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

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA1. DESIGNATION

2nd Battalion, 7th Marines

COMMANDER

Lt Col KITTERMAN

SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters and Service Company
 Company E
 Company F
 Company G
 Company H

2nd Lt PETRONZIO
 Capt POOL
 Capt WHIPPLE
 Capt WILSON
 Capt FLEMING (1-16 Mar 67)
 Capt SZALLANKIEWICZ
 (17-31 Mar 67)

ATTACHED UNITS

3rd Platoon, Co C, 1st AT Bn (1-31 Mar 67) 1st Lt REED

2. LOCATION

1-31 March 1967: CHU LAI, RVN

3. STAFF OFFICERS

Executive Officer

S-1

S-2

S-3

S-4

S-5

Major WARRHOLAK
 2nd Lt ALVAREZ
 2nd Lt MENTZER
 Major KAUFFMAN (1-9 Mar 67)
 Major PREBLE (10-31 Mar 67)
 Capt SZALLANKIEWICZ
 (1-16 Mar 67)
 2nd Lt HENRY (17-31 Mar 67)
 2nd Lt BACH

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

USMC
Off Enl
 35 1086

USN
Off Enl
 3 50

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. The amount of enemy contact within the TAOR continued to increase steadily during the first three weeks of March, as it has since the first of the year. Because the large majority of these contacts occurred in the Southern portion of the TAOR, Operation PERRY was initiated on 25 March 1967 to evacuate Vietnamese civilians from the VC-infiltrated TAN PHUOC area, to render the area ineffective as a VC harboring site, to relocate the refugees to secure areas under GVN control as requested and coordinated with the BINH SON District Chief. The severe drop in enemy contacts/sightings in the area since the conclusion of Operation PERRY is an indication of its success.

2. Saturation patrolling throughout the TAOR continued during the reporting period despite the fact that two organic rifle companies remained detached to other commands. Particular emphasis was placed on increased security and surveillance measures in the area referred to as the Missile Belt in order to prevent enemy rocket attacks on the vital areas of the CHU LAI TAOR. Augmentation of both patrol coverage and the placing of H&I fires into likely rocket launching areas was effected. In addition, greater effort was devoted to interdiction of waterways located within the TAOR.

3. Continued revision and updating of contingency plans was pursued through liaison visits to BINH SON District Hq, and the CIDG camps at TRA BONG, HA THANH and GLA VUC.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

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1. Topicsa. Personnel and Administration

(1) During the month of March, this battalion joined 1 officer and 119 enlisted personnel. One officer and 43 enlisted were processed for rotation.

(2) Promoted by rank were 9 Sgt's, 5 Cpl's, 12 MCpl's, and 6 PFC's.

(3) Recommendations were made for the following awards; 4 Bronze Stars, and 1 Navy Commendation medal. One Silver Star was presented.

(4) 113 Marines were processed for R&R.

(5) Casualties Sustained

(a) There were 167 casualties sustained during the reporting period of which 21 were KIA and 145 were WIA.

(b) Of the figures above, 16 of the KIA's and 107 of the WIA's were sustained by the company OPCON to 3/7 on Operation DESOTO.

(c) There was 1 non-battle injury.

b. Enemy, Weather and Terrain

(1) Contacts with the enemy increased by 230% over the previous month. In particular, two areas were affected. The first, BS 5095, showed a marked increase in sniping incidents. The second, BS 5389 & BS 5489, showed a 70% increase in contacts, with our units engaging up to squad sized enemy units.

(2) The amount of mining and booby trap incidents also showed a marked increase. Anti tank mines were found on combat base access roads, while booby traps were found along trails and hedgerows. Several M-79 rounds were found deployed along the edges of sugar canefields.

(3) Operation PERRY was conducted on 25 March 1967 and concluded on 27 March 1967. The After Action Report is appended as Tab B.

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Casualties inflicted on the Enemy

VC KIA Confirmed	21
VC KIA Probable	9
VC WIA Confirmed	14
VC WIA Probable	9
VCS	46
VCC	0
Ralliers	1

(5) Weather had no adverse effect on operations during the month of March.

c. Organization and Operations(1) Command Relations

- (a) 031100H, 3rd platoon "C" 1/7 detached to 1/7.
- (b) 070800H, "D" Co 1/26 attached to 2/7.
- (c) 080800H, "D" Co 1/26 detached to 1/7.
- (d) 111000H, 1st platoon "E" Co 2/7 detached from CLDC.
- (e) 230800H, "F" Co 2/7 detached from 3/7 to CLDC.
- (f) 230800H, 2&3rd plts "E" Co 2/7 detached from CLDC.
- (g) 230850H, "G" Co 2/7 detached to OPCON 3/7.
- (h) 241630H, 4 plts 1/7 attached to 2/7.
- (i) 250700H, attached mine clearance plt 3rd Amtrac Bn (LVTE-1)
- (j) 250700H, attached one plt, "B" Co 3rd Amtrac Bn (LVTP-5)
- (k) 271430H, 4 platoons 1/7 detached to 1/7.
- (l) 271500H, LVTP-5 and LVTE-1 detached to 3rd Amtrac Bn.
- (m) 310915H, attached 1 section, B Co, 3rd Amtrac Bn (LVTP-5).

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(2) Fire Support

(a) During the reporting period, 42 observed fire missions were fired with a total of 4 smoke, 203 HE, 40 WP, and 19 illumination rounds expended.

(b) During the same period, 517 H&I missions were fired with a total of 2842 rounds expended.

(3) Air Support

(a) This battalion submitted a total of 32 helicopter requests during the month of March, with 26 of these run. 19 of these requests were Med Evacs.

(b) Two fixed wing air strikes were conducted by TAC (A) within the TAOR. They were credited with 2 KBA and 7 structures destroyed.

(4) Significant Operations Conducted. Operation PERRY was conducted on 25-27 March 1967, and the After Action Report is appended as Tab B.

d. Plans. The 2nd Bn, 7th Marines occupies and defends positions within the assigned TAOR so as to contribute to the defense of the base area, airfield and ancillary facilities at CMU LMI; conducts aggressive day and night patrolling and offensive operations within the TAOR. Is prepared, on order, to deploy on 12 hour notice as a reserve/reaction force. Provides assistance to CLDC as directed. Assists in training of, and provides support to, Regional and Popular Forces. Coordinates local security of all organizations and units in battalion sector as assigned. Conducts pacification and civic action programs as directed. Is prepared to deploy as division reserve as directed.

e. Training

(1) The following list indicates personnel school trained during the month of March.

