X 30 CAL. MG GUN RECOILED, RIFLE AND 1 X AA GUN. THEY MOVED FROM BINH-THANH BS 574937 AND CHAU-TV BS 584958 TO BS 677948, BS 672946, BS 648941 ON 14 SEPT 69. THIS BN MAY ATTACK PP AT BINH-LAM DURING PERIOD 21 SEPTEMBER TO 1 OCTOBER.

INTELLIGENCE SOURCE INDICATES THAT AT TAN-THUC HAMLET BS 563914 THERE ARE 6 VC CADRES OF PROVINCE COMMISSION AND THE DISTRICT COMMISSION HQ VC THU. IN HAMLET EACH FAMILY MUST HAVE AN ADOPTED SON (SOLDIER). PURPOSE IS TO HELD VC LAMU VILLAGE POPULATION.

C. AT 221130 THIS BSB WAS NOTIFIED BY 7TH CIT THAT "PHAN VAN ANH" A VC CAPTURED BY 4/17 ESCAPED FROM CHI LAI COMPOUND AT 22000 SEP. PHAN VAN ANH IS SECRETARY OF YOUTH GROUP AT SONG TRA HAMLET, BINH GIANG VILLAGE. PHAN VAN ANH MADE THREAT AGAINST THE PARENTS OF "NGUYEN MIEM" WHO IDENTIFIED HIM AS A V.C. NGUYEN MIEM IS ALSO BEING HELD AS V.C. IS ALSO FROM SONG TRA HAMLET. DISTRICT CHIEF AT BINH-SAM WAS NOTIFIED OF THIS EVENT.

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1. RLT-7 LTRON NO. 39
2. 221200H SEPTEMBER 65 TO 221300H SEPTEMBER 65
3. 1/7 - "A" CO RPTD RECEIVING SNIPER FIRE AT 221510H VICINITY BS659977.  
"B" CO RPTD THEIR PATROL ASSAULTED BY MR LAM, SECURITY CHIEF OF BINH NAMIA AND 5 PP'S APPREHENDED 5 MEN AND 5 WOMEN 221300H AT MY NUB (1) BS613901. INCLUDED IN THIS GROUP OF CAPTIVES WERE: 1 VC GUERRILLA HIDING IN TEMPLE, 3 ARVN DESERTERS, 6 VCS; ALL FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COMPOUND 222030H.  
3/7 - HQ
4. HQ
5. 1/7 - 1 VC, 3 DESERTERS, 6 VCS  
3/7 - HQ
6. 1/7 IXT IXTLENGREER ATTACHED TO "A" CO FOR OPERATION  
3/7 HQ
7. A. AT 222045H VC PROMED BARRICADES VICINITY OF BRIDGE BONG TEA BUNG, OUTSIDE PHU LOG (1) BS599928. PP PLATOONS WERE OPERATING LAST NIGHT. VC TAMPERED WITH GATE AND TRIGGERED MINE. FIREFIGHT FOLLOWED. NO CASUALTIES EITHER SIDE.  
B. 3D PLT "C" CO 1ST BNDN BN WAS HIT BY ARUSH 221905H AT BS512957. AFTER NUMEROUS VC SIGHTINGS VIC BS5195. IN FIRE FIGHT WHICH FOLLOWED THERE WERE AN EST 17 VC KIA BEFORE HELO RETRACTION WAS ACCOMPLISHED 221615H

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CG III MAP  
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1. RLS-7 INTERIM NO. 48
2. 231200H SEP 1965 TO 241200H SEP 1965
3. 1/7 - AT 2315H ONE OR MORE VC APPROACHED "D" CO ROADBLOCK VIC RF554014 AND THREW A GRENADE. RETURNED FIRE RESULTS UNKNOWN.  
AT 241030H "B" CO STOPPED APPREHENDING ONE VCS WITH NO ID CARD VIC RF567017.  
1/7 - HQ
4. HQ
5. 1/7 - ONE VCS
6. 1/7 INTERPRETER REACHED TO "A" CO.
7. BINH-SON LIAISON OFFICER RLT:
  - A. 191900H INTELLIGENCE RPTS 2 VC BATTALIONS MOVED FROM TINH-TRUNG BS495953 TO HY-LONG BS503687 AND HUNG-SHIAN BS 564917. ESTIMATED STRENGTH 700, KHAKI UNIFORMS AND FIELD PACKS, ADEQUATE INDIVIDUAL SMALL ARMS, (2) 81MM MORTARS, (4) 60MM MORTARS, (7) HQ'S. BELIEVED TO BE NORTH VIETNAMESE, ALSO BELIEVED TO HAVE MOVED FROM QUANG-TIN.
  - B. 212400H ONE VC CO. BS561907 ASSIGNED ONE TEAM TO DESTROY FENCIBLES AT BS595906. RESULTS, 3 VC KIA, 4 VC WIA. THERE IS ONE VC PLATOON AT HUNG-SHIAN BS575917, 575921. ONE VC COMPANY AT HUNG-VIEN BS652948, HO-CAD MOUNTAIN BS664942, H-HO-CHOA MOUNTAIN BS641935.
  - C. DISTRICT S-2 REPORTS THAT AMERICAN OPERATION TOWARDS PHU-LONG BS654956, AT 230900 SEP. CAUSED VC TO WITHDRAW TO BS631943, BS638948. APPROX 30 VC.

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1. RLC-7 INTSUM NO. ~~4~~
2. 241200H SEP TO 251200H SEP 1965
3. A. 1/7 - CO "D" PATROL FOUND MAGAZINE WITH NINE ROUNDS CARTRIDGE APPRO 1515H AT BS567984.
- B. 3/7 - PATROL SAW THREE VC WITH RIFLES 1635H SETTING UNDER TREE AT BS509966. CALLED ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION ON BUNKER AREA WHERE LOCATED. RESULTS UNKNOWN. AFFRESHED FOUR VCS 1400H AT BS516018.
4. NEG
5. NEG
6. ~~NEG~~ INTERPRETER RETURNED FROM CO "A" IN EXCHANGE FOR 7TH MAR BOMB INTERPRETER.
7. A. POLICE CHIEF MET 1/7 "D" CO PATROL AND STATED THAT 38 VC ARE NOW OPERATING OUT OF TRUNG HOA NO. 5 BS663985.
- B. BINH SON LIAISON OFFICER REPORTS DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE AND TWO CIVILIAN REPORTED 231140H VC ORGANIZED BRIEFING AT BS552910. VC PLAN TO ATTACK AND HAVE MADE MODEL OF BINH SON TO STUDY. ONE VC COMPANY OF 209TH BATTALION AND LABORERS LOCATED IN CIVILIAN HOUSES AT TAN PHUOC BS554909, BS559916, BS557911, BS563917. (P/5)
- C. BINH SON LIAISON OFFICER REPORTS DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE INDICATES:
  - (1) VC HAVE ONE VHF TRANSCHEMATIC RADIO CAPABLE OF TRANSMITTING TO HANOI IN AREA BOUNDED BY BS460940, BS449920, BS460980 VIC DA NIEU MOUNTAIN. (P/6)
  - (2) VC BATTALION LOCATED BINH KY BS662918. STRENGTH APPROX 700 MEN. WEAPONS, THREE 60MM MORTARS, TWO 81MM MORTARS, ONE AA GUN. UNIFORMS BROWN AND GREY ALMOST ALL WEAR HELMETS. POSSIBLE ATTACK BINH LAM VILLAGE 26 TO 29 SEP USING 600 LABORERS. (P/5)
  - (3) ONE VC BN LOCATED BS448912 ONE VC QUARTERMASTER COMPANY LOCATED BS453908. AT HO-ONG CAN BS448912 VC PLAN BUILD RICE STORAGE BARRACKS. ALSO AT LOC TRITH BS479-888, NY LONG BS474894, TAN PHUOC BS560985. (P/6)
  - (4) ONE VC PLATOON MOVED 0510H FROM BINH HOANG TO BS669904 AND ATTACKED ONE VC PLATOON AT O-SOANG BRIDGE. RESULTS TEN VC KIA AND UNKNOWN WIA. (P/3)

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1. HLI-7 INTERCOM NO. ~~43~~
2. 251200Z SEP TO 261800Z SEP 1965
3. A. 1/7 - (A) AT 251300Z, 2ND PLATOON "A" CO RECEIVED FIRE FROM VICINITY 2566303Z FROM ACROSS THE SONH CAN RIVER. REQUESTED FIRE, NO RESULTS.
- (B) AT 251600Z A REPORTED OBSERVING FRESH DIGGINGS VIC 25672013. ARTILLERY TOOK UNDER H AND I FIRE EAST NIGHT.
- (C) AT 251600Z, S-2 SQUAD ATTACHED TO "A" CO REPORTED CAPTURING ONE VC, IN HOUSE VIC 25663034. FORWARDED CHU LAI COMPUND 251725K.
- (D) AT 251705Z "A" CO PLATOON REPORTED RECEIVING HEAVY SNIPER FIRE FROM ONE AM, AND 4 TO 5 M-16 AND CARBINES, VICINITY 25663029. REQUESTED FIRE NO RESULTS.
- (E) AT 251715Z "A" CO OBSERVED POKHOLES AND TRENCHES ON RIDGELINE VIC 25663032. ALSO RECEIVED 15 BOUNDS S/A FIRE FROM VIC 25698035. NO CASUALTIES, ARTILLERY FIRED ON TRENCHES WITH EFFECTIVE RESULTS.
- (F) AT 251800Z "B" CO REPORTED THEIR ROADBLOCK APPREHENDED ONE VIETNAMESE, HAD BIRTH CERTIFICATE, 19 YEARS OLD, NO ID CARD. ARRIVED AT 1/7 COLLECTION POINT AT 252015K WITH BICYCLE AND CASE OF COAL. FORWARDED TO CHU LAI COMPOUND WITH MATERIAL 252015K.
- (G) AT 252030Z "A" CO REPORTED HELD RECEIVED A/WHN FIRE FROM VIC 25660004. AT 252031Z ARTILLERY HIT COULD NOT FUNCTION DUE TO JAMMING.
- (H) AT 260700Z A REPORTED OBSERVING 12 VC WITH WEAPONS RUNNING SE TOWARD BEACH FROM VIC 25660033.
- (I) AT 26115Z, FIREBOMBING CALLED ON SUSPECTED ENEMY OF VIC 25670041.

2. 1/7 - HQ
4. HQ
5. 1/7 - TWO VCS
- 3/7 - HQ
6. 1/7 7TH AVN DIVISION INTERCOM'S ATTACHED TO "A" CO

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3/7 - HQ

1/7 INTERCOM'S ATTACHED TO "A" CO

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## I. BINH-DON LIAISON OFFICER REPORT 250910Z.

A. BELLER, VC LHO NAMED ACTIVITIES IN PHUOC THO HAMLET. VC DESTROYED BRIDGE ON 25 SEP. THIS HAMLET WAS JUST REDUCED LHO AREA UNDERGOING PACIFICATION. PP PLATOON RECEIVED ORDER 25 SEP. (NVAL 7/5)

## B. SALTZON SEP

(1) ONE VC HQ B-69844 VAN-TUONG, AND B-72295 THANH-THUY, AND AN-LOO B-600-999. THEY INTEND TO ATTACK BINH-DON DISTRICT FROM 25-26 SEP. WEAPONS, ONE 60MM MORTAR, ONE 82MM MORTAR, ONE 57MM RR, THREE 30 CAL MG'S ALSO NINE BAR, ADEQUATE SMALL ARMS. (NVAL 7/5)

(2) TWO VC CO, NINH-TOI B-67788 WITH ONE 60MM MORTAR, ONE MG, FOUR BAR'S AND ADEQUATE SMALL ARMS. VC NOW FORBID ANY CIVILIAN TO LIVE IN VC AREA, BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID CIVILIANS WILL INFORM ON THEM. (NVAL 7/6)

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1. RLT-7 INTERCOM M. 45
2. 261200H - 271200H SEP 1965
3. A. 1/7
  - (1) AT 261345H "B" COMPANY REPORTED DISCOVERED A CAVE WITH TWO ENTRANCES VICINITY BT 660023. CAVE DESTROYED 211255H
  - (2) AT 261100H "B" COMPANY APPREHENDED 9 VCS VICINITY GS NG6702, 6702, 6703. SENT TO CHU-LAI COMPOUND 261990H
  - (3) AT 261730H "B" COMPANY REPORTED DISCOVERING 7 SMALL CAVES VICINITY NG671009. AT NG661023 1 CAVE 30 FOOT LONG FILLED WITH WATER. ALSO NG661023 1 CAVE WOULD NOT BE SEARCHED DUE TO HIGH WATER. ALL CAVES DESTROYED.
  - (4) AT 261545H "D" COMPANY REPORTED HOD RECEIVED 2 BOUNDS OF 15 BOUNDS EACH FROM TRUNG AN (2) NG583001 HOD WAS LOCATED NG583998.
  - (5) AT 261845 "D" COMPANY REPORTED VC HOLON ON OPY 1 BATT FIRE TEAM TO INVESTIGATE. OBSERVED 2 VCS. 1 HAN OTHER VCS ARMED AND FIRE TEAM FIRED ON HIM. VICINITY NG534992 RESULTS UNKNOWN.
  - (6) 262105H 1/7 RELAY RECEIVED 2 BOUNDS of COMM MORTAR OF GRENADES VICINITY NG669023 NO CASUALTIES. ESTIMATE FIRE CAME FROM NG534007.
  - (7) AT 261600H "A" COMPANY APPREHENDED 1 FEMALE VCS NG659017. SENT TO CHU-LAI COMPOUND
- B. 5/7
  - (1) AT NG650997 "H" COMPANY PATROL FOUND FOX HOLE SET IN ARMBUSH POSITIONS.
  - (2) AT 262010H 1/7 COMM OFFICER REPORTED LINES CUT AT NG524014 FOR SECOND TIME. FIRST THREE NIGHT OF 25 SEPT. CUTS WERE CLEAN. MADE WITH SHARP INSTRUMENT.
  - (5) AT 261840H "K" COMPANY PATROL RECEIVED S/A FIRE FROM NG556992
4. NEGATIVE
5. 1/7 10VCS
  - 1/7 AT NG559978 PATROL FOUND 1 BLACK FLASH LIGHT, 1-45 CAL MAGAZINE W/8 BOUNDS, 1 BATTLE BURNING, AT NG533994 PATROL FOUND 1 FUSE, BELIEVED TO BELONG TO COMM MORTAR.
6. 1/7 INTERPRETER ATTACHED TO "B" COMPANY. 7TH RLT INTERPRETER RETURNED.
  - 3/7 NEGATIVE

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7. 262210 Sept. VILLAGE OF AN-HOA UNDER ATTACK. ARMY CALLED IN OBSERVER COUNTED 3 VC KIA. (NO DETAILS OF ATTACK AS YET (C/1)

261915 SE T. VC INTEND TO USE LABORS FROM PHU THUAN BS 565915 AND AN DIA BS 554898 TO CLEAR MOUNTAIN. COORDS OF MOUNTAIN OR FURTHER INFO NOT AVAILABLE. (EVAL F/6)

262235 SE T. BRIDGE AT COORD BS 624885 ATTACKED AT 2200 BY VC COMPANY. PP'S HELD BRIDGE. NO OTHER RESULTS KNOWN. (C/3)

262357 SEPT. DISTRICT CHIEF COM SITE INTELL SUMMARY FROM 3 SEPARATE SOURCES:  
 109TH VC BN, BS 459913. 307TH VC BN HAS BS 437890; COMPANIES, BS 418897, 421893, 24883, W/300 LABORS AND 100 ANIMALS. 192D VC BN - BS 555913, 540893, W/100 LABORS, 3 - COMPANIES BS 518905, 516897, 556912, 576937, 182D VC BN - BS 552885, 526883, 526883, 528878, 525875, 517877, ONE COMPANY BS 567906, 568908, 200 SMALL BOATS AT BS 546891, 553894. UNK VC BN - HAS BS 643927, COMPANIES BS 627932, 633941, 645922. VC REGT - HAS BS 691951, ONE BN, 696944, ONE COMPANY BS 715905. 52D VC BN, BS 684867, PHUONG-HOANG MOUNTAIN. (EVAL F/3).

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1. RLT-7 INTERCOM #44
2. 271200H-281200H
3. A. 1/7
  - (1) 271130H "B" CO APPREHENDED 6 VCS HIDING ALONG SEA CRIPPS BT 673054 SENT TO CHU LAI COM COMD VIA 1/7 COLLECTION POINT. 280815H
  - (2) 271630H "B" CO REPORTED APPREHENDING 2 VCS HIDING IN ROCKS BT 678025 SENT TO CHU LAI COM COMD VIA 1/7 COLLECTION POINT 271830H.
  - (3) 270830H "B" CO FOUND CAVE BT 665054 4 FEET IN DIAMETER. CAVE WAS DESTROYED.
  - (4) 271950H "B" CO REPORTED DESTROYING 1 CAVE BT 667036.
  - (5) AT 281000H, B-2 SCOUT ON LVT APPREHENDED 1 VCS WHILE CHECKING BASKET BOATS BT 594036 FORWARDED CHU LAI COM COMD 281154H.
- B. 1/7
  - (1) 1/7 CP RECEIVED 1 ROUND S/A FIRE CA IBER UNKNOWN AT 272130H PALM VICINITY BT 518028
  - (2) 280905H "K" CO PATROL RECEIVED S/A FIRE FROM BS 511973. PATROL RETURNED FIRE AT 5 OR 6 FLASHING VC. VC RUNNING TOWARD 504973. VC WEARING GREY AND BLUE CLOTHES. VC RETREATED HASTILY. RESULTS OF FIRE UNK.
4. NEG
5. 1/7 9VCS 1/7 NEG
6. 1/7 INTERPRETER ATTACHED TO "B" CO.  
3/7 NEG
7. A. QUANG NGAI LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT 271800H
  - (1) 19 SEPT VC BN 34, COMMANDED BY DO MINH LE MOVED TO PHUOC BINH TAY BS 510955 TO OPERATE AGAINST USMC UNITS AT CHU LAI. SOURCE: CASUAL EVAC P/6
  - (2) NIGHT OF 24 SEPT AN UNIDENTIFIED VC UNIT (APPROX 200 MEN) LOCATED PHU LONG
  - (3) BS 650945 P/6
  - (3) 24 SEPT VC UNIT AT BINH-YEN BS 515928 MOVED TO THUAN BS 474954 WITH 30 LABORERS CARRYING RICE BASKETS. SOURCE: CASUAL EVAC P/6
  - (4) 18 SEPT VC BN COMMANDED BY BUI KIM HONG AND MYUOEN NGOC MOVED FROM TIENTRONG BS 440955 TO BINH YEN BS 515928, THANH TRAI BS 540947 AND BS 575935 UNIT PLANS TO ATTACK BINH SON DISTRICT NEXT SOON. SOURCE: CASUAL EVAC P/6
- B. BINH SON LIAISON OFFICERS REPORT 272005H DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE REPORTS VC ARE TO TRY AND DESTROY BRIDGE BS 609904 THIS BRIDGE JUST REPAIRED. ALSO WILL TRY AND DESTROY BRIDGE AT BS 624865 (P/3)

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1. RLT-7 INFOUM 43
2. 281200H SEP 65 TO 291200H SEP 65.
3. A. 1/7 - AT 281240H "D" CO PATROL RPTD OBSERVING A VIETNAMESE IN GREEN UTILITIES AND STRAW HAT AT BS595927. UPON SEEING THE PATROL HE RAN INTO A SUGAR CANE PATCH, THE PATROL CHALLENGED TWICE IN VIETNAMESE AND FIRED ABOVE HIS HEAD. THE PATROL SEARCHED THE PATCH BUT COULD NOT FIND THE MAN.  
AT 282140H "U" CO RPTD RECEIVING ONE ROUND OF SNIPER FIRE AT BT567019. FIRED ILLUMINATION WITH NEGATIVE OBSERVATION.  
AT 282245H "G" CO RPTD A HAND GRENADE WAS THROWN 30 METERS IN FRONT OF THEM (THEIR LINES) VIC BT556018. FOUR ROUNDS ILLUMINATION FIRED WITH NEGATIVE OBSERVATION.  
TWO VCS CAPTURED BY "B" CO BT575923 AND BT677012 AT 281050H AND 281600H.  
AT 290750H "A" COMPANY RPTD RECEIVING SNIPER FIRE AT BT576032.  
AT 290830H "B" CO RPTD DISCOVERY OF ONE CAVE AT BT634044. CAVE WAS REINFORCED WITH METAL STAKES AND BAMBOO. CAVE WAS DESTROYED.  
AT 291040H "D" CO RPTD APPREHENDING ONE VCS AT BT659028. VCS WAS HIDING IN A HOUSE WITH NO ID CARD.  
B. 3/7 - AT 281445H "I" PATROL RPTD FINDING A CAVE AT BS527986. FOUND INSIDE THE CAVE WERE OLD FLASHLIGHT BATTERY, C-BATTERY CANS AND PART OF A MESS KIT.  
AT 282235 "I" CO RPTD TRIP FLARE DETONATED AT BS512994. ONE VCS SIGHTED. SIX ROUNDS WERE FIRED AT FLEEING VCS. RESULTS UNKNOWN.  
AT 290840H 3/7 PATROL RPTD RECEIVING 20 ROUNDS CARBINE FIRE BS547974. NO VC OBSERVED. SQUAD SENT TO INVESTIGATE NEGATIVE RESULTS.
4. NBS
5. 1/7 - THREE VCS. ONE HYPEROSMIC NEEDLE AND WEATHER CHARTS.  
3/7 - NBS
6. INTERPRETER ATTACHED TO "B" CO.
7. A. FROM BINH-SON LIAISON OFFICER:  
ON 281826H 70 VC LOCATED BS628997; ARVN ARMY FIRED ON THEM. RESULTS UNKNOWN TO THIS HEADQUARTERS, NO BATTING.  
B. 936TH RPTS THAT ON 281600H SEP THERE ARE TWO VC REGULAR BATTALIONS, THE 90TH AND 95TH, COMMANDED BY LIEN AND JYNH. THERE ARE ABOUT 700 VC AND 700 LABORERS. WEAPONS; ONE 81MM MORTAR, THREE 60MM MORTARS, ONE 57MM RR, TWO 30 CALIB. THEY ARE PRACTISING FOR AN ATTACK AT 454003 AND WILL ATTACK AN-HOA OUTPOST ONE NIGHT IN FUTURE.

THEY ALSO PLAN TO ATTACK NUI-TRON OUTPOST IN THE FUTURE. (RS517788) (F/6)

C. ONE VC REGULAR BATTALION DESIGNATED THE 192ND BATTALION AND GUERRILLAS WILL MOVE ON 29SEP65 AND RELOCATE TO PHU-LE HAMLET BS577944 OF BINH-THANH VILLAGE. THEY WILL ATTACK ARVN COMPANY AND SPECIAL PLATOON LOCATED AT CHAU-O BRIDGE BS596927 AND DESTROY THIS BRIDGE THE SAME AS SONG-CHUA BRIDGE BS594934. THEY WILL DIVIDE INTO THREE GROUPS TO ATTACK, ONE PART FROM TAM HAMLET BS56460, ONE PART FROM THE EAST ALONG RIVER BANK AND ONE GROUP FROM THE WEST ALONG THE RIVER BANK DOWN. (F/6)

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1. ALT-7 INTERCOM NO. 46
  2. 291200Z SEP TO 301200Z SEP 1965
  3. A. 1/7 - CO "B" PATROL RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE 1035M FROM 6 VC AT BT669009. UPON CROSSING RIVER PATROL FOUND VC FLED. ALSO RECEIVED FOUR ROUNDS SNIPER FIRE 1145H FROM ONE VC AT BT673012. CHECKED AREA FOUND ONLY SPIDER TRAP 4 BY 3 FEET WITH GRASS AND WOOD ROOF.  
CO "C" RECEIVED ONE ROUND SNIPER FIRE FROM HIGH POWERED RIFLE 2005M AT BT566015. ILLUMINATION FIRES WITH NEGATIVE OBSERVATION.
  - B. 3/7 - CO "I" FOUND MARKERS ON TRAIL 1250H AT BS580988. CONSISTED OF FOUR LARGE POLES WITH BLACK CLOTH TIED AT TOP. ONE SMALLER POLE IN PASTY POINTED TO FRIENDLY POSITION.  
CO "K" HAD FOUR TRAP FLARES SET OFF 2339H AT BT520011 WITH NO FURTHER ACTIVITY.  
CO "H" PATROL MOVING 2130H TO ANHUSH POSITION BS550987 NOTED TRI BIRD (1) DISTINCTLY ACTIVE. JUST PRIOR TO REACHING ANHUSH SITE PATROL HEARD BAMBOO STICKS STRUCK TOGETHER. VILLAGE IMMEDIATELY BECAME AND REMAINED QUIET WITH ONLY AN OCCASIONAL DOG BARK.
  4. NEGATIVE
  5. NEGATIVE
  6. NEGATIVE
  7. A. BATTERY "G" 3/11 AND 1/7 BEACH PATROL OBSERVED EXPLOSION 2220 AT BT565044. AREA CHECKED 0630H. NO SHRAPNEL FOUND. CHEMICAL ANALYSIS UNDERWAY. INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN RESULTS ARE RECEIVED.
  - B. CO "C" 1ST BACON BN PLATOON RECEIVED AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE 2005H AT BS477-966. WHEN JOINED BY PLATOON FROM CO "L" 1/7 NO FURTHER VC CONTACT WAS OBSERVED.