(a)	Land Mine Warfare	80
(b)	NCO Leadership	4
(c)	Vietnamese Language	10
(d)	Embarkation	1
(e)	Field radio operators	3
(f)	Basic ammo technician	5

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(g) Field Wire	1
(h) Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	1
(i) Registered Publications	1
(j) Communications Center	1
(k) ANTPS/21	10
(l) Metal detector	2

(2) 840 men fired the XM16E rifle for familiarization and/or battle sights.

(3) 158 men are currently enrolled in MCI courses.

(4) Battalion scouts underwent one week OJT with 9th ITT developing interrogation techniques.

(5) For weekly training information, see Tab C.

f. Combined Action Company Program. The 2nd Bn, 7th Marines has formally requested authorization to form 3 combined action plts within the TACB, located in the hamlets of CHAU TU (2) & PHU LE's (1) & (3). Liaison and the construction of the CAP compound has been initiated.

g. Logistics, Equipment and Supply. The battalion received the M-16 rifle on 30 March 1967. Issue of these M-16's and retrograde of the M-14 began on 31 March 1967, without the benefit of prior planning or coordination. However, no major problems have arisen and this issue and retrograde is progressing well. 448 weapons were exchanged as well as a basic allowance of 5.56 ammo for each weapon. The issue on the 31st was made to H&S, Hotel and Echo Companies. F Company, presently located at CIDG, and G Company, OPCON to 3/7, will be issued these weapons on 1 April. It is anticipated that the M-16 will be in the hands of all troops rating them by 1st April 1st. In addition to a BA of ammunition, each command was issued 3 DOA on 31 March 1967.

h. Civil Affairs/Civic Action

(1) During the month of March, approximately 6420 Vietnamese civilians were treated at Med Caps.

(2) The following items were furnished to the citizens of the Republic of Vietnam for civic action projects:

- (a) 70 sheets of tin
- (b) 58 bags of cement

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- (c) 27 gallons of paint
- (d) 100 school kits
- (e) 80 assorted pieces of lumber & timbers
- (f) 4500 pounds of rice
- (g) 400 bars of soap
- (h) 100 pounds of wheat
- (i) 100 pounds of salt
- (3) The following projects are in progress.
 - (a) Construction of the NUOC MON Village Office.
 - (b) Alterations in the dispensary of NUOC MON.
 - (d) Construction of a school and dispensary in PHU LE (1).
- (4) Six English classes were held in the NUOC MON school house.

i. Psychological Operations

- (1) The following leaflets were dropped during the month of March.

Leaflet No	Quantity	Drop Coordinates
41-67	25,000	BS 5197
SP-893	10,000	BS 5172
SP-1755	28,000	BS 5490
131-66	25,000	BS 5490

- (2) An aerial broadcast was held on 26 March 1967 over coord BS 5490 in connection with Operation PERRY explaining that we were moving the civilians to a refugee camp.

- (3) Portable loud speaker broadcasts were held at BS 573923 on the 25th through the 27th explaining the reasons for the operation, and that the people would be well treated in the refugee center.

j. Communications

- (1) A communications center bunker has recently been constructed to provide the message center, crypto center, and switchboard with adequate protection in case of attack.

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(2) Three AN/GRC-125's have been installed in the communications bunker to provide an alternate site of communications in case of attack.

(3) A radio operator with an AN/PRC 25 has been attached to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd ROK MC Brigade for the purpose of providing a direct communication capability for command liaison matters.

2. Entries. See Tab A (Extracts from S-3 Staff Journal) and Tab B (Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation PERRY).

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PART IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- ✓ TAB A: Extracts from S-3 Staff Journal.
- ✓ TAB B: Combat Operations after Action Report, Operation PERRY.
w/ FRAG ORDER 2-67 24 MAR 67
- ✓ TAB C: Weekly Training Schedule (5-12 MAR 67)
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Extracts from S-3 Journal

- 01104CH 7H22 (Sqd S&D) via BS 510915. Patrol observed 1 VCS running across rice paddy, VCS was wearing black PJ's. Patrol challenged at approx 100 meters in Vietnamese. VCS continued to run. Patrol fired 2 warning shots. VCS continued to run, patrol fired 4 rds 7.62 at approx 200 meters. 1 VC KIA, approx 27 years old with no ID card. Patrol, while searching body, received sniper fire.
- 031550H 7H18 (Sqd+ S&D) via BS 533896. Patrol was taken under fire by estimated reinforced squad of VC. VC had automatic and semiautomatic weapons employed along a sixty meter front. Range to enemy approximately 300 meters. Enemy broke contact. 1 USN KIA. Patrol deployed and returned fire. Patrol called 3 artillery missions, received 33 rds HE and requested air support. Routine med-evac requested for KIA. Platoon searched area in vicinity of contact and found trench line approximately 300 meters long and 4 feet deep. 3 spider holes and blood in trench line along with blood stained clothing. Spider holes and trench line appeared to be freshly dug. Platoon observed 2 VC with weapons, fired, killing 1 VC. The other VC escaped along with KIA's weapon. Detained 2 VN in vicinity of contact. AO reported at 1630, that there were 2 KBA probable. VC were wearing black PJ's.
- 041915H 7H4 (FT Ambush) via BS 523944. 1 VC with weapon jumped out of brush and started running East. VC was dressed in black PJ's. Patrol fired 15 rds 7.62 and 1 M-26 grenade, 1 VC KIA confirmed, age approximately 17 years old. Darkness prevented finding weapon. Searched area at 050625 and found 1 carbine magazine and 1 U. S. carbine.
- 050730H 7H25 (Sqd+ S&D) via BS 542895. Patrol received 1 round carbine fire from approximately 75-100 meters. Patrol deployed and returned 30 rds M-14, 1 VC KIA. While sweeping area, patrol received 1 incoming grenade, resulting in 1 WIA. Med evac requested and completed at 0820.
- 052150H H&S Co, via BS 570961. Bunker sentry sighted 4 VC approximately 150 meters from his position, 3 with weapons, type unknown. VC were dressed in black PJ's. Sentry took VC under fire and observed 1 VC fall. Remaining VC ran to the Northeast, sentry pursued by fire. Search team of 6 men moved out to conduct search for VC who was hit. Searched area for 25 minutes under 81mm illumination with negative results.

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- 061530H 7H27 (Sqd+ S&D) vic BS 523903. Patrol observed 15 VC with weapons wading across river at BS 533889. Called for and received artillery mission, patrol observed 1 VC fall. Patrol, while moving to search area of artillery mission received automatic rifle fire resulting in 2 WIA. Moved WIA's to side of trail and returned fire. Unit moving to BS 523925 to link up with Golf Company patrol. After exchange of WIA's, 7H25 will resume mission of establishing ambush.
- 061735H 7H25 (Sqd+ S&D) vic BS 523902. Patrol observed 20 VC crossing river, called artillery mission with 30 rds, good coverage.
- 061845H 7H25 (Sqd+ S&D) vic BS 523902, observed 7 VC crossing river with possible 60mm mortar. Called artillery mission and received 18 rds with good coverage, unable to search for casualties.
- 062300H 2/7 combat base, vic BS 545957. Perimeter position received 4-5 rounds sniper fire from vic BS 564949. Observed muzzle flash, fired 5 rounds 81mm WP and observed one secondary explosion. Searched area at 1st light with negative results.
- 070830H Hotel Combat Base, vic BS 588935. Convoy moving to Hotel Company detonated 2 mines at BS 588935, resulting in 2 WIA (minor) and rear wheel blown off wrecker. Engrs completed road sweep by 0730. Preliminary report, 1 pressure type, other electrically detonated. Established security and main body continued by foot to combat base. Road being reswept by Engr and Shore Party. No evidence of shrapnel, suspect G-4 enclosed in poncho or plastic.
- 071015H H Company S&D, vic BS 551897, received approximately 30 rounds of 30 cal machine gun fire from estimated 7 VC, 1 USMC KIA. Returned 100 rounds M-14, 4 rounds M-79 and requested med evac. Dispatched unit in pursuit and to search area. At 071110H search unit observed 7 VC with weapons in green uniforms fleeing Northeast. Unit in pursuit.
- 080945H 7H11 (Sqd S&D) vic BS 573947. While searching hamlet, heard 2 or 3 shots being fired. Observed Vietnamese male running West. Challenged in VN from 75 meters. VN continued to run, patrol fired warning shot. VC continued to run and patrol fired 10 rds M-16 as man entered canefield. Searched area and found 1 VN male WIA, approx 60 meters in canefield. Preliminary reports indicate he is guerrilla squad leader. Captured 2 carbine magazines, 1 M-26 grenade, large case with documents and personnel effects, cartridge belt and camouflage soft hat.

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- 081230H 7H11 (Sqd S&D) vic BS 573948. Patrol, conducting search of cane field sighted 1 VC. Patrol challenged in VN but VC began to run. Patrol fired 15 rds M-14, 1 VC KIA dressed in black PJ's, with camouflage shirt underneath. VC had cartridge belt with 2 hand grenades. Captured 2 carbine magazines, 1 M-26 and 1 ChiCom grenade, cartridge belt, VC poncho and 1 wallet.
- 091145H 7H23 (Sqd+ S&D) vic BS 563925. Patrol in ambush, observed 5 VC with weapons approximately 175 meters Southeast. 3 were wearing grey uniforms, 1 was wearing khaki uniform and 1 black PJ's. Ambush opened fire with 100 rds 7.62 and observed 2 VC fall, patrol received 40-50 rds s/a fire from estimated 5 more VC. Patrol continued to fire, with approximately 100 rounds M-14. Ontos were sent into area and fired 30-40 rds 30 cal machine gun and 1 106mm. 1 small pool of blood, 2 large pools of blood were found during search. 3 VC WIA confirmed. Also found 1 carbine, Russian, model 1944, 7.62mm.
- 112130H 7H1 (Sqd+ S&D) vic BS 514958. Patrol departed at 1010 to search area of SPARROWLAKE. Searched area vicinity BS 522 989 with negative results.
- 121630H 7H9 (Sqd+ S&D) vic BS 516903, patrol observed 1 VN male wearing black PJ's moving East on trail approximately 50 meters distance. Called to VN to halt, VN ran into bushes sent fireteam to pursue. VC started to run, fireteam fired 2 warning shots, VN continued to run. Fired 2 rd 7.62, 1 VC KIA approximately 30 years old with no ID card. Searched body and found 10 rds 30 cal ammo.
- 131245H 7H6 (Sqd Occupy) vic BS 578929, RD patrol in hamlet of Phu Le-1, while checking area for snipers was approached by a local VN who thought they were VC. RD personnel told VN that they were VC. RD were taken to a house where 2 VC were harboring. RD apprehended 3 VCC. RD will turn VC to Binh Son District Headquarters. No weapons were captured. 1 VC is over six (6) feet in height.
- 141010H 7H15A (Sqd S&D) vic BS 550910. Patrol received 30 rds carbine fire from approximately 3 VC. Set up base of fire and deployed 2 fireteams to engage VC. Fired 75 rds M-14, 1 VC KIA approximately 30 years old, dressed in black PJ's no weapon. Other snipers broke contact.

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- 141500H 7H15 (Plt S&D) vic BS 527896. Point observed 2 VC dressed in black PJ's and white hats with weapons and cartridge belts. VC observed patrol and threw 1 frag grenade and ran East. Point fired 3 rds M-14 at 40 meters killing 1 VC 20 years old. Captured 1 Russian carbine, Model 1944 (Ser No D2178, Marking 1960), ammo, gas mask, bandage, canteen with cover, plastic rifle cover and 1 hammock.
- 150830H 7H15 (Plt S&D) vic BS 552905. Point egressed from cane field and observed 1 VN male approximately 25 years old, wearing black PJ's, ran West. Point called to VN to halt and gave physical pursuit. VN continued to run, point then fired 2 warning shots. As man ran into cane field, patrol fired 10 rds M-14 at 50 meters. Searched cane field and found fresh blood, indicating 1 WIA.
- 150945H 7G2 (Sgt S&D) vic BS 477914. Patrol was moving thru open area when point observed 1 VC attempting to fire at patrol from 50 meters. VC was wearing black PJ's. Point immediately fired 20 rds M-14 killing 1 VC, approximately 30 years old. VC had no ID card. Patrol captured 1 U. S. carbine serial number 3841450, homemade pack, extra change of black PJ's, 60 rds carbine ammo and leather cartridge belt.
- 150930H 7H15 (Plt S&D) vic BS 548902. Squad searching assigned area, observed 5 VC with camouflage green uniforms, helmets, packs and weapons. Enemy took patrol under fire and expended approx 100 rds s/a fire and also fired across river at ROK unit. Enemy were in trench line which gave good cover from both North and South. Patrol initially returned fire with 25 rounds but ceased fire because of position of ROK. Patrol called artillery mission and fired 1 L&W at enemy position which hit 1 VC as he started to run.
- 151030H 7H15 (Plt S&D) vic BS 548997. Patrol searching area of arty mission and prior contact, observed 2 VC dressed in black PJ's, without weapons, running in trench line trying to evade patrol. Patrol challenged VC, he attempted to escape, fired 20 rds at 35 meters, killing both. Ages approximately 18 and 20 years of age, neither had ID cards.
- 151410H 7G2 (Sgt S&D) vic BS 493892. Patrol spotted 12 VC wearing black PJ's and camouflaged utilities, carrying carbines and moving East at approximately 1000 meters. Sniper team fired 5 rds, hitting 3 VC, remaining VC carrying bodies and weapons to river. Did not pursue due to distance. 1 KIA probable, 2 WIA probable.