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1. RLT-7 INTERIM NO. #
  2. 300000H SEP TO 010000H OCT 1965
  3. A. 1/7 -
    - (1) CP #1 2245H OBSERVED M41 MACHINE GUN FIRE AND UNMANNED GRENADE EXPLODING (BS580977).
    - (2) CP #1 REPORTED OBSERVING 2300H FIREFIGHT WITH EXPLOSIONS OF GRENADES OR MORTARS. DURATION OF FIREFIGHT 4 MINUTES VIC (BS576966).
    - (3) CP #1 OBSERVED 2330H 8 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE EXPLODING VIC (BS576966).
  - B. 1/7
    - (1) 4<sup>TH</sup> CO LINE WAS MANAGED BY 4-6 VCS (BS543012). ILLUMINATION WAS FIRED AND VCS WERE SEEN IN FLIGHT. COULD NOT DETERMINE IF ARMED.
  4. NEGATIVE
  5. NEGATIVE
  6. 1/7 INTERPRETER ATTACHED TO CIVIL AFFAIRS TEAM.
  7. HIGH INTELLIGENCE REPORT DATED 24SEP LISTS REGULAR VC BATTALION DESIGNATED THE 192ND, COMMANDED BY VO-DU-ANHT AND ASSISTANT COMMANDER PHAN-HANG, ARMED WITH THREE RM'S, 12 BAR, THREE MACHINE GUNS, ONE 60MM MORTAR, TWO 60MM MORTARS AND ADEQUATE INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, LOCATED TAN-TRUNG BS555913 AND 240091. HAS ONE ENGINEER COMPANY WITH 22 CASES OF TNT, 6 MINES, 6 BIG BATTERIES, 3 BOXES AND ONE REEL OF WIRE. THIS COMPANY IS COMMANDED BY MR LY, MR PHAN IS ASSISTANT COMPANY COMMANDER. VC HAVE ONE PIG AND TWO OXEN AND ARE PREPARING FOR 20 DAYS BATTLES. THE 192ND VC BATTALION CONSISTS OF MOUNTAINERS. (S-C RLT-7 COMMENT: POSSIBLY MEANS MOUNTAINERS.) BELIEVED TO HAVE COME FROM SOUTHERN BIV. TROUGH REPORTED PLANNING TO ATTACK, TIME AND PLACE OF ATTACK IS UNKNOWN. (P/6) SOURCE: BINH SON LIAISON OFFICER

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1965

FR: OXWOOD AEROLOGY

Total Rain	_____	17.54"
Max Temp.	_____	95
Min Temp.	_____	68
Mean Temp.	_____	81.5
Predominat Wind	_____	060° @8-12
Average Relative Humidity	_____	90%
% of time ceiling below 3000'	_____	15.4
Number of days of rain	_____	18



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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
021200		0		JOURNAL OPENED		
021204		1	0 311245Z	IIIMAF INTSUM NR. 112	S-F-M	
021300		2		1/7 INTSUM NR. 16	S-F-M	
021330		3	P 020050Z	3dDIV WEATHER FORECAST	S-F	
021400		4		3/7 INTSUM NR.3	S	
021805		5		1/7 5 VCS TO COLLECTION POINT	S	
021950		6		1/7 B CO PAT CAPTURED 2 VCS	S-F-M-D	
021930		7		1/7 A 60 SWEEP OF VINH AN VILLAGE	S-F-M	
***021545		8		G-2 REPORT OF WEAPONS	S AND 1/7,3/7	
022040		9	0 011350Z	IIIMAF INTSUM NR. 113	S-F-M	
022045		10	021715	BOOTH Rpt of fire team leader stepping on AP mine.	S-Div- Info 4th File	
	2245	11	022245	SHOVE: RPT OF VC BN COORD 576961 AND ACTION TAKEN.	S-M-F-MAG-12 4TH MAR	
030015		12	030015H	1/7 REQ TO BINH SON USMC LAISON	TO 4thMAR	
030830		13	P 02615Z	4thMAR INTSUM NR.116	S-F-M	
030830		14	0 011350Z	IIIMAF INTSUM NR.113	S-F-M	
030830		15	0 020820Z	IIIMAF CHALLENGE AND PASSWORD	S	
031030		16		1/7 D CO ARRIVED AT BS575965	S-F-M	
031035		17		3/7 INTSUM NR.3	S	
030910		18		4thMAR 9 people were spotted by TINGE	S-F-M	
031159		20		JOURNAL CLOSED		

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 CHULAI, SOUTH VIETNAM  
 081200 to 091200 Sep 65

1230	J-1	081230H	<u>STBD Fwd</u> 1 KIA 4 VCS, documents sent	M,S,F
0950	J-2	090950H	<u>Div</u> Provide interpreter for Monroe 9	M,S,F
0955	J-3	090955H	<u>Stbd Fwd</u> Provide interpreter for M-9	S,F
1000	J-4	091000H	<u>ITP</u> Spot report on radio station	M,S,F
1005	J-5	091000H	<u>Stbd Fwd</u> Spot rpt on radio station	S,F
091100	J-6	091100H	<u>ITP</u> 16 VCS sent to DANANG, total 78	S,F
1130	J-7	091130H	<u>Div</u> OPCON C Company, 1st Recon Bn	S,F
1130	J-8	091130H	<u>RLT-7</u> Change to OpOrder 324-65	S,F
1200	J-9		Journal Closed	

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 CHU LAI, SOUTH VIETNAM  
 091200H to 101200H Sep 65

J-1	1200	091200H	Jou rnal Opened	
J-2	091915	091915H	<u>ITT</u> Rpt on VC intentions	S,F,M
J-3	2100	092100H	<u>Stbd Fwd</u> msg above sent out	S,F
J-4	092015	092015H	<u>ITT</u> Spot rpt 2/69/9	S,FM
J-5	2200	092015H	<u>Stbd Fwd</u> msg above sent out	S,F
J-6	2030	092030H	<u>ITT</u> Agent rpts 30 VC moving to TY XUAN	S,F
J-7	2200	092030H	<u>Stbd Fwd</u> msg above sent out	S,F
J-8	2300	092300H	<u>ITT</u> Spot rpt, 9 local guerrilla	S,F
J-9	2315	092300H	<u>Stbd Fwd</u> above msg sent out	S,F
J-10	1000	101000H	<u>MAFIII</u> INTSIM No. 120, see one of two	S,F
J-11	1200	101200H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

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1200	J-1	Journal Opened	
1600	091350Z J-2	<u>III MAF</u> INTSUM NO 121	
2013	102013H J-3	<u>S-2 4th Mar</u> 4 VCS have escaped from compound.	S,F,M
2014	102014H J-4	<u>S-2 4th Mar</u> Disregard, they have been caught	S,F
1200	101200 J-5	Journal Closed	



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2135		J-4	131430H	<u>Div</u> INTSUM #30	S,F
2200		J-5	132135H	<u>3/7</u> Civ in area sell whisky	S,F
2220		J-6	132200H	<u>3/7</u> Rpts probe	S,F,1/7,4th,Div
2220		J-7	132220H	<u>4thMar</u> AO Rpt	S,F
2225		J-8	132220H	<u>4thMar</u> 30th, 34thVCBn,5Reg	S,F,M,Div Bns,attach units
2225	J-9	132215H	<u>4thMar</u> Rpt 2 VC Bns	S,F,M,Div, units	
0035	J-10	132345H	<u>3/7</u> Rec 81mm incoming	S,F,M,Div,units	
0445	J-11	140445H	<u>3/7</u> Rec o 81mm incoming	S,F,M,Div,units	
0840	J-12	140725H	3rd Mar Div Weather	S,F,M,	
0900	J-13	140900H	<u>ITT</u> ITT rpt (S&C 0470-65)	S,F	
0900	J-14	131320Z	<u>III MAF</u> INTSUM 125	S,F	
0905	J-15	111540Z	<u>III MAF</u> INTSUM 123	S,F	
1155	J-16	141155H	<u>III MAF</u> EEI, (S&C 0469-65)	S,F	
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NAVMC 219-65 (REV. 5-63)  
SUPERSEDES 2-52 AND 8-56 EDITIONS WHICH WILL BE USED

UNIT OR SECTION <b>RLT-7 S-2</b>	
PLACE <b>CHU LAI SOUTH VIETNAM</b>	
FROM (Date and hour) <b>151200H Sept</b>	TO (Date and hour) <b>161200H</b>

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TIME	OUT	SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
					M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
1200		J-1	151200H	Journal opened		
1200		J-1A	151200H	1/7, INTSUM	S,F	
1300		J-2	15100H	"C" Co. 1st Recon Add To Aft Act Rpt	S,F	
1310		J-3	151200H	1/7, Rpt on VCS captured TRUNG PHAN	S,F	
1330		J-4	15 Sept	1/7, Trail report	S,F	
1330		J-5	15 Sept	1/7, Interrogation rpt VC Hamlet Chief	S,F	
1500		J-6	151500H	Div RLT INTSUM #32	S,F	
1530		J-7	151530H	3/7 SHELL RPT	S,F	
1610		J-8	140905H	S-3, Rpt of friendly positions	S,F	
1800		J-9	151800H	1st Rec Bn. PATROL ORDER 4-65	S,F	Confidential
2020		J-10	152020H	1/7, IVCS apprehended	S,F,M	
2200		J-11	15200H	1/7 3 VCS apprehended	S,F,M	
2300		J-12	152215H	3/7 "K" Co. rpts sighting 3-4 men	S,F,M	
0015		J-13	160015H	3/7 Rec s/a fire and returned, saw 5 peopl	S,F,M	
0030		J-14	160030H	4th Mar Loc of VC Bn w/ wpns	S,F,M	
0030		J-15	160030H	4th Mar Loc of VC Bn w/ wpns	S,F,M	
0030		J-16	160030H	4th Mar Loc of VC unit w/ wpns	S,F,M	
0030		J-17	160030H	4th Mar Loc of VC Bn w/ wpns	S,F,M	
0045		J-18	160045H	3/7 Same as entry J-13	S,F	
1200		J-19	160200H	Journal Closed	S,F	

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### 2. Body:

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UNIT OR SECTION <b>RLT-7 S-2</b>	
PLACE <b>CHU LAI, SOUTH VIETNAM</b>	
FROM (Date and hour) <b>161200H Sept '65</b>	TO (Date and hour) <b>171200H Sept '65</b>

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN	
IN	OUT				M-Maps S-Staff	T-Troops F-File
1300H		J-1	161300H	JOURNAL OPENED		S,F
1310		J-2	161310H	WEATHER REPORT		S,F
1340		J-3	161200H	1/7 ISUM # 31		S,F
1225		J-4	161225H	3/7 Rpt finding cave		S,F
1600		J-5	161600H	RLT-7 INTSUM		S,F
1630		J-6	161630H	1/7 Rec 1 rd sniper fire		S,F,M
1700		J-7	161700H	PROM 'C' UNK VC FIRED ON HELO HIGH P. RIFLE		S,F,M
1715		J-8	161715H	PROM 'C' UNK VC FIRING ON 'C' REAR CP		S,F,M
1700		J-9	161760H	PROM 'C' GEMNADE AND ARVN CARTRIDGE BELT FOUND IN CAVE		S,F,M
1800		J-10	161800H	PROM 'C' SNIPER BEING CARRIED BY VILLAGERS		S,F,M
1730		J-11	161730H	NAIL-FILE: AIRCRAFT FIRED ON COORD 622004		s,f,m
2112		J-12	162112H	B.H22: 1 MAN DRESSED IN BLACK MOVING NO APP		DIR. S,F
0645		J-13	170645H	Weather Report		S,F
0810		J-14	170810H	Booth 2 Apprehended 3 VCS. Found grenades		S,F,M
1000		J-15	171000H	Booth 2 "C" Co. receiving sniper fire		S,F,M
1915		J-16	161915H	AO RPT		S,F
1415		J-17	171145H	Booth-2 Cave Rpt Possible VC attack Tran Anh	(1)	S,F
0800		J-18	160800H	Skeptic SKEPTIC ISUM		S,F
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UNIT OR SECTION <b>S-2 Section</b>	
PLACE <b>CHU LAI, SOUTH VIETNAM</b>	
FROM (Date and hour) <b>181200H SEP 65</b>	TO (Date and hour) <b>191200H SEP 65</b>

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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
1200		J-1	181200H	JOURNAL OPENED		
1202		J-2	181115H	STBD-56 RPTS two VC battalions	M,S,F,T	
1650		J-3	181200H	1/7 ISUM #33	M,S,F,T	
1652		J-4	181200H	3/7 ISUM #11	M,S,F,T	
	1654	J-5	181200H	RLT-7 ISUM #35 to Division	M,S,F,T	
	1655	J-6	181200H	Quang Ngai Liaison Officer (Ltr, Corres File)	S,F	
	1656	J-7	181200H	Binh Son District -de-		
1827		J-8	181516Z	Section Two to III MAF INTSUM #128	S,F	
<del>1829</del>	<del>160830</del>	<del>J-9</del>	<del>18160830Z</del>	<del>SA 2nd Inf Div, Quang Ngai</del>	<del>S,F</del>	
2050		J-10	181920H	1/7 a/c. Spot report	S,F,M	
2055		J-11	181925H	1/7 of PLR. SPOT REPORT	S,F,M	
2030		J-12	182030H	STBD 56, Intel as of 181300H	S,FM	
2200		J-13	182200H	1/7, "C" rec'd 15-20 rds, s/a	S,F,M	
2221		J-14	182221H	1/7, "D" 7 VC, BT, #553015	S,F,M	
2230		J-15	182000H	STBD 56, 2VC, 14VCS, 6wpns, rpt unconfirm'd	S,F,M <sup>T</sup>	
2320		J-16	182320H	Booth 2 SALUTE Rpt	S,F,M	
2400	out	J-17	182400H	Div Summary of 1/7 acty last 5 hours	S,F	
0030		J-18	190030H	1/7 Spot Rpt, 2 red Flashes	S,F,M	
0220		J-19	190015H	1/7, "D" Co. Ambushed, Negative results	S, F, M	
0630		J-20	190630H	Airology Weather forecast	S,F,M	
0710		J-21	190710H	Daily weather forecast,	S,F,M,T	
0955		J-22	182300H	1/7 S-2 SCOUTS CAPTURED 1 CADRE WOMAN	S, F, M,	
0935		J-23	190935H	3/7 25 people standing vic of explosion	S, F,	
0930		J-24	190930H	STBD 56 RPT NOT VERIFIED (182000H)	S,F.	
1155		J-25	191155H	ITT 16 VC pressed, 15 to Siem Sen, 1 to Banang	S,F,	
		J-26	191200H	CLOSED		

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PLACE <b>CHU LAI, SOUTH VIETNAM</b>	
FROM (Date and hour) <b>211200H SEP 1965</b>	TO (Date and hour) <b>221200H SEP 1965</b>

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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
1200		J-1	211200H	JOURNAL OPENED		
1420		J-2	211420H	INSUMM, 3/7	S,F	
1610		J-3	211610H	1/7: INSUMM	S,F	
1611		J-4	211611H	6/7: 15 VC operating out My Hue	S,F,M	
1613		J-5	211613H	3/7: En Activity, onerds, neither 80mm 860mm	S,F	
<del>1620</del>	1620	J-6	211620H	RLT-7: INSUMM	S,F,T	
1720		J-7	211720H	1/7 Spot Report	S,F,M	
1830		J-8	21 Sept 65	STBD 56: 107 VC Bn repoted at 560915 582918	S,F,M	
1800		J-9	211800H	1st VC REGT REPORTED MOVED	S,F,M	
1940		J-10	201940H	MONROE: Weather Report	S,F	
2150		J-11	20 Sept 65	STB 56: Report of VC Movement	S,F,M	
2200		J-12	212200H	BOOTH-2 4 VC CAPTURED IN PENINSULA	S,F	
0330		J-13	220330H	STB 56: Fire Fighting quieted DN. Contact later	S,F	
0600		J-14	220600H	OXWOOD: Weather Rpt	S,F	
0710		J-15	220710H	MONROE: Weather Rpt	S,F	
0730		J-16	220730H	STB 56: PF VC Force UNK Sz. Fight lasted 5-7 Min	S,F,M	
0900		J-17	220900H	AO AO debrief form	S,F	
0900		J-18	220700H	A Co Patrole		
0945		J-19	220945H	Recon After action rpt for patrol	S,F	
1030		J-20	221030H	Recon 2 VC on trail=	S,F	
1030		J-21	221030H	Recon 3 VC on rice paddy dikes	S,F	
1045		J-22	221030H	RECON 8 VC Moving SE 506938	S,F	
1045		J-23	221030H	RECON 4 VC CHECKING OUT HLZ 506937	S,F	
1200		J-24	221200H	JOURNAL CLOSED	S,F	

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UNIT OR SECTION <b>RLT-7 S-2</b>	
PLACE <b>Chu Lai RVM</b>	
FROM (Date and hour) <b>231200H Sep 65</b>	TO (Date and hour) <b>241200H Sep 65</b>

TIME		SERIAL NO.	DATE TIME GROUP	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS	ACTION TAKEN M-Maps T-Troops S-Staff F-File
IN	OUT				
1200		J-1	231200H	JOURNAL OPEN	
<del>1600</del>	1600	J-2	231600H	RLT-7: ISUM No. 39	S, F
1700		J-3	231800H	DIV WEATHER RPT.	S, F, T,
1920		J-4	231910H	STBD 56 REQUEST TO FIRE AT BRIDGE 575965	S, F, M,
1925		J-5		2d INF DIV ISUM 259	S, F, T, M.
1925		J-6		2d Inf Div ISUM 258	S, F, M, T,
1925		J-7		SA ISUM 184	S, F, M, T,
1925		J-8		SA ISUM 183	S, F, M, T,
1927		J-9		4th MAR INTEL SUM 136	S, F, M,
1927		J-10		4th MAR INTEL SUM 135	S, F, M,
1927		J-11		2d INF DIV ISUM 262	S, F, M, T
1927		J-12		2d INF DIV ISUM 261	S, F, M, T
1300		J-13		AIR OB UNIT: Debriefing form	S, F
2130		J-14		STBD 56: Intell Report	S, F
2105		J-15		STBD 56: VC Force withdrew to 631943	S, F
2315		J-16	232315H	Booth-2: VC Threw grenade at robl. BT 554014	S, F, T
<del>0810</del>		J-17	240700H	WEATHER FORECAST	
0900		J-18	240900H	Booth-2: "B" Co App-1 VC BT 567017	S, F, T, M
1000		J-19	241000H	ADC: Air OBServation Rpt	S, F,
1100		J20	241100H	STBD 56: VC ATTACK BRIDGE	S, F, M,
1120		J-21	241120H	Booth-2: Spot Rpt	S, F,
1130		J22	241130H	AO	S, F,
1200		J-23	241200H	JOURNAL CLOSED	

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PLACE <b>Chu Lai RVM</b>	
FROM (Date and hour) <b>261200H</b>	TO (Date and hour) <b>271200H</b>

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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
1200		J-1	261200H	JOURNAL OPEN		
1240		J-2	261240H	3/7: SKEPTIC ISUM #19	S,F	
1305		J-3	261305H	1/7 Discovered a cave w/ trenches	S,F	
1330		J-4	261330H	1/7 INTSUM NO. 41	S,F	
1220		J-5	261220H	56 One VC Bn, Liaison Off rpt	S,F,M	
1415		J-6	261415H	Recon Frag Order No. 1	S,F	
1545		J-7	261545H	Div RLT-7 INTSUM NO. 42	S,F	
1930		J-8	261930H	3/7- Spotted Viet observing troop movements	S,F,M	
1910		J-9	261910H	MONROE WEATHER FORECAST	S,F	
1915		J-10	261915H	STBD-56 VC USE LABORERS	S,F	
2025		J-11	262025H	3/7- Ground wire rptd cut	S,F,M	
2100		J-12	262100H	BOOTH-2 PROM.-RELAY OBSERVED FLASHING LIGHT	S,F	
2110		J-13	262110H	BOOTH-2 CONVERSATION PICKED ON RADIO	S,F	
2115		J-14	262115H	BOOTH-2 INTERROGATION REPORT	S,F	
2130		J-15	262130H	1/7- Relay received 2 rounds of fire	S,F,M	
2200		J-16	262200H	BOOTH-2 SPOT REPORTS	S,F,M	
2200		J-17	262200H	BOOTH-2 SPOT REPORTS	S,F,M	
2203		J-18	262203H	MONROE SUBJECT FRAGMENTATION GRENADE	S,F	
2210		J-19	262210H	STBD-56 VILLAGE AN-HOA UNDER ATTACK	S,F,M	
1915		J-20	261915H	STBD-56, VC to use laborers, clear Mtn.	SFM	
2210		J-21	262210H	STBD-56, An-Hoa, under att'k (BS4587)	S,F,M	
2235		J-22	262235H	STBD-56, Bribe under att'k (BS624865)	S,F,M	
0020		J-23	270020H	STBD-56, district chief intell, summary	S,F,M	
0247		J-24	270247H	3/7, Spot Report "I", Co. rec'd s/a fire	S,F	
0610		J-25	270600H	Weather Report	S,F,M	
0715		J-26	270700H	1/7 SALUTE REPORT	S,F	
0740		J-27	262000H	Sale of firearms by Vietnamese in Hamlet #	S,F	
1050		J-28	261050H	SUDDEN DEATH 24: INFO Rpt VC Co BS435965&450945	S,F,M	
1100		J-29	261100H	AO rpt --ADC Command Group	S,F	
1130		J-30	261130H	AO rpt -- VMO #6	S,F	
1200		J-31	261200H	Journal Closed	S,F	

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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
1200		J-1	271200H	JOURNAL OPEN		
1540	out	J-2	271540H	RLT-7: INTSUM NO 43	S, F	
1545		J-3	271545H	SKEPTIC: ISUM #20	S, F	
1546		J-4	271546H	BOOTH 2: ISUM #42	S, F	
1547		J-5	271547H	"D" 1/7: PATROL REPORT	S, F	
1548		J-6	271548H	Hqs 1/7: Case of SSgt TRAN-THO-THU	S, F	
1550		J-7	271550H	"C" Co RECON 1st Bn: AA Rpt. FRAG Order #1	S, F	
1800		J-8	271800H	Booth-2: "B" Co Cap 6VC BT 673054	S, F, M	
1805		J-9	271805H	Booth-2: "B" Co Cap 2VCS BT 678025	S, F, M	
1845		J-10	271800H	BINH SON REPORT	S, F	
1850		J-11	271830H	MONROE DAILY WEATHER FORECAST	S, F	
1855		J-12	270830H	B Co 1/7 Found Small cave BT-665034	S, F	
1925		J-13	271925H	A.O. Spot Report	S, F	
2015		J-14	271945H	1/7 Spot Report	S, F	
2100		J-15	271700H	1 cave dest. by B Co	S, F	
2100		J-16	272005H	Binh Son Laison Report	S, F	
2115		J-17	272033H	1/7 SPOT REPORT	S, F	
2120		J-18	272005H	BINH SON Laison Officer Report	S, F	
2130		J-19	271310H	1/7 INCIDENT REPORT	S, F	
2335		J-20	272345H	Binh Son Reported Sniper Fire 272105	S, F, M	
0630		J-21	280630H	OXWOOD: weather report	S, F, M	
0740		J-22	280740H	1/7- 6 VCS arrived at collection pt.	S, F	
0800		J-23	280700H	Div Weather forecast	S, F, 1/7	
1055		J-24	281055H	Booth-2: Fishermen Suspect VC BT 594036	S, F	
1155		J-25	281155H	3/7: #21 ISUM	S, F	
1200		J-26	281200H	JOURNAL CLOSED		

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**JOURNAL**

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

UNIT OR SECTION <b>RLT-7 S-2</b>	
PLACE <b>CHU LAI RVM</b>	
FROM (Date and hour) <b>301200H Sep 65</b>	TO (Date and hour) <b>10CT 1200 65</b>

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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
1200		J-1	301200H	JOURNAL OPEN		
1240		J-2	301240H	2D INF DIV: ISUM	S,F	
1245		J-3	301245H	CG II MAP: CHALLENGES AND PASSWORDS	S,F	
1246		J-4	301246H	3MarDiv: Liaison with GVN Civil & MILI EC	S,F	
1250		J-5	301250H	3/7: ISUM #23	S,F	
1530		J-6	301530H	Div VC ran south Vic 656035	S,F	
1450		J-7	301450H	STBd 56 Rpt of 192nd VC Battalion.	S,F	
1530		J-8	301530H	1/7: ISUM #45	S,F	
1625	out	J-9	301625H	RLT-7: ISUM # #46	S,F	
2010		J-10	302010H	Div- WEATHER FORECAST	S,F	
2312		J-11	302312H	1/7 Spot rpt, fire on OP 1	S,F, False	
2430		J-12	002430H	1/7: Spot rpt, Fire Fight BS 576966	S,F, T	
2432		J-13	012432H	1/7: Spot rpt, Fire Fight BS 576966	S,F, T	
2455		J-14	012455H	3/7: Spot rpt, Good 542022 Probed linest	S,F	
<del>0200</del>		<del>J-15</del>	<del>010200H</del>	<del>3/7: SPOT RPT, BS 542022 Probed linest</del>	<del>S,F</del>	
0600		J-15	010600H	OXWOOD: WEATHER REPORT	S,F	
0950		J-16	010950H	RLT-4 INTSUM no. 143	S,F	
2300		J-17	011100H	Recon Patrol Rpt Operation 8-65	S,F	
1200		J-18	011200H	JOURNAL CLOSED		

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### 1. Heading:

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- (2) Enter designation of section if this is a section journal maintained by a general staff section.

#### b. Place: Enter coordinates or name of locality.

#### c. From: Enter date, time, and time zone that journal is opened.

#### d. To: Enter date, time, and time zone that journal is closed.

### 2. Body:

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(2) **Section Journal.** Enter time information is received within section.

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(1) **Unit Journal.** Enter time outgoing information is delivered to addressee. In most instances this would be TOD by unit communication center.

(2) **Section Journal.** Enter time outgoing message is delivered to originator's communication center for transmittal, or time information is transmitted by releasing section.

c. **Serial No.:** Number each entry consecutively as information is received by keeper of journal.

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HEADQUARTERS RIF-7  
 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMP  
 o/c FPO, San Francisco, California

3/LME/djs  
 3120  
 4 Sep 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, Third Marine Division (Fwd)  
 Subj: Weekly Operations Summary for Period Covering 271600H August to  
 031600H August *Sep.*  
 Encl: (1) Weekly Operations Overlay

1. Operations.

a. Summary of week's activities.

(1) On the 28th of August the Commanding Officer of RIF-7 issued his concept of operations and initial planning guidance to subordinate commanders and supporting arms representatives. On the 29th of August, the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines continued to man its defensive positions on the MLR and continued its active day and night patrolling within the TAOR. On the 30th of August RIF-7 Headquarters continued to plan for the forthcoming operation. Plans are also underway to establish the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines within the Chu Lai TAOR. The 1st Battalion, 7th Marines has improved its defensive posture by utilizing a bull dozer to improve fields of fire and observation. On the 31st of August at first light BLF 3/7 began off-loading from assigned shipping of the 3LF. The 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines has been assigned the mission of Regimental Reserve. On the 1st of September, BLF 3/7 continued to off-load from assigned shipping. On the 2nd of September the Commanding Officer and the Executive Staff of RIF-7 conducted briefings for Commanders and Staff of RIF-7 supporting arms on the forthcoming operation. BLF 3/7 completed unloading from assigned shipping at 021305. On the 3rd of September BLF 3/7 had all companies ashore and was engaged in improving positions and conducting training classes.

b. Summary of events.

(1) 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.

(a) On the 29th of August combat patrols, layouts and ambushes were conducted - all with negative results. Company G remains the Battalion Reserve and Company D named OP Nowl in the vicinity of (B3 559996).

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On the 30th of August, reconnaissance patrols, ambushes and combat patrols were conducted all with negative contact. On the 31st of August patrols were again sent out all with negative contact. On the 1st of September all patrols returned with reports of negative contact. On the 2nd of September, Company A, conducting one platoon day combat patrol, was informed by the local militia in Vinh An (1) of the whereabouts of 4 VC and one VCS vicinity of BT 614010). All five men were brought to the Battalion CP POW compound. Company B apprehended one VCS that approached their MLR position at 021030H. They were not able to detain the man's companion. Company D reported that at 020030H at (BT 573972) a machine gun was observed firing near their left front 3000 meters forward of the MLR. Company A, 3d Antrac Battalion reported to 1/7 that 15 to 20 Vietnamese fishing boats were standing off 200 yards from the Chu Lai Beach and the 7th Marines OP. On the 2nd of September, Company B conducted a platoon search and clear of the village in of Vinh An (1) (BT 614010) approximately one hour after Company A left. They captured 3 VCS who were pointed out by Regular Forces Lt Long. The company suffered 1 KIA and 2 WIA when a fire team leader stepped on a release type grenade booby trap, At 021745H leaving the village of Vinh An (1).

c. Statistics.

(1) Operations - none

(2) Patrols

1st Battalion, 7th Marines

(a) 30 August

Co A	1 Squad	Layout	TOD 302300H	TOR 310600H
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(b) 31 August

Co A	1 Plat	Combat	TOD 310830H	TOR 311200H
	1 Sqd	Layout	TOD 312400H	TOR 010700H

Co B	1 Plat	Combat	TOD 310630H	TOR 311130H
	1 Sqd	Ambush	TOD 311900H	TOR 010100H
	1 FT	Layout	TOD 311930H	TOR 010600H

Co D	1 Plat	Combat	TOD 310630H	TOR 311200H
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(c) 1 September

Co A	1 Plat	Combat	TOD 011000H	TOR 011630H
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Co B	1 Plat	Combat	TOD 010630H	TOR 011130H
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	1 FT	Layout	TOD 010200H	TOR 010630H
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	1 FT	Layout	TOD 011930H	TOR 020600H
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	1 FT	Layout	TOD 012100H	TOR 020130H
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Co D	1 Sqd	Ambush	TOD 010030H	TOR Daybreak
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	1 Plat	Combat	TOD 010700H	TOR 011300H
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	1 FT	Rest	TOD 012030H	TOR 012200H
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## (d) 2nd September

Co A	1 Sqd	Ambush	TOD 020200	TOR 020730H
	1 Plt	Combat	TOD 020830	TOR 021730H
	1 Sqd	Layout	TOD 022200	TOR 030700H
Co B	1 Sqd	Ambush	TOD 020200	TOR 020630H
	1 Plt	Combat	TOD 020600	TOR 021230H
	1 FT	Layout	TOD 021930	TOR 022330H
Co D	1 Sqd	Ambush	TOD 020001	TOR Daybreak
	1 Plt	Combat	TOD 020700	TOR 021300H
	1 FT	Recon	TOD 022030	TOR 022200H

## (e) 3rd September

Co A	1 Sqd	Combat	TOD 031330	TOR 031700H
Co B	1 FT	Layout	TOD 030200	TOR 030630H
	1 Plt	Combat	TOD 030630	TOR 031530H
	1 FT	Ambush	TOD 031930	TOR 040100H
	1 FT	Ambush	TOD 032000	TOR 040700H
	1 FT	Ambush	TOD 032400	TOR 041700H
Co D	1 Plt	Combat	TOD 030700	TOR 031300H
	1 FT	Recon	TOD 032030	TOR 032200H

(3) Casualties.

Friendly: 1 Marine KIA  
2 Marine WIA

As a result of a release type grenade booby trap  
at vicinity of (BT 614010) at 021745H.

## (4) Artillery Missions fired and rounds expended:

(a) Total Missions: 43

(b) Total rounds: HE 661  
Illum 22

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 3rd Marine Division(Rein), FVF  
 c/o FPO, San Francisco, California

3/LME/jjs  
 3120  
 11 Sep 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, Third Marine Division (Fwd)

Subj: Weekly Operations Summary for Period Covering 031600H September 1965  
 to 101600H September 1965.

Encl: (1) Weekly Operations Overlays

1. Operations.

a. Summary of week's activities.

(1) On the 4th of September, 1/7 conducted active deep patrolling in its assigned TAOR with negative contact. On the 5th of September the Commanding Officer and the Executive Staff of RLT-7 made their plans for "Operation PIRANHA". In connection with "Operation PIRANHA," 1/7 secured all patrolling on the TAOR at 051200H. All patrols conducted that morning had met with negative contact. At 060900H September, RLT-7 displaced from the Chu Lai enclave to the USS Bayfield (APA-33). 1/7 went aboard assigned shipping to participate in "Operation PIRANHA." On the 7th of September at 0630H, "H" hour, 1/7 conducted an amphibious landing over White Beach and conducted a sweep to Phase Line Plum. At 0650H "L" hour, 3/7 executed a helicopterborne landing on the high ground, (BS 732840), (BS 729849) and (BS 727858) to establish blocking positions and protect the RLT west flank. The 2nd Battalion, 4th ARVN Regiment executed a helicopterborne landing at (BS 750819) and commenced a search and clear operation to the east along the An Ky Peninsula. The 3rd Battalion, Vietnamese Marine Corps executed a helicopterborne landing at (BS 724819) and secured the causeway and bridge to the east and then established blocking positions to the northeast and southwest. On the 8th of September, 1/7 began a sweep from Phase Line Plum moving southwest to conduct company search and clear operations in a number of villages and established night defensive positions in the southern portion of their zone of action. 3/7, in conjunction with protection of the RLT west flank, conducted a number of company size search and clear operations within its zone of action. On the 9th of September, 1/7 began a thorough search and clear of the southern sector of the Cape Batangan Peninsula extending its operations north to the east west line dividing the Cape. 3/7 conducted a sweep of the village complex in grid squares (7485) and (7585). They began the sweep, with the aid of illumination, in the early hours of the morning. It was extended to include all contiguous areas where villages extended. At 091600H, Companies K, L and M were in position to conduct a sweep from the west to the east, in the northern sector of Cape Batangan. Half of the sweep was completed before the companies went into night defensive positions. On the 10th of September, Companies K, L and M continued the sweep until it was time to move to designated landing zones by 1200H to be retracted back to the Chu Lai TAOR.

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ENCLOSURE (8)

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At 0700 on the 10th of September, 1/7 began to move to White Beach to be back-loaded aboard assigned shipping.

b. Summary of Events.

(1) 1st Battalion, 7th Marines.

(a) At 070635 Companies A and C with B in reserve landed on White Beach securing it to the dune line. Company A remained in the beach area until ordered to move to its night defensive positions. Companies B and C turned and moved to the northeast conducting search and clear operations on the Cape Batangan Peninsula. Company B searched and cleared Chau Thaun (1), where it killed 3VCS and captured 6VCS in a cave. Company C searched and cleared Chau Thuan (2) with negative results. Company D landed at 07-1000H and commenced a search and clear of Chau Me (2) (BS 759863). During the night of 7-8 September the companies conducted local security patrols to the front of their positions. On the 8th of September, Company A searched and cleared the village of Phu Qui (BS 785845) and An Hai (1) (BS 777833). The company found numerous caves and tunnels and captured 2 weapons, ammunition, grenades and trip flares. Documents and medical supplies were also found. Company B conducted search and clear operations moving south on the coastal side of Cape Batangan. At 081145H, the company found a few caves with weapons, ammunition and medical supplies. They killed 1 VC in the vicinity of coordinates (BS 789845). Company B found a cave at (BS 791848) <sup>located a VC with</sup> and killed 4 VC by demolitions when they destroyed the cave at 081600H. <sup>AND</sup> Also the company reported taking 31 VC bodies out of the cave and counted 35 VC bodies remaining in the cave complex. The company also sent 15 VCS and 1 VC to the Battalion CP for interrogation. Company C commenced its search and clear moving southwest on the western portion of Cape Batangan. They found one home made land mine in the vicinity (BS 785847). The company searched and cleared Chau Thaun (2) (BS 774848) and Tan Duc (BS 771838). Company D remained the Battalion Reserve throughout the day digging in on the high ground in grid square (7784). On the 9th of September, Company A moved north on Cape Batangan searching <sup>AND</sup> clearing the area to the right of An Hai (1) where it went into night defensive positions just south of Tan Duc. Company C searched and cleared caves in the vicinity of An Hai (2). Company D remained in reserve with the Battalion CP at (BS 784829). On the 10th of September, 1/7 made its way to White Beach to be backloaded aboard assigned shipping.

(2) 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

(a) At 070650H, "L" hour, 3/7 landed in assigned landing zones to establish blocking positions and protect the RLIT west flank. In

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conjunction with this, Company M searched and cleared Phu Nhieu (2) (BS 730875), Company L searched and cleared Liem Quang (2) (BS 719845). Companies I and I searched and cleared the adjacent areas of landing zones.

- (b) On the 8th of September, Company M continued to search Phu Nhieu (2) and Company K searched and cleared Phu My (2) (BS 728829) Company I searched and cleared Phu Nhieu (4). At ~~090300Z~~, Company K was in blocking positions in the vicinity of a line running from (BS 731858) to (BS 732837). Companies I, L and M swept west south west conducting a search and clear of the village complex which included the villages of Chau Binh (1) and Chau Me (1). Company K searched and cleared the Song Chau Me Dong from (BS 741846) to (BS 763845). At ~~091600H~~ Companies L, M and K were in position to conduct a sweep from west to east in the northern sector of Cape Batangan. Before establishing night defensive positions they had cleared approximately half of their zone of action. Company I provided Regimental security during this operation. On the 10th of September the companies continued their sweep with negative results until ~~091200H~~ when they moved to landing zones to be retracted to Chu Lai.

c. Statistics.

(1) 1st Battalion, 7th Marines

(a) Casualties

((1)) Friendly: 1 ~~KIA~~, 13 WIA

((2)) Enemy: 106 VC killed

(b) Enemy captured: 140 VC and VCS

(c) Weapons captured: 10

(d) Weapons lost: None

(2) 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines

(a) Casualties:

((1)) Friendly: 1 KIA

((2)) Enemy: 1 VC KIA

(b) Enemy captured: 21 VCS captured

(c) Weapons captured: One

(d) Weapons lost: None

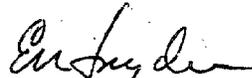
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2. Artillery missions fired and rounds expended:

a. Total missions 15

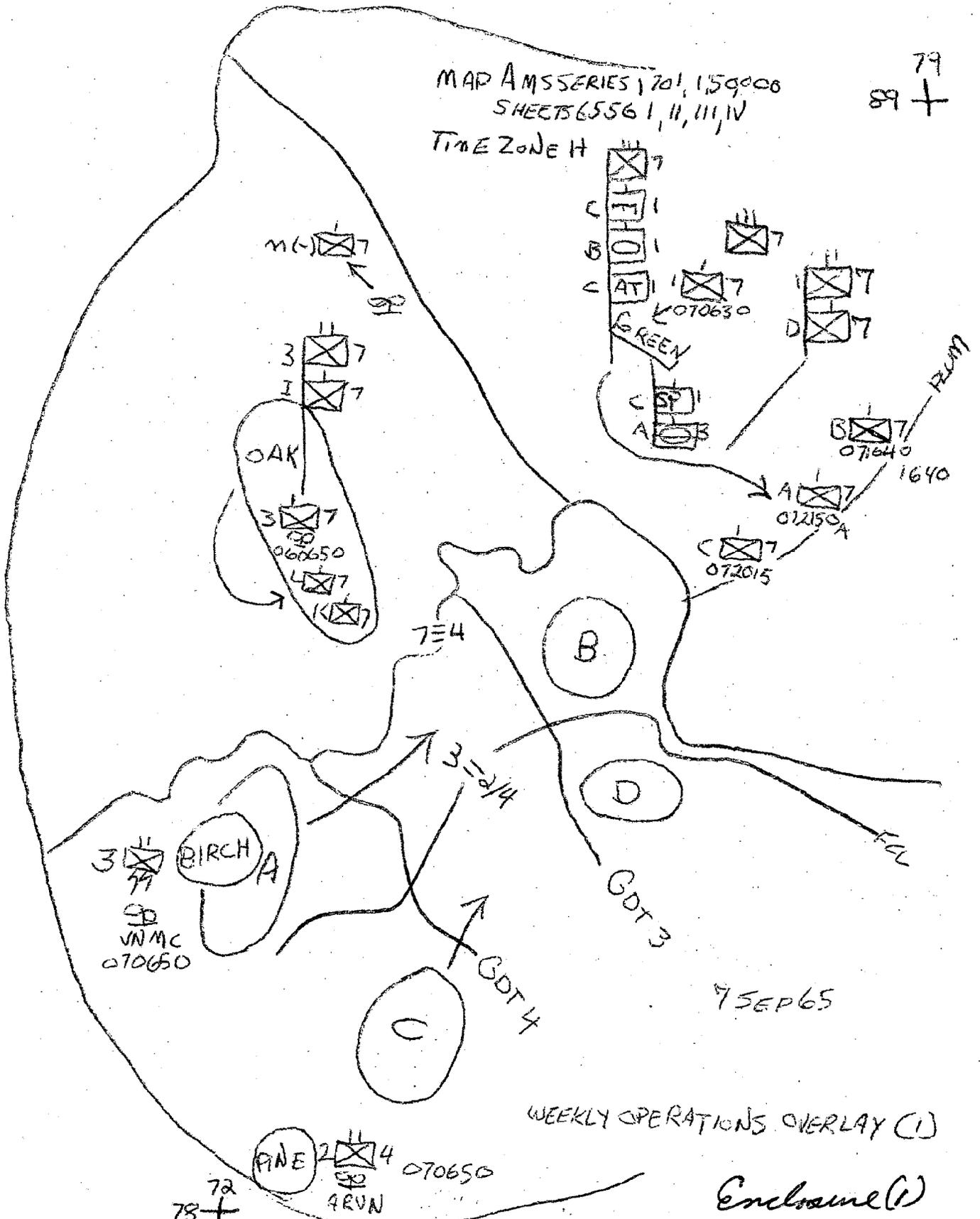
b. Total rounds 216

  
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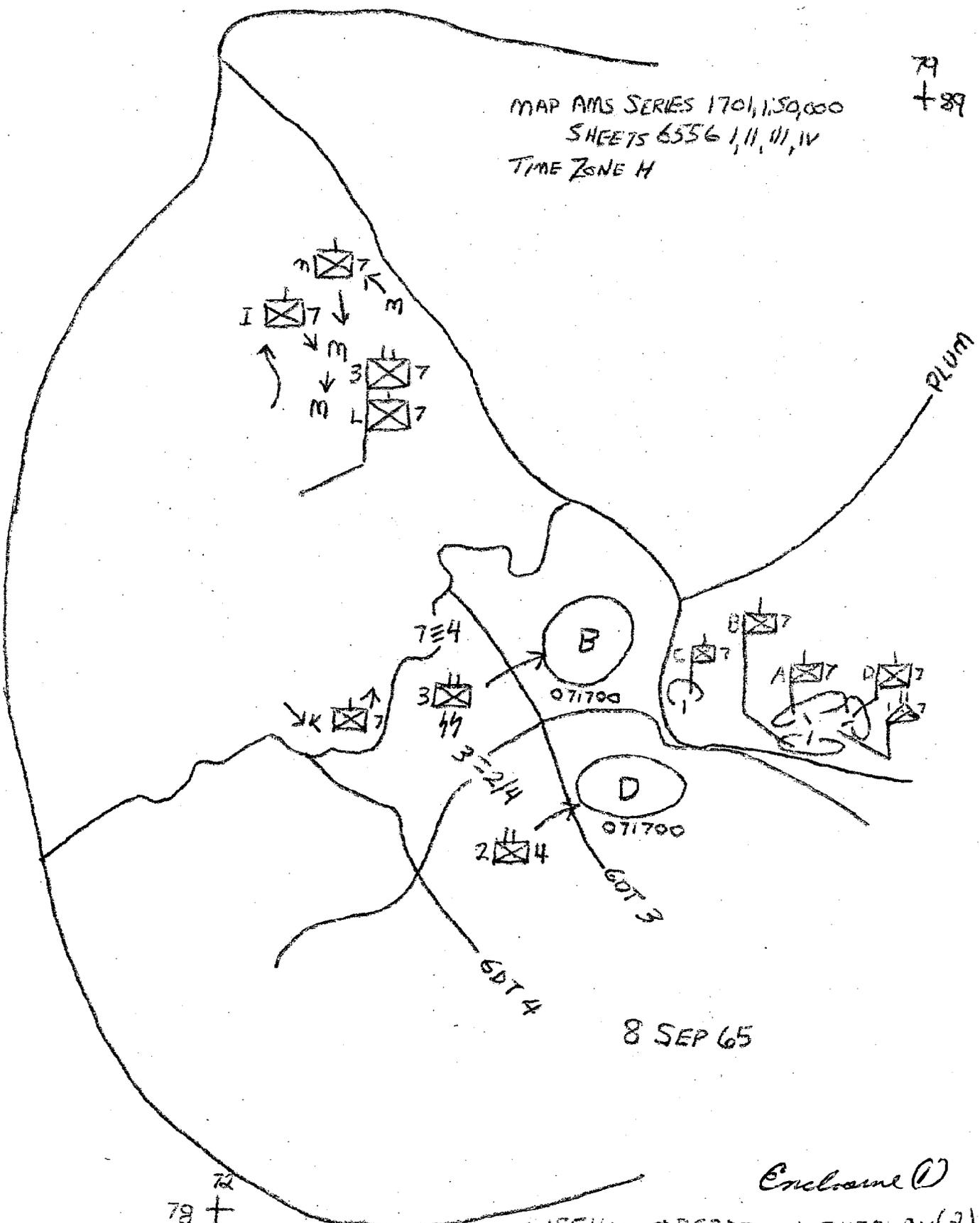
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Enclosure (1)

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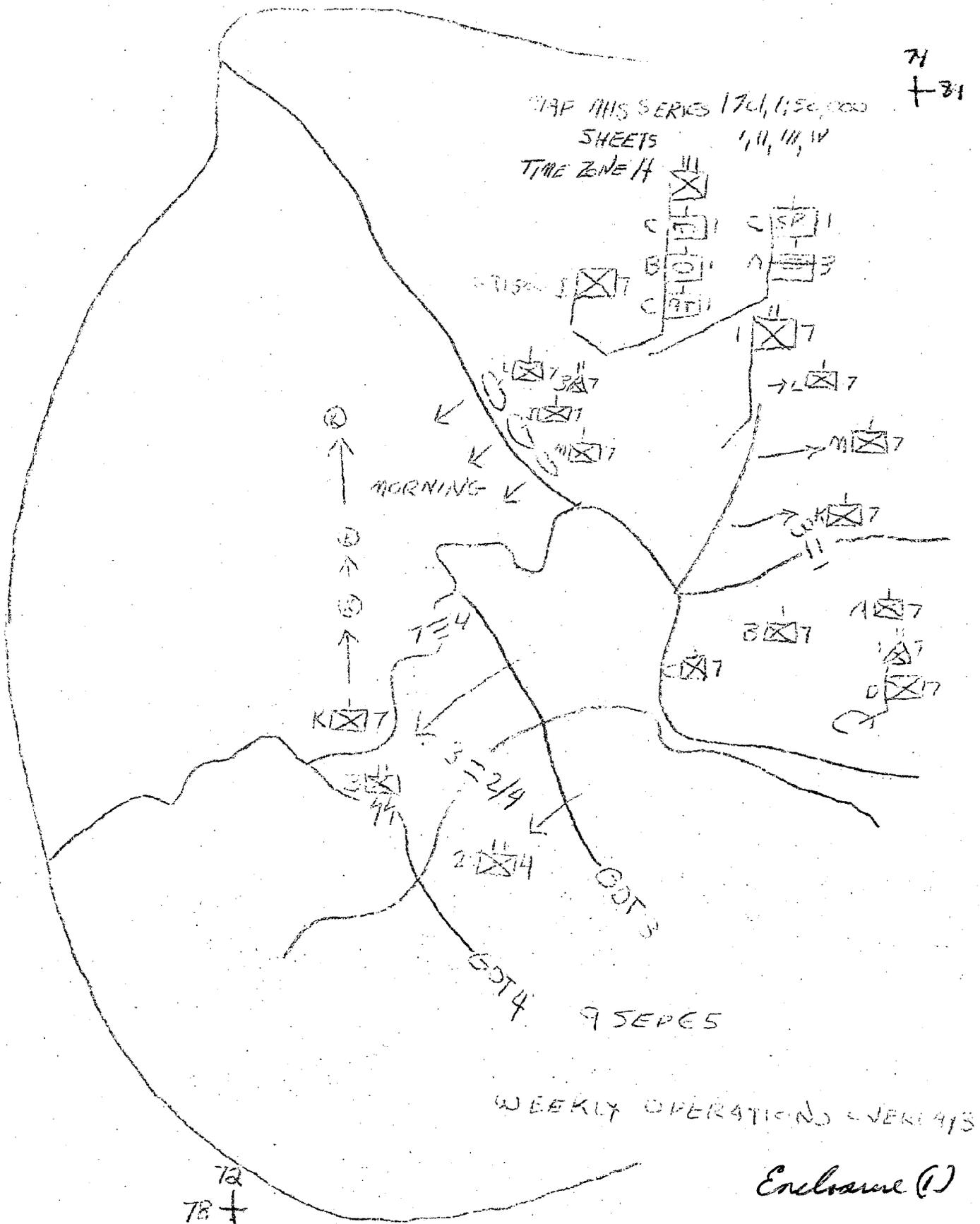
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WEEKLY OPERATIONAL CHECK (2)

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+ 31

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SHEETS 1, II, III, IV  
TIME ZONE H



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73 +

Enclosure (1)

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HEAD QUARTERS, AMF-7  
 3d Marine Division (Rein), MAF  
 c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

5/21/JJS  
 5170  
 15 Sept 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division  
 Subj: Weekly Operations Summary for period covering 131800Z - 171800Z  
 September 1965.

Encl: (1) Weekly Operations Overlay

1. Operations.

a. Summary of week's activities

- (1) At 110000Z September the last units of AMF-7 Headquarters and BDE 1/7 departed from assigned shipping at the Chu Lai enclave. 1/7 went immediately to its assigned positions on the Nam relieving units of 3/7 that had temporarily filled the gap on the Nam after being retracted from their zone of action in "Operation Piranha." After being relieved by 1/7, 3/7 resumed its position as the regimental reserve. On the 12th of September, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines resumed active deep patrolling in its assigned FAOR. The 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines assumed control of a portion of the Chu Lai Nam and deployed 3 rifle companies into position. Company I deployed to the Chu Lai airfield to provide a static defense and is now under the operational control of the 4th Marines. On the 13th of September the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines commenced "Operation Linger" by deploying a company in the vicinity of TAM AY (1) (BL 625004). The 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines developed their defensive positions, manned observation posts and conducted a patrol in their FAOR. On the 14th of September, the 7th Marines liaison officer to Binh Son returned to the regimental CP to develop closer coordination with the ARVN and AF and to improve upon present fire support techniques currently being analyzed. 1st Battalion, 7th Marines and 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines worked on establishing a mutually agreeable boundary between their respective FAORs. A crater analysis team from Battery I, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines investigated incoming rounds that 3/7 received last night and there were indications that they were definitely 105 incoming rounds. On the 15th of September the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines continued to man its assigned Nam positions and to conduct active, aggressive, patrolling in the assigned FAOR. Company C continued to conduct "Operation Linger." The 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines continued to improve its positions, man CPs and conduct reconnaissance patrols. On the 16th of September aggressive patrolling by Company C resulted in the capture of 5 VC. The 1st Platoon of Company C (Rein), 1st Reconnaissance Battalion was inserted at dusk by hoist in the Trung Han peninsula and established a CP at BL 624985.

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CONFIDENTIALb. summary of events(1) 1st Battalion, 7th Marines

On the 11th of September, after off-loading from assigned shipping Companies A, B and C assumed former positions on the MLI and Company C assumed the mission of the Battalion reserve. At 1116Z, Company A apprehended one VC who tried to walk through the MLI in the vicinity of BT 578032. Company C, conducting a motorized daylight patrol behind the MLI, exchanged small arms fire at 120838Z in the vicinity of BT 54-9023 with a sniper. The VC escaped and no weapons were found. Company A departed on "Operation BLIND" at 130529Z September 1965. The LVT's, with Company B embarked, commenced landing across Blue Beach at BT 62-3002 at 130615Z. The company immediately proceeded to establish a combat base on the hill vicinity BT 623004. The company found one booby trap, consisting of a hand grenade and a short trip wire, on the northwest slope of the hill with mine detector equipment. At 131550Z the company found a 20 year old female with 4 wounds on her back and effected a medical evacuation for her. On the 13th of September, Company B furnished a reinforced platoon as security to pick up a motor by helicopter on a beach at BT 761863. This operation went off without incident. At 140755Z, Company A was relieved by Company C and returned by LVTs to the MLI arriving back at 140825Z to relieve a composite company that had held its positions in its absence. Company B, conducting a day, platoon, combat patrol picked up 6 VCs vicinity of BT 6080-04. They were young males who looked suspicious and they had no I.D. cards. At 141815Z, Company B found 4 strands of defensive wire cut vicinity of BT 569025 and apprehended 2 VCs in the immediate area. Company C, continuing to conduct "Operation BLIND," apprehended 5 VCs and 1 VC in the vicinity of BT 624003. The company found an unoccupied cave at BT 625004, containing 1 M-1 carbine, 1 rifle grenade, 1 cartridge belt, communication wire, 1 M-19 battery and small arms ammunition. Company C interrogated the villagers in BAN NY (1) and apprehended 1 VC at 151000Z. At 151800Z a platoon from Company B out on a daylight combat patrol captured 3 VCs. Two VCs were captured at BT 611015 and one VC at BT 613983. The men were running and had to have a warning shot fired to stop them. The third one was found through routine checking of people in the area. At 161700Z, Company C found one M-19 grenade in a cave vicinity of BT 622012 and at the same time they were fired on by a sniper with a high powered rifle. The Company C and resupply helicopter received carbine and rifle fire in the vicinity of BT 624007. At 161800Z the company captured one wounded VC being carried by villagers on a stretcher covered by seven mats vicinity of BT 623014. At 161600Z the company apprehended 3 VCs in the vicinity of BT 623006. Throughout the day, Company C destroyed numerous fighting holes and caves in grid square BT 6200

(2) 3rd Battalion, 7th MarinesCONFIDENTIAL

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On the 11th of September Companies K, L and M were relieved on the MLR by companies of the 1st Battalion and they reverted to Regimental Reserve. At 121510h, Companies K, L and M completed moving into their respective positions on the MLR and began to consolidate their positions. On the 13th of September, Company I remained under the operational control of the 4th Marines. At 132200h, Company K received a probe of its lines at BF 529009. An illumination grenade was fired and one round from a rifle. Two persons were seen fleeing the area. The same night, Company L received 5 incoming artillery rounds 50 meters forward of their positions at BF 522002. At 141945h, Company I returned to the operational control of the 3rd Battalion. On the 14th, 15th and 16th of September, Companies K, L and M conducted extensive reconnaissance patrols with negative contact. At 171700h a patrol from Company K captured 1 VC and 2 VCS at BF 532995. (See Overlay).