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- 170700H 7H35 (PT road sweep) vic BS 551956. Road sweep discovered ChiCom anti-tank mine M1A1. Engineers removed mine and will forward to 1st Engineer Battalion.
- 171400H 7H60 (Sqd S&D) vic BS 524906. Patrol observed 5 VC with packs and weapons crossing river in a Southwesterly direction. VC wore white shorts but appeared to be carrying clothing. Range approximately 1200 meters.
- 180745H 7H60 (Sqd S&D) vic BS 540922. Marine sniper saw 1 VCS 50 meters away, no weapon sighted. Marine fired 1 warning shot and apprehended 1 VN. VN attacked sniper, but was unable to get away. VC forwarded to S-2 for interrogation.
- 182300H 7H14 (Sqd S&D) vic BS 554908. Reaction to information from VCS (spot report 180745), moved into Tan Phouc 4 (BS 554908) and apprehended 1 VCS male 52 years old, dressed in black PJ's who attempted to run from patrol. Elderly woman, probably his mother, started crying, bowing and begging Marines not to take her son. Because of loud noise, VCS who acted as guide was told to find his family, instead of looking for 2 more VCS. Could not locate his family. Patrol came back to CP, enroute Engxs blew gate which was probably booby trapped. Interrogation indicates he is Nguyen Ho, farmers association leader since June 1965. Will forward for further interrogation.
- 180830H 7H60 (Sqd S&D) vic BS 552906. Patrol engaged by approximately 7 VC with automatic carbines and M-1 rifles from cane field, vicinity BS 555903. 2 USMC WIA. VC were not observed and broke contact. Deployed and began to envelop VC from left flank. Patrol assailed suspected sniper position with negative results.
- 190800H 7H32 (PT Security) vic BS 574970. Mr's in Nuoc Mon reported 1 VN male was beaten and killed by 7 VC at BS 579970 at approximately 190500H. VN reported to be VC platoon leader who defected to GVN and was a spy. VC fled to the West. Interpreters sent to hamlet.
- 191215H 7H20 (PT Security) vic BS 542908. 7H20 received 30 carbine rounds. Observed 4 VC in black PJ's and all wore cartridge belts and had weapons. Range 400-500 meters. Patrol fired approximately 100 rounds M-14 at VC knocking 1 down. 1 WIA probable.

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- 191450H 7H20 (Sqd Security) moving through cane field at 20 foot interval, lead Marines stepped on trip wire of M-26 booby trap. 2 WLA. Second man only slightly wounded with 1 piece of shrapnel in leg. Requested med evao, and was completed at 1530.
- 200700H 7H&S5 (FT Road Sweep) vic BS 556969. Engineers sweeping road located a ChiCom anti-tank M1A1 mine, emplaced in left wheel tracks of road traveling East to West. Mine was rigged with pressure type detonator. Engrs deactivated mine and forwarded to 1st Engineer Bn.
- 211555H 7H21 (Sqd S&D) vic BS 562916. Patrol was moving through brush at 10 meter interval when point man stepped on M-79 booby trap. Round was emplaced in the ground with nail through a small piece of board beneath it to act as trigger. Patrol brought 2 men back to combat base and will continue original mission, WLA's non evao.
- 230845H 7H21 (Sqd S&D) vic BS 537899. Patrol observed Vietnamese male run out of cane field 100 meters from them. VN was wearing black PJ's. When patrol challenged, they received 8-10 rounds carbine fire. Patrol returned 50 rounds M-14, searched area and found 1 VC KLA male, with no ID card.
- 231045H 7H21 (Sqd S&D) vic BS 543905. Patrol observed 2 VC running East 200 meters to the South. VC were dressed in black PJ's. Fired 2 warning shots, then patrol fired 15 rounds M-14 when VC refused to halt. Dispatched 2 fireteams to search area. Fireteams found 1 VC KLA male approximately 39 years old with no ID card but had 1 M-26 grenade.
- 231050H Co G commenced heli lift to Duc Pho. Chopped to 3/7.
- 240455H 7H5 (Sqd+ Ambush) vic BS 587918. Interdicting Song Tra Bong, patrol observed boat approximately 200 meters South of their position moving in a Northeasterly direction. Patrol fired 200 rds M-14, 50 rds M-60 and 2 rds 3.5. 2 VC KLA and boat sunk. Searched area at 0630 but was unable to find weapons or contraband.
- 241350H Echo Combat Base, BS 538943. Village Chief of Than Tra (2), brought a Chieu Hoi to combat base. Chieu Hoi stated he would lead Marines to area where he was to meet 5 VC, if he did not meet them, they were to go North. Chieu Hoi stated VC are located around 3 mines vicinity BS 502947 with electric firing device. Chieu Hoi said he could take Marines to his weapon, a MAS #36 and 2 handgrenades. Chieu Hoi is 49, his name is Phan Van Pho.

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241700H Follow-up to 241350H. No indication of 5 VC or 3 mines in the area searched. Squad did get Chieu Hoi's weapon, a MAS #36, Serial No. 290950, 1 cartridge belt, 1 M-26, 1 bayonet, 14 rounds ammunition, 1 raincoat, 2 battle dressings and 1 piece of cable, 1/8" by 18 inches long.

311050H 7H35 (Sqd S&D) vic BS 555913. Patrol observed 3 VC, 2 in black and white PJ's and 1 in black PJ's. 1 with weapon and 1 with what appeared to be a satchel charge. VC were approximately 600 meters from patrol. Patrol moved, unobserved, to within 200 meters and then fired 200 rounds M-14. 2 VC KIA, 3rd VC fell but scrambled into heavy brush. Pursued but found no evidence of VC or satchel charge. Captured 1 carbine, Serial Number #3587895, 1 cartridge belt, 3 carbine magazines and 35 rounds carbine ammunition.

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(2) Commanding General, Task Force XRay
Subj: Combat Operations After Action Report, Operation PERRY
Ref: (a) 1st MarDivO 3480.1
(b) Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014, Sheet 6739 IV
Encl: (1) 2nd Bn, 7th Mar Frag O 2-67

1. Code Name. Operation PERRY, a Battalion minus search and destroy operation conducted in conjunction with GVN and ROK forces.
2. Dates of Operation. 250900H to 271800H March 1967.
3. Location. QUANG NGAI Province, QUAN BINH SON District, BINH TUY and BINH THANH Villages.
4. Command Headquarters
CO, 2nd Bn, 7th Marines LtCol KITTELMAN
CO, Co E (Rein), 2nd Bn, 7th Marines Capt POOL
CO, Co H (Rein), 2nd Bn, 7th Marines Capt SZALANKEWICZ
5. Task Organization. See Annex A to Enclosure (1).