(3) Company J (Rein), 1st Reconnaissance Battalion

(a) The 1st platoon was inserted at dusk on the 16th of September by helicopter into the Trung Phan Peninsula in grid square BF 6296. They established a CP/OP at BF 628983 and it is their intention to determine the supply/communication routes, both land and water, used by the VC to enter and exit the area. They will attempt to find specific areas used by the VC to stage and store supplies. At 170045, the platoon apprehended one woman who inhaled 300 into the platoon CP/OP. They detained her until nightfall when they moved the CP/OP. The platoon spent the day observing normal village action in Thuong Hoa 1, Ky Que (1), Binh Yen Mai (2) and monitored trail and river traffic in the area. At 171410h, small arms fire was received from 3 VC and they were last seen moving south in the vicinity of BF 633984.

3. Statistics(1) 1st Battalion, 7th Marines

(a) Enemy captured: 20 VCS, 2 VC

(2) 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines

(a) enemy captured: 1 VC, 2 VCS

(3) Artillery missions fired and rounds expended:

(a) Missions fired: 131

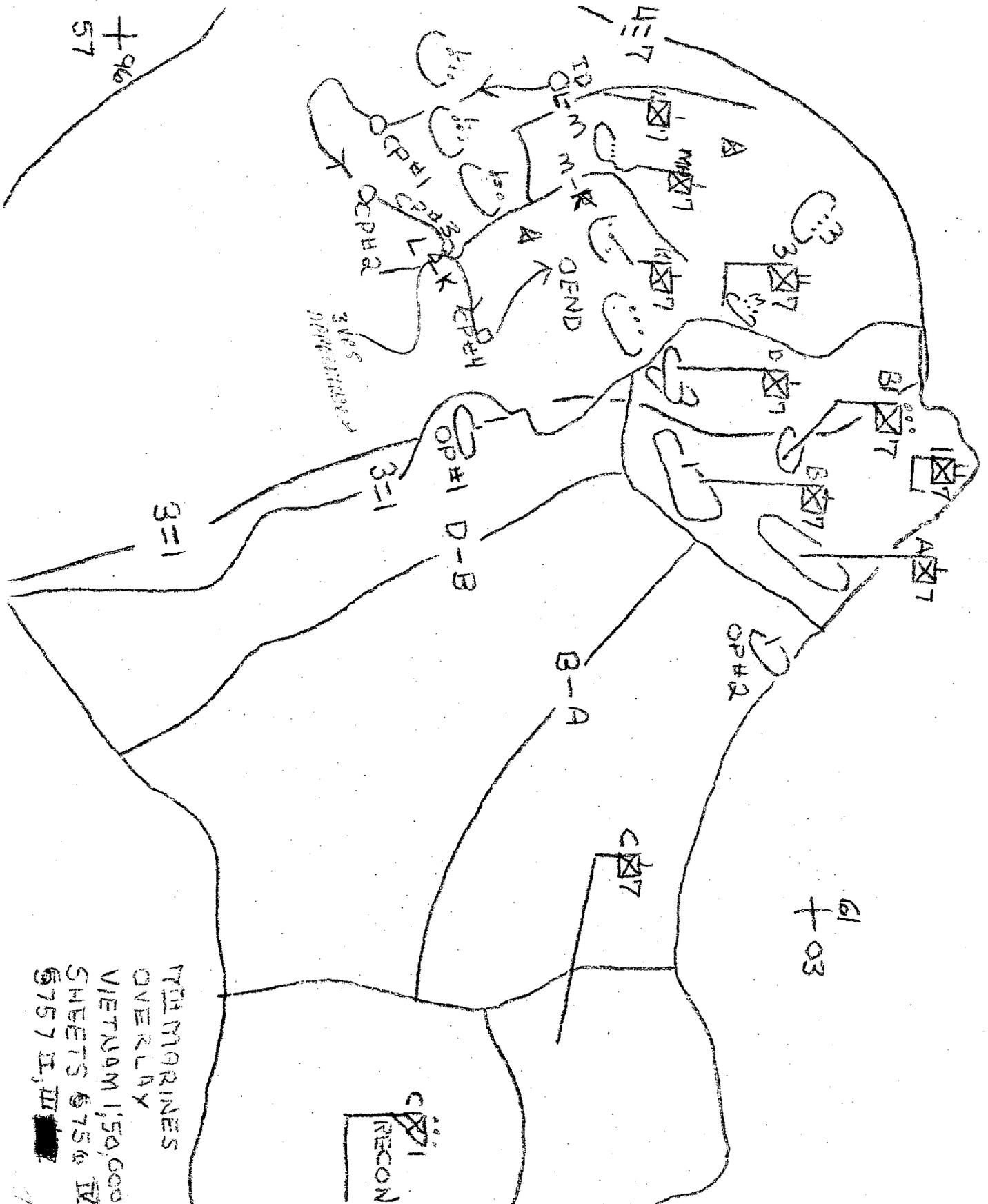
(b) Total rounds:

(1) Illumination: 50

(2) A.S. 922

(3) M1: 10

A. N. SWINNEY  
By Direction



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HEAD QUARTERS, RLTF-7  
 3rd Marine Division (Rein), MAF  
 c/o Fleet Post Office  
 San Francisco, California 96601

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 3120  
 25 Sept 65

From: Commanding Officer  
 To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division  
 Subj: Weekly Operations Summary for period covering 171000H to 241000H  
 September 1965  
 Encl: (1) Weekly Operation Overlay

1. Operations

a. Summary of week's activities

On the 18th September, the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines continued to man its assigned MLR positions and to conduct active aggressive patrolling in its assigned TADR. Company C, continued to conduct "Operation Zipper" in the vicinity of Tan Hy (1) at BF 623004. The 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines improved positions, manned observation posts and conducted reconnaissance patrols and ambushes within the TADR. On the 19th of September, a squad from Company D, proceeding to an ambush site, was taken under fire just as it departed the company lines. A Marine from Company I was wounded at 190700, returning from Binh Son on Highway 1. On the 20th of September, Company A relieved Company C in order to continue "Operation Zipper". Company C will assume the MLR positions of Company A. On the 21st of September, it became apparent that present weather conditions were impeding the foot movement of troops and limiting visibility. Amphibian tractors were used extensively to deploy troops. At 210630H a Marine from Company C was injured by an air burst at BF 572029. An investigation was conducted by D Battery, 4th Battalion, 11th Marines, who had been firing M+I fires on the Trung Phan Peninsula at BF 665992 using fuze quick, which are seldom prematurely detonated. Although an occurrence of this type is considered highly improbable, owing to the extreme weather conditions prevailing, the round may have been detonated by the rain, resulting in the air burst that superficially wounded the Marine. On the 22nd of September, Company A continued to conduct "Operation Zipper". Company D became stranded by flood waters and depended on the use of LVT's for mobility. Company G, 1st Engineer Battalion reported, that while attached to units participating in Operation Zipper they had destroyed 3 tank traps, 4 bunkers, 25 caves and 67 fighting holes over a period of week. The 3rd platoon of Company G, 1st Recon Battalion conducted an operation working from BS (504941) southeast to BS (512937). They noted several sightings of VC and VCC. At 221505H the platoon was ambushed at BS (512937). The first VC burst of fire killed 1 Marine and wounded 2 others. A village at BS (515935) opened up with automatic fire and two armed L's arrived within 40 minutes to expend all their ordnance on the village destroying it.

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At 221615H the platoon was extracted and it was <sup>CONFIRMED</sup> estimated that they had killed 17 VC with small arms fire. On the 24th of September, the 3rd Battalion completed the rotation of its companies on the MLB and Company A continued to conduct "Operation Zipper".

b. Summary of events

(1) 1st Battalion, 7th Marines

On the 18th of September, Company B furnished one security squad, for an AB team that was stationed in the village of Trung An (1) BT (594000), to be used against an expected 30 man VC attack and set up a platoon ambush east of the village. No VC attack materialized, Company B apprehended 17 VC at BT 620018 and found 1 pair ARVN boots, 1 ARVN shirt and 1 RV shirt in a cave at BT 623015. They destroyed 4 caves and 7 fighting holes, at BT 621016, BT 621008, BT 624006, BT 625005 and BT 625008. Two tank traps at BT 622008 and three bunkers at BT 626007 were destroyed. At 182335H Company C apprehended one VC woman cadre leader and 2 VCS at BS 620012. On the 19th of September Company D had a squad that was proceeding to a night ambush site fired upon by 6 VC at 190015H as the squad departed the company defensive perimeter. The squad immediately returned fire and assaulted the position. One Marine was later found to have a slight scalp wound and was attended by a corpsman. The action took place at BT 556013. There was an unconfirmed report that the squad had killed 2 VC. At 191530H Company A experienced sniper fire from Hai Minh (3) BT (587027). Fire was returned and a fire team deployed to investigate, returned, having found nothing. At 200855H Company A relieved Company C and took over the mission of "Operation Zipper". At 201500H Company A apprehended 1 VC at BT 622091. On the 21st of September, a Marine in Company C was slightly wounded at BT 572029 by an artillery air burst and was treated by the company corpsman. Continuing Operation Zipper, Company A captured 4 VCS at BT 651033 around 211100H. At 211105H, the company experienced sniper fire from BT 655035 and again at 211130H from BT 664033. The patrol returned fire and observed one wounded VC being helped away by his comrades. At 211200H the patrol encountered automatic weapons fire from BT 660027, again from across the river. The patrol returned fire and observed 2 wounded VC being helped away by their comrades. At 211228 three VC fired upon a Company A patrol from a rock pile at BT 647017. The patrol killed 1 VC and captured 6 rifle grenades, 2 homemade demolition charges and one document. At 211515H another Company A patrol ran into a VC patrol, killed 1 VC and captured 4 VC. At 221100H Company B sent out a patrol to meet and accompany Mr. LAR, Security Chief of Sinh Nghia, to apprehend 15 known VC. At 221300H in the vicinity of BS 613983, the patrol apprehended 4 women, 1 child and 5 men all VCS. At 232215H the Company D roadblock, at BT (554014), had one hand grenade thrown into its area. No casualties were sustained and there were negative results on trying to find the person or persons who had thrown the grenade.

(2) 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines

On the 18th of September at 0900, a reconnaissance patrol from Company I captured a VCS in the vicinity of BT (533988).

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At 182200 a patrol from Company K received an enemy hand grenade near BS (541009). The patrol fired 70 rounds in return without effect. There were no friendly casualties. At 190700 while returning from Binh Son, PFC ALLEN of Company I was wounded severely when he opened a booby trapped gate in the vicinity of BS (572962). He was evacuated by helicopter to "B" Med. At 192345 the 2nd Platoon of Company K saw 2 VCS with a flashlight in the vicinity of BT (539001). The platoon fired at the 2 VCS and the fire was returned. There were no friendly or enemy casualties. On the 20th of September, Company I had 6 fire teams deployed within the Battalion FAOR. Team 1 was observing Tri Binh (1) at BT (555988). Teams 4 and 7 were observing Nam Binh (1) at BT 536969 and Nam Binh (7) at BT (538960). Teams 2 and 3 were observing Nam Binh (4) at BT 564956. Team 6 was observing trail nets. At 200740H 4 Marines, including the company commander, were injured by a booby trapped grenade at BT (522971). The 4 Marines were evacuated to "B" Med and their prognosis is good. None of the wounds was serious. From the 21st through the 24th of September, the Battalion continued to conduct reconnaissance patrols and establish ambushes on several trail nets. By the 24th of September the Battalion had completed the realignment of its companies on the MLR.

c. Statistics(1) 1st Battalion, 7th Marines

(a) Enemy captured; VC-2, VCS-33.

(b) Material captured;

1 pair of ARVN boots.  
 1 ARVN shirt  
 1 PF shirt  
 6 rifle grenades  
 2 homemade demolition charges  
 1 document

(c) Enemy casualties

VC KIA - 3  
 VC KIA - 1

(d) Friendly casualties

Marine KIA - 3

(2) 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines

(a) Enemy captured; VCS - 1

(b) Friendly casualties; Marine KIA - 5

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## (3) Artillery missions fired and rounds expended:

(a) Missions fired: 183

(b) Total rounds: 1697

((1)) Illumination: 159

((2)) H. E.: 1372

((3)) W. P.: 230

d. Civil Affairs

During the week the Civil Affairs Team attached to Company C, conducting "Operation Zipper," set up and manned nine collection points. The team talked to the people and explained the Marines mission to a total of 215 men, 847 women and 1384 children. Over 450 people were treated by the corpsmen for various sores, infections, and other minor ailments. At 201015, the Regimental Civil Affairs Officer consulted with the District Chief at Binh Son to establish some form of regular sick call for the hamlets in the 1/7 TAOR. The Civil Affairs Team attached to Company A, conducting "Operation Zipper" treated the citizens of Son Tra (1) and (2) for skin diseases, colds, and lacerations. The team spent 5 hours on the 20th of September and 4 1/2 hours on the 22nd of September in the Hamlet of Son Tra (2). A total of 4 hours was spent working in the Hamlet of Son Tra (1). A total of 180 children and 70 adults were treated. The team collected all extra unused o-ration cans and distributed the food among the people. Company A conducted religious services in the Hamlets of Son Tra (1) and (2) on the 24th of September.

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POINTS OF ENEMY CONTACT

- (1) (BT 620018) - Company C apprehended 17 VCS at 170945H.
- (2) (BT 623015) - Company C found one pair ARVN boots, one ARVN shirt and one FF shirt, at 171555H.
- (3) (BT 533908) - Company I captured one VCS at 180900H.
- (4) (BT 620012) - Company C captured one VC woman cadre leader and 2 VCS at 182335H.
- (5) (BT 556013) - Company D fired on by 6 VC. 1 Marine WIA at 190015H.
- (6) (BS 572962) - One Marine from Co I WIA by booby trapped gate at 190700H.
- (7) (BT 541009) - Company K received one enemy hand grenade at 182200H.
- (8) (BT 587027) - Company A experienced sniper fire at 191530H.
- (9) (BT 533901) - Company K sought 2 VCS w/flashlight and firefight ensued at 192345H.
- (10) (BT 622019) - Company A captured one VC at 201500H.
- (11) (BT 572029) - Company G Marine WIA by air burst at 210630H.
- (12) (BT 522971) - Company I, 4 Marines WIA, by booby trapped grenade at 200740H.
- (13) (BT 640016) - Company A patrol ran into a VC patrol and killed one VC and captured 4 VC at 211515H.
- (14) (BT 651035) - Company A captured 4 VCS at 211100H.
- (15) (BT 660027) - Company A wounded 2 VC at 211200H.
- (16) (BT 647017) - Company A patrol killed 1 VC and captured 6 rifles <sup>GRENADES</sup> and 2 homemade demolition charges and one document at 211200H.
- (17) (BS 613905) - <sup>ACCOMPANIED</sup> ~~A~~ Company by Mr. LAM, Co B patrol apprehended 10 VCS at 221300H.

ENCLOSURE (1)

HEADQUARTERS RL7-7  
3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
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2 Oct 1965

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commanding General, 3rd Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
Subj: Weekly Operations Summary for period covering 241800H September to  
011800H October 1965  
Encl: (1) Weekly Operations Overlay

1. Operations.

a. Summary of Week's Activities.

On the 25th of September, the 1st Battalion and the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines continued to man their assigned MLR positions and to conduct active, aggressive patrolling in the TAOR. The 1st Battalion ended Operation ZIPPER and began Operation HARDROCK with the movement of Company A at 250000H from its combat base located at BT 623003. Operation HARDROCK had the mission to search and clear the northeastern portion of the THRUONG PHAN Peninsula and to destroy any caves, tunnels or fortifications encountered. On the 26th of September at 0641H, Company B was helilifted into the THRUONG PHAN Peninsula to participate in Operation HARDROCK. The 1st Battalion, 7th Marines left their portion of the MLR at CHU LAI to be guarded by Companies C and D and a reinforced platoon from Company L, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. The 1st Battalion modified all patrolling in order to support Operation HARDROCK. On the 27th of September, Operation HARDROCK continued as the destruction of enemy fortifications slowed the momentum of the operation. At 271128H, Company A was retracted from the operation by LVT's and returned to the Battalion CP. The 3rd Battalion continued to conduct aggressive patrolling to the far border of its TAOR. On the 28th of September, Company B continued Operation HARDROCK, searching and clearing several tunnels and caves. On the 29th of September both battalions continued to conduct patrols with limited contacts made. Company B continued Operation HARDROCK, searching caves and picking up VC suspects. At 291745H RL7-7 Headquarters alerted the ready striking force of the 3rd Battalion to be ready to reinforce the 3rd Platoon, Company C, 1st Reconnaissance Battalion which had been operating in the TAOR and had been taken under fire by the VC. A platoon from Company L was helilifted at 291825H to reinforce the reconnaissance unit and became the first such unit ever to reinforce reconnaissance elements outside the Chu Lai enclave. On the 30th of September, the battalions continued their active patrolling within the TAOR. Company B continued Operation HARDROCK, searching and clearing caves and fortifications. On the 1st of October, active patrolling was again conducted with negative results. The 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines made their final preparations for Operation QUICKDRAW scheduled to begin on the 3rd of October. However, on D-1, the 2nd of October, two reinforced platoons will move into a harbor site as part of the operation.

b. Summary of Events.(1) 1st Battalion, 7th Marines

On the 25th of September, Company C furnished a platoon to provide security for Vietnamese rice harvesters at BT 610017. At 250000H, Company A departed the combat base located at BT 623005 and proceeded as ordered in Operation HARDROCK to BT 663031 arriving there at 251300H. At 251600H Company A captured one VC in a house at BT 663034. At 251705H Company A experienced heavy sniper fire from an automatic weapon and several M-1's in the vicinity of BT 663028. Company A established its CP at BT 659037, and at 260625H occupied its objective BT 653037 through BT 662029. Company B was relieved of its MLR positions at 251755H. Company C assumed a portion of the Company B MLR positions and was reinforced with a rifle platoon from Company L, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. Company B relieved Company B of the right one-third of its MLR positions. Company B was helilifted to landing Zone BEECH vicinity of BT 676005 at 260645H. No resistance was encountered and Company B proceeded north. At 260910H, Company B passed Phase Line APPLE enroute to Phase Line PEARL. At 260950H Company B commenced a search and clear of the hamlet, DONG TE at BT 672016. At 261345H Company A encountered and made arrangements for a wounded civilian at BT 659037 to be evacuated to the BAS for medical treatment. At 261445H the 2nd Platoon of Company A conducted a search and clear of a village at BT 663014 with negative results. At 261925H, Company A established blocking positions for the night at BT 659038. At 261345H, Company B destroyed a cave and entrenchments, vicinity of BT 660023. Company D captured a total of nine VCS at BT 6701, BT 6702 and BT 67009 and destroyed them at 261600H. *Co B discovered VC caves at BT 672009* Company B established positions for the night along Phase Line PEARL at 261925H. At 261850H, Company D at OP #1 dispatched a fire team to investigate a reported VC at BT 554992 observing OP #1. The fire team observed and pursued two VC who were armed but darkness fell and they were never caught. Company A was retracted by LVT's and at 271120H they were at an assembly area, BT 575029, ready to assume their original MLR positions. At 271130H, Company B captured six VCS hiding along the sea cliffs at BT 673054. At 271630H, Company B apprehended two VCS who were hiding in a rock pile at BT 678025. At 271930H Company B established its base camp at BT 671027. Company A relieved Company C on the left one-third of the MLR at CHU LAI at 281630H. Company C assumed the center one-third of the MLR and Company D the right one-third. At 280830H a cave was found by Company B that had been reinforced with metal and bamboo stakes at BT 654044. At 281600H, Company B captured a VC at BT 677012. ~~Company C reported that at BT 669012.~~ Company C reported that at BT 566018, thirty meters to their front, a hand grenade exploded. Illumination was fired and no contacts made. At 291140H, Company B apprehended one VC, without an ID card, who was hiding in a house at BT 659028. A Company B patrol received sniper fire from six VC at BT 669009. The patrol crossed the river in pursuit but failed to make further contact. At 291755H a Company B patrol received light sniper fire from BT 653012. An investigation of the area turned up one spider trap, four feet by three feet, with a grass and wood cover. Operation HARDROCK continued on the 30th of September and the 1st of October with negative results. The remainder of the battalion continued its active aggressive patrolling.

(2) 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

Company K dispatched a squad size patrol at 251145 to apprehend five VCS; two women, one girl, one man and one boy. They were picked up at BT 523026 and delivered to the POW compound. At 251400H a fire team patrol from Company K apprehended four VCS at BS 515006 who were evacuated to the Regimental POW compound. Patrol "Kianet" a reinforced platoon size ambush from Company K, received small arms fire at BS 556992. At 261845H. Fire was returned with negative results. No friendly casualties were sustained. A platoon size reconnaissance/ambush patrol from Company K received small arms fire from five or six armed men at 270100H dressed in black and wearing straw hats at BS 511973. The patrol returned fire and the VC fled, leaving behind a wallet, an overlay, documents and sandals. At 271000H the platoon from Company L that had been under the operational control of the 1st Battalion was returned to the 3rd Battalion. At 282245H, vicinity of BS 510995, trip flares were set off and one Vietnamese male was sighted. Company I fired at him but he escaped. At 291745H, the ready striking force, Company L, was alerted to stand by to support the 3rd Platoon, Company G, 1st Recon Battalion which had been hit by VC in the RACH. At 1825H one platoon from Company L was helilifted out of the Battalion CP and at 1840H they touched down in the vicinity of BS 477969 where the recon elements were located. At 291850H another platoon of Company L was committed and operational control passed from the Commanding Officer, 7th Marines to the Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines. The two platoons from Company L and the reconnaissance platoon set up in a perimeter defense in the vicinity of BS 477966. All elements returned to the 3rd Battalion CP at 300715H. There were no friendly casualties. The battalion conducted extensive patrolling during the rest of the reporting period.

c. Statistics

(1) 1st Battalion, 7th Marines

(a) Enemy captured; VCS - 22

(2) 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines

(a) Enemy captured; VCS - 9

(b) Material captured;

1 wallet  
1 overlay  
Documents  
1 pair of sandals

(3) Artillery Missions Fired and Rounds Expended.

(a) Missions fired: 194

(b) Total rounds: 1899

1 HE - 1577

2 Illum - 175

3 LUP - 147

d. Civil Affairs.

At 251300H a Company C patrol treated a 16 year old Vietnamese girl at BT 612011 for a leg wound inflicted by VC in July 1965 when she tried to warn a Marine patrol from 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines. She was evacuated to "B" Med for proper treatment. At 261300H Company A found a male civilian at BT 659037, injured during an artillery strike. He had shrapnel in his left buttocks. He was delivered to the BAS by helicopter and will be returned after treatment. On the 29th of September, the 1st Battalion completed the initial liaison with the hamlet chiefs of TRUNG AN (1) and (2) regarding a proposed Civil Affairs program to be conducted in the two villages. The program will include medical care and clothing issues and will commence on 1 October 1965.

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POINTS OF ENEMY CONTACT

- (1) (BT 610017) - Company C provided a platoon for Vietnamese rice harvesters 25 Sep 65.
- (2) (BT 605054) - Company A captured 1 VCS in a house at 251600H.
- (3) (BT 663028) - Company A received sniper fire at 251705H.
- (4) (BT 659037) - Company A encountered a wounded civilian at 261345H.
- (5) (BT 660023) - Company B destroyed a cave and entrenchments at 261345H.
- (6) (BT 6701,6702,6703) - Company B captured 9 VCS while searching and clearing on the 26th of September.
- (7) (BT 670009) - Company B destroyed 7 caves at 261600H.
- (8) (BT 554992) - One VC seen observing Company A OP #1 at 261050H.
- (9) (BT 673054) - Company B captured six VCS hiding in sea cliffs at 271130H.
- (10) (BT 670025) - Company B apprehended two VCS in a rock pile at 271630H.
- (11) (BT 654044) - Company B found a reinforced cave at 280830H.
- (12) (BT 677012) - Company B captured a VCS at 281600H.
- (13) (BT 566018) - Company C reported a hand grenade exploded to their direct front, at 281900H.
- (14) (BT 659028) - Company B apprehended 1 VCS without an ID card in a house at 291140H.
- (15) (BT 669009) - Company B patrol received sniper fire from six VC.
- (16) (BT 653012) - Company B patrol discovered a spider trap at 291755H after receiving sniper fire.
- (17) (BS 523026) - Company K patrol apprehended five VCS at 251145H.
- (18) (BS 513006) - Company K patrol apprehended four VC at 251400H.
- (19) (BS 511973) - Company K patrol fired upon by 6 VC wearing straw hats at 270100H. Wallet, documents, and overlay captured.
- (20) (BS 510995) - Trip flares set off and Vietnamese seen fleeing area at 282245H.
- (21) (BS 477969) - Reconnaissance platoon fired at by VC at 291515H.

ENCLOSURE (1)

P 250750Z

FM SEVENTH MARINES  
TO THIRD BN SEVENTH MARINES  
BT

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FRAG ORDER NO 3-65 TO OP ORD 327-65  
DURING OPERATION HARDROCK, PLACE ONE RIFLE PLATOON REINFORCED  
WITH ONE SQUAD OF MACHINE GUNS AND ONE SQUAD OF 3.5 INCH ROCKET  
LAUNCHERS ALL FROM THE REGIMENTAL RESERVE UNDER THE OPERATIONAL  
CONTROL OF THE FIRST BATTALION, SEVENTH MARINES. THE DATES FOR  
THIS OPERATION ARE THE 26TH, 27TH AND 28TH OF SEPTEMBER  
INCLUSIVE. DIRECT LIAISON AUTHORIZED.  
BT

TOD: 23/1000Z/SEPT/65/2/143/PB/

CO	_____
XO	_____
S-1	_____
S-2	_____
S-3	_____
S-4	_____
S.L. SERV.	_____
M. T.	_____
COMM.	_____

"HAS BEEN SENT"

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SECRET

ENCLOSURE(2)

**SECRET**

P 240957  
FM SEVENTH MARINES  
TO 1ST RECON BNT  
RECON GROUP ALPHA  
P 240937  
FM SEVENTH MARINES  
TO FIRST BN SEVENTH MARINES  
THIRD BN SEVENTH MARINES  
BT

CO \_\_\_\_\_  
XO \_\_\_\_\_  
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S-2 \_\_\_\_\_  
S-3 \_\_\_\_\_  
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M. T. \_\_\_\_\_  
COMM. \_\_\_\_\_

**S E C R E T**

FRAG ORDER NO 4-65 TO OPORD 377-65

1. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ADDRESSEES WILL DESIGNATE ONE PLAT REIN WITH AN FO CAPABILITY, TO BE ON A 20 MIN ALERT TO BE REINIFIED TO THE ASSISTANCE OF RECON PATROLS WHO HAVE ENCOUNTERED VC WITHIN OR NEAR RESPECTIVE BN TAOP'S
2. ADDITIONALLY, DESIGNATE ONE PLAT TO BE PLACED ON 20 MIN ALERT TO BE DESPATCHED OVERLAND TO REIN RECON PATROLS IN OR NEAR RESPECTIVE TAOP'S.
3. IN THE EVENT REIN IS REQUIRED, THE PATROL WILL PROVIDE THIS HEADQUARTERS WITH A S-A-L-U-T-E REPORT PLUS THE PATROL'S

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4. LOCATION, A RECOMMENDED PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE LZ AND A RECOMMENDATION TO REINFORCE THE PATROL OR ATTACK THE ENEMY.
5. EACH DESIGNATED ALERT PLAT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH NECESSARY RADIO EQUIPMENT TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PATROL AND CALL SUPPORTING ARMS.
6. UPON DESIGNATION, EACH PLAT WILL BE THOROUGHLY BRIEFED ON THE PATROLS ROUTE, MISSION AND RADIO FREQUENCIES.
7. COMMITMENT OF THE PLATS WILL BE MADE BY THIS HEADQUARTERS AND INITIATED IN THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE PASSED TO BN'S BY THE FASTEST COMM MEANS AVAILABLE
  - LOCATION OF FPEINDLY UNIT
  - SIZE OF ENEMY FORCE
  - LOCATION OF ENEMY FORCE
  - UNIT DESIGNATION, IF KNOWN
  - TIME SIGHTED
  - EQUIPMENT, TO INCLUDE WEAPONS, NUMBER AND TYPE
  - LANDING ZONES, PRIMARY AND ALTERNATE
  - ATTACK OR REINFORCE
8. REPORT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS CURRENT DESIGNATION OF ASSIGNED PLATS AND HELICOPTER PICK UP ZONES.
9. THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL ARRANGE FOR SUFFICIENT HELICOPTERS AVAILABILITY TO SUPPORT ABOVE PLAN.

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BT TOD: 0320H/25 Sep 65 / 147/TM

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**SECRET**

ENCLOSURE (2)

UNIT: RLT-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 010100H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 302400 H SEP 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
0100		1	010100H	FM 1/7: B-2 patrol returned-no en contact	S-F
0200		2	010200H	FM 1/7: Sqd size patrol left area	S-F
0615		3	010615H	FM 1/7: B-4 patrol returned-neg contact	S-F
0630		4	010630H	FM 1/7: A-13 patrol returned-neg contact	S-F
0710		4	010710H	FM 1/7: Bravo & Delta patrols returned-negative contact	S-F
0715		6	010715H	FM 1/7: Booth Delta patrol departed.	S-F
0845		7	010845H	FM 3rd AmTracs: 15 to 20 fishing boats are going about 200 yds from beach. Req permission to go and drive them further out.	S-F
0850		8	010850H	FM 1/7: Req info on sending out company size patrols & what degree of planning has to be turned in 72 hrs in advance. As of 0830 the Junk Fleet within 400 meters from our shore line; have set AT on beach	S-M-F
0855		9	010855H	TO 3/7: ADC wants coords of your positions.	S-F
0955		10	010955H	TO 3rdAmTracs. Re fishing boats off shore line-negative on driving them off-boats are permitted within 100yds off shore. Info 1/7	S-F
1010		11	011010H	FM 1/7: As of 0930 D Co roadblock reported 76 ARVN troops, 1 mite, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ trks, and 2 dump trucks travelling northbound.	S-F
1105		12	011105H	FM 1/7: D Co 2nd platoon patrol returned - no contact.	S-F
2115		13	012115H	FM 3rdMarDiv: activity at coords BS 593097 (Trung An )1). 1/7 notified and sending out plt (-) incl interpreter.	S-M-F
2135		14	012135H	FM 1/7: There is a friendly unit location at 754832.	S-M-F
2300		15	012300H	FM 1/7: D-3 returned- negative contact.	S-F
0120		16	020120H	FM 1/7: B-2 patrol returned-no contact	S-F
0150		17	020150H	FM 1/7: Co D patrol reports at 0030H coords BT 573972 observed <del>NO</del> fire by fracer from left front 3000 meters. Portion of spot rep.	S-M-F
0650		18	020630H	FM 1/7: Deta platoon patrol returned-no contact.	S-M-F
0900		19	020900H	FM 1/7: About 50 children attempting to sell articles to Marines & approx 30 on the beach side of Route I and 20 on the other side.	S-M-F
1020		20	021430H	FM 1/7: D-2 patrol returned - neg results	S-F
1430		21	021430H	FM 1/7: Patrol from Co A in Vinh An (1) & (2) were informed by local militia of 4 VC and 1 VCS. All 5 men taken to Bn POW compound for further interrogation by S-2.	S-M-F
1810		22	021810H	FM 1/7: Co B unconfirmed sniper fire, req helo. Friendly KIA 1; WIA 2	S-F

UNIT: RL7-7 5-3  
 OPENED: 021830H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED:

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
1830		23	021830H	FM 1/7: Fire team occupying small hill overlooking Vinh An (1) village. Fire team leader stepped on a release type grenade boobytrap. Realizing this, he told his men to take cover, which they did. The team leader then stepped off the mine and was killed. Two men wounded. Halo evac completed 1820H.	S-M-F
1930		24	021930H	FM 1/7: B-2 patrol has departed area.	S-F
2242		25	022242H	FM 1/7: VC battalion at 576961.	S-M-F
2330		26	022330H	FM 1/7: Req artillery on 576961. Permission granted.	S-M-F
2400		27	022400H	FM 1/7: Patrol B-2 returned on time w/negative contact.	S-F
0810		28	030010H	FM 1/7: D-1 patrol departed this area	S-F
0500		29	030500H	FM 1/7: Patrol A-14 returned-no contact	S-F
0650		30	030630H	FM 3rdMarDiv: CG will arrive either ADC or 7thMar. He will be at one position at 0900H and leave for the other at 1300H.	S-F
0830		31	030830H	FM 3/12: Btry A observed 8 men in black-one in white all armed at BT 556038 moving north. Assigned 1/7 for action.	S-F
0842		32	030842H	FM 4thMar: AO morning sweep of area reports 500 people at 586948.	S-M-F
1135		33	031135H	FM 1/7: Patrol looking for 8 VCS in black and 1 in white have returned w/neg results	S-F
1745		34	031745H	FM 1/7: A 19 yr old farmer coming to booth CP for questioning.	S-F
1810		35	031810H	FM 3/3. 4thMar req info to possible arty or air strike in area south of Hill 213.	S-F
1930		36	031910H	FM 3/3: Re 4th Mar req negative arty or a/s in area south of Hill 213.	S-F
2100		37	032100H	FM 4thMar: Picked up in HCo area a PFC Gerald OSBORNE, 210935. He did not know where he was going or where he had come from. He had a weapon, pack, helmet & 5 magazines. 2/4 will keep tonight and return to 4th Mar tomorrow. H/2/4 Co Cdr asked if he knew he could get hurt in that area, OSBORNE said no, "the Lord was with him".	S-F
2245		38	032245H	FM 1/7: B-1 patrol returned-neg contact	S-F
2350		39	032350H	FM 1/7: Patrol B-3 returned-neg contact	S-F
0040		40	040040H	FM 1/7: Patrol A-18 returned-neg contact	S-F
1750		41	041750H	FM 4thMar: District chief req to have arty fired from 050100H to 050400H at following coordinates 581951-579948-578943.	S-F

UNIT: RLT-7 3-3  
 OPENED: 041920H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED:

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
1920		42	041920H	FM 1/7: B-1 patrol departed.	S-F
	1925	43	041925H	TO 4thMar: Permission granted on arty request by District Chief.	S-F
1940		44	041940H	FM 1/7: Body observed submerged in surf. Will attempt to retrieve at this time. Guards are posted at this time near location. Muster now being taken. CO, 3dAntracs sending 2 LVT8s to retrieve body.	S-F
2150		45	042150H	FM 2/4: Will be setting of Fugas at 2000 and at 0100 vicinity of our CP. Pass to units on left flank.	S-F
2400		46	042400H	FM 1/7: Body of individual seen submerged in surf - too dark to retrieve.	S-F
0206		47	050206H	FM 1/7: Patrol B-1 returned-neg contact.	S-F
0345		48	050345H	FM 1/7: B-2 patrol returned-neg results.	S-F
0630		49	050645H	FM 1/7: B-4 patrol returned-neg contact.	S-F
0835		50	050835H	FM 1/7: Req you inquire as to when our FAC will return from Iwakuni in time for operation 6 September.	S-F
1025		51	051025H	FM 1/7: 3/3 has started movement to board the LPH.	S-F
1225		52	051225H	FM 1/7: As of now-have ceased all patrol activity.	S-F
1425		53	051425H	FM 1/7: Elements of 3/4 arrived our psn. Presently taking over our positions.	S-M-F
1500		54	051500H	FM 3rdMarDiv: ARVN units operating tonight at 583959 to 586948. Permission granted District Chief to fire artillery at 581950, 579948, 579946.	S-F
2243		55	052243H	FM 1/7: Approx 5 miles from SE of 1/7 CP large volume of auto fire heard. Blasts lasting over 10 minutes in duration, flashing not visible. No action taken.	S-M-F
	2250	56	052250H	TO RLT-7 Task Org: Change #1 to OpOrd 323-65.	S-M-F
0900		57	050900H	RLT-7 CP displaced from Chulai enclave to USS BAYFIELD (APA-33). ETA approx 1000.	S-F
	0945	58	060945H	TO 3rdMarDiv: ARVN -Chulai CO, RLT-7 - CO, 4thMar aboard BAYFIELD.	S-F
1000		59	061000H	FM WHITEFIELD. LVTP-5 out of commission ashore. Faulty oil radiator.	S-F
1005		58	061005H	FM USS TOM GREEN TO CTG 76.3. Improve line of fire in relation to troop movement.	S-F
1051		59	061051H	FM USS TOM GREEN. 1 LVT from 2nd wave down.	S-F
1157		60	061157H	FM USS PRINCETON: Communications for casualty reporting established.	S-F
	1208	61	061208H	FM USS BAYFIELD: Sailing report.	S-F
	1214	62	061214H	FM RLT-7 to 1/7, 3/3/7, 3/11. Intel report	S-F
1402		63	061402H	FM Embark Team 1B: CICTA report	S-F

UNIT: RLT-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 061516H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED:

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
1516		64	061516H	FM USS PRINCETON: Report communications established for casualty reports.	S-M
2200		65	062200H	TO 1/7,3/3: Aerial Photography Report	S-F
0210		66	070210H	FM USS PRINCETON: Report of non-battle casualty.	S-F
	0745	67	070745H	TO 3rdMarDiv: Sport Report	S-F
	0930	68	070930H	TO 3rdMarDiv: Present CP location	S-F
1045		69	071045H	FM 3/7: More civilians in 3/7 area	S-M-F
1046		70	071046H	FM 1/7: CP located 759861	S-M-F
1100		71	071100H	FM 1/7: Casualty report through 1100H.	S-F
1110		72	071110H	FM CG 3rdMarDiv: Report front line disposition Report ARVN advance.	S-F
1120		73	071120H	FM 3/7: Spot Rep	S-F
1150		74	071150H	TO 3rdMarDiv: 7thMar Sit Rep #1	S-F
1155		75	071155H	FM ARVN Im0. Obj A & C have been secured.	S-F
1209		76	071200H	FM 1/7: Have landed at White Beach	S-F
1210		77	071210H	FM 1/7: Will clear Chau Me (2). Expect resistance.	S-M-F
1215		78	071215H	FM TacLog: 4 LVT's on way to your ship to load serials 002-003.	S-M-F
1217		79	071217H	FM 1/7: Co B moving to occupy Obj Foxtrot	S-M-F
1230		80	071230H	FM CG RLT-7: Have assumed command ashore.	S-M-F
1232		81	071232H	TO 3/3,1/7,3/7: Land all remaining elements 7thMar CP groups ASAP.	S-M-F
1235		82	071235H	TO 1/7: Req Plat Leader as BSA Security Plat	S-M-F
1240		83	071240H	TO 7thMar: Alpha Command Group departed BAYFIELD.	S-F
	1250	84	071250H	RLT-7 Cmd Group Alpha arrived RLT-7 CP.	S-F
	1300	85	071300H	TO 1/7,3/3, 3/7: Req psns report	S-F
	1350	86	071350H	TO 7thMarRear: Comm is in. Req depart for beach ASAP.	S-F
1415		87	071415H	FM 3/7: At 1320H helilifted elms of Co M.	S-F
1555		88	071555H	FM 3/7: Situation Report	S-F
1620		89	071620H	FM 3/7: Pan Rpt CP & 81mmMortars	S-F
1657		90	071657H	FM COMPHIBRON-7: Req info on disposition of U.S. and ARVN units.	S-F
1745		91	071745H	FM 3/11: Present CP locations.	S-F
1750		92	071750H	FM 1/7: 1/7 new CP location.	S-M-F
	1755	93	071755H	TO 3rdMarDiv: Sit Rep #2	S-M-F
1821		94	071821H	FM 3/7: Completed search & clear opn of Phouc.	S-M-F
1955		95	071955H	FM 1/7: Position report	S-M-F
2030		96	072030H	FM 1/7: Co A on way to occupy Objective.	S-M-F
	2140	97	072140H	TO 1/7,3/7: Send Sit Repts immediately.	S-F
2142		98	072142H	FM 1/7: Reached Objective.	S-M-F

UNIT: RLT-7 3-3  
 OPENED: 072200H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED:

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
	2200	99	072200H	TO 3rdMarDiv: SitRep #3	S-F
2230		100	072230H	FM 3/7: Co M reports incoming mortars (3) via 737877.	S-F
2300		101	072300H	FM 3/7: Sit Rep	S-M-F
2305		102	072305H	FM 1/7: Co A has reached objective.	S-M-F
2355		103	072355H	TO 3rdMarDiv: 3 1/7 will have security patrols between the SW edge of Objective.	S-M-F
	0125	104	080125H	TO 1/7,3/7: Regt Tac Net down. Pass Sit Reps over Command Net. Info 3rdMarDiv	S-F
	0155	105	080155H	TO 1/7,3/7: Regt Tack Net up. Info 3rdMarDiv	S-F
	0245	106	080245H	TO 1/7: Req SitRep for period 072100 to 080100	S-F
0300		107	080300H	FM 1/7: Sit Rep - no change. CP's remain the same. No en contact. All quiet.	S-F
	0310	108	080310H	TO 3rdMarDiv: SitRep #4	S-M-F
0500		109	080500H	FM 1/7: SitRep: Co J in position ready to carry out mission.	S-F
0537		110	080537H	FM 3/7: Sit Rep:	S-F
0645		111	080645H	FM 3/7 ALO: Req recon a/c to land in LZ SPARROW.	S-F
0708		112	080708H	FM COMPHIBRON-7: Req 0800 pens of Marine & ARVN forces and every 6 hrs thereafter.	S-F
0716		113	080716H	FM 3/7: Tank traps located at 732	S-F
0725		114	080725H	FM 1/7: Position overlay.	S-F
	0730	115	080730H	TO 1/7,3/7: Req you send us operational summary and overlays.	S-F
	0815	116	080815H	FM ARVN LnO: VNMC pens at 725810.	S-F
0830		117	080830H	FM 1/7: Pens as follows CP at 773854; Co B 788862; Co A 788862; C Co 776843; Co D 772852.	S-F
0905		118	080905H	FM 1/7: Position overlay and op summary at this position.	S-F
0930		119	080930H	FM ARVN LnO: Req to know your present CP locations.	S-F
0935		120	080935H	FM 3/7: Req location of 1/7 PL PLUM	S-F
	1000	121	081000H	TO 3/7: 1/7 PL PLUM runs from 766841 to 790863. LnO or SNGO has not arr this psn.	S-F
1130		122	081130H	FM 3/7: Report that a VC Bn was located at Cin Chieu (1) at 737822. This morning VC moved equipment which included 1 81mm mortar	S-F
1145		123	081145H	FM 3/7: Co K observed 6 VC w/wpns at 738828. Fleeing North. This is in ARVN 3 area. Req permission to fire small arms fire on any future fleeing VCS.	S-F

UNIT: RLT-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 081200H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED:

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
1200		124	081200H	7thMar: BGen HENDERSON and Col WYCOFF visited RLT-7 CP and were briefed by S-2, S-3.	S-F
1310		125	081310H	FM ARVN LnO to FSCG: Req to fire denied due to proximity of school and church.	S-F
1611		126	081611H	FM 3/7: Do we have any friendly troops at 746849.	S-F
1620		127	081620H	FM ARVN: ARVN now at BS 751816. VNMC at BS 741826 Moving towards respective objectives.	S-F
	1640	128	081640H	TO 1/7: Submit front line pns ASAP. Have you completed sweep south.	S-F
1700		129	081700H	ARVN LnO: ARVN has entered Obj D and VNMC has reached Obj B. approx 100 VC crossed Obj B into pns of 1/7 at 1000 today.	S-F
	1730	130	081730H	TO 1/7, 3/7: You are not keeping S-3 informed of Co front line positions. Hereafter include BT and left limits of each Co Front Line and no less than every 2 hours. If company on move report pns in SitReps in addition to other required information.	S-F
1735		131	081735H	FM 3/7: Situation report.	S-M-F
1740		132	081740H	FM 1/7: Co B delivered VC by helo, to this CP. Told interpreter he was VC. WIA's at 789847 in cave. Evac through Med channels.	S-M-F
1800		133	081800H	FM 3/7: Req your location also 1/7's pns.	S-F
1845		134	081845H	FM 3/7: Position Report	S-M-F
	1920	135	081920H	TO COMPHIBRON-7: CG III MAF directed 3/3(-) be moved to Base CP and returned OpCon 4thMar ASAP. If possible req they be off-loaded tonight. CO 3/3 now checking into that possibility. Upon completion of offloading req USS PRINCETON be returned this area for further operations.	S-M-F
1923		136	081923H	FM ARVN LnO to 7thMar: Req to know if flare ship will be in area tonight.	S-F
2030		137	082030H	FM ARVN LnO to 1/7: Req ASAP your Co pns. Need them to plot H&I fires in the friendly TAOR.	S-M-F
2037		138	082037H	FM COMPHIBRON-7: PRINCETON has been directed to return to Base Camp and off-load 3/3. PRINCETON to return upon completion.	S-M-F
2045		139	082045H	FM ARVN LnO: ARVN report receiving fire from coord 775828 on their OP. Pns at end of Peninsula.	S-M-F
2115		140	082115H	FM 1/7: 5 men dressed in Black approached Co D lines. Men were challenged-challenge was not recognized. The 5 VC were fired upon-Result: 2 VC KIA. One VC dead had a hand grenade and when D Co personnel approached-it exploded. 1 man wounded.	S-M-F

UNIT: MAT-1 5-5  
 OPENED: 082126H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 091150H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
2126	141	082126H		FM ARVN: Req that no flares be dropped over our CP location at 771827. ALO notified.	S-F
2130	142	082130H		FM CTG 76.3 TO USS PRINCETON info 7thMar: Orders for PRINCETON to off-load 3/3.	S-F
2145	143	082145H		FM 1/7: VC KIA 54; VCS WIA 0; VSC capt: 22; Weapons 3, Documents 32.	S-F
2245	144	082245H		FM 1/7: Sit Rep.	S-F
2330	145	082330H		TO 3rdMarDiv: Sit Rep #8	S-F
2345	146	082345H		TO 3rdMarDiv: Cave located at BS 789847.	S-F
0950	147	090850H		FM 1/7: Situation Report	S-F
0130	148	090130H		FM 3/7: Situation Report	S-F
0230	149	090230H		FM 3/7: Co L is approaching assembly near your area.	S-M-F
0315	150	090315H		FM 7thMar to 3/7: Req coord of blocking positions of Co L	S-F
0350	151	090350H		FM 3/7: Be advised: Blocking pens at 728858 to 731841.	S-F
0730	152	090750H		FM 3/7: Situation Report 0100-0500	S-F
0735	153	090751H		FM 1/7: Situation Report 0100-0500	S-F
0800	154	090800H		FM ADC: Req to know your present location of Forward CP. Will arr at 1000H	S-F
0830	155	090830H		FM 1/7: Position overlay & Op Summary.	S-M-F
0920	156	090920H		TO USS PRINCETON thru COMPHIBRON-7: Req to know status of PRINCETON - ASAP.	S-F
0925	157	090925H		FM Co C 1st SP Bn: Req to secure 3/3 Tac Leg. Req 2 helo. Veh to remain aboard.	S-F
0930	158	090930H		FM COMPHIBRON-7: Have req authority to hold PRINCETON in Obj area. Est release date 10Sep. Will advise.	S-F
0935	159	090935H		FM ARVN LnO: Unit location remain unchanged. Friendlies are patrolling in force and setting ambushes. 5 VC KIA- 7 VC POW last night. Confirmed VC	S-F
1000	160	091000H		FM 3/7: Phase Line Positions.	S-M-F
1045	161	091045H		FM ARVN LnO: Be advised that this station has requested 3/7 unit locations for positive coordination between USMC & VNMC.	S-F
1056	162	091056		FM CTG 76.3 Info COMSEVENTHFLT CTG 70.8, CTF 76.: Operation PIRANHA in view of reduced NCFB requirements by RIF-7 release destroyer and revert normal OpCon.	S-F
1130	163	091130H		TO ARVN LnO: Be advised info requested (091045H) was relayed by 3/7 arty LnO to ARVN LnO.	S-F
1150	164	091154H		TO 1/7: Reported VC radio station in Binh An Village at 7785 on hilltop. Has been there for 3 months. Search & info as to results.	S-F

UNIT: RLT-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 091200H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED:

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
1200		165	091200H	FM 3/7: Position report.	S-M-F
	1215	166	091215H	TO 3rdMarDiv: Situation Report	S-F
	1305	167	091305H	FM 7thMar to 3/7: Submit company position reports immediately.	S-F
1330		168	091330H	FM 1/7: Position report	S-F
1335		169	091335H	FM 3/7: Situation Report	S-F
	1400	170	091400H	TO 3rdMarDiv: Situation Report	S-F
1610		171	091610H	FM COMPHIBRON-7: Req brief summary of operations for period 1200H to 1600H. Unable to copy this time. Initial present location forces use KAC-138.S-F	S-F
1710		172	091710H	FM FSS to CO, USS GALVESTON: Present and anticipated NGF requirements permit possible release of DD's. IF USS GALVESTON remains in G/S of RIF-7 can shift both 1/7 and 3/7 to NGF Spot net for USS GALVESTON who would also guard spot net now using with air spotter. GALVESTON can provide NGFs for all from FSS along M/S Grid line 87 between Co E grid lines 82 and 86. Priority of fires for call to air spotter and as requested by 3/7 and 1/7. Advise.	S-F
	1742	173	091742H	TO 3rdMarDiv: Spot report.	S-M-F
	1830	174	091830H	TO 1/7, 3/7: FragOrder 4-65.	S-M-F
1910		175	091910H	FM Air Observer: Fire fight in progress at 763834 North of causeway. Tracers going in easterly direction.	S-M-F
	1917	176	091917H	TO Antracs: FragO 4-65. Have all gear & equip ready in BSA ready to commence backload at 100630H.	S-F
	2020	177	092020H	TO 3/7: Modify my FragO4-65 to be ready to commence retraction at Helo not later than 101230H	S-F
	2040	178	092040H	TO 7thMarRear: Medical Team and casualty reporting team moved to 7thMarCP. All future casualties will be evacuated to "B" Med	S-M-F
	2100	179	092100H	TO 3rdMarDiv: Spot Report	S-F
	2230	180	092230H	TO 3rdMarDiv: Situation Report #14	S-F
0640		181	100640H	FM COMPHIBRON-7: Bombs from B-57 Canberra have been located in DaNang Bay. It is requested that three EOD personnel aboard BAYFIELD be lifted by helo to ChuLai for further transportation to DaNang. Can you provide. Please Advise.	S-F
	0700	182	100700H	TO COMPHIBRON-7: Send personnel to Beachmaster Group on Beach. Advise when they arrive. Will send helo to pick them up. Have only 2 med evac helos avail at this time.	S-F

UNIT: RLT-7  
 OPENED: 100715H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED 120705H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
0715		183	100715H	FM LVT's: DDS remains the same.	S-F
0900		184	100900H	FM 3/7: SitRep: All companies K, L & M to carry out missions after being resupplied.	S-F
	0936	185	100936H	TO 1/7: Breq sitrep. Incl all backloading info.	S-F
0947		186	100947H	FM COMPHIBRON-7: We are shifting to new Day D-3.	S-F
0950		187	100950H	FM 1/7: 1/7 units moving to BSA. Order or backload H&S, D, B, C, A companies.	S-F
	0955	188	100955H	TO 1/7: Req report on results of search of An Hai at your earliest.	S-F
1028		189	101028H	FM 3/7: Companies K, L, M completing sweep and moving toward Assembly areas	S-F
1050		190	101050H	FM COMPHIBRON-7: Junk Div 16 reported that one platoon of VCS are entering An Hai (2)	S-F
	1105	191	101105H	TO 1/7: Req location of all VC hospitals by coordinates, by locating company.	S-F
1115		192	101115H	FM 3/7: Retraction Report.	S-F
1112		193	101112H	FM 1/7: Companies A, B & C aboard USS BAYFIELD.	S-F
	1116	194	101116H	TO 3rdMarDiv: Retraction and backloading report	S-F
1206		195	101206H	FM 3/7: Co's K & M at LZ. Co L has crossed PL 6	S-F
	1218	196	101218H	TO 3rdMarDiv: RLT-7 has assumed control aboard ship (USS BAYFIELD)	S-M-F
1240		197	101240H	FM 3/7: Co's K & M at 788857.	S-M-F
	1300	198	101300H	TO 3/7: Upon helilift from LZ to 7thMar base camp area assume 1/7 front line defensive posns at base camp.	S-M-F
	1421	199	101421H	TO 3rdMarDiv: SitRep #18	S-M-F
	1530	200	101530H	TO 3rdMarDiv: 3/7 and elms of 3/7 cp retracting to assume assigned positions as base camp.	S-F
	1615	201	101615H	TO 3rdMarDiv: Last elms of 3/7 now leaving beach	S-M-F
2100		202	102100H	RLT-7 debarked USS BAYFIELD returned from Base Camp.	S-F
2130		203	102130H	Secure OPERATION "PIRANHA".	S-M-F
2300		204	102300H	FM 1/7: Situation Report	S-F
2315		205	102315H	FM 3/7: Situation Report	S-F
2330		206	102330H	TO 3rdMarDiv: Situation Report	S-F
1930		207	111930H	FM 1/7: Patrol B-2 departed.	S-F
2030		208	112030H	FM 1/7: Patrol D-4 departed.	S-F
2145		209	112145H	FM 1/7: 4th Marines relayed that they were attacked by 2 platoon VC at 585984 & 590982.	S-M-F
2150		210	112150H	FM 1/7: Will fire upon approval of CO, 1/7:	S-M-F
2230		211	112230H	FM 1/7: Patrol B-3 returned w/negative contact.	S-F
2340		212	112340H	FM 1/7: Patrol D-1 departed CP.	S-F
2345		213	112345H	FM 4thMar: Req arty at BS 585984.	S-M-F
0540		214	120540H	FM 1/7: Patrol A-20 returned-neg results.	S-M-F
0705		215	120705H	FM 1/7: Patrol D-2 returned-neg results.	S-M-F