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6. Supporting Forces

a. Artillery

(1) General artillery support was provided by H Btry 3/11 reinforced by M Btry 4/11 and W Btry 3/11.

(2) Due to the close contact and coordination required to accomplish the mission of OPERATION PERRY in a relatively small area, the number of actual missions fired was limited to one on a suspected VC harboring site. The 8 inch Howitzer platoon was used to fire this mission. A total of eight rounds were fired with good effect on the target reported.

(3) H&I fires were used extensively during the hours of darkness. A total of 27 H&I missions were fired over the two day period. The weapons employed included 107mm Howitzers, 81mm mortars, and 105 Howitzers. A total of 345 rounds were expended in H&I capacity.

(4) Upon completion of the primary mission and departure of friendly forces from the area, coordination with the ROKMC was effected in order to fire four missions with ROKMC artillery. 105mm and 155mm Howitzers were employed with the purpose of destroying prospective VC harboring sites. Approximately 48 rounds were fired with excellent effect on targets reported.

(5) Total number of rounds expended:

(a) USMC 353 rounds

(b) ROKMC 48 rounds

b. Air

(1) Close Air Support was utilized the morning after the operation's conclusion. Some difficulty was encountered getting a TACA, but after one was obtained, the area was bombed and napalmed by 4 sections of aircraft with effective coverage. A total of 24 D1A's, 8D-9's, and 8 DF's were used, and 7 prospective VC harboring sites were destroyed.

(2) Helo Resupply was used only once during the operation, and arrived late because of over commitment of the helo's. This posed no problem, however, as the unit resupplied was stationary.

(3) Med Evac. Two separate med. evac's were performed both quickly and efficiently.

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(4) Airborne-Observers. Four requests for AO's were submitted, but USMC AO's arrived only once. Additional AO coverage was obtained on one occasion through the Senior U. S. Army advisor to BINH SON District Headquarters who accompanied the Battalion Alfa Command Group.

c. Amtracs

(1) Amtracs

(a) The Mine Clearance Platoon (6-LVTE1's) and a platoon from Company B (10-LVTP5's), 3rd Amtrac Bn were in direct support of the 2nd Bn, 7th Marines during Operation PERRY.

(b) Amtracs were invaluable in a variety of roles performed throughout the operation. They proved that the operational area was trafficable by tracked vehicles with few exceptions.

(c) The LVTP-5's were utilized primarily in a combat support role for deep patrolling and for reconnaissance. They were employed once to resupply Co H and attachments, and were effectively used to evacuate the bulk of the 1168 refugees from the objective area to the refugee screening center.

(d) The LVTE-1's were employed to clear fields of fire and booby trapped areas, and to destroy known and suspected VC harboring sites. Nine line charges were expended with excellent destructive effect.

(2) Ontos

(a) A heavy section of Ontos from the 3rd Platoon, Co C, 1st AT Bn were in direct support of the battalion during Operation PERRY.

(b) Employment of the Ontos for deep reconnaissance and patrolling while acting as a flank screening force in conjunction with small infantry units proved most effective. The Ontos were utilized as a blocking force and in a direct fire support role at night.

7. Intelligence

a. Estimate of Enemy Strength, Location and Disposition in the Objective Area

(1) Force Anticipated in Immediate Objective Area

(a)	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Tactical Disposition</u>
	<u>Confirmed</u>			

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Village			
Guerrilla	BS 5389-5489	25	Semi-automatic, Automatic small arms

Probable

P-31 Co	Unknown	60	Unknown
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(2) Intelligence information leading to Operation PERRY was compiled by this unit.

b. Enemy Strength and Situation Actually Found as Operation was Conducted. No solid contact was established throughout the conduct of the operation. Light sniper contact was made by the western blocking forces at BS 501889 and BS 517897.

c. Enemy Units Identified. None.

d. Significant Intelligence Gained.

(1) In view of light contact, it appears the enemy reacted as expected by withdrawing from the objective area and conducting harrassing activities with mines, booby traps and sniping.

(2) Rice caches discovered were insignificant indicating that it had already been transported from the objective area. A total of 1,500 pounds of rice was captured.

(3) Prior information from CIT and IIT reports regarding observation points, trenchworks and emplacement of booby traps was confirmed.

(4) Three shotguns, one belt of 7.62 ammunition and an M-14 magazine were captured. The serviceability of these items indicate their having been hidden quite some time previously and never recovered.

(5) Significant problems occurred during D-Day in the evacuation of refugees after they had been screened. The availability of LVT's permitted refugees to bring an abundance of material to the refugee screening center and consequently put a strain on the transportation previously planned for. The evacuation of extra personal belongings negated the planned movement by foot for the majority of refugees to the refugee center. Additional transportation was requested for D+1 and D+2 and no further problems were encountered. 1,160 refugees were processed and transported to the refugee center. Eight were classified civil defendants and sent to BINH SON District Headquarters.

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e. Terrain

(1) Key Terrain. Few critical terrain features existed in the operation area. Those noteworthy were occupied by friendly blocking forces. See Annex C to Enclosure (1).

(2) Observation and Fields of Fire. Observation and fields of fire were extremely poor in the objective area because of hedgerows, sugar cane fields and built-up areas. The higher ground features occupied by friendly blocking forces afforded good observation of areas surrounding the three objectives.

(3) Cover and Concealment

(a) Cover. Cover was limited to paddy dikes and village trenches and holes.

(b) Concealment. Concealment was good to excellent in all areas except rice paddies. Sugar cane fields, hedgerows and heavy scrub brush throughout the area of operation comprise the types of concealment.

(4) Obstacles. The TRA BONG River bordering the Southern edge of the operation area was fordable during the operation and presented little difficulty. The TRA BONG River is considered the enemy's route of egress from the objective area.

f. Psychological Warfare and Civic Action

(1) Area of Operation. See Annex C to Enclosure (1).

(2) Target Audience. Local populace.

(3) Themes Used.

(a) Necessity for local populace to clear area.

(b) Rewards for mines and booby traps.

(c) Chieu Hoi.

(4) Dissemination Media

(a) Aerial broadcast

(b) Leaflet drop

(c) Portable loudspeaker

(d) Person to person

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- (5) Approximate number of persons contacted. 1,200
- (6) Total Rice Distributed. 5,000 pounds
- (7) Number of people receiving medical attention. 85
- (8) Total broadcast hours. Four hours and thirty minutes.
- (9) Narrative Conduct of Operations

(a) 25 March 1967. Established joint psychological warfare and Civic Action unit at refugee screening center. These units met each LVT bringing refugees to the center, assisted in unloading of vehicles, re-explained the reason for the operation, dispensed medical aid, rice and water. Shelters were constructed in order to get the refugees out of the sun. Upon completion of the screening process, refugees were assisted in loading their belongings into trucks and were transported to the refugee camp. A squad of Popular Forces from BINH SON District Headquarters assisted in all phases. At 2000, the BINH TUY Village Chief and a National Policeman conducted one and one-half hours of broadcasts reassuring the refugees remaining in the objective area that they would be well treated, the necessity for their moving, and the Chieu Hoi Program.

(b) 26 March 1967. Shortly after first light, an aerial broadcast and leaflet drop was conducted over the objective area, again emphasizing the purpose for the operation. The leaflets dropped concerned the Rewards Fund Program, Chieu Hoi Program, and Don't Run From Marines. The procedures described in paragraph (9) (a) were continued. At 2000, the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines Kit Carson Scout and BINH TUY Village Chief conducted two hours of broadcasts emphasizing the previously described themes.

(c) 27 March 1967. Continued procedures outlined in paragraph (9) (a). Kit Carson Scout accompanied road block established to prevent refugees returning from BINH SON refugee camp to the objective area. Kit Carson conducted 45 minute broadcast explaining to refugees the reason they could not return.

8. Mission. To conduct coordinated search and destroy operations with GVN and ROK forces in the Southern portion of the assigned Battalion TACR, BINH SON District, QUANG NGAI Province, RVN for a period of 3-4 days. To evacuate Vietnamese civilians from the VC-infiltrated objective area, to render the area ineffective as a VC harboring site, and to relocate the villagers to secure areas under GVN control as requested and coordinated with the District Chief, BINH SON District.

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9. Concept of Operations. See Enclosure (1) and Annex C thereto.

10. Execution

a. Planning

- 17Mar67 Initial planning commenced at direction of CO, 2nd Bn, 7th Marines.
- 19Mar67 Helicopter recon of objective area by battalion, company and supporting arms representatives.
- 21Mar67 Initial liaison made with GVN officials at BINH SON District Hq.
- (AM) 22Mar67 Concept of operations submitted to CO, 7th Marines.
- (PM) 22Mar67 Information received from Hq 7th Marines that operation could not be conducted prior to 1 April.
- (AM) 23Mar67 Continued liaison for future planning conducted with 2nd ROK MC Bde and District Chief, BINH SON.
- (PM) 23Mar67 Information promulgated from Hq 7th Marines that operation must be either completed by 28 March or postponed indefinitely. Immediately initiated plans to commence operation on 25 March.
- (AM) 24Mar67 Briefing conducted for Company Commanders and Battalion Staff. Supporting unit representatives were individually briefed as they arrived.
- (PM) 24Mar67 Frag Order 2-67 published and promulgated. Four platoons from 1st Bn, 7th Marines arrived, were briefed, and were dispatched to four separate locations in the TAOR for combat base security. Co E commenced night overland movement to blocking positions SHERMAN and SHERIDAN and OP GRANT. One squad from H&S Co reinforced with 106RR and 50 cal MG moved overland to CP LINCOLN.

b. D-Day, 25Mar67

- 250215H OP GRANT occupied by elements of Co E.
- 250430H OP LINCOLN occupied by elements of H&S Co with 106's and 50 cal MG's.
- 250510H Blocking position SHERMAN occupied by elements of Co E.

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250535H Blocking position SMENDAN occupied by Company Command Group and elements of Co E.

250800H Bn Command Group Alfa displaced by vehicle to BS 574923. Amtracs in position at same position.

250820H ROK forces occupying blocking positions at BS 553 893, BS 560900 and BS 530901. Commenced patrolling between established blocking positions.

250850H Refugee screening center at BS 573919 established for interrogation and segregation of returning civilians. GVN officials, psywarfare and civic action personnel and equipment in place.

250900H Ontos elements commenced patrolling and screening to the North and West from BS 574923. Co H commenced search and destroy operations along axis of advance to the South/Southwest.

251015H Bn Command Group Alfa and Amtracs commenced overland movement in trace of Co H.

251100H Co H detonated 2 booby trapped M-26 grenades at BS 555 913 three minutes apart, resulting in 3 USMC WIA. Med-evac requested and completed by helicopters.

251120H Co H entered Eastern portion of objective ATLANTA and, with assistance of National Police, PF's and interpreters, commenced indoctrination of refugees and their evacuation to collection point at BS 561911.

251135H Bn Command Group Alfa displaced to BS 559910.

251145H Amtracs commenced shuttling refugees with their personal belongings to screening center. Villagers with livestock moved overland in a column protected by elements of Co H.

251500H Amtrac struck command detonated booby-trapped 155mm round at BS 568918 while proceeding Southwest from refugee screening center, resulting in 5 USMC WIA. Med evac requested and completed by combination of Amtrac and helo. Squad displaced from refugee screening center to search area, with inconclusive results.

251530H Bn Command Group Alfa found 1000 lbs of rice in abandoned houses in objective ATLANTA. Forwarded by Amtrac to refugee screening center for their use.

251550H Objective ATLANTA secured. Refugee evacuation continued.

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- 251700H Elements of Co E in blocking position SHERIDAN challenged 3 VCS at BS 546915. VCS ran, patrol fired 2 rounds 7.62, but 1 VCS escaped into underbrush. 2 detained without ID cards. Subsequent interrogation revealed information on names and positions of seven VC in objective area. Intelligence passed to refugee screening center, where VCS will be sent on 26 March.
- 251720H Elements of Co E on OP GRANT received 5 rounds carbine fire from 2 VC at BS 501894. Returned 30 rounds 7.62mm, enemy broke contact. Search of area produced inconclusive results.
- 251745H Bn Command Group Alfa uncovered additional 500 lbs of rice in abandoned homes which will be forwarded to refugee screening center on 26 March.
- 251810H Co H spotted 3 VCS hiding in brush at BS 550910. Detained VCS and forwarded to refugee screening center.
- 251830H Night positions established. Bn Command Group Alfa and Amtracs - Eastern portion of objective ATLANTA. Co H, PF's and Ontos - Western portion of objective ATLANTA. Co E - blocking positions SHERMAN, SHERIDAN and OP GRANT. Squad, H&S Co with 106 and 50 cal MG OP LINCOLN. ROK - blocking positions at BS 553893, BS 560900 and BS 530891. Local night ambushes established from all positions. Total refugees evacuated: 504, including 5 classified as civil defendants. Total rice captured: 1500 lbs.
- 252100H Co H ambush fired 2 rds 7.62 at movement in brush at BS 551909. 1 VCS escaped, 1 apprehended and will be sent to refugee screening center on 26 March.
- 252120H Elements of Co E on OP GRANT spotted lights or torches in cane field at BS 506889. Fired 4 rounds 60mm, 4 rounds 3.5, 100 rounds 7.62. Lights went out. Search of area produced inconclusive results.

c. D+1 26 March 1967

- 260730H Leaflet drop and aerial broadcast conducted in vicinity of objective area. Refugees collected and protected during night plus 500 lbs of rice and 1 VCS captured 25 March evacuated by amtrac to refugee screening center. Ontos commenced patrolling and screening of Northern flank.