UNIT: RLT-7  
 OPENED: 120935H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 140325H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
0935	216	120935H		FM 1/7: Co C will be setting off demolitions	S-M-F
1340	217	121340H		FM 1/7: Received 2 copies RLT-7 OpOrd 124-65.	S-F
1845	218	121845H		FM 1/7: Patrol B-1 returned-neg results.	S-F
2215	219	122215H		FM 1/7: Patrol D-3 returned-neg results.	S-F
2300	220	122300H		FM 3/7: Spotted people dressed in black w/ straw hats at 541011.	S-F
2330	221	122320H		FM Binh Son Ln0: Req arty on 460874, 456874k and 478876. VC attacking at this time.	S-M-F
2335	222	122335H		FM 4thMar: Monitored above message. Will check w/Ln0 to see if it will be observed.	S-F
2340	223	122340H		FM 1/7: Patrol D-1 departed.	S-F
2355	224	122355H		TO ARVN Ln0: Inter obs target azimuth-nature of target. Why ARVN not firing????	S-F
2400	225	122400H		FM ARVN Ln0: End of mission.	S-F
0515	226	120515H		FM 1/7: B-3 returned-neg results	S-F
0630	227	120630H		FM 1/7: Co A landed at 0615H	S-M-F
0800	228	120800H		FM 1/7: Co A occupying and conducting search and clear on combat base. All amtrace unloaded with no incidents.	S-M-F
0900	229	130900H		FM 1/7: AS of 0800 Co A is established with plat in 360 degree around base of Hill at 623003. PRC-47 on top of hill. Detected booby trap on NW side on slope of hill.	S-M-F
0945	230	130945H		FM: 3/7- Change Co L CP to 524006.	S-M-F
1200	231	131200H		FM 1/7: Status report on Co A.	S-M-F
1210	232	131210H		FM 1/7: Co A reports discovery of 5 caves on hillside at 623004. They are being searched.	S-M-F
1750	233	131750H		FM 1/7: Co B - 1 plat returned from helo engine evacuation.	S-F
1855	234	131855H		FM 3/7: Co K moved to 542031.	S-M-F
1955	235	131955H		FM 1/7: D-3 patrol left at 1950. B-4 patrol departed at 1930.	S-M-F
2045	236	132045H		FM 3rdMarDiv: What officer will attend Saigon school?? (Reply - Captain NEWTON)	S-F
2125	237	132125H		FM 1/7: Patrol D-3 returned w/neg contact	S-F
2200	238	132200H		FM 3/7: Patrol from Co M departed 2000H returned at 2140 w/neg contact.	S-F
2205	239	132205H		FM 3/7: Probe of Co K- 2 persons approached at BT 529009. Illum grenade thrown and 1 round fired. Persons fled.	S-M-F
2340	240	132340H		FM 3/7: Co L received 4 rds of incoming fire. Rounds 50 meters fwd of coord BT 522002.	S-M-F
2345	241	132345H		FM 3/7: Group of unknown persons w/flashlight sighted at BT 529009.	S-M-F
2350	242	132350H		FM 3/7: One round of incoming fell at BT 538015 just south of Bn CP.	S-M-F
0110	243	140110H		FM 1/7: Patrol B-3 returned-neg contact	S-M-F
0325	244	140325H		FM 1/7: Patrol B-4 returned-neg contact	S-M-F

UNIT: RIF-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 130649H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 160015H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
0640		245	140640H	FM 1/7: Co C commenced landing as ordered on Operation "ZIPEER"	S-M-F
0750		246	140750H	FM 1/7: Patrol B-1 departed.	S-F
0825		247	140825H	FM 1/7: Co A returned to MLR at 0800H	S-M-F
1100		248	141100H	FM 1/7: Spot report. Patrol B-1 found 7 VCS.	S-M-F
1220		249	141220H	FM 1/7: Delta patrol returned-neg contact.	S-F
1300		250	141300H	FM 3/7: Sqd sized patrol departed 1200H	S-F
1505		251	141505H	FM 3/7: Co L extended lines of 2dPlat from 520003 to 523997 to 526999.	S-F
1525		252	141525H	FM 3/7: Plat patrol K-14 reach CP 2.	S-F
1615		253	141615H	FM 1/7: Patrol returned w/6 VCS.	S-F
1835		254	141835H	FM 1/7: A-24 patrol returned-neg contact	S-F
1840		255	141840H	FM 3/7: Co I relieved and returned to their positions.	S-F
1945		256	141945H	FM 3/7: Co K moved from coord 533010 to 547017 at 1930H.	S-F
2000		257	142000H	FM 3/7: Patrol M-14B departed.	S-F
	2015	258	142015H	TO 3rdMarDiv: Incoming rds of mortar fire into 3/7 CP area assumed to be VC - determined through crater analysis.	S-F
2220		259	142220H	FM 1/7: Processed 6 VCS one of which is benified VC, del to Coll Pt. These were apprehended by Co B in area where defensive wire was cut.	S-M-F
2233		260	142233H	FM 3/7: M-14B patrol returned-neg contact	S-F
2310		261	142310H	FM 4thMar: 1 VC spotted at 545048 running with weapon and wearing black shirt and shorts, passed info to 3/7.1/7.	S-F
2345		262	142345H	FM 1/7: Patrol A-25 departed CP.	S-F
0135		263	150135H	FM 3/7: Patrol M-15A departed.	S-F
0407		264	150407H	FM 3/7: Patrol M-15A reached CP#1	S-F
0700		265	150700H	FM 1/7: Patrol A-25 returned w/neg contact	S-F
0900		266	150900H	FM 1/7: Co C relay from Bin Son radio check	S-F
1030		267	151030H	FM 3/7: Co M patrol departed.	S-F
1315		268	151315H	FM 3/7: Co M patrol returned-neg contact	S-F
2030		269	152030H	FM 1/7: Patrol B-1 returned w/3VCS.	S-F
2100		270	152100H	FM 1/7: Patrol M-2 departed.	S-F
2240		271	152240H	FM Binh Son In@: Info req GenLAM visit.	S-F
2315		272	152315H	FM 1/7: Patrol D-2 departed.	S-F
2400		273	152400H	FM 1/7: Patrol A-28 returned-neg contact	S-F
0015		274	160015H	FM 3/7: Co M received small arms fire at 2350H. Spot rep.	S-F

UNIT: RLT-7  
 OPENED: 160045H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 172150H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
0045		275 160045H	FM 3/7: Patrol M-15 returned-neg contact	S-F
0650		276 160650H	FM 1/7: Patrol D-1 returned-neg contact	S-F
0700		277 160700H	FM 1/7: Patrol D-2 departed.	S-F
1010		278 161010H	FM 3/7: Patrol K-1 departed.	S-F
1130		279 161130H	FM 1/7: Patrol D-2 returned-neg contact	S-F
1140		280 161140H	FM 1/7: Spot Report. 10 men sighted w/3 rifles.	S-F
1243		281 161243H	FM ARVN Ln0: 4thMqr Liaison has returned base camp. You will assume duties as liaison for 7thMar & 4thMar	S-F
1255		282 161255H	FM 3/7: Patrol M-2 departed.	S-F
1400		283 161400H	FM 3/7: Patrols M-2, K-2 returned-negative contact.	S-F
1740		284 161740H	FM 3/7: Patrol candy departed.	S-F
1845		285 161845H	FM 1/7: Sniper fire encountered by helo delivering evening chow to Co G.	S-F
2010		286 162010H	FM 3/7: Patrol Tree departed 2000.	S-F
2155		287 162155H	FM 3/7: Patrol candy will layout at 552909.	S-F
2225		288 162225H	FM 1/7: Delta patrol returned-neg contact	S-F
2330		289 162330H	FM 3/7: Patrol K-3 departed.	S-F
0110		290 170110H	FM 3/7: Co K patrol returned-neg contact.	S-F
0330		291 170330H	FM 3/7: M & K Co patrols returned-neg contact.	S-F
0435		292 170435H	FM 1/7: Co B patrol departed.	S-M-F
0550		293 170550H	FM 1/7: Patrol D-1 returned-neg contact.	S-M-F
0655		294 170655H	FM 3/7: Patrol Man at IP.	S-F
0715		295 170715H	FM 1/7: Patrol D-2 departed.	S-F
0950		296 170950H	FM 3/7: Patrol Tree returned to CP.	S-F
0948		297 170948H	FM 3/7: Patrol Car reached CPT #4.	S-F
1040		298 171040H	FM 3/7: Line-1 departed at 1020H	S-F
1155		299 171155H	FM 3/7: Co M will move CP to 522012.	S-F
1220		300 171220H	FM 1/7: Patrol B-2 returned-neg contact	S-F
1345		301 171345H	FM 1/7: Trung An (1) expects attack on its east side at 1800 tonight. PF are making plans for defense. Will set up plat size ambush east of village.	S-F
1445		302 171445H	FM 3/7: Patrol Man has reached CPT #2	S-F
1710		303 171710H	FM 3/7: Patrol Kick has just passed through lines on the way out.	S-F
1900		304 171900H	FM 1/7: Man accidentally shot self in leg. Med evac in progress. Co B reports	S-F
2010		305 172010H	FM 1/7: Patrol B-1 departed.	S-F
2100		306 172100H	FM 1/7: Co B received small arms fire on lf flank. 1 round hit field phone.	S-F
2150		307 172150H	FM 1/7: Patrol A-5 returned-neg results.	S-F

UNIT: RLT-7

OPENED: 172225H Sep 1965

CLOSED: 182205H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
2250	308	172250H		FM 1/7: Patrol A-3 departed at 2000	S-F
0040	309	180040H		FM 3/7: Patrol Man apprehended 3 VCS at 2200H 17Sep.	S-F
0230	310	180230H		FM 1/7: Patrol B-2 returned-neg contact	S-F
0530	311	180530H		FM 1/7: Patrol B-1 departed.	S-F
0555	312	180555H		FM 1/7: Patrol A-32 returned neg results.	S-F
0710	313	180710H		FM 1/7: Patrol D-2 departed at 0640. B-1 returned neg results	S-F
0725	314	180725H		FM 3/7: Patrik Kick is proceeding to CPT3	S-F
1020	315	181210H		FM 1/7: Recon req firing HE arty 1 round concentration. 7 VC moving on trail. (One round on way)	S-F
1200	316	181200H		FM 1/7: Recon reports that VC scattered when round hit. Went in direction of Thuong Hoa (1).	S-F
1230	317	181230H		FM 3/7: Patrol Ira reached CkPt #6.	S-M-F
1330	318	181330H		FM 3/7: Patrols Kick & Ira returned-neg contact.	S-F
1350	319	181350H		FM 1/7: Patrol A-33 returned -neg contact	S-F
1400	320	181400H		FM 3/7: Patrol Monday departed.	S-F
1625	321	181625H		FM ARVN Div: Binh-Son district chief & U.S Adviser request liaison with 7thMar, 1/7 18 or 19 Sep to discuss coordination between USMC and District concerning possible civic action project. Request reply concerning time and location.	S-F
1810	322	181810H		FM 1/7: Patrol B-3 left at 1805.	S-F
1830	323	181830H		FM 3/7: Patrol Katch at CPT #1	S-F
1900	324	181900H		FM 3/7: Binh-Son L&S arrived Binh-Son Area.	S-F
1907	325	181907H		FM 1/7: 81st Plat reports that at 559021 they heard 2 explosions. Sounded like 60mm mortars or grenades. Explosion occurred between 81 pens and Co D pens.	S-F
1910	326	181910H		FM 1/7: Co D reported hearing 2 explosions in Hoa Ban (1) at BT 580014.	S-F
2030	327	182030H		FM 1/7: Two explosions at BT 558021. Cannot get shell rpt as they landed in water	S-F
2055	328	182055H		FM 1/7: Patrol D-3 returned-neg contact	S-F
2121	329	182121H		FM 1/7: Patrol B-1 returned-neg contact	S-F
2145	330	182145H		FM 1/7: Co C received 20 rounds of small arms fire including 5 tracers. BT626006	S-F
2205	331	182205H		FM 1/7: Co B reported one group of 4 VC and 2nd group of 3 VC one w/carbine approaching lines. 81's fires illum. All ran towards 3/7's area.	S-F

OPENED: 182309H Sep 1965  
CLOSED:

192345H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DM	MESSAGE	ACTION
2305		332	182305H	FM 1/7: Co C - Probing received 10 rds fired.	S-F
2330		333	182330H	FM 3/7: Co M received one hand gren-returned fire-6 VC were spotted and fled. Marines fired 70 rds towards South East.	S-F
0010		334	190010H	FM 1/7: Report two red flashed 2,000 mtrs east of Rt#1 near Village Trung Art (1) at 58501.	S-F
0030		335	190030H	FM 1/7: Patrol A-24 departed.	S-F
0145		336	190145H	FM 1/7: Co D reports more than 6 VC opened fire w/4 carbines about 20ft ahead of patrol. No casualties. Patrol returned to friendly lines.	S-F
0150		337	190150H	FM 1/7: Patrol A-35 returned due to lack of radio contact.	S-F
0720		338	190720H	FM 1/7: Co D reports one Marine with creased scalp from patrol encounter w/VC.	S-F
0730		339	190730H	FM 3/7: 1 man WIA at Binh-Son by explosive device on gate, more details to follow.	S-F
0955		340	190840H	FM 3/7: Patrol Monday has reached CPTI	S-F
1035		341	191035H	FM 3/7: One man returning from Binh-Son opened gate atcoord 581958. Witness believes they were aware of the trap which consisted of two triangular bamboo gates together. Trap was attached to first gate.	S-F
1108		342	191108 H	TO Binh-Son Ln0: One USMC WIA at 581958 when booby trap on bamboo gate. Request any info you may have on nature, etc.	S-F
1530		343	191530H	FM 1/7: Sniper fire at least 1 auto wpn and presumably carbine from 200 meters North. Returned fire.	S-F
1755		344	191750H	FM ARVN Ln0: ARVN ambushes for tonight: 590915.604916.597914.596934.593916.	S- M-F
1830		345	191830H	FM 1/7: Patrol D-3 departed.	192345H Sep 1965 S-M-F
1920		346	191920H	FM 1/7: Sqd returned from Binh-Son. Sqd leader still there. Will return tomorrow.	S-M-F
1940		347	191940H	FM 3rdMarDiv. Situation report has not been received as yet. (Plane delay fm ChuLai.)	S-F
2050		348	192050H	FM 1/7: FF roadblock at south edge of TACH observed and heard 50 rds of ammo fire. Still observing.	S-M-F
2130		349	192130H	FM 3/7: Patrol Almond at CrPt 4	S-M-F
2220		350	192220H	FM 3/7: Patrol Mother at CrPt 3	S-M-F
2345		351	192345H	FM 3rdMarDiv: Recon will be under Div control	S-F

UNIT: RL1-7 S05  
 OPENED: 200200H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED:

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
0420		352	200420H	FM 1/7: 10-15 rds rifle fire at 575028.	S-M-F
0515		353	200515H	FM 3/7: Patrol Mother at CkPt 4.	S-M-F
0745		354	200745H	FM Air spotter: Island at 612027 3 boats west heading North. 2 boats East heading that direction but no people can be distinguished from here.	S-F
0745		355	190745H	FM 3/7: Patrols Mother & Mohawk reported back-neg contact.	S-F
0850		356	190850H	FM 1/7: Co A departed 0800 by LVTs and arrived 0845 relieving Co C. No incidents along way.	S-F
1000		357	191000H	FM 3/7: Mohawk has returned. Patrol ldr is now being debriefed.	S-F
1015		358	201015H	FM 3/7: Patrol Almond has returned-	S-F
1020		359	201020H	FM 1/7: Co C has departed for 1/7 area at 0952.	S-F
1100		360	201100H	FM 1/7: Co C returned to Assembly Area	S-F
1315		361	201315H	TO 3/7: Permission granted to make trip to Binh-Son.	S-F
1605		362	201605H	FM 3/7: Patrol M-3 patrol cancelled for 20 Sep.	S-F
2020		363	202020H	FM 1/7: Patrol D-1 cancelled for tonight	S-F
2235		364	202235H	FM ARVN Dns: ARVN positions for tonight.	S-F
2355		365	202355H	FM 1/7: Spot Report.	S-F
0500		366	210500H	FM 1/7: Co C received air burst in center of defensive psns. 1 Man received wounds on left shoulder. Did not require evac.	S-F
0740		367	210740H	FM 3/7: 3 Marines being evacuated to "B" Med by helo. Nature of accident -stepped on mine. 2 critical-1 serious.	S-F
0920		368	210920H	FM 3/7: Co I reports 4 friendly WIA's in explosion of old type ChiCom grenade at 522971. Unconfirmed report that it was tripped with wire.	S-F
0930		369	210930H	FM 3/7: 4 men were helo evac at 0812. Injured Marines are 1stLt MARSHALL-CO, Cpl SZPOND.R.A., Pvt HAMPTON C.Jr., PFC RAWLINSON, J.A. None serious but required immediate attention.	S-F
1400		370	211400H	FM Capt SHODGRASS. Class 5 dump will be moved to coord. Any specific requirements	S-F
1725		371	211725H	FM 1/7: 1 VC KIA, 4 VCS captured. 6 rifle greande and crimped cartridge at 640016. No other equipment captured at this time.	S-F

UNIT: RLT-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 211900H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 221340H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
1900		372	211900H	FM Quang NgaiIn0: VC 1st regt prt moved northern Quang Ngai to south of Quang Tin. Current location believed to be at 988130.	S-M-F
1955		373	211955H	FM 1/7: Co B will meet Lt LAM at BS 578975, as instructed.	S-F
2010		374	212010H	FM ARVN In0: VC force is at NW Binh-Son (BS 565914). There are 3 VC companies at BS 648943. District Chief has req that a/e drop flares if Binh-Son attacked.	S-M-F
2040		375	212040H	FM 1/7: Patrols operating via 5997 and 6097.	S-M-F
2120		376	212020H	FM ARVN In0: Req you inform civil affairs officer that due to previous commitments District Chief wishes to postpone medical project until 240900H.	S-F
2215		377	212215H	FM 1/7: 4 VC captured in the peninsula and taken to coll point. Full report in morning.	S-M-F
2315		378	212315H	FM 1/7: Patrol B-3 returned-neg contact	S-F
2330		379	212330H	FM 3/7: K-3 patrol in position.	S-F
2352		380	212352H	FM 1/7: Patrol B-2 returned-neg contact	S-F
0015		381	220015H	FM ARVN In0: PF engaged a VC force of unknown size at 598919 at 2345. Fire fight lasted approx 5 to 7 minutes. Binh-Son stations on alert.	S-M-F
0035		382	220035H	FM 1/7: Patrol C-2 departed Co lines.	S-M-F
0255		383	220255H	FM 3/7: Patrol K-3 has returned-neg contact	S-M-F
0310		384	220310H	FM 1/7: Patrol D-4 returned-neg contact.	S-M-F
0320		385	220320H	FM ARVN In0: Firefight has quieted down. Will contact you should anything arise.	S-F
0605		386	220605H	FM 3/7: Pistol Red -3 now at pickup point.	S-F
0720		387	220720H	FM 1/7: Patrols C-1 and B-2 returned-neg contact	S-F
0835		388	220835H	FM 1/7: Co B patrol fired on 1 man with 1 M-70 round. Man jumping from bush to bush	S-F
0930		389	220930H	FM 3/7: Patrol India Red returned to CP	S-F
1015		390	221015H	FM Recon Bn: VC carrying wps moving east along rice paddy dikes to village at 504936 wearing U.S. ponchos.	S-F
1018		391	221018H	FM Recon Bn: 2 VC heading East camouflaged under ponchos. Had rifles under ponchos.	S-F
1100		392	221100H	TO BINH-SON In0: Unable to make trip your pen because of unfavorable road conditions	S-F
1340		393	221340H	TO BINH-SON In0: Phan Van Ana area, a VC captured by 1/7 escaped from Chulai compound at 0200.	S-F

UNIT: RLT-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 221355H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 231910H 25 Sep 65

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
1355		394	221355H	FM ARVN Ln0: Req preplanned fires on fol concentrations: BS 610925 & BS 598919	S-M-F
1430		395	221430H	FM ARVN Ln0: ARVN status report	S-F
1500		396	221500H	FM 3/7: K-1 and MULE patrols departed,	S-F
1515		397	221515H	FM 7thMar to Binh-Son Ln0: Req to know what action being taken by PF and ARVN on VC buildup in area.	S-F
1640		398	221640H	FM 1/7: All Co D patrols will be notified to stay east of Hill 23 & 24 via 566998 reason for modification because of im- passable marshlands and streams,	S-F
1717		399	221717H	FM Co C, 1st Engr Bn: Record of caves and bunkers blown and approx amount of demo used while attached to Co C, 1/7 & Co A, 1/7: Tank Traps 3; Bunkers 4; Caves 23; Fighting holes 67; Demolition C-4 2,624lbs	S-F
1830		400	221830H	FM 3/7: Patrol K-2 departed.	S-F
2040		401	222240H	FM 1/7: Patrol D-2 departed.	S-F
2216		402	222216H	FM 1/7: Captured 1 VC, 3 ARVN deserters, 1 VCS, 4 NCS women and one 10 yr old girl. Delivered to 1/7 collection point.	S-F
0015		403	230015H	FM 1/7: Patrol B-3 returned-neg contact	S-F
0315		404	230315H	FM 1/7: Patrol D-2 returned-neg contact	S-F
0500		405	230500H	FM 3/7: Patrol MULE to set up OP at 564961. Was unable to get to planned OP due to thick brush.	S-F
0745		406	230745H	FM 1/7: Patrols B-1, B-4 returned-neg contact	S-F
0830		407	230830H	FM ARVN Ln0: ARVN positions for 23Sep	S-F
0930		408	230930H	FM 1/7: Patrol D-1 departed.	S-F
1000		409	231000H	FM 7thMar to ARVN Ln0: Req to know if any PF or ARVN forces are operating in GS 5494, 5594, 5493, 5492. Please Advise ASAP.	S-F
1145		410	231145H	FM ARVN Ln0: Cannot answer at this time. Persons able to confirm not pres at this time.	S-F
1500		411	231500H	FR: Binh Son Ln0. Ref your 231030. Negative	S-F
1530		412	231530	FR: Sbd X-Ray to S bd leaving 3/7 on way to read block.	S-F
1600		413	231640	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar Troops on hill, flags flying at 5699 and 5799.	S-F
1650		414	231650	FR: 3/7 to S-2, 7thMar. ISUM	S-F
1650		415	231650	FR: 3/7 to S-2, 7thMar. ISUM	S-F
1810		416	231810	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar We have effected liaison with the Junk Fleet	S-F
1905		417	231905	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Patrol departed	S-F
1910		418	231910	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar B-1 patrol departed	S-F

UNIT: RUC-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 221355 Sep 1965  
 CLOSED:

241037H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
1947		419	231947	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar B 2 Patrol departed	S-F
2105		420	232105	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar C 1 Patrol returned with negative contact	S-F
2130		421	232130	FR: Stbd 56 to 7thMar interrogative whether med team is coming tomorrow.	S-F
2130		422	232130	FR: G-3 to 7thMar permission granted to use forces outside of TAOR to help Recon units if needed.	S-F
	2200	423	232200	FR: 7thMar to Binh Son Lsn Officer- Medical Team will not come until 26Sep65	S-F
2200		424	232130	FR: Binh Son Lsn to 7thMar ARVN artillery req permission to fire at BS610955 & BS606957.	S-F
0005		425	240005	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar B 2 Ambush returned with negative results.	S-F
0010		426	240010	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar C 6 Ambush patrol departed	S-F
0300		427	240300	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar D 2 patrol returned with negative results.	S-F
0305		428	240305	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar B 1 Spot Report	S-F
	0415	429	240415	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar Patrol mule on way back to check point 2.	S-F
0620		430	240620	FR: Stbd 56 Ca Off meet district chief	S-F
0625		431	240625	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Mule patrol at check district chief.	S-F
0800		432	240800	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Charley 6 patrol ret. negative contact.	S-F
0925		433	240925	FR: Binh Son run arrived Binh Son	S-F
0945		434	240945	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Bravo 3 patrol ret/neg	S-F
1010		435	232233H	FR: Stbd 56 to 7thMar Request permission for (5) plat. PF to execute Harvest operation BS(590005) BS(585005) BS(595000) BS(595000) Fr 0700 to 1600 on 22, 25, 26 Sept 1965. Request U.S.N.C. support for night security, if available advise ARVN Lsn. will arrive at your CP 1200 24 Sep65	S-F
1010		436	231010	FR: Stbd X-ray to 7thMar Stbd X on the way back.	S-F
1025		437	242305	FR: Stbd 56 to 7thMar Req to know if CA Officer will be accompanied by medical team tomorrow.	S-F
1035		438	232213	FR: PF and RF position changes special plat. (2) 602922 special plt. (9) 644921.	S-F
1037		439	240954	FR: 4thMto 7thMar Monroe (1) req to interview (1) company commander, (1) FAC who were on Starlight and Parana at 241030H. 4thMar CP.	S-F

UNIT: RLT-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 241007 Sept 1965  
 CLOSED: 241007 Sept 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
1045		440	241033H	FR: 7thMar to 4thMar. Monroe (1) req to interview (1) company commander, (1) (1) Psc who were on Starlight and Piranha at 241030 4th Mar GP.	S-F
1445		441	241441H	FR: 7thMar to 4thMar. 1/7 1-4 and 1/7 "B" -6 will arrive at your GP for briefing of Operations Starlight & Piranha	S-F
1445		442	241441H	FR: 7thMar to ARVN LnO ref Lt ENDERT visit 241800H.	S-F
1455		443	241433H	FR: ARVN LnO to 7thMar dist. intell. and 2 civilians on 231140H Sep reported VC organized a briefing at BS 552910. They made a model of BINH SON to study. They planned to attack BINH SON Dist in the future 1 VC company and laborers located in civilian houses at TAN PHUOC BS554909 558916, 557911, 563917. Company part of the 209th Bn.	S-F
	1500	444	241500H	FR: 7thMar to ARVN LnO Desire you meet 1/7 security elements at 576002.	S-F
1540		445	241505H	FR: ARVN LnO to 7thMar Lt ENDERT is returning CA Officer and 1/7 3-2 at this time.	S-F
1545		446	241515H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar at 1505H D Co patrol reported their patrol found a magazine w/9rds of carbine ammo at BS567984 Mr. LAM village chief of BINH YEN (1) BS 573979 met patrol and gave a list of VC ages where they lived & type of wps they carried. He also said in TRUNG HOA (5) BS663985 there are 38 VC operating out of that hamlet.	S-F
1130	(Late Entry)	447	241130	ARVN PF Positions	S-F-M
1630		448	241610H	FR: ARVN LnO to 7thMar. LNo convoy today 2. Convoy will enter TAOR fr s to nat approx 250930H 60 vehicles in convoy 3. advisors here req. to know how many by types of arty present at CHU LAI	S-F
1700		449	241700	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar Rpts apprehending 4VCS at 241400H (516018) VC making pretense at chopping wood sent to Chu Lai compound.	S-F
1750		450	241750	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. India 2 departed at 1945.	S-F
1751		451	241751	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Spot Report A. Co B B. 1845 G. BT 566020 D. Vietnamese girl came to Co B position seemed to be in state of shock. Had small wounds in chest, neck, chin and left hand. Taken to 1/7 BAS by Co B mite. Exam showed she had many small bits of glass in chest, chin and left hand. Possible effects of VC booby trap. E. Treated at BAS.	S-F