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- 260830H Co H and PF's began sweep toward objective DECATUR. One plt Co H effected link-up with Co E elements at blocking position SHERIDAN, sealing VC egress route to the North.
- 260940H ROK blocking positions reported approximately 100 refugees crossing SONG TRA BONG to the South. ROK forces will gather refugees and evacuate by vehicle to BINH SON District Headquarters.
- 261030H Objective DECATUR secured. Co H established refugee collection point at BS 548897 and commenced evacuation from that point.
- 261045H Patrol from Co E at blocking position SHERMAN found 1 VC hiding in house. Detained VC for forwarding to refugee screening center.
- 261100H Bn Command Group Alfa and Amtracs displaced to BS 548897 and commenced evacuation of refugees with personal belongings from objective DECATUR.
- 261140H Resupply completed for Co H and Bn Command Group Alfa plus attachments by amtrac.
- 261235H Co H and PF's commenced sweep toward objective SAVANNAH. Amtracs continued evacuation of refugees from present positions.
- 261450H Resupply completed for Co E by helo. Resupply helos brought 3 VCS captured 25 and 26 March to refugee screening center from Co E position.
- 261500H Objective SAVANNAH secured. Refugee evacuation continued.
- 261615H Co H patrol found house at BS 551896 reported in previously received intelligence report as VC observation post. Forwarded documents found in house to refugee screening center.
- 261830H Night positions. Bn Command Group and Amtracs-objective DECATUR. Co H and PF's-objective SAVANNAH. Co E - blocking positions SHERMAN, SHERIDAN & OP GRANT. Sqd, H&S Co with 106 and 50 cal MG - OP LINCOLN. ROK blocking positions at BS 553893, BS 560900, and BS 530891. Ontos returned to TIEN DAO combat base at BS 574923. Local night ambushes established from all positions. Total refugees evacuated: 1168, including 8 classified as civil defendants.

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262210H Co H ambush spotted 1 VCS running West at BS 536 892. Fired 1 round M-79, 20 rounds 7.62. Search of area produced inconclusive results.

d. D+2 27 March 1967

270715H Co H commenced re-sweep of all objectives from West to East, bringing with them refugee stragglers found in the area.

270810H Co H completed re-sweep of objective SAVANNAH.

270820H Co E patrol moving across rice paddies received 50 rds s/a fire from approximately 4 VC at BS 517 897, resulting in 2 USMC WIA. Returned 200 rds 7.62, VC broke contact and fled into brush. Search of area produced inconclusive results. Medevac requested and completed by helo.

271000H Co E commenced overland movement from blocking position to combat base.

271010H Bn Command Group Alfa displaced to BS 574923.

271130H ROK blocking positions displaced to permanent combat base.

271145H Co H with PF's and Amtracs completed re-sweep of objective DECATUR.

271210H H&S squad with 106's and 50 cal MG's commenced overland movement from OP LINCOLN to combat base.

271310H Co H and Amtracs completed re-sweep of objective ATLANTA.

271415H Bn Command Group Alfa returned to Bn C.P.

271430H Co E, on return route to combat base, was led by Chieu Hoi to 3 shotguns, 1 M-14 magazine and 200 rds linked 7.62 ammunition at BS 478938. Captured weapons and equipment returned with patrol to combat base.

271800H All units returned to combat bases and all refugees in newly established refugee center. Operation PERRY secured with the following results not indicated in para 11 below: 1168 refugees (including 8 civil dependents) with personal belongings, countless pigs, cattle, chickens and ducks were evacuated and the villagers screened and relocated to a secure area under GVN control. 1500 lbs of rice were captured and evacuated.

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11. Resultsa. Friendly Losses

- (1) Personnel
USMC WIA EVAC 10
- (2) Equipment
None

b. Enemy Losses

- (1) Personnel
VCS 7
- (2) Equipment
Rice 1500 lbs
Shotguns 3
M-14 Magazines 1
7.62 linked ammunition 200 rds
Assorted documents

c. No air strikes were conducted during Operation PERRY.

12. Administrative Mattersa. Supply

(1) No problems concerning resupply were encountered during the operation. Only one resupply was required and this involved rations only, as water was readily available in the operation area. Co E was resupplied by helicopter and the Command Group and Co H by attached LVTP-5's.

(2) Approximately 1500 pounds of rice and 1168 refugees were evacuated by a combination of LVTP-5's, foot march and trucks from the TAN PHUOC's to the Refugee Camp in BINH SON District.

(3) Support by the Amtracs was considered outstanding.

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b. Maintenance. None.

c. Casualties. Normal evacuation by med-evac helicopters.

d. Transportation. Transportation was considered good, especially in view of the fact that prior arrangements which had been made for the final leg in the evacuation of refugees proved inadequate. It was planned to evacuate the refugees from the screening center by foot march, but the amount of gear carried, the very old and very young refugees necessitated the use of vehicles.

e. Communications. Communications were adequate to support the tactical scheme of maneuver. Radio, utilizing AN/PRC-25's, linked all tactical elements including a Liaison Officer with the ROK forces and the Bn S-2 at the refugee screening center. There were no equipment failures.

f. Medical Evacuation. No significant problems were encountered in the handling of casualties or in the availability of medical supplies. Two corpsmen remained at the refugee screening center to assist in medical care of the incoming Vietnamese civilians.

13. Commander's Analysis

a. The success of Operation PERRY cannot be measured by the usual standards of casualties inflicted and/or sustained, weapons and equipment captured, etc. Instead, the following accomplishments indicate the value of the operation for the reasons cited:

(1) Tri-national cooperation and coordination between U.S. Marines, ROK Marines and GVN Officials and forces efficiently implemented the evacuation of 1168 Vietnamese villagers from the objective area to a refugee screening center, where they were indoctrinated, interrogated, segregated, medically treated (as required), and relocated to a newly established refugee camp. Particularly noteworthy is the fact that not one of the evacuees suffered any injury or harm from any source during the operation.

(2) The relocation of the refugees combined with the capture of 1500 lbs of rice and the destruction of known and suspected VC harboring sites is considered a giant stride in rendering the TAN PHUOC area ineffective for future enemy operations. The lack of habitation and the consequent denial of food, livestock and houses to the VC is expected to discourage enemy infiltration into the area because of increased logistical problems, and to decrease the recently rising sniper incidents therein.