UNIT: RLT-7 S-5  
 OPENED: 241515H 24Sep65  
 CLOSED: 251025H 25Sep65

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTS	MESSAGE	ACTION
2030		452	242030	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar C 8 Patrol departed	S-F
2125		453	242125	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar Mike 2 departed 2130	S-F
2135		454	242135	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Spot Rept A. Co A B. 241400H C. BT608001 D. FF Plat/ fired on Co A position at BT62006; also Blow caves at BT 608001, later near by Co C patrol encountered PF patrol probably same one	S-F
<u>CONTINUATION OF ABOVE</u>					
2145		455	242145	A. Co A figured it was friendly troops so layed low. PF PATROL MUST BE COORDINATED WITH THIS HEADQUARTERS. Negative contact.	S-F
2210		456	242210H	FR: 7thMar to Starboard 56 Mandatory that all PF patrols inside TAOR be cleared with this HQ prior to commencing operations PF patrol fired on unit at 241400H later encountered another USMC patrol. Submit PF patrol areas MIA 24 Hrs. prior to TOD	S-F
2215		457	242215H	FR: 7thMar to Starb 56 Ref your 242210H 622006.	S-F
2230		458	242250H	FR: Starb 56 to 7thMar Dist Chief confirms fact that there were no PF patrols at coor 622006. att to fact that PF RF forces have not patrolled area or worked area since been at this station. In ref to submission of plans 24 Hrs. prior to TOD will come.	S-F
2300		459	243000H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar K 1 returned neg/contact	S-F
2315		460	242315H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar B 1 patrol departed	S-F
2320		461	242320H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar I Co. B. 242230H. C. 517992 D heard people talking in Viet seem to be excess of 10 people. A. sending two sqds to investigate. Negative contact	S-F
0005		462	250005	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar 1st sq I Co moved out to 517992 to possibly capture Viets making noise.	S-F
0015		463	250015	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar D 1 returned negative contact.	S-F
0025		464	250025	FR: 3/7 2nd sq. I Co moved out to 508992 to join first sq to capture Viets making noise	S-F
0140		465	250140	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar India 1 returned Neg contact	S-F
0200		466	252400	FR: Starb 56 to 7thMar District Chief req permission to conduct search operation 250300H to 251200H 570950; 590950; 590970; 570930; require no fire M I in area after 25-0100H.	S-F

UNIT: AMF-7 B-3

OPENED: 250200H Sep 65

CLOSED: 251300H 25 Sep 65

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
0200		467	250200	FR: 7thMar to Starb 56 Ref your 242400H Affirmative.	S-F
0315		468	250315	FR: Starb 56 to 7thMar C.A. Officer & info 3-2 1-7. Execute plan for 1000 meeting this location 25 Sept 65 request you acknowledge.	S-F
<u>CONTINUATION OF ABOVE</u>					
0315		469	250315	FR: Strb 56 to 7thMar Due to recent patrolling security in harvest area changed. Req squad for night security, not necessary. District Chief sends thanks for day efforts.	S-F
0315		470	250315	FR: Strb 56 to 7thMar Harvest 0700-1600 vicinity 610017 Req patrol in area if at all possible to deny VC access west river. PF will reharvest area.	S-F
0415		471	250415	FR: 5/7 to 7thMar. Patrol "Killer" will remain at CP 3 for the rest of the night	S-F
0440		472	250440	FR: Strb 56 to 7thMar. At 0400 Sept VC attacked and destroyed Bridge at B5609904, one PF KIA five MIA.	S-F
0510		473	250510	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. B 3 patrol return nega- tive contact.	S-F
0610		474	250610	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Bravo 2 patrol returned at 0555 with neg/contact	S-F
0610		475	250610	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol Charlie 10 will depart at 0630 to protect rice harvest vic 610017.	S-F
0630		476	250630	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. C 9 patrol returned nega- ative contact or results.	S-F
0758		477	250758	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. B-3 patrol returned with negative contact.	S-F
1210		478	251210	FR: 2/4 to 7thMar. 2/4 will be firing 81mm Mortars 25, 26, and 27 Sept starting at 1300	S-F
1220		479	250545	FR: 7thMar to STBD 56. Ref your 250315 Affirmative will send patrol.	S-F
1250		480	251055	FR: 7thMar to STBD 56 as Local either 251200 Sept 65. 1. 1/7 unable to patrol (5796) (5896) (5796) and (5895) until tomorrow morning advise. 2. imperative of B be in- formed when PF operating inside AOR	S-F
1300		481	251300	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol C-10 has re- turned neg contact.	S-F

UNIT: RLT-7 3-3  
 OPENED: 251355 Sep 65  
 CLOSED: 251730H 25Sep65

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
1925		482 <u>LAT. ENTRY</u>	241924	FR: 7thMar to ARVN LNO Ref your R241610H 2 105 HOW Bns. 1- 8" (SF) Plat. 2 155 HOW Btrys. 1 - 155 Gun Btrye.	S-F
1335		483	251335	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Spot Rept A. Co C B. 251003H C. BT 612016. D. 20 men were encountered by Co. C patrol Mission unknown. Req 3-3 find out what they are doing in TAOR.	S-F
1356		484	251356	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Spot Rept 251356H A. 1/7 B. 151300 C. BT 612011 D. Patro treated 16 yrs old girl leg wound rec'd July 65 when she was fixed at by VC when trying to warn a Marine patrol. Patrol was fr 3/3. Girl treated at "B" Med at that time written in English A. Notify O/A of this.	S-F
1450		485	251405	FR: ARVN LNO to 7thMar. with ref. 251410H L Neg refer you to Rmsg 242250H. 2. Viet LNO SPA approx 251730H Sept 65.	S-F
1430		486	251415	FR: ARVN LNO to 7thMar. Pass to 3-3 Ref msg 241035H Sept 65 Area clear of PF	S-F
1445		487	251410	FR: 7thMar to ARVN LNO Reg to know if you need rice guard tonight. Advise on status of Viet LNO for 1/7.	S-F
1600		488	251510	FR: ARVN LNO to 7thMar concerning ltr of introduction ARVN LNO req to know if possible 3/7 plans in regards to TRAI BIN (1) village 3/7 relations with district must go through LNO.	S-F
1600		489	251523	FR: 7thMar to ARVN LNO 3/7 intends to establish relations with subj village and to initiate civil affair and tentative divide action. This will be coordinated with district chief prior to any action.	S-F
1540		490	251540	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol Killer reached CP and set for night OPNs.	S-F
1555		491	251555	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. 1-1 Patrol returned at 251540H observed 13 people at TRAI BIN (92) captured 1 VCS.	S-F
1625		492	251625	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar at 251625H 3-2 scout attached to A Co reported capturing 1 VCS in house at 251600H via BT 658034. Will forward ASAP	S-F
1700		493	251600	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar 251500H Co A reported plat rec'd sniper fire fr across the SONG CAU river at 251300H BT 663031 fire returned KIA results; no friendly KIA or WIA	S-F
1730		494	251720	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Co A req arty fire.	S-F

UNIT: RIF-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 251745a Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 250010 25Sep65

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
1745		495	251745	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Co A B. 251715H C. GS 6605, 6604 D. arty fire called in on foxholes and trenchline to front Co. rec/sniper fire fr East. Co A position BT 658.35 S. Fire mission good effect mission completed 251710H sent out patrol to check results. Co rec'd 15 rds of sniper fire. No friendly casualties.	S-F
1905		496	251705	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar A. 1/7 Co.A.B. 251705 C. BT (663028) D. heavy sniper fire (1) auto rifle and 4 to 5 M-1 and carbines S. Patrol returned to Co. F. through M. neg.	S-F
1912		497	251912	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol C-11 departed 1910.	S-F
2040		498	252040	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol M-1 departed 2040	S-F
2045		499	251955	FR: 96 Lirical to 7thMar Understand possibility of change of 7thMar liaison officer. Dist chief and senior advisor respectfully req. present liaison officer remain full 30 days in interest of efficiency. log. situation greatly reduces effectiveness if liaison officer is changed.	S-F
2110		500	252002	FR: STDB 56 to 7thMar. Dist chief req. permission to shoot ARVN arty in vic at (584926) acknowledge asap.	S-F
2115		501	252109	FR: 7thMar. to STDB 56 Affirm. on your 252020.	S-F
2120		502	252109	FR: STDB 56 to 7thMar. Ref my 252002 urgent require answer asap.	S-F
2125		503	252125	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol Killer at patrol base at 2105	S-F
2200		504	252200	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol K-2 departed at 2130.	S-F
2330		505	252330	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Have set up helo req for 1000 26Sept65 for Col. FEATROSS and Col. KENLY at Bonnie Hero helo pad.	S-F
2345		506	252345	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. M-1 patrol returned neg contact.	S-F
2355		507	252355	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar K-2 patrol reached check point (1) at 2200.	S-F
0010		508	252300	FR: STDB 56 to 7thMar RF pos. for 25-26 Sept 65 squad Binh SA Bs(583003) 15 people day and night. Sqd Binh NGHIA (B3584977) 10 people day & night. Second plat. Binh Thang (576965) bridge 40 men. it will take a day or two to completely clear TAOR. District Chief has a positive attitude toward 24 hour request.	S-F

UNIT: RLT-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 260030H Sep65  
 CLOSED: 261034H Sep 65

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
260030		509	260030H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol C-11 returned with negative contact.	S-F
0255		510	260255	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. M <sup>1</sup> a has departed.	S-F
0523		511	260523	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Booth B passed 1/7 Cp on way to airstrip.	S-F
0830		512	260830	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar Patrol "KILLER" has reached TRAI BIEN (2).	S-F
0910		513	260910	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Co B has reached Ph L APPLE Neg contact secured Arty fire	S-F
0920		514	260855	FR: Mag 36 to 7thMar rec'd from clip olop mission 12 VC in black pajamas w/wpons running N.E. toward beach on beach at BT 665054 (6) boats people running around & laugh them.	S-F
0935		515	260855	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar at 260815 1/7 bos. rept 12 men in group via BT 661033 cannot distinguish if they have wpons.	S-F
0945		516	260945	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Rept A. 1/7, B. 0900H C. 664022, D. Obs auto wpons fir Δ. Air strike called by helo. Helo rec'd auto wpons fire. Negative results.	S-F
0945		517	260945	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar A. 1/7 B. 0900H C. 664022 D. auto wpons fire Δ. Arty mission called arty mission secured B Com moving into area Co B will take action in this area.	S-F
0945		518	260945	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Position report. B Co passed Phase Line Apple. B 1 clearing DONG LE (1) several C.A. T ams attached. B 2 advancing along west side of zone toward rear.	S-F
				<u>CONTINUATION OF ABOVE</u> B 3 advancing N. along E. of zone to rear to search clear high ground BT 67021. B Co negative enemy contact up to this point.	
0950		519	260950	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar; At 0920H AO's reported obs 12 men via BT 661003, running in a group could not determine if armed.	S-F
1005		520	261005	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Rep A. Co B B. 0950 C BT 671016 B 2 665027, B 3 675022, D BT search and clear DONG LE (7) B2&3 securing high ground E. same as Delta F-M Negative	S-F
1010		521	261010	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. LVT have been given permission to test fire. .30 Cal 1030 to 1150 sea ward 5704.	S-F
1034		522	261034	FR: 7thMar to Starb #65 request verification of PF units located at (EPINJQ)(LATINS) (Y.M.F.B.).	S-F

UNIT: RLP-7 S-3

OPENED: 261035H Sep 1965

CLOSED: 261515H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
1035		523	261035	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol D-1 departed at 1030H.	S-F
1230		524	261230	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol "HILLER" returned	S-F
1235		525	261235	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. As of 1125 Co B is on phase line Fear.	S-F
1245		526	261245H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar, ITSUM#19 261200, Skeptic M reports that there were unknown number of Viet to direct front 528982, leaving hill moving easterly.	S-F
1300		527	261300	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Rept A. Co B B. 1245H C. 668019 D. Marine with broken ankle & Helo evac. F-M Negative	S-F
1300		528	261245H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Co B found cave with 2 trenches at BT 668025 cave destroyed at 261235H.	S-F
1345		529	261335H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Spot Report A. Co B B. 261330 C BT 670023 D. 1 heat GAS E. Helo evac req.	S-F
1445		530	261400H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Co B still on ph L PEAR Issued Frag O to Co A move 1 plat (rein) fr present position SW across SONG CHU river 654022 Search and clear village at 663014 provide for comm and close liaison on LZ Maple for Arty and Air Support as required. Move out plat ASAP after noon meal. Be alert for sniper fire 6502, your zone is now extended to include area S of SONG JAO river GL 00 No change in E boundary. Ensure plat is aware of friendliness on LZ MAPLE hill Mass.	S-F
1430		531	261300H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar Spot Report A. Co A B. 261300H C. BT 659037 D. Emer evac 1 male civilian injured during arty strike delivered to BAS by helo shrapnel left bullock & left shoulder E. being treated by Med will be sent home after treatment.	S-F
1445		532	261430H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot report A. Co B B. 261430H C. 674022 D. Marine shot in foot E. Helo evac to BAS.	S-F
1450		533	261455H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. 2nd Plat. A Co 500 meters from obj.	S-F
1455		534	261500H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar D-1 Patrol returned neg contact	S-F
1515		535	261500H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Follow up on spot report of foot wound. GySgt. STRAPMAN C.R. HqBn Photographer weapon taken out and laid down weapon and it accidentally discharge. Still sling in his foot.	S-F

UNIT: RLT-7 3-3  
 OPENED: 261700H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 261930H SEP 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
1710		536	261705	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar Patrol Kiamet departed	S-F
1720		537	261220 (late entry)	FR: ARVN L&O to 7thMar 1. VC Bn BS696944 VAN TUONG BS722953 THANH THUV. AN LOC BS 690959. They intend to attack BINH SON District fr 25 to 26 Sep. Wpns 1 81mm Mortar 1 60mm Mortar 1 57mm RR 3 M-6 30 cal 9BARs adequate small arms. 2. 2VC Co's MINH HOI BS 677888 wpns 1 60mm Mortar 1 M60 Mortar 1 M6 4 BARs and adequate small arms new VC forbid any civilian to live in VC area because afraid civilian informers.	S-F
1840		538	261840	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol KISMIT reached check point pt#1.	S-F
1920		539	261920H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report#1 Alfa Co D Bravo 1845 Charlie 583998 Delta received two bursts from automatic fire, about 15 rounds each from trung an (2) against BOD withdrew to D Company position F thru M negative.	S-F
1920		540	261920H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report. #2 Alfa Co D Bravo 1850 Charlie 554991 Delta VC spying on Op-1 dispatched a fire team who were fired upon and a fire fight ensued. Echo observed 2 persons; one with a weapon under impression that one was wounded during fire fight. Will keep this area under surveillance with sniper scope.	S-F
1930		541	261930H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. SitRep. Co A located at ceer 659038, Their 2d Plat retruned to CP, Co B at ceer 672028 their line runs along phase line pear, both Co's in night defense position, Co A will retract at 1000 by LVTs Co B will start search and clear operations in early morning moving North, Recon returning at 1823H, Radio relay group located at ceer 657012.	S-F
1940		542	261940H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol KISMIT has reached its three positions.	S-F
2000		543	261900H	FR: STFD 55 to 7thMar. Advisers here wish to know appropriate date and time to continue last week discussion, they will travel to your location.	S-F
2005		544	261930H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Co M spotted Vietnamese, one observing troop movements at BT533992 informed 1/7. 1/7 sent reactionary force to check out individual and are now engaged in fire fight at above BT 553992.	S-F

UNIT: RLP-7 3-3  
 OPENED: 261900H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 262235H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
2008		545	261900	FR: STBD 56 to 7thMar. Friendly position PF-1-17 BS 625862 PF-21 BS 623865 PF-13 BS 602922 PF-22-16 BS 576965 PF-11 BS 641927 PF-12-10 BS 613947, 610950 PF at Quang Ngai PF-25 BS 986010 Squad 14 BS 584000 590043 Squad 9 BS 581977, 585982 Squad 8 BS 592920, 596926 Pat 1, 2, 5 BS 646924 Pat 3, 4 BS 602922 ARVN 3/5; ANVUS HES 609942, 598516, 590923 Companies 599917, 593917, 596927, 595932	S-F
2125		546	262125	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spet Report A-Booth Relay B-2105 C-655015 D-2rds of 60mm mortar or grenades fired from vic of 654007 also receiving sniper fire.	S-F
				<u>CONTINUATION OF ABOVE:</u> from same area E-fired arty illum F-M neg.	
2130		547	262130H	FR: STBD 56 to 7thMar. Phoi-Tham BS 565915, an Diem BS 554896, VC use laborers VC intend to use laborers to clear mountain (over unk).	S-F
2135		548	2621200	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. At 262030H 1/7 Relay observed constant flashing of light at BT 657003 and at 647990, suspect possible enemy signal activity.	S-F
2140		549	262025	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Comm Off reported ground wire out by TIs or pliers in the same place twice, first time it was repaired and tied to a tree the 2nd time it was out and un- tied and dragged 100 ft, the site where it was out in a good work site each time it was out after dark. Coor BT 524014.	S-F
2210		550	262210	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spet Report A-Bn CP B-2145 C-565044 D-Unknown explosion detonated by the motor pool E-running crater analysis. F-M negative.	S-F
2220		551	262200	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spet Report. A-Co D B-184H C-BS 583998 D-BOD received 2 burst of auto fire or 15 rds each fr Trung-An (2).	S-F
2220		552	262220	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. E-BOD withdrew to "D" Co positions. F-M negative.	S-F
2220		553	262220	FR: STBD 56 to 7thMar. Req following HE concentration immediately 465873, 470875, 460874 AN-hoa under attack can observe.	S-F
2235		554	262235H	FR: STBD 56 to 7thMar. The bridge at coor 624865 attacked 2200 by VC Company PF's held bridge no other results.	S-F

UNIT: RMP-7 3-3  
 OPENED: 262200H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 270835H 27 Sep 65

IN	OUT	SERVO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
2238		555	262238H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report A-Co "D" B-261850H C-B3 554991 D-VC spying upon OP#1, dispatched fire team to check persons out, VC opened up on fire team, fire fight ensued, no Marine casualties, results of our fire unk. will check at first light.	S-F
2310		556	262310	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Co "A" reports neg contact from 2100 to 2300.	S-F
262220		557	262114H	FR: STBD 56 to 7thMar. Request following on call illumination ASAP BS 607921, 595930, 592922, 620935, request following on call HE concentration BS 606921, 620934, 618935, 605925, 902924, 604932, 593909. request concentration no. realize illumination falls short but adequate till flare ship arrived.	S-F
(CONTINUATION OF ABOVE)				Arvn arty cover West. expect two prons attack.	
2335		558	261100H	FR: STBD 56 to 7thMar. District Chief composit intell summary.	S-F
0145		559	270145	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot report A-B Co B-0130, C-672028, D-patrol re-entering friendly lines was fired upon by Marines, B-evac two wounded to "B" Med, F-None, G-2 H-K-Ne.	S-F
0220		560	270220	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol K-26B returned with neg contact. Patrol K-26C departed.	S-F
0600		561	270600H	FR: Aerology to 7thMar. weather Report. Weather 270600H High 88 Low 75, visibility unrestricted mostly cloudy all day with intermittent rain in afternoon.	S-F
0605		562	270605	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol K-26B returned at 0500, neg contact. Patrol K-26C reached check point #1 at 0245.	S-F
0645		563	270645	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol KISMIT #1 Neg contact. out of radio contact with KISMIT #2 and #3.	S-F
0725		564	270725	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. "A" Co will be retracted 0900 by LVTs.	S-F
0735		565	270735	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. "B" Co will be ready to see out at 0730.	S-F
0830		566	270830	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Rept. A. Co B B. B 270655H C. BT 666026 D. one Marine accidentally shot by friendly fire. E. Evac to B Med F-M Negative.	S-F
0835		567	270835	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Rep. A.Co A B. 270030H C. BT 653037 D. Rec'd 7 rds of sniper fire . E. returned fire. F-M, Negative.	S-F

UNIT: RLP-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 291804H Sep 1985  
 CLOSED:

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
0835		568	270835H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report. Man was shot by his own personal weapon which was in his pack. Bullet went through left shoulder came out his back.	S-F
0932		569	270932H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. K-2 Patrol has departed.	S-F
1010		570	272110H	FR: 7thMar, to STDB 55. A. your 291900H STDB 3 will set date tomorrow	S-F
1015		571	271015H	FR: 7thMar to STDB 55. Other operational requirements preclude establishing firm dates and times for additional meetings. Express my regrets to ARVN Off that I cannot be more definite at this time. I will contact them as soon as situation firms.	S-F
1033		572	271033H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. D-4 Patrol has departed at 0945.	S-F
1035		573	271035H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. "B" Co is at phase line Orange. Are continuing search and clear operation to north. "A" Co will be moving out app. 15 minutes (0953 time of message.)	S-F
1045		574	271045H	FR: 2/4 to 7thMar. VC Co reported at BS 435965 and 450845.	S-F
1300		575	271300H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol I-I is at check point C.	S-F
1510		576	271510H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. M-2 Patrol returned neg contact.	S-F
1515		577	271515H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. I-2 Patrol returned neg contact.	S-F
1600		578	271600H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report. A. Co B B. 271400H C. GS 6604 D. PFC BAGLEY, R.C. LCPL JONES, A.W. from H&S Co evac to "B" Med as HEAT casualties.	S-F
1615		579	271615H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol Crackerjack has departed.	S-F
1730		580	271730H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. 2 men from Brave Co returned to Bn. CP; PVT MALLETT with laceration wound left palm caused by a bayonet, LCPL FITZPATRICK with contusion of the left knee. FAC, radio relay and PO team also returned.	S-3
1750		581	271750H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. At 271730 "B" Co rpt capturing 2 VCS hiding behind rocks via coor BT 678025 at 271630H. Also at 271715 2 VCS were delivered at 1/7 collection point.	S-3
1840		582	271840H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Cracker Jack pasted check point 1. no contact.	S-3

UNIT: RIF-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 271907H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 272310H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
1907		583	271907H	FR: STBD 55 to 7thMar. Advisors request Marine FO Team to accompany 3d Bn, 5thMar Regiment on 2d day Operation west and South of BINH SON along river. Operation KICK off at 0700 28 Sep FO Team to report to advisors if this request is honored.	S-F
2010		584	272010H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. A. Booth OP #1 B. 1945 C. 564000 D. 8 round burst from M-1 at roadblock and again at 1950 20-30 burst from automatic weapon. E. Observed from OP#1.	S-F
	1935	585	271945H	FR: STBD to 7thMar. Interrogative your need of Marine FO Team when ARVN arty is located so near.	S-F
2025		586	272025H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. "M" Co Patrol B-2 departed.	S-F
2050		587	272050H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Cracker Jack square in place.	S-F
2100		588	272100H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. D-2 Patrol will not go out	S-F
2055		589	272055H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. A. OP#1 B. 272033H C. BS574973 D. Persons on OP#1 saw fire fight at coord 574973.	S-F
2145		590	272145H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. At 2115H CP security receive 1 rd incoming small arms fire from coord 535023. no caus.	S-F
2215		591	272205H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. "M" Co Patrol 27 B at check point #1.	S-F
2225		592	272135H	FR: STBD 6 to 7thMar. 6 would appreciate it if you would leave LF's on bridge and pull out others within TAOB but obtain clearance any other use of LF's 24 hours prior to use.	S-F
2235		593	272235H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Cracker Jack 2 in position and setting in.	S-F
2245		594	272245H	FR: Stbd 56 to 7thMar. By order aspirant general 12th Tactical zone 603938, 660950 660895, 609904. 3/7 Bn have operation plan 280730H Sept to 281800 Sept coord BS 603938, 660950, 660895, 609904 object will occupy PHUOC THOYN HAMLET BS 641923.	S-F
2310		595	272310H	FR: STBD 56 to 7thMar. Binh Son cannot support with arty. due to number of channels req to req fired mission USMC Arty results in a time lag to great for effective protection. for there calls neg will coordinate personally.	S-F

UNIT: RIF-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 280905H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 282003H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
0905		596	280900H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol Cracker Jack set up for night. neg contact.	S-F
0910		597	280905H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol D-1 departed at 280903H.	S-F
0930		598	280930H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spet Rep A. Cracker Jack patrol received fire from BS 511978 returned fire 4 rds 7.62. an est 5 to six All armed and wearing black outfits, last seen heading toward BS 504973.	S-F
1015		599	281015H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Co B crossed river at 668007. Permission to move across boundary authorized.	S-F
1030		600	281030H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. One man fired 2 rds toward 3/7 CP 543035 at 281005 1 carbine 2 ARVN & 2 Marines pursued for 300 meters but did not catch him.	S-F
1100		601	281100H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spet Report. A.Co BB. 281015H C. 671008 B. Co B sending in Vietnamese girl w/rifle wound upper thigh no info as yet concerning how she received the wound. She being held evac to BAS for treatment.	S-F
1130		602	281130H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spet Report A.Co B B. 281120H C. 643054 D. Marine w/out on chest cuts appear to be from oral Marine was suffering heat exhaustion fell and received superficial cuts on chest. Held evac to "B" Red.	S-F
1440		603	281440H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. 1 Patrol returned at 281435H w/negative contact.	S-F
1600		604	281600H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. D-1 Patrol returned at 281530H negative contact.	S-F
1610		605	281610H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spet Report A. D-1 B. 281240H C. 595927 D. Vietnamese male in green shirt & trousers and straw hat saw D-1 Patrol and ran E. D-1 Patrol chased, yelled halt in Vietnamese twice, fired over his head was about to lower fire when he ran into a 8' high sugar cane. Searched area but neg/contact.	S-F
1720		606	281720H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Cracker Jack is on CKPT 3	S-F
1945		607	281945H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Co M reports auto fire fr observed at BS (509974).	S-F
1920		608	281920H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Cracker Jack has assumed its night positions in three separate localities.	S-F
2015		609	282015H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. K-283 is at checkpoint #1 as of 2015.	S-F
2003		610	282003H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spet Rep A. OPI B. 2003 C. 584976 D. Fire fight E. Obs F-M negative.	S-F