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(3) The establishment of the new refugee camp allows GVN officials, with continued USMC assistance, to exercise governmental control and protection of a segment of their population hitherto inaccessible. Effective indoctrination of these refugees should create a strong pro-government nucleus which will make its influence felt when eventual resettlement in the TAN PHUOC area is implemented.

b. Continuous liaison with the BINH SON District Chief and the U.S. Army Sector Advisor before, during and after Operation PERRY resulted in a coordinated, harmonious effort. Augmentation of food and shelter for the refugees has already been provided, and civic action type projects are currently being initiated to further GVN objectives. Total count of civilians now in the refugee camp is 2435, which includes those evacuated by ROK forces and those who straggled individually from outlying areas without processing through the refugee screening center. That these people relocated voluntarily is indicative of the preponderant desire to leave the TAN PHUOC area expressed by the majority of the refugees.

c. Patrols operating in the objective area subsequent to Operation PERRY have reported little sign of enemy activity, a sharp contrast to the almost daily sighting and/or contact experienced before the operation. This is considered a significant indication of the successful accomplishment of the mission of Operation PERRY.

15. Recommendations

a. That future operations involving evacuation and relocation of large numbers of Vietnamese civilians rely, as Operation PERRY did, on:

(1) Aerial broadcasts and leaflet drops throughout the objective area to explain the purpose of the operation.

(2) Heavy participation by GVN officials with the maneuver elements in the objective areas, at the refugee screening center, and in the refugee camp. Constant explanation and indoctrination, preferably with ground loudspeakers is necessary to ensure that the refugees are constantly aware of the reasons for the relocation and the sequence of events to be followed.

(3) Availability of sufficient transportation to adequately handle the refugees and their personal belongings from the objective area to the refugee screening center and thence to the refugee camp.

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b. That scout dogs not be employed in future operations of this type. The sheer numbers of refugees and the inherent confusion of the mass exodus seems only to excite the dogs, negate their effectiveness, and unnecessarily frighten the villagers.



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 (b) 1st Mar Div OperO 301-66
 (c) 7th Mar OperO 301-67
 (d) 2nd Bn, 7th Mar OperO 301-66
 (e) 2nd Bn, 7th Mar Admin Plan 301-66
 (f) 1st Mar Div Order PO2000.23 (CEOI)

TIME ZONE: H

TASK ORGANIZATION, Annex A, (Task Organization).1. SITUATION.a. Enemy Forces, Annex B (Intelligence).b. Friendly Forces.

(1) 7th Mar continues defense of TAOR.

(2) Artillery

(a) 3rd Bn(-) (Rein), 1st FAG, 11th Mar direct support 7th Mar.

(b) 4th Bn(-), 1st FAG, 11th Mar reinforcing 3rd Bn(-), 1st FAG, 11th Mar.

(3) Air. 1st MAW provides helicopter and fixed wing support as required.

(4) Det, Co B, 3rd Antrac Bn, direct support 2nd Bn, 7th Mar.

(5) Mine Clearance Plat, 3rd Antrac Bn, direct support 2nd Bn, 7th Mar.

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Company Commanders

Subj: Training Schedule for 26 March - 1 April 1967

Ref: (a) DNO 1500.3

Encl: (1) Training Requirements

1. Companies will return Enclosure (1) by 1600 on 2 April 1967, listing on the right hand margin the number of persons actually participating in instruction.
2. Additional GASP subjects listed in reference (a) and covered during this training period will be included in the report of training accomplished.


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By direction

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Subject		hrs req	hrs act	Remarks
Map Reading Thrust Points & Terrain Application	To increase proficiency	1		H Co & F Co
Ambushes (site location and setting up)		1		H
Radio Procedure		2		H Co & F Co
FO Procedure		1		
Slaymore Mine	To teach tactical employment	1		H Co & F Co
UCMJ & Rules of Engagement	To keep troops well informed on the UCMJ & rules of engagement	1		
Live Firing of 60mm Mortars M-60 M-14 (M-16)	To increase proficiency	2		H Co & F Co
Spot Reports	To improve reporting procedures	1		H Co & F Co
POW Handling	To insure proper handling of POW's	1		H Co & F Co
Patrol Briefing & Debriefing	To increase proficiency and improve reporting procedures	7		H Co
Field Fortifications	To improve positions	20		All Co's
50 cal Machine Gun Field Firing Safety Precautions Immediate Action	To introduce personnel to the 50 cal MG	4		All Co's selected Personnel
CW Practice		2		radio section
RATT Operation		1		
Circuit Logs & Files		1		

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Subject		MRS Req	MRS Not	Remarks
Field Wire Const Switchboard Operations Circuits & Reports Trouble shooting		1		Wire Section
		1		
		1		
		1		
Publications (COMTAC) RATF Operations Generator Operations Internal Distribution		1		Message Center
		1		
		1		
		1		
Preventative Maintenance Comm Security (Transmission)		1		Comm Platoon
		1		
Claymore Mine K-141 K18A1 Field Firing	To introduce personnel to the claymore mine	1		All Co's
		3		Selected Pers
Man Pack Detector (Chemical)	To produce proficient operators on company level			All Co's
		2		Selected Pers

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Subject	Training Objective	Hrs Req	Hrs Act.	Remarks
Property Control Records Files	To increase proficiency	1		Supply Section
Advice Codes		2		
Routing Identifier Code		2		
General Maintenance of 81's	Proper maintainance	7		81 Mortar Plt
Gun Drill (Day)	Increase proficiency	14		
Improve Positions	Maintainance of positions	21		
Gun Drill (Night)	Increase night displacement ability	1		
Care & Cleaning of 106mmRR Gun Drill	To insure proper maintainance	5		106mmRR Sect
Marksmanship Training 50 cal	To increase proficiency	8		
Bore Sighting of 106mmRR & 50 cal		2		
		2		
Care & Cleaning of EPT Compressor maintainance	To insure proper maintainance	3		Flame Section
Safety Precautions	To preclude accidents	2		
		1		
Driver & Mechanic OJT Rifle & Personnel Insp.	To increase proficiency	46		N. T.
	To ensure equipment is in serviceable condition	2		
Water Proofing & Fording Procedures	To review proper procedures for water proofing and fording	1		
Sparrowhawk & Convoy Escort	To familiarize all personnel with duties	1		E Co
Map & Compass Reading	To increase proficiency	1		
Intelligence Gathering	To increase reporting capabilities	1		
Fire Team & Squad Tactics	To increase proficiency	2		
Search, Clear & Destroy Operations	To improve operations	1		
Small Arms Fire Control, Fire Discipline & Tech of Fire	To increase proficiency	1		

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