UNIT: RLT-7 3-3  
 OPENED: 282030H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 291530H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
2030		611	282030H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Rep A. OF1 B. 282020 C. 560997 range 2500 meters, D. 3 burst of simi- auto wpn E. Obs, F-M unk.	S-F
2322		612	282322H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Rep. A. Co C B. 282245H C. BT 566018 D. Hand Grenade T.rown 30 meters in front of Co C E. ill 4 rds - negative obs. F-M- negative contact.	S-F
2312		613	282312H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. A. Co I B. 282235 C Bs 51- 2994 D. Trip flare went off in rear; saw 1 VCS E. threw grenade F-M- Negative	S-F
2255		614	282255H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. A. Co C B. 282255 C BT5630 - 34. D. Martin J.M. was evao to 1/7 BAS with stomach pains E. being exam by doctor, in ward for obs. F-M unk	S-F
0100		615	290100H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. D Co 2nd Plat. activity in front of plat requested and rec ill. neg/contact	S-F
0810		616	290810H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Alpha 59 Patrol cancelled	S-F
0810		617	290810H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Rep. A. Alpha Co B. 0750 C BT 576032 D. Rec'd 2 rds sniper fire location unknown. observing area and if they fire again will go after.	S-F
0811		618	290811H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. "M" 29a Patrol cancelled also scout recon patrol.	S-F
0815		619	290815H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol G-14 departed 0815	S-F
0930		620	290930H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spot report A. 3/7 B. 290815a C. 546974 D. Patrol Cracker Jack rec'd approx 20 rds small arms fire from 546974 returned fire ; fled no visual contact unk neg casualties.	S-F
1100		621	291100H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol Cracker Jack reached Checkpoint #6 at 1155H	S-F
1120		622	291120H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. G-14 Patrol returned Neg contact. A-40 reached CKPT 2 D-1 Patrol departed at 291115H.	S-F
1136		623	291136H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol Cracker Jack re- turned at 291125H.	S-F
1210		624	291210H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report. A. B Co B. Co B B-1048, C. 659028, D Found 1 VCS hiding in house. E. Picked up VCS, had no ID, F thru J - negative .	S-F
1345		625	291345H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. I-29a at Trung An (2) at 1332.	S-F
1515		626	291515H	FR: STBD X-ray to 7thMar. Have arrived Binh- Jen.	S-F
1530		627	291530H	FR: 3/7 to 7t Mar. Patrol I-29A returned, negative contact.	S-F

UNIT: RIT-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 291605H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 300430H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	REF	MESSAGE	ACTION
1600		628	291600H	FR: STBD X-Ray to 7thMar. Departed Binh Son.	S-F
1605		629	291605H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report.	S-F
1640		630	291640H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol Murder departed	S-F
1700		631	291700H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol D-1 returned at 1700, negative contact.	S-F
1700		632	291700H	FR: STBD X-ray to 7thMar. Mar CP.	S-F
1835		633	291835H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report.	S-F
1925		634	291925H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report.	S-F
1930		635	291930H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Reaction platoon took off fr 3/7 to relieve 3rd Plat Co C 1st Recon Bn. Time 1820	S-F
1935		636	291935H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Reaction Plat touched down near recon plat.	S-F
1940		637	291940H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. At 1915 helo mission was completed.	S-F
2030		638	292030H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. 1st Plat dispatched with L6 and False 6 at 1850.	S-F
2040		639	292040H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. False 6 returned to his CP.	S-F
2040		640	292040H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. L-6 returned with 2 plats and recon plat to recons old position at 474968 at 1945. "L" called arty.	S-F
2045		641	292054H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. 3/7 Patrol is at ck point (3).	S-F
2050		642	291900H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol C-15 is cancelled because PFS are working in area.	S-F
2055		643	292055H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. "D" -2 Patrol departed at 1950.	S-F
2058		644	292058H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report.	S-F
2105		645	292105H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol is in night position.	S-F
2110		646	292110H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Retraction plans are being for L-6 and 2 recon plats at 0645 30 Sept.	S-F
2120		647	292120H	FR: STBD 56 to 7thMar. Reference message DTG 291700 .-	S-F
2130		648	292020H	FR: STBD 56 to 7thMar. ARVN's position	S-F
2150		649	292150H	FR: 7thMar to STBD 56. Ref your 292020H request sizes of ARVN units.	S-F
2200		650	292200H	FR: 7thMar to 3/7. Fire mission was fired for "L" Co at 2015.	S-F
2230		651	292230H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report.	S-F
2315		652	292315H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report.	S-F
0050		653	300005H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. D-2 Patrol returned neg contact.	S-F
0350		654	300350H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol Ivan is on way back at 0345.	S-F
0430		655	300430H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol Ivan at Ck Point 2 at 0420.	S-F

UNIT: RIT-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 300545H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 301720H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
0545		656	300545H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol A-41 passed check point C.	S-F
0609		657	300609H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol A-41 returned 0609 with negative contact.	S-F
0805		658	300805H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol Murder returned with contact.	S-F
0830		659	300830H	FR: 7th Mar to ARVN LNO. Ref your 292020H req size of ARVN units.	S-F
	0845	660	300835H	FR: 7thMar to ARVN Lno do not brief on 3/7 opns until notified by this Hq.	S-F
0845		661	300845H	FR: ARVN LNO to 7thMar. will designate size of ARVN units in tonight's report. ARVN positions of last night vacated.	S-F
0930		662	300930H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol I 30A has left	S-F
0940		663	300940H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. A-42 and D-1 departed.	S-F
0945		664	300940H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Patrol K-30A departed at 300940H.	S-F
	1020	665	301015H	FR: 7thMar to ARVN LNO. Alert PF roadblock for 3/7 convey this PM.	S-F
1110		666	301110H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. M3 Patrol departed.	S-F
1200		667	300855H	FR: ARVN LNO to 7thMar. In order to prepare District Chief has been give the following info ref 3/7 Opns A. Village name B. Lday Opn village chief and 3 man team ready for pick-up here 301600H Sep. No ARVN/RF troops in that area of District.	S-F
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1250		668	301250H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Co "C" will start test firing machineguns at 1250 in C Co CP area.	S-F
1300		669	301300H	FR: G-3 to 7thMar. Held up on 3/7 operation due to no helos for at least 90 to 120 hrs.	S-F
1320		670	301320H	FR: 7thMar to 1/7, 3/7 Binh-Son LNO. 3/7 operation postponed.	S-F
1350		671	301350H	FR: G-3 3dMar to 7thMar. Helicopter availability 12 on the afternoon of the 2 Oct. 17 Oct. 12 4 Oct 3-3 3/7 notified.	S-F
	1415	672	301400H	FR: 7thMar to ARVN LNO 3/7 units will not pick up PSY war team policemen and village chief today Opns has ben cancelled due to lack of helicopters will contact you again on this matter in the future.	S-F
	1430	673	301415H	FR: 7thMar to ARVN LNO with regard to 4 policemen at 1/7 roadblock do you want us to return them on Sunday or Tuesday there will be no run to you on Monday.	S-F
1630		674	301630H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. D-42 Patrol has returned negative contact.	S-F
1720		675	301720H	FR: 7thMar to Binh Son LNO. 1/7 Patrol D-will be operating in Grid Sqs 5796, 5897, 5896, 5798, make this information known to those concerned.	S-F

UNIT: RLP-7 S-3  
 OPENED: 302115H Sep 1965  
 CLOSED: 302400H Sep 1965

IN	OUT	SERNO	DTG	MESSAGE	ACTION
2115		676	302115H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol A-43 departed at 2055.	S-F
2020		677	302020H	FR: 4thMar to 7thMar. Three men wandered into 2/4 positions, says they were from "K" 3/7 one man name was LCpl ARF - a Patrol Leader.	S-F
2225		678	302225H	FR: 7thMar to 3/7. Passed above information to 3/7.	S-F
2230		679	302230H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Reported one of their patrols got off their route by 1,000 meters and wandered into 2/4 position and were picked up, reported same back by radio to K Co CP, 2/4 will hold patrol untill first light, as they feel they may run into one of 2/4 patrols.	S-F
2235		680	302235H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol C-17 departed at 2223.	S-F
2240		681	302240H	FR: BINH SON LNO to 7thMar. 1. PFS Plat #37 (609904), (606920) 2. PAT Plat #5 (596929) 3. Reg Forces Plat #1 and #2 (602922). 4. ARVN Sqd (594917) Plat (659954) Co minus (640955) Plat (640958)	S-F
2315		682	302315H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report.	S-F
2320		683	302320H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report.	S-F
2325		684	302325H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Patrol A-43 returned at 2320 with negative contact.	S-F
2335		685	302335H	FR: 1/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report.	S-F
2400		686	302400H	FR: 3/7 to 7thMar. Spot Report. A-M Co B 2330; C-542012, D-41e6 fired illumination and threw two hand grenades, F thru M Negative contact.	S-F

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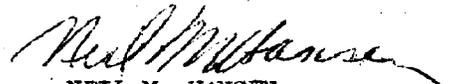
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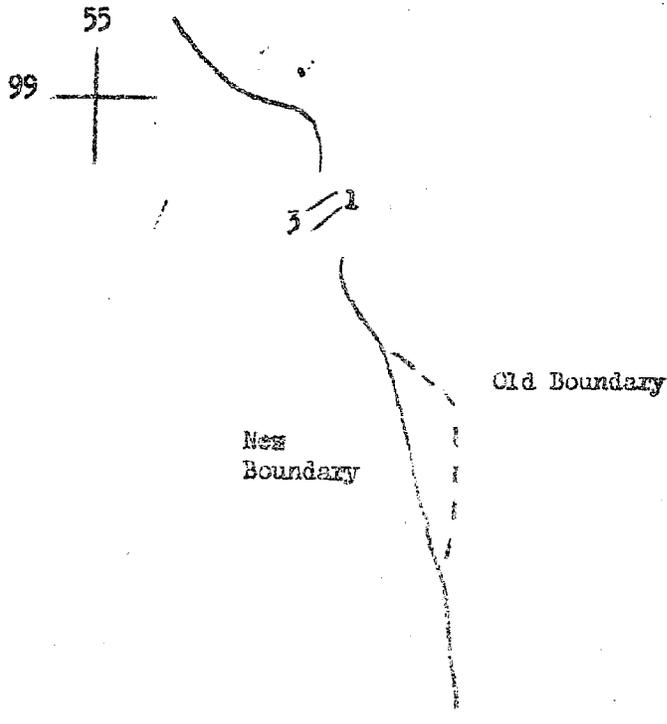
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Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy forces. See current INTSUMS.  
 b. Friendly forces. See references (a) and (b).

2. MISSION. Defend the CHU LAI AIRFIELD and ancillary facilities from enemy attack, and be prepared to execute on order offensive operations against the enemy.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operations. RLT-7 defends the CHU LAI AIRFIELD and ancillary facilities from enemy attack by manning defensive positions along the MLR within assigned TAOR, by conducting aggressive patrols within the TAOR, and by conducting operations with the Royal Vietnamese Armed Forces outside the TAOR. Reference (c) and Annex B (Operations Overlay).

b. 1st Bn (Rein), 7th Marines

(1) Defend the CHU LAI AIRFIELD within the assigned zone of the TAOR by manning defensive positions along the MLR and conducting offensive operations within the TAOR.

(2) Be prepared to conduct, on order, unilateral or combined operations with RVNAF outside the TAOR boundary.

(3) Be prepared to provide one company, on order, for employment anywhere in the Division areas of responsibility.

c. 3rd Bn (Rein), 7th Marines.

(1) Defend the CHU LAI AIRFIELD within the assigned zone of the TAOR by manning defensive positions along the MLR and conducting offensive operations within the TAOR.

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(2) Be prepared to conduct, on order, unilateral, or combined operations with RVNAF outside the TAOR.

(3) Designate one company as RLT Reserve. This company will not be committed without the approval of this Headquarters.

d. Company C (-)(Rein), 1st AT Bn.

(1) Provide one platoon in direct support to 1st Battalion, 7th Marines and one to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

e. Co C (-)(Rein), 1st Tank Battalion. Provide one platoon in direct support of 1st Battalion, 7th Marines and one to 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines.

f. Co C (-)(Rein), 1st Engr Bn. General Support.

g. Co C (-)(Rein), 1st Recon Bn. General Support.

h. Co A (-)(Rein), 3d AmTrac Bn. General Support.

i. RLT Reserve.

(1) Co , 3rd Bn, 7th Marines

(a) Be prepared to be committed, on order of CO,RLT-7.

j. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Direct liaison with the parent headquarters of adjacent units for coordination of lines is authorized.

(2) Reports. Submit reports to this Headquarters in accordance with reference (d).

(3) Rules of Engagement.

(a) Rounds will not be inserted in the chamber of individual weapons unless encounter with the enemy is obvious, and the judgement of the senior Marine present, this measure must be taken to preserve the lives of USMC personnel.

(b) During the hours of darkness the sequence of engagement will be:

1 Challenge

2 If there is no response to the challenge or the response is incorrect, the area will be illuminated.

3 If the person challenged makes an overt attempt to avoid apprehension, or opens fire or commits any other hostile act, thereby endangering the life of the challenger, the challenger may load and fire.

(c) Magazines will not be inserted in weapons in a camp area during daylight hours.

SECRET(d) Supporting Arms.

1 Use of all supporting arms will be cleared by the appropriate FSCC.

2 Refer to reference (a).

(4) RII-7 Attachments. Provide for the defense of the Regimental CP as directed by the Headquarters Commandant.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. In accordance with current instructions and procedures.
- b. Note reference (e).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Command. Refer to reference (f).
- b. Communication-Electronics. Refer to references (b) and (g).

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Capt RENNER

Co C (-)  
 Det, H&S  
 Det, Support Co

Co C (-) (Rein), 1st ReconBn

Lt GRAIN

Co C (-)  
 Det, H&S Co

Co A (-) (Rein), 3dAmTracBn

Capt BAIR

Co A (-)  
 Det, H&S Co

RLT Reserve

Co , 3dBn, 7thMar

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CO, 3rd Bn, 12th Mar	5
CO, MAG-12	1
CO, MAG-36	1
CO, MACS-9	1
CO, FLSU-1	1
CO, MGB-10	1
CO, Co A, 3d AmTrac Bn	1
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 (b) 3d MarDiv OpOrder 327-65  
 (c) 3d MarDiv OpOrder 321A-65  
 (d) ADC message 08147Z Oct 65

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Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)1. SITUATION.a. Enemy forces. See current INTSUMS.b. Friendly forces.

(1) FMAW continues to provide CAS and helicopter support for RLT-7.

(2) Artillery Battalion Group in general/direct support of RLT-7.

3rdBn (-)(Rein), 11th Marines - Direct Support RLT-7.

Btry M, 4th Bn, 11th Marines - General Support reinforcing RLT-7.

Btry G - Direct Support BLT 1/7.

Btry I - Direct Support RLT-7.

107 Btry - General Support RLT-7.

3rd Bn, 12th Mar - Reinforcing fires as available.

3rd 155 Gun Btry (SP) - General Support.

3rd Plat, 3rd 8" How Btry (SP) - General support.

(3) 4th Marines continue to defend their TAOR to the North of RLT-7.

c. Attachments and detachments.

(1) See Annex A (Task Organization).

(2) All reserve attachments become effective upon execution of this plan.

d. Assumptions.

(1) That the VC have the capability of launching a full scale attack against the Chu Lai enclave in battalion strength or larger.

(2) That the primary target of the attack will be the Chu Lai Airfield and its supporting facilities.

(3) That the 1st and 3rd Battalions will contain the penetration with blocking forces until this order can be executed.

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2. MISSION. In keeping with the mission assigned RLT-7 by reference (b), The RLT Reserve conducts counterattacks as directed by the CO, RLT-7 to destroy the enemy within the MLR and restore regimental integrity. *The 7th Marines must be prepared to assign to rifle Co's: 1-TK platoon, 1-ONTOS platoon, 1-AMTRAC platoon, and 1-81mm mortar section to OPCON of the 4th Marines in order to*

3. EXECUTION. *execute 4th Marines plans in accordance with reference (d).*

a. Concept of Operation. In accordance with references (b) and (c), the RLT Reserve composed of up to two rifle companies and a provisional rifle company maintain a readiness posture to be immediately employed as a helicopter-borne reaction force, as the main body of an armored force, as a mobile force mounted on wheeled vehicles or on foot, capable of being deployed anywhere within the Regimental TAOR as directed by the CO, RLT-7.

b. 1st Bn (Rein), 7th Marines.

(1) Establish blocking positions to limit the penetration within assigned area of the MLR. See Annex B (Operation Overlay).

(2) Be prepared to provide on order one company to the RLT Reserve.

(3) " " " " " " " 81 mortar section to the RLT Reserve.

c. 3dBn (-)(Rein), 7th Marines.

(1) One company will be designated as the RLT Reserve to be committed only on approval of CO, RLT-7.

(2) Establish local blocking positions to limit the penetration within assigned areas of the MLR.

d. Co B (-)(Rein), 1st Tk Bn.

(1) Be prepared to assign one section of tanks in direct support of each company of the RLT Reserve.

e. Co C (-)(Rein), 1st AT Bn.

(1) Be prepared to assign one section of Ontos in direct support of each company of the RLT Reserve.

f. Co A (-)(Rein), 3d Amtrac Bn.

(1) Be prepared to assign one platoon of LVT's in direct support of each company of the RLT Reserve.

g. Headquarters Company (Rein), 7th Marines.

(1) Organize a Provisional Company in accordance with Annex A (Task Organization).

h. RLT Reserve.

Company (Rein), 1st Battalion, 7th Marines (on order).

SECRETCompany (Rein). 3d Battalion, 7th MarinesProvisional Company (Rein), RIT-7 Hq

(1) Conduct route reconnaissance and necessary rehearsals to ensure readiness for rapid deployment by helicopter or as the main body of an armored force to designated blocking positions. Annex B (Operation Overlay).

(2) Be prepared to assemble in designated assembly areas in zone and organize for immediate employment upon notification from this Headquarters.

(3) Be prepared to receive one section of tanks, one section of Ontos, and one platoon of LVT's per company upon notification from this Headquarters.

(4) Headquarters Commandant will form the Provisional Rifle Company from Headquarters RIT-7 assets. Submit to this Headquarters (S-3) the units composing same and billets they are responsible for filling.

i. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Essential elements of the counterattack. See Annex B (Operations Overlay).

(2) Blocking positions. See Annex B (Operations Overlay).

(3) In the event the RIT Reserve is committed by helicopter, the HLZs will be at the designated assembly area.

(4) This order effective immediately for planning and rehearsal, and for execution on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

aa. Supply.

(1) Prescribed loads.

Class I	- One full canteen of water in hands of all troops prior to initiation of counter-attack.
Class II	- Combat essential
Class III	- Vehicle tanks full. Five gallon fuel cans full and mounted on vehicles.
Class IV	- As required.
Class V	- Basic allowance of ammunition to be issued immediately upon assembly of units prior to moving to attack positions or lines of departure.

SECRET(2) Resupply - Normal procedures.b. Evacuation and Hospitalization.

- (1) Evacuate wounded to Company "B", 3d Medical Battalion located at the FLSU #1 at Chu Lai.
- (2) Wounded ARVN, civilians and POWs will be evacuated to Quang Nai. Priority to ARVN, civilians then POWs.
- (3) Location of medical officers - Regimental Surgeon in RAS. Battalion surgeons in BAS.

c. Transportation.

- (1) Organic transportation - as determined by unit commander.
- (2) Time, weather and terrain permitting helicopter transportation may be used.
- (3) Make requests to this headquarters for amphibian tractors or truck transportation.

d. Services.

- (1) Co "C" (-) (Rein), 1st Engineer Battalion - Perform combat engineer tasks in support of counterattacking force.
- (2) Co "A" (-) (Rein), 3d AmTrac Battalion - provide transportation for tactical movements and logistics support for counterattacking force.
- (3) FLSU #1 - Provides supply, resupply, transportation, medical and maintenance services in support of counterattacking forces.

e. Personnel - In accordance with current directivesf. Miscellaneous

- (1) All units requiring resupply will keep the Regimental S-4 informed of CP coordinates. All requests for supplies will include coordinates for delivery and landing zone markings.
- (2) Uniform and Equipment - Utilities, marching pack, T/O weapons, helmet w/green side out.
- (3) POW will be delivered to the POW stockade at Chu Lai. Coordinates (543053).
- (4) Captured material - All captured material, including weapons, will be delivered to the RIMP CP and turned over to the Intelligence Officer. This material should be

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clearly marked as to where found, under what circumstances, when and by whom. At the conclusion of their requirements the intelligence section will turn over this material to the S-4 section for storage and disposition. The S-4 will maintain a record of all enemy material processed.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.

a. Command Posts

- (1) RIT-7 - 560048
- (2) 1stBn (Rein), 7thMar - 565044
- (3) 3rdBn (Rein), 7thMar - 538018
- (4) Assembly Areas
  - RIT Reserve Assembly Area #1 535028
  - RIT Reserve Assembly Area #2 563024
  - Provisional Rifle Company and
  - Tracked Vehicle Assembly Area 560048

b. Communication - electronics. Annex C (Communications)

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3rd Bn (-), 7th Mar	
Det, Btry I, 3dBn, 11thMar	
<u>Co B (-)(Rein), 1st Tank Bn</u>	Capt LAMB
Co B (-)	
Det, H&SCo	
<u>Co C (-)(Rein), 1st AT Bn</u>	Lt SNYDER
Co C (-)	
Det, H&SCo	
<u>Co A (-)(Rein), 3d Amtrac Bn</u>	Capt BAIR
Co A (-)	
Det, H&SCo	
<u>RLT Reserve</u>	
Co [redacted], 1stBn (On order)	
Co [redacted], 3dBn	
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Provisional Co, RLT-7 Hq	Capt PARKS
Det, HqCo, 7thMar	
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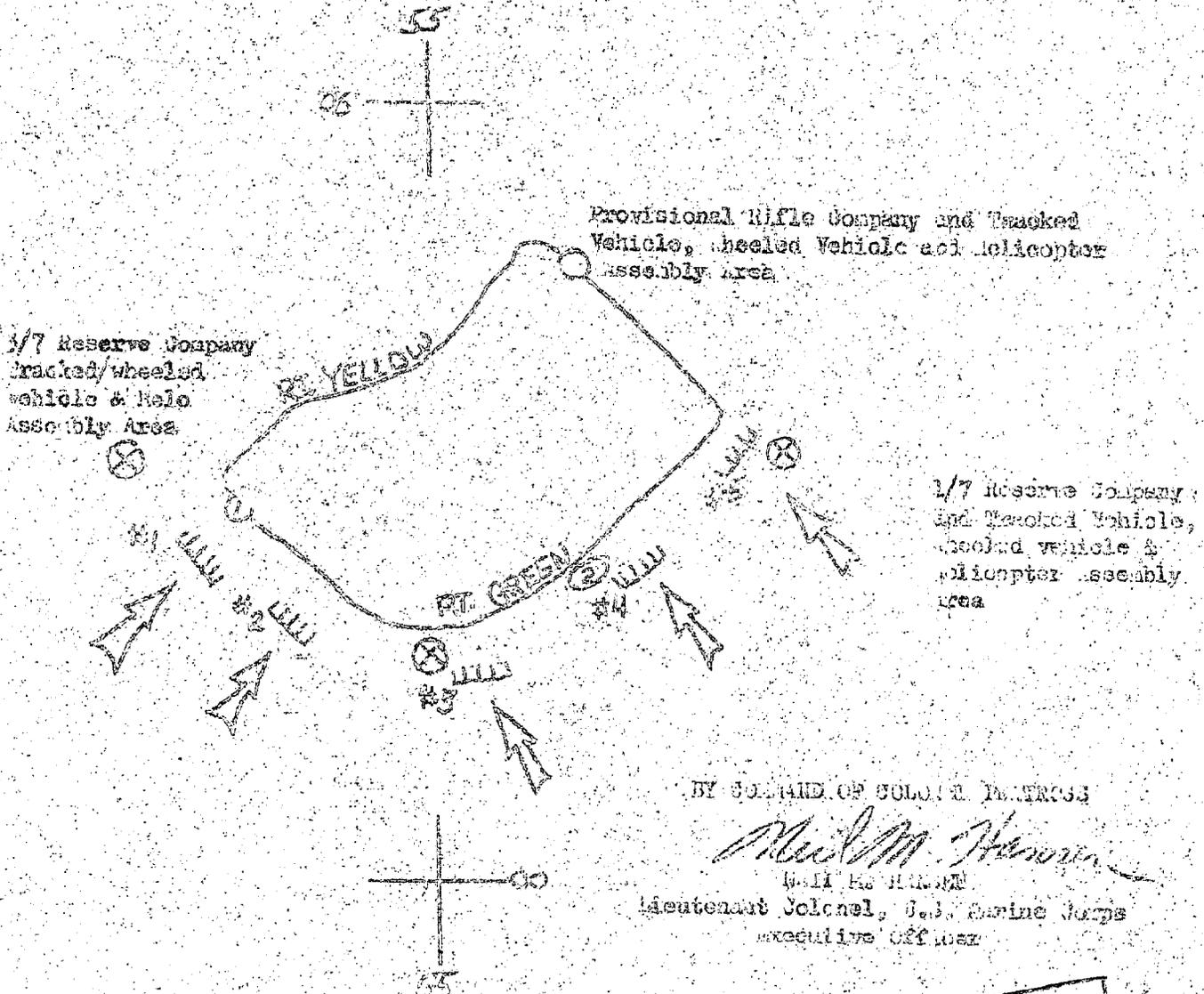
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Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces. See current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly forces.

(1) See Operation Plan 328-65.

(2) Command Posts.

(a) Afloat. None

(b) Ashore.

RLT-7 (-)(Rein) vicinity BT 560048

1st Bn (Rein), 7th Mar vicinity BT 565044

3rd Bn (-)(Rein), 7th Mar vicinity BT 538018

Co B (-)(Rein), 1st Tank Bn vicinity BT 560048

Co A (-)(Rein), 3rd Amtrac Bn vicinity BT 560048

Co C (-)(Rein), 1st AT Bn vicinity BT 560048

Co (Rein), 1st Bn, 7th Mar initially vicinity BT 565044

Co (Rein), 3rd Bn, 7th Mar initially vicinity BT 538018

Provisional Co (Rein), RLT-7 vicinity BT 560048

2. MISSION. RLT-7 Communications elements install, operate and maintain Communications in support of counter attack conducted by Regimental Reserve as directed by the CO, RLT-7. *Be prepared to enter the 4th Marine Tactical Net #1 (40.1, S-192).*

3. EXECUTION.

a. Comm Plat, HqCo, RLT-7. Provide normal internal communications. External communications in accordance with references (b) and (c). Be prepared to provide additional communications personnel and equipment to the RLT Reserve as may be directed.

b. 1st Bn (Rein), 7th Mar.

(1) Install, operate and maintain normal internal communications.

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SECRETc. 3d Bn (-)(Rein), 7th Mar.

(1) Install, operate and maintain normal internal communications.

d. RLT Reserve.

(1) Install, operate and maintain normal internal communications.

e. Coordinating instructions.

(1) References (a) and (b).

(2) Communications Center. See reference (d).(3) Radio.

(a) See reference (c) for Call Signs and Frequency Assignments.

(b) D-250 (50.0) will be used in lieu of D-184 (39.3) on the Regimental Tactical Net #1.

(c) Report enemy jamming on imitative deception to this Headquarters.

(4) Warnings, Visual, Sound and Pyrotechnics. See reference (c).4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Administrative Plan 328-65.

b. Electronic repair and resupply will be in accordance with reference (d).

